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UNITE HERE Local 5
Media Advisory for Labor Day, September 4, 2023

Hotel Workers Demand a Fair Contract at the Ilikai Hotel In Labor Day Action

- WHO:** UNITE HERE Local 5 members from the Ilikai Hotel and hotels across Waikiki
- WHAT:** Day long rally and sign-waving to demand that Ilikai Hotel management settle a fair contract with the employees of the hotel.
- WHERE:** In front of Ilikai Hotel at 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu HI 96815
- WHEN:** Labor Day Monday, Sept 4, 2023, from 6:30am - 6:30pm, *main program at 5:00pm.*
- WHY:** Local 5 members are demanding that Ilikai Hotel managers settle a fair contract. The hotel workers have been working without a contract for five years since 2018. While other major UNITE HERE Local 5 hotels in Waikiki and across the state have settled contracts, Ilikai has left these workers behind by refusing to settle a fair contract. After surviving the uncertainty of the Covid pandemic Ilikai workers now suffer from wages that are seven dollars less than workers at neighboring hotels who do the same job. Ilikai workers clean rooms that are larger than typical hotel rooms and have kitchens. Furthermore, Ilikai rooms are not cleaned daily leading to less work hours for these tourism industry workers.

The action is being held on Labor Day to celebrate the power of worker solidarity and collective action. People around the world are facing crushing costs of living and existential threats to human existence on the planet. Hawaii home prices are out of reach for most working families, wages continue to lag behind inflation while corporate profits continue to grow. Union hotel workers in Hawaii continue to lead the fight for a better world.

VISUALS: Sign waving, banners and chanting by Local 5 hotel workers with speaker program at end.

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