



What You Need to Know About Being **Stronger Together**

By uniting as a group, we have accomplished much more for ourselves and the people we serve than we could on our own. That's why the slogan of our organization is that we are "Stronger Together." Membership in SEIU Local 1984 means that you have:

- **A voice in your own pay increases, health coverage, paid time off, and other benefits.** These are spelled out in the union contract that your co-workers have negotiated with management. Your membership gives you the right to influence and vote on that contract, and by enabling us all to speak with one voice, makes us able to achieve more at the bargaining table.
- **A voice in politics and a way to improve our community.** As state employees, our work is unavoidably connected to politics. We elect our "boss," the Governor. We elect the legislature, who appropriates the money for our raises. We elect the Governor's Council, who make decisions about contracting out state services. Our wages, our work rules, our retirement system, and the critical services we provide are all part of the political process.
- **Someone to turn to for help.** If you want to know more about your pay and benefits, or if you have problems or questions on the job, ask your union steward. He or she is a co-worker trained to help you get the answers and support you need.

Your SEIU steward can answer your questions and will tell you how you can become more involved to win improvements for yourself, your family, and the people we serve.

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www.seiu1984.org

