

# Politics matter... and pay dividends

**Members' efforts to elect legislators who value state employees and the services we provide can make a difference at the worksite.**

Last November, Local 1000 members phone banked and walked precincts in support of politicians who work to improve the quality of state services for all Californians. Assemblymember Richard Pan's visit to an Employment Development Department office in Sacramento last week demonstrates his commitment to the work our members do there.



**Left: Assemblymember Richard Pan Right: Kwajhalien Dorn-Davis, Disability Claims Representative, EDD**

Last week, Dr. Pan spent an hour and a half at the EDD One-Stop office in Sacramento, observing working conditions. "In my 25 years in state service, Dr. Pan was the first legislator I have ever seen come out to EDD," said Kwajhalien Dorn-Davis, Disability Claims Representative at the Broadway Avenue office. "Dr. Pan didn't just show up for a visit, he's sponsoring legislation (AB 391) that will help us deliver better service."

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**—Kwajhalien Dorn-Davis**  
EDD, Sacramento

With claims for unemployment insurance (UI) at an all-time high, the need for trained staff in One-Stop offices is rising. Unemployment claims are filed online or over the phone, but if a claimant has problems or unanswered questions, they often visit One-Stop

centers—the only EDD offices open to the public. EDD workers and One-Stop partners currently have no choice but to direct frustrated claimants to a phone in the lobby. AB 391 would place at least one trained UI representative—with full access to the UI database—in each of the EDD One-Stop offices. "It's hard to hear frustrated customers say I can't get through on the phone," said Dorn-Davis. "It's a disservice to our customers."

Assemblymember Pan has recognized the dire need for more support in the EDD office and is dedicating his efforts to help them. "This shows that fighting for the right candidate makes a difference," says Dorn-Davis. "Political action can make a difference in our lives, our jobs and the services we provide."

In 2010, Local 1000 members spent hundreds of hours phone banking and walking precincts on behalf of Dr. Pan in his Sacramento-area assembly district. We endorsed Pan as a replacement for the termed-out Republican Roger Niello, who had often voted against the interests of state workers.

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# CalPERS ballots due July 28

## Cast your vote to protect retirement security

Ballots for the CalPERS run-off election – selecting a representative to the Board of Administration – must be postmarked by July 28. Local 1000 has endorsed Michael Bilbrey, the First Vice President of the California School Employees Union.

“With our members’ pensions and healthcare under continuous attack, it is critical that we have a voice on the CalPERS Board who is committed to protecting our retirement security,” said Yvonne Walker, Local 1000 president. “It is important that every Local 1000 member vote in this election.”

A run-off was forced when Bilbrey – who earned nearly 20,000 more votes than his opponent – didn’t receive more than 50 percent of the vote for the Member-At-Large Position B representative on the CalPERS Board of Administration.

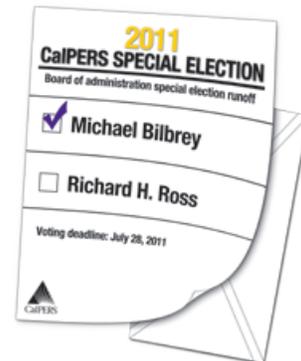
Bilbrey has been a statewide leader for classified school employees for more than 18 years. He serves as CSEA Investment Committee Chair, managing a multi-million dollar investment portfolio, holds an MBA, and is trained in pension oversight and investment.

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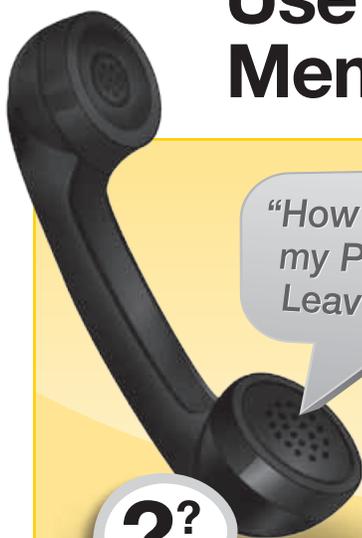
—Yvonne Walker  
President, Local 1000

The run-off ballot package was mailed to members’ homes June 30. All ballots must be postmarked no later than the July 28 deadline in order to be counted. If you have not received your ballot, contact CalPERS Board Elections Office at **916.795.3952** local, or **800.794.2297** toll-free.

For more information on Michael Bilbrey, visit **bilbrey4calpers.com**  
For more information about the CalPERS Special Election, visit **calpers.ca.gov**



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