Sutter’s Insatiable Need for Greed

Although we did not get a last, best and final at our April 10th bargaining session, Sutter is still holding onto all of their take away proposals. These proposals are identical or similar to the proposals at the CNA bargaining table. And just yesterday, Sutter provided the nurses with their most recent package, which they characterized as their “last, best and final.” As they readily admitted, it was essentially the same as their “first, worst, and cursed” proposal that they gave us back in November. They continue to demand that your bargaining team “compromise” on Sutter’s proposals; what they really mean is that they want us to negotiate over exactly how much we will let Sutter take out of the pockets of nurses and other employees, while Sutter Health and ABSMC continue to accrue massive profits, and continue to pay exorbitant salaries to their top executives.

Meanwhile, nurses at all the Sutter facilities and CHEU members at ABSMC who are facing take aways have voted to authorize the bargaining teams to call for strike action if and when necessary.

Our next bargaining date is April 30, 2012. If you are interested in attending this session, please let your labor representative know immediately. For bargaining updates and our plan for future actions, please contact your bargaining team members.