**Jackie Goldberg**  
**LAUSD School Board District 5**

“...you can count on me to be a strong, effective voice for public schools,” the veteran educator and legislator promises. Voters can judge Jackie Goldberg by her long record of public service. After teaching in Compton for 16 years, Goldberg served on the L.A. School Board for two terms, followed by seats on the L.A. City Council and State Assembly. “I will attempt to bring stability and leadership to LAUSD and fight to keep public schools truly public and welcoming to all students,” she said.

“...it’s why too many classes have 46 students, student-to-counselor ratios are 700 to 1, and 80% of schools don’t have a full-time nurse. Measure EE will provide needed resources for local schools to attract and retain quality teachers and staff, and lower class sizes.”

Under Measure EE, property owners would pay 16 cents per square-foot of habitable indoor space on taxable parcels within LAUSD boundaries. Businesses and large landlords would pay more than 70% of EE. Homeowners would pay only 18%, and more than half would pay less than $240 per year. Measure EE would not tax renters, senior citizens or people with disabilities. The tax does not apply to land. It requires a 2/3 vote to pass, and will expire in 12 years. The LAUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to put Measure EE on the ballot. Mayor Eric Garcetti and the unanimous L.A. City Council have endorsed it. Mail voting put Measure EE on the ballot. Mayor Eric Garcetti and the unanimous L.A. City Council have endorsed it. Mail voting.

California has the fifth-largest economy in the world, but ranks 44 of 50 states in per-pupil funding in the United States.

President Velma J. Butler recounted a pivotal moment in labor history at a Staff Guild lunch. During the early 1900s, she said, more than 100 garment workers died when fire swept through the Triangle Shirtwaist factory in New York City. The owners had locked the emergency exits.

Hundreds of CDC Aides Eligible to Join AFT 1521A

An estimated 250 child development center employees and other part-time workers across the LACCD are now eligible for union-negotiated benefits and working conditions, thanks to state legislation that went into effect New Years Day. Assembly Bill 2160 by Tony Thurmond – now state Superintendent of Public Instruction – opened the door to classified service for thousands of part-time school employees in merit districts and community colleges. The bill also made those positions permanent. Thurmond’s AB 670 opened the door to part-timers in non-merit schools last year. “Part-time employees deserve the same protection and benefits as classified employees. They do similar work, therefore they deserve similar benefits,” Thurmond said.

LACCD operates a Child Development Center on all nine campuses. Angelia Galicia has worked in the City College CDC since 1997, when it was housed in portable bungalows. Galicia is a Specialty Funded Program Technician, and is the only

Staff Guild Attends CFT Centennial Convention

The College Staff Guild sent a large delegation to the California Federation of Teachers convention in March. The gathering marked both the CFT’s hundredth anniversary and its rebranding as “A Union of Educators and Classified Professionals.” Delegates also elected Luukia Smith as the union’s new Secretary Treasurer. Smith is the first classified member to serve in a top CFT position. She led the Council of Classified Employees and Local 6142 at El Camino Community College.

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LACCD Must Face Its Corruption Scandals

By President Velma J. Butler

How many scandals does it take to trash a college’s reputation? The University of Southern California, for example, has tried to dodge a crack-smoking director of its medical school, a campus gynecologist who violated hun-
dreds of coeds, and a football program that violated one law after another.

Now a national scandal is drag-
ging down USC, UCLA and even more prestigious Stanford and Harvard: Wealthy parents bribing school officials to fraudulently admit their children.

Corruption may be the new normal, but none of this erases LACCD’s history of brazen public theft. Community colleges are working Californians’ last hope, but the District is not ethical any-
more. They don’t act like stakeholders.

They act like corporate pimps.

This January, the U.S. Department of Labor launched a criminal investiga-
tion into possible misuse of a $19.2-mil-
lion federal grant to help students gain
skills for the healthcare industry. The L.A.
Times reported that two vice presidents at Trade Tech failed to justify more than $157,000 in payments from 2014 to 2017.

In 2011, the State Controller’s Office said LACCD should be denied $23.7 mil-
lion of $28.5 million it billed for collecting student fees and awarding financial aid from 1998 to 2009.

That same year the Times and State Controller uncovered massive waste, fraud, and mismanagement in the bond
program for construction projects.

LACCD Trustees should show some leadership, but the seven-member Board is part of the problem. The group doesn’t reflect our students or the comuni-
ties we serve. There aren’t any African Americans and only one woman on the Board, trustees are bullies who act with impunity, and too many treat the District like a stepping stone to higher office.

Homelessness Affects the Black Community

In 2017, about one in 40 Black Angelenos was homeless, compared to about one per 250 white residents. Other data showed that Black people represented 9% of the general popula-
tion in L.A. County, but made up 40% of homeless Angelenos.

That year, the L.A. Homeless Ser-
vices Authority (LAHSA) created a com-
mittee to study this overrepresentation, identify opportunities for racial equity in
services, and develop policies that bet-
ter meet homeless people’s needs in the Black community.

LAHSA’s Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homeless-
ness recently issued a report with some sobering conclusions:

Homelessness is a by-product of racism in America. The impact of dis-
crimination in education, criminal jus-
tice, housing, employment, health care, and access to opportunities creates a “perfect storm” in Black communities.

“If you want to end homelessness, you have to end it for those groups that are disproportionately impacted,” said LAHSA commissioner Jacqueline Wag-
goner, who chairs the special commit-
tee that authored the report. “We want a system that works for everyone.”

The findings are based on a series of sessions with Black Angelenos who are or were homeless. That input was used to craft 67 steps, from ending discrimination against renters with
housing vouchers, to more resources for foster children when they are emancipated.

The report advocates bias training for workers providing homeless ser-

vices and hiring more people who have been homeless. It calls out workers who “may have the academic qualifica-
tions, but not the requisite life experi-
ence or expertise” to guide and empa-
thize with people struggling to survive.

Is our Board stepping up to this challenge?

Guild Attends Centennial Convention...

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up, and we can’t solve it with a dollar or two an hour at the bargaining table.”

First-time delegate Kristine Ayva-
zayan has worked for the District for more than 20 years, including nearly 10 years at Pierce College, where she has served as Grievance Rep for the past year.

Ayvazyan thinks the union’s name change is “a good step toward recogni-
tion that CFT isn’t just teachers. Now
we need to educate members about our role and our views.”

She attended the workshop on the new state formula for funding school districts. Funding for the current budget was based on Full Time Enrollments (60%), low-income students (30%), and graduation rates (10%). Next year that formula will shift to 60% FTE, 25% low-
income, and 15% graduations, followed by 60% FTE, 20% low-income and 20% graduations in 2020-21.

Schools having trouble meeting the timeline during the first three years have a fallback formula: the previous year’s funding plus the cost of living (COLA).

Ayvazyan, the mother of a kin-
dergarten and second grader at an
LAUSD school in Northridge, was impressed by UTLA President Alex Caputo-Pearl’s speech to delegates. “At our school, 100% of the teachers were on strike. It was really cool to see that kind of unity,” she said.

Caputo-Pearl’s speech also reso-
nated with first-time delegate Rene Covarrubias. “You can’t win a strike on your own,” Covarrubias said, “but UTLA showed that if you have community sup-
port you can accomplish so much.”

Covarrubias, who is finishing his first year as an admissions and records assistant at Pierce College, attended workshops on retirement, engaging the union, and running for office. “My world just got a little bigger.”

Child Development Aides...

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classified employee at the center. The roster includes two licensed faculty, an hourly adjunct instructor, and 15 teach-
ing assistants.

Since the law went into effect, the Personal Commission has been chang-
ing provisional CDC assignments to permanent positions. Nearly all the CDC
workers have applied to the Commission for permanent positions under AB 2160.

The Commission, District and stake-
holders are still working out funding, budgets and other basic details. “The goal is to have the new system in place by July 1, the start of the next fiscal year,” Galicia said.

Economic sustainability may de-
pend on community outreach, CDCs primarily care for the children of students and employees at a department, but can also reach out to families living around the campus. There is room to grow. At City College, for example, the CDC is licensed for 120 children, but only 81 are currently enrolled.

Meanwhile, Galicia, a Staff Guild activist, said chapters are making plans to gather new classified employees’ signatures on Local 1921A membership forms.