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SEIU Local 1000 President-elect Richard Louis Brown

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SEIU Local 1000's \$1M donation nets 1.05% raise from Gov. Gavin Newsom after he restores the 9.23% state employee pay cuts over the last year.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Since July 2020, 96,000 state employees represented by SEIU Local 1000 have endured a 9.23% pay-cut every month. This past week Gov. Gavin Newsom restored the payroll reduction and ended the two personal-leave-program (PLP) days. The Governor's action followed an emergency meeting when Local 1000's outgoing President Yvonne Walker, along with the union's governing council, donated \$1M to Newsom's recall campaign.

Incoming Local 1000 President-elect Richard Louis Brown has been critical of the Governor's PLP pay cuts as well as the union's \$1M donation to Newsom.

"Employees represented by Local 1000 have a signed contract with this Governor, these cuts should have never happened. The 9.23% cut was based on bad financial projections," said Brown.

In May 2020 Gov. Newsom projected a \$54B+ budget deficit that never occurred. One-year later it was announced that California has a nearly \$76B budget surplus.

State employees were scheduled to receive a 2.5% raise in July 2020, and 2% plus another .05%, this July 2021. Together with the 3.5% cost of prefunding retirement benefits state employees will only net 1.05% gain.

"As the future Local 1000 President our contracts will never be broken again regardless of who the President is," said Brown. "Local 1000 under my leadership will finally become a real labor union, not the political organization it is now."

President-elect Brown is set to assume office on June 26.

You can learn more about SEIU Local 1000 President-elect Brown's platform at:
<https://www.createexcellence7437.com/the-plan>

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