



CSEUnited Endorses Donna Snodgrass for CSEA Vice President

CSEUnited strongly encourages its supporters & members to vote to reelect Donna Snodgrass for CSEA Vice President.

As a delegate, one of your most important responsibilities at this general council is to help elect the officers of the Association who will lead this great organization for the next three years.

Donna has engaged in a project she named "Stone Soup", which will create greater purchasing opportunities & drive down prices for everything from discounted entertainment tickets & travel packages, to life, travel, & auto insurance by pooling all members benefit packages from those Unions & Associations who enroll.

"With the economy continuing on the down side, now more than ever, it is important for us to find better ways to serve our members. The larger the purchasing pool becomes, the lower our prices will be. "That's what I was elected to do." Stated Mrs. Snodgrass.

We need leaders, such as Donna Snodgrass, who not only recognizes the rights of the affiliates to manage their programs, but is also committed to the idea of the CSEA family & our ability to come together & win for all our members. As CSEUnited often says: **UNITED, we win!**

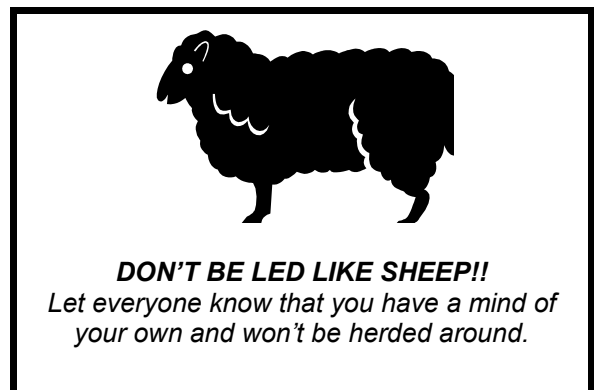
Local 1000 Corner

As a General Council Delegate for Local 1000, you will be considering the over \$60 million dollar annual Local 1000 budget for 2010 & 2011. This is the budget that most directly impacts the members your represent and the issue that they show the most interest. It is your fiduciary responsibility to insure that your members' dues dollars are used efficiently and to benefit the members.

One of the largest expense of Local 1000 is the almost \$16 million a year in "per capita" (per head) payments we make to SEIU International in Washington, D.C. This expense is identified in the "Budget Summary" page of the Local 1000 budget (line item #42) as "Member Activity". You probably have the same question we have –"What does Member Activity mean"?

Well, that money essentially is a "membership fee" we pay to SEIU for being a local union. Most local unions of SEIU pay this fee and many SEIU locals are now beginning to question the value of these fees and exactly what benefit they bring to their members. We didn't didn't see the International's President, Andy Stern, lobby for us during Bargaining, nor did he get involved when the Governor started talking about furloughing State Workers.

This is one of the major issues we will be debating at this convention. We urge you to keep an open mind, ask questions and more importantly make decisions that will benefit your members.



CSEA -Winning for Members Since 1931

- ✓ Helped create a pension system for state workers that we now know as CalPERS
- ✓ Helped create the Civil Service System and the State Personnel Board
- ✓ Helped create the Golden 1 Credit Union (Golden 1 actually co-owns the CSEA building in Sacramento)
- ✓ Provided health benefits for members 32 year before the state offered it
- ✓ Won most elections to represent state workers after state workers won collective bargaining rights
- ✓ Led the only double override of a governor's veto
- ✓ Fought Governor Wilson's raid on our retirement, sued in court and won
- ✓ Helped pass a voter initiative that gave the CalPERS Board more control over your pension and protect it from power grabs by politicians

CSEA can continue to fight for your rights and benefits at CalPERS, in the public arena, with the Governor and is still a recognized advocate for state employees and retirees in the Capitol.

Don't Miss It!

CSEUnited Reception
Friday, Sept. 4 @ 7:30pm
Bonaventure Hotel
(Green Tower, Room 2608)

Join us for a night of food, drinks and good company.

G.C. VOTING ALERT

CSEUnited encourages you to **OPPOSE** any attempt to further weaken CSEA & the authority of its President. Just because our current CSEA President has no backbone to utilize his power doesn't mean we need to change the rules to further harm the future of CSEA.

Vote No to B&Ps 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, & 17, unless amended to keep current language.

The logo for CSEUnited.org, featuring the text "CSEUnited" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with ".org" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font below it.

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