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Labor Day Action: Hotel Workers Take to the Streets

Fed up with cuts, hotel workers stand up to a profitable industry trying to squeeze them harder

WHAT:

Hotel workers march for new citywide contracts ensuring affordable health care and fair workloads.

WHO:

Hundreds of hotel workers and community supporters.

WHEN & WHERE:

Monday, September 7, 2009, Labor Day

Hotel Workers Rising Rally & March: 11:00am at Justin Herman Plaza (near Hyatt Regency Hotel on Market and Embarcadero). March will proceed around downtown hotels.

Press Availability: 10:45 am, Justin Herman Plaza, Press Table

WHY:

In the spirit of Labor Day, San Francisco's hotel workers are taking to the streets!

Hotel contracts affecting over 9,000 San Francisco room cleaners, dishwashers, cooks, bellmen and others expired on Aug. 14, 2009. Over the past decade, US hotel corporations have generated over \$200 billion in profits. Yet today, these companies are using the economic downturn as an excuse to permanently lower the quality of San Francisco hotel jobs – cutting back healthcare, and pushing workers to work harder and faster.

After experiencing a year of layoffs and reduced hours, workers are fed up. This Labor Day, hotel workers are taking a stand to stop a fundamentally profitable industry from squeezing them even harder.

UNITE HERE! Local 2 is the union of hotel and food service workers in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. It represents about 12,000 workers in the hospitality industry, For more information visit www.unitehere2.org or contact Riddhi Mehta at 707-695-2364 or rmehta@unitehere2.org.