

We, the undersigned striking registered nurses at Tenet-owned St. Vincent Hospital, call upon Tenet Chairman Ron Rittenmeyer and the Tenet Board of Directors to take immediate action to resume good faith negotiations to reach an agreement that includes the staffing and patient care improvements we have identified as essential to protecting the safety of our patients and our community. For the last two years we have tried to convince your local administration to address a patient safety crisis that has continually jeopardized the health and safety of our patients. Those conditions deteriorated drastically over the last year as our members sacrificed their safety and the safety of their own families to provide care during the worst public health crisis in our nation's history; and while our pleas for necessary staffing support during pandemic conditions were repeatedly denied. Instead of addressing our legitimate concerns, your administration acted with complete disdain for its nurses, leaving us no choice but to vote to strike. Your administration has since endorsed the expenditure of tens of millions of dollars to prolong our strike, has ceased negotiations and is now perpetrating the ultimate power play: threatening us by attempting to permanently replace us – all to avoid being held accountable for providing safer patient care. We represent hundreds of years of nursing experience and service to this, our community. We are irreplaceable and are firmly resolved to maintain our strike until Tenet comes to the table and agrees to a contract that provides the necessary staffing improvements to ensure the safety of our patients. For nurses, this strike has nothing to do with profit and loss, for us, our patients are our friends and neighbors and any mistakes we make due to understaffing have names attached to them, with real life and death consequences. We will not let them down!

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