

**Union** ★  
**Update**

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*For Local 8 Members at Seattle Housing Authority*

December 21, 2022

## **Happy Holidays!**

**Happy holidays from your union family at Local 8. We want to wish you a happy, safe and warm holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you in 2023!**

### **Upcoming Raises**

As negotiated, effective January 2023:

- Any employee below the midpoint of their pay range will receive a 1% pay increase.
- In addition, all employees will receive a 5% pay increase.

### **Upcoming Membership Meetings**

We will be holding on-site union meetings to distribute copies of the contract. Please plan to attend during the lunch break!

- Wed, January 18<sup>th</sup> at noon: Queen Anne (Jesse Epstein Conf Room)
- Fri, January 20<sup>th</sup> at noon: New Holly (Conf Room)
- Wed, January 25<sup>th</sup> at noon: Rainier Vista (Snoqualmie Community Room)
- Fri, January 27<sup>th</sup> at noon: High Point (Upton Flats Duwamish Conference Room)

### **Adding More Stewards!**

Local 8's Shop Stewards play a vital role in building a strong union workplace and protecting all workers. Stewards represent peers in meetings with management that

could lead to discipline, help mobilize co-workers to take action, introduce the union to new employees and much more.

Our Stewards take on a leadership role within the union as an organizer, educator, mobilizer, sounding board, communicator, and a defender of workers' rights on the job.

Part of having an effective union is having good stewards! Are you interested in becoming trained to be a Steward? We especially need to have Stewards in place in departments where there isn't one currently (e.g. HCV, Customer Service, Admissions, etc.). If you are ready to step up, please email [valarie@opeiu8.org](mailto:valarie@opeiu8.org)!

#### **Current Stewards Include:**

- Vernida Jackson
- Shannon Mains
- Deanna Montgomery-Owens
- Sophia Phillips

**Contact Valarie Peaphon, Union Representative, with any questions at [valarie@opeiu8.org](mailto:valarie@opeiu8.org)**



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