

Crisis at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

What will it take to bring hospital administrators to their senses?



Photo by Lisa Weingarten

Another strike?

Pomona Valley nurses have been negotiating a new contract since April, but hospital CEO Richard Yochum has turned deaf ears to our proposals.

For eight months, the RNs have tried to find common ground with management to ensure safe staffing levels and keep seasoned nurses at patients' bedside. But Yochum has refused to budge, even when we withdrew key proposals.

This Wednesday, Pomona Valley nurses will vote on whether to strike during the holidays. This is a step we take — reluctantly — for quality patient care as much as for a quality contract.

We urge hospital management to return to the bargaining table and reach an agreement that provides RNs the respect and competitive salaries we deserve. It's the only way to recruit and retain the top quality nursing our families and neighbors expect and deserve.

Who Approved Richard Yochum's \$440,000 Salary in 2005?

The same cronies who more than doubled Yochum's salary during the past four years! Pomonans would be shocked to learn that hospital executives have been getting double-digit pay raises while our RNs have been falling farther behind other area nurses.

That's no way to run a hospital, but the Old Boys calling the shots at Pomona Valley hold sway over much of our community, from the County Fair Association and Pomona First Federal Bank to the Chamber of Commerce and University of La Verne.



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The PVHMC Board of Directors should reflect the new face of Pomona!

Pomona Valley's Board of Directors is failing its duty to oversee the hospital's operation. Corporate governance means planning for the community's future needs

— not rubber-stamping Rich Yochum's pay raises. The Old Boys have got to go. PVHMC needs a Board of Directors that reflects the face of modern Pomona.

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