

Members make headlines statewide and nationally

Print, TV, and radio carry our message

Members' immediate and aggressive response to the governor's plan to pay minimum wage attracted a swarm of media and generated headlines across the state and the nation.

Our rally on the west steps of the Capitol – with quotes from Local 1000 President Yvonne Walker – was the top story on the evening newscasts of the ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox affiliates in Sacramento. Footage from the Sacramento rally was also combined with tape of local actions and used on TV newscasts in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno and Bakersfield. National cable news outlet CNN and network affiliates across the nation also carried the story.

National Public Radio interviewed member Pedro Leon, and comments from Local 1000 officers and members were included in stories on dozens of radio stations up and down the state, including top-rated news/talk stations in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento.

Local 1000 members and staff have fielded more than 150 calls and e-mails from media interested in following the story, ensuring high-profile coverage over the next several weeks.



Local 1000's Lajuan Andrews was one of more than 1,500 members whose protest of the governor's wage cut made headlines across the state. This image filled the back page of Friday's Sacramento Bee.

Bargaining victories adding up slowly

State threatens important benefits

Our fight for a new contract continues and after six weeks of bargaining, Local 1000 negotiators have signed nearly three hundred tentative agreements — victories that protect and expand our hard-fought contract guarantees.

State negotiators continue to refuse to address our economic issues until the Legislature and the governor agree to pass a budget. They spent last week disrespecting workload concerns and presenting language that weakens or eliminates important contract protections including:

- eliminate benefits for victims of domestic violence;
- reduce options for telecommuting workers;
- deny basic tools for members working in the field;
- limit distribution of union information at worksites;
- cut protections against harassment of stewards.

“The proposal to weaken the grievance process is an outrageous attack on stewards,” said Jim Hard, Local 1000 vice president for organizing and representation. “This proposal would allow department heads to make the final rulings on problems that took place on their watch. This encourages poor management. By getting rid of arbitration, the state eliminates any outside investigation of serious problems.”

“Not dealing with economic issues is one thing,” said Kathleen Collins, Local 1000 vice president for bargaining. “But coming to the table with proposals that weaken our hard earned victories and show no regard for the health and safety of our members is unacceptable.”

Local 1000 negotiators will bargain through the end of the week.

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