



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Faith Leaders, Chicago Unions Call on Preckwinkle  
to Settle Cook County Strike**

**Chicago, IL** – The Chicago Area Chapter of the Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council (UMUAC) and Chicago Labor Union leaders have each sent a letter to Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle calling on her to settle the strike of Cook County workers represented by SEIU Local 73 which has entered its 13th day.

"We just want to make sure you understand the point of view of the strikers, because you can make the difference in a settlement which reflects your principles as a UU as symbolized by the concepts of justice, equity, and compassion," wrote Kelvin Sandridge, Chair of UMUAC.

"SEIU Local 73 members have been on the picket lines since June 24. As the President of the Cook County Board, we know you have the power to settle the contract, end the strike, and let these workers return to serving their communities and patients with dignity. We urge you to do so," wrote Don Villar, Secretary-Treasurer, Chicago Federation of Labor, Mike Newman, Deputy Director, AFSCME Council 31, and Danny Ritter, Midwest Coordinator, National Nurses Organizing Committee.

The union letter also pointed out the step increases AFSCME and NNOC members received from Cook County which Preckwinkle's bargaining team continues to refuse to Local 73 workers.

President Preckwinkle and her negotiators have yet to respond to Local 73's latest supposal which was delivered on Friday, July 2.

**Workers will be holding a demonstration outside Preckwinkle's offices (118 N. Clark) from 11:00am-1:00pm today.**

Cook County workers will be striking at the following locations:

**Wednesday, July 7**

6:00 am – 2:00 pm

Southside Construction Site

95th St. and Roberts Rd., Hickory Hills

7:00 am – 11:00 am  
Northside Construction Site  
Lake Cook Rd & McHenry Rd, Buffalo Grove

8:00 am – 10:00 am  
Provident Hospital  
Stroger Hospital  
County Jail  
118 N. Clark

9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Markham Courthouse

11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Rally Outside Preckwinkle's Office  
118 N. Clark

11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Skokie Courthouse

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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.*