Today April 26, 2012 the CNA RN bargaining team and Sutter Lakeside management met for a bargaining session in an effort to reach a settlement and avoid the RN Strike scheduled for Tuesday May 1st.

CNA informed management that the RNs had rejected Sutter’s “Last, Best, and Final,” by an overwhelming majority during the Union vote on April 16, 2012.

The CNA RN bargaining team offered to withdraw the strike notice if Sutter was willing to withdraw the takeaways demanded by Sutter management.

Sutter Lakeside refused to withdraw the takeaways, and stated that they did not have the authority to make any modifications to their proposals. Sutter management attempted to declare impasse and again tried to argue that Sutter Lakeside could not afford the proposals that would keep our current level of wages, benefits, and working conditions.

Your CNA bargaining team is prepared to return to the table at any time and continue negotiating for a fair contract with-NO TAKEAWAYS! It is up to Sutter to bargain in good faith and settle a contract that is worthy of the Registered Nurses of Sutter Lakeside Hospital. It is our desire to settle our contract and we remain united and committed to continue to fight for our patients, our profession and our contract standards.

We will keep the CNA membership updated of any developments.

Our goal remains-a fair contract-with NO TAKEAWAYS!

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