

## Solidarity action stops WinCo Foods' anti-worker lawsuit



When Winco Foods caught employee John J talking to his coworkers about pay and working conditions, they accused him of “stealing” a 37-cent ketchup packet and fired him. Later they sent John a letter threatening to sue him for shoplifting unless he paid them \$200.37.

John joined with the Solidarity Network and walked into the boss’s office with 14 others to demand that Winco back off and withdraw their legal threats. Two pickets later, Winco sent John a letter pledging not to take him to court, admitting that he did not owe them any money, and wishing him “a nice day.”

## Motel residents win relocation assistance from notorious slumlords

Stephanie, Yvette and other long-term residents of the notorious Green Lake motel were suddenly **ordered out of their homes** with two days notice. Organized with the Solidarity Network, motel tenants and supporters **defied eviction** threats, leafleted the owners’ neighbors, and picketed two of their motels at peak check-in time. Within a month the slumlords met our demands, paying three-months’ rent per household to all residents who got involved.



## More things you might like to know about Seattle Solidarity Network

1. Seattle Solidarity Network is also known as “SeaSol” for short.
2. SeaSol was founded in late 2007 by members of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW).
3. SeaSol is completely **all-volunteer** - no one gets paid for being involved.
4. We have **committees of organizers** who have committed to make mobilizing phone calls, regularly attend meetings, and help plan fights and organize actions.
5. We have **no source of funding** besides small donations.
6. We oppose all forms of discrimination and oppression, whether by employers, landlords, institutions or individuals among us.
7. SeaSol is based on the principles of anarcho-syndicalism. People of all political affiliations are welcome to participate. We are anti-authoritarian and anti-capitalist
8. When deciding what struggles to get involved in, we ask:
  - a. Can we **win** it?
  - b. Are the people affected willing to **participate** and will they come out to support other workers and tenants?



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# SEATTLE SOLIDARITY NETWORK

An all-volunteer mutual support network, open to workers both employed and unemployed, active and retired.

We use **collective direct action** to fight employers and landlords who are pocketing our wages, refusing repairs, stealing deposits, or otherwise cheating or abusing one or more of us.



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## Pita Pit worker wins stolen "withheld" wages



Around tax time, bicycle deliverer John L discovered that the 20% of his pay which his former employers at Pita Pit had "withheld for taxes" had never actually been sent to the IRS – they had simply kept 1/5 of his wages. After a 25-person demand delivery and two lunchtime pickets, John won all \$450 of unpaid wages.

# WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

**Direct democracy:** We make decisions in open meetings. Everyone has a vote. We have no central authority that can issue orders to the rest of us. All participation is purely voluntary.

**Direct action:** Instead of being dependent on politicians or lawyers to solve our problems, we believe in taking action for ourselves. With smart tactics and enough people lending a hand, it's possible for groups of people to develop their own power.

**Mutual support among equals:** We aren't social workers or lawyers, and we don't act as a service provider. We support fellow workers and tenants who are ready to engage in their own struggles and who agree to be there to support other people's struggles in the future.

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED? YOU CAN:

- Attend pickets and other actions
- Put up posters
- Come to weekly meetings
- Mobilize others for actions
- Help gather info and plan tactics

Start by getting in touch:

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# WHAT ARE WE BUILDING?

We see our efforts as helping to build a powerful and democratic movement of working people, where we develop the ability to take action collectively in a way that's effective. We want this to get bigger and bigger, and we want it to spread from city to city. Ultimately, we want to build collective power so that people can run the world without bosses or landlords.

Our organizing model works like this:

