



CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES UNITED

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Yes, We Can All Get Along

An Open Letter to Local 1000 President Yvonne Walker

Dear Ms. President:

Last week, during your speech to a group of 400 Local 1000 staff and Union activists in San Diego, you stated no Union members are the "opposition" regardless of their internal political affiliation. Many members present called this Yvonne's, "Can We All Get Along?" speech, respectively.

This letter is to inform you, [CSEUnited](http://www.cseunited.org) agrees, YES, we can all get along regardless of our political affiliation. However, as we have stated in the past, actions speak louder than words.

Therefore, as active stewards in this Union, we formally request the following:

- You appoint our supporters to your standing committees. Specifically, we have activists interested in being part of the Budget, Agenda, and Policy File Committees.
- You re-appoint our supporters you removed from the CSEA Committees a few months ago as well, since we see no reason our supporters should be alienated from helping to preserve CSEA's history and image.
- You support, as well as communicate with the Vice President of Bargaining, Kathleen Collins, and allow her to do her job as she was duly elected to do so.

[CSEUnited](http://www.cseunited.org) is always looking out for the best interests of our members and will fully cooperate with Local 1000's program as long as it is beneficial to our members and as long as there is an avenue for our members' voices to be heard. We believe compliance with the aforementioned requests is the right path to stop the internal fighting.

Please let us know your intention on our above requests before the next Council meeting scheduled for January 9, 2009. Feel free to contact us at mail@cseunited.org as we would like to know where you stand on these issues.

Thank you.

CSEUnited - We Will NOT Be Silenced!

For more information about this struggle within SEIU, visit our website at: www.cseunited.org

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