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# UNION UPDATE

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WHATEVER  
IT TAKES FOR  
\$15 / HR AND  
A UNION

## *Advancing our fight* TO GROW THE MIDDLE CLASS

Working to grow the middle class and provide a living wage for fast food workers, Local 1000 members took action in two separate “Fight for 15” actions in Sacramento on September 4. They joined hundreds of others; a coalition comprised of other unions, community groups and elected leaders.

Calling for “15 dollars and a union,” the event was just one of many demonstrations in 150 cities calling on fast food chains to increase their poverty level wages and allow workers to form unions without the fear of retaliation or termination. Over 450 workers across the country, including a number in Sacramento, were arrested for engaging in civil disobedience by refusing to disburse.

### Shrinking middle class

With seven of the top ten jobs being created today paying less than \$15 an hour, the Local 1000 Council voted last year to support low wage campaigns—including the fast food workers “Fight for 15”—as part of our ongoing commitment to economic justice. “These types of low wage, no benefit, union-busting jobs are multiplying as the middle class shrinks,” said Yvonne R. Walker, Local 1000 president. “Fast food employees work hard and deserve to support their families and live in dignity.”

“The “Fight for \$15” represents what’s going on in this country,” said Mary Kay Henry, who joined the group at a downtown McDonald’s restaurant. “It’s wrong that so many families have no financial security, no matter how hard they work. It hurts communities and the economy everywhere when workers are paid so little that they can’t afford basic needs like groceries and rent.”



# UNION INFORMATION

## Resource Center

Monday-Friday  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
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# Have you mailed your CalPERS ballot yet?



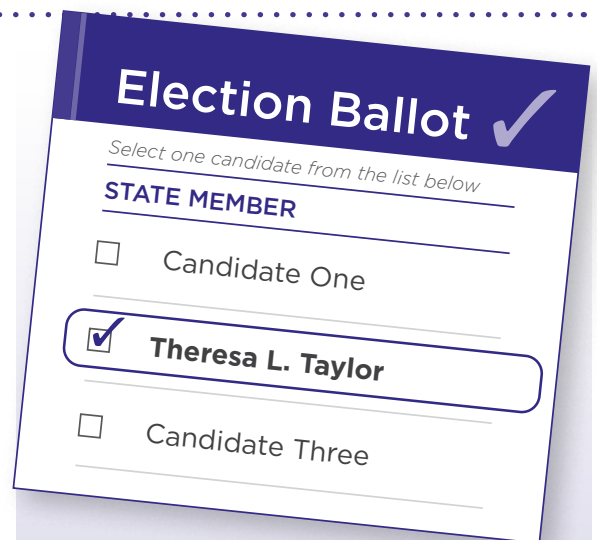
## VOTING FOR IMPORTANT BOARD ELECTION ENDS IN ONE WEEK

There's still time for Local 1000 members to vote to protect the safety and security of their pensions by mailing in their ballots for the CalPERS board election.

Local 1000 has endorsed Theresa Taylor, a long-time member leader, as the right choice to represent state workers on the CalPERS Board of Administration.

"A vote for Theresa Taylor is a vote for our retirement security," said Yvonne R. Walker, Local 1000 president. "Theresa Taylor will fight attacks on our pension, ensure the CalPERS investment strategy is sound and keep our health care affordable."

"I've struggled through furloughs and worried about my own retirement security and health care options, and I've watched my friends and family work later in life because they had no other choice," said Taylor. "That's why I'm running to be the voice of state workers at CalPERS."



## RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY MAIL TODAY!

Ballots are due by September 24



— Theresa —  
**TAYLOR**  
for  
**CalPERS**