

MEDIA ADVISORY FOR 1PM, Friday, September 11, 2020

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Art Build to Support UIC SEIU Local 73 Staff Gearing Up for Strike

With Monday's strike looming, staff and members are creating picket signs, posters, and more.

“My SEIU Local 73 brothers, sisters, and allies, the time is now. This is our fight. Let's show UIC that we won't stop until workplace conditions improve, wages are better, safe staffing levels are implemented, PPE is universal, and protections from privatization are in place. We want to see swift and tangible action. UIC, we demand that you demonstrate basic concern for our well-being and provide us with a fair contract. If you won't, we are not afraid to shut this place down until you do.” - **Alicia Uwumarogie, Professional Unit**

What: As one of the largest employers in the state of Illinois, UIC has a responsibility to the public to provide good jobs, and to ensure that their employees, their patients, and their students are safe during this crisis. But management has made it clear that they are more interested in spending their time and resources trying to bust our union and scare us, than they are in actually reaching a fair contract and avoiding a strike. Therefore, 4,000 members of SEIU Local 73 at UIC – ranging from hospital workers to building service workers to professional staff – are preparing to go on strike! They are fighting for a fair contract, including adequate PPE, fair pay, safe staffing levels, and respect and dignity on the job.

Join us to create signs and banners in support of the staff that make UIC work!

When: Friday, September 11, 2020 – 1PM-6PM

Where: Intersection of Wood St. and Polk St. on UIC's Campus - 60612

Who: UIC workers and SEIU Local 73 staff

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SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.