

## CHIEF ELECTED OFFICER

### **J. Diego Quevedo**, *Eligibility Worker II, County of Monterey*



My name is **J. Diego Quevedo** and I'm running for Chief Elected Officer of SEIU 521. Here are my qualifications and goals for our local:

Eligibility Worker II, Monterey County

#### Qualifications:

Chapter VP Monterey County Social Services from 2/2008- 1/2012

Chapter President Monterey County Social Services 1/2012-6/2012

521 Executive Board member from adoption of Local Constitution to present

Delegate to the SEIU 521 Constitutional Convention

Delegate to the International Convention 2012

Member of the Local's Budget Committee founding to present

Chief Shop Steward Monterey County Chapter 12/2012 - Present

#### Goals:

Lower Dues \* Better Representation and Support \* Better Communication \* Better Contracts.

In the past 4 years every Chapter in our young local has taken concessions, we have experienced layoffs, lower wages and lower benefits. On top of that we have had high turnover of Union employees. I have a clear picture on how to organize the Local for a way out of this unfortunate situation. We need new ideas at this point and neither of my opponents represents that. I will lower your dues by holding staff accountable to the rank and file. I will also treat them with respect and flexibility, as this is a very hard job and it requires passion that must be nurtured and grown in order to have Union staff that feels inspired to fight for our struggles as members. When we do that our membership numbers will grow along with the participation of our members so that we can win better wages and benefits. Furthermore, there are many administrative inefficiencies which our current leadership. They have known about these and have simply chosen not to take the time to fix them. I will fix those inefficiencies and utilize all the new technology available to involve the membership and cut costs. These savings along with increase in membership will bear fruits in the form of lower dues, better communication and better contracts. Please vote for me, J. Diego Quevedo and let's build a better Local, and win a better future for ourselves and our families.

Thank you.