



SHERIFF WOWAK IS PROPOSING TO CONTRACT OUT QUALITY MEDICAL JOBS IN SANTA CRUZ SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

About two years ago, the Sheriff took oversight of staffing the medical personnel in the jails from HSA Department even though the positions were adequately staffed. However, the Sheriff believed he could better run and provide more job security by transferring medical personnel into the sheriff department and protect them from potential layoffs in the County.

BUT SINCE THEN, WE HAVE HAD:

- ◆ Loss of the top administrative medical chief – a position vital to the day to day administration of medical services in the jails
- ◆ a reduction of one supervisor now down to only one supervisor
- ◆ Vacant positions our SEIU 521 members hold are not being filled and the shift coverage is at bare minimum – this is a major patient safety issue.

WHERE IS THE ACCOUNTABILITY?

We don't want to see good quality jobs by dedicated staff, replaced by a contractor with the lowest bid.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Email or call the Board of Supervisors and ask them to hold the Sheriff accountable and fix medical services before taking the easy way out by contracting out.

Workers have solutions and can work with the Sheriff to make them work.

Call the Board of Supervisors at (831) 454-2200 or email them at:

Email Supervisor John Leopold at john.leopold@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

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"As a Registered Nurse I have worked at the County Jail medical staff for over 8 years. The Sheriff reassigned medical staff to the Sheriff Department from HSA stating we would have job security. Now a couple years later the Sheriff is seriously considering contracting out our job to the lowest bidder. I know the medical staff is a dedicated group of professionals that provide reliable and quality services to the inmates. I hope we can count on our County workers to support us to fight to keep our jobs."

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