

# UNITEHERE! Local 5

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### Media Alert

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## Kaiser Workers to Rally for New Contract

- What:** Sign waving and rally
- Where:** Kaiser Moanalua Hospital  
3288 Moanalua Road
- When:** Thursday, October 8, 2009  
4:30 - 6:30 pm
- Visuals:** 500 + Local 5 members in red shirts that read: "Local 5 members DELIVER quality patient care"

*Honolulu* - Hundreds of Local 5 members - employed by Kaiser Permanente - and their supporters are expected to gather tomorrow for a sign waving and rally event.

Tomorrow's event will mark the second time that Local 5 members will have taken their message to the streets in an effort to secure a new contract for nearly 1,800 Local 5 members employed by Kaiser Permanente on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island.

Maile Sale - an appointment receptionist and cashier at Kaiser's Kailua Clinic said, "We need to settle on a new contract that will help further position us on the frontline to deliver the quality patient care our community deserves and expects." Frontline workers at Kaiser are seeking a greater voice on the job, reasonable working conditions, the right to grow their union, and job security.

Nearly 1,000 Kaiser workers and their supporters joined Local 5 for a similar rally in August.

Talks on a new contract have been underway since the original agreement expired in June. The nearly 1,800 Local 5 members covered by these negotiations are currently working under a contract extension that is now set to expire at the end of this month.

For more information visit [www.Local5Deliver.org](http://www.Local5Deliver.org)

UNITE HERE Local 5 is the Hawaii-based branch of the UNITE HERE union, which represents over 450,000 North American members. Local 5 has represented union workers at Kaiser Permanente since Kaiser's start in Hawaii in 1959.

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