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*For Local 8 Members at Low Income Housing Institute*

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## **Bargaining Update**

### **IT'S TIME FOR LIHI MANAGEMENT TO SHOW US THEY VALUE OUR HARD WORK**

Our Bargaining Team continues to meet with LIHI management to bargain the 2023 wage increase and improve contract language.

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, management responded to our economic proposal by proposing a 4% cost of living wage increase retro to January 1, 2023. LIHI continues to have employees leave due to lack of staffing, heavy workload, and low wages. Management needs to value the work their employees do on the front lines every day for our communities. We go back to the bargaining table on January 25, 2022.

**Our Union Bargaining Team** (Aprel Carter: Auburn Manor and White River Gardens, Dennis Johnson: Frye Apartments; Gerald Williams: Comfort Inn; Brandon Ashfield-Whitfield, Tacoma Village; Erin Adamson: Union Representative and Tara Powell: Union Representative.)

*“At the bargaining table Sharon and Lynne tells us they value all LIHI employees and our hard work and commitment. Now is the time for LIHI management to show us how much they value us. Actions speak louder than words. Our wages must keep pace with the cost of living. Four (4%) percent does not show our value or provide economic security. Management must come back to the table with more.” (Our Bargaining Team)*

**Upcoming Union events:**

**Membership Assembly (Hybrid Meeting: Zoom and SeaTac)**

Saturday., January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am – early afternoon

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

**New Shop Steward Training (via Zoom)**

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30PM

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

**Central Regional Meeting (via Zoom)**

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9-11:30

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

Please register for the event so that we can expect you by clicking the RSVP link under the event.

***If you have questions, please contact your Bargaining Team members, or Union Representatives: Tara Powell (at [tara@opeiu8.org](mailto:tara@opeiu8.org) 206- 441-8880-ext. 106) or Erin Adamson (at [erin@opeiu8.org](mailto:erin@opeiu8.org) or 206-441-880-ext. 105).***



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