



UTLA AFT Local 1021/CFT Member Report: September 21, 2011
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The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) are members of the AFL-CIO. There is a proud history of workers and organizers that for generations have fought for job security, safety and working conditions, wages and benefits through collective bargaining and collective action. As educators, we are workers who also impact the lives of other workers through their families.

The AFT report in the current UT will update you on actions by our members to support working families and other unions: ILWU (International Longshore Workers Union), CWA (Communication Workers of America), UFC (United Food and Commercial Workers), Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition,

AFT Board of Director Members on the Local 1021 Executive Board and as delegates to the Los C:

North: Dan Barnhart

Central: Jose Lara

South: Megan Boyd

Harbor: vacant

East: Gillian Russom

Valley West: Javier Romo

West: Brad Jones

Valley East: Lisa Karahalios

NUHW (National Union of Healthcare Workers): members and nurses from CNA will be on strike beginning this week at Kaiser Permanente facilities. Please don't cross their picket lines! Despite record profits Kaiser is trying to force givebacks in wages and benefits, and refuses to agree to contractual improvements to patient care. We can connect with people on the picket line at Kaiser and let them know we support them.

UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers): an agreement has been reached with Vons, Ralphs and Albertsons' Corporations to avert a strike with the grocery workers. Members will vote on that agreement this week. Thank you to school communities who "adopted a store" in support of their campaign.

Congratulations to UTLA/AFT member, Joshua Pechthalt, who was elected as President of the California Federation of Teachers and will be on release for 3 years to serve on the State level.

Betty Forrester and Warren Fletcher were elected as 2 of the 25 Vice-Presidents on the CFT Executive Committee.

The Statewide convention for the CFT will be in San Jose in April 2012 and the National Convention for the AFT will be in Detroit at the end of July 2012. Information on both of those conventions are on the affiliate websites (AFT.org and CFT.org) and in the current UT.

AFT membership cards have been mailed this Fall. A FAQ on this is at utla.net under the AFT affiliate link.

SAVE the DATE: the first AFT local 1021 general membership meeting will be at UTLA on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 6:00 PM. All AFT members are invited to attend.

LA County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO: launionaflcio.org for updates on actions with other locals.

Please email bforrester@utla.net if you know of any other solidarity actions that UTLA members are participating in – We Are ALL Wisconsin!