It is with the heaviest of hearts that we report on the passing of one of Labor’s true warriors, Marilyn Baldwin, who lost her battle with cancer.

Sister Baldwin was a member of Local 537’s Executive Board for many years, as well as our Delegate to the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Political Coordinator, and FORUM member. She was a decades-long member of the labor movement, whose tireless efforts on behalf of Labor in general, and OPEIU Local 537 in particular, defined the true meaning of what it means to be a Union member. As an advocate in support of working families, Marilyn volunteered her time during election seasons, labor events and marches, including the history-making, three-day "Hollywood to the Docks" march and rally in April 2008.

Marilyn, a 50-year member of OPEIU, continued to fight for the cause of Labor after her retirement in 2004, and even up to being stricken with illness. The sadness we feel at Local 537 is tremendous and we mourn the loss of this great lady.