2022 OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND TRUSTEES ELECTION

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Read their statements…Exercise your rights and VOTE!

Candidates appear in alphabetical order under the position they are running for.
NOTE: All candidates were certified by the Election Committee on December 13, 2021

IMPORTANT: Only full dues-paying members of SEIU 521 can vote in union elections. Go to members.seiu521.org to sign up for membership.

Go to www.seiu521.org/521elections/ to read full 500-word candidate statements from candidates who submitted by the deadline and the Candidate Booklet in Spanish.
The following candidates submitted nomination petitions that were certified and accepted by the Election Committee for SEIU Local 521’s Local-Wide Officers, Delegates, Trustees & Bylaws Amendments Election 2022.

The candidates (and races) listed below were uncontested and therefore elected by acclamation and in order to reduce voter confusion, will not be listed on the Official Ballots.

This notice serves as announcement to the membership of the declared winners.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**  Mullissa Willette
**TRUSTEE AT LARGE**  Luci Latu
**AFRAM DELEGATE**  Arvelia Via Cooper Whigham
**APALA DELEGATE**  Silveria Bella Barela
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**SJC (SAN JOSE CITY) COMPOSITE DELEGATE**  Maisha Willis
**MONTEREY COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE**  Yvette Carreon
**MONTEREY COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE**  Victor Caravez
**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE**  Michael Fernwood
**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE**  Natisha Williams
**SNS (SALINAS) COMPOSITE DELEGATE**  Victor Baez
**REGION 3 VICE PRESIDENT**  Kate Selover
**STANISLAUS COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE**  Eric Schwarzentraub
**REGION 4 VICE PRESIDENT**  Riley Talford
**REGION 4 TRUSTEE**  Melissa Griggs
**FRESNO COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE**  Brenda A. Delsid
**FRESNO COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE**  Lucia Sapiens
**FRESNO COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE**  Ocean Beverly
**LOCALWIDE OFFICERS**

### CHIEF ELECTED OFFICER (CEO)

**Kimberly Gomez**, Contract Enforcement Director - SEIU 521 Member 5 years

I am not a politician. Real life representation has been the focus of my work as Director of the Contract Enforcement Department. I have led my team defending the rights of countless workers. As Chief Elected Officer, I will partner with member leaders to restore the focus of our union on Members over Politics. I believe in Quality Representation for ALL Workers.

**Riko Mendez**, Chief Elected Officer - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

This election is about all of us, our vision of building our union, and protecting our future. Together with SEIU 521 members and union staff, we’ve become a force of worker power across California. We’ve overcome anti-worker attacks, expanded representation, won historic contract strikes, and added thousands of union members to our ranks. Our #UnitedWeBuild team is ready to continue fighting and winning for our families. Vote Riko for CEO.

### PRESIDENT

**Carlton Allen**, Licensed Vocational Nurse - SEIU 521 Member 14 years

In my 17 years as an LVN for Santa Clara County, I have been fighting to protect workers as a Chief Steward, Vice Chair, and on the contract bargaining team. I’m running for President to ensure members are supported, and to bring transparency to our local. Under the current leadership, we have no voice. This needs to change. If we fight for what’s right and hold SEIU accountable to our members, we will win!

**Alysia Bonner**, Supervising Office Assistant I - SEIU 521 Member 11 years

I am humbly asking for your vote to continue serving as the Local wide President. Over the last term, united, we’ve overcome some of the biggest challenges facing our union. I am proud of our collective growth, the sensible investments made, and our pledge to holding decision makers accountable at all levels - including myself. I, along with our #UnitedWeBuild team, are committed to continue winning for working families. Vote for Alysia Bonner for President.

**Olivia Molina**, Senior Patient Business Services Clerk - SEIU 521 Member 5 years

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this to accept my nomination to the position of SEIU Local 521’s Chapter President. I am deeply honored to know that my colleagues felt me worthy of such an important responsibility. I am eager to begin and look forward to serving the Union as your next SEIU Local 521’s Chapter President.

Sincerely,

Ms. Olivia Molina

### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Not Contested

**Mullissa Willette**, Exemption Investigator - SEIU 521 Member 9 years

I’m running to continue to serve as the SEIU 521 Local-wide First VP. Over my 10 years of service, I’ve had many roles at 521, but foremost I’m a member. My hard work, dedication and continuous activities as a member reflect my commitment to always fighting for workers, their families, and our communities. From contracts, to congress, I’m #UnitedToBuild because I’m on a mission to fight for, to build for and to win for workers.
### LOCALWIDE OFFICERS

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**Lupe Gutierrez, Patient Services Assistant II**

- SEIU 521 Member 13 years

While we push the jurisdictions that we work for to invest in front line staff, our own Local does not sufficiently invest in front line staff. Instead, building the ranks of executive management. We all suffer when our organizers have little institutional knowledge about our employers. Every year contracts come up and our Union seems too always be behind. Preparing in advance matters. It’s time for a change. I appreciate your consideration and your vote.

**Donald Michael Allen, Social Worker IV**

- SEIU 521 Member 5 years

As a devoted Madera County member, I am proud to be running for re-election as your Treasurer. Alongside the UnitedWeBuild slate, I am focused on continuing our critical work of positioning our union to grow with transparency. A healthy financial state is important to continue investing to win strong contracts, expand representation, and retain our diligent staff. I am ready to serve and do not take this responsibility lightly, thank you for your vote.

**Jim Heaney, Building Plans Checker**

- SEIU 521 Member 14 years

Welcome to the November 8, 2022, election. I want to thank the members of the SEIU 521 for the privilege of serving on the #UnitedWeBuild slate. I believe if we continue to win strong contracts, we can improve our members’ wages and working conditions. As an experienced Building Plans Checker, I understand the importance of financial transparency and the impact it has on our members' well-being. I am dedicated to serving our members and ensuring that our union remains strong and committed to the interests of its members.

**Bernie Daverin, Solid Waste Equipment Operator**

- SEIU 521 Member 10 years

Hello, I’m Bernie Daverin. The time is come to take this union back. We need somebody who will stand up and represent all members. I believe by electing me treasurer of Seiu521 you do to. The message I understand is that members own this union. This union is formed to represent its members interests in the workplace. I respectfully request your support to ensure transparency and accountability. Members First! Kimberly4ceo

**RoseAnn Dominguez, Property Specialist II**

- SEIU 521 Member 21 years

It would be an honor to come back to work as YOUR Treasurer. From 2010 through 2020, I have helped provide the oversight of the use of our money as we continue the fight for those currently represented and those in the future who are striving for better lives for their families and their communities. I am ready to be a part of that fight again.
TRUSTEES AND CAUCUS DELEGATES

TRUSTEE AT LARGE - Not Contested

Luci Latu, Patient Services Assistant II - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

Hello, my name is Luci Latu & I am seeking the Localwide office of Trustee (at large). As a San Mateo County Health employee & SEIU521 member of 14+ years, there is no time more important than right now to continue building our union to prepare for the continued attacks on our healthcare & retirement. Together with #UnitedWeBuild I am ready to continue winning for our families & our communities. I ask for your vote.

AFRAM DELEGATE - Not Contested

Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Retired
Member - SEIU 521 Member 18 years

APALA DELEGATE - Not Contested

Silveria Bella Barela, Retired Member - SEIU 521 Member 21 years

I became a member of SEIU when I started driving for Laidlaw which is now First Student. I drove for 29 years and picked up kids through out the valley. In the early 2000’s Mariam Alvarez encouraged me to join APALA Caucus/Fresno. I have been the Chairperson now for about 11 years. We do scholarship fundraising and donate winter clothing to various schools in the greater area of Fresno County and are very active.

LATINO CAUCUS DELEGATE - Not Contested

Rachel Subega, Retired Member - SEIU 521
Member 14 years

WOMEN’S CAUCUS DELEGATE - Not Contested

Jennifer Jensen, Retired Member - SEIU 521 Member 21 years

I, Jennifer Jensen, a member of the United We Build Together For Everyone Team, became an SEIU Member the first day I became a Fresno County Employee - October 5, 1986 and continue through the present as a retiree. I have held several Union positions —- shop steward, regional vice president as well as being active in several caucuses including Women’s — which has strengthened my fight for a voice for everyone and equality for all.
REGION 1 OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AND EXECUTIVE BOARD DELEGATES

REGION 1 VICE PRESIDENT - Not Contested

Tammy Dhanota, Union Business – SEIU - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

Proud 26-year member of SEIU and steward, lead negotiator, VTA Chapter Chair, Current Region 1 Vice President, COPE committee member, and South Bay Labor Council Delegate. As a member leader, I’m passionate and dedicated to fight for strong contracts and fair representation for all members and working families. In this member driven union, we pride ourselves in lifting-up the voices of our co-workers and holding bad bosses accountable. Proudly in the #UnitedWeBuild team!

REGION 1 TRUSTEE - Not Contested

Trevor Gillis, Criminalist III - SEIU 521 Member 14 years

I am the current Region 1 Trustee. I am known to be analytical, fair, openminded, and a consensus builder. I have the skills and abilities to make sure our Local is fiscally responsible and is run in accordance with our bylaws. I believe I’m an asset to the Local and would appreciate your vote.

Kind regards,
Trevor Gillis

CHILD CARE CHAPTER DELEGATE - Not Contested

Ayde Jaime, Child Care Provider Licensed - SEIU 521 Member 3 years

I am a dedicated and proud member of the Child Care Providers United (CCPU) union. As my role in these prestigious organizations, I strive to inspire, lead, and support my fellow childcare providers in our state. I will utilize my talents wisely and strategically to provide a voice to all childcare providers.

Patricia Moran, Child Care Provider Licensed - SEIU 521 Member 4 years

I am a proud member of the newest chapter of our union, Child Care Providers United (CCPU). As a delegate on the SEIU 521 Executive Board, I plan to lead through the determination of the thousands of essential child care providers across California. I hope to use my voice as a lifelong advocate for child development and union leader to protect what we’ve gained, fight injustice, and achieve equity for all working families

SAN MATEO COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE

Katherine O’Malley, Principal Appraiser
SEIU 521 Member 10 years

Mercedes Segura, Office Assistant II
SEIU 521 Member 7 years

Natasha Sims, Legal Office Specialist - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

“Hello, my name is Natasha Sims. I have been working for the County of San Mateo for over 20 years. Currently, I work for Adult Probation. I serve as an SEIU Union Steward in my department and as Regional Vice Chair for North County. I am excited and accept the nomination for Alternate Executive Board Delegate and I ask for your vote. Thank you!”
SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE

Lorena Briones, Social Worker II - SEIU 521 Member 20 years

As an Emergency Response Social Worker for Santa Clara County and other areas within Social Services for the last 26 years, there is no time more important than right now to continue building our Union. We need to prepare for continued attacks on our health care, retirement and our voice. Together with #UnitedWeBuild, I am ready to continue winning for our families, just like we did in our 2019 historical contract fight and strike!

Janet Diaz, Patient Business Services Clerk - SEIU 521 Member 14 years

I’m running for reelection as SCC delegate with the #UnitedWeBuild Team because we share a mission and stand committed to representing our current members and the growing 521. #UnitedWeBuild are the gatekeepers of our contractual accomplishments and ready to secure paths for career advancement and job permanency, safeguard healthcare, retirement, economic stability, social and racial justice, attainable with political power and our voices at the decision table. Together we can all move forward with #UnitedWeBuild.

Marvin Gin, Senior IT Field Support Specialist - SEIU 521 Member 14 years

Going on 20 years working as an IT Senior Field Support Specialist for Santa Clara County, I have been standing up for workers rights as a Steward. I have been in the positions of Santa Clara County Vice President, Chief Steward, Vice Chief Steward and have been on the contract bargaining team. I’m running to be on the Executive Board Delegate – Large Chapter to ensure members are supported, and to bring back transparency to our

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## SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE - continued

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**Alex Lesniak, Child Welfare Worker - SEIU 521 Member 6 years**

As a Child Welfare Worker, I partner with those most under-resourced in our community. There is incongruence between what SEIU 521 purports to be (for the members) and what it really is (for power and profit through politics). Regaining the trust of our membership starts with asking, listening, apologizing, and reporting back. I’m committed to giving members the power to set the priorities of OUR union, as it should be.

**Andre Oliveira, Janitor - SEIU 521 Member 2 years**

It is with great honor that I run United We Build in order to continue to serve our members. Being a Chief Steward right after an owner’s transition and during pandemic has prepared me for this position, which I’ll continue to serve you with the same dedication, values and passion.

My goal is to continue to give you power and fight for your rights. In Unity, there is strength.

**Marc A. Quarles, Ultrasonographer II-A - SEIU 521 Member 2 years**

My name is Marc Quarles. I have worked at Saint Louise Hospital for 20 years. Currently I’m an Assistant Chief Steward. I’m running to be a Region 1 Delegate. I’m running because I want to put the needs of our “MEMBERS FIRST”. I can promise you that every decision that I make, every vote that I cast will be based on putting the needs of our “MEMBERS FIRST”. I humbly as for your support and

**Andre Thomas, Senior Paralegal - SEIU 521 Member 3 years**

I believe workers should be paid fair wages, treated fairly, and equitably. Our worksites should be safe to work in and we all should feel safe to work in them. As your Executive Board Delegate, I will continue to ensure these beliefs are a reality for all workers. I’ll collaborate with members and leaders across all five regions to build a stronger, organized, resilient, and more member driven SEIU 521 for us all.

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**REDWOOD CITY (RWC) COMPOSITE DELEGATE - Not Contested**

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**Derek Bahamondes, Maintenance Worker Facility Sr - SEIU 521 Member 6 years**

My name is Derek Bahamondes and I have been a member with SEIU for the past 5 years while working for the City of San Mateo. I am currently running for a spot on the Executive Board as a Delegate (SEIU Local 521). Communication is key when fighting for labor rights and fair working conditions. I strongly believe everyone should have adequate representation and present a united front to implement change.

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### REDWOOD CITY (RWC) COMPOSITE DELEGATE - Not Contested - continued

**Charles Drechsler**, Senior Construction Technician - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

Charlie Drechsler is a member in good standing from the City of Redwood City, now serving as the City Arborist, and a Right of Way Inspector. Charlie began his involvement with SEIU in EMS, thirty years ago, fighting for equitable representation for all our union family members. Charlie places member needs above internal politics, as a dedicated Chapter Chair and Steward, allowing us to focus on maximum results with local, state, and national policy makers.

### SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (COE) CHAPTER DELEGATE

**Dr. Angela Ballou**, Occupational Therapist II - SEIU 521 Member 14 years

My name is Dr. Angela Ballou, and I am an occupational therapist and the current SEIU Chapter Secretary. I have been a member of the bargaining team for the Santa Clara County Office of Education the past 10 years. I have been a member of SEIU since I started working for SCCOE in February 2002,

Best,

Angela

**Sarah Gianocaro**, Occupational Therapist II - SEIU 521 Member 14 years

My name is Sarah Gianocaro, and I am an occupational therapist and the current SEIU Chapter President and bargaining team member for the Santa Clara County Office of Education. I have been a member of SEIU since I started working for SCCOE in April 2007, and prior to that I was a member of CSEA, including serving as chapter secretary and a member of the bargaining team.

**Kellie Guevara**, Accountant II
SEIU 521 Member 10 years

### SAN JOSE OFFICE (SJC) COMPOSITE DELEGATE - Not Contested

**Yolanda Duran**, Bus Driver - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

I am a dedicated loyal union member of 28 years. I currently work at Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) as a Bus Driver, serve as shop steward and contract negotiator for my chapter. I previously served as chapter president and vice president at CUSD. My goal is to continue fighting for strong contracts, fair wages, improved working conditions and increased health benefits. I’m proud and excited to work with the #UnitedWeBuild team

**Maisha Willis**, Office & Timekeeping Tech - SEIU 521 Member 6 years

I am an acting officer, steward, and negotiator from VTA. I serve on the COPE committee. I helped lead a passionate fight for a strong and fair contract. I completed the SEIU 521-member organizer training program. I have a strong belief in unions and the excellent work we do. I will continue to stand up for workers’ rights, fair treatment, healthy and safe working condition, competitive salaries as well as a healthy work-life balance. #UnitedWeBuild
### REGION 2 VICE PRESIDENT

- **Alicia Metters**, Social Worker III - SEIU 521 Member 21 years
  
  I would be honored to serve as Region 2 Vice President to continue to build Member Power. We as members of SEIU 521 have more in common than we are different! We want to be respected in our workplaces so that we can support our families and communities! Let’s continue to fight the good fight! Si Se Puede!
  
  In Solidarity,
  
  Alicia Metters, VP Region 2

- **David Rosen**, Social Worker V - SEIU 521 Member 4 years
  
  As a Social Worker in Child Welfare, one of my core functions is to give people a voice. This is also a core function of our union. As your Region 2 Vice President, I will advocate for ALL chapters in San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties in the same way I do as the Monterey County Chapter Vice President: with passion, transparency, and a commitment that EVERYONE deserves to be heard.

### MONTEREY COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE - Not Contested

- **Victor Caravez**, Social Services Aide II - SEIU 521 Member 11 years
  
  My Name is Victor Caravez, I’m a Social Service Aide, I work with the Department of Social Services Monterey County. I currently hold the positions of Steward, Chapter Board of Directors for Unit K, Former Executive Board Delegate, and most recently played a big role as a Member of the Bargaining Team. Personally, what Union means to me is; to be able to have a voice in the workplace, negotiate in good faith for wages,

### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE - Not Contested

- **Michael Fernwood**, Senior Social Worker
  SEIU 521 Member 9 years

- **Natisha Williams**, Senior Appraiser
  SEIU 521 Member 3 years

### SALINAS OFFICE (SNS) COMPOSITE DELEGATE - Not Contested

- **Victor Baez**, Senior Urban Forestry Worker
  SEIU 521 Member 14 years
REGION 3 OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AND EXECUTIVE BOARD DELEGATES

REGION 3 VICE PRESIDENT - Not Contested

Kate Selover, Retired Member
SEIU 521 Member 18 years

STANISLAUS COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE - Not Contested

Eric Schwarzentraub, Social Worker V
SEIU 521 Member 19 years

REGION 4 OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AND EXECUTIVE BOARD DELEGATES

REGION 4 VICE PRESIDENT - Not Contested

Riley Talford, Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer - SEIU 521 Member 19 years

REGION 4 TRUSTEE - Not Contested

Melissa Griggs, Eligibility Worker III
SEIU 521 Member 5 years
### REGION 4 OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AND EXECUTIVE BOARD DELEGATES

#### FRESNO COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE - Not Contested

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Hello!

My name is Ocean Beverly and I am pleased to be nominated for our 2022 Election of Localwide Officers, Executive Board. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and look forward to working with you all in the future. Thank you!

Hello!

My name is Lucia Sapiens. I’m running for executive board delegate. I’ve worked for the Fresno County Department of Social Services since 2011. I started as an Eligibility Worker and I’m currently a Social Services Program Supervisor for CalWORKs Intake. I am an active member of the SEIU local 521 Latino and Women’s caucuses. I’m looking forward to representing Fresno County. Thank you for your support.

#### FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT /FRESNO AREA SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS ASSOC. (FUSD/FASTA) CHAPTER DELEGATE

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My name is Samuel Padilla. I am grateful to be running as an E-Board Delegate. The depth of commitment to both the SEIU and Fresno Unified School as a custodian has been extraordinary. I have demonstrated great leadership and knowledge as I have progressed throughout Fresno Unified for the last 7 years. I have been able to demonstrate my knowledge and skillset on various
### REGION 5 VICE PRESIDENT

**Alicia Aleman**, Social Service Worker III - SEIU 521 Member 13 years  
During my 14 years with the county or Kern, I have been a Social Worker at Aging and Adult Services, and currently a Domestic Violence Social Worker within the Department of Human Services. I am an active Shop Steward and Contract Action Team member for our UNION. I am committed to advocating for transparency, respect, and inclusivity so that all of our members have a voice and feel heard. #UnitedWeBuild

**Tiffany Sagbohan**, Probation Program Specialist - SEIU 521 Member 8 years  
As a County of Kern employee for the last 8 years, I have been an active leader in our union by volunteering as your Chapter VP, shop steward, CAT, bargaining team member and executive board delegate. I would like to continue the fight to build power in the chapter, region and local with your vote for Region 5 VP. Through hard work and unity, all things are possible.  
Union Strong!

### REGION 5 TRUSTEE

**Sonja Bennett**, Retired Member - SEIU 521 Member 13 years  
My name is Sonja Bennett and I am running for Region 5 Trustee. I have been an active member of the 521 Executive Board as a delegate and Regional VP, serving on Budget & Finance, IT, and a variety of other committees for 15 years. I wish to serve as a Trustee, providing fiscal oversight and guidance, and to continue the work we have started with #UnitedWeBuild.

**Gil Garcia**, Grant Writer - SEIU 521 Member 4 years  
It will be an honor to serve you as the next SEIU Region 5 Trustee. I am a person of action, who always tries to right a wrong. I am deeply involved in supporting workers as a founding Chapter President, Shop Steward, Negotiations Team Member, and SEIU Delegate to the Central Labor Council. I have worked for 4 major County Departments. I have extensive experience and education. I am asking for your vote.

### KERN COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE

**Daniel Comerford**, Technology Services Supervisor - SEIU 521 Member 5 years

**Susan Price**, Human Services Technician III - SEIU 521 Member 6 years  
My name is Susan Price. I am proud to have been nominated for Region 5 Executive Board Delegate. As a HST III working at Kern County DHS, an active member as Kern Chapter Officer, bargaining team member, shop steward, CLC delegate - actively fighting for members. I look forward to coming together to build a stronger union. I have been your voice during my time as a current leader and I would appreciate your vote.
KERN COUNTY CHAPTER DELEGATE - continued

John Rozo, Program Technician - SEIU 521 Member 3 years

My name is John Rozo, a Program Technician for Aging & Adult Services. I am currently C.O.P.E. representative/Chapter Officer for the Kern County Chapter Board. I am the Shop Steward at Aging and Adult Services, a Contract Action Team (C.A.T.) member and Delegate for the Central Labor Council. I have also served as Chair for C.O.P.E. and hope to have your vote to serve as your Delegate to the Executive Board.

Eric Sagbohan, Deputy Conservator - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

I have been a union member for 14 years and have worked to communicate with and educate our members to increase our strength and voice as we fight for our current and future generations. I hope to continue that engagement by also representing our chapter at the regional level as your Region 5 executive board delegate. Through continued dedication to our union and with your vote I know we can build power for our members.

Tracy Shofner, Social Service Worker III - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

I am a Kern County Employee with the Department of Human Services for 17 years. I am a Social Service Worker in Child Protective Services and Employment Services. I am part of the Contract Action Team and organize actions in support of member’s goals. I’m a Shop Steward and I advocate for change for my peers and equality within the workplace. I am committed to educating members and believe in transparency and open communication.

Jimmie Starr, Technical Support Specialist III
SEIU 521 Member 5 years

Robin Walters, Deputy Public Defender V - SEIU 521 Member 2 years

Proud SEIU member since joining the County as an attorney with the Public Defender; President, Democratic Women of Kern; Member, Kern County Democratic Central Committee; Co-Director, Women’s March Kern County; constantly advocating for workers and social justice. Committed to organizing a strong union by increasing membership and involvement, working with our community leaders to establish a strong union presence, and effectuating change to benefit YOU, the workers making this County run. Collectively, we succeed.

KERN COUNTY COURT CHAPTER DELEGATE - Not Contested

Linda Krolnik Wallace, Judicial Courtroom Assistant II - SEIU 521 Member 13 years
KERN MEDICAL CHAPTER DELEGATE

Gabriel Garcia Barajas, Nurse Practitioner - SEIU 521 Member 8 years

“My name is Gabriel Garcia Barajas and I am currently working at Kern Medical as a nurse practitioner. I decided to get involved with my union, and change things for the better. I want a work environment that supports workers, instead of oppressing them. I believe I can help change the growing environment of healthcare and union labor for the better. Better for employees, better for healthcare, and better for our patients.”

RETIRE EXECUTIVE BOARD DELEGATES

Laura P. Basua, Retired Member - SEIU 521 Member 18 years

Laura P. Basua, United we build team. County of Fresno Retiree, SEIU member since 1998 Currently elected Retiree Trustee on Fresno County Retirement Assoc. Cope member, served as Executive Board Delegate, Fresno County President at Large. I possess the knowledge, experience, ability, skills required to help us grow, including Retirement security for all and set the standard in member involvement. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you!
Thank you for your continued support and vote.

Connie Chew, Retired Member - SEIU 521 Member 14 years

It has been my pleasure to be a member of SEIU Local 521 and serve in various capacities while I worked. Since my retirement in 2021, I have continued my membership to support working people as much as possible, and would be honored to serve SEIU Local 521 as a retiree delegate. This seat will allow me to keep updated on concerns of workers, and participate where possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Garvey, Retired Member - SEIU 521 Member 13 years

As a 26-year emergency dispatcher for Santa Clara County I appreciated how hard my union worked to improve our pay and benefits, including retirement. Though retirement was hard to imagine in 1978, the CalPERS checks that I rely on today are a very real, essential union-negotiated benefit. Our unity is our strength. Together we must build a union that protects and improves all of our lives. Positions held: Steward, Retiree Caucus/Chapter Chairperson.
The mail ballot voting period begins on January 10, 2022, when ballots are mailed to SEIU Local 521 full dues paying Members. Ballots must be received no later than 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2022, at the Election Administrator’s San Jose Post Box address pre-printed on your enclosed return envelope.

Go to www.seiu521.org/521elections/ for more information on this election. If you have questions regarding this election, you can call the Election Administrator, Catherine Burkhart/UniLect Election Services at 888-UNI-LECT (888-864-5328).

If you do not receive your ballot by January 17, 2022, or if you spoil your ballot, you can call UniLect’s Ballot Request Call Center to obtain a replacement ballot at 866-466-6455. The deadline to request a replacement ballot is 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2022.

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