

BREAKING NEWS

Negotiations Update: Progress with Fresno County!

Fresno County has agreed to come back to the table for mediation to settle our contract disputes as well as the Unfair Labor Practice charges we filed with the Public Employees Relations Board.

This is a significant breakthrough in a standoff that had more than 2,000 of purple-clad county workers waging a three-day strike last month, charging the county with not negotiating in good faith.

All we've been asking for is RESPECT and a FAIR CONTRACT that will allow us to serve our community while at the same time provide for our families. We think that's reasonable and we are hoping the county will agree at the end of the day that is the right thing to do for its workers.



"We are very glad to be able to reach this new phase in talks with the county. We sincerely hope to be able, through mediation, to be able to reach a fair settlement for the county and for all the workers. Most important, we hope to be able to move forward and get back to doing our job, which is serving the residents of Fresno County."

Sandra Schillaci, Child Support Officer

Department of Child Support Services and a member on the SEIU 521 Negotiating Team.

What's next...

SEIU 521 Negotiations Team meets with County for Mediation on March 2 through March 4, in Fresno. The PERB Hearing is still scheduled for March 12 through March 13, in Sacramento (depending on Mediation success).



International Union Convention coming in May 2012!

The SEIU International Convention held every four years is the highest governing body of our union. Delegates representing every SEIU member must approve all decisions and policies and programs of the union and will meet to do this work together in Denver Colorado over the Memorial Day weekend.

Our Local will hold elections for our delegate seats in April. Members will be mailed a nomination petition form and information about the delegate positions available in the next few weeks. The nomination period will begin March 9 and close March 26.

| 2012 FRESNO STEWARD TRAININGS | | SIGN-UP TODAY! |
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| TRAINING WORKSHOP | Fresno SEIU 521 Union Office 5228 E. Pine Avenue | |
| MODULE 1—Role of the Steward | Thursday, March 1 Wednesday, August 29 | RSVP on our website, www.seiu521.org Click on Member Resources, Steward Workshops then complete and submit the online form. You can also sign up by calling the Local 521 office at 559-447-2560. |
| MODULE 2—Steward as Voice of Union | Wednesday, February 8 Wednesday, September 12 | |
| MODULE 3—Investigating Workplace Problems | Wednesday, February 22 Wednesday, September 26 | |
| MODULE 4—Steward & Discipline | Wednesday, March 14 Wednesday, October 10 | |
| MODULE 5—Meeting with the Boss | Wednesday, April 4 Wednesday, November 7 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings will be held at the following location: Fresno: SEIU office, 5228 E. Pine Ave., (off Peach, between Olive and McKinley) • Trainings begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided from 5:30-6:00 p.m. • A minimum number of participants must be signed up a week in advance, or training will be canceled. | | |