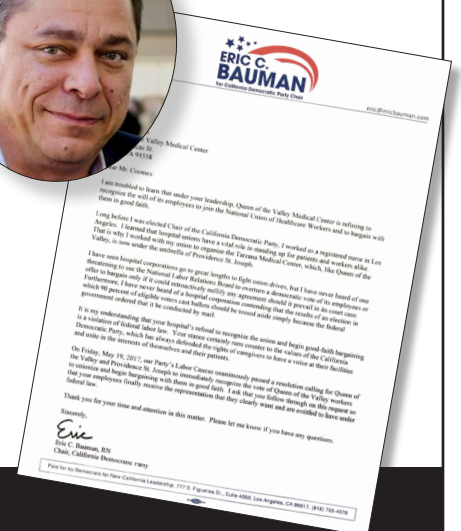


DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN BACKS QUEEN WORKERS

On May 20, Eric Bauman, a former registered nurse, was elected to lead California's Democratic Party.

Five days later, in one of his first official acts as Democratic Party Chairman, Bauman penned a letter to Queen of the Valley CEO Larry Coomes urging him "to immediately recognize the vote of Queen of the Valley workers to unionize and to begin bargaining with them in good faith."

Bauman's letter comes just one week after the Democratic Party's Labor Caucus passed a resolution condemning the Queen's treatment of its workers.

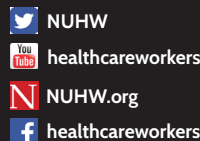


WHY THIS MATTERS:

- 1** Bauman is a labor leader who helped unionize hospitals in Los Angeles. He will make sure the party takes a strong stance against the Queen's anti-worker tactics.
- 2** Napa is a Democratic stronghold. The county has nearly twice as many registered Democrats as Republicans.

The Queen's law-breaking refusal to honor the union vote is reverberating around the state. Democratic leaders won't stand for it. Napa residents won't stand for it. And no judge will validate it.

**Let's stay strong and keep fighting for what's right:
Quality patient care and good jobs for this community.**





May 25, 2017

Larry Coomes
Queen of the Valley Medical Center
1000 Trancas St.
Napa, CA 94558

Dear Mr. Coomes:

I am troubled to learn that under your leadership, Queen of the Valley Medical Center is refusing to recognize the will of its employees to join the National Union of Healthcare Workers and to bargain with them in good faith.

Long before I was elected Chair of the California Democratic Party, I worked as a registered nurse in Los Angeles. I learned that hospital unions have a vital role in standing up for patients and workers alike. That is why I worked with my union to organize the Tarzana Medical Center, which, like Queen of the Valley, is now under the umbrella of Providence St. Joseph.

I have seen hospital corporations go to great lengths to fight union drives, but I have never heard of one threatening to sue the National Labor Relations Board to overturn a democratic vote of its employees or offer to bargain only if it could retroactively nullify any agreement should it prevail in its court case. Furthermore, I have never heard of a hospital corporation contending that the results of an election in which 90 percent of eligible voters cast ballots should be tossed aside simply because the federal government ordered that it be conducted by mail.

It is my understanding that your hospital's refusal to recognize the union and begin good-faith bargaining is a violation of federal labor law. Your stance certainly runs counter to the values of the California Democratic Party, which has always defended the rights of caregivers to have a voice at their facilities and unite in the interests of themselves and their patients.

On Friday, May 19, 2017, our Party's Labor Caucus unanimously passed a resolution calling for Queen of the Valley and Providence St. Joseph to immediately recognize the vote of Queen of the Valley workers to unionize and begin bargaining with them in good faith. I ask that you follow through on this request so that your employees finally receive the representation that they clearly want and are entitled to have under federal law.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Bauman, RN
Chair, California Democratic Party