

PAWIS Say Justice to Filipino Workers in Grand Isle Shipyard (GIS)

We as Filipino workers and immigrants in Santa Clara County, stand in solidarity with our fellow workers and kababayan in seeking for justice against the Grand Isle Shipyard (GIS)

No one should suffer unsafe working conditions, get paid \$5/ hour for 10-14 hour days with no overtime. Having deduction amounting to \$1000-\$3000/ month for employer housing that consisted of 4-6 workers sharing a single 10 feet by 10 feet room. Bunkhouse lockdowns, a 10:00 PM curfew, constant surveillance from security cameras, and limited communication with the outside world, discriminatory practices from their employer such as restrictions on religious practices and threats of termination and deportation if failed to comply with their employer's strict rules.

The GIS workers' experience of injustice is not different from the workers of Santa Clara County. Filipinos that works as caregivers, in hotels, airports and stores such as WalMart are not safe from similar type of abuse and exploitation. Not getting paid the minimum wage and over time. Injuries from lifting beds all day, and physical abuses from patients that are mentally ill without compensation. No guarantee of permanent position from the job. With a lot of similar cases to the conditions of the GIS workers, we stand in solidarity with them and the injustices that migrant workers face.

We left our family behind and endure these injustices and sacrifices so we can provide the basic necessities of our families here and in the Philippines. It is important to also demand to create decent and livable jobs in the Philippines so we can be with our families while providing their needs.

Today, we call on our fellow workers and kababayan to continue to support the GIS workers by sharing their stories and participate in actions that would bring justice to their flight. Injury to one is an injury to all!

Justice for GIS workers now!