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## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

# Legacy Emanuel strike set

More than 750 support workers at Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Randall Children's Hospital were set to wage a two-day strike Nov. 8 and 9 if hospital management doesn't reach agreement on a new contract with their union, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 49, before then. The workers include certified nurse assistants, housekeepers, food service workers, and other support positions. Their previous contract with Legacy expired June 30. Local 49 mem-

bers at Legacy Good Samaritan hospital are covered under a separate contract.

The two sides disagree on pay and health insurance. Union spokesperson Rae Dunnville says the health insurance Legacy provides though is unaffordable for members. And Legacy is offering raises of 1.2, 1.5, and 1.5 percent over three years.

Two additional bargaining dates were scheduled with federal mediators Oct. 30-31 – after this issue went to press.

## DCTU votes to authorize strike

### City of Portland HR director announces resignation

Members of the District Council of Trade Unions, a six-union coalition of City of Portland workers, voted Oct. 19 to reject the City's contract offer — and authorize the union bargaining team to call a strike at any time. Three quarters of the DCTU's 1,000-plus members voted, and over 90 percent voted to authorize the strike, the DCTU reported.

The union coalition hasn't yet declared an intent to strike, and under the law would have to give 10 days notice.

On Oct. 23, longtime City HR director Anna Kanwit announced her resignation. A day later, she attended a DCTU bargaining session in person for the first time since bargaining began 10 months ago.

The two sides were scheduled for further mediation Oct. 30, with followup dates Nov. 1 and 3 after this issue went to press.

## UNION DEMOCRACY

# New president at CWA Local 7901

In union officer elections held Oct. 26, Celeste Jones defeated incumbent Jeanette Turner to become president of Portland-based Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 7901. Jones, who was previously executive vice president of the local, works at the Gresham AT&T store. She got 65 percent of the vote to Turner's 35 percent.

The 666-member local represents workers at CenturyLink and AT&T as well as staff at a handful of small non-profit employers and unions, and taxi drivers at Union Cab.

President is the local's top office and is a half-time paid staff position. Also elected were:

**Executive Vice President:** Clint Goodwin

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Erich Bambei

**Vice Presidents:**

- Kurt Knell for Area 2 (CenturyLink, Avaya, AT&T)
- Mike Bray for Area 6 (staff union for staff SEIU Local 503)
- Toby Green, Finance Area 6

Several vice president po-



Celeste Jones

sitions had no nominees and remain vacant:

- Area 1 (Portland Drivers Self Help Association)
- Area 3 (AT&T Mobility)
- Area 4 (DEX, Oregon Catholic Press and Owl Tree Press)
- Area 5 (Environment Construction Services, Free Geek, Teamsters Local 162, KBOO, Portland Jobs with Justice, GSI, and Fund for the Public Interest call center)

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