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*For Local 8 Members at Low Income Housing Institute*

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## **Our Work Matters – Time to Speak Up!**

OPEIU Local 8 is recruiting members alongside the Seattle Human Services Coalition (SHSC) and Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH) to testify at the Seattle City Council Budget Hearing on November 13 at 5pm at Seattle City Hall for better wages for homeless services and human services workers!

### **Why does this matter to our members?**

Many Local 8 members are homeless services and human services workers in the Seattle area. City of Seattle contracts fund the work we do and, for years, Seattle did not adjust these contracts for inflation. The University of Washington recently conducted a study which showed this sector has lagged behind others in Seattle by a staggering amount.

### **Why should I go?**

We are great advocates for our participants, but not always for ourselves. It is time for that to change that by telling the Seattle City Council how difficult it is to sustain our work on our current salaries. Our work is essential to the city, and it is not good enough that many of us are close to qualifying for the services we provide our participants.

Join with other Local 8 members and homeless/human services workers in the Seattle area to tell the City Council they must pay us what we're worth!

## **I can't attend, what else can I do?**

If you live or work in the Seattle area, write to your City Council Representative. Use this link provided by SKCCH to draft a message: [Seattle & King County Budget Action](#). If you live outside of Seattle but work in Seattle, make sure to enter your primary work address. A personalized email goes a long way in grabbing your Council Representative's attention!

**Contact Union Rep Ida Kovacic, [ida@opeiu8.org](mailto:ida@opeiu8.org), 206-441-8880 ext. 117 for more information on how to participate.**



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