



# Fresno County Members Are Involved CAN YOU HEAR US NOW?

December 2012

## AT LARGE LEADERSHIP

- Laura Basua - President
- Michael Vasquez - 1st VP
- Alysia Bonner - Secretary
- Jeri Nowak - Treasurer
- James Hackett - Chief Shop Steward

## DIVISION LEADERSHIP

### Unit 2

- David Garrett - At Large VP
- Sandra Schillaci - Child Support VP
- Lenora Licon - Child Support Sr. Shop Steward
- Julian Arvizu - Correctional Officers VP
- Kay Mason - CO Senior Shop Steward
- Melanie Hines - Juvenile Corrections VP
- Cassandra Holdsambeck - Juvenile Corrections Recorder

### Unit 3

- Rachel Rostro-Lyarger - Social Worker VP

### Unit 4

- Santiago Ocegueda - Eligibility Workers VP
- Raquel Vidal - Job Specialist Sr. Shop Steward

### Unit 12

- Marie Cortez - Clerical & Technical VP
- Isable Rosales - Clerical & Technical Recorder

### Unit 36

- John Jasper - Supervisory VP
- Sandra Hearnes - Supervisory Recorder

## County Refuses to Make Movement in Mediation Forcing Bargaining Team to Fact Finding

County refuses to make movement during mediation—Bargaining team takes proactive move and files for fact finding.

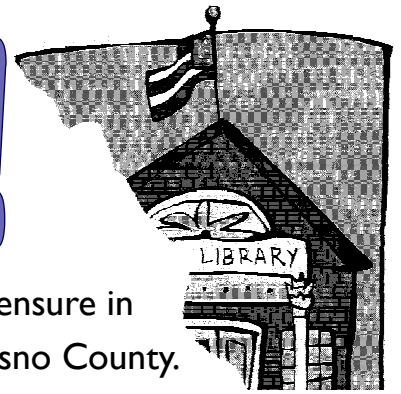
The County continues its delay tactics by refusing to make any movement in mediation sessions. At this point, the County either doesn't know what to do or doesn't care about their employees. Their stonewalling on these issues will not stop our fight for the return of part of the illegally imposed 9 percent pay cut and other well-earned benefits. Our bargaining team has taken the initiative and informed the County that we are moving ahead to fact finding.

*Fact Finding will force the County to open up their books to a panel and be honest about their financial situation. Our bargaining team is energized and ready to fight until we get a fair resolution while the County is running out of places to hide. Standing strong together, we will win a contract that respects us, the work we do and the vital services we provide to the citizens of Fresno County every day.*

Our attorneys are working with the fact finder and the county's attorneys to work out the schedule and details so they can begin the process. The county will have to open their books, and prove that their imposed cuts were necessary, and remain to be as their position in bargaining has been to remain status quo. It is our intent that the fact finding will prove that the county does not have as serious a budget crisis as they have tried to lead us to believe.

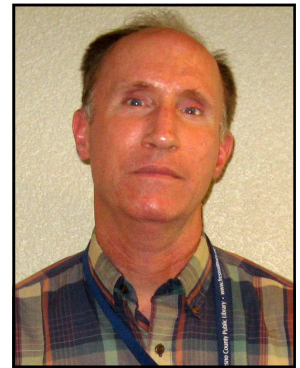


# MEASURE "B" PASSES!



Measure B passed once again on November 6, 2012 which will ensure in maintaining services and extended hours to the residents of Fresno County. Measure B is a 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent sales tax that has provided 53% of the Fresno County Libraries income since 1998. Measure B was due to expire in March of 2012, but since the voters once again voted in favor of funding the libraries it will continue for another 16 years. This will continue to make the libraries of Fresno County available to the residents and to future generations. SEIU Local 521 members were instrumental in making this election a win by spreading the word, posting yard signs, phone banking, and mailing literature about the measure to ALL SEIU Local 521 members about the importance of this issue.

-Mark Berner, Librarian II  
Branch Librarian-Clovis Library



## Measure O Latest Results

Based on the latest numbers from Fresno County Elections Office SEIU Local 521 declares victory. Again, SEIU Local 521 members got the message out to vote against the attack on county jobs by phone banking and mailing literature to ALL SEIU Local 521 members about the importance of this issue.

Fresno County employee and Chapter President for Fresno County SEIU Local 521, Laura Basua states that we are optimistic that the voters have defeated Supervisor Poochigian's attempt to take away good jobs from Fresno County and hurt our economy. We call on all the Supervisors to work with their employees and their legally recognized representatives to resolve issues at the bargaining table, not through the ballot box.

It is a waste of taxpayers' dollars for the supervisors to do these types of measures, and we are hopeful that today they can learn from the people they are elected to represent.

# RETIREMENT BOARD RESULTS



I would like to thank all of those County Employees who supported me in the important election for the Retirement Board. It is good to know that County Employees take their retirement seriously. Unfortunately not enough members voted to elect me, SEIU's endorsed candidate, to fill the seat. I may not have won, but I certainly don't feel defeated. I will continue to look into the retirement dealings and hold the Retirement Board accountable as we all should do. And remember, we have one of our own on the Board, Laura Basua, please support her efforts and let her know we are in this together.

-Diana Calderon, Unit 4 Eligibility Worker III  
Fresno County Dept. of Social Services

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## At Large Chapter President's Message by Laura Basua



Recently we had our second general membership meeting. I want to welcome everyone to attend our general membership meetings.

*"I am looking forward to meeting with members to engage and strategize and work together toward common goals. I am committed and ready to serve."*

-Laura Basua, Fresno County At Large Chapter President  
Unit 4 Job Specialist III

## Happy Holidays!

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**COME TO THE NEXT MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012**

**All members are welcome to attend.**

Officers will discuss having an election to fill vacant chapter positions.

2013 Fresno County Executive Board Meeting Dates:

All meetings are held at 6 p.m. at  
the union office, 5228 E. Pine Ave., Fresno

- January 8
- July 9
- March 12
- September 10
- May 14
- November 12



# NOTICE OF ELECTION

## 2013 Election of Localwide Officers, Executive Board Delegates, Trustees and Bylaws Amendments

From January 5-23, 2013, a vote will be held to elect SEIU Local 521's Localwide Officers, Executive Board Delegates and Trustees for the 2013-2016 term of office, and to amend the Local 521 Bylaws. (There will be no change to the dues structure)

**Nominations Open:** The nomination period begins on Thursday, November 1, 2012, and closes on Friday, November 30, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. All original nomination petitions, with original signatures only, may be sent by U.S. Mail (delivery confirmation service recommended) and postmarked by Wednesday, November 21, 2012, or may be delivered in person to one of the local union offices listed by 5:00pm Friday, November 30, 2012. Nomination forms may not be scanned, e-mailed or faxed. It is the candidate's responsibility to meet the deadline. Any nomination petitions delivered by hand after 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 30, 2012, will not be considered.



**Nomination Petitions:** Petition forms are available for download from [www.seiu521.org](http://www.seiu521.org). They may also be picked up at your local union office or from your worksite organizer. Nomination petitions require the signatures of a total of 25 members in good standing eligible to vote for the office nominated. Signatures may be collected on more than one form. A member may nominate her/himself and sign her/his own petition.

**Nomination Meeting:** A nomination meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 15, 2012, via video conference at our San Jose, Fresno, Salinas, Bakersfield and Visalia offices. At this meeting, a nomination and the required second may be made by members in good standing eligible to vote for the office nominated.

**Acceptance of Nomination:** A candidate who has been properly nominated must submit the official Acceptance of Nomination approved by the Local 521 Election Committee no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 7, 2012, according to election rules, in order to have her/his name placed on the ballot. The form is available at Local 521 offices or on [www.seiu521.org](http://www.seiu521.org).

**Candidate Statements and photos:** Statements and photos for the Candidate Booklet must be e-mailed to [elections@seiu521.org](mailto:elections@seiu521.org) by 3:00pm Friday, December 14, 2012. Statements for the booklet must be no more than 75 words. You may also submit a 500-word statement to be placed on the Local 521 website. Statements are printed as-is and will not be corrected for accuracy, spelling or grammar.

For more information, including the voting calendar, election rules and details about the positions, please visit [www.seiu521.org](http://www.seiu521.org) or call your local union office.

## SEIU Local 521 Offices

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