

# COUNT ME IN LETTER

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November 4, 2011

Dear Steward:

On behalf of SEIU Local 721 staff and members, I am writing to personally thank you for your commitment toward building a strong Union by serving as a Steward and I want to invite you to continue your work by becoming certified as an official steward.

In accordance with the By-laws that were overwhelmingly approved by the membership in 2009, stewards will be periodically recertified; therefore we are asking all stewards to be officially certified as **SEIU Local 721 Steward per Article 12 Section A included in this packet**. All stewards need to reaffirm their commitment to union principles and values. These principles will unite all of our members into one strong union that adapts to changing surroundings, amplifies a unified voice for all public service workers in Southern California and ensures that incoming stewards are prepared to lead their successors into the future.

Included with this letter is copy of our **newly adopted 721 Steward Policy**. The policy outlines the responsibilities and expectations of all Local 721 Stewards. Please mail back the attached Acknowledgement Request Form which will verify your leadership within the local, that you have read the 721 Steward Policies and you will adhere to the steward expectations.

As indicated in the 721 Steward Certification Process and Article 12 of the bylaws all stewards are required to complete the following:

- Participated in a steward training class provide by Local 721 on or after December 18, 2009.
- Completed the steward petition with 10 or more signatures.
- Signed and returned the attached Acknowledgement Request Form

As a certified Steward you should be proud of your role in defending valuable public services against politicians who are determined to dismantle them. You will be empowered to be a stronger voice for your coworkers and have more tools when working with management. You are a leader in one of the largest and strongest local unions in the country. Since Local 721 is part of the nation's fastest growing Union, the Service Employees International Union, you can take pride in your important position in a national movement fighting to improve the lives of working people, their families and their communities.

Please be sure to mail in the completed forms by January 6, 2012.

In Unity,

Martha Williams Garcia, Chair

Bob Schoonover, President

Linda Dent, Vice President