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UNION UPDATE

LOCAL 1000

Stronger Together

CalPERS election victories



J.J. Jelincic



Michael Bilbrey

Both Local 1000-endorsed candidates prevail

Two incumbents will continue to fight to protect retirement security for our members

Two CalPERS board members who fought for retirement security for our members and other public employees won re-election to their seats.

Joseph "J.J." Jelincic and Michael Bilbrey are the winners to fill two Member-At-Large seats on the Board of Administration for the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) according to unofficial results released by the Pension Fund.

Both candidates were originally elected to fill out partial terms. Now,

they will be able to keep up the fight for the next four years.

Jelincic and Bilbrey are serving on the CalPERS board at a crucial time for public employees as cities and counties have come under increasing pressure from anti-pension special interests to reduce retirement benefits for public employees.

Local 1000 members—voting to protect their hard-earned retirement security—made a difference in the election.

"This is a critical victory for working families in California," said Local 1000 President Yvonne R. Walker. "We have re-elected two board members who not only stood up for retirement security for all, but have walked in our shoes; they both spent their careers in public service. CalPERS is stronger because of this election."

CalPERS, the nation's largest public pension fund with \$260 billion in assets, is a leader in responsible, sustainable investment, an effort strongly supported by both incumbents.

Gov. signs 2 bills that improve public services and protect jobs

Gov. Jerry Brown has signed into law two bills that protect public jobs and improve public services as the state reorganizes several departments.

The governor signed SB 800, which protects member jobs and helps ensure California's most vulnerable children benefit from the Affordable Care Act. It also ensures that the expertise of our members who have been helping uninsured children is retained by the new state agency charged with administering the state's new health care marketplace: Covered California.

The new law transfers data from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to Covered California to target and enroll vulnerable children in health insurance coverage through the new program, helping families avoid any lapse in coverage through

the transition. SB 800 also transfers hundreds of Local 1000 members employed at the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) to agencies that will benefit from their experience—Covered California and DHCS.

The governor also signed SB 820, a bill that will exempt hundreds of Local 1000 members at the Department of Business Oversight from the same stringent financial regulations imposed on regulatory employees who oversee banks.

The bill solves a problem that was created when Department of Corporations (DOC) employees were merged into the new Department of Business Oversight. Since most of the DOC employees are not involved in overseeing banking, they will be exempt from the more stringent rules.

Immigration REFORM



MEMBERS URGE CONGRESS:

‘Get back to work on crucial issues’

“We need immigration reform that is good for all working people.”

—Harold Fong
Department of Health Care Services

Local 1000 backs statewide push to help immigrant families

Local 1000 members joined with community groups, immigrant rights advocates and other unions to hold a series of actions in support of immigration reform with a path to citizenship.

“We need immigration reform that is good for all working people,” said Local 1000 member Harold Fong, a Department of Health Care Services employee. “It’s time to eliminate the second class work force, unite all working people, and work together to demand vigorous labor and civil rights protections that will raise living standards for all workers.”

“We’re demanding Republicans in Congress stop playing political games and get back to work on the issues their constituents sent them to Washington to address. More than two thirds of voters support passing comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship,” said Miguel Cordova, a longtime advocate for immigrant rights who serves as chair of Bargaining Unit 21. “This federal government shutdown over health care is dangerous and harmful to our economy. It’s time for politicians to do their jobs and pass immigration reform legislation that will keep families together and jump-start California’s economy.”

Cordova was part of a group of Local 1000 members who participated in actions on Oct. 3 near the state Capitol and on Oct. 5 in south Sacramento. Members participated in similar Oct. 5 rallies in Los Angeles, Fresno, Bakersfield, Salinas and the Bay Area.

Members are working to keep the pressure on the House of Representatives to stop the federal shutdown and approve immigration reform legislation with a path to citizenship for millions of undocumented workers and their families. Local 1000 is joining other labor groups in calling for reform that unites, not divides, workers.



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