THREE PERCENT RAISE AND BONUS THIS MONTH

You should be receiving a 3 percent increase and a bonus this month that we won in our last round of negotiations. If you do not see this increase reflected in your paycheck this month, contact your steward or NUHW organizer.
Moreover, the English requirement doesn’t explain why these longtime workers were let go. Most of them speak proficient English. The real reason is that the hospital wants to keep its new housekeeping unit union-free.

“It's unthinkable that a hospital whose stated mission is community service would turn its back on workers who collectively have served it for a combined 245 years,” NUHW President Sal Rosselli said. “Making these workers reapply for their jobs was unfair. Refusing to hire them is unconscionable and a blatant attempt at union busting. Our 575 members at Providence Tarzana always stand up for their coworkers, and we are intent on making the hospital live up to its values.”

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“They only said that we have to speak English, but a lot of us speak good English,” said Celia Ortiz, who had worked at the hospital for 16 years. “I still hope to have my job back. I feel like it's my life in there.”

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