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UNION UPDATE



SEIU Endorses GAVIN NEWSOM FOR GOVERNOR



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT YVONNE R. WALKER

Throughout months of candidate forums, town hall meetings and video conferences, we joined thousands of SEIU members across the state in meeting face-to-face with candidates for governor and engaged with them on issues affecting our jobs, our families and our communities.

Politics matter, and we want to ensure that whomever we support for governor is the best partner in improving the lives of state workers and all Californians.

Now, following the culmination of our months-long endorsement process and reaching a recommendation, we are proud to announce our official endorsement for Gavin Newsom.

On Feb. 13, the SEIU California Executive Board reviewed member recommendations from locals across the state, including Local 1000, and voted on one unified endorsement.

Our work to elect a governor who will partner with us on our issues is not over yet. Our endorsement carries our backing and commitment to continue to support Gavin Newsom by knocking on doors and calling fellow members to get out the vote.

We know that whomever we choose to elect affects every aspect of our lives. Whether building power at the bargaining table, protecting our retirement security or ensuring our communities are strong and

vibrant, we harness the power of 96,000 members to improve not only our lives but also the lives of all Californians.

We will continue to use our voice – and our vote – to protect our rights and our vision for all Californians to have the opportunity to have a good life, live in sustainable communities and enjoy the fruits of social, economic and environmental justice.



#iChooseMyUnion

"I'M PROUD OF MY CHOICE TO BE PART OF A UNION THAT GIVES VOICE TO ITS MEMBERS AND SHOWS THE VALUE THEY PROVIDE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA."

LISA BOCAST, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, JOB STEWARD
UNIT 15 DBUR, GEOPAY TASK FORCE MEMBER



Member Leaders Building Union Strength



More than 200 leaders of our Statewide Bargaining Advisory Council (SBAC) came together in Los Angeles Feb. 9-11 for training on how to spot and respond to anti-union tactics being used to divide us and diminish our collective.

Members shared their personal leadership motivations and values and acquired new tools to bring back to their worksites to build strength against anti-union groups like the so-called Freedom Foundation.

We're joining thousands of working people across the nation to rise up against the forces behind the Supreme Court case *Janus v. AFSCME*, which is funded by the corporations and anti-worker groups who seek to destroy unions.

"Our voices are so numerous and so deafening that we demonstrate to everyone that there is no court case that will eliminate us; no law that will gag us," said Yvonne R. Walker, Local 1000 President. "They will see that when we follow our values and stand together, we will make our communities, our state and our country into that which we deserve."

Anthony Prince, a labor leader with more than 40 years of organizing experience, lived the attack on public employee unions in Wisconsin. He shared his story and affirmed the importance of building relationships and power in the worksite.

"Nothing happens overnight and success doesn't happen by accident. It's deliberate. You have to know you're leading for a bigger purpose. And only you can truly identify what the bigger purpose is to you." — Margarita Maldonado, Vice President for Bargaining.

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MEMBERS CELEBRATE CUISINE, CULTURE, COMMUNITY AT TASTE OF SEIU

At the second annual "Taste of SEIU" our members gathered for a fun-filled, family-style celebration featuring the extraordinary culinary talents of our union sisters and brothers and professional chefs from throughout the community.

Mardi Gras was the theme of the night, enhanced with live music and offering an opportunity to come together away from work to share in delicious cuisine and conversation.

"A Taste of SEIU' is about building community," said Traci Kimbrough, organizer of the popular event, Chair of the Women's Empowerment Committee and Job Steward at EDD in Los Angeles.

"When you break bread together, you learn about each other and discover there's not a lot of difference between us."

—Traci Kimbrough

