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Mid-Columbia Center For Living In Crisis
Continued Labor Violations and Massive Turnover Plague Organization

THE DALLES, OR - After nearly eleven months bargaining their first contract, workers from Mid-Columbia Center For Living (MCCFL) continue to be met with obstructive behavior on the part of MCCFL's contract negotiators.

In November, after the Oregon Employee Relations Board (ERB) found MCCFL in violation of the law, MCCFL settled with Oregon AFSCME workers for upwards of \$40,000 following illegal efforts to subvert union activities.

With nearly 50% of the roughly 80 union-represented positions at MCCFL vacant and managers leaving in droves, MCCFL is in crisis.

"It seems like every day someone else leaves, and it's no surprise why people are leaving, MCCFL says they have no money, but the Executive Director recently received a 7% raise, and the people they have bargaining with us don't even work at MCCFL, they're paid contractors. That can't be cheap" said Daniel Vázquez.

"Ten people have left in the last two weeks, what does that say about our working conditions? We're simply asking for respect and fairness, and instead of working with us, MCCFL's bargaining team continues to obstruct the process" added Joe Lucia.

With additional unfair labor practice claims against MCCFL pending, it's time MCCFL takes its role in the community seriously, and bargain in good faith.

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