



### Alex Caputo-Pearl for President

- Classroom teacher, 22 years: elementary grades and high school
- West Area, Board of Directors, 6 years; Chapter Chair, 11 years
- Targeted by Sup'ts Deasy and Romer for effective organizing at Crenshaw HS for pro-union school improvement
- 25 years of experience in labor and community organizing in local, state, and national campaigns: MA in Urban Planning from UCLA
- Classroom teaching awards from UCLA, LAUSD, and UTLA; Parent of two LAUSD students



### Cecily Myart-Cruz for NEA VP

- Classroom teacher, 17 years: elementary and middle school
- West Area, Board of Directors, 15 years; Area Chair, 8 years
- Successfully organized movement to oust 15 bully principals and boycott periodic assessments
- UTLA NEA WHO award recipient
- Recognized state and national leader of CTA and NEA



### Betty Forrester for AFT VP

- Classroom teacher, 33 years, in South & Central area schools: pre-K through 9th grades
- Current UTLA AFT Vice President, AFT 1021 President; UTLA Secretary (2008-11); former South Area Chair
- Maintained current benefits through 2015 as member of LAUSD union Health Benefits Committee
- Oversees joint affiliates project organizing charter school educators into UTLA
- Brought AFT resources to members, including First Book and Share My Lessons



### Colleen Schwab for Secondary VP

- Classroom teacher, 30 years, Social Studies & Spanish
- Current Valley West Area Chair; Chapter Chair, 20 years
- Teacher leadership awards from NAACP, PTA, UTLA (WHO), CFT
- Teacher of the Year nominee, LACOE and California League of Middle Schools
- Developer of ESBMM full union contract reform model



### Juan Ramirez for Elementary VP

- Classroom teacher, 17 years, elementary and Adult Education
- Current UTLA Elementary Vice President and CFT EC-K-12 Vice President
- Hosts and writes for Spanish language radio show and newspaper representing UTLA
- Organized with teachers against Parent Revolution and against administrative harassment
- Former UTLA Director, South Area; Bilingual Education Committee chair



### Arlene Inouye for Treasurer

- Speech and Language Specialist, 18 years
- As current UTLA Treasurer developed greater financial transparency, oversight, and a budget reflecting member priorities
- Listening sessions at schools and ongoing communication explaining the UTLA budget
- Organized a UTLA fight back on the cuts to Health and Human Professionals including academic and mental health counselors, nurses, attendance counselors
- Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, Elected NEA Executive Board Director, CTA Budget and Vendor Committee



### Daniel Barnhart for Secretary

- Accomplished Classroom teacher, 13 years; NBC Science
- Current North Area Chair, 5 years; Chapter Chair, 6+ years
- 6 years developing teacher led PD including workshops and salary point classes on use of technology, organizing, and pedagogy
- NEA-RA, AFT Conventions, CTA State Council, CFT ECK-12 Vice President
- Former UTLA PACE Vice-Chair, served on executive committees for Lauritzen, Kayser, LaMotte, and both Zimmer campaigns

# Vote Union Power for a Fighting Union!

## Our Educational Vision

- Well-funded, fully-staffed schools – Early Ed, K-12, Adult Ed
- Well-rounded curriculum and wrap-around student services
- Full support for teachers and HHS professionals as experts in school improvement

## Our Action Plan\*

- A pro-active public relations campaign for the Schools our Students Deserve
- A full contract campaign, building to the credible threat of a strike, for a multi-year raise, lower class size, restoration of programs, an end to “teacher jail” and BiC, fair teacher evaluations, and more
- Supporting and highlighting great work members do in schools
- Focused UTLA resources on member organizing, parent/community/labor alliances, and strategic research

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## Area Candidate Teams

### West Area

Erika Jones NEA for Area Chair  
 Noah Lippe-Klein for NEA Director  
 Rodney Lusain for NEA Director  
 Jennifer Villaryo for AFT Director

### Harbor Area

Aaron Bruhnke AFT for Area Chair  
 Elgin Scott for NEA Director  
 Steve Seal for NEA Director  
 Mary Tello for NEA Director

### East Area

Gillian Russom AFT for Area Chair  
 Ingrid Gunnell for NEA Director  
 Gloria Martinez for NEA Director  
 Adrian Tamayo for NEA Director

### North Area

Kirk Thomas AFT for Area Chair  
 Blanca Mejia for NEA Director  
 Rebecca Solomon for NEA Director  
 Julie Van Winkle for NEA Director

### Valley West

Bruce Newborn NEA for Area Chair  
 Javier Romo for AFT Director

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