



Enloe / SEIU UHW Update

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Enloe Caregivers are Striking

- ***For the Future of Our Hospital,***
- ***For Our Families,***
- ***For Our Patients.***

We made a difficult decision to strike because of what is happening to the hospital we love. In recent years, Enloe executives have done harm to our community hospital by refusing to have real conversations with...

- People from the neighborhoods, who had real concerns about the expansion, and a tone of arrogance from executives that led to unnecessary delays and increased costs;
- Our Doctors, which led us to lose most of our anesthesiologists and many other MDs;
- Healthcare workers, before announcing plans to lay off 179 caregivers, while making the ridiculous claim that the cuts in front line healthcare workers are for the purpose of improving patient care;
- With their own caregivers, who want to have real input in working conditions and on how to improve patient care.

The National Labor Relations Board has issued a Complaint against Enloe executives for refusing for nearly three years to comply with a federal order to bargain with their own healthcare workers.

Reporters recently asked Enloe executives for a response to our discovery that their tax records show they have apparently spent *millions* of patient care dollars on lawyers to battle their own service workers over the past three years. Their defense was to point out that those lawyers' fees were also to battle our doctors and RNs and the opponents to the expansion.

We're striking for the simple demand that Enloe executives begin talking to us as a union, that they stop violating the law by refusing to do so, and that they begin a new era of respect for the mission of our hospital, which begins with respect for the rights of others to express their views.

"There is a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part; you can't even passively take part, and you've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus, and you've got to make it stop."

-Mario Savio, Free Speech Movement Leader, December 3, 1964