

Local 1000 President Walker re-elected



Yvonne Walker
President

Results announced for statewide and local officers, bargaining reps

Yvonne Walker has been re-elected as president of Local 1000 and will lead the union for a four-year term beginning June 30. Walker earned 56 percent of the vote total, followed by candidates Tim Chaney (31 percent) and Lisa Flores (12 percent). Unofficial results of the statewide election were posted on May 21 and will become official June 25.

This is Walker's second term as president, having served in the position since 2008. "We have accomplished a lot together, including a contract that eliminated furloughs and provided increased stability for our members," said Walker. "Looking forward, we'll continue our efforts to build a stronger union, our fight for a responsible state budget, and increased respect for the valuable state services we provide to all Californians."

Working as a legal secretary in the Department of Justice, Walker has been in state service for 16 years. She previously held officer positions at the District Labor Council (DLC) level, was chair of the Unit 4 bargaining team, and served as Vice President for Bargaining prior to being elected president.

Cora Okumura re-elected *VP/Secretary-Treasurer*

Incumbent Cora Okumura will continue in her current post of Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. In that role, she manages Local 1000 financial operations with a focus on security, transparency and accountability. Okumura earned 56 percent of the statewide vote tally to opponent Kathleen Collins' 44 percent.

"I would like to thank the members who participated in this election by casting their ballots, particularly those who continue to trust my work as the chief financial officer of SEIU Local 1000. My utmost thanksgiving

goes to God," said Okumura. "I foresee major defensive campaigns in the future to protect our jobs and retirement benefits, among others. Together we will defend these no matter how they cost."

Okumura has worked for 20 years as a financial analyst and auditor. Prior to her first term as executive vice president, she held positions as president and secretary-treasurer for two Local 1000 DLCs.

Margarita Maldonado *VP for bargaining*

Bargaining Unit 1 chair Margarita Maldonado was the top vote getter in the race for Vice President of Bargaining, winning by a 56 to 41 percent margin over candidate Ed Perez. Her chief duties are negotiating for and enforcing the hard-earned rights of state employees contained in our contract.

"With a newly ratified contract in place that provides greater certainty and security, our efforts now turn to implementation of the new and existing provisions we've secured," Maldonado said. "One example is stronger language governing the formation of joint labor management committees, which will empower us to work more closely with the state to improve working conditions for our members."

Maldonado is a 20-year veteran of state service, most recently working as an associate information systems analyst at the Department of Justice.

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VP/Secretary-Treasurer



Margarita Maldonado
VP for bargaining



Tamekia Robinson
VP for Organizing/Representation

Her union experience includes fifteen years as a member of the Unit 1 bargaining team—seven of those as bargaining chair—along with posts as a DLC secretary-treasurer and as a delegate to SEIU International.

Tamekia Robinson VP for Organizing/Representation

Tamekia Robinson is Local 1000's new Vice President for Organizing and Representation. She earned 41 percent of all votes cast, surpassing candidates Janea Williams (24 percent), Javier Cardenas (20 percent) and Lowell Landowski (14 percent). Robinson will lead the union's effort to improve the strength of Local 1000's membership to ensure greater job security and protect against attacks on wages, benefits and retirement.

"We'll continue our focus on engaging members and building a network of member leaders," said Robinson. "Harnessing the resources of the 95,000

state employees enables us to project more power in the workplace and at the Capitol."

Working first at the State Compensation Insurance Fund, and later as a Tax Technician II at the Board of Equalization, Robinson has spent nine years in state service. As a Local 1000 activist for 8 years, her experience includes union steward, local secretary-treasurer and Unit 4 bargaining team member; she also served three years as vice-president of the Napa-Solano Central Labor Council.

Full election results posted

Log on to seiu1000.org to view the complete election tally. Along with statewide officers, results have been posted for local union offices – DLC presidents, vice presidents and secretary-treasurer positions, along with district bargaining unit representatives.

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