

## Members Building Better Communities

**HARNESSING UNION POWER TO CREATE A GOOD LIFE FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS**



***"Community power means people caring enough to take on the issues we struggle with and creating a team to go out and find solutions."***

**- Christy Correa, CDPH, Sacramento  
Community Power Team Member**

Our Local 1000 Purpose Statement is a calling to create a good life for our members and all Californians, to live in sustainable communities, and enjoy the fruits of social, economic, and environmental justice.

One facet of that calling is our fast-growing Community Power group; members coming together to find solutions to the issues we struggle with.

Community Power focuses on building power where we live. We have power in our workplace, which allows us to bargain contracts, protect pensions, and represent workers. But half of our waking lives occur outside of work and outside of the scope of our contract. Through Community Power, members come together to exert the leverage necessary to achieve the goals our Purpose Statement espouse.

Recently, Community Power has been advocating for affordable housing and renter protections in Sacramento. We have also hosted community forums on key issues such as addressing homelessness, and we are training members to serve on local boards and commissions. Plus, we have shown up together and demanded action from local elected officials at city council meetings.

Community Power presently is focused in the Sacramento region. However, we plan to expand to other areas where there is member density and member leadership willing to engage in community issues.

**Are you a leader in your community or interested in becoming one?**

**Do you have a vision for what your community could become? Join us!**

**For more information contact: [communitypower@seiu1000.org](mailto:communitypower@seiu1000.org)**

### RENTER PROTECTIONS



### HOMELESSNESS FORUM



### AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE





## RECLAIMING \$12 BILLION ANNUALLY FOR CALIFORNIANS

### IT'S TIME TO CLOSE A GAPING TAX LOOPHOLE FOR THE RICH AND INVEST IN OUR FUTURE!

In our California, we believe that all children should have access to quality education. Over the next year, SEIU Local 1000—along with labor unions and community partners—will be taking action to ensure that our state provides quality education while preserving and expanding the programs available to students.

Local 1000 is supporting an effort, called Schools and Communities First, that would restore over \$12 billion annually to invest in our schools and to improve our communities. The initiative is an opportunity for real change that touches us all: an opportunity for our kids to receive a more rewarding education by restoring programs like art, music, and sports that have long since gone away, and an opportunity to see our vital community services expanded for a better quality of life for all Californians.

In order to reclaim these monies, this initiative would reform the 1978 property tax measure Proposition 13 by requiring

that commercial properties be taxed based on market value rather than purchase price. With this money, our local governments will be able to invest in good-paying local jobs, emergency shelters, improve transportation and health infrastructures, and support community libraries and parks.

Schools and community colleges will be able to afford more teachers—which means smaller class sizes—along with after school and tutor programs to help our kids succeed. It's time to end a 40-year loophole for wealthy corporations and invest in our children – and ultimately the future of our state.

Led by a group of 40 member political leaders, we're working to educate, engage, and involve our fellow members in gathering the signatures necessary to place this initiative on the ballot ... and to put schools and communities first.

More information is available online at  
[schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org](http://schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org)



***"Our children aren't getting the education they deserve. Programs have been taken away. Library hours have been shortened. Our children are our future, and I'm stepping up to make sure this initiative passes."***

- Angie Miller, CDCR, Susanville - Member Political Leader

Step up and get involved! More information is available at [seiu1000.org/2020-elections](http://seiu1000.org/2020-elections)

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