

## **ILWU organizes 480 workers at Pacific Beach**

**HONOLULU**—On August 10, 2005, the final ballots were counted in an election for union representation at Pacific Beach Hotel.

The ballot count supported union representation by a single vote. The final count was 180 to 179 for the ILWU. There were over 480 eligible voters at the hotel. The election results were certified by the National Labor Relations Board on August 15.

This vote is the culmination of a three-year effort by workers and the ILWU to organize the hotel. In a previous 2002 election the union lost by a handful of votes after challenged ballots were opened. The NLRB overturned that election due to improper conduct by the hotel.

Work will now begin on negotiating the first contract with the hotel. The hotel's owner, HTH Corporation, recently signed off on a labor contract with the ILWU at HTH's property in Kona, King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel. HTH Corporation also owns and manages the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu.

The ILWU represents about 11,000 hotel workers in Hawaii. ♦