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Message from the President

As the tumultuous Open Enrollment period came to a close, I addressed the Board on October 10th to express our members' frustration at the process, the confusion, and the lack of response they experienced. As a result of our advocacy, the joint Insurance Committee will be meeting in early November to debrief the situation and to make recommendations for improvement. We will then meet again in the Spring to outline specific plans and protocols for the 2019-2020 Open Enrollment period. If you have input to give, please give it to a site rep so that we can be sure all voices are represented.

-Edith Salvatore

SDTA MEMBERS IN THE WILD

Laura Nuñez (EPAA) Laura is running for the Board of Trustees of the Ravenswood City School District. A product of the Ravenswood schools herself, Laura is running on a slate with Tamara Sobemehin to "Recharge Ravenswood" in an effort to engage all stakeholders, excite teachers, and help students excel.

NOVEMBER ELECTION

Here is your Official CTA guide to state-wide propositions:

YES ON PROPOSITION 4

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOND Prop 4 would authorize \$1.5 billion in general obligation bonds for the Children's Hospital Bond Act Fund and would allocate that money as follows:

- 72% (\$1.08B) to 7 nonprofit hospitals providing comprehensive services to high volumes of children eligible for governmental programs and children with special health needs eligible for CA Children's Services
- 18% (\$270M) to 5 UC general acute hospitals
- 10% (\$150M) to public and private hospitals that provide pediatric services to children eligible for CA Children's Services

Educating the whole child means ensuring that students have access to comprehensive healthcare!

NO ON PROPOSITION 5 **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX TRANSFERS**

Prop 5 would revise the process for home buyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer their tax assessments, potentially eliminating hundreds of millions of dollars from the state general fund.

- Prop 5 is another big tax break for the wealthy. Longtime, wealthy homeowners get to pile up more tax breaks while renters and first-time homebuyers face higher housing prices.
- If Prop 5 passes, up to \$1B in local revenue could be slashed from public schools and another \$1B from crucial local services like health care, parks, libraries, and emergency response.
- Prop 5 is another attack on public sector services provided by organized labor and threatens schools and public services.

YES ON PROPOSITION 10

RENT CONTROL Prop 10 supports affordable housing by allowing local governments to regulate rent and cap the amounts that may be charged to working families by repealing the Costa Hawkins Act.

Passing Prop 10 will return the power to regulate rental housing units back to local governments; and will allow local governments to establish strong rent control that would address the nation's worst housing affordability and homelessness crisis.

Passing Prop 10 will not require any city or county to adopt or expand rent control but would give them the choice to do so – a choice they don't currently have.

Rent control is needed because today one in three Californians pay more than half their income in rent!

NO ON PROPOSITION 11

AMBULANCE EMPLOYEES Prop 11 would allow ambulance companies to require and compel workers to remain on call during breaks. It makes the labor law that entitles

hourly employees to take work (meal and rest) breaks without being on call inapplicable while exempting employers from potential liability for violations of existing law regarding work breaks.



Gavin Newsom for Governor: He is a proven advocate for our students, public schools and colleges. He knows that educational excellence does not come from Sacramento, but from the daily devotion of those on education's front lines.

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Tony Thurmond for Superintendent of Public Instruction: His lifetime of commitment to at-risk youth and public education makes him the only choice to lead the state's school system. He supports adequate funding, community schools, and attracting and retaining quality educators.

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Ed Hernandez for Lieutenant Governor: A strong supporter of increased accountability and transparency in California's charter schools, he has a proven track record of supporting students, educators and public education.

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Xavier Becerra for Attorney General: He is an advocate for working families, affordable healthcare and the environment. He believes in protecting the rights of educators and all workers to come together to negotiate learning and working conditions.

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Ricardo Lara for Insurance Commissioner: A passionate believer in the power of public education, he is driven by a vision for the future that includes protecting the health of our students. CTA worked with Lara to pass Proposition 58, which repealed bilingual education restrictions in our classrooms.

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Fiona Ma for State Treasurer: She is a lifelong champion for public education and believes that public schools are the great equalizer.

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