



# SEIU LOCAL 521 FRESNO COUNTY

## One Supervisor Folds! The Fight Continues!



SEIU members held a press conference on July 9 highlighting multiple pay issues in Fresno County. In response, Supervisor Case stated that she “made a mistake” in taking the additional pay and has pledged to return her wages. In the meantime, every other department head and elected official in Fresno County continues to collect their full salary while the frontline workers are forced to make due with less.

By standing together, we have made one Supervisor see the light and stand for fairness so far, but voluntary pay cuts for one supervisor doesn’t equal fairness and it doesn’t help restore our community. We must continue this push together and let our friends and community know that cutting wages has hurt county services and hurt our communities.

Our elected officials have spoken by making pay cuts at the top voluntary. They have declared that the crisis is over. It’s time to invest in Fresno County and restore the pay for all the workers so we can support our families, our communities and our local economies. Let’s continue to stand strong together and reach out to local business and others in the community. All of us will have to work together if we’re going to make Fresno a fair and friendly place to live.

*“It’s great that one supervisor volunteered to make just under \$100,000 per year. That doesn’t help improve Fresno County services or help rebuild our community. I’m going to make sure that only people who support SEIU see a dime of my money.”*

*– Heidi Perez, Unit 12  
Department of Social Services, OAll*



*“Navarrette and most of the Board takes a pay increase while making us continue our cuts. We’re the people who actually do the work of the County. It’s time to stand up for fairness and make all the cuts voluntary. We are stronger together.”*

*– Debbie Perez, Unit 3  
Department of Social Services, SWIII*

# OUR VOICE IS OUR POWER *Fresno Civic Engagement Project*

## Background

SEIU Local 521 represents thousands of families in Fresno County and many of our members work providing community public services to the various ethnic populations of Fresno County

Program focusing on voter registration and issue advocacy in the API / Hmong populations of Fresno County. This "API Civic Engagement Project" will focus on culturally sensitive outreach to Hmong families, in Fresno County

## Goals

- Engage the API/ Hmong community in a voter registration and immigration reform campaign
- Inform and educate the API/ Hmong community about the Affordable Care Act
- Register new API voters in Fresno County

## Community Based Forum

As part of our "API Civic Engagement Project", SEIU 521 will work with Fresno area community partners to coordinate a community based forum focusing on **Civic Engagement, the Affordable Care Act, and Comprehensive Immigration Reform.**

Date: August 10th, 2013

Time: 10 AM-12 PM

Location: Industry Commerce Building, Fresno Fair Grounds, Fresno, CA

Lunch will be provided. Free raffle with prizes including: 25 lbs bag of rice, whole roast pork, grocery store gift cards, and prizes for children.

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