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The Technical employees of the MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital have overwhelmingly voted to authorize a strike, with a 95% yes vote. The employees, including all Surgical, CT, Radiology, Ultrasound, MRI, Nuclear Medicine, Pharmacy, Laboratory and all other Technologists working at the Hospital have actively engaged in negotiating for a Union contract since February of 2025. The Union has been forced to file multiple Unfair Labor Practice Charges against the Hospital for making unilateral changes in the working conditions without an agreement in place.

Since taking over Memorial Hospital in 2023 MultiCare has reduced the hospital employees' medical coverage for their families, made cuts to their retirement benefits, reduced their PTO accruals, and reduced their pay levels for incentives.

Memorial Hospital had a long history of being voted as one of the best employers in Yakima County. Sadly, the employees no longer believe that to be true since being taken over by MultiCare. The technical employees comprise a unit of 168 employees at the hospital who are responsible for assisting in surgeries, performing all the x-ray, ultrasound, CT scans and MRI imaging duties along with the laboratory, pharmaceutical and other responsibilities.

Teamsters Local 760 stands with these employees in their effort to be treated fairly and to have real job security. By voting to authorize a strike, the technical employees have collectively reached a point in negotiations that they no longer believe that MultiCare is making a good faith effort to resolve the grievances.

MultiCare lists its shared values as Respect, Integrity, Stewardship, Excellence, Collaboration and Kindness. MultiCare claims to follow its shared values, but it is apparent that the only real value that MultiCare really believes in is corporate profits. The employees have adopted the slogan of:

"MultiCare - Doesn't Care"