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SEIU 721 SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS TO DESCEND ON SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DEMANDING ZERO LAYOFFS

Social Workers, Eligibility Workers, and Other SEIU 721 Members are Sounding the Alarm on Imminent Harm to Our County's Safety Net with Cuts to Our Community Services. Members Say "ZERO LAYOFFS"

Santa Barbara – Hundreds of social workers and eligibility workers are sounding the alarm on Santa Barbara County's plan to balance its budget on the backs of essential workers, and at the expense of our social services safety net.

Dozens of members will speak out at the next Board of Supervisors meeting to show how dangerous these **unnecessary** cuts would be.

There is no countywide budget crisis. There is a **surplus.** We are demanding that the County provide funds to the Social Services Department, which is in a deficit, to invest in frontline services our communities rely on. The County is currently planning on using funds that could go to the Social Services Department to instead be used to update the County jail.

WHO: Dozens of Social Workers and Eligibility Workers from SEIU 721

WHAT: Large contingency of County Workers speaking at the Board of Supervisors meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, October 7, 9am to 11am

WHERE:
- Santa Barbara County BOS Chambers, 105 E Anapamu St # 406, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- Santa Maria - Betteravia Government Administration Building,511 Lakeside Pkwy, Santa Maria, CA 93455
- We will have an action at both locations. The board members will be in Santa Barbara.

VISUALS: Dozens of social workers, eligibility workers and other SEIU members speaking and workers holding "ZERO LAYOFFS" placards.

PARKING: There is parking across the street in a paid parking lot from the Santa Barbara County building. There is ample street parking around the Betteravia building.

BACKGROUND:
SEIU 721 is demanding zero layoffs as the County plans on gutting our County social safety net.

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