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Our stewards are calling for all optical members to wear red on Wednesday, June 5. Wearing your NUHW shirt, or wearing red, is a way to demonstrate unity and strength, especially as we begin to fight for a fair contract.

Despite opposition from management, NUHW members in Fresno stood together and proudly wore their union t-shirts. None of the managers was able to produce a policy document or an argument as to why NUHW staff could not wear them.

“We can make things happen together as a union.” – Elvia Plata, Fresno steward

“Don’t you need to cover that union t-shirt up with a lab coat?” The answer is NO. Except in South Sacramento, there is no formal dress code for Optical workers and no Kaiser policy that prevents staff from wearing their union t-shirts. You may opt to dress as professionally as you see fit, as long as you clothes are clean, you are well-groomed and nothing you wear presents a safety concern (such as open-toed shoes in the Lab). If you don’t have a union shirt, wear anything red!

Take a photo of your team wearing red on June 5th and send to your organizer!