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**Re: Sutter Health  
Case 32-CA-260499**

Dear Ms. Lucido:

We have carefully investigated and considered your charge that Sutter Health has violated the National Labor Relations Act.

**Partial Conditional Decision to Dismiss:** Based on that investigation, it appears that the portion of the charge alleging that the Employer violated Sections 8(a)(5) and (1) of the Act by making unilateral changes to bargaining unit employees' terms and conditions of employment without notifying and bargaining to impasse or agreement with the Union may have merit. However, I have conditionally decided to dismiss this allegation 6 months from today because there have not been any meritorious charges against Sutter Health within the past several years, and because the conduct alleged, namely minor changes in hours implemented on May 11, 2020, were requested by employees involved in order to reduce their hours of work. The changes involved a small portion of the unit, and the Union did not ask the Employer to rescind the changes and return to the old hours.

If a meritorious charge involving other unfair labor practices is filed against the Charged Party during that period, I will reconsider whether further proceedings on this charge are warranted.

**Charging Party's Right to Appeal:** The Charging Party may appeal my decision to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, through the Office of Appeals.

**Means of Filing:** You must file your appeal electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible (Written instructions for the NLRB's E-Filing system and the Terms and Conditions of the NLRB's E-Filing policy are available at [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov). See [User Guide](#). A video demonstration which provides [step-by-step instructions](#) and frequently asked questions are also available at [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov). If you require additional assistance with E-Filing, please contact [E-File@NLRB.gov](mailto:E-File@NLRB.gov).)

You are encouraged to also submit a complete statement of the facts and reasons why you believe my decision was incorrect. If you cannot file electronically, please send the appeal

and your written explanation of why you cannot file electronically to the **General Counsel** at the **National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the appeal should also be sent to me.

The appeal MAY NOT be filed by fax or email. The Office of Appeals will not process faxed or emailed appeals.

**Appeal Due Date:** The appeal is due on **September 1, 2020**. If the appeal is filed electronically, the transmission of the entire document through the Agency's website must be completed **no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** on the due date. If filing by mail or by delivery service an appeal will be found to be timely filed if it is postmarked or given to a delivery service no later than August 31, 2020. **If an appeal is postmarked or given to a delivery service on the due date, it will be rejected as untimely.** If hand delivered, an appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington D.C. by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the appeal due date. If an appeal is not submitted in accordance with this paragraph, it will be rejected.

**Extension of Time to File Appeal:** The General Counsel may allow additional time to file the appeal if the Charging Party provides a good reason for doing so and the request for an extension of time is **received on or before September 1, 2020**. The request may be filed electronically through the *E-File Documents* link on our website [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov), by fax to (202)273-4283, by mail, or by delivery service. The General Counsel will not consider any request for an extension of time to file an appeal received after September 1, 2020, **even if it is postmarked or given to the delivery service before the due date**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the extension of time should also be sent to me.

**Confidentiality:** We will not honor requests to limit our use of appeal statements or evidence. Upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by a party during the processing of an appeal, the Agency's FOIA Branch discloses appeal statements, redacted for personal privacy, confidential source protection, or other applicable FOIA exemptions. In the event the appeal is sustained, any statement or material submitted may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Very truly yours,



Valerie Hardy-Mahoney  
Regional Director

Enclosure

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**APPEAL FORM**

To: General Counsel  
Attn: Office of Appeals  
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Date:

Please be advised that an appeal is hereby taken to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board from the action of the Regional Director in refusing to issue a complaint on the charge in

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Case Name(s).

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Case No(s). *(If more than one case number, include all case numbers in which appeal is taken.)*

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*(Signature)*

## E-FILING TO APPEALS

- Extension of Time:** This document is used when the Charging Party is asking for more time to efile an Appeal.
  - If an Extension of Time is e-filed, and there are additional documents to be e-filed simultaneously with it, please e-file those documents under the selection **Correspondence**.
  - After an Extension of Time has already been e-filed, any **additional** materials to add to the Extension of Time should be e-filed under **Correspondence**.
- File an Appeal:** If the Charging Party does not agree with the Region's decision on the case, an Appeal can be e-filed.
  - Only **one (1) Appeal** can be e-filed to **each** determination in the Region's decision letter that is received.
  - After an Appeal has been e-filed, any **additional** materials to add to the Appeal should be e-filed under **Correspondence**.
- Notice of Appearance:** Either party can e-file a Notice of Appearance if there is a new counsel representing one side or a different counsel.
  - This document is only e-filed with the Office of Appeals after a decision has been made by the Region.
  - This document can be e-filed **before** an Appeal is e-filed.
- Correspondence:** Parties will **select** Correspondence when adding documents or supplementing the Appeal or Extension of Time.
  - Correspondence is used to e-file documents **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal** or **Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.
- Position Statement:** The Charging Party or Charged Party may e-file a Position Statement.
  - The Charging Party will e-file this document as a supplement of the Appeal.
  - The Charged Party will specifically file one to support the Region's decision.
  - This document should be e-filed **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal** or **Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.
- Withdrawal Request:** If the Charging Party decides to no longer pursue their appeal, he/she can e-file a Withdrawal Request to the Office of Appeals.
  - This document should be e-Filed **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal** or **Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.



- The selections of **Evidence** or **Other** should no longer be used.