



SPSE-UPTE Invites You to a Noontime Discussion

What are Unions Doing Locally and Nationally to Protect Middle-Class Wages and Benefits

By Jean Cohen, Political Director Alameda Labor Council

**Wednesday, September 28
Building 453, Armadillo Room 1001
Noon to 1:00 p.m.**

Recent trends in private sector employment, wages and benefits are discouraging. Recent actions by Proctor and Gamble that focus new product development on products for upper and lower income consumers, ending its decades old focus on middle-income consumers, highlight the continuing long-term decline in the nation's middle class. Jean Cohen, the Political Director for the Alameda Labor Council, which represents over 100,000 workers in Alameda County, including LLNL staff who are members of SPSE-UPTE CWA AFL-CIO Local 9119, is leading union efforts in the County to promote the employment opportunities, wages, and benefits necessary to maintain our County's middle class. In her remarks, Jean will

1. Review the future of private sector health and retirement benefits
2. Review the approaches labor is taking to reverse trends shrinking the real wages of the middle class at LLNL and in Alameda County and the country,
3. Describe Alameda Labor Council Political and Policy Programs, including
 - a. Pension reform
 - b. Fight for a fair economy – a living wage plus
 - c. Revive Oakland Campaign
 - d. Political races

This event will also include a dialog along with Ms. Cohen's remarks. Come find out if SPSE-UPTE and the Alameda Central Labor Council are addressing your concerns on employment opportunities, wages, and benefits. Let us know of additional concerns you believe your union could and should address.

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