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STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

1521A Chapter Chair and Delegates Election: Scheduled for May 2, 2012 at each worksite and the Staff Guild Office. A flyer will be distributed on voting location and hours.

California Tax Initiative: *Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act 2012*

The California Federation of Teachers collaborated with Governor Jerry Brown on the CFT Millionaire Tax Initiative and the Governor's initiative. This new tax initiative will increase personal income tax on the following:

Over \$ 250,000 yearly – to pay one percent more in taxes on any income over their first quarter million.

Over \$300,000 yearly – to pay two percent more in taxes on income

Over a million dollars yearly to pay three percent more on income

Every Californian is asked to pay ¼ cent more sales tax.

Please sign the petition that is circulating to put this on the November ballot.

California Labor Federation - FOUR PRIMARY POLITICAL 2012 PRIORITIES:

1. Defeat Paycheck Deception: Stop the Corporate Power Grab by Big Corporations: There will be another deceptive ballot initiative on the November ballot trying to silence the voice of Labor. This measure prohibits unions from using dues through COPE payroll deductions for ballot measures or candidates but does nothing to stop corporations from spending billions in profits to influence elections.
2. Re-Elect President Obama
3. Win Key Legislative Seats-The redistricting process is finalized, two-thirds majorities are attainable in both State Senate and State Assembly.
4. Term Limits Reform – Working to pass this initiative.

Staff Guild Political Endorsements: – additional listing

Ed Chau, 49th District for State Assembly

Reggie Jones-Sawyer, 59th District for State Assembly

Al Muratsuchi, 66th District for State Assembly

Patrick O'Donnell, Long Beach City Council

Fourth Annual Labor, Social and Environmental Justice Fair: AFT participated in the event held on Thursday, April 19th, 2012 at California State University,

Dominguez Hills. This free event included workshops about the labor movement and environmental and social justice, live entertainment, speakers, films and refreshments. Special thanks to Dionne Morrissette (W) and Mercedes Gaitan (T) for their participation.

Los Angeles Civil Unrest 20 Years Later: There will be a Community Dialog about the state of South LA on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10 am – 12 pm at the First AME Church 2270 South Harvard Boulevard, LA. Members are invited to come out and hear the pros and con's 20 years later.

South LA Rises: Community Fair and Rally for Jobs, Health Care, and Education NOW on Sunday, April 29th 1-3 pm at 81st and Vermont Avenue. All Local 1521A members and the community are welcomed.

2012 SPRINGFEST: Mission College sponsors this event on Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 2 – 6 pm, Presale tickets are \$35 for faculty and staff. Ticket at the door will be \$50. Tickets may be purchased in the President's Office Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm. The Staff Guild encourages members to attend this outstanding event.

EAP (Horizon Health) has a New Name

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is now AETNA. This valuable resource is available for employees, retirees and their families. The EAP is strictly confidential, free of cost and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Visit www.aetnaeap.com or call (800) 342-8111.

Action Summit on Worker Safety and Health: Thursday, April 26th from 1 – 4 pm at ELAC, Performance & Fine Arts Complex/Recital Hall. The panel of experts will include Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, Maria Elena Durazno from the County Federation of Labor, state officials and workers. Free lunch will be provided. RSVP to <http://s.dol.gov/NM>

Workers' Memorial Day Commemoration: "Pray for the Dead and Fight for the Living" Saturday, April 28th beginning at 10 am at the UCLA Downtown Labor Center. All 1521A members and families are invited to attend.

May Day Action: Los Angeles County Federation of Labor and Teamsters are organizing a major action alongside workers at American Reclamation, a trash sorting facility. **We count on Union members, UPS Drivers and garbage trucks not to cross picket lines. More information to follow.**

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Special congratulations and thanks to all of our Classified Retirees:

Ann Harootyan-Instructional Assistant-34 years-Valley
Carol Rivera-Admissions & Records Assistant-30 years-Valley
Sharon Johnston, Sr. Office Assistant, Sheriff's Dept.-40 years-Valley