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UNION UPDATE

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Honoring Joe Chacon: Lifelong Member Leader

25-year union steward leaves a legacy of progress



"The only way workers can improve working conditions, keep our benefits and grow our wages is to be an active part of the union.

Nothing is given to us, and it can all be taken away."

Joe Chacon
Unit 1, EDD, Buena Park
25-year Job Steward
16-year DLC President

With his retirement from state service just a month away, Joe Chacon looks back with pride on how he's helped his union grow strong and what he's accomplished for his fellow state workers.

Working as an Employment Program Representative for nearly 30 years, Joe spent his career building a prosperous California by providing assistance to employers, workers and job seekers. While he's proud of those vital services he delivered, he's equally proud of his work as a union member, activist and leader.

"Over many battles, I did my part to make society better for all people and particularly for working families," he said.

When asked to identify the high points in his union career, he pointed to his work to help reclassify EDD employees some 20 years ago, which yielded better job specifications and pay increases. He was also part of the evolution of our union from an autocratic employees' association into a member-led union, Local 1000, in the early 2000s.

Community was important too: Joe was the chair of our Latino/Latina committee and participated in the statewide committee that helped to create California's Cesar Chavez Day holiday.

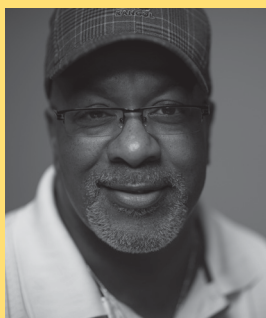
We congratulate Joe Chacon for his tireless efforts in helping his union and his fellow workers make progress in securing social, economic and environmental justice for all Californians.

New Class of Stewards Selected

Our Chief Stewards Committee has selected the newest class of 60 participants in our Leadership Apprentice Program for Stewards (LAPS), and they will begin their six-month training in January. Another 60 new stewards will graduate this month, bringing the program's total to more than 400 new stewards in the 2+ years the LAPS program has been running.

LAPS training includes a combination of on-line, classroom and in-the-field experience. Skilled mentors from our organizing and representational staff offer guidance along the way.

Three more LAPS groups are scheduled to begin in 2019 - for more information and to apply, see seiu1000.org/become-steward



"We're building the future of our union by training our stewards to be complete leaders. They will join the ranks of hundreds of other stewards who make an impact at the worksite and in our communities."

Larry Collins

Toll Collector, Carquinez Bridge
V. P. DLC 747, Chief Stewards Committee

UNION INFORMATION

WORKSITE EVENTS BUILD MEMBER POWER



Working together, our union makes change happen for working families and the communities we live in. All across the state, members gather to build relationships and to create the power necessary to achieve social, economic and environmental justice.

Join your fellow members at an upcoming worksite event

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