

## **MEDIA ADVISORY FOR 11am, Thursday, September 3, 2020**

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### **UIC Workers Announce Intention to Strike**

#### *SEIU Local 73 to Deliver Strike Notice to UIC*

**What:** UIC administration has failed to respond with meaningful proposals around issues that matter most to workers including safe working conditions, adequate staffing, and pay increases. SEIU Local 73 held its strike vote count on September 1 and 94% of union members voted to strike.

About 4,000 clerical, professional, technical and service & maintenance workers (represented by SEIU Local 73) work at the main campus in Chicago, the University of Illinois Hospital and Health and Sciences System, Peoria, Rockford, Champaign, and UIC Specialized Care for Children.

Worker demands at the negotiation table include the following:

- Adequate staffing to ensure safety of staff, patients, and students.
- Proper PPE, including universal masking and N95s in the hospital.
- Fair and equitable pay.
- Increasing the base minimum pay to \$15 per hour so that all UIC employees make at least \$15 per hour.
- Market-rates of pay for every employee at UI Health, UIC-DSCC, and all UIC campuses.
- Improved policies around workload and time off to protect staff from being overworked.
- Protections against outsourcing work to outside companies that have no commitment to the needs of students and patients.

**When:** Thursday, September 3 at 11am

**Where:** UIC Administrative Office Building, 1737 W. Polk St., Chicago, IL

**Who:** Dian Palmer, SEIU Local 73 president, UIC workers

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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.*