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Fresno Unified School District Classified Employees

# Chapter Newsletter

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, CTW-CLC

## President's Message by Gwyn Harshaw

Hi Brothers and Sisters:

Regardless of which health plan you have chosen (A, B or Kaiser) you can make a change again at the next open enrollment period in October 2012.



The folks who chose Kaiser, it is 100% covered after deductions and co-pays have been met. Also, Kaiser Vision is included with the Kaiser Health Plan.

Congratulations to the members who received a promotion. Please continue to consider safety first at all times while performing your duties.

On June 30, 2012 our wages will be completely restored to your normal salary. There will be no more reduction of pay for our members due to the temporary school day reduction.



In Unity,  
Gwyn Hashaw, FUSD Chapter President

## KEEP INFORMED! STAY INVOLVED!

**stay informed**

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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, June 9, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Union Office—Training Room  
5228 E. Pine Ave., Fresno, CA 93727  
(Between Olive & McKinley off Peach)



**Agenda:**

- COPE
- Upcoming State & National Elections
- Old Business
- New Business

Meetings are held the **2nd Saturday** of each quarter.  
2012 Meeting Dates: September 8 and December 8

SEIU Local 521 Fresno LATINO CAUCUS IN JOINT EFFORT WITH SEIU UHW

## 4th Annual Cesar Chavez Celebration



**Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Location: SEIU 521 Union Office-Fresno**

Lunch will be provided; Please RSVP to 559-447-2579

**Food Drive:**  
**Community Food Bank**  
**Canned Food Donation**  
\* 1 free raffle ticket \*



**In Appreciation of**  
**Cesar Chavez's Work**



# Fresno

## 2012 Steward Trainings

TRAINING CLASS	FRESNO
<b>MODULE 1</b> "Role of the Steward in an Organizing Union"	Wednesday, August 29
<b>MODULE 2</b> "Steward as Voice of the Union"	Wednesday, September 12
<b>MODULE 3</b> "Investigating Workplace Problems"	Wednesday, September 26
<b>MODULE 4</b> "The Steward and Discipline"	Wednesday, October 10
<b>MODULE 5</b> "Meeting With the Boss"	Wednesday, April 4 Wednesday, November 7

Shop Stewards attending all five modules will become Certified Shop Stewards.

- Trainings will be held at the following location: Fresno: SEIU office, 5228 E. Pine Ave., (off Peach, between Olive and McKinley)
- Trainings begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided from 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- A minimum number of participants must be signed up a week in advance, or training will be canceled.

Sign up on our website, [www.seiu521.org](http://www.seiu521.org). Click on 'Steward Trainings', then complete and submit the online form. You can also sign up by calling the Local 521 office at (559) 447-2560.

# TAKE BACK OUR CALIFORNIA!



## BIG CORPORATIONS HAVE ENORMOUS INFLUENCE OVER OUR GOVERNMENT

### Now they want even more power

A bogus initiative with a deceptive name ("Stop Special Interest Money Now" Act) is designed to tip the balance of political power in favor of big corporations. Backers of this initiative say it is comprehensive campaign finance reform, but don't be fooled. It virtually eliminates the use of workers' contributions while creating a giant loophole for big corporations.

## THE PURPLE TRAIN: GET ON BOARD

### Stop the corporate deception!



#### WHAT IT WOULD DO:

- Creates a huge loophole for corporations allowing UNLIMITED CORPORATE SPENDING on politics while silencing working families and their unions.
- Prohibits unions from using dues through payroll deduction on ballot measures or candidates but does NOTHING to stop corporations from spending billions in profits to influence elections.
- Limits free speech by banning any direct contributions by unions to local candidates.

### Get on board the Purple Train and help defeat the corporate power grab

*"This initiative doesn't do a thing to stop corporate money from corrupting our politics. All it does is make it harder for working families to have a voice. We need to fight this fake reform and push for real changes."*

– Blanca Anderson, administrative coordinator  
Kern County Department of Human Services



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