

**UNION ORGANIZING**



At AFT Healthcare in Vancouver, Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals members and PeaceHealth workers celebrate the Dec. 15 union vote.

## 900 PeaceHealth SW Medical Center support workers join OFNHP #5017

VANCOUVER — As a result of a Dec. 15 vote, 886 hospital support workers at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center will be represented by a local affiliate of American Federation of Teachers (AFT). An earlier vote on Nov. 22 showed that a clear majority of the workers wanted to unionize, but neither of the two

unions seeking to represent them had an outright majority. So the Dec. 15 vote was scheduled as a runoff between Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP) Local 5017, and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 49. The result was 319 for OFNHP, and 110 for SEIU.

The newly unionized group is referred to as the service and maintenance unit. It consists of certified nursing assistants, food service workers, laundry workers, and several dozen other occupational classifications. They'll now be members of PeaceHealth Southwest Caregivers United, a sub-local of OFNHP Local 5017.

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The following are Oregon and Southwest Washington workplaces where workers have decided whether to be represented by a union. The thumbs-up symbol means workers will be union-represented. Thumbs-down means they'll be on their own. "Decert" means a decertification election, where union-represented workers voted whether to remain union. The information comes from the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board.

### Union election results

Employer (Location) Union	Yes-No	
<b>The Lighthouse School</b> (Coos Bay) OSEA ▪ 16 full-time professional employees, including teachers	10-5	👍
<b>Christenson Oil</b> (Portland) Teamsters Local 162 ▪ 2 warehouse and plant employees	0-2	👎
<b>Providence Willamette Falls</b> (Oregon City) UFCW Local 555 ▪ 8 pharmacists	1-6	👎
<b>PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center</b> (Longview) SEIU Local 49 ▪ 107 technical employees, including radiology, ultrasound, mammography, and LPNs	61-34	👍
<b>PeaceHealth SW Medical Ctr.</b> (Vancouver) AFT-SEIU-no union 297-176-171 — Runoff Election: 319 for AFT, 110 for SEIU ▪ 886 hospital support workers, including CNAs, food service, laundry, and lab assistants	297-176-171	👍

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