ONA Nurses at St. Vincent
Cast Overwhelming No Vote on Tentative Agreement- Commit to Continue Fight to Raise Standards!

Throughout this past year, ONA RNs made an unprecedented commitment to raising standards across Providence for our 4,000 RNs with seven open contracts in 2022. After nearly unanimous strike authorization votes by RNs across three Providence hospitals, St. Vincent nurses voted on a tentative agreement for a contract that made some improvements.

The overwhelming no-vote, with unprecedented participation, clarifies that nurses at Providence St. Vincent - Oregon's largest, highest acuity, and most profitable hospital - believe more needs to be done to raise standards for RNs and patients.

ONA is a democratic union, and ONA's St. Vincent RN leadership is committed to standing with our nurses and fighting as long as it takes to achieve a contract and build a culture that fulfills the standards RNs deserve after two years of the pandemic.

What Does the No Vote Mean?

Providence and our ONA Bargaining Team will return to negotiations based on their proposals before mediation.

It also means we must continue to support our commitment to protecting nurses from illegal employer intimidation and seriously consider our next steps – remembering our near-unanimous vote to authorize a strike.

Our commitment to one another, mutual sacrifice, and unity in purpose make us a powerful union. We are committed to achieving standards that reflect our nurses’ sacrifice and asking every RN to remain united across the Providence system.

On Saturday, June 11, ONA Providence Home Health and Hospice bargaining nurses hosted a Strike Solidarity Picnic as an opportunity to bring together ONA nurses and our community members.

The Picnic doubled as a fundraiser for the ONA Strike Fund, with funds raised
City Council Passes Resolution Supporting Nurses’ Right to Strike at Providence

The Milwaukie City Council—led by Mayor Mark Gamba—voted Tuesday, June 7 to support ONA nurses' efforts to secure a fair contract which addresses patient safety and staffing issues at Providence Milwaukie.

Declaring union nurses at Providence Milwaukie Hospital “essential for the health, safety and well-being of our community,” Milwaukie’s City Council passed a resolution supporting frontline nurses at Providence Milwaukie in their contract negotiations with Providence—one of Oregon’s largest and most profitable health systems.

Union PRIDE

On Sunday, June 19 a contingent of ONA nurses from Providence along with allies from the broader union moment joined together and confronted Providence management with chants that continued for the duration of the parade as we followed behind them.

If you are aware of other opportunities to confront management, please contact Rebecca Cooper at R.Cooper@OregonRNn.org.