New Leadership • New Vision • New Direction

The Tarzana NUHW Steward Council recently voted to approve a new leadership structure. We no longer will operate with a single elected Chief Steward, but instead have three additional officers to compliment and work on the same level as the Chief Steward.

The Steward Council elected Michael Rivera as Chief Steward, Jackie Morales for Mobilization Chair, Michelle Bitolas as our Council Secretary, and Myrna King for C.O.P.E. Chair (Committee On Political Education).

This structure represents a new vision for our bargaining unit. We will be deciding the future of our union together, democratically, and with input of our entire membership, rather than relying on any one steward to make all decisions. We will be interacting with and relying more on our fellow workers for input and participation.

For us to succeed and see real gains, we all must take an active role. We must build coalitions with each other, our community, and most importantly with our fellow NUHW members at Providence facilities statewide.

We are having a sticker day this week to show support for our fellow NUHW members at Providence facilities in Northern California who our battling for a fair contract as we did just a few short months ago. We will also be conducting a petition drive later this week reaffirming our commitment to improving working conditions and patient care, improving contract standards, and holding Providence accountable to its nonprofit mission.

We are committed to making our bargaining unit stronger and better connected. We will be conducting periodic “Walk Thrus” in an effort to reach more members and hear your concerns directly. We have launched a Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/TarzanaNUHW Rising. We will be posting a variety of information on our Facebook page including information about our contract, knowing your rights, and educational videos. Join our group today!

We know that we have much work to do and expectations are high. We accept the challenge of improving our future together and we are ready to meet those expectations. With your support and participation we will succeed together.

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