

PRIME TARGET #3: *Victory in Victor Valley!*



UNAC/UHCP Helps Block Sale of Hospital to Prime "Healthcare"

UNAC/UHCP fought Prime's purchase of Victor Valley Community Hospital and won. We will oppose Prime's expansion until they reform their business practices to:

- Put patients ahead of profits
- Treat hardworking caregiver RNs with respect
- Recognize collective bargaining rights for RNs at Chino Valley Medical Center

The California State Attorney General sided with UNAC/UHCP against Prime's expansion by denying the sale, after we stood up for RNs and patients at an August 17 hearing alongside family members of a victimized Prime patient, concerned community groups and local doctors, and other unions.

Helen Bouman, RN, President of Garden Grove Registered Nurses Association, and UNAC/UHCP Attorney Lisa Demidovich both testified for UNAC/UHCP.

At every level, including federal court and the National Labor Relations Board, UNAC/UHCP is fighting for Chino RNs' collective bargaining rights, and to protect them against Prime's repeated illegal threats and retaliation.

While Prime continues to fight against RNs at Chino, UNAC/UHCP fights to protect RNs and patients everywhere.

Turn over for leaflet we passed out at 8/17 hearing

"We have concluded that this proposed sale is not in the public interest and will likely create a significant effect on the availability and accessibility of healthcare services to the affected community."

--From the California Attorney General's September 20 decision

Testimony of UNAC/UHCP Staff Attorney Lisa Demidovich:



Helen Bouman, RN, GGRNA
President testifies at 8/17 hearing

"Prime proposed massive cuts for RNs in pay and benefits to grow the Prime Empire at the expense of the Garden Grove community."

"Chino Valley RNs voted overwhelmingly for representation by UNAC/UHCP, but Prime has ignored that decision and entered into a four-front legal battle to avoid its legal obligation to bargain with the RNs."

UNAC/UHCP Stands Up for RNs and Quality Patient Care at Chino

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United Nurses Stand Against Outlaw Prime

Prime Prosecuted for Targeting Caregivers

Prime Healthcare is a rich, for-profit hospital chain, under prosecution by the federal government for breaking the law by targeting its own nurses—the caregivers for its patients.



Charges against Prime:

- Unlawful firing and discipline of nurses for organizing to improve patient care and working conditions
- Unlawful threats and retaliation against nurses for organizing to speak up
- Refusal to sit down with nurses to bargain improvements to patient care

At Prime hospitals Chino Valley Medical Center and Garden Grove Hospital & Medical Center, nurses have joined together to stand up for quality patient care against illegal attacks by Prime. The 20,000-strong United Nurses Associations of California/Union of Health Care Professionals (UNAC/UHCP) has worked with the federal government to protect caregivers and patients.

Nurses are primary caregivers and patient advocates. An attack against nurses is an attack against patient care.

Prime is Bad for Your Community

The Prime method for “turning around” financially strapped hospitals is simple: Prime puts profits over people.

When Prime comes into a community, it has:

- **Cut vital but low-profit health services** like chemotherapy treatments and mental health care¹
- **Cut wages and benefits**—like health care—for its caregivers
- **Attempted to silence patient advocates**—its own nurses and health care professionals—through unlawful threats and retaliation

Prime drives out good jobs and drives down wages, harming the economy, families and the community.

Prime “Healthcare” is Bad for Community Health: Keep Prime Out of Victor Valley

The mission of UNAC/UHCP is to empower health care professionals to be advocates for members and patients: to create a high quality work environment; to provide economic and professional advancement; and to improve the quality of healthcare.

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¹Los Angeles Times, July 8, 2007, “Hospital Group Rejects System and Cashes In”

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