



Together WE RISE

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JOIN UP: VOTE FOR LABOR ALLIES IN JUNE

To survive and thrive in a political environment that is increasingly anti-union, we need to elect politicians who are allies of working people. We can claim our power by voting, encouraging our coworkers to vote and supporting legislation that benefits workers.

The June 5th primary election will determine issues as diverse as California's next Governor, the balance of power on several County Boards of Supervisors and funding for child care, but don't worry—**your fellow SEIU Local 521 members have done the research and endorsed candidates and measures that will help win for working people and rebuild the American Dream by investing in good jobs and opportunities for all, not just the 1%.**

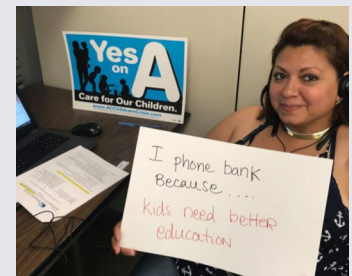
To view the full list of recommended candidates and measures in your area, visit www.seiu521.org/2018endorsements

Volunteer to help unrig the economy this election season! Join a phone-bank at your union hall to help #GetOutTheVote!

 **REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAY 21ST TO VOTE IN THE JUNE 5TH PRIMARY!**
www.registertovote.ca.gov



SEIU members met with Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom at our convention in Oct. 2017, where the candidate for Governor pledged to honor the right of Child Care providers to unionize.



Join member leader Valeska Sanchez from Fresno Unified School District to volunteer at a phone-bank!



Celebrating May Day: May 1, 2018

May 1, 1886 marked the beginning of the fight for the 8-hour work day. In the years since, May Day celebrations have given working people a platform to speak on everything from increasing the minimum wage, shining a light on the abuse of immigrant workers, protesting rising income inequality and today's attacks by anti-union groups.

On May 1, 2018, SEIU 521 members in Fresno, Bakersfield, Salinas and San Jose joined thousands of workers across the country to continue the fight for workers' rights.

RISE UP: TEACHERS, NURSES, WORKERS FIGHT FOR WHAT'S RIGHT!

All over the country workers are rising up to fight for investments in our communities, students and schools, and for basic benefits and living wages.

National Nurses Week celebrates that fighting spirit. Nurses like Kathy Gleason, who is running for Governor of Iowa, are fighting for better working conditions and to improve our public healthcare services. Gleason is campaigning on a platform that focuses on improved patient care in a state that just passed terrible anti-worker right-to-work laws. The multiple teachers' strikes and walk-outs that are taking place across the country are all happening in states that are right-to-work, places where teachers have to risk their jobs just to advocate for the ability to better care for their students.

SEIU Local 521 celebrates National Nurses Week from May 7-12, by standing in solidarity with American workers in all sectors, who are fighting for a better future for their communities. Watch the video at www.seiu521.org/nursesweek to learn about how Public Health Nurses Marilyn and Jo and Public Health Assistant Sandra serve our community.



Learn more about the role public health workers play in our community:
www.seiu521.org/nursesweek



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Sign up today: members.seiu521.org

WIN: CITY OF BAKERSFIELD SECURES FAIR CONTRACT

After months of negotiations and working without a contract, SEIU 521 members reached a Tentative Agreement with the City of Bakersfield. Along with NO TAKEAWAYS, we were able to secure improved contract language, a payment to City workers of \$750, and a re-opener for wages in 2019. This puts City workers, who have made major sacrifices since the recession, on a path towards recovery.

Winning a fair contract is only half the fight; we need Stewards at worksites to make sure that the boss upholds their end of the bargain and doesn't violate the contract.

Visit www.seiu521.org/steward to take our Steward Training!

