

SEIU Retirees Leadership Group Wants Your Input!

SEIU 721 retirees have an important voice through the Leadership Group. As your elected representatives, the Leadership Group strives to ensure that the contributions of retired members are recognized and that activities are presented to enhance your well-being and quality of life.

If you have suggestions, concerns or issues affecting retirees that you believe the Leadership Group should address, please contact Gloria Aguilar at (213) 738-8428 or email Retirees@seiu721.org or share your comments with any Leadership Group member. The input of every member is encouraged to make the Retirees Committee a proactive and effective body.

The Retirees Newsletter will be distributed each quarter to share updates, SEIU 721 Retiree activities and other information. In this issue, the members of the Retirees Sub-Committees are featured.

You are invited to participate on any

committee by attending our monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month except December, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the auditorium at SEIU Local 721, 1545 Wilshire Blvd., in Los Angeles.

Committee Mission

The 721 Retirees Committee works across generations to ensure that of all our members' retirement and benefit plans are safe and sound.

At our monthly meetings, we hear information of concern to retired members – then we strategize on next steps our union can take to ensure retirement security for all.



The Retirees Leadership Council includes (front, l-r) Diana Balli, Deborah Thomas, Cora Jackson-Fossett, (back) Charley Mims, Barbara Calhoun and Norm Johnson. Not pictured are David Lara, Mel Phason and Tony Bravo.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jones-Sawyer Honors **Bobbie Jean Anderson** as Woman of the Year



Bobbie Jean Anderson and Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer at the Woman of the Year ceremony in Sacramento.

*By Cora Jackson-Fossett
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Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer named Bobbie Jean Anderson, a longtime Los Angeles community activist and an active member of the SEIU 721 Retirees Committee, as the 59th Assembly District's 2018 Woman of the Year.

Announcing the recognition earlier this year, Jones-Sawyer cited Anderson's decades-long history of civic and community involvement on behalf of the residents of South L.A.

"Bobbie Jean's advocacy footprints can be traced to many movements. Whether

it is her work as a union leader with SEIU or working on criminal justice concerns on the President Bill Clinton Criminal Justice Task Force and as the longtime chair of the Black Women's Forum Criminal Justice Task Force, Bobbie Jean's impact is undeniable," said Jones-Sawyer, who noted that Anderson has been re-elected 10 times to serve on the Democratic State Central Committee and is currently in her fifth term as vice chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party.

"Retiring after 40 years of service with the County of Los Angeles, Bobbie Jean continues to work on criminal justice,

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RETIREE SUB-COMMITTEES

POLITICAL



Members include Myran Cotton, Ron McMullen, True Bennett, Barbara Calhoun, Theresa Maxwell, Bobbie Jean Anderson and Pat Sanders.

MEMBERSHIP



Members include Ira Starks, Russell Moore, Larry Loughlin, Verlee King, Bernadette Burke and Theresa Maxwell.

HEALTH

Members include Yolanda Toure, Erma Hallwood, Leana Babineaux, Brenda Moore, Nathaniel Clark, Sara Shoaib, Luz Castano, Rhina Tejada, Juan Castaneda, Peggy May, Gwen Martin, Barbara Love, Mary Christian, Linda Dobbins, True Bennett, and Rita Wright.



RETIREE SUB-COMMITTEES**PROGRAM**

Members include Dan Burke, Donna Meredith, Roger Nunez, Martha Hunter, Thurston Reese, Diana Balli, Tom Balli, Linda Nunez, Stephanie Rogers, Jo Wilkerson and Deborah Cotton Thomas.

COMMUNICATIONS

Members include Gerald Smith Sr., Jean Sweeny, Samuel James, Lemoria English, Edwina Chism, Robby Rivera, Mary Smith, Cora Jackson-Fossett, Betty Nasir, Kerrie Thomas, Carey Eatmon and Rollyn Intari.





Retirees Salute Cynthia Molette

Leana Babineaux and Charley Mims presented a certificate to Fred Molette in memory of his late wife, Cynthia, who was a dedicated SEIU Retirees Committee member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25, 10 a.m. Retirees Committee Meeting
1545 Wilshire Blvd., Auditorium
Los Angeles, CA

November 13 Retirees Committee Meeting
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1545 Wilshire Blvd., Auditorium
Los Angeles, CA

December 8, 4 p.m. Retirees Holiday Party
Marriott Courtyard
6333 Bristol Parkway
Culver City, CA

Share upcoming events with any Communications Sub-Committee member or email to RetireesGroup@SEIU721.org

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prison reform and many other community advocacy issues. She has become a sought after speaker and panelist on these and other issues," he added.

Anderson's public service includes

appointments to the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Commission by Gov. Jerry Brown and the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission by Mayor Eric Garcetti.

She also served on the city's Redistricting Commission in 2012 and on the board of the Jenesse Center Domestic

Violence and Intervention Program, where she has been a volunteer for over 20 years.

"It is because of Bobbie Jean's notable work on critical social justice issues that have earned her a place among Los Angeles's activist leaders. And she is not tired yet," said Jones-Sawyer.

Retirees Committee Members – Take Advantage of SEIU Member Benefits

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Financial Services – A variety of products are available such as prepaid, secured or Platinum Edition SEIU Visa Card, SEIU Personal Loans for under \$5,000 and over \$5,000, and SEIU Home Financing Program.

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