

Speak Out Now at Kaiser

A workplace newsletter for Kaiser Oakland workers

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MORE WORKERS JOIN THE STRIKE IN SOCAL

UNAC/UHCP workers are holding strong on the picket line. Throughout last week, there were pickets across California and Hawaii. At our Oakland facility, we saw pickets on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, full of music, chants, and high energy. In total, about 31,000 UNAC/UHCP workers are on strike against Kaiser in California and Hawaii.

As we enter the second week of the strike, 3,000 pharmacy and laboratory workers at Southern California Kaisers (organized in UFCW) are set to join the strike starting February 9th. UNAC/UHCP and UFCW workers are determined to not make it easy on Kaiser. The fight for better wages, benefits, and safe staffing levels continues!

KAISER INVESTS IN ICE DETENTION INFRASTRUCTURE

Ahead of the strike, UNAC/UHCP released a publicly available report which goes in-depth explaining how Kaiser prioritizes expanding its profits instead of reinvesting in patient care and staffing.

After researching publicly available information about Kaiser's investments, they determined that Kaiser has invested in two companies named CoreCivic and GeoGroup, both of which are private prison corporations that have contracted with ICE to run detention centers across the country. GeoGroup also recently secured a contract with ICE to provide bounty-hunter-style services, under which it is paid to provide agents that track where migrants live and work and share that information with ICE, making deportations easier. This is unacceptable for Kaiser to be profiting off ICE terror in our communities!

ICE OUT
ORGANIZING MEETING



Saturday • Feb. 7 • 3pm
Oakland Public Library • Temescal Branch
5205 Telegraph Ave, Oakland

ALEX PRETTI "PRESENTE"

After the killing of Alex Pretti by ICE forces, several vigils sprang up at hospitals across the nation. Despite being called a "domestic terrorist" by Trump and other administration officials, Pretti was an ICU nurse at the Veterans Administration (VA) hospital in Minneapolis. This has hit close to home for many healthcare workers. In the Bay Area, we saw more than 20 hospitals hosting vigils. At Kaiser Oakland, there was one hosted on Monday January 26th, with a few dozen in attendance.

Vigils and protests against the recent murders by ICE are not only an homage to Alex Pretti, but to all the lives that have been impacted by and lost to ICE violence recently. They challenge the lie that the problem of this country are immigrants. This has never been the case! In truth, the problem is that our system continues to uphold profit over people's safety, promoting prejudices and sacrificing whoever stands in its way.

It's unfortunate that the vigil at Kaiser wasn't more widely publicized, as many workers and community members who would have attended didn't know it was happening. If there is something to be learned from this time period, it's that solidarity across sectors, workplaces, and communities is our best tool to protect ourselves, our neighbors, and patients from this violence.

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