



# Kriss Worthington

Councilmember, City of Berkeley, District 7

2180 Milvia Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

PHONE 510-981-7170 FAX 510-981-7177 [kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us)

## CONSENT CALENDAR

September 18, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Support UNITE HERE! and the workers at the HMS Host at the Oakland International Airport

### RECOMMENDATION

Support UNITE HERE! and the workers at the food and retail subtenants of HMS Host at the Oakland International Airport.

### BACKGROUND

Over the past two months, non-union food service workers at the Oakland Airport have been standing up for justice on the job. They've filed claims alleging violations of state and local labor laws, and demanded a fair process to decide whether to join a union, free from employer intimidation.

Since workers went public with their demands, Hakima Arhab and Bikram Thapa – both Subway employees active in the campaign – were fired. Other workers have seen their hours cut, or have received citations from the Port of Oakland for coming into the airport on their days off to speak with their employers about problems on the job. The Port, the State of California, and the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board are investigating claims about violations of the law. But in the meantime, workers are continuing their struggle for fairness and dignity – and are calling for a consumer boycott of their employers

Above information quoted from website. Individuals or groups can sign the boycott pledge at: [http://www.unitehere2850.org/?page\\_id=276](http://www.unitehere2850.org/?page_id=276)

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

### CONTACT PERSON

Councilmember Kriss Worthington 510-981-7170

Attachment:

1. UNITE HERE! Boycott flier
2. UNITE HERE! Pledge form