



Chapter Talking Points

November 19, 2019

Info for chapter leaders

Get signatures for the School Board petition

- Work the rosters to identify members who are registered to vote in board districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 (marked in last column) and encourage them to sign the petition to commit to vote for the UTLA endorsed candidates. **This is an essential first step in making sure our members vote.**

Reverse drop this Thursday – submit your signed SCF petitions

- Discuss the need for funding at our schools and the unfairness of the present tax loopholes for large corporations. Ask members to sign the Schools and Communities First petition to get the initiative on the ballot that will put an end to this abuse. Follow the [Signature Gathering](#) instructions and return your petitions to one of the reverse drop locations below on Thursday, November 21.

CENTRAL AREA: 3:15pm-6pm

- West Vernon ES (faculty parking lot on 43rd between Grand and Broadway)

SOUTH AREA: 2:30pm-6pm

- Miramonte ES (parking lot off of 69th St)
- South Gate MS (parking lot)

EAST AREA: 2:45pm-6pm

- Garfield HS (parking lot)
- Roosevelt HS (parking lot)

WEST AREA: 2:45pm-6pm

- Grandview Ave ES (entrance at corner w/ Centinela)

HARBOR AREA: 3-6pm

- Taper ES
- Alpine Village (parking lot across from 110 Freeway. Southbound exit and entrance)

VALLEY WEST: 3:15pm-6pm

- Taft HS (parking lot, Ventura/Winnetka)
- Granada Hills HS (Zelzah parking lot—flagpole)
- Birmingham HS (parking lot)

NORTH AREA: 3pm-6pm

- UTLA Building
- Nightingale MS (front sidewalk near parking entrance)

VALLEY EAST: 3:15pm-6pm

- Pacoima MS (back of school, near Room 75)

Winning back our School Board in 2020 – BOE campaign training & SCF overview

A training session to prepare for the January launch of the 2nd phase of the School Board Campaign is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, from 9 am to 12 noon. We will review the volunteer recruitment

plan and train leaders within the volunteer program of our School Board campaign. There will be an overview of the Schools and Communities First initiative. Choose from any of the following locations:

UTLA

3303 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles

White Middle Schools

22102 S Figueroa St, Carson, CA 90745

Mulholland Middle School

17120 Vanowen St, Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Please RSVP indicating your preferred location to jam@utla.net.

Talking points for chapter meetings

UTLA endorses Senator Bernie Sanders for US President

- After a chapter leader and member vote at the November 13 Area meetings, the UTLA House of Representatives approved the endorsement of Bernie Sanders for the US Presidential Primary elections by a decisive 90 to 23 (80%) vote.

The Area by Area vote was as follows

<u>Area</u>	<u>Yes votes</u>	<u>No votes</u>
Central	61	3
East	47	13
Harbor	30	20
North	46	16
South	38	10
Valley East	41	32
Valley West	43	39
West	50	15
Early Education	35	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>391 Yes (72.5%)</u>	<u>148 No (27.5%)</u>

“Sanders is the first viable major candidate in 25 years in the Democratic Party to stand up against privatization, the charter billionaires, and high-stakes testing and to stand up for a massive redistribution of wealth to schools and social services. Critically, like UTLA, Sen. Sanders believes in building a national movement for real, lasting change,” UTLA President Alex Caputo-Pearl said.

—[Read UTLA statement on the endorsement](#)

Our BD-7 candidate, Patricia Castellanos, has a long history of fighting for our schools

- She might be a new name to the School Board, but Patty Castellanos has been working on behalf of public education for a long time. Patty was the Deputy Executive Director of LAANE (Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy) for over 8 years and was key in establishing ROSLA, our

sister organization that has fought along with UTLA before, during, and after the strike to organize our school communities and establish Community Schools. Both LAANE and ROSLA did much of the work to organize the community during the strike with actions at Monica Garcia's and Beutner's homes, pressure on Nick Melvoin, and more.

- Together with the other three candidates on our slate—George McKenna, Scott Schmerelson, and Jackie Goldberg—Patricia Castellanos will give us the school board majority we need. We need to think of these four BOE races as one, and think about each of the four candidates as “our” candidate, regardless of where we live.
- **See your Chapter Chair to determine if you are one of the 10,000 members who are registered in Districts 1, 3, 5, or 7. If so, sign the School Board petition now.** We are all counting on you to help us elect a School Board that will work for the benefit of our students, not a board beholden to the whims and schemes of billionaires and special interest groups.

The Schools and Communities First initiative will bring billions of new dollars to California public schools

- The Schools and Communities First initiative will close the tax loophole that has allowed large corporations, like Chevron and Disney, to pay taxes based on decades old evaluations while charging consumers 2019 prices. This unfair practice represents millions of dollars in lost revenue for our schools. Let's put an end to this injustice by working to put the SCF initiative on the 2020 ballot.
- The Schools and Communities First initiative applies to large corporations only. It completely exempts all residential properties, home owners, renters, and small businesses. **Talk to your Chapter Chair to sign the SCF petition** and get ready to work on the campaign early next year.

March for Housing

- Join ACCE (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment) in a March for Housing this Wednesday, November 20, 4:00 pm at Pershing Square, to demand fair housing policies and services in the city of Los Angeles. The March will be calling attention to gentrification, evictions, rent control and other issues that affect our communities.

UTLA action calendar

November 20: PACE meeting

November 20: March for Housing

November 21: Reverse drop for SCF petitions

December 4: BOD meeting

December 7: SCF training for Chapter Chairs

December 11: HOR meeting

Member communication not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate.