**UPDATE ON SODEXO’S TRANSITION**

As you probably already know, Sodexo is terminating their Tenet agreement; Sodexo will no longer be at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Lakewood Medical Center, or Los Alamitos Medical Center. The two companies apparently were not able to negotiate a good contract that will satisfy their financial needs. The LAST DAY for Sodexo is SEPTEMBER 30.

Tenet and Sodexo broke apart and now the new sub-contractor taking over Food Services and Environmental Services (EVS) is the corporation named COMPASS GROUP. COMPASS GROUP has two subsidiaries, Crothall Healthcare and Morrison Healthcare. Crothall will be taking over EVS accounts for Tenet, and Morrison will be taking over for food services for Tenet.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Many people have asked, **what will happen to their 401K?** Well, there are three options:

- Leave your 401K with Sodexo until your retirement or take it out at any time in the future.
- Roll over to the new 401K with Compass Group. We will have to wait and see what they have.
- Take it out, but there are penalties and taxes that apply
- For more detail questions you may call the Sodexo toll-free benefits hotline at (866) 769-7526.

**Sodexo health insurance** will be available until the last day Sodexo transitions out: September 30.

**Will the union leave?** This is another question that many people have asked. The union stays. After we learn who will be in charge of the facility, NUHW will notify COMPASS GROUP we already have a union contract.

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**FOUNTAIN VALLEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL STEWARD COUNCIL**

**EVS ATTENDANTS**
Maria Canales, Amy Cornelius, Doris Espinoza, Lilia Manso, Isidro Sanchez – EVS Lead

**PATIENT AMBASSADORS**
Lanelle Anderson, Atziry Rodriguez, Maria Roman

**COOKS**
Dinora Benavides

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**LOS ALAMITOS MEDICAL CENTER STEWARD COUNCIL**

**EVS ATTENDANTS**
Daniel Aguayo, Rosa Almazan, Edith Gutierrez, Elizabeth Mora, Lucia Ventura

**FLOOR TECHS**
Mercedes Cornejo

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**LAKEWOOD MEDICAL CENTER STEWARD COUNCIL**

**EVS ATTENDANTS**
Maria Aguirre, Mayra Gonzalez, Alejandra Zamora

**EVS FLOOR TECHS**
Jose Bañuelos

**NUTRITION ASSISTANTS**
Cynthia Aguiniga, Melisa Guzman, D’Michael Jackson

**COOKS**
Maria Loya, Brenda Salvatierra

**FOOD SERVICE WORKERS**
Patty Passmore

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**WELCOME NEW SHOP STEWARDS**

Nutrition Assistants from Lakewood Medical Center

Cynthia Aguinino, D’Michael Jackson, Melisa Guzman
On June 26, Sodexo and NUHW met to negotiate wages for Lakewood Nutrition Assistants. The bargaining committee was integrated by D’Michael Jackson and Cynthia Aguiniga. A full day of negotiations brought wage increases for nutrition assistants ranging from 10 percent to 21 percent.

Cynthia Aguiniga said, “I had the opportunity to negotiate face-to-face with Sodexo. It was new to me, but it was a great experience to feel that I have a voice in how much I will be making”

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The following membership meetings will be available to all members. We will answer your questions in any of these meetings:

**Los Alamitos Medical Center**
Wednesday, July 10
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Fountain Valley Regional Hospital**
Monday, July 15
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**Lakewood Medical Center**
Thursday, July 18
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All meetings will take place in the hospital cafeteria.

The name Weingarten comes from a 1975 U.S. Supreme Court case in which the court ruled that all workers have the right to union representation when a supervisor or boss asks for information that could be used as the basis for discipline.

However, it is YOUR responsibility to request representation.

If your boss says they want to meet with you, you must ask them “could this lead to discipline?” If the answer is anything other than “No,” tell your boss you’re invoking your right to have a union rep present in the meeting, and that you will not answer any questions until your union rep is present.

“What are Weingarten rights?”

“If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated, or affect my personal working conditions, I request that my union representative be present at the meeting. Without representation, I choose not to answer any questions.”

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS — AND CARRY THEM WITH YOU

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**VICTORY FOR LAKEWOOD NUTRITION ASSISTANTS**

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