SEIU 49 members can look forward to a busy year, with numerous opportunities to take action and continue working to bring positive change to Oregon and Washington that improves the lives of workers and our families.

Our Union is committed to winning on issues that matter most to working families: affordable housing, quality healthcare for everyone, Union rights, and commonsense immigration reform. Here’s how you can get involved:

✔ Stay informed by following us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @seiu49
✔ Sharpen your organizing skills by attending leadership trainings and Union meetings.
✔ Join the Member Political Committee and commit to sharing information with your coworkers about SEIU-endorsed candidates during election season.

There’s a lot at stake for working families this year, so we’re rolling up our sleeves and getting to work. We have much to be proud of—and much to look forward to in 2018.

“SEIU members aren’t afraid to do what’s right for the people and work for change!”

Summer Villers, PAS, Kaiser

TOGETHER WE MOBILIZE!

WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!

There’s a lot of alarming news about the crisis facing workers in our country. Anti-union politicians are pandering to greedy corporations, and are trying to pass laws that make it harder for workers to organize and keep our pay and benefits high.

But I want SEIU 49 members to know that in the face of these challenges, our Union is growing and getting stronger. Our membership has more than doubled over the last decade, and new members are joining with us.

That’s because SEIU 49 is a fighting union, and we don’t back down from injustice. Last year, members faced tough negotiations across our union—and every time, we came away with stronger contracts and more money in our member’s pockets. We’re proud that healthcare workers at Legacy Health System and Columbia Memorial Hospital were able to finally make healthcare coverage more affordable. And when employers try to chip away at our benefits and rights, we have each other’s back. Many of you walked the picket line to support New System Laundry workers on their two-day strike to keep their healthcare affordable and protest unfair labor practices. This is the kind of solidarity to helps us grow stronger together.

We passed important laws that improve the lives of our members and their families. As our country comes to terms with allegations of sexual misconduct in the workplace, courageous workers fought to pass a law in Oregon that will protect workers in the janitorial industry against sexual assault on the job. We also passed landmark legislation that guarantees paid family leave in Washington, so workers no longer have to choose between their jobs and caring for their families.

This year, we’ll use our political and community strength to protect workers’ rights and stand up for issues like affordable housing. With elections around the corner, we’ll need all hands on deck to talk with co-workers and neighbors about why voting matters. Please be on the lookout this spring and fall for flyers and emails with information on how to get involved.

Finally, in 2018, we’re laser-focused on making sure all our members are recommitting to stick together as a Union, bargaining strong contracts at Kaiser, Samaritan, Reed College, and anywhere we have negotiations. We’re going to keep organizing healthcare and janitorial workers into the Union, and ramp-up our resistance to the anti-worker, anti-family, anti-healthcare rollbacks corporations and billionaires are trying to push through. Let’s continue to stick together and stand united to improve the lives of all working families.

In Unity,

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President
SEIU Local 49
Kaiser Administrative Assistant III's united in our Union,
We also welcomed cabin cleaners and passenger
In 2017, 

Last year, we welcomed 600 new workers into our Union!

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In 2018, we’re continuing to call on Congress to pass a Dream
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families to stay together and live and work without fear.
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equality. Last January, our Union joined 5 million people
worldwide for The Women’s March. We raised our voices
and reaffirmed our mission to create transformative, lasting
change in our communities.

“Workers are what makes society function. There’s
strength and power in numbers, and we can
make a huge impact at work and in our
communities when we
stand together.”

“Rise Up” is more than just a slogan for SEIU members. Our
unwavering commitment to social and economic justice was
the foundation for our active participation in several critical
campaigns over the last year.

We defended healthcare for millions of Americans. Through
our phone calls, emails, protests and legislative action
days, we disrupted repeated Congressional efforts to repeal
the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which would have ripped
healthcare from millions of Americans. This was a huge victory,
yet we must be prepared to push back against the next round
of attacks on access to quality, affordable healthcare.

We pushed back against anti-immigrant policies. In 2017,
we took action to call for policies that create real solutions
to immigration reform without unjustly punishing immigrants
who work hard, pay taxes, and sacrifice for their families.
In Oregon, we passed legislation that provides healthcare
coverage for all children, regardless of immigration status.
We also fought to pass a bill that protects workers from
sexual assault on the job, making it safer for employees to
earn a living.

We ratified over a dozen contracts in 2017, and members
went head-to-head with employers such as Legacy Emanuel,
Randall Children’s Hospital, Unity Center for Behavioral Health,
Huntsleigh, Security, Planned Parenthood, Columbia Memorial,
and New System Laundry to demand fair wage increases,
affordable healthcare, and respect for our Union.

We’re ramping up our work to keep good jobs in our region.
Through our Raise America campaign, we’re working to
organize janitors into our Union, and encourage property
managers to ensure their contractors have
responsible employment practices.

We’re bargaining transformative contracts. A strong
contract victory builds workplace leadership, helps members
keep up with the rising cost of living, and raises standards for
all workers.

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political issues important to working families and
contributing to and spending money in connection
with elections.