



Chapter Talking Points

January 28, 2020

Info for chapter leaders

Citywide leafletting this Thursday, January 30

- We will be holding a leafletting action this Thursday, January 30 to distribute the parent flyers that were delivered at the last Area meeting . The flyer discusses our bargaining proposals, the LAUSD School Board elections, and the critical Schools and Communities First measure. Picket signs underscoring our message were also provided.

2 Neighborhood Walks and 2 Weekend Precinct Walks

- Talk to members about signing up for 2 Thursday Neighborhood Walks and 2 Weekend Precinct Walks for the School Board elections. For details, see the the [chapter chair guide](#) for organizing precinct walks. Select your walking dates and send the precinct walk/neighborhood walk [signup form](#) to jlam@utla.net as soon as possible.

Distribute and Discuss the 3 year path to victory document

- The [3-YEAR PATH TO VICTORY](#), a document outlining the path ahead over the next three years, was delivered to Chapter Chairs at the January 22 Area meetings. Please distribute and discuss the document with members, specifically how we win in 2020 and build for full contract bargaining in 2022. Encourage members to share their insights.

School Board & SCF petitions

- Keep working the School Board and Schools and Communities First petitions. Send the School Board petitions in on a regular basis.

Talking points for chapter meetings

Let's elect our bosses! – the School Board

- The School Board elections we are working on now will affect everything headed to 2021 and 2022 regarding our healthcare, salary, class size, staffing, etc. We can elect our own bosses, but to push our four School Board candidates to victory on March 3, every school needs to sign up for 2 chapter precinct walks on the weekends and 2 chapter neighborhood walks on Thursdays. Our team: Patricia Castellanos in District 7, Jackie Goldberg in District 5, George McKenna in District 1, and Scott Schmerelson in District 3. ***Regardless of where you live, be prepared to campaign***

with us for these four candidates because their decisions will impact the entire district.

1. **All UTLA Chapters participate in at least 2 Saturday and Sunday Precinct Walks between now and March 3.** Chapter members will meet at the UTLA campaign offices in Carson and Van Nuys and be assigned to neighborhoods for voter outreach in pairs.
2. **UTLA Chapters located in Board Districts 3, 5, and 7 only hold an additional 2 after school neighborhood walks** to reach out to voters in the neighborhood surrounding their schools for two hours (preferably on Thursdays).
 - **See your chapter chair today to sign up.**

UTLA Campaign Offices:

Walks for Board Districts 5 and 7

103 W. Carson Street

Walks for Board District 3

6634 Valjean Ave., Van Nuys CA 91406

Times:

Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM, Sundays 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Individuals: visit www.lateacherschoice.org to sign up and for more information.

- **WHAT TO EXPECT**

Weekend Precinct Walks: Members meet at the campaign office to get materials and a quick briefing on message and the PDI mobile app. The PDI app is the tool we use to organize our voter outreach. It shows a map of the houses you are going to on your phone, provides the name of the voter and a place for you to record their response. Members go out in teams of two and knock on the doors of the assigned houses to talk to voters about what matters to you as a teacher, what matters to them as a community member and why our candidates are the best for public education. Our experience is that people love hearing from teachers about the school board campaign. They trust us.

Thursday Neighborhood Walks (for chapters in Board Districts 3, 5, and 7 only): UTLA will provide a packet of materials to the chapter chair ahead of the scheduled walk. Members meet at the school after dismissal to sign in and get a quick briefing and review of the PDI mobile app from the Chapter Chair (staff will help you prepare for this in the days before). Members team up and knock on the doors of registered voters in the neighborhood around the schools for 2 hours using the PDI mobile app to identify which doors to knock on. After a conversation about why it is important for your schools neighborhood to vote for the UTLA endorsed candidate, one of the members records the response in the PDI mobile app.

Contract reopeners begin this week on January 29—citywide leafleting this Thursday, January 30

- On January 29, we begin contract reopener bargaining with LAUSD, focusing on issues that need the most attention before full contract bargaining in 2022.
- Our demands:
 - Compensation increases, including an across-the-board salary increase, expanded bilingual differentials, and greater pay equity for Adult Ed, Early Ed, and CTE teachers
 - Special Education supports, including lower caseloads and more school psychologists
 - Increased HHS staffing, such as PSWs and PSAs, crucial to student mental health and school discipline plans
- On January 30, we'll hold school-site leafleting to reach out to the community about our proposals, the LAUSD School Board elections, and the critical Schools and Communities First funding measure.

UTLA members to elect officers and board

- Next month, UTLA members will be voting for UTLA citywide officers and members of the UTLA Board of Directors.
- Election ballots for this first round of voting will be mailed to members' home addresses on February 3 and are due back by February 28. Ballots will not be sent to school sites.
- Learn more about the candidates at utla.elections.org, which has links to candidates' social media pages, flyers, and for officer candidates only, Q&A videos and be sure to participate in the election. The Special Election Edition of UNITED TEACHER will arrive at members' homes this week.

[Candidates for Citywide Office](#)

[Candidates for Area Board of Directors](#)

[Candidates for Special Categories Board of Directors](#)

Upcoming events

Jet Fuel Community Meeting

- On Friday, January 31, there will be a meeting about the resources available for students and communities affected by the jet fuel incident. The meeting, sponsored by UTLA, will be held from 6 to 7 pm in the 93rd Street Elementary auditorium.

Diane Ravitch in conversation with Alex Caputo-Pearl on February 9

- Diane Ravitch will be talking about her new book and signing copies on Sunday, February 9, at 3:30 pm at the Central Library in downtown LA. In "Slaying Goliath: The Passionate Resistance to

Privatization and the Fight to Save America's Public Schools, Ravitch fights back against "disruptors" who wish to privatize schools and she celebrates the grassroots efforts of parents, teachers, students, and communities that have rallied to keep their public schools alive. **Space limited. Reserve your seat at <https://ifla.org/event/diane-ravitch>.**

Conference for Racial and Social Justice on February 1

- The UTLA Racial Justice Task Force is sponsoring a conference, "Teaching for Black Lives in Segregated Times," for UTLA members on February 1, at UTLA, from 8 am to 3 pm. Patrisse Cullors, co-founders of Black Lives Matter, and Stacy Davis Gates, VP of the Chicago Teachers Union, will speak. **Go to <http://bitly.com/UTLAConference> to register.**

UTLA action calendar

January 29: Contract reopeners begin with LAUSD

January 29: PACE meeting

January 30: School-site leafleting

January 30: Student Debt Clinic at UTLA/AFT meeting

January 31: Jet Fuel Community meeting

February 1: Conference for Racial and Social Justice

February 5: Board of Directors meeting

February 9: Diane Ravitch book event

February 12: House of Reps meeting

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