



Engineers & Scientists of California

Local 20 IFPTE



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To: All Kaiser Members:

Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions

At 6 pm on Monday of this week, we learned that all but four International Unions had decided to withdraw from the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions. We had no involvement with the decision by the unions that chose to withdraw from the Coalition and we are saddened by this loss in our number of Coalition sister unions. IFPTE Local 20, along with the approximately 80,000 members who belong to locals from UNITE-HERE, OPEIU and SEIU, now remain in the Coalition. Our current National Agreement and other contracts are unaffected by these developments and remain in force.

We will be carefully assessing and evaluating the meaning of this development over the next few weeks. This is uncharted territory and is complicated by the timing of National Bargaining, which was scheduled to begin this week. Our representatives are present in Oakland for these sessions, and are fully engaged in discussions with other Coalition members and Kaiser Management.

Throughout we will remain committed to working collaboratively with other KP unions and will maintain a Partnership with Kaiser, continuing to reap the many benefits it offers. As always, our highest priority is to win and enforce the strongest possible contract for our members.

We will keep you informed as this situation continues to evolve.

In solidarity

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