

Campaign News

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UNITE HERE! LOCAL 5 HOTEL WORKERS RISING!

Negotiations Update

Hilton

On Friday, September 15, bargaining with Hilton took a more positive turn. The hotel took our concerns about the medical seriously by putting 20¢ an hour more into what is needed for our medical. They also made some movement on the Pension, putting the 20¢ back into the Pension Fund in the 3rd year.

The movements made by Hilton are not enough for a fair contract, but they are a sign that Hilton is taking us seriously.

Sheraton

In another two frustrating days of bargaining, Sheraton's new owners, on the other hand, did not address the central issue we put on the table. We came to the table last week to address the significant closure and renovation of the PK hotel that management finally shared with us last week. We wanted a minimum of three assurances - recall rights regardless of length of project, medical and pension during layoff, and a significantly improved severance package. Sheraton refused to discuss any of the economic costs, only acknowledging that they would extend longer recall rights. Such minimal response in the face of such a huge project and disruption to our lives is a sign that Sheraton's new owners are not taking us seriously.

Saturday, September 23 is Primary Day
Don't forget to vote for
Sen. Daniel Akaka.

See the reverse side for other Local 5 endorsements.

Taking bargaining to the streets

If we want to win the same excellent contracts won in the other cities, we need to prepare ourselves in the same way. Join us to show all of our employers that Local 5 is prepared to do what it takes to win a fair contract.

MARATHON PICKETS

Sheraton Waikiki and Royal Hawaiian -
Wednesday, September 20, 6 am to 6 pm
Hilton Hawaiian Village -
Friday, September 22, 6 am to 6 pm

All members at all hotels are asked to picket two hours a day both days.

All picket captains are asked to schedule 3-hour shifts on both days.



Workers from all over, including retirees and community supporters, joined the picket line last Wednesday, September 13, to tell Sheraton we are serious about a good contract.