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320 McLaren Macomb Employees Vote to Join OPEIU Local 40

Mt. Clemens, MI (Aug. 29, 2019) – A group of 320 clerical associates, couriers, critical care techs, dispatchers, lab assistants, patient access reps, patient sitters, pharmacy techs and several other classifications at McLaren Macomb hospital voted last night 172 to 113 to form a union with the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) Local 40. There were 35 additional ballots that remained unopened and were not determinative in the election outcome.

The vote proceeded despite McLaren's efforts to defy the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Region 7's recently issued Decision and Direction of Election by attempting to stop the election from proceeding and challenging nearly 100 voters, which would have resulted in a delay of election results. The NLRB, however, ordered the ballots to be opened and included in the total vote count.

"This is the proudest day in the history of Local 40," said Local 40 President Jeff Morawski, "The workers' voices were heard loud and clear, and I am excited and proud to welcome them to Local 40. When workers win an election to form a union, everyone wins."

"I'm proud of our group for standing united and not backing down no matter what our employer threw in our way," said Leah Derr, a lab assistant. "Our solidarity gave us an overwhelming victory and we're going to take that power with us to the bargaining table. We are a union family now!"

To arrange an interview, please contact Jeff Morawski at 586-260-9572 or via email at jmorawski@opeiulocal40.org.

PHOTO CAPTION: McLaren Macomb hospital employees vote for representation by OPEIU Local 40. Also pictured are Local 40 officers and staff.

ABOUT LOCAL 40

OPEIU Local 40 represents registered nurses at McLaren Macomb and the RNs and radiology technologists at Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital. Local 40 is a founding member of the OPEIU Nurses Council, which represents more than 14,000 healthcare professionals.

ABOUT OPEIU

The Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), AFL-CIO, represents more than 103,000 members in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. OPEIU represents approximately 14,000 nurses and healthcare professionals throughout the U.S. under the umbrella of the OPEIU Nurses Council. OPEIU has locals in every state, Puerto Rico and Canada, and represents employees and independent contractors in credit unions, hospitals and medical clinics, insurance, higher education, transportation, shipping, utilities, hotels, administrative offices and more. Professional organizations and Guilds affiliated with OPEIU are a diverse group that includes registered nurses, podiatrists, clinical social workers and teachers.