

REGION 4 VICE PRESIDENT

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Hello, my name is Kevin Westbrook. I am seeking to be your representative for Region 4 to the SEIU Local 521 State Executive Board. The workers of Region 4 deserve better representation. I will be an outspoken activist for you, the member. I will address your concerns without serving special interests or hidden agendas.

I have been a member of SEIU for over ten years. I have worked my way up from being a member to shop steward to eventually being elected President for Fresno County Juvenile Correctional Officers from 2009-2012.

I have been active in local political campaigns for Fresno County Board of Supervisor and the Fresno County Retirement Board. I believe that everyone deserves a strong advocate that will lead and fight alongside them in the political arena. Everyone's voice deserves to be heard.

In 2010, the members of Fresno County trusted me with their vote and elected me as a delegate to the SEIU State Executive Board. During that time I have been a strong advocate for fiscal restraint and accountability to the members. I have always let reason and common sense guide me when making decisions that will eventually affect the lives of others.

I proudly took a stand with my fellow Fresno County co-workers in January 2012 and stood on the strike line as we stood up to the local politicians that maliciously sought to break our union and our spirits with their illegal actions. As a guest on a local radio talk show, I made a point to shine the light on the disparity in pay between part-time politicians and full-time employees. Far too often people are left behind by the ones they elect.

Over the past few years our union has come under attack from internal, political and financial forces. We have fought hard to keep our union intact and now we stand at a crossroads. Your decision regarding who will lead us into the future will mark either our success or failure.

I have but three simply goals that I would like to accomplish if elected by you. First, we need to improve how we communicate with members. Members should not have to find out last minute about meetings. Second, we need to find ways to get more people involved with their union. I know that time is precious but there must be a way to get those that we never see involved. Third, I would like to create a better dialogue with members that are upset with or frustrated with the union. I would like to see our Union become the type of organization that workers want to be a part of.

If elected to serve as your Region 4 Vice President, I will push our union to be more accountable to the members that financially support it. Only with your support can we truly make SEIU a "Member Driven Union."

Lead. Unite. Fight to Win. We are the 99%!