

Picket targets legislator who blocked our contract



Chant:

“Can’t trust the legislator, why trust the car dealer?”

More than 100 Local 1000 members picketed the car dealership of Assembly member Roger Niello on Monday to hold him accountable for stalling AB 964 – our contract bill.

Holding signs emblazoned “You can’t trust the legislator, why trust the car dealer,” Local 1000 members marched in front of the Niello Acura dealership in Sacramento chanting “Don’t trust Niello” and “Niello doesn’t honor contracts.”

Niello hurts constituents

Many of the members who participated live in Niello’s Sacramento-area district, which is home to about 7,000 workers represented by Local 1000. They felt betrayed that Niello urged Assembly members on May 4 to vote against the bill containing our ratified contract.

“It’s outrageous that Roger Niello

told his fellow Republicans not to vote for a bill that would save the state \$340 million and helps thousands of his own constituents,” said Kevin Greenlese, who works at the Office of State Publishing.

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**— Al Troyer
Chair, Bargaining Unit 14**

After Niello urged lawmakers to oppose or abstain on AB 964, our bill fell three votes short of the required two-thirds majority to pass.

“I want Roger Niello to come out here and tell us why he wants to put his con-

stituents through hardship and stress,” said Jeff Getchel, who also works at the Office of State Publishing. “I think he owes his constituents an apology.”

Stalls contract bill

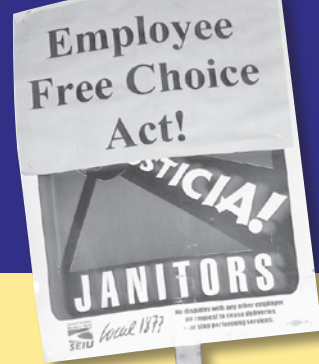
Niello’s actions are particularly bitter for members of our elected bargaining team who spent nine months negotiating a new contract with the governor’s representatives during the worst economic recession since the 1930s.

“Roger Niello has proven that he doesn’t care about state workers and he doesn’t care for our contribution to his district,” said Al Troyer, chair of Bargaining Unit 14. “Niello has shown us everything that’s wrong with the Capitol. Niello and a stubborn minority can hold up a contract that we worked on for nine months.”

Workers rally all night for Employee Free Choice Act



Local 1000 members joined other labor activists in all-night vigils all over California last week in support of the federal Employee Free Choice Act. These members back the legislation, which makes it easier for workers to form or join unions, because they know that if wages improve in the private sector, there will be more public support for fair compensation for state workers. "I support Employee Free Choice because state workers are not on an island," said Ed Riquelme, a recently retired Local 1000 member.



Local 1000 backs bills at Capitol

Legislation removes incentive for visiting educator abuse

The educational consultants and librarians of Unit 21 are one step closer to their goal of stopping the outsourcing of their work to visiting educators after an Assembly committee voted in favor of AB 755 on Wednesday.

The Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee voted unanimously to pass AB 755, which will make visiting educators ineligible to use their temporary assignment experience to qualify for promotional or open examinations.

"This bill will stop the rampant abuse of a program that has turned visiting educators into long-term contractors who are paid considerably more than the rest of Unit 21" said Sharla Smith. "Once it passes, we can focus on another one of our priorities - pay parity for Unit 21 employees."

AB 755 is only one part of Local 1000's multi-pronged effort in the visiting educators fight. Local 1000 filed a lawsuit in Sacramento Superior Court in January, to force the state to comply with existing law and stop using visiting educators to perform our work.

AB755 will move to the Assembly floor for a vote next. For further updates, go to seiu1000.org or channel1000.org

Tell legislators: "stop the 'suspense' & back our bills"

Local 1000 members and lobbyists are pressing forward in the Capitol on several important state bills that affect our jobs. The Assembly Appropriations Committee placed three important bills – AB 756, AB 857 and AB 592 – in the suspense file last week. Almost all bills that involve new spending, even those that ultimately produce a net savings, end up in the suspense file. If members keep pressing their legislators, we can get these bills out of suspense for a vote of the full Assembly.

Here is what this important legislation would do:

AB 756 – would require state agencies to post all their private outsourcing contracts on the internet in an easily searchable format, allowing the public to keep track of wasteful government contracts.

AB 857 – would provide in-person, skilled assistance at walk-in centers to hundreds of thousands of newly jobless workers filing for unemployment insurance.

AB 592 – would grant peace officer privacy benefits for our tax investigators, who now perform tax investigations as part of larger criminal probes with other agencies.

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