

# SEIU 721

# PRESIDENT'S

September 2016

# REPORT



**S**isters and brothers: As you read these words, we're less than 70 days away from the most important election many of us will see in our lifetimes.

At stake this November are the very things we've fought so hard to protect: vital services for our communities, good, middle class jobs, and a real voice in the decisions that affect our work, our families, and those we serve.

Already, we've seen hateful, divisive rhetoric dominate this political season. Politicians and big money interests have been fighting tooth and nail to divide working people across this country, in an effort to enact policies and elect politicians that hurt working families and boost the profits of big corporations and the wealthy few.

We've united to expand the middle class, and raise the floor for all working families through the Fight for \$15. As a result, we made history in LA City, LA County, and set the stage for a landmark \$15 minimum in California.

This November, we'll need to take that energy to the polls, and turn out big in support of working families on key state measures and a host of local candidates and issues. Two key fights: Defeating Measure RRR, the anti-worker L.A. City Charter amendment that will gut civil service protections at LADWP; and passing Prop 55, the statewide measure to maintain the current income tax level on the wealthiest Californians to save public



## SEIU 721 VOTES

# TOGETHER WE WIN

FROM THE TOP OF THE BALLOT TO THE BOTTOM, SEIU MEMBERS CAN COME TOGETHER TO DRIVE HISTORIC CHANGE

It's up to us to stop them.

In this critical moment, it's up to us to rise above the divisive rhetoric, and to come together to protect working families in California and across the country.

Time and time again, we've demonstrated that when we unite, we win. Together we stood up through Fix LA, and we restored 5,000 good union jobs, protected key community services, secured raises, and beat back every concession.



education and safety net healthcare programs across California.

Take a look inside at other key races and campaigns on the ballot across Southern California.

Together, we are unstoppable, but it's going to take every one of us working together to get workers to the polls and demonstrate our

collective power at the ballot box.

**Bob Schoonover, President**

*Bob Schoonover*



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## FEDERAL RACES

*HILLARY CLINTON FOR PRESIDENT, KAMALA HARRIS FOR U.S. SENATE*



*Key to our continuing fight to lift up working families is electing individuals who are reasonable and dedicated to achieving justice on all fronts. Hillary Clinton and Kamala Harris are women with proven track records of fighting for justice for working families.*

## CA PROPS



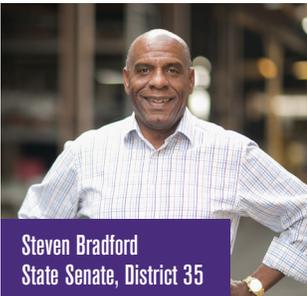
**HELP OUR  
COMMUNITIES  
THRIVE!**



*"Proposition 55 is a statewide measure that would maintain the current income tax on the wealthiest Californians. We need it to fund public education and vital healthcare programs across the state."*

*Linda Dent, Vice President, SEIU 721*

## STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES



Steven Bradford  
State Senate, District 35



Henry Stern  
State Senate, District 27



Ardy Kassakhian  
State Assembly, District 43

*Decisions in Sacramento affect the safety net services SEIU members provide to the neediest families in California. Our votes will ensure election of legislators dedicated to protecting the safety net.*

## L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS RACES



Kathryn Barger  
Supervisor, District 5



Janice Hahn  
Supervisor, District 4

*Members living in L.A. County have an opportunity to elect two more pro-worker voices to the L.A. Board of Supervisors. We can ensure our county is led by officials who understand the importance of reforming caseloads, reducing high attrition rates and creating a safe and just culture in the workplace.*

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## TRI-COUNTIES RACES



*Tri-counties members are ready to lift up the region with a living wage for all, good full-time jobs to help secure a solid middle class and vital services that keep our county safe, clean and functioning. Our votes this November can secure the foundation for a shared prosperity. Here are some key races for November.*

### KEY CONTESTS

<b>CARLA CASTILLA</b>	<b>VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, No 3</b>	<b>HENRY STERN</b>	<b>STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 27</b>
<b>JOAN HARTMANN</b>	<b>SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, No 3</b>	<b>HANNAH BETH JACKSON</b>	<b>STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 19</b>
<b>MONIQUE LIMON</b>	<b>STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 37</b>	<b>SALUD CARBAJAL,</b>	<b>U.S. CONGRESS, DISTRICT 24</b>
<b>JACQUI IRWIN</b>	<b>STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 44</b>	<b>JULIA BROWNLEY</b>	<b>U.S. CONGRESS, DISTRICT 26</b>
		<b>YES ON VENTURA CITY MEASURE O - CLEAN WATER</b>	
		<b>YES ON SANTA PAULA MEASURE T - PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; SERVICES</b>	

## INLAND REGION RACES



### KEY CONTESTS

<b>ERIC LINDER</b>	<b>STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 60</b>
<b>ELOISE GOMEZ REYES</b>	<b>STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 47</b>
<b>RICHARD ROTH</b>	<b>STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 31</b>
<b>CHUCK WASHINGTON</b>	<b>RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 3</b>

*Inland Region members know that our strength is grounded in our ability to rise together. Vibrant communities can be a sustained reality if we invest in our public services by creating good jobs, enhancing public safety and protecting access to affordable healthcare and secure retirement*

*Electing candidates who share these values this November is key to our success.*

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### ANTI-WORKER L.A. CITY DWP "REFORM" MEASURE RRR IS THE LATEST ATTACK ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

**T**ogether, we have fought tirelessly to protect the quality frontline services our communities rely on. We've fought back against the relentless right-wing attack waged against public sector workers – at the bargaining table, on the streets, and at the polls. This November, we're facing an unprecedented assault on working families, right here in our own backyard.

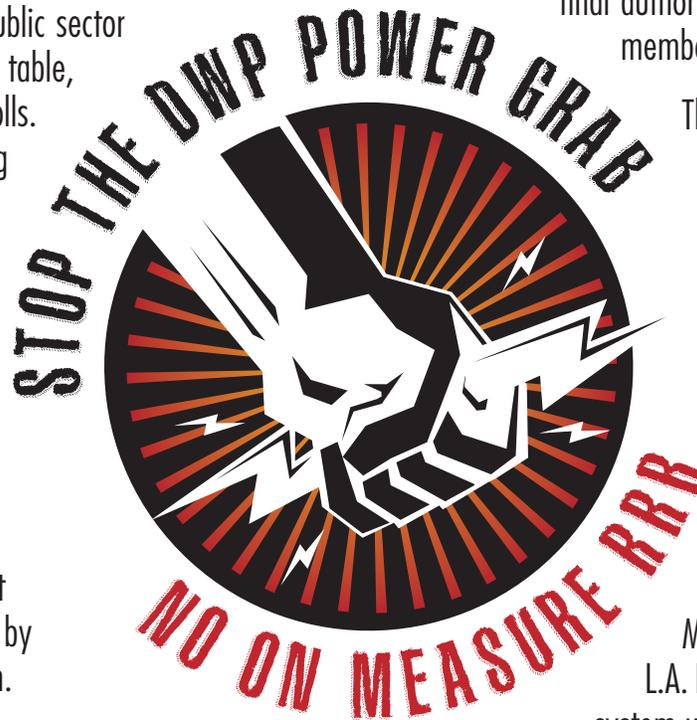
Charter Amendment RRR, billed as an L.A. DWP "Reform" measure by advocates, is an all-out power grab by the DWP that aims to limit public oversight and silence worker voices by gutting the civil service system.

Here's what you need to know:

- Charter Amendment RRR would allow for the DWP to opt out of the civil service system. This anti-worker scheme would allow for DWP bosses to hire and fire at will, and opens the door to corruption and unethical hiring of friends and family.
- Charter Amendment RRR takes away voters' decision-making power and accountability and places it in the hands of a select few. This measure would grant the DWP Board the power to spend millions in taxpayer dollars without current oversight from voters and elected officials. This measure is specifically designed to limit accountability over DWP bosses, allowing for unilateral

rate hikes implemented without voter approval.

- If it passes, neither the Mayor, nor the voters, will have final authority to fire unelected DWP Board members.



The RRR power-grab will set a dangerous precedent that will last for decades. Civil Service rules and protections are the cornerstone of public sector unions, protecting our rights as public employees and ensuring working families get a fair shot. Charter Amendment RRR aims to send us back to the 1930s.

Make no mistake: allowing the L.A. DWP to opt-out of the civil service system will open the door for other anti-worker measures both locally and nationally. We cannot let it pass.

I know that together we can beat back this anti-worker power-grab and secure a strong future for our families and the communities we serve.

Please join us in voting NO on Charter Amendment RRR.

**Gilda Valdez, Chief of Staff**



**WATCH YOUR MAILBOX IN OCTOBER FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SEIU 721 ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS**