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SBTA General Election 2021

SBTA’s General Election will be held from February 19 through March 11, 2021. The following duties are for SBTA President, SBTA Vice President, SBTA Secretary, SBTA Treasurer, CTA State Council seats (3), and NEA-RA delegate seats (19). These positions are open to all members of SBTA, CTA, and NEA.

SBTA President: Term of Office 2021-2023

Prepares agendas for and presides at all meetings of the Association; is the official spokesperson for the Association; appoints all committees and the bargaining team; co-signs all checks; suggests policy and plans activities which carry out policy; is held responsible for the progress and work of the Association. This position is currently full-time release.

SBTA Vice-President: Term of Office 2021-2023

Serves as an assistant to the president; in the president’s absence, assumes the duties of the president.

SBTA Secretary: Term of Office 2021-2023

Keeps careful and accurate records of the proceedings of official association meetings; is responsible for all notices and minutes of meetings to members of Rep. Council, Board of Directors, and members where appropriate.

SBTA Treasurer: Term of Office 2021-2023

Has official custody of all funds of SBTA; directs preparation of a yearly budget to be adopted by Rep. Council; submits membership and financial reports as required by law; serves as treasurer of Political Action Group for Education (PAGE) Committee and is responsible for all legal reports for PAGE.

NEA Local Delegate: Term of Office 2021

Delegates will attend the NEA yearly meeting virtually which is held July 1, 2020, through July 7 2020. Delegates are expected to attend all California State Meetings, as well as the NEA General Assembly meetings. This NEA Meeting sets policy for NEA for the year 2021. Term is for one year. Positions determined by plurality.

CTA State Council Positions: Term of Office 2021-2024

Three (3) position. State Council delegates attend four CTA State Council Meetings per year. The meetings begin on Friday night and end Sunday afternoon. Delegates also attend San Gorgonio Service Center Council meetings held four Saturdays per year. All expenses are reimbursed by CTA.

This edition of News and Views is intended to provide candidate information to the SBTA membership. All candidates are listed according to the CTA alphabetical order provided.

Upcoming:

Rep Council:

March 10, 2021

April 14, 2021

May 12, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 4:15 pm

Monte Awards

TBA

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The following statements were prepared by the candidates, and are printed in their own words.

General Election Calendar 2020-2021

January 15, 2021	Preparation of candidacy forms
January 22, 2021	Candidacy forms e-mail/SBTA website
January 29, 2021	Candidacy forms due by 5:00pm
January 29, 2021	Candidate's statements due by 5pm for the <i>News and Views</i>
February 1, 2021	Preparation of ballots
February 5, 2021	Sample ballots to candidates
February 10, 2021	Candidate's speeches at SBTA Rep Council
February 12, 2021	<i>News and Views</i> emailed/SBTA website
February 19, 2021	Ballots in USPS Mail
February 19 - March 11, 2021	Balloting through USPS Mail All campaigning shall cease
March 11, 2021	Ballots due to SBTA office by 5:00pm
March 12, 2021	Counting of ballots
March 12, 2021	Teller's report to the President
March 15, 2021	Announcement of Run-Off, if needed
March 15, 2021	Announcement of Results (email, website)
March 15, 2021	Preparation of run-off ballots
March 26, 2021	Deadline to file challenge by 5 p.m. (no run-off)
April 2, 2021	Run-off ballots in USPS Mail
April 5 - April 22, 2021	Balloting through USPS Mail
April 22, 2021	Run-off ballots due at SBTA by 5pm
April 23, 2021	Counting of run-off ballots
April 23, 2021	Teller's report to the President
April 26, 2021	Announcement of results (email, website)
May 7, 2021	Last day to file a challenge by 5pm (if there is a run-off)

Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of each of the candidate statements, and are placed according to the CTA alphabetical order for 2020-2021. Some formatting was necessary due to the dimension and aspect ratio of the allotted space. The spellings of candidate names are transcribed from the Declaration of Candidacy forms. Font selections on printed submissions were matched as closely as possible, or assigned in the case of handwritten submissions. Statements in excess of 100 words, as per the Declaration of Candidacy, are limited to first hundred words only and are notated as such. Word count was made through utilizing the Microsoft Word Counting tool, and rechecked by the Elections Committee Chairperson. A set of three periods (...) and a statement in the lower right corner of the ad indicate truncation. Final photo quality is dependent upon the quality of the submitted photo; printed, copied, of emailed as a .jpg or .pdf file.

-News & Views Staff

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Candidates for the General Election 2021

SBTA President:

Ashley Bettas-Alcalá

SBTA Vice President

Barbara Pastuschek

SBTA Secretary

Jessica Robles

SBTA Treasurer:

Sheila Houston

CTA State Council Representative Seat 1:

Barbara Pastuschek

Daniel Solkowitz

CTA State Council Representative Seat 2:

Desiree Thomas

Carlos Raul Moreno

Christina M. Marquez

Jerry Kimery

Daniel Solkowitz

Joe Salas

CTA State Council Representative Seat 3:

Ryan Harsch

Daniel Solkowitz

Joe Salas

Dr. Shirley Jean

NEA Local Delegates:

Ashley Bettas-Alcalá

Desiree Thomas

Patty Taylor

Lilian Terry

Kathry (Kathy) Poole

Barbara Pastuschek

Erin Moran

Carlos Raul Moreno

Christina M. Marquez

Faith Hurst-Bilinski

Steven Hurst-Bilinski

Rebecca Harper

Ryan Harsch

Alexandra Chapin

Jerry Kimery

Betty Jo. Knick

Nancy Glenn

Daniel Solkowitz

Joe Salas

Christina LeRoy

Robert V. Rodriguez

Dr. Shirley Jean

Candidacy Statements

Re-Elect Ashley Bettas-Alcalá SBTA President NEA Local Delegate



As your President, I have fought to ensure that our district has put the safety of **ALL** SBTA members as a priority, while also protecting your rights. As your President, I will continue to be your voice as we navigate together through distance and back to in-person learning. We are stronger together and I would be honored to have your vote and to lead SBTA into the future.

Hello All,

I have been in Education for over 25 years serving in a variety of roles.

I currently serve as your Grievance Chair a position I cherish, but want to do more.

I am running for CTA State Council Representative and NEA Delegate.

Please elect me to represent you during these most crucial times.

I have always kept you informed, and will do that with these positions.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME, AS I WILL WORK FOR YOU!

Thanking you in advance for your VOTE.

Desiree Thomas--Grievance Chair



Patty Taylor NEA/RA Local Delegate



"I am a dedicated, passionate advocate for SBTA and have been for many years at all levels of our union. I greatly appreciate my SBTA family and will always keep you at heart!"



Hi my name is Lillian Terry, and I'm running for NEA Representative. I have been a Special Education Teacher since 2000, and love to advocate for teachers, students, and families. I have been a Special Services local representative for 9 years, and was a site rep at Arrowview MS for 11 years. I have served as NEA Rep, at San Diego, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Virtually last year. I believe that teachers deserve a fair unbiased representation at all levels. I ask that you vote for me as one of your representatives at the NEA this year. Thank You!

Candidacy Statements



KATHRYN (KATHY) POOLE

TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

Eighteen years in the classroom and another eighteen years as a Teacher-Librarian, I will bring a unique perspective to the 2021 NEA/RA.

BE COOL AND VOTE POOLE!

Local and State NEA/RA Delegate.

Barbara Pastushek

**For Vice President, CTA State Council
and NEA Local Delegate**

Your TRUSTED, loyal voice for intelligent, informed choice and effective communication!



- More than 4 years experience as your SBTA Vice President
- Experienced as a High School SBTA Rep. and SBTA Board of Directors
- Served on the NEA Priority Schools Presidents' Forum in Washington D.C.
- SBTA District committees: SBCUSD Co-Op, Calendar, Safety Task Force, and Strategic Planning
- CTA Institute for Teaching Moreno Valley Think Tank
- More than 20 years as a Special Education Teacher & Moderate/Severe Frameworks Curriculum Writer for SBCUSD and a CTE Certified Teacher

Erin Moran

NEA Local Delegate

Carlos Moreno

I have been teaching long enough to witness the District push great teachers away, ignore our community, and divide us. It's time for our voices to be heard and recognize the outstanding work we as teachers have done and continue to do. Let's make SBCUSD the district our community needs, our students deserve, and one we are proud to serve.



Candidacy Statements

Christina M. Marquez



For CTA State Council & NEA delegate

- *11 years an RA Delegate
 - *Crystal Apple Recipient
 - *Chair of PAGE Committee 5+ years
 - * Regularly Attends School Board Meetings
 - *CTA Grassroots Lobbyist & Organizer
 - *Politically Active at Local, State & Federal Levels
 - *Awarded CTA's Teacher in Politics Ted Bass Award
 - * I fight for teachers, professors, students, staff, and our diverse society.
 - *I know how the legislative processes work and I am ready to step up to **CTA's State Council & an NEA Delegate!**
- I Humbly ask for your VOTE & Support!**

Sheila Houston
For Treasurer

I am asking for you to allow me to serve
you for another 2 years as your SBTA

TREASURER!

Thank You for Your Vote

**VOTE
HOUSTON**

**FAITH
HURST-
BILINSKI**
for

**NEA LOCAL
DELEGATE**



I've previously served as **site rep, Elections chair, and IPD chair**. I *currently* serve as one of your **Elementary Executive Board members and on CTA State Council**. Please allow me to continue serving you as your local delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly this year.

Thank you for your continued support!



My name is **Steven Hurst-Bilinski**. I have been representing teachers as a Union Rep and a NEA Local Delegate nearly as long as I have been a teacher. I work hard for you and our union, both

as the Communications Chair and also as a past NEA Local Delegate. I have volunteered in the union for almost a decade before teaching and I understand the importance of the union and the power of our voice! I am hopeful that you elect me to represent our members, our county, and California at the Representative Assembly. **Thank you!**

Candidacy Statements

Vote

Rebecca Harper

For NEA Local Delegate

I have been a strong advocate for great public schools and for the educators that serve them! I will continue fighting:

- For free quality public education
- Against privatization of schools
- For human and civil rights for all
- For educators right to unionize

*Student's Learning Conditions =
Educator's Working Conditions!!*

Ryan Harsch for CTA State Council Seat 3/NEA Local Delegate

Hello, my name is Ryan Harsch and I would very much like your vote! I have been a special education teacher in the district for 15 years and an active SBTA rep for 2 years. I am currently a part of the SBTA Human Rights Committee. I have been involved with student civic engagement, PBIS, and workforce development at the secondary level. I am diligent, persistent, resourceful, and dedicated. I look forward to representing my fellow teachers and advocating for our students, bringing a fresh perspective that is much-needed.



Alexandra Chapin
FOR NEADELEGATE

- ❖ SBTA Elementary Board Director
- ❖ CTA State Council Delegate
- ❖ Active member of several committees and work groups
- ❖ SPED Teacher
- ❖ Uber Nerd
- ❖ Dedicated to making change

I am Dr. Jerry Kimery, and I am running for the following: CTA State Council Delegate and NEA Local Delegate. I have been a special education teacher at Pacific High School for sixteen years; a site rep for six years; Treasurer for three years; and a member of the SBTA Board of Directors for six years.

My goal is to assure that the needs of both our students are being met. Students need the basics for the twenty-first century, and teachers must have a greater voice in decision-making in our district.



Candidacy Statements

Attitude is Everything

I look forward to continuing to be a voice of SBTA and all the educators, students, and families in the San Bernardino City Unified School District. We are such an integral part and critical influence in the development of students that we must always strive to ensure we have the resources and supports to do our part to the best of our abilities. By representing us at the NEA RA, our wants and needs will be heard. I ask for your vote and support. Thank you so much.

Betty Jo. Knick
SBHS Lead Rep
SBTA Bargaining Team

Nancy Glenn

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela

Daniel Solkowitz

Candidate for NEA Local Delegate and
CTA State Council

- Past NEA local representative
- Successfully introduced New Business Item to address ethnic and racial bullying
- Member of Science Caucus and Jewish Caucus
- Veteran for Peace
- State Senate award recipient
- Army Achievement Medal



Thank you for considering me.

My name is Joe Salas. I am a Special Education teacher at SBHS. Currently, I am Chair of the SBTA Community Outreach Committee. Through this committee, SBTA continues to serve our students during the pandemic. SBTA, Assemblywoman Reyes, and the District sponsored a food drive at AVHS. STBA provided food to over 5,000 families. I currently serve as an Alternate on CTA State Council. I authored a CTA Resolution encouraging teachers to become involved in the political process. I am the founder of the NEA Muslim Caucus. I will serve you with integrity, transparency, and focusing on teacher empowerment.



Candidacy Statements

Christina LeRoy

Candidate for NEA State/Local Delegate

I have been a proud SBTA member and special educator for over 36 years, working with children with speech and language needs. It has been an honor to be elected by you to be a local delegate for the last five Representative Assemblies. This year has been a hard year for everyone due to the pandemic. I will continue to be a strong advocate for all students, parents and teachers and will work hard to support positive solutions for the challenges we now face in education.

I appreciate your support!



Hello, I am Jessica Robles. I am a teacher at Riley College Prep Academy, and have been in the district for nine years. I have served as union rep for three years, and union secretary for two years. My educational background includes a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Sociology from U.C.R., and a Master's of Arts Degree in Education from U.C.L.A. I am highly motivated to continue to serve as your union secretary.

Robert V. Rodriguez



NEA RA Local Delegate

I am a special education teacher and Past-President of SBTA. Currently, I serve on the National Education Association Executive Committee representing you at the national level. I will always fight to protect our rights in the classroom and our students!!!

Dr. Shirley Jean

I have been in education for ten years and I am currently serving as an Adapted Physical Education Specialist at more than 20 schools in the district. In 2020, I won a grant for \$45,000 to begin the MOVE program in San Bernardino City Unified School District. I recently earned a Ph.D. in Leadership with a specialization in Health and Human Performance in 2020. My goal is to advocate health and social-emotional awareness for individuals with disabilities and minorities within SBTA, CTA, and NEA.



Candidacy Statements



Voting Begins:

February 19, 2021

through

March 11, 2021



Union Code of Conduct

I will not criticize any union colleague except to the individual directly.

If any union colleague is being criticized in my presence, I will confront the criticism and ask that it stop.

I will not participate in any conversations with administration that criticize, or negatively speculate about any union colleague.

I will settle my difference with colleagues within my union.

I will engage in debate, offer others every opportunity for debate and respect minority viewpoints, but I will observe and support the majority mandate of my union.



Leadership & Contact Info 2020-2021

President	Ashley Bettas-Alcalá	San Bernardino Teachers Association
Vice President	Barbara Pastuschek	San Andreas High
Secretary	Jessica Robles	Riley College PREP Academy
Treasurer	Sheila Houston	Lytle Creek Elementary
Senior High School Reps	Roberta Figueroa Erin Moran Marc Pollitt	San Andreas High Cajon High San Gorgonio High
Middle School Reps	Connie Jones Kathryn (Kathy) Poole	Chavez Middle Richardson Prep
Elementary School Reps	Alexandra Chapin Faith Hurst-Bilinski Francine March Jenifer Mullen Sandra Owens Lisa Stark	Riley College PREP Academy Davidson Elementary Monterey Elementary Salinas Elementary Wilson Elementary Lytle Creek Elementary
Special Services Rep	Lynette Hill	Psych Services - San Bernardino High
Grievance Chair	Desirée Thomas	Sierra High
State Council Reps	Robert V. Rodriguez Alexandra Chapin Frank Silva Faith Hurst-Bilinski Sheila Houston Vacancy	Special ED - WHAA Riley College PREP Academy English Learners Davidson Elementary Lytle Creek Elementary
State Council Alternates	Christina M. Marquez Joe Salas	Fairfax Elementary San Bernardino High
Regional UniServ Staff	Justin Arnold Peg Tracey	San Bernardino Teachers Association San Bernardino Teachers Association