

Department\_\_\_\_\_Employee Number\_\_\_\_\_

YES, I WANT TO HELP WIN  
A STRONG CONTRACT IN 2018!

☐ Sign me up to be on the Contract Action Team (CAT)! I'll help build a communication network at my worksite to keep my co-workers informed, and encourage them to participate in campaign activities.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Please provide me with a Voter Registration Form

The surveys of SEIU Local 721 members will be tabulated. In order for your survey to be processed, please complete the information below:

Name\_\_\_\_\_Job Title\_\_\_\_\_

Worksite\_\_\_\_\_Work Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Personal Cell Phone\*\_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

Steward or Worksite Organizer who gave you this survey\_\_\_\_\_

Return your survey to the Worksite Organizer or Union Steward who gave it to you,  
or mail the survey to:

SEIU Local 721  
1545 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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BARGAINING SURVEY



2018 Contract Campaign  
Bargaining Survey

SEIU 721 Brothers and Sisters,

Our union contract expires later this year. We are making preparations NOW to negotiate the best possible contract for the future.

We know that we will we be successful if we STAND UNITED behind well-considered bargaining priorities and strategies.

Please take a moment to fill out this bargaining survey and let us know what you think are the highest bargaining priorities this year.

When you have completed the survey, please turn it in to your Worksite Organizer or Union Steward, or drop it off at an SEIU 721 office. If you like, you may also fill it out online at <http://721.seiu.org/surveylacounty2018>

SEIU Local 721  
LA County  
Bargaining Policy Committee



A. SALARIES

1. Taking into consideration what you know about the economy, the political landscape, and the LA County budget, what are your expectations for salaries this year:

- ☐ No salary increase
- ☐ Significant salary increase
- ☐ Modest salary increase
- ☐ Don't know

2. What do you think is the best way to approach the salary issue this year?

- ☐ We should focus our efforts on winning the best possible across-the-board salary increase for ALL LA County employees.
- ☐ We should advocate for significant increases for those classifications that are way behind the labor market and where there are clear recruitment and retention issues.
- ☐ Both are equally important.

B. OPTIONS  
HEALTH BENEFITS

3. Many factors, including the dismantling of ObamaCare, could drive up health premiums over the next few years. If we do nothing about it, this would result in a reduction in our take home pay. In your view, how important is it to negotiate an increase in the County's Options contribution sufficient to cover future premium increases?

- ☐ Top Priority, even more important than raises
- ☐ High Priority, but not the highest
- ☐ Low Priority, other things are more important

C. CHILD CARE, ELDER CARE,  
RIDESHARE

4. In 2006, our Union negotiated a Child Care/ Dependent Care benefit which provides \$5 million annually to assist members with child or elder care costs. In 2013-14, we negotiated a Ride Share program with subsidies for members who ride metro or Metrolink to get to work.

Should we try to improve these benefits?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

If YES, how? \_\_\_\_\_

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D. OTHER BENEFITS

5. Which other benefits are most important to you and how should they be improved?

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F. HEALTH & SAFETY

6. Are there any health and safety issues at your worksite that jeopardize your well-being or the public's?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

If YES, how? \_\_\_\_\_

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G. OUTSOURCING AND  
JOB SECURITY

7. LA County relies on private contractors to perform duties that could be done by SEIU 721 members. How big a problem is this at your worksite/department?

- ☐ Critical issue. Our jobs are being threatened and undermined. We need to put a stop to it.
- ☐ Minor issue. There are contract workers, and we'd be better off without them, but they do not threaten the jobs of me or my co-workers.
- ☐ Not an issue. Our department does little or no contracting out. When they do use contract workers, it's just to fill a short-term need.

H. SAFE STAFFING AND  
WORKLOADS

8. In 2013, social workers struck to put more qualified people on the job to protect children. Are unmanageable workloads, long lines and unreasonable wait times a problem at your worksite?

- ☐ Yes, all the time.
- ☐ Now and then.
- ☐ No, or rarely.

If so, briefly describe how understaffing affects the quality of services you provide?

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I. BAD BOSSES AND  
BAD BUILDINGS

9. Unsafe office buildings in disrepair and abusive or disrespectful bosses are bad for workers, bad for the public and bad for LA County. These issues CAN be addressed at the bargaining table. Which of these issues is a problem at your worksite?

- ☐ Bad boss(es)
- ☐ Bad Building
- ☐ Both
- ☐ Neither

J. OTHER ISSUES

10. What other issues should be addressed in bargaining this year?

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K. YOUR PRIORITIES

11. Please rank in priority order the following issues. Mark 1 next to the issue most important to you, 2 next to the second most important and so on.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Health Benefits
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leaves of absence
- \_\_\_\_\_ Training & Promotions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Workloads / Caseloads
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health & Safety
- \_\_\_\_\_ Salaries (General)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Salaries ("Inequities")
- \_\_\_\_\_ Special Pay (Bonuses, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contracting Out & Job Security
- \_\_\_\_\_ Child Care or Ride Share
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bad Bosses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bad Buildings