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# FRESNO HOUSING AUTHORITIES CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All,

2017 has been very busy for us all. We have met new people who have joined the FHA family and we have lost a few—either co-workers or family of co-workers. We have even gotten some people back (Tracewell).

This year, as far as I know, we lost a maintenance co-worker who had retired at the last 'golden handshake', Henry Cota from District 5. Prior to that, our co-worker, Judi Walkingstick from the HCV Department lost her mom and before that, our co-worker Laurie Hall from Accounting lost her daughter.

We don't know for how long we have each other so I would say that we need to let go of any ill will we might be holding on to and make an effort to be there for our friends and co-workers because we are family.

For those of you who are not yet aware, we have a new CEO for SEIU Local 521, Mr. Riko Mendez. He used to be our Political Director and through the power of the vote, is now our Chief Elected Officer. I am hopeful that with that political knowledge behind him, that he will be able to find a successful path for us to continue the fight for us, the working people, in this current political atmosphere. There is concern in the union world that the "Right To Work" folks will continue to fight to break up the unions and it falls to you and me to fight back!

Next, it's time for Chapter Elections. The positions are: President, Vice-President, Administrative Assistant and Chief Shop Steward. If you are interested, you need to be a member in good standing for at least 2 years. I will need to put together an Election Committee. These folks need to be members who are not interested in running for any of these positions. I will be getting more information out as we get this process going.

Speaking of elections, you may have received a notification of elections for the 2017 SEIU Local 521 Convention that will be held this October. If you are interested in participating, you need to get your signatures in by the due date. Visit the link for more info <http://www.seiu521.org/convention/>

This month we will notice FHA about our financial re-opener on our contract. So heads up team, we should be meeting sometime in July.

And finally, we have a new Internal Organizer, Kevin Smith. Some of you are familiar with him, for others, he is new. I have worked with Kevin before and he is an excellent IO. Please welcome him aboard!

Until later,  
RoseAnn Dominguez  
FHA Chapter President

# stay informed

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# Talking

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# Points



## Engage Members

### **U Are the Union. It's Time to Get Involved!**

Every three years, we elect members as delegates who come together for three days of celebration and work, forming friendships that last a lifetime. During the convention, delegates review our progress and help develop our priorities for the coming years. Get involved: Help define the future of SEIU Local 521!

Become a delegate: [www.SEIU521.org/convention](http://www.SEIU521.org/convention)



## SEIU 521 Convention - Key Dates

**June 1-30:** Delegate nomination petition form available.

**July 25:** Nomination petitions must be postmarked by July 25 and received by the union office no later than 5 p.m. on July 31, 2017.

**July 31, 5 p.m.:** Deadline to hand deliver nomination petitions to SEIU 521 offices. No exceptions.

**August 1-31:** Voting dates, times, and locations will be announced by Chapter.

**October 13-15:** The convention will be held at SEIU 521 Headquarters in San Jose.

## Develop Leaders

SEIU 521 members joined labor activists across California on May 30 to rally against hate and for immigrant justice.

Kern County Public Defender Laurie Mason - pictured here - and Fresno Unified School District janitor Valeska Sanchez told their stories to the media, highlighting the injustice and the fear in our communities which put our safety at risk.

Learn more: [seiu521.org/category/immigrant-justice](http://seiu521.org/category/immigrant-justice)

## Build Political and Community Power

### **Cost of Healthcare Repeal = 1.8 Million Jobs Lost!**

The healthcare repeal is back - and it's worse than ever. Many people will suffer and lose their insurance, all to pay for huge tax-cuts for the wealthiest 1%.

Join the fight: [www.SEIU521.org/f4oh](http://www.SEIU521.org/f4oh)



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"For years, I could not afford health insurance for myself or my three employees until the Affordable Care Act made this possible. The repeal bill will put the health of 1.5 million self-employed workers and small business owners at risk in California."

- **Nancy Harvey**

SEIU 521 Child Care Provider