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Exercise your right to vote

by [Shannon Carr](#)

"So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote I do not possess myself. I cannot make up my mind — it is made up for me. I cannot live as a democratic citizen, observing the laws I have helped to enact — I can only submit to the edict of others."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

These words shared by Martin Luther King Jr. echo just as true today as when he spoke them during his speech "Give Us the Ballot, We Will Transform the South" before the Lincoln Memorial on May 17, 1957 at the March on Washington. Democracy has and continues to play an instrumental role in the history of the United States.

Your vote is truly your voice! There is no greater way to be heard than to cast your ballot in this year's critical election on November 3. As a voter, you decide who leads our

communities at all levels; from your local school boards to the U.S. Senate and Congress all the way up to President of the United States. That is why it is important to support pro-labor candidates who will protect your Social Security, Medicare, values and future at the forefront of their minds when they make important decisions or even when your jobs have the potential to end up on the chopping block.

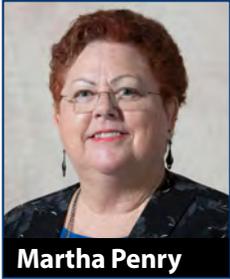
Under the purview of California Governor Gavin Newsom, for example, this summer, a state budget

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Looking for new ways to connect, improve lives of RUEB members

**Martha Penry**

I am truly honored and looking forward to this new challenge of being the chairwoman of CSEA's Retiree Unit

Executive Board. I would like to thank Association President Ben Valdepeña for this opportunity to serve and help build the retiree unit.

What a wonderful opportunity to work with a great group of CSEA members. I am a new retiree and have so many ideas about building our union. The CSEA retiree unit is that next step into membership in our union. We retirees are a powerful group of labor leaders and I would personally like to thank previous chairman Ron Duva, Life Member, for all of his hard work. Duva, put your feet up and take care of yourself and your family; we hope to see you soon at a council meeting.

I know so many leaders who helped create the CSEA retiree unit and connecting with them and all of

our Retiree Unit members will be a most excellent adventure. I hope to help build councils. One of my ideas is to finish the project of a simple "word document template" for our Council constitution and bylaws. I would like to expand and bring back the CSEA Retiree Handbook, publication 8233. Together, I see us building a membership recruitment plan. I will be asking you to volunteer to help me. Maybe you are the member who will come forward, having a strong CSEA voice at CalPERS meetings or running a Zoom trivia game for CSEA retirees. For the immediate future, we will get a calendar of RUEB meetings published so you can participate.

CSEA continuously looks for ways to improve the lives of our members. As part of that mission, we are excited to announce, for the first time ever, CSEA Medicare Advantage healthcare plans through our valued partner, California's Valued Trust. Look for the ad with details in this edition of Retiree.

November is rapidly approaching, and the most important vote of our

lifetime is coming with it! We MUST participate in the election in this country to elect a President who believes in Social Security and Medicare! A President who believes everyone is valued! Retirees vote and we have a chance to elect people to protect our Social Security and Medicare, leadership who speaks with dignity and respect for hardworking Americans who earned their Social Security. We must continue to work for California legislators who will fight for this and who will keep schools funded for our grandchildren and protect our CalPERS pensions. This November 3rd, I encourage you all to vote with the labor movement and I encourage you to vote with your union. **YOUR VOICE IS YOUR VOTE!**



Martha Penry
Retiree Unit Chairperson

RETIREE UNIT MISSION STATEMENT: *The California School Employees Association Retiree Unit envisions a strong, organized program for retirees to promote communication among all retirees, to address issues that impact their lives, and to assist CSEA's active membership in accomplishing their retirement goals.*

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New RUEB chair launches video series

"I'm Still In!" episodes will premiere the first week of each month

Martha Penry, the new chair of the Retiree Unit Executive Board, is excited to keep the more than 11,500 retirees across 51 councils informed with a new monthly video series: "I'm Still In!" The first episode, out today, focuses on the details of Proposition 15, otherwise known as Schools and Communities First, in an effort to combat the misleading facts being spread by its opponents. She also talks about the importance of why your vote matters in this critical election and how you can vote for pro-labor, CSEA-endorsed candidates using the Voter Guide available at www.csea.com/voterguide. She emphasizes



the need to continue working for California legislators who will keep schools funded for our grandchildren and protect our CalPERS pensions.

Penry also shares the success of CSEA's first-ever Retiree Week, hosted by Member Benefits, and the importance of participating with your council!

The "I'm Still In!" video series was created to help build connections during the pandemic while we are unable to have face-to-face meetings. Episodes will release the first week of every month, so be sure to subscribe to the CSEA [YouTube channel](#) and [follow us on Facebook](#) to get the latest news and important information.

RUEB November Meeting

All Retiree Unit members are invited to attend the Retiree Unit Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 10 at 10 a.m.

As we keep our members' health and safety in mind, CSEA is not holding in-person events or meetings at this time. However, the Retiree Unit Executive Board has arranged to host their board meeting online next month via Zoom.

What is Zoom?

Zoom is an app you can download on any computer, smartphone or smart tablet at no cost. Zoom allows you to both see and hear the presenters and their PowerPoint presentation. It also allows you to use a "chat" feature to ask questions in real time.

How do I set up my Zoom account?

Go to zoom.us today to sign up for your free account. [Download](#) and test Zoom by going to zoom.us/test and follow the instructions.

How do I attend the RUEB meeting?

You must be an authenticated Zoom user (see set up above) and pre-register to attend this virtual meeting by clicking on [this link](#).

After you have pre-registered, and once your CSEA membership has been verified, you will receive an email with the Zoom link and information to join the meeting. We look forward to your participation.

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passed that gave school districts the same amount of funding as last year. It also stated that classified staff should remain employed because state leaders know schools can't operate safely and

effectively without our members.

In order to ensure that everyone stays safe and socially distanced during the COVID-19 pandemic, all registered California voters will

receive a Vote by Mail ballot for this year's election by the October 5 deadline and, in some instances, sooner, depending on the county.

There are many ways to deliver your mail-in ballot



ANY official ballot drop



ANY vote center



Free prepaid postage

Registered voters will also be able to track when their ballot is mailed, received and counted, according to the California Secretary of State's office.

For more information about where and how to vote this year, go to:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/where-and-how/>



CSEA endorsements for the November 3 election

CSEA endorsed candidates are selected by CSEA's Political Action for Classified Employees (PACE) Committee for recommendation to the CSEA Board of Directors, with CSEA Board Members making the official endorsement. The PACE recommendations are based on candidates' voting records, answers to CSEA's questionnaires and candidate interviews or some combination. Candidates are rated for such recommendation based on issues of importance to CSEA, including school and community college funding, retirement benefit protections, healthcare reform, workers' rights and other issues impacting CSEA members in their workplace.

Go to [page 13](#) for voter guide

Vote YES on Proposition 15 *Schools and Communities First*



CSEA supports Proposition 15 because it will provide the reliable and fair funding source our students deserve, without raising taxes for hard-working Californians like our members.

Prop 15 will increase funding for K-14 and local government services by \$12 billion per year. It won't raise taxes for our members or for small businesses; it only raises taxes for large corporations that aren't paying their fair share by requiring commercial and industrial properties to be taxed based on current market value.

Vote NO on Proposition 22 *App-Based Drivers as Contractors and Labor Policies Initiative*



More than 1 million Californians work as independent contractors for app-based rideshare, food and grocery delivery platforms. Uber, Lyft, Instacart and Doordash wrote Proposition 22 in an attempt to create a special exemption for themselves from California law that requires their companies to provide basic protections to their workers. They are spending more than \$100 million on the proposition to boost their profits by denying their drivers' right to a minimum wage, paid sick leave and safety protections.

Question:

What are you doing to help CSEA in the election?

Answers:**NANCY MALCOLM**
RETIREE COUNCIL 5013:

I've volunteered to make CARA's (California Alliance for Retired Americans) senior vote calls. I was given contact

information for 31 seniors in my local area. We're letting seniors know how important issues are on the November 2020 ballot, including Proposition 15, Schools and Communities First, which can reclaim \$12 billion dollars every year from wealthy corporations. Funds will be invested in our local services and schools while protecting homeowners, renters, small businesses and agriculture. For more information on Prop 15, go to www.yes15.org.

DEBORAH CARR
RETIREE COUNCIL 5055:

I have been actively helping to reelect Democratic Congresswoman Katie Porter in CA45. She represents

the part of Orange County that includes Irvine, Laguna Woods, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo and parts of Santa Ana. I have sent thousands of text messages for her campaign, as well as a couple hundred handwritten postcards. I have also made phone calls and recruited friends and neighbors to support her. During her first run for Congress, my husband and I hosted a townhall

meeting for her in Laguna Woods.

Porter's issue statements show that she will be a real friend to CSEA and other unions. She supports universal healthcare, equality under the law, paid leave, programs to help first-time home buyers, and believes that "public education is the bedrock of the American dream." She also states that "everyone should have the ability to retire with dignity." She wants to protect Social Security and expand benefits. My husband and I have been supporters of Katie Porter since she first ran for Congress, over two years ago, and continue to support her and volunteer for her campaign today.

NORMA PYLE
RETIREE COUNCIL 5015:

This is a busy time. Not only is everyone getting ready for Fall, but we are about to have our national elections for President.

Joe Biden has been endorsed by CSEA for President of the United States and I am trying to let my Chapter leaders in Area A know about voting "YES" on Proposition 15 and asking them to pass it on to their chapter members. I am helping the chapters who have endorsed their Board of Education candidates fill out their Financial Assistance Request Forms (FARF), which will help the chapters provide their candidates financial aid for their campaign. Finally, I am busy helping

the Sacramento field office with phone banking our members. It's always nice to talk with members to see how they are and make them aware of what is happening that will help them and CSEA.

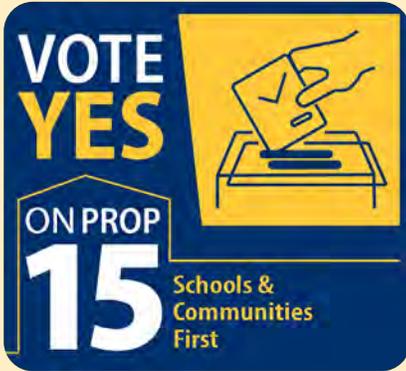
LINDA PEREZ
RETIREE COUNCIL 5035:

As far as working in campaigns, I'll be phone banking for Prop 15. I'm also working with CARA on the propositions they endorsed.

KAAREN GALVIN
RETIREE COUNCIL 5015:

I am spending a couple of hours calling our members to ask for a "YES" vote on Prop 15.

This proposition will in no way affect residential or agricultural property taxes in California protected by Prop 13. Being a senior living in California, I understand the fear of losing that tax exemption and feel that it is important to reassure our senior population that they will not be affected by voting yes on Prop 15 on their ballot. So when you receive a phone call from one of our volunteers, thank them for caring and let them know that it's time that the loopholes are closed for large corporations and they need to step up and pay their fair share! YES ON PROP 15!



Ballot initiative will restore balance, make big corporations pay their fair share

With the coronavirus affecting every aspect of daily life, it has become clear who are the key players we need to call on most during our greatest hour of need. These essential workers are not CEOs, wealthy property owners or large corporations. They are first responders, healthcare workers, those who help our community members most in need, and classified school employees who keep our schools running and our students learning.

These services are funded by taxes paid by all of us because we know that in a healthy society we help each other. It's the same reason we are a union. But whereas in CSEA we all pay our fair share, right now California families are paying more than their fair share while huge corporations pay much less.

Why Vote YES on Prop 15?

by Shannon Carr

WILL INCREASE FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS, WON'T RAISE TAXES

Prop 15, known as Schools & Communities First, will help eliminate this inequality and provide the reliable and fair funding source our students deserve, without raising taxes for hard-working Californians like our members or for small businesses. It will increase funding for K-14 and local government services by \$12 billion per year by making large corporations that aren't paying their fair share have their commercial and industrial properties that are worth more than \$3 million be taxed based on current market value.



In the last 42 years, the percentage of property taxes paid by California residents has increased from 55 percent when Prop 13 passed in 1978 to 72 percent today. On the flip side,

many big companies like Disney pay property taxes based on what their land was worth more than 40 years ago and their profits continue to soar. Disneyland pays property taxes on 43 acres based on what its land was assessed way back in 1975. Disney alone pays \$50 million a year less than what it should in property taxes, leaving us paying more to keep our schools running. In fact, while Disneyland enjoys its tax breaks and our schools are short-changed, Disneyland ticket prices have increased 1,800 percent!

PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES, CLOSING LOOPHOLES FOR LARGE CORPORATIONS

Opponents of Prop 15 claim it will raise taxes for California families and small businesses and be all but a death blow to our economy. These claims are false. In fact, their claims are so egregiously false that a judge ordered them to stop saying them.

The truth is, Prop 15 would help restore the balance by closing loopholes and making corporations pay their fair share for our schools, healthcare and essential services. It won't change the Prop 13 benefits that homeowners and small businesses enjoy, it only closes the loophole for



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corporations with properties worth more than \$3 million. And it won't raise taxes for our members.

Prop 15 was put on the ballot with a record-breaking 1.7 million signatures of public support. Elected officials, leaders,

small businesses and organizations across a large array of sectors such as education, health-care, seniors, community, counties and cities, and labor in California have endorsed Prop 15. At the end of August, a number of County Boards of Supervisors endorsed the initiative, including Contra Costa County, Los Angeles County and Santa Clara County, which represent approximately 13 million Californians and are responsible for administering the critical local services on which all residents rely. The California School Employees Association is one of many other proud supporters of this campaign, and the list continues to grow.



and protect homeowners and renters by making corporations pay their fair share for our schools, healthcare and essential services.”

You are a critical part of our educational infrastructure, yet funding for public schools and community services are unstable and insufficient. Right now, California schools rank 39th in per-pupil spending and our schools are facing budget cuts and staff layoffs. We have the opportunity to change this, which is why Prop 15 is needed now more than ever.

This election is critical, especially as we face uncertain times in so many ways right now. Within the current climate of COVID-19 and beyond, Prop 15 will help ensure we have a stronger public education system than we had before the coronavirus pandemic. By voting “YES” on Prop 15 this November, we can give our students, their families and our dedicated school employees the stability they deserve. If you haven't already, please be sure to register to vote and get involved by volunteering to make calls for the candidates and issues you support, like Prop 15.

“YES” VOTE WILL SUPPORT STABLE EDUCATION FUNDING

“I am asking you to support Proposition 15 this November because it will provide the reliable and fair funding source our students deserve, without raising taxes for hard-working Californians like you or for small businesses,” said Association President Ben Valdepeña. “Prop 15 will restore balance

Among the hundreds of Prop 15 supporters are:

- California Governor Gavin Newsom
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and hundreds of other school board officials
- More than 41 teachers' associations and unions, including the American Federation of Teachers, California Federation of Teachers and California Teachers Association
- Association of California School Administrators
- Community College League of California
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of California
- More than 45 school districts, including the largest school district in the state, Los Angeles Unified School District, Alameda County Office of Education, Gilroy Unified School District, Ohlone Community College District, Stockton Unified School District
- Los Angeles Times

“ [Prop 15] is consistent with California's progressive fiscal values, it will exempt small businesses and residential property owners, it will fund essential services such as public schools and public safety.



GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

CSEA holds first ever Retiree Week

Retirees had the chance to get their hands on some money and a quilt, see CSEA Life and Honor Roll members and visit with friends September 8-11, but the most valuable gift of all was the wealth of information the 575 retirees who attended received during the first ever CSEA Member Benefits' retiree appreciation event, Retiree Week.

RETIREE WEEK KICKS OFF IN FULL FORCE

Retiree Week started out with a bang on Tuesday, September 8th. CSEA Life Member and CalPERS board member Rob Feckner hosted a workshop on keeping your CalPERS Special Power of Attorney (POA) form up-to-date. He shared that one reason to keep it updated and on file is identity theft. If you are a victim of identity theft and need help from a family member with changing your CalPERS direct deposit, CalPERS won't speak to anyone about your retirement but you. Unless, of course, you have a POA on file, then CalPERS will talk to your POA designee about it. We all need help keeping track of details, so why not complete the form and have a trusted family member be able to assist you? You can do so now [here](#).

The social hour that followed allowed retirees to share ideas and what they have been doing during the shelter-in-place from COVID-19. Visiting with CSEA life members like Nadine Franklin, Steve Araujo and Dawn Bronsema and hearing a bit of their wisdom were among the special moments.

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Medicare eligibility.

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The services Member Benefits provides are included with your membership and are valuable to your well-

being. CSEA Medicare counseling is also available to friends and family of union members as long as they mention your name and CSEA when contacting UIP. You can probably think of a former co-worker who should join you in the Retiree unit to take advantage of these services, so give them a call!

MEDICARE 101 WEBINAR EDUCATES RETIREES

The following day, the Medicare 101 webinar had a large attendance with active members approaching retirement joining our retirees. Over 250 people learned the mysteries of Medicare, thanks to CSEA's long-time partner [United Insurance Partners \(UIP\)](#), who provided four representatives to present and answer questions on Medicare. It included a bit of trivia about what plastic surgery Medicare pays for, like eyelifts, so you can see better.

The chat feature in Zoom filled up with hundreds of members who wanted a one-on-one call back from UIP, which

is such an incredible service for our members. In fact, this webinar was so popular, Member Benefits may have to do a follow-up event.

CSEA member Pam McCain from Merced City Schools Chapter 530 decided to attend the webinar because she is approaching retirement and

PEGGY SAGER WINS QUILT FROM FUNDRAISER

Peggy Sager from San Jacinto Retiree Council 5024 won the beautiful quilt made by Paula

Pelton from Council 5032. Pelton sold \$1,600 in tickets for the fundraiser that benefit the Granny Grant (CSEA's scholarship program for grandchildren). With each grant ranging from \$200, that's a bunch of Granny Grants to be awarded next year!

Day three of the event focused on a webinar about the new CSEA Medicare Supplement, offered in partnership with [California's Valued Trust](#). The event unraveled some of the mysteries of retirement, such as whether you need a Medicare



Medicare Health Plan Advice

At No Charge to CSEA Members



Whether you're currently enrolled in a Medicare Health Plan or getting ready to enroll, make sure you understand your coverage. UIP's new Medicare Health Plan Telephone Counseling Service connects you with qualified professionals who can help you through the Medicare Maze.

Remember: Plans change annually and open enrollment begins soon. Take advantage of this membership benefit, today.

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supplement and what is a good one. CSEA is offering this as a new benefit to all members to weigh all the types of plans. The video of this webinar is available on-demand for you to view anytime. If you have a current email address on file, contact Member Benefits at (866) 487-2732 to request a link to the video.



There were many other highlights of the weeklong event. For example, attendees got to meet the newly appointed CSEA Retiree Unit chair, Martha Penry, and socialize with Association President Ben Valdepeña. Board Member Bill Hagar and Past President Allan Clark were also in attendance in addition to our newest fan, 8-month-old Cece Buckner, who had her Zoom wave-down as she waved to former CSEA staff member Jody Bell from the lap of her mom, Member Benefits Director Karin Buckner.

WEEK WRAPS WITH VIRTUAL BENEFITS FAIR

The conclusion of Retiree Week on September 11 began with more than 200 members logging on for a moment of silence for those affected by the fires, those who have experienced job loss and in remembrance of 9/11. Following, there was a brief virtual celebration for District A Director Carla Held, who was back in her home after being evacuated.

Even still, there are thousands of members who have been affected by the fires that have and are still burning up and down the state of California this Fall. If you are in need of support, we encourage you to reach out to the Member Benefits department at (866) 487-2732 or go to www.csea.com/assistance. If you haven't been impacted but want to assist your brothers and sisters during their greatest hour of need, you can find out how to do so now at that

same link. Of the many ways to give, CSEA Retiree District D Director Beth Kieffer has a deduction from her CalPERS warrant go directly to the Assistance Fund each month to help in emergencies like the California wildfires.

The first-ever weeklong retiree celebration wrapped up with a live virtual Zoom benefit fair. There were more than a dozen CSEA providers who gave away over \$400 in prizes. Trivia also rounded out the event with tough questions like: "How many services does United Insurance Partners offer?" The answer is 13. The toughest question of the day came from Union Plus AFL-CIO representative Keith Anderton: "Before Labor Secretary Francis Perkins became the first woman to serve in a President's cabinet, she was a university professor. What subject did she teach?" It was Sociology.

The event was such a success, CSEA is hoping to host one again. To make sure you are invited, call Member Benefits at (866) 487-2732 and provide your up-to-date email address and cell phone number.

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Help your union family suffering during the California wildfires

The fires raging across California are displacing members and their families from their homes, but CSEA is here to help with the Dorothy Bjork Assistance Fund. From June 2018 through 2019, CSEA helped more than 500 members with \$335,630, the majority of which went to victims of the Camp fire and the large Carr, Mendocino Complex and

Holy fires. This year, our members need more help than ever before, with more than 25,000 members affected by the fires so far. If you are living in an impacted area and need assistance, call our Member Benefits department at (866) 487-2732 or visit www.csea.com/assistance. To donate, go to that same address.





CSEA installs RUEB officers

As the final order of business in CSEA’s 94th Annual conference, held July 20 and 21, the installation of officers for the Board of Directors and Retiree Unit Executive Board was held via Zoom videoconference.

RETIREE UNIT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS INSTALLED:

-  • **Secretary**
Teri Minoux
-  • **District A Director**
Carla Held
-  • **District B Director**
Paulette Foster
-  • **District C Director**
Jill Scott
-  • **District D Director**
Beth Kieffer
-  • **District F Director**
Susan Adams
-  • **District H Director**
James Vinion
-  • **District K Director**
Sandy Dabney

Association President Ben Valdepeña appointed Martha Penry as chair following conference after Chairman Ron Duva stepped down.

HERE IS SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICERS:



Martha Penry, Chairperson: I have been a CSEA member for more than 30 years. I retired as a Special Education Paraeducator after 28 years of service from Twin Rivers USD. While attending my second chapter meeting, I was elected to the negotiation team. By the third meeting, I was nominated for Vice President. I absolutely enjoyed building our chapter; at that time it was Rio Linda 290. I attended every training I could to build my knowledge and ability to represent members, becoming the first certificated jacketed union steward in our chapter! After attending my first CSEA State Board meeting, I realized I could do more. I volunteered for the 2004 Labor campaign in Oregon for seven weeks, eventually becoming a state committee member and Regional

Rep. I was elected to the state board in 2005 and served as Area A director for 12 years. What an amazing opportunity! During that time, I chaired many committees, including the Paraeducator Conference, one of my favorites. Prior to my appointment to RUEB Chair, I was the Legislative Committee chair for the last 3 years. I am still active with my chapter, Twin Rivers Unified 1717 and the Sacramento Labor Council. I love CSEA and our members!

I have been married to my wonderful husband Mike for over 32 years. Mike is an amazing support and former Union Rep for the Bakers Union. He's become a permanent fixture at CSEA events and is known as the Area J President! Mike and I raised two



beautiful children, Michael Jr. and Jamie. We have a beautiful granddaughter, Lilly, who turned 16 this year! In my spare time,

I love fishing and camping. I also love photography and look forward to getting back into it. We currently have two beautiful rescue dogs, Vito and Annie, that keep us laughing and active. They're so much fun!



Carla Held, District A Director: As a member of the union, starting in 1985 as a cafeteria clerk, my first meeting was held in the kitchen, in a small staff room. I asked why we had to meet in this hot, small room, and I was told because we do! I then asked why the teachers get to use the library with air conditioning and comfortable chairs and we don't meet there. I was told because they are credentialed, and we are classified—what! That's when it

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all began. Our next chapter meeting was held in the library and I was nominated and elected as the new chapter secretary. I eventually moved up in my classifications and became the Office School Secretary, which I enjoyed for over a quarter of a century.

This journey in CSEA continued as I moved from chapter secretary, site rep, webmaster, vice president, to president. If that wasn't enough, I became a union steward, negotiations chair, CFIER facilitator, LCAP committee member, Safety committee member, reclassification chair, and Butte Schools Self-Funded Program director. I then became assistant regional rep, regional rep, regional public relations officer, regional secretary, mentor RR, Chair of the formerly named Public Relations Committee, chair of the Pilot Awards Committee, and Assistant District Director under District A Director Joe Rao.

I am married to my love, Robert. I enjoy my two sons, eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Special moments are when I talk to my 95-year-old father several times a week and enjoy his WWII stories and our difference in politics.



Jill Scott, District C Director: I have been a wife to my husband Tom for 46 years and a mother

to Sean, 44, and Amber, 43. I have four grandchildren, two precious grandbabies, Devun 17, and Ryan 13. The other two are the four-legged kind, Mojave and Kilo. Life is good. We don't have everything we want, but we have everything we need.

As of March 5, 2020, I became the Retiree District C Director. My goal is to be there for our retirees and keep the information flowing: the "I'll just call Jill," resource—if I don't know the answer, I'll get the answer; to attend

council meetings; to give and get.

CSEA Retirees are very fortunate to have a council to belong to. We get to stay connected to people who worked in the same profession we did. It's beneficial for us retirees to stay in our union. Our retiree purpose statement says, "the Retiree Unit provides an opportunity to stay involved and continue to advocate for classified employees and working families." As District C Director, I provide ever-changing information: benefits, political information and fun stuff to do. When I attend CSEA Leadership meetings, I give a report about the life and times of our retirees,



then bring back a report on the life and times of the active side. I may not have gone to any "in person meetings," but that hasn't slowed me down.

I've created a Facebook page, I email information and now I Zoom! I'm In and District C is "ALL IN"!

CARA hosting free conventions for Retirees



The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) is currently hosting meetings via Zoom. Many CSEA members work with CARA and all CSEA Retiree members are automatically members of CARA, thanks to the CSEA Retiree Unit paying the organization dues.

CARA was formed in 2003 in order to build a statewide network of hundreds of organizations (unions and community groups) to educate and inform its members, the public and elected officials about issues that affect them.

The two top issues are always to protect, improve and expand Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and to support efforts to win universal healthcare.

Other top issues are voted on at the conventions that are held in odd-numbered years.

This year, CARA will be holding Regional (virtual) conventions in October. Each site will hold forums for issues relating to their own specific area. There is no charge to attend. To register, visit www.californiaalliance.org.

New from CVT! Medicare Plan for Retirees

No matter where you retired from, CVT has a new Medicare insurance program for any CSEA retiree unit member! Choose from six quality plans by Anthem Blue Cross with SilverScript Medicare Part D prescription program and Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage.

Enjoy lower co-pays for medical services that include a comprehensive prescription drug program with competitive pricing and a dedicated CVT Member Services support team.

Learn more at cvtrust.org/cseamedicareplans or email us at CSEAMedicare@cvtrust.org or call **800-288-9870**.



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICARE? TRY OUR:

No-Cost Medicare Health Plan Counseling Telephone Service

Available exclusively to CSEA Members!

With UIP's No-Cost CSEA Medicare Health Plan Counseling Telephone Service, Debbie Hoffman and her team can help answer ALL your Medicare questions* including (but not limited to): **How to enroll, questions about your current plan, how to change your plan, and your rights and responsibilities with Medicare.**

PLUS: Medicare only covers 80% of your health care costs. UIP can help you cover the rest. UIP can show you different plans that will help you cover the entire cost of your health care with insurance companies whose names you trust. Don't think you have only ONE choice!



Contact Debbie Hoffman and her team today!

Call **800.707.2360*** | Visit **CSEABenefits.com/Medicare**

*By calling the number listed, you will be reaching Debra Hoffman, a licensed insurance agent in the State of CA. Neither United Insurance Partners nor Debra Hoffman is connected with the Federal Medicare program. Insurance products offered by United Agencies and its affiliates including United Insurance Partners Insurance Services, LLC. Certain restrictions apply.

CSEA voter guide

U.S. President Endorsements

United States President

Joe Biden

Vice President

Kamala Harris



Initiatives Endorsements

YES on Proposition 15

Schools and Communities First

SUPPORT

The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020

The California School Employees Association supports Proposition 15 because it will provide the reliable and fair funding source our students deserve, without raising taxes for hard-working Californians like our members.

Prop 15 will increase funding for K-14 and local government services by \$12 billion per year. It won't raise taxes for our members or for small businesses; it only raises taxes for large corporations that aren't paying their fair share by requiring commercial and industrial properties to be taxed based on current market value.



NO on Proposition 22

App-Based Drivers as Contractors and Labor Policies Initiative

DEFEAT

More than 1 million Californians work as independent contractors for app-based rideshare, food and grocery delivery platforms. Uber, Lyft, Instacart and Doordash wrote Proposition 22 in an attempt to create a special exemption for themselves from California law that requires their companies to provide basic protections to their workers. They are spending more than \$100 million on the proposition to boost their profits by denying their drivers' right to a minimum wage, paid sick leave and safety protections.



State Senate Endorsements

**Please note: asterisk denotes incumbent.*

District#	Candidate	County(ies)
1	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou
3	Bill Dodd*	Contra Costa, Napa, Sacramento, Solano, Sonoma, Yolo
5	Susan Talamantes Eggman	San Joaquin
7	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Alameda, Contra Costa
9	Nancy Skinner*	Alameda, Contra Costa
11	Scott Wiener*	San Francisco, San Mateo
13	Josh Becker	San Mateo, Santa Clara
15	Dave Cortese	Santa Clara
17	John Laird	Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
19	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Santa Barbara, Ventura
21	Kipp Mueller	Los Angeles, San Bernardino
23	Abigail Medina	Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino
25	Anthony Portantino*	Los Angeles, San Bernardino
27	Henry Stern*	Los Angeles, Ventura
29	Josh Newman	Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino
31	Richard Roth*	Riverside
33	Lena Gonzalez*	Los Angeles
35	Steve Bradford*	Los Angeles
37	Dave Min	Orange
39	Toni Atkins*	San Diego

State Assembly Endorsements

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District#	Candidate	County(ies)
1	Elizabeth Betancourt	Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou
2	Jim Wood*	Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, Trinity
3	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba
4	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry*	Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Yolo
5	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Placer, Tuolumne
6	Jackie Smith	El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento
7	Kevin McCarty*	Sacramento, Yolo
8	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Sacramento
9	Jim Cooper*	Sacramento, San Joaquin
10	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Marin, Sonoma
11	Jim Frazier*	Contra Costa, Sacramento, Solano
12	<i>No Endorsement</i>	San Joaquin, Stanislaus
13	Kathy Miller	San Joaquin
14	Tim Grayson*	Contra Costa, Solano
15	Buffy Wicks*	Alameda, Contra Costa
16	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan*	Alameda, Contra Costa
17	David Chiu*	San Francisco
18	Rob Bonta*	Alameda
19	Phil Ting*	San Francisco, San Mateo
20	Bill Quirk*	Alameda
21	Adam Gray*	Merced, Stanislaus
22	Kevin Mullin*	San Mateo
23	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Fresno, Tulare
24	Marc Berman*	San Mateo, Santa Clara
25	Alex Lee	Alameda, Santa Clara
26	Drew Phelps	Inyo, Kern, Tulare

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District#	Candidate	County(ies)
27	Ash Kalra*	Santa Clara
28	No Endorsement	Santa Clara
29	Mark Stone*	Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
30	Robert Rivas*	Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
31	Dr. Joaquin Arambula*	Fresno
32	Rudy Salas*	Kern, Kings
33	No Endorsement	San Bernardino
34	No Endorsement	Kern
35	Dawn Addis	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara
36	No Endorsement	Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino
37	Steve Bennett	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura
38	No Endorsement	Los Angeles, Ventura
39	Luz Rivas*	Los Angeles
40	James Ramos*	San Bernardino
41	Chris Holden*	Los Angeles, San Bernardino
42	No Endorsement	Riverside, San Bernardino
43	Laura Friedman*	Los Angeles
44	Jacqui Irwin*	Los Angeles, Ventura
45	Jesse Gabriel*	Los Angeles, Ventura
46	Adrin Nazarian*	Los Angeles
47	Eloise Reyes*	San Bernardino
48	No Endorsement	Los Angeles
49	Ed Chau*	Los Angeles
50	Richard Bloom*	Los Angeles
51	Wendy Carrillo*	Los Angeles
52	Freddie Rodriguez*	Los Angeles, San Bernardino
53	Miguel Santiago*	Los Angeles

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District#	Candidate	County(ies)
54	Sydney Kamlager-Dove*	Los Angeles
55	Andrew Rodriguez	Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino
56	Eduardo Garcia*	Imperial, Riverside
57	Lisa Calderon	Los Angeles
58	Cristina Garcia*	Los Angeles
59	Reggie Jones-Sawyer*	Los Angeles
60	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Riverside
61	Jose Medina*	Riverside
62	Autumn Burke*	Los Angeles
63	Anthony Rendon*	Los Angeles
64	Mike Gipson*	Los Angeles
65	Sharon Quirk-Silva*	Orange
66	Al Muratsuchi*	Los Angeles
67	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Riverside
68	Melissa Fox	Orange
69	Tom Daly*	Orange
70	Patrick O'Donnell*	Los Angeles
71	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Riverside, San Diego
72	Diedre Nguyen	Orange
73	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Orange
74	Cottie Petrie-Norris*	Orange
75	Kate Schwartz	Riverside, San Diego
76	Tasha Boerner Horvath*	San Diego
77	Brian Maienschein*	San Diego
78	Chris Ward	San Diego
79	<i>No Endorsement</i>	San Diego
80	Lorena Gonzalez*	San Diego

U.S. Congress Endorsements

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District#	Candidate	County(ies)
1	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Oroville, Redding, Auburn
2	Jared Huffman*	Eureka, Fort Bragg, San Rafael, Petaluma, Ukiah
3	John Garamendi*	Davis, Fairfield, Yuba City
4	Brynne Kennedy	Roseville, Granite Bay, Tuolumne
5	Mike Thompson*	Napa, Vallejo, Santa Rosa
6	Doris Matsui*	Sacramento
7	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Rancho Cordova
8	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Apple Valley, Yucaipa
9	Jerry McNerney*	Stockton, Antioch
10	Josh Harder*	Modesto, Patterson
11	Mark DeSaulnier*	Concord, Richmond
12	Nancy Pelosi*	San Francisco
13	Barbara Lee*	Oakland
14	Jackie Speier*	San Mateo
15	Eric Swalwell*	Pleasanton, Hayward
16	Jim Costa*	Fresno, Merced
17	Ro Khanna*	San Jose
18	Anna Eshoo*	Palo Alto
19	Zoe Lofgren*	San Jose
20	Jimmy Panetta*	Salinas, Santa Cruz
21	TJ Cox*	Hanford, Bakersfield
22	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Clovis, Visalia
23	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Bakersfield
24	Salud Carbajal*	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria
25	Christy Smith	Santa Clarita, Palmdale
26	Julia Brownley*	Oxnard, Thousand Oaks
27	Judy Chu*	Pasadena
28	Adam Schiff*	Burbank

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District#	Candidate	County(ies)
29	Tony Cardenas*	Arleta
30	Brad Sherman*	San Fernando Valley
31	Pete Aguilar*	Rancho Cucamonga
32	Grace Napolitano*	El Monte
33	Ted Lieu*	Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach
34	Jimmy Gomez*	Los Angeles
35	Norma Torres*	Montclair, Pomona, Chino
36	Raul Ruiz*	Palm Springs, Hemet
37	Karen Bass*	Los Angeles
38	Linda Sanchez*	Cerritos
39	Gil Cisneros*	Brea, Los Angeles
40	Lucille Roybal-Allard*	Commerce
41	Mark Takano*	Riverside
42	<i>No Endorsement</i>	Corona
43	Maxine Waters*	Los Angeles
44	Nanette Barragan*	San Pedro, Compton, Wilmington, South Gate
45	Katie Porter*	Irvine
46	Lou Correa*	Garden Grove
47	Alan Lowenthal*	Long Beach
48	Harley Rouda*	Huntington Beach
49	Mike Levin*	San Diego, Dana Point
50	<i>No Endorsement</i>	El Cajon, Escondido, Temecula
51	Juan Vargas*	Chula Vista, El Centro
52	<i>No Endorsement</i>	San Diego, La Jolla, Coronado
53	Georgette Gomez	San Diego, La Mesa