

Chapter Talking Points

September 7, 2020

Info for chapter leaders

Chapter Chair trainings

Chapter chair trainings will be held, virtually, in each UTLA Area in September. See the schedule below and look out for an email with the zoom invite next week.

Contract 101:

West	9/16, 3:30 PM
Harbor	9/16, 3:30 PM
East	9/14, 4:00 PM
Valley East	9/14, 4:00 PM
South	9/15, 4:00 PM
Central	9/16, 4:00 PM
North	9/14, 4:00 PM
Valley West	9/15, 4:00 PM

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West	9/22, 3:30 PM
Harbor	9/24, 3:30 PM
East	9/21, 4:00 PM
Valley East	9/22, 4:00 PM
South	9/24, 4:00 PM
Central	9/24, 4:00 PM
North	9/21, 4:00 PM
Valley West	9/21, 4:00 PM

Prop 15 and School Board Campaign

- The importance of winning these two campaigns can't be overstated. Winning Proposition 15 will give our schools the funding we need and winning the School Board races will ensure we have a fair and responsible School Board majority that we can work with.

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 in September and 4 hours in October. Sign up here <https://lateacherschoice.org/#campaignnow>
3. Get one on one commitments from chapter members who are noted on your chapter roster as being registered in Board District 3 and 7 to vote for Scott Schmerelson (BD3) and Paty Castellanos (BD7).

Attached is a [short power point presentation](#) you can use in your virtual chapter meetings. It is also [attached as a pdf](#) in case you want to print it and see the talking points in the notes section easier.

Also attached is [an FAQ](#) and a [handout](#) on Prop 15.

Rosters

Chapter Rosters were emailed last Wednesday to the chapteremail. 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 on-line petition.

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

[Power Point presentation](#) (PDF)

[Prop 15 FAQ](#)

[Prop 15 Handout](#)

[Prop 15 Pledge](#)

[Phone banking sign up](#)

Send in the Notice of Chapter Chair Election Today

- If you were the 2019-2020 Chapter Chair for your school or chapter and you intend to continue as the chapter chair for the 2020-2021 school year, you must submit a [Notice of Chapter Chair Election](#). There is no automatic extension of your assignment as chapter chair - you are required to submit the form via email to Princess Sykes at psykes@utla.net.

- If you are not intending to run, please share this announcement with others at your site so that a chapter chair can represent your school. It is important that we receive this form as soon as possible to complete the election process for your chapter and officially record the name of the 2020-2021 Chapter Chair.
 - [Notice of Chapter Chair Elections](#)
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Talking points for chapter meetings

Let's work together to pass Proposition 15, an insurance against budget cuts and layoffs

- The budget shortfall from the pandemic already exceeds \$54 billion. Without funding from Proposition 15, we will be facing recession cuts created by this crisis. Yet, billionaires wealth grew by more than \$175 Billion in the first 3 months of the pandemic. We should not allow wealthy investors and big corporations to continue to avoid paying their fair share of property taxes. Proposition 15 corrects this travesty by closing commercial property tax loopholes benefiting a fraction of corporations and wealthy investors without impacting homeowners or renters. Here are some key points:

PROPOSITION 15

- **RECLAIMS** \$12 billion per year for K-12 schools, community colleges and local communities
- **CLOSES** commercial property tax loopholes that allow big corporations like Chevron & Disney to avoid paying their fair share
- **ENSURES** full transparency & accountability for all reclaimed revenue
- Completely **EXEMPTS** all residential properties.
- **PROTECTS** homeowners and renters
- **EXEMPTS** smaller businesses valued at under \$3 million and agricultural land
- Only 10% of the biggest, wealthiest commercial properties will generate 92% of the revenue.

It is our responsibility as educators to fight for the funds our schools desperately

need. Commit to voting for Proposition 15 in November by signing [the online pledge here](#). Talk to family and friends and urge them to Vote Yes on Prop. 15. It is time to put our schools and communities first by voting Yes on Prop.15.

Scott Schmerelson and Paty Castellanos for the School Board our communities need

- We expect CCSA and the billionaire privatizers to start pouring millions of dollars into the School Board race soon. But we can't go back to a School Board controlled by, and beholden to, the corporate charter industry. Regardless of where we live or teach, this election will affect all of us because the School Board governs as a body, not as individuals, with the majority making the decisions.
- Since we can't canvass door to door this year, a robust phone banking campaign is our best and only weapon in this election. Talk to your Chapter Chair about phone banking as a group and commit to phone bank 4 hours in September and 4 hours in October. It is easy and you can do it from home at a time of your choosing, but the impact on the election will be immeasurable. Sign up at <https://lateacherschoice.org/#campaignnow>

Pre-Retirement Live Webinar October 10

- Take control of your retirement and learn about LAUSD health benefits, your Cal-STRS pension, and SSA Windfall & Offset Acts at the Pre-Retirement Live Webinar on Saturday, October 10 from 8:00 AM to 12 NOON. The webinar is presented by the UTLA Pre-Retirement Issues Committee. Register [here](#) or click on the calendar at www.utla.net. Zomm link will be emailed to you. Materials, including a checklist, will be available at the end of the webinar.