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# UNION UPDATE



No on Prop. 32

# Will you help win this election?

## Prop. 32 would thwart our political power, let billionaires write their own rules

Here's what's at stake in this election: If Proposition 32 passes, it will be incredibly difficult for Local 1000 and other unions to raise funds to compete politically. This could also affect our ability to defend our pensions and benefits from future political attacks.

Unions are the most effective political voice for the middle class – and Proposition 32 is a cynical attempt by a small group of billionaires and wealthy interests to silence our voice. If they win at the polls, they will be able to write their own rules in the future without labor or other grass-roots groups to effectively counterbalance their influence.

"We cannot afford to lose in this election – Prop. 32 is designed to weaken middle-class power, and we need to stop that," said Local 1000 President Yvonne R. Walker. "There are a handful of very wealthy people who want to deceive voters and buy this election. We need your help now more than ever. What will you do to save California?"

### \$11 million no-name contribution

Two shadowy, out-of-state organizations—that refuse to reveal their donors—have pumped more than \$15 million into the campaign to pass Prop. 32 and defeat Prop. 30. This includes a single \$11 million contribution by a mysterious Arizona entity that refuses to reveal who is behind the money.

"It shouldn't come as a surprise that the millionaires and billionaires who placed Proposition 32 on the ballot and who are funding the campaign are the very same special interests who are exempt from Proposition 32," said Gloria Anderson of the League of Women Voters.

### Polls: a very close race

Recent polls suggest this will be an incredibly close race. The difference will likely hinge on whether Local 1000 and our coalition partners can ensure that supporters vote.



**Kathleen Pointkowski**  
Unit 4 Office Assistant  
State Compensation Insurance Fund, Pleasanton.

She walked precincts with her daughter Rachel Bell and her granddaughter Sofia Leon.

"I'm angry that billionaires from other parts of the country are trying to buy this election."

"This election is very close, so we've got to finish strong to win."

**Tamekia N. Robinson**  
Local 1000 Vice President  
for Organizing/Representation



"This race is like a marathon, and we've only got a couple miles to go," said Tamekia N. Robinson, Local 1000 vice president for organizing/representation. "This election is very close, so we've got to finish strong to win. We need more volunteers."

If you want to volunteer to help fight for the middle class this weekend, go to [seiu1000.me/Jmu0yp](http://seiu1000.me/Jmu0yp) or call **866-471-SEIU** (7348) to sign up for precinct walking.

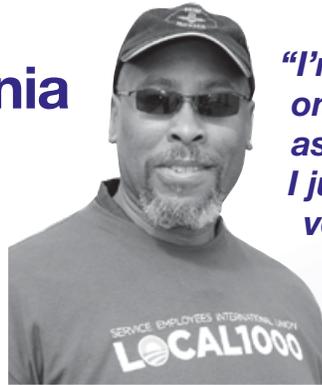
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# Members leading the fight to defeat Prop. 32

## Dozens of members take time off to fight for California

While more than a 1,000 Local 1000 members and staff have volunteered for precinct walking and phone banking on nights and weekends, more than 20 Local 1000 members took time off from their state jobs to spend weeks—or even months in some cases—fighting to defeat Proposition 32 and support Proposition 30.

They all share a common trait—a fierce desire to win an election that will have an enormous impact on middle-class families and especially our members.



*“I’m proud to work so hard on such important issues as Propositions 32 and 30 – I just hope we have enough volunteers to win.”*

—Charley Thomas  
Unit 15 Custodian  
Department of Mental Health, Vacaville



*“Defeating deceptive Prop. 32 is crucial to everyone in this state, not just union members or public employees.”*

—Darlene Estey  
Unit 1 Senior Compliance Representative  
Franchise Tax Board, Sacramento



*“Proposition 32 is a power play by a small group of wealthy people, and we need to stop it.”*

—Bruce Theel  
Unit 3 Teacher  
High Desert State Prison, Susanville



*“I’m volunteering my time in this election because I care about California, and I want a state where our kids and grandkids have a future.”*

—Quendwa Quigley  
Unit 20 Dental Assistant  
Salinas Valley State Prison, Soledad



*“It’s incredibly important that we win on both these measures. If Prop. 30 fails, our kids are the real losers.”*

—Sandra Wagner  
Unit 4 Program Technician  
Employment Development Department, Sacramento



*“We cannot just let the wealthy rule without any checks and balances on their power.”*

—Sue D’Errico  
Unit 20 Dental Assistant  
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Pelican Bay

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