Chapter President’s Message

Hello Fellow 521 Brothers and Sisters,

As we near the end of summer and our kids return to school, I hope everyone had time to enjoy with loved ones. It is time to roll up our sleeves and get back to work! During the summer, our leadership and office staff have stayed engaged working on healthcare, workers’ rights, and gathering important data for pending contract negotiations. Furthermore, we called for an election to fill remaining vacancies of key officer posts in various units. Members came together and identified and nominated member leaders that understand the important work ahead. Elections are in September and we hope everyone will get out and vote. Thank you to all the candidates for heeding the call to represent our peers and their families! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and I look forward working with everyone to meet the challenges ahead.

Respectfully,

Riley Talford
Fresno County Chapter President
SEIU Local 521 Fresno

LEADERSHIP ELECTION STARTS MONDAY, SEPT. 11
An election will be held for the following positions:

AT LARGE SECRETARY
Denise Holland
Joy Hall-Villareal

UNIT 4 ELIGIBILITY WORKERS
Senior Shop Steward
Henry Lopez
Michael Renteria

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR NEW DIVISION OFFICERS
The following members were uncontested and therefore automatically declared elected into office and will be sworn in at the October 10 General Membership Meeting

UNIT 3 SOCIAL WORKERS
Vice President
Steven Ridley
Recorder
Yolanda Reyes

UNIT 4 JS COMPOSITE
Senior Shop Steward
Raquel Vidal

UNIT 12 CLERICAL
Vice President
Emma Lee Pierce
SAFETY CONCERNS AT MAIN CAMPUS

Due to safety concerns raised by staff at Main Campus during the "Bomb Threat", Bargaining Unit 4 Job Specialist Chapter Leadership has requested a meeting with DSS Deputy Director, Maria Aguirre, at Main Campus to address concerns as to safety protocols during a crisis situation. If you would like to discuss your concerns, please contact Lorenzo Lambaren, Unit 4 JS Chapter Vice President at 600-3832, or email Diana Vasquez, SEIU 521 Internal Organizer, at diana.vasquez@seiu521.org

Remember: Safety begins with all of us!

Contract Enforcement Department is HERE FOR YOU!

Contract Questions? Discipline? Need to file a grievance?

Call Rachel Tudor,
Contract Enforcement Specialist Assistant
at (559) 447-2560 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Have you attended a Know Your Rights Training at your worksite?

Come learn about your rights and protections on the job.

Dates coming soon!

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 10
6-8 p.m.

Union Office—5228 E. Pine Ave., Fresno

Next Meeting: Jan. 9
2nd Tuesday of every quarter

Please RSVP your attendance
at (559) 447-2579

IMPORTANT DATES!

September 18
Fresno County Budget Hearings Begin

October 23
Healthcare Open Enrollment Begins

October 25
Fresno County Health Fair

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Like us on Facebook: http://fb.com/SEIU521Region4
Or, simply text 521 to 787753 to subscribe to text alerts.

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Interested in Joining the Local-wide Executive Board?

August 7, 2017
Fresno County Chapter Membership,

As you may know we have two vacancies for delegate and one vacancy for an alternate on the Local’s Executive Board for our chapter. With the Local 521 Convention coming up in October, it is imperative that we fill these seats with strong leaders who can represent us both at the convention and for the balance of the current E-board’s term.

Under the Local’s Bylaws, there are two ways that Executive Board vacancies can be filled, chapter-wide election or appointment by the chapters’ leaders. Our Chapter Leadership Council decided at the August 3, 2017 meeting to go the appointment route for this current effort to fill our Chapter’s three vacant Executive Board slots.

This letter serves as the official notice that the nomination process begins today. The process will continue in accordance with the Local 521 Bylaws.

A candidate can have his/her name added to the ballot for the Chapter’s meeting where delegates will be elected, in accordance with Art. VIII Section 13, part 7, which states, “submit a request for consideration to the Local Area SEIU Office at least 14 days prior to the date an appointment will be made.” Additionally you may submit a written statement of qualifications, of up to 75 words. The written statement is entirely optional.

- You can pick up nomination forms at the Local, or contact your organizer, or print them from the Local’s website here: http://521.seiu.org/521nomformFC2017
- The nomination period is open today and closes September 5, 2017.
- After you have filled out your nomination form, submit your form to the Union Office in one of the following ways:
  1. By email (highly recommended) Nomination form should be scanned as a pdf and attached to the email and emailed to the following address: elections@seiu521.org. Please print and save a copy of the email and its attachment.
  2. Via faxing the nomination form to (408) 954-1538. Please print and save a copy of your fax transmission confirmation.
  3. Via personal delivery to the Union Office during business hours. Please bring a second copy of your nomination form, have it date/time stamped at the front desk, and retain that copy as your confirmation.
  4. Via U.S. Mail, we recommend that you mail your nomination form via certified mail/return receipt requested. The leadership will meet on September 18, 2017 to select two candidates to the Executive Board from the completed nomination forms that were received by September 1, 2017.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your Chapter President Riley Tafford or Region 3 and 4 Area Director Teneya Johnson teneya.johnson@seiu521.org.

In Solidarity,

Riley Tafford
Alyisia Bonner
Teneya Johnson
Chapter President
First Vice President
Region 3 and 4 Area Director

Together We RISE!

MEMBER TO MEMBER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, September 9
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
SEIU LOCAL 521
5228 E. Pine Ave, Fresno

Lunch Provided
RSVP 447-2579

COME BE A PART OF OUR PLAN TO WIN AND BUILD POWER FOR OUR MEMBERS.

Learn key skills on having 1 on 1 conversations with your co-workers, engaging members at your worksites, and growing membership in your chapters.
Labor Day
Come Celebrate and Take a Stand

8 a.m.: Hall of Records for Press Conference
2281 Tulare St., Fresno
8:30 a.m.: Central Labor Council Breakfast
Fresno Fairgrounds
1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno

Unless workers in every region can win unions, crooked politicians and corporations will continue to rig the system and workers will lose. Workers are bringing the fireworks this Labor Day – and we are taking on the politicians and corporations who fight to keep wages and workers down.

- Stand for our Rights!
- Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast will be given out at the Hall of Records
- Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 4

Unions give working people more power to fight for a better life. Corporations are rigging the system to strip away our rights and join together in unions.

On Labor Day, join a national day of action to stand up for our right to unite and to fight for a better future.

Stronger unions give us the power to raise wages, hold the powerful accountable, and boost the standard of living for working Americans.