

Members supporting the political process

Volunteers take action on the phone, online, in precincts



Local 1000 members are making calls and walking precincts in an effort to elect state worker-friendly candidates. They're also using online tools found at seiu1000.org to inform themselves about the issues and act on what they learn.



Ida Amaro, an associate governmental program analyst at the Department of Insurance, has become inspired by her own experience as an activist and has begun organizing her coworkers to join her in taking action.

"I'm on a mission to make things better for state workers and their families," said Amaro, who encouraged three of her coworkers to join her as a volunteer. "I told them, 'let's work together to meet our goal for a good contract and getting the Legislature on our side.'"

Local 1000 is building a member-based political program that holds legislators accountable and creates power for working people.

Our focus is on issues that have a lasting impact on California's public workforce and the public we serve.

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*- Ida Amaro
Department of Insurance*

"The way we do our jobs is mandated by legislation so it's important to put people in office that will support and stand behind our union," said Tereatha Henderson, a senior tax analyst at the Employment Development Department as she

made calls in support of Assembly candidate Alyson Huber.

As the Nov. 4 election draws near, Local 1000 members throughout the state will continue phone banking and precinct walking to ensure a state worker-friendly Legislature when the new session begins in January.

Tereatha Henderson (top) and Ida Amaro at the Local 1000 phone bank, make calls in support of political candidates who support state workers

To help a campaign go to seiu1000.org and click on "Political Action"

Reports to feature statewide member action

As we take action and build momentum for a return to contract negotiations in early November, Channel 1000 will air a series of on-location broadcasts featuring members up and down the state demonstrating how they're fighting for a fair contract.

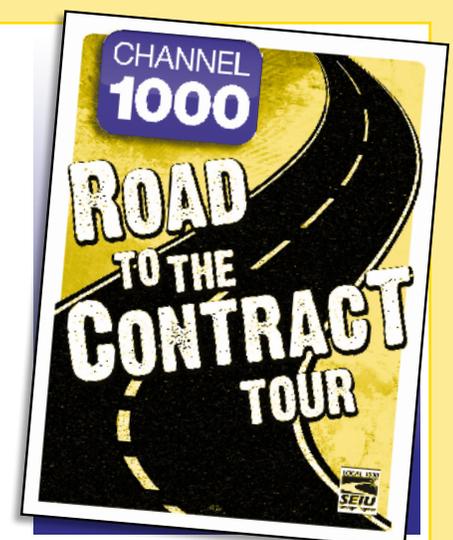
Santa Rosa is the first stop on Channel 1000's "Road to the Contract Tour." The broadcast will originate today from a Local 1000 rally at the downtown state building, complete with interviews with members from the Bay Area / Coastal region.

"These broadcasts will demonstrate

that we are truly a statewide union sharing a united voice that is 95,000 members strong," said Local 1000 President Yvonne Walker.

The "Road to the Contract Tour" will continue with stops in the Fresno area, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire and San Diego, and can be seen Wednesday afternoons through November 18.

Be sure to come out and show support in your area. For event details, see the Channel 1000 News tour schedule at seiu1000.org



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

California State Workers & Political Activity

Your right to participate in politics

State employees have rights to freedom of speech and expression guaranteed to all citizens of the United States under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. These rights include participation in political speech and activities, generally under the following guidelines:

You may:

- ✓ Choose to exercise freedom of speech on your own time on and/or off the worksite.
- ✓ Possess political material at any time and may display and distribute it on your own time.
- ✓ Engage in political fundraising activities on your own time.
- ✓ Participate in voter registration activities on your own time in non-work areas of your worksite.
- ✓ Display bumper stickers and license plate frames on your personal vehicle bearing a political message and park in state parking lots.
- ✓ Wear political buttons, stickers and T-shirts at work, providing your job has no direct contact with the public.

Your Union Contract Protections

Local 1000's contract contains a number of articles that govern your rights as a state employee and activity in the workplace. If you have questions about your contract or feel that your rights set down in the contract have been violated, contact your Local 1000 steward. Your steward will work with you, management, and your contract to determine the best course of action, including whether or not to file a grievance. More information, including a copy of your contract, is available online at seiu1000.org

Cora Okumura honored

Local 1000 VP receives Award for Excellence

Cora Okumura, SEIU Local 1000's vice president/secretary-treasurer, will receive a prestigious honor today recognizing her work with the state's Department of Insurance.



Cora Okumura

A state employee for 18 years, and a long-time Local 1000 activist, Okumura will receive the Insurance Commissioner's Award for Excellence in a ceremony in Los Angeles where she works as a senior insurance examiner specialist.

"Thank you for doing an outstanding job for the California Department of Insurance," said Deputy Commissioner Ramon M. Calderon.

"To me, this is a reward for the dedication that I have given every project that has been assigned to me during the past years," Okumura said in an e-mail to her co-workers. "This highlights that you can be a union activist and still be recognized for the good work we do for the people of California."

"I could not think of a better person to receive an award for excellence," said Yvonne Walker, Local 1000 president. "Cora is a shining example of the 95,000 members of Local 1000 who do quality work in providing valuable services to all Californians."

"Value Us!"

We keep California healthy, safe & strong

Cheryl Brown

Classification: Trade Adjustment Specialist

Department: Employment Development Department

Years in Classification: 13

What I Do: I am a fair trade adjustment specialist. We help to find training and jobs for workers dislocated by their employers moving outside the country. We figure out what training might be available to them. We try to make sure that people get training in areas that have jobs. There's no other assistance. It's just not out there if we don't help them. One time, I helped a guy obtain training to become a barber, and now he has his own shop. That's a great success for him. It's amazing when we can help someone.



"When a large amount of people lose their jobs, it is IMPERATIVE that we get them back to work."



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