

**2026 SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHAPTER  
OFFICERS & NEGOTIATORS ELECTION WINNERS**

*As of January 29, 2026*

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Todd Naffziger, Sr. Environmental Health Specialist – Consumer Protection

**Probation Counselor Safety Unit Vice Chair:**

Starr Law, Probation Counselor II, WM F James Ranch

**SSU Eligibility Worker Unit Vice Chair:**

Julie Barajas, Social Services Benefits Specialist - DEBS

**SSU Social Worker Unit Vice Chair:**

*Vacant*

**Social Services Supervisory Unit – Eligibility Worker Vice Chair**

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**Social Services Supervisory Unit – Social Worker Vice Chair**

*Vacant*

**NEGOTIATORS**

**APT Unit Negotiators (17 including Vice Chair)**

- 1. Trevor Gillis, Criminalist III – Vice Chair**
2. John Beebe, Interventional Radiology Technologist
3. Raquel Beyer, Physical Therapist II
4. Pho Bui, Psychiatric Social Worker I
5. Charlotte Chun, Pharmacist
6. Andrea Cronin, Speech-Language Pathologist II
7. Sabrina Daise, Pharmacy Technician
8. Xavier Dupree, Hazardous Materials Technician
9. Carlos Fuentes, Network Engineer
10. Janel Lane, Diagnostic Imaging Technologist II – Mammography
11. Maurilia Luevano, Senior Paralegal
12. Sarah Neeri, Librarian II
13. Jess Ortega, Emergency Room Technician
14. Andrew Pham, Respiratory Care Practitioner II
15. Andre Thomas, Senior Paralegal
16. Heather Unruh, Licensed Vocational Nurse
17. Laura Villarreal, Senior Communications Dispatcher

**APT Alternates**

1. Sheryl Schenkman, Senior Appraiser
2. Mont Thompson, Radiation Therapist
3. Charlene Mahabali, Marriage & Family Therapist II

### **Blue Collar Unit Negotiators (7 including Vice Chair)**

1. **Carlos Murillo, Food Service Worker II – Vice Chair**
2. K. Gebrihiwet, Janitor
3. Tim Jones, Senior Electrical/Electronic Technician
4. Paul Jorgenson, Cook
5. Raul Martinez, Stationary Engineer
6. Ron Ramos, Fleet Services Mechanic
7. Joel Vrana, Stationary Engineer

### **Blue Collar Alternates:**

1. Dan Horbaly, Food Service Worker II
2. Chris Libera, General Maintenance Mechanic II
3. Stuart Johnson, Cook

### **Clerical Unit (9 including Vice Chair)**

1. **Lilia Jacobo, Sr. HSR – Authorization & Referral Center – Vice Chair**
2. Rebecca Arnold, Revenue Collections Clerk
3. Dora Baltazar, HSR
4. Jazmine Edwards, HSR
5. Desiree Garcia, Sr. HSR
6. Teresa Linderman Libera, Sr. HSR
7. Catrina G. Mestaz, Client Services Technician
8. Chanta Ouk, Election Specialist
9. Lydia Torres, HSR

### **Clerical Alternates:**

1. Jose Posadas, Election Specialist

### **Public Health Nurse Unit (3 including Vice Chair)**

1. **Ryan C. Pagala, Public Health Nurse II – Vice Chair**
2. Elba Morales, Public Health Nurse II
3. Natalie Tu, Public Health Nurse II

### **Environmental Health Unit (3 including Vice Chair)**

1. **Todd Naffziger, Sr. Environmental Health Specialist – Vice Chair**

2. Moji Kazemi, Sr. Environmental Health Specialist
3. Jessica Zertuche, Sr. Environmental Health Specialist

**Probation Counselor Safety Unit (2 including Vice Chair)**

1. **Starr Law, Probation Counselor II – Vice Chair**
2. Janet Bustos, Probation Counselor II

**SSU Eligibility Worker\* Unit (3 including Vice Chair + 1 At Large)**

*\*Eligibility Worker classification is now called: Social Services Benefits Specialist*

1. **Julie Barajas, Social Services Benefits Specialist – Vice Chair**
2. Jose Duarte, Social Services Benefits Specialist
3. Christal Porras, Social Services Benefits Specialist
4. Hannah Vu, Social Services Benefits Specialist

**SSU Eligibility Worker Alternates:**

1. Abreham Getaw, Social Services Benefits Specialist
2. James Foreman, Social Services Benefits Specialist
3. Rosalinda Nunez, Social Services Benefits Specialist

**SSU Social Worker Unit (3 including Vice Chair)**

1. **Vacant – Vice Chair**
2. Rachel Benitez, Social Worker III
3. Vacant

**Social Services Supervisory Unit (3 including 2 Vice Chairs)**

1. **Vacant – Supervisory Social Worker Vice Chair**
2. **Vacant - Supervisory Eligibility Worker Vice Chair**
3. Christa Starr, Eligibility Work Supervisor

**Social Services Supervisory Unit Alternates:**

1. Gabriel Montes, Social Work Training Specialist
2. Tina Ramirez, Social Services Analyst
3. Tamekia Johnson, Social Work Supervisor

We, the Santa Clara County Elections Committee, hereby certify this statement of vote results to be accurate. The following change has been made in accordance with our SEIU 521 SCC Chapter Bylaws.

Per Article 13, Section 2 of the SEIU 521 SCC Chapter Bylaws, "In the Clerical unit, the APT unit, and the Blue Collar unit, no more than one Negotiator in the same job classification series may be elected from the same worksite where candidates from other worksites are available and willing to serve. Should two or more candidates in the same job classification series from the same worksite receive sufficient votes to place them on the same bargaining unit negotiating committee (except PHN, EHS, Social Workers, Eligibility Workers, Social Work Supervisors and Eligibility Worker Supervisors, and Probation Counselor Safety units), the candidate(s) receiving the lower total(s) shall become Alternates to that committee and shall be ranked with other Alternates by vote total."

- Blue Collar: Carlos Murillo and Dan Horbaly are both the same job classification from the same worksite. Therefore, although Dan Horbaly received enough votes to be elected, he shall be declared an Alternate to the committee. K. Gebrihiwet shall be declared elected to the committee having received the next most votes.

Winners will be officially seated at the General Membership Meeting on February 5, 2026 to assume their positions.