

SECRETARY

Benjamin Franklin, Jr., *Eligibility Supervisor, County of Monterey*



Hello my name is Benjamin Franklin Jr. As many of you know, I am the SEIU Local 521 Monterey Chapter President for the past 4 years and I'm running for Secretary. I proudly served in the US Air Force for over 14 years, a county employee for more than 15 years, former SEIU Local 535 Chapter President 2 years. Together we have achieved some of the greatest victories in the US Presidential, State, and Local government elections, showing the strength, influence, and determination of our SEIU membership and line staff. We've been in and will continue to see very challenging times ahead and my dedication has been keystone in protecting our jobs, wages, and benefits.

Restoring integrity to the Monterey County chapter was very important to me. I believe that I have successfully done that in my tenure as President in Monterey County and as Secretary, I will continue to serve with the same dedication, honesty, and accountability that I have demonstrated in every position that I have held. I have shown through my actions that I am calm, unbiased, and fair in dealing with members, staff, and county and other officials. During my continued tenure as Chapter President I've negotiated 3 separate contracts and in our last contract I worked with county bosses to prevent pay cuts, furloughs, large reductions in benefits, and healthcare cost increases. We stood strong and negotiated increases in benefits and compensation for our reductions, and we came out with one of the best contracts in the state. I helped to write the By-Laws to combine the Monterey County two chapters, and worked to re/elect the leaders of our communities to protect jobs, pay, and benefits for the members of Monterey County and I will always look for new and innovative ways to ensure that we continue on this path as a local. I am also an SEIU delegate to the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council. I know that treating people with dignity and respect is a far better way to gain trust and admiration and I believe that I am living proof of that belief. Unity is power and information is the key to this unity. We pay good money for union representation and deserve to have accountability, transparency and integrity in all that we do. If you will vote for me as Secretary, I will stand with each member and we will make a difference.

"Lead, Unite, Fight, Win for the 99%