

Jan. 31, 2015
NW15-002

To: NW Council Representatives

From: Joel Funfar (NW VP), Bill Sutton (E-4)

Subject: **Pre-Submitted New Business: Support of UFCW Local 21, In Negotiations With Providence-Everett Hospital.**

Background

SPEEA was supported by UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers) during our strike in 2000. Currently, approximately 1,500 health Care workers at Providence-Everett Hospital (UFCW Local 21), are standing together in contract negotiations for the respect and staffing levels

The professional bargaining unit is newly organized, seeking their first contract. The nurses had been in another UFCW local that recently merged with UFCW 21. In addition to staffing and other issues, the workers are looking to win union shop here.

For more information:

www.ufcw21.org

<http://ufcw21.org/members-presented-their-petition-nearly-1000-names>

The Actions:

Actions happened January 21 and more may come in the future.

Motion

It is moved that the NW SPEEA Council supports UFCW local 21 and others in the struggle for union representation and a first contract at Providence Everett Hospital. The NW Council requests the Executive Board provide Staff with direction to take steps in informing our members about this issue via our publications and information networks and urge our members to support the union workers during negotiations and if they go out on strike.

It is further moved that the Northwest Council supports giving up to \$3000.00 out of the annually budgeted labor support fund, should a strike happens and support is needed by UFCW local 21.

The NW council requests the SPEEA E Board to contact UFCW Local 21 leadership if a strike occurs, and help is needed, to work with the UFCW on how to send the support.