

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

John Gutierrez, *ER Tech - VMC, County of Santa Clara*



I am an ER Tech at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose; and I've been a proud Member/Activist of SEIU for 34 years. I am a Steward in the Emergency Room, working the Evening shift. I was an officer in my legacy Local, and am currently the Secretary of Local 521. In the past I've served on the Executive Board of my legacy Local, and have served on 521's Board since we began. I was active in the process of coming together as 521, and participated in our Constitutional Convention; and have been an elected Delegate to six of SEIU's International Conventions. I've been a Negotiator, Chief Steward, Member

Organizer and a member of the International's Ethics Commission. I believe in and cherish this Union and you, the Members.

As an Officer I believe it is my responsibility to help set the policy, manage our budget and move the Union's program; thus provide, you the Members, the resources needed to fight attacks on unions, attacks on the services we provide to the community, to improve our working conditions, negotiate strong contract, to be strong participants in local communities and politics, and provide the best for our families. The work of the Officers and Executive Board can sometime seem tedious and mundane, exciting and controversial, but it's demanding, important and vital so as to create a strong LABOR presence and a JUST SOCIETY in the middle part of California, which is our jurisdiction and responsibility.

We, the members of SEIU 521 have fought off threats to the services we provide to the community, attacks on Public Workers, and attacks on Unions over the past 6 years. The wins we've achieved have come from our unity.

- holding the line, picketing and striking in Fresno and Bakersfield.
- fighting back take aways in Santa Cruz, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties
- protecting and improving health benefits for Homecare Workers
- electing Labor candidates in the Central Valley, Salinas, San Mateo among other jurisdictions
- running for elected office for city councils and retirement boards
- doing our part to defeat prop. 32 and pass prop 30, and winning!
- rallying and marching with community allies (the 99%) throughout central California

Our Unity created these wins, but the times are still threatening to union people and the service we provide. Team **UNITY WINS** wants to continue, with you in leading this struggle as officers of 521. Join us. Renew **your** commitment to Unity and to SEIU 521. Vote **UNITY WINS**:

- Gwen Harshaw, President
- RoseAnn Dominguez, Treasurer
- Karen Nakatani, Secretary
- Luisa Blue, Chief Elected Officer
- & me, John Gutierrez, 1st V.P.