

BBQ in Visalia Brings Energy to Contract Team!

A rally and BBQ in Blaine Park brought us together for the first major event of the Tulare County Contract Campaign. We passed out Community First pins and shirts to show our commitment to making Tulare County a better place for everyone. There was music and we had great speeches from the Bargaining Team.

In addition to the BBQ, kids got to participate in an Easter Egg hunt and Tulare County for Families was there talking about how their work to move the U.S. Congress on immigration reform was also bringing out community allies and building a new group of young activists who are interested in building the county's future.

Ty Inman talked about the problems the Board had with rehiring laid-off workers. When they came back, the County didn't respect the hiring rules. . "We explained it the County, we took it to the table and the understood us and agreed it wasn't fair. But then they said, 'It's too hard to fix.' That's who we're dealing with."



Ty Inman



Kermit
Wullschleger

Kermit Wullschleger talked about going to the Board of Supervisors. "We're just asking for a living wage. They've given themselves raises, three raises in fact, and we've still got people who work for the county who aren't even making a living wage. Things used to be fair. We don't have fairness anymore."

If we want a good contract that respects our work and our community, it's going to take all of us getting involved. Contact your steward, your organizer or call the office and let's get this done together.



Emergency Workers Recognized by the BOS

Our emergency dispatchers have been recognized by the Board of Supervisors for their tireless commitment to our community. Edna Perkins and Linda Castillo were present to accept the recognition on behalf of all the SEIU Local 521 members who have dedicated themselves to making Tulare County a better place to live.



Our Emergency Dispatchers work under incredible pressure with no room for error. They are literally a lifeline for our community. Because they put our Community First, our friends and families are all safer and more secure.

This year, let's work to make our Board of Supervisors and our community recognize all of our exceptional contributions. Get involved!

Members Meet to Interview Sheriff Candidate

SEIU Local 521 members came together at our Visalia office to interview candidates for the Tulare County Sheriff. These types of interviews are at the heart of our democratically-run organization where we get together and vote on who we believe best shares our vision of putting the Community First. Members had tough questions for the candidates about how they would do the job and where they would focus our community resources.

After the interview, the candidates were given a little time to walk around and say hello. After that, the candidates left and we caucused and decided who we would like to support. Our endorsement will move to the Executive Board for final approval.



If you missed this event, make sure to come to the next candidate endorsement caucus on April 17, where we'll vote on who to support in the next Board of Supervisors election. The meeting will be held at the Commission Community Center at 456 E. Putnam, Porterville from 5:30-7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided.

Purple days are:
April 22
May 8

Don't forget Purple Solidarity!

Every day our team is in bargaining, we need to support them by wearing purple at work.

