KAISER PERMANENTE PSYCH-SOCIAL BARGAINING UPDATE MARCH 18, 2019

Friday was our first bargaining session with a neutral facilitator. We are cautiously optimistic that his influence with Kaiser and his focused energy might yield progress on many of our issues. Despite this glimmer of hope, we must hold Kaiser's feet to the fire if we are to get a contract that treats workers fairly and ensures patients have access to the care they need!

In terms of specifics, for KPC members without the pension, Kaiser proposed increasing the 401k match from 1.25% to 2%, implying we should drop our demand for pension for all. They can do better than this. We also signed a tentative agreement, memorializing the verbal agreement on tuition reimbursement we made at the last bargaining session. On the topic of access, we agreed to form a bargaining subgroup to develop a charter for a new contractual executive level labor/ management committee. Our goal is to ensure that this charter contains specific contractual commitments to reduce subcontracting and improve staffing and access. We also had significant discussion around incentive plans, and our team hopes the final sticking points may be resolved in coming sessions.

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Our next bargaining session will be on March 26 in Santa Fe Springs. In the meantime, let's continue to organize and put ourselves in our strongest possible position in these coming critical months! Sign the strike authorization petition!

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