

Lockout proves Sutter hospitals have very little "Local Control"



Sutter hospitals keep insisting they have "local control" but the lockout alone proves it's really the Sutter Corporation calling the shots, not the local hospitals. Every hospital that healthcare workers struck on Wednesday responded by locking healthcare workers out. Similarly, negotiators representing the individual hospitals are dragging their feet on the same issues all the time: safe and stable staffing, and education and training to protect patient care. Sutter keeps saying this is about a master contract. But in the end, they are the ones acting like an old-school "master."

#### Schedule of Events

- 6:00 a.m. - Picketing begins
- 12:00 noon - Local 2 joins health care workers for press conference at Cathedral Hill Hotel
- 4:00 p.m. - East Bay elected official hearing Scottish Rites Hall, 1547 Lakeside Drive in Oakland
- 5:00 p.m. - Candlelight vigil at Sutter Delta, 1701 Lonetree Way in Antioch



### San Francisco Supervisors Condemn the Lockout

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors today strongly condemned Sutter's lockout of health-care workers at a hearing called by Supervisor Chris Daly. The Supervisors put CPMC Board President Patrick Thompson in the hot seat, challenging him on Sutter's control of local hospital policy and the justification for a lockout.



Supervisor Sophie Maxwell said Sutter ought to "be ashamed of themselves."



Supervisor Chris Daly sponsored the hearings

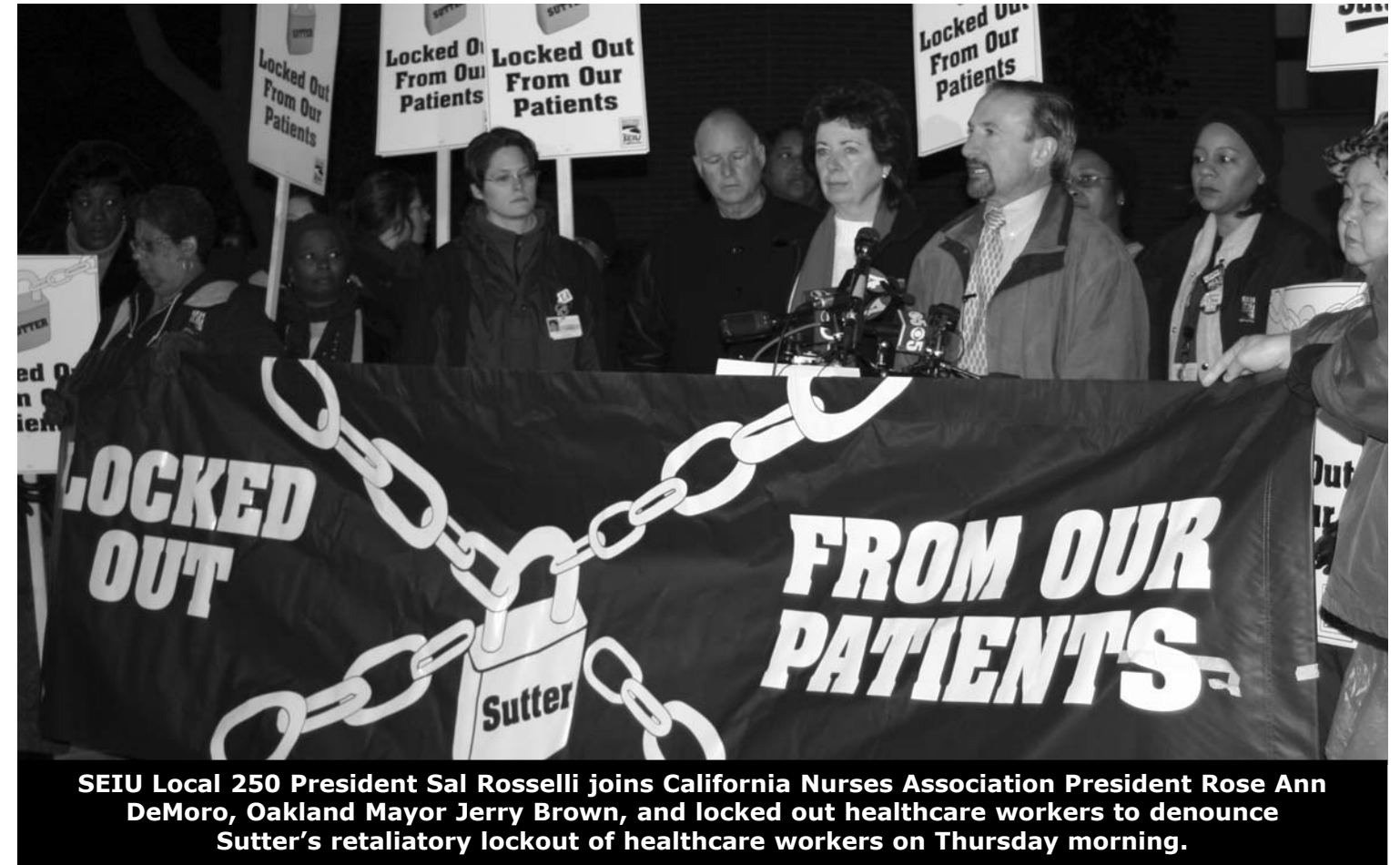
The Board was unanimous in their condemnation of Sutter's lockout. District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty referred to it as "inexcusable" while District 10 Supervisor Sophie Maxwell said Sutter ought to be "ashamed" of their behavior.

District 10 Supervisor Jake McGoldrick questioned Sutter's poor charity care record. Supervisors unanimously rejected Sutter's unbelievable argument that the lockout was necessary to justify the "continuity of care" and were angry with Sutter's refusal to answer in any more detail.

At the end of the session, District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin introduced a resolution for full board consideration that said Sutter should join the rest of Northern California's hospitals in adopting the safe staffing and patient care standards healthcare workers are demanding.

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SEIU Local 250 President Sal Rosselli joins California Nurses Association President Rose Ann DeMoro, Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, and locked out healthcare workers to denounce Sutter's retaliatory lockout of healthcare workers on Thursday morning.

## Sutter locks out caregivers in retaliation for one-day strike

**Locked Out!**  
Ignoring demands for good faith bargaining about safe staffing and education and training to protect patient care, the multi-billion dollar Sutter Corporation today locked out thousands of healthcare workers in retaliation for a one-day strike on Wednesday. The lockout began Thursday morning when healthcare workers who had been after picketing all day Wednesday tried to return to their jobs and instead, were intercepted by guards who refused to allow them into the building.

**Oakland Mayor Denounces Lockout**  
This morning, Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown joined our picket line, angrily condemning Sutter's lockout and insisting they return to the bargaining table and negotiate in good faith to address safe staffing and other patient care concerns. In fact, as you see on the back of this flyer, elected officials across Northern California are roundly condemning Sutter's lockout of healthcare workers. It's starting to look like Sutter may have made a very serious mistake by following their internal PR department instead of listening to the people

**Workers Worry About Patient Care During Lockout**  
As soon as the lockout was official, workers immediately turned to the issue of patient care and safety. "It's a really bad decision by Sutter," said Mary Zenon-Smith. "We were only willing to strike for one day out of concern for our patients but now Sutter has made things much worse. These replacement caregivers have no prior experience or relationship with the patients they are caring for, they don't come from our communities. Many of them have been flown from other parts of the country," she said.