

# Speak Out Now! At Alta Bates 3-5-18

## Cut, Spend and Cut Out

Chuck Prosper, the now-former CEO of Alta Bates arrived in 2012, and what has he done for the community? He presided over the cutting of 358 full time equivalent jobs. Meanwhile he spent \$350 million on the new tower in Oakland. Now he's gone? And who will replace him? Someone who will cut jobs, attack workers' pay and conditions, and spend money on the flashy new hospital of course! These guys just cut, spend, and then cut out!

## Divided We Fall

If management's goal was to divide us and keep us from talking together, then it's working. We don't talk to each other at work. If we want to even compare notes on what's going on we need to get together after work. Well, if that's what it takes to turn things around then we had better get together and develop a strategy to get the changes we need to make life better for all of us. One thing is sure, divided we fall.

## O.B.D . Obsessive Bossing Disorder

There's a kind of boss we all know, the one who walks around the hospital giving orders to everyone. It doesn't matter if you're E.V.S., engineering, security, or a tech, they boss you around. The higher up they are, the more they boss people around. When the boss goes home they probably boss everyone around too down to the dog and the goldfish. It's bad behavior, that's for sure, but we should call it what it is – obsessive bossing disorder. You know the boss has O.B.D. if he can't stop bossing people around, even when they're off the clock.

## From Yelp.com Re: Alta Bates

*"Is this place so much for profit that they don't allow EVS to do their job and give them enough time or is it the fact that EVS cannot clean"* –Jeff

It's because of the profits, Jeff.

## Come Talk to Us:

We will be at Alta Bates  
Wednesday 6:30am-8:00am and 2:30pm-4:00pm

## 90,000 is a BIG Number

Alta Bates alone has 45,000 patients come to the E.R. per year. And Summit has 45,000 per year at their E.R. So do the math, it's not rocket science,  $45,000 + 45,000 = 90,000$ . Summit has been silent on their plan, but we know some things. There will be no new engineers at Summit, but there will be layoffs and retirements at Alta Bates. It will likely be the same with other job categories. It's time to stop talking, and take it to the community and the streets. The solution is to SAVE ALTA BATES.

## It Would Be Nice To Know

While the shutdown of Alta Bates gets closer and closer, it would be nice to know some things about the move. What will the workers do? Change careers? Go back to school? Retire? Buy a nice tent to live in? The reality is that many of us are one paycheck away from homeless. It would be nice to know, but Alta Bates sees us as property to be used and thrown away to make it easier for them to make their profits.

## The Watsonville Canning Strike

Thirty years ago, Watsonville, California was the "frozen food capital of the world." In September 1985, 1000 mostly Mexican women workers at the town's largest plant were forced out on strike when the owner tried to bust their union. Few, if any, of the women had any strike experience. Their local union was barely functioning. But they organized themselves, held out for 18 months, forced the plant owner into bankruptcy, and won a contract from the new owner after a five day wildcat strike.

**Sat, March 17, 7PM Doors open @ 6:30 PM  
South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.**

