

AFT Harbor Board Election

CANDIDATE FOR AFT-HARBOR AREA

Statement of Jennie Duggan

Hi, my name is Jennie Duggan and I believe in workers' rights. Many of you know me as an activist in California Teachers Association (CTA) and National Education Association (NEA). What you may not realize is that I am also an activist with American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and have been for many years. That means I am a dual member of this dual affiliated union and get to pay double dues. I do not do that because I can afford to pay the extra dues, but because I find the strength of being part of both unions is amazing. California Federation of Teachers (CFT) is energetic, a little raw and perhaps closer to the ground.



This summer I had the chance to attend the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA). This is one of five caucuses that the AFL-CIO funds, APALA has a biennial conference which was held this year in Oakland. I marched in their rally to the Oakland Center with steel workers, hotel workers, secretaries, home care workers, students and teachers to name a few, what an exhilarating experience. Speaker after speaker spoke of workers' rights and lack of rights, even wage theft.

We are all the same in this world of work. Teachers need their students whose parents may be one of our AFT brothers or sisters: retail workers, food service workers, car wash workers, construction workers, police, firemen and women, postal workers, clerical workers and even our classroom assistants.

Let me be the voice of those who look to teachers to help give voice to workers' rights. I want to be that voice for our CFT/AFT brothers and sisters and especially for those in the Harbor Area. VOTE for JENNIE DUGGAN, YOUR VOICE.

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Statement of Ginger Rose Fox

Having been an arts educator and Union member for over twenty-five years, I am **committed, courageous, caring, and creative**. This year marks the beginning of my thirteenth year in dedication to the students of LAUSD:

- two years in an elementary classroom (3rd and 5th)
- eight years: itinerant elementary dance and theatre educator (K-6)
- three years as the theatre director at Washington Prep High School



Endorsements Include:

- **UTLA Officers:** Gregg Solkovits, MJ Roberts, Arlene Inouye, David Lyell
- **Area Chairs and Directors:** Jose Lara, Ingrid Villeda, Megan Boyd, Brad Jones, Pamela Gibberman; HHS: Hattie McFrazier

Leadership Experience and Accomplishments include:

- CFT Convention Delegate: Co-authored successful Resolution for support of Arts Education
- UTLA Chapter Chair: Elementary Arts Program, Itinerant Visual and Performing Arts Teachers
- UTLA Committee Chair: Arts Education Committee
- UTLA Harbor Area: House of Representatives; Steering Committee; Legislative Action Team
- Serving on the PSC 3.0 Design Team for Harry Bridges Span School in Wilmington
- Organizing Member of PEAC (Progressive Educators for Action)
- Led the struggle that *protected* the Elementary Arts Program from a 50% cut; *created* a PR/advocacy campaign <http://lausdartsed.blogspot.com>; *organized* UTLA members to gather over 6000 petition signatures and letters from parents/community; *reduced* RIFs to 30%.

I Believe that:

- **UTLA is a democratic Union.** We are all UTLA. We need to *invite* and *encourage* diverse voices.
- **Education is a right, not a privilege.** It is *essential* to fully fund our schools, and to ensure that ALL students have *equitable* access to a *comprehensive* curriculum and a *socially just* public education
- **WE MUST nurture trust and unity** among colleagues, families, and communities
- **WE CAN be successful** in countering the corporate privatizers and competitive testing obsession by creating transformative schools that foster multiple intelligences, creativity, and authentic assessment
- **WE SHALL overcome** the detrimental forces that wish to divide and conquer us. *Solidarity Forever!*

If Elected I Will:

- **Organize** an *activist* Union with progressive and proactive solutions to the many attacks on educators
- **Create** robust communication pathways between rank-and-file UTLA members and UTLA Central
- **Build** strong relationships between UTLA Chapter Chairs, Standing Committee Chairs, Steering Committee Members, House of Representatives, Board of Directors, Area Chairs, Officers and Staff

Access my full Candidate Statement, flyers, and an updated list of endorsements at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/gingerfoxafv/>

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Statement of Ryan Gillespie

I am a progressive educator who believes that the primary role of UTLA should be to organize school sites and communities. The goal should be to create an organization that is proactive in developing and creating solutions to the problems our communities and schools face. We must get out ahead of the district instead of constantly reacting to it. UTLA must continue to be working for school sites to have autonomies, where all the central office is worried about is fulfilling the needs of our local schools. I was the chapter chair at Carnegie MS and then began working to help create Rancho Dominguez's PSC plan, where we implemented an ESBMM model that helps begin collaboration between teachers, parents and students. I wish to help expand on these models that drive reforms, which truly help and empower our communities through a democratic process. Teachers and parents can then work together to create the best educational environment for our students. Let's stand up together and help fight the privatization and whole scale destruction of our public schools. Teachers UNITED can never be DIVIDED!!

