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### **County employees in two largest bargaining units approve contract**

St. Louis County employees in the Civil Service and Merit System Basic Units, which together include approximately 1,000 workers, voted today to accept a three-year contract. The ratification vote comes after the County agreed to the union's proposal regarding accumulated sick leave.

"We are pleased that the compromise on the key issue of sick leave helped to achieve a settlement and avert a potential strike," said County Administrator Kevin Gray. "Clearly a work stoppage would not have been in the best interest of our citizens nor of our employees. We look forward now to returning our full focus to serving the public."

Employees in the two units, which are represented by AFSCME, voted on the new contract today. The contract is expected to go before the County Board for final approval in October.

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