“Unions make the difference,” says Doryce Caballero, a 10-year state employee who works as a dental assistant at California State Prison, Lancaster.

She should know. Doryce not only grew up in a union family (her father was a long-time member of the Carpenter’s Union and the Los Angeles School District), she’s also a Local 1000 job steward and a Member Political Organizer (MPO) herself.

With so many issues affecting our communities—health care, immigration, and repeated attacks to strip unions of their collective bargaining power, she’s choosing to step up in her leadership.

Most recently, she organized phone banks in the Los Angeles area in July, bringing groups of fellow members together to take action. They made calls in the community to protect the Affordable Care Act and preserve health care for millions of people.

“We need to elect union-friendly lawmakers and hold them accountable for the benefit of working families,” she said.

Doryce also spreads the word about the choice we’ll be facing in the months ahead: Stand alone and watch our contract be decimated, like we’ve seen in “right-to-work” Wisconsin; Or stand together to protect our contract, our wages, our benefits and our working conditions.

“I choose to be a member of Local 1000 for stability and security,” she said. “Our rights and our jobs are not guaranteed unless we’re prepared to fight for them. I can’t imagine what we’d face in our jobs if our union didn’t have our back.”

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-Doryce Caballero, Dental Assistant, CSP Lancaster

MEMBERS MEETING WITH CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

Who we choose to partner with to address our jobs, our worksites and our communities is paramount.

That’s why we’re making our voices heard by meeting with candidates vying for various statewide constitutional offices.

In two upcoming meetings—Oct. 14 (Los Angeles) and Oct. 28 (Sacramento)—we’ll meet face-to-face with candidates for California’s next Governor.

Come to a forum so you can ask them your questions and inform them about issues that are important to you and your family.

Already, we’ve hosted forums featuring candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Treasurer, Attorney General and Lt. Governor.

Learn how you can attend a forum: www.seiu1000.org/forums17
As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we are inspired by the life and legacy of Hilda Solis, who throughout her career in public service has been a strong advocate for organized labor and a true trailblazer for social justice.

Solis was the first Latina elected to the California State Senate, the first female representative of the San Gabriel Valley in the U.S. Congress, and the first Latina U.S. Secretary of Labor (2009 - 2013). She’s currently serving on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Solis was raised in La Puente, California, by immigrant parents from Nicaragua and Mexico. “My parents were both union members, and I grew up learning how important it was to empower workers and have fair labor practices,” she said.

As a state senator in 1996, Solis championed Proposition 201, which increased California’s minimum wage to $5.00 per hour in 1997 and $5.75 in 1998. She held high-profile hearings that pushed for strong enforcement of anti-sweatshop laws, and authored 17 different bills to prevent domestic violence.

In 1997, she went up against powerful business interests and a hostile governor to push through a groundbreaking bill in the California legislature that made it more difficult for companies to pollute and store waste in poor minority neighborhoods. In 2000, she was recognized for her commitment to environmental justice with the prestigious John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

It was as Labor Secretary that Solis enacted scores of rules and regulations that granted more power to unions and middle-class workers.

She spoke out strongly against Wisconsin Governor Walker’s proposal to limit the collective bargaining rights of public employees and similar proposals in other states, saying “they aren’t just asking workers to tighten their belts, they’re demanding they give up their uniquely American rights as workers.”

For her lifelong dedication to people of color and working families, we celebrate Hilda Solis’ contributions to social, economic and environmental justice during Hispanic Heritage Month.

“Fighting for what is just is not always popular, but it is necessary; that is the real challenge that public servants face, and it is where courage counts the most.”

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