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*for OPEIU Local 8 Members at Valley Medical Center*

## **New Contract Bargaining Begins!**

It's time for VMC to invest in us! Our bargaining team and VMC management are set to begin bargaining for our new union contract on **September 11th**. Our bargaining team has been meeting to develop our proposals based on the feedback we received from you. The increased cost of living has made supporting ourselves and our families even more difficult. We need real wage increases and to be able to count on maintaining our current benefits. We are also focusing on making improvements to our sick leave, maintaining our retirements, and more.

Additional bargaining dates have been scheduled on **September 30th, October 14th, 24th, and 28th**. Updates will be sent after each bargaining session. Update your personal contact information by emailing [OPEIU8@opeiu8.org](mailto:OPEIU8@opeiu8.org).

**Let's show management we are unified in winning a strong contract on day one! All OPEIU 8 represented employees, and our union siblings, are supporting our bargaining team on September 11th by wearing stickers showing our solidarity. It's our right to wear stickers and participate in protected union activity!**

You can also stop by and get an update from your OPEIU Union Representatives every other Monday outside the hospital cafeteria. Union Representatives will be at the main hospital on: **September 9th, 23rd, October 7th, 21st, November 4th, 18th, and December 2nd, and 16th**.

If you have questions or concerns you can also reach out directly to Erin Adamson 206-441-8880 ext. 105 or [erin@opeiu8.org](mailto:erin@opeiu8.org) (Representative for all OPEIU8 members on the **main campus and remote workers**), or Conor Meara 206-441-8880 ext. 130 or [conor@opeiu8.org](mailto:conor@opeiu8.org) (Representative for Clinics **not on the main campus**).

**Our Union Bargaining Team: Emmaline Mills, Procedure Coordinator, Teresa Pederson, Telecom, Jackie Anderson, PSR, Shannon Cuney, PFS, Andrea Heidy, HIM/Coding, and Kathleen Wilbur, Financial Clearance.**

**Get involved!** Join our Contract Action Team to share bargaining updates with coworkers and participate in contract actions to help us all win a fair contract. To join please contact your Union Representative Erin Adamson at 206-441-8880 ext. 105 or [erin@opeiu8.org](mailto:erin@opeiu8.org).

Stay informed about union negotiations, meetings, and actions in your workplace! Text Local 8 to 97779 to receive text updates. It will prompt you to let us know your name and where you work to make sure you get the right updates. (Message and data rates may apply) and visit our website at <https://www.opeiu8.org/>.

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