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# UNION UPDATE



## Proud Members Supporting Pride Month

LOCAL 1000 LAVENDER COMMITTEE BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITY BONDS



Our members joined with our union's Lavender Committee and more than 17,000 Sacramento-area residents to celebrate LGBT Pride month with a parade and festival on June 10. Across the state and the nation, events like this one celebrate and honor the LGBT culture and pride and the decades-long struggle to overcome prejudice and to earn the natural right for individuals to be accepted for who they are.

"We're building stronger bonds with each other and with our community," said Maria Patterson, chair of Local 1000's Lavender Committee. "Labor unions have been at the forefront of advocating for gay rights, and I'm proud to be part of a union that fights for equality and social justice for everyone. As a union, and as a community, our diversity is our strength, and together we can create a better world."



## #iChoose My Union



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*Maria Patterson, Lavender Committee Chair  
Unit 15 Bargaining Chair, DGS, Stockton*

## Unit 15 Statewide Food Service Task Force improving working conditions for members

The Unit 15 Statewide Food Service Workers Task Force held the first of an ongoing series of quarterly meetings with the state to improve working conditions for our cooks working in correctional and health care facilities.

The Task Force will meet with the state on a quarterly basis to corroboratively seek solutions to issues felt at worksites across three different departments: the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS).

The Task Force is bringing new ideas to the group and is committed to testing new approaches to solving problems together.

“Fair distribution of overtime assignments and the uniform application of Post & Bid procedures are among the first issues we’ll be addressing,” said Task Force chair Pete Garza, from Valley State Prison in Chowchilla. Joining him on the Task Force are Lisa Bocast (DVA, Redding), Calixtro Duarte (Wasco State Prison), Deborah Donnelly (California Medical Facility, Vacaville) and Unit 15 Chair Maria Patterson.

“We’re working with the state to ensure that the hard-earned rights contained in our contract are enacted consistently in every department, at every institution,” said Garza. “We’re building new relationships that will help us do a better job in a more positive working environment.”



(L-R) President Yvonne R. Walker joins with Task Force members Pete Garza, Calixtro Duarte, Vice President for Bargaining Margarita Maldonado and Task Force Member Deborah Donnelly

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## API Committee Packs the House at Second Annual Heritage Celebration



It was standing room only as our union's Asian-Pacific Islander (API) Committee held its second annual Asian Pacific American Heritage month celebration May 31 in Oakland.

Featured guest, Fiona Ma from the Board of Equalization—and the front runner to become the state's next Treasurer—inspired the audience by talking about the importance of commitment and community and fighting for the American Dream. Attendees also honored the societal contribution of APIs and commemorated trailblazers like Bruce Lee, the first API “star” to emerge from an industry that historically discriminated against APIs.

