In anticipation of the upcoming October 1 start of the 24-month bid cycle for RNs, LVNs and CNAs, our Post and Bid Workgroup has launched an innovative and comprehensive effort to provide training to empower Unit 17 and 20 members at California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) through the process of selecting their hours, days off and work location.

The Workgroup trained nearly 60 member leaders, representing institutions across the state, who will carry the information and resources back to their worksites to share with their coworkers. In addition, a new web page, seiu1000.org/PB, offers members training resources, FAQ and short videos on the key elements of the Post and Bid process.

The Post and Bid Workgroup is comprised of representatives from various Unit 17 and 20 classifications to ensure members of the Units have the information they need to exercise their union right to bid positions and vacation. The workgroup will continue to develop tools and training that address post and bid articles for other classifications at CCHCS, DHS, DDS and Veterans Affairs.

"Most workers have little to no discretion over their schedules and work location. Our contract gives nurses and nursing assistants the right to have a choice based on seniority."

- Luisa Leuma
Licensed Vocational Nurse, Avenal State Prison
Post and Bid Workgroup Leader
MAKING HISTORY TODAY IN THE FIGHT FOR IMMIGRATION RIGHTS

When we use the word “heritage,” we often refer to some person or event in history. Here in California and across the nation, there are those who are making history by defending the rights and dreams of 800,000 DACA residents facing deportation from the U.S.

Hector E. Sanchez Barba is one of those people. He’s the Executive Director of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement and the Chair of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda—both organizations have been on the front lines in the fight to maintain DACA.

He’s a leader in the labor movement, working hard to build alliances between organized labor and immigrant rights organizations. A strong advocate for civic participation in Latino communities, he’s led efforts to empower people through voter registration drives and GOTV activities.

On September 14, joined at a White House rally by a coalition of activist groups, he launched the Latino Heritage Month of Action. Speaking about the Trump Administration’s anti-immigrant agenda, he said, “Through collective action, we can ensure that our future and the future of our nation are not in jeopardy or left in dangerous hands.”

Hector was born in Mexico and currently lives in Washington, D.C. His dedication to community, his fight for workers’ rights, and for equal rights for all people inspires hope for future generations to pursue their dreams. We are proud to recognize his contributions to social and economic justice during Hispanic Heritage Month.

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–Monica Blancarte
Local 1000 Steward, DVA Veterans Home of California, Fresno