



Chapter Talking Points

December 10, 2019

Info for chapter leaders

Get all members to sign the SCF petition before the December 12 drop date

- We need to get every member to sign the Schools and Communities First petition to qualify the initiative for the 2020 ballot. Our schools desperately need the funding that SCF will provide. Every single signature counts. Work on the petitions over the next four days and deliver the signatures to one of the drop locations listed below this Thursday, December 12. Follow the [Signature Gathering](#) instructions.

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)

Get signatures for the School Board petition

- Identify members who are registered to vote in board districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 (marked in last column) and ask them to sign the petition to commit to vote for one of the UTLA endorsed candidates. **This is an essential first step in making sure our members vote.**
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Talking points for chapter meetings

Sign the Schools and Communities First petition before this Thursday, December 12

- **Talk to your Chapter Chair to sign the SCF petition now.** The Schools and Communities First initiative applies to large corporations only and completely exempts all residential properties, home owners, renters, and small businesses. The SCF initiative closes corporate tax loopholes to reclaim millions of dollars in funding that should have never been taken away from our children's education and local communities. **Sign the petition before this Thursday, Dec. 12**, when your Chapter Chair will deliver the signatures to qualify the initiative for the 2020 ballot.
- The Schools and Communities First initiative is about tax fairness, not tax hikes. It has the support of hundreds of labor, community, senior, faith, health, housing and education organizations, school boards, elected officials, presidential candidates, and small businesses. See the [list of SCF supporters](#).

Our BOE candidates will fight for our schools

- Each one of our School Board candidates—George McKenna, Scott Schmerelson, Jackie Goldberg and Patricia Castellanos— has demonstrated a firm commitment to our schools and our students. These four BOE candidates are “our” candidates, regardless of where we live. We all need to contribute in whatever capacity we can—voting, phone banking, precinct walking, talking to family and friends— to get our four candidates elected.
- Visit our campaign website www.lateacherschoice.org for more information, including phone banking and precinct walking schedules.
- **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.

Fighting excessive testing at our schools

- Through our strike, we won an agreement to identify all district assessments and the impact on instructional time with the stated goal of reducing testing by 50%. A joint task force was formed and has been meeting according to the agreement. The district, however, is not following through.

As part of our campaign to force the district to comply with our agreement, educators across the city are sharing their testing schedule so the district can see how much of their instructional time is lost. **Teachers: post your testing schedule to social media with this hashtag: #EndOvertesting**

UTLA action calendar

December 11: HOR meeting

December 12: Reverse drop for SCF petitions

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