



FULL HOUSE: Several hundred noisy unionists filled the lobby at Umpqua Bank Plaza in downtown Portland Aug. 25 to oppose a decision to get rid of a union janitorial firm. Chicago-based Zeller Realty Group bought the office building in January, and in August replaced union-signatory Able Building Maintenance with nonunion National Maintenance Contractors. That meant the loss of seven living-wage positions for members of SEIU Local 49. "By using a nonunion janitorial company, Zeller has chosen to put downward pressure on the standards Portland janitors have been fighting for decades to raise," said Local 49 researcher Jeremy Simer.

Outside Paul Ryan's country club fundraiser for Oregon Congressman Greg Walden ...

IATSE Local 28 Business Representative Rose Etta Venetucci (right) and a dozen other unionists joined several hundred others outside the Waverly Country Club Aug. 23 to protest an appearance by Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan. Congressman Ryan was there to headline a \$1,000-per-person fundraiser for fellow Republicans Greg Walden of Hood River and Jaime Herrera Beutler of Southwest Washington. Protesters' biggest complaint with Ryan was health care. Ryan's American Health Care Act, which passed the House but failed in the Senate, would have increased the number of people without health insurance by 22 million by 2026, according to the Congressional Budget Office. [Walden voted for it, but Herrera Beutler was one of 20 Republicans to vote against it.] Ryan has been touring the country to promote a corporate tax cut and raise money for Republicans, but hasn't held an open-to-the-public event for his own Wisconsin constituents since October 2015. He faces a challenge in 2018 from union leader and iron worker Randy Bryce, a Democrat. The day after his visit to the Portland area and Intel, Ryan visited the Seattle area for a tour of Boeing — and a \$2,500-a-plate fundraiser.



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