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UNION UPDATE



MEMBER CHOOSES UNION POWER TO FIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

Jackie Edwards learned the importance of political action at an early age. Her father, a union worker, was a political activist who often took his daughter along as he attended phone banks and knocked on doors to talk to others about issues that impacted our communities.

“My dad taught me the value of a union job and the importance of electing labor-friendly candidates,” said Edwards. “When you want something to happen, you go talk to people.”

She’s been a state worker for 33 years, a union member and steward for the entire time. She works in the CDCR Department of Adult Parole Operations in Rancho Cucamonga. But her passion is having conversations with her fellow members, friends and family in the community.

Edwards, a Local 1000 Member Political Organizer, has been spearheading our Resistance phone banking efforts this year in her area, and regularly brings 30-40 coworkers

to evening sessions to fight back against lawmakers’ efforts to “strip us of our hard-earned bargaining rights and diminish the ability to provide for our families,” she said.

“I chose to be a union member long ago, because I believed in job security, a fair wage and good benefits, and I know my union membership is key.” Edwards said. “Today, my belief in the power of my union is even stronger.”



Jackie Edwards, Steward CDCR

TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE

Members are taking action across the state to talk to our communities about the threats to our families coming from members of congress who don’t have our best interests in mind.

We’re fed up with an economic and political system that’s rigged against us, and we’re demanding that our local congressional representative stand with our communities and not greedy corporations.

We’ve been making calls to put the pressure on members of congress who support repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and stripping millions of families of their health care.

Our efforts are working. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pulled the plug on overhauling the ACA but is still pushing a strategy that dismantles it.

Throughout the year, members have made calls to hold lawmakers accountable and fight against attacks on unions’ collective bargaining rights, immigrants’ rights and the environment, while finding ways to create more profits for the wealthy.

“I’m proud to be a member of a union who’s working to hold self-interested politicians accountable. We’re making sure that politics matter for every working family and building stronger communities at the same time.”

Doryce Caballero, Unit 20
Dental Assistant, Member Political Organizer

Members March FOR LGBTQI PRIDE

Members and staff joined with community allies at the 33rd annual San Diego Pride Parade on July 15, celebrating diversity and fostering pride and respect for our LGBTQI community.

In partnership with SEIU 221 and SEIU International, our team hosted a sign-making party the night before and created a truck-mounted float with a Resistance! Theme – supporting LGBTQI rights, worker’s rights and economic justice for all.

"I chose to be part of a union that celebrates diversity in all forms. We are one community, working together to achieve true equality."

– Joyce Wheeler-Owens, EDD, San Diego and President of DLC 701

We're stronger together!



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