

LET'S STOP THE DECLINE OF PUBLIC SERVICES!

HELP RESTORE \$12 BILLION ANNUALLY AND A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS

We all want good schools for our children, a healthy family, and safe neighborhoods. Yet, for more than four decades, many wealthy investors and big corporations have not been paying their fair share, causing California's school funding to fall behind.

California now has the most overcrowded classrooms in the U.S. and some of the worst ratios of counselors, librarians, and nurses per student. Meanwhile our local communities are on the front lines of big challenges like safety and housing, while wildfires burn and homelessness grows.

Local 1000 is supporting an effort, called Schools and Communities First, that would restore over \$12 billion annually to invest in our schools and to improve our communities. The initiative is an opportunity for real change that touches us all: an opportunity for our kids to experience a more robust education by restoring programs like art, music, and sports that have long since gone away, and an opportunity to see our vital community services expanded for a better quality of life for all Californians.

In order to reclaim these monies, this initiative would reform the 1978 property tax measure Proposition 13 by requiring that commercial properties be taxed based on market value rather than purchase price. With this money, our local governments will be able to invest in good-paying local jobs, emergency shelters, improve transportation and health infrastructures, and support community libraries and parks.

Schools and community colleges will also be able to afford more teachers—which means smaller class sizes—along with after school and tutor programs to help our kids succeed. It's time to end a 40-year loophole for wealthy corporations and invest in our children—and ultimately the future of our state.

Right now, our member political leaders are working to educate, engage, and involve our fellow members in gathering the signatures necessary to place this initiative on the ballot and to put schools and communities first.

More information is available online at
schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org



A tale of two generations

While big corporations avoided paying their fair share for 40 years, our children have suffered.



"I enjoyed summer programs at my schools and my local parks. School books were current, supplies for students were plentiful, and arts and music programs were part of the curriculum."

- Doryce Caballero, CCHCS, Lancaster



"My parents paid for driver education and private classes that exposed me to dance and music because it wasn't offered to students of my generation. Only basic studies were 'free!'"

- Sarah Peters, DOJ/Los Angeles

**JOIN THE FIGHT TO RESTORE \$12 BILLION ANNUALLY FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES!
LEARN MORE ABOUT MAKING POLITICS MATTER FOR US: SEIU1000.ORG/2020-ELECTION**



***"Because we lead,
we have the opportunity
to elect the people that
will live our values and our vision
and who will bring us to
a California for All.
Because we lead
we can change the world."***

- President Yvonne R. Walker



MEMBER LEADERS JOIN THOUSANDS AT DEMOCRATIC ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION

At SEIU Local 1000, we often say 'Politics Matter' because they do. When we say politics, we're discussing everything from the water we drink and the roads we drive on to the communities we live in and the air we breathe. In this election, we will be challenging our coworkers, our families, our communities, and all of our political candidates to find ways to build a California for all of us.

From Nov. 15-17, a group of Local 1000 members who run for and hold a delegate position with the Democratic party joined with others who share our values to build political strength in California. They heard from and endorsed candidates who support working people and state workers, and who will ensure our members have opportunities to take action on the issues that matter most to them, on the job and in our communities.

Become a member today: seiu1000.org/joinus