

July 2017

## Engage Members

### Tulare County Contract Vote Brings Members Together

After months of bargaining, hundreds of members turned out for the Tulare County contract vote and overwhelmingly voted YES! Tulare County is working hard to improve access to quality public services and members there know that there's no investment without a fight. Building the Central Valley is key to building our union and members are engaged and ready to win.



### SEIU 521 Convention - Key Dates

**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.

Online training for shop stewards is coming soon. Get a sneak peak here: [www.seiu521.org/steward](http://www.seiu521.org/steward)

## Develop Leaders

Veronica Vasquez, our newly elected Kern County Chapter President, participated in a panel at a Right to Win conference in Los Angeles. She talked about how Local 521 is leading the way in the fight against laws that are aimed at taking power away from workers. Her family comes from the farm worker movement and she's willing to stand and fight in the most conservative part of our local. Follow her and the Kern County contract campaign on our Facebook page: [fb.com/SEIU521Region5](https://fb.com/SEIU521Region5)

## Build Political and Community Power

### City of Watsonville Rallies!

Members in the City of Watsonville joined together with the community for a rally to invest in public services. Days later, management made a new offer at the bargaining table and negotiations have accelerated. When we partner with community organizations and the media, our message of coming together for quality public services can't be ignored.



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