

# Chapter Talking Points

October 26, 2020

## Info for chapter leaders

### Let's end this campaign with a bang: Winning the Prop 15 and School Board races

- Let's go all-in on the last week of the campaign. Talk to every member in your group and be sure they have voted or will vote. Get members to phone bank. Do all you can this last week to pass Prop 15 and get our School Board candidates elected. We are getting close to the finish line and can't afford to slow down now. Our future and the future of our schools depend on winning the School Board seats and passing Proposition 15.
- **Our three-step plan to win:**
  1. Get commitments from every member to vote for Prop 15 by asking them to sign onto this online pledge <https://www.utla.net/yes-prop-15-pledge>
  2. Recruit at least 5 members from your chapter to join you for phone banking (from home) for 4 hours. Sign up here <https://lateacherschoice.org/#campaignnow>
  3. GET OUT THE VOTE: Follow up with every voter on your roster and:
    - 1). Confirm that all supporters of Prop 15 vote. You can see those in your chapter marked with a "2" in the Prop 15 Column of the roster
    - 2). Encourage all members registered in Board District 3 and 7 to vote for Scott Schmerelson (BD3) and Paty Castellanos (BD7)

Attached is [power point presentation](#) you can use in chapter meetings about the Prop 15 and School Board campaigns.

#### Rosters

Chapter Rosters are updated regularly and sent to your chapter email. Your roster indicates who is registered to vote in Board District 3 or Board District 7, and who has already officially declared their support for Prop 15 by signing the online petition. Chapter Chairs, If you did not receive your special chapter email and password, or are having any issues logging in please visit the page below and fill out the form, visit <https://www.utla.net/resources/tech-help-request-form>

1. [Oct. 12 Power Point presentation](#) (will download)  
[Oct. 12 Power Point presentation](#) (PDF)  
[Prop 15 FAQ](#)  
[Prop 15 Pledge](#)  
[Phone banking sign up](#)

## **Planning for Election Night and Beyond 2020**

- As we discussed on Sunday, October 25, we need to be prepared for any interference in a fair election and vote count during and after the November 3 election. Trump has indicated that he will not accept the results of the election if he is not declared the winner on November 3. A stolen US Presidential election has implications for our schools, our communities and our society. Educators and unions are uniquely positioned to organize to do what we can to ensure that every vote is counted and that the will of the people is honored. Here is a list of the steps to take and material to prepare members at your site.

### **Next Steps for Every UTLA Chapter:**

Meet with CAT Teams

Hold a Chapter Meeting with a version of [this Power Point](#) (will download)

Join the UTLA GOTV Phone Banks for Prop 15 and School Board

[Power Point presentation](#) (will download)

[PDF of Power Point presentation](#)

## **Save the Date - November 5 Regional Information meetings**

- Mark November 5 on your calendar for a Regional Information meeting. Details will be available soon.

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## **Talking points for chapter meetings**

**Fight against layoffs and class size increases - Vote YES and support Proposition 15**

- During the last recession in 2008, schools were forced into waves of layoffs, huge class size increases, and deep spending cuts. History will repeat itself if we don't do something.

Prop. 15 will help fill a substantial hole in the state deficit brought on by the pandemic-induced economic crisis, which has exacerbated an already bleak funding picture. Why is California No. 1 in the nation in GDP but No. 39 in per-pupil funding? A decades-old corporate tax loophole has starved our students of needed resources. By voting #YesOn15 we can close that loophole and invest in our students' futures while protecting homeowners and renters.

[Commit to vote Yes](#) and encourage friends and family to read the actual ballot measure and check out the facts at [www.yes15.org/debunk](http://www.yes15.org/debunk).

## **You can still make a difference in this election**

- Your phone calls, added to those of your colleagues, might turn out the votes that will ultimately win this election. In this election year, phone banking is not a tool, it is a defensive weapon to fight off the outsiders trying to buy our School Board. Even if there is only one week left to election day many voters are still undecided and your phone call could be the push they need to vote for one of our School Board candidates, Scott Schmerelson in District 3 and Paty Castellanos in District 7.
- We need an educator friendly School Board to navigate the difficult waters ahead, as we will be doing battle to ensure a safe reopening of our schools during the budget crisis created by the pandemic.
- In addition to our Monday-Friday phone banks from 4 pm to 8 pm, we have expanded our phone bank hours on the last two weekend days of our campaign:
  - Saturday, October 24, noon-8 pm
  - Sunday, October 25, noon-8 pm

**Every phone call makes a difference. Join your colleagues and sign up to phone bank today at [lateacherschoice.org/#campaignnow](http://lateacherschoice.org/#campaignnow) .**

## **Professional Development sessions should be scheduled on Mondays**

- We should keep in mind that, per our agreement with the district, professional development sessions are supposed to take place on Mondays,

## **UTLA House of Representatives meeting**

- There will be a House of Reps meeting this Wednesday, October 28 starting at 6:00 PM. Here is the information to join the meeting:

When: Oct 28, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrf-ugrTwpGtKu75SfbE5nc5xViXy0bMBz>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## **UTLA calendar**

**Oct. 28:** House of Reps meeting

**Nov. 3:** Election Day

**Nov. 4:** PACE meeting

**Nov. 5:** Regional Information meetings

**Nov.12:** BOD meeting

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