REGION 6 VICE PRESIDENT

Sis Ellen Rollins, *Homecare Provider, Santa Clara IHSS*

I don't believe "you need to learn how to manage your income", I believe you need a fair wage for the work you do. What we do these next 3 years in SEIU Home care will affect us for the next decade. You need experience leading Health Care Reform. I have led you to be the top earner in this state let me continue to take you through this reform. LET ME FINISH THIS TASK WHICH BEGAN IN THE YEAR 2000.

I have been a health care professional since 1969, in developmental rehabilitation, Heart and Lung acute care, Emergency care, skilled spinal care rehabilitation, specializing in Acute Psychological rehabilitation in Federal and State Medical Centers across American and its Territories.

I began specializing in Home and Community based heath care in 1990 in the US Virgin Islands as my daughter tried to independently recover from her spinal cord injury of 1989. In 1995 fearing institutionalization Terri asked me to return to California and assist her in her quest to remain in her own home. It was very disturbing and economically draining trying to exist with then IHSS pay of $4.25/per hour and no other benefits.

1996 in 1996 SEIU Local 715 (now 521) knocked on my door. I joined immediately. Part of the leadership team from day one and today we earn $12.20/per hour, have health, dental and vision care, have Valley Transit yearly pass and educational training both from Public Authority and Community educational institutions. We are the highest paid IHSS workers in the state of California and 2nd highest in America. I am proud to have been a leader steward, chapter chair, chief steward and now your regional Vice President fighting along side of your every inch of the way.

We are at the final stage of California Health Care Reform; allow me to complete this task. Let me continue as your leader into what SEIU Home Care will become these next 3 years.

In Constant Solidarity