

Hello, my name is Chris Ingram. Running for this vacant seat on SEIU-UHW's Executive Board brings back good memories for me. Eight years ago, I stood outside Tri-City Medical Center and collected cards to help my fellow coworkers join the union. I also served as Tri-City's representative to help build our union into becoming one of the most democratic, member-driven unions in the country.

After thirty years of hospital experience, one thing is clear to me. We need unions now more than ever before. As healthcare workers, the most important thing we do is to provide care for people when they are at their most vulnerable. Hospitals and healthcare companies, however, have divided interests. They are always trying to balance quality healthcare with cost savings. This is why patients need union members to serve as their advocates, ensuring that the quality of their care is never compromised.

Another reason we need unions is to make sure that the work we do is valued by society. Since police, firefighters, teachers and healthcare workers serve the needs of others, we must all support one another and those we serve. For all important decisions, choose well. Thank you.