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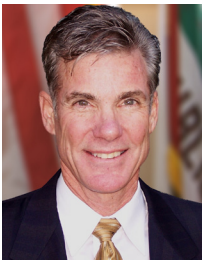
COLLEGE STAFF GUILD

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS LOCAL 1521A

## Special Committee on Political Education (COPE) Issue

Voters will make important decisions in 2014 that will shape local, state and national politics for years to come. Several races are especially important for Staff Guild members, our families and our communities, including the five candidates pictured below.

The following endorsements are from the AFT Local 1521A Committee On Political Education (COPE), the L.A. County Federation of Labor and the California Federation of Teachers.



### **Tom Torlakson • State Supt. Of Public Instruction**

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson has won CFT support in a race with particular importance to educators. Torlakson has established a strong record of promoting public education. He is committed to expanding early childhood education as a way to increase student success and has demonstrated a particular interest in career and technical education.

Torlakson faces a candidate backed by the millionaires and billionaires who want to privatize public education. The stakes have never been higher in the race for state superintendent.

<http://www.tomtorlakson.com>



### **Betty Yee • State Controller**

Betty Yee has focused on state and local finance and tax policy over 30 years of public service. She currently represents the State Board of Equalization's First District, home to some of California's most vibrant industries, from biotechnology and high tech to agriculture and tourism.

"California is still a place of expanding opportunities," Yee said. "Strong financial leadership is critical for our fiscal health, and the State Controller is essential for a responsive, effective government that delivers for Californians."

<http://bettyyee.com>



### **Sheila Kuehl • L.A. County Board of Supervisors**

During 14 years in the State Senate and Assembly, Sheila Kuehl wrote 171 bills that became law, and led the fight for universal health care in California. Kuehl was the first female Assembly Speaker, chaired the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Resources and Energy, and sat on virtually every committee in both houses.

Before voters sent her to Sacramento, Kuehl wrote and fought for more than 40 bills related to women, children and domestic violence. She taught law at Loyola, UCLA and USC, and co-founded the California Women's Law Center. She currently heads the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College.

<http://kuehlforsupervisor.com>



### **Mike Gipson • State Assembly District 64**

Mike Gipson began his higher education at Los Angeles Southwest College, where he learned that "California's community colleges are critical centers of learning and job training."

Gipson later graduated with honors from the South Bay Police Training Academy and served as a sworn officer with the Maywood Police Dept.

Carson voters first elected Gipson to the City Council in 2005, while he was an Area Representative of United Teachers Los Angeles. Today he is also district director for Chairman Jerome Horton of the State Board of Equalization.

<http://mikegipson.net/#/>

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# GENERAL ELECTION

## State of California

**Governor**..... Jerry Brown  
**Lt. Governor**..... Gavin Newsom  
**Attorney General**..... Kamala Harris  
**Insurance Commissioner**..... Dave Jones  
**State Treasurer**..... John Chiang  
**State Controller**..... Betty Yee  
**Superintendent of Public Instruction**..... Tom Torlakson  
**Secretary of State**..... Alex Padilla

## State Senate

Dist. 18..... Robert Hertzberg  
 Dist. 20..... Connie Leyva  
 Dist. 22..... Ed Hernandez  
 Dist. 24..... Kevin De Leon  
 Dist. 30..... Holly Mitchell  
 Dist. 32..... Tony Mendoza  
 Dist. 34..... Jose Solorio

## State Assembly

Dist. 36..... Steve Fox  
 Dist. 39..... Raul Bocanegra  
 Dist. 41..... Chris Holden  
 Dist. 43..... Mike Gatto  
 Dist. 45..... Matt Dababneh  
 Dist. 46..... Adrin Nazarian  
 Dist. 48..... Roger Hernandez  
 Dist. 49..... Ed Chau  
 Dist. 50..... Richard Bloom  
 Dist. 51..... Jimmy Gomez  
 Dist. 52..... Freddie Rodriguez  
 Dist. 53..... Miguel Santiago  
 Dist. 54..... Sebastian Ridley-Thomas  
 Dist. 57..... Ian Calderon  
 Dist. 58..... Cristina Garcia  
 Dist. 59..... Reggie Jones-Sawyer  
 Dist. 62..... Autumn Burke  
 Dist. 63..... Anthony Rendon  
 Dist. 64..... Mike Gipson  
 Dist. 66..... Al Muratsuchi  
 Dist. 70..... Patrick O'Donnell

## L.A. County

### Board of Supervisors

Dist. 1..... Hilda Solis  
 Dist. 3..... Sheila Kuehl  
**Assessor**..... Jeffrey Prang  
**Sheriff**..... Jim McDonnell

## Long Beach

Mayor..... Bonnie Lowenthal  
 City Attorney..... Charles Parkin  
 Prosecutor..... Doug Haubert

## Long Beach Unified School Dist.

Dist. 1..... Uduak Ntuk  
 Dist. 3..... Juan Benitez

## Long Beach Community College

Dist. 1..... Marshall Blesofky  
 Dist. 3..... Sunny Zia  
 Dist. 5..... Gregory Slaughter

## Culver City Council..... Jim Clarke

## La Puente City Council... Valerie Muñoz

## Lancaster City Council.. Johnathan Ervin

## Lawndale Mayor... Robert Pullen-Miles

## Torrance Mayor ..... Patrick Furey

## Torrance City Council..... Tim Goodrich

## Superior Court

22..... Amy Carter  
 54..... Shannon Knight  
 61..... Dayan Mathai  
 76..... Alison Matsumoto-Estrada  
 87..... Steve Schreiner  
 90..... Serena Murilo  
 97..... Teresa Magno  
 107..... Joan Chrostek  
 113..... Stacy Wiese  
 117..... Carol Najera  
 138..... Donna Hollingsworth Armstrong  
 157..... Andrew Cooper

## U.S. Congress

Dist. 25..... Lee Rogers  
 Dist. 26..... Julia Brownley  
 Dist. 27..... Judy Chu  
 Dist. 29..... Tony Cardenas  
 Dist. 30..... Brad Sherman  
 Dist. 32..... Grace Napolitano  
 Dist. 33..... Ted Lieu  
 Dist. 34..... Xavier Becerra  
 Dist. 35..... Norma Torres  
 Dist. 37..... Karen Bass  
 Dist. 38..... Linda Sanchez  
 Dist. 40..... Lucille Roybal-Allard  
 Dist. 43..... Maxine Waters  
 Dist. 44..... Janice Hahn  
 Dist. 47..... Alan Lowenthal

## Propositions

**Prop. 1**  
 Water  
 Bonds  
**YES**

**Prop. 45**  
 Insurance  
 Rates  
**YES**

**Prop. 46**  
 Medical  
 Mal.Caps  
**NO**

**Prop. 47**  
 Criminal  
 Penalties  
**YES**



### Tony Mendoza • State Senate District 32

Tony Mendoza has been a warrior for classified employees since voters sent him to Sacramento in 2006. Mendoza led the fight for classified employees to receive the same death benefits as other education employees. He served eight years in the State Assembly and is now running for Senate District 32, which includes the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier.

“The greatest strength of the U.S. educational system is universal access to public education,” said Mendoza, who is the son of immigrants and the first in his family to go to college.

<http://tonymendoza.net>