

SANTA ROSA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

STANDING UP FOR PATIENT & WORKER SAFETY!



Last week, caregivers and elected leaders joined together to demand ACCOUNTABILITY and TRANSPARENCY from hospital administration.

We're proud to stand united with our SNA siblings in our fight for proper contact tracing, testing for all caregivers, consistent communication and timely notification from the hospital. We were joined at our rally by Sonoma County Supervisors Lynda Hopkins and Shirlee Zane, Rohnert Park City Council Candidate Jackie Elward, North Bay Jobs with Justice and Teamsters 665.

Hospital administration has said that they're doing everything they can to keep us safe. We know that's not true. The very same day they announced the outbreak was over, another one of our coworkers tested positive and more of our patients had to be quarantined.

Sonoma County Supervisor Lynda Hopkins contrasted the hospital's staggering profits with their failure to provide immediate in-house testing and adequate PPE: "If health care workers are heroes, why the hell are we still talking about N95 masks?! We're still having the same conversations about the lack of health care worker protections we were having six months ago."

Supervisor Shirlee Zane drew on Amos 5:24 when she called-out Memorial's management for failing to meet Providence's own core values in their treatment of its employees: "I am here today to say they do answer to that higher authority and they have disobeyed. They have not shown respect and dignity and compassion and justice to their employees - how dare they."

When Supervisors Hopkins and Zane and our coworkers tried to speak with CEO Tyler Hedden about our requests for more infection prevention protocols, he literally turned his back on us, hid behind security and threatened to call the police on elected officials and our own caregivers.

The threat of another outbreak is far from over, and the hospital is continuing to put our patients, our coworkers, and our families at risk. We will continue to raise the alarm about the hospital's failures as we demand proper contact tracing, testing for all caregivers, and N95s for all caregivers working with PUIs and COVID-positive patients.



Our rally was covered on TV by KRON 4 News, on radio by KRCB, KQED, KSRO and KCBS, and in print by the Press Democrat, North Bay Bohemian, SF Gate, and Sonoma Sun!

