

Union Update

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for OPEIU Local 8 members at Northwest Justice Project

The world is a little darker today as we note the recent passing of our union brother and friend, Robert Adelman.

Robert was sharp and smart; funny and fiery. He effortlessly displayed compassion and was committed to making this world, and his workplace, a better place. At heart, he was a natural activist rallying others to reject the status quo and dream bigger.

Robert was active in the initial union organizing drive at NJP and remained a proud and vocal union member. He attended membership meetings and always had something profound to contribute, often speaking truth to power while raging against injustice. He held us all to the highest possible standard. His fierce advocacy on behalf of his colleagues and the community undoubtedly changed lives.



While attending a music festival, just before employees voted to unionize, Robert approached Billy Bragg, an English singer-songwriter and left-wing activist who often sings "There's Power in a Union," and recorded Billy relaying a message of support to employees at NJP. [See video here.](#)



Robert was a beloved coworker and an irreplaceable and unforgettable part of our labor family at OPEIU. Wherever Robert is, we know he's getting into good trouble and raising

hell. Hopefully we can all follow his example and continue his legacy of confronting authority, calling out injustice, and demanding change.

Our thoughts are with Robert's coworkers and family at this difficult time.

For anyone who would like to gather virtually as a community, we will dedicate part of next week's union meeting, **Thursday, July 7th at 5pm**, as a remembrance to Robert.

Zoom Meeting Link

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