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ELECTION EDITION

CTA

RECOMMENDATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

TONY THURMOND ✓

GOVERNOR

GAVIN NEWSOME ✓

FSUSD GOVERNING BOARD AREA 4

CRAIG WILSON ✓

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AREA 6

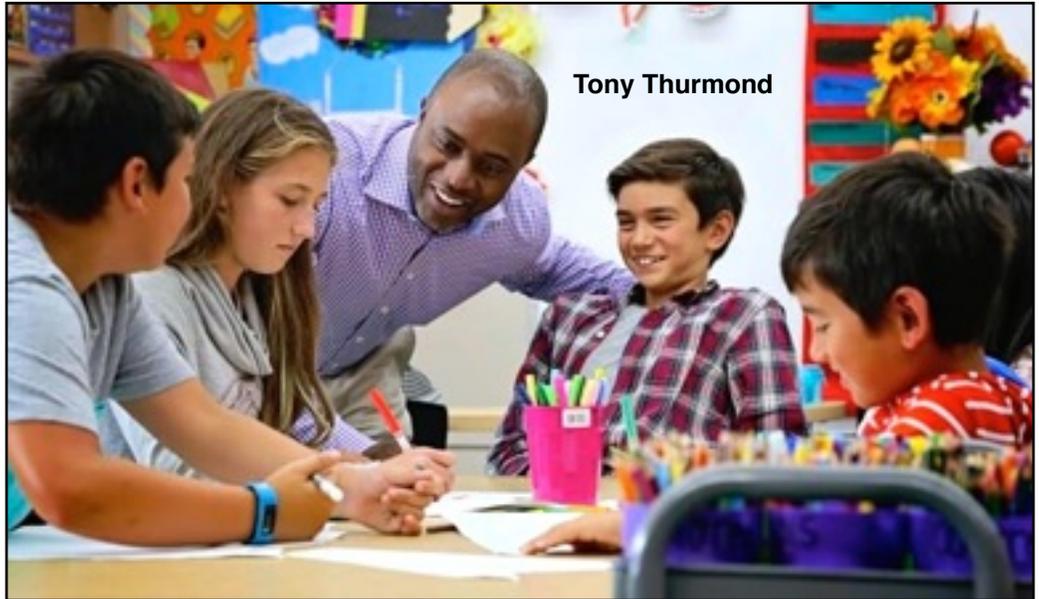
GINGER DUNNE ✓

PROPOSITION 4
YES

PROPOSITION 5
NO

PROPOSITION 10
YES

PROPOSITION 11
NO



Tony Thurmond

Our choice, your vote

Tony Thurmond knows the power of public education because it saved his life. After his single mother died when Thurmond was 6 years old, he and his three brothers were raised by a cousin who taught them that education could be the great equalizer.

Thurmond was inspired to become a social worker to help at-risk kids and is now running for State Superintendent of Public Instruction to fight for all students and educators.

As a state assemblyman, school board trustee and city councilman, Thurmond has always kept children as his top priority. While on the West Contra Costa Unified School District board, he oversaw truancy prevention programs, supported school-based mental health programs and launched a program to teach entrepreneurial

skills to disadvantaged students.

Thurmond passed legislation to provide millions of dollars to districts to keep kids in school and out of the criminal justice system, fought for money to make sure that all foster care youth can go to college and increased funding for early education programs.

Thurmond recognizes the state's growing teacher shortage. He supports affordable housing and other incentives to attract and retain quality educators.

Thurmond supports transparency and accountability for all public schools, including privately-run charter schools. With more than 1,200 charter schools operating in California, he does not believe we should increase the number of charters in the state. He believes charters should only be authorized by locally elected school boards.

Committee commences

Bryan builds Grievance team



Keitha Bryan

This will be her last year in the classroom, but Keitha Bryan has no intentions of coasting across the finish line. The first-grade teacher at Rolling Hills has done much more than find her successor as our Grievance Committee chairperson. With the Executive Board's blessing, she has actually turned the committee into ... a committee.

Bryan was a one-person committee in 2017-18 with a few folks occasionally lending a hand. "I couldn't do it all," said Bryan, who then set out to form a committee to ensure grievances would be handled appropriately once she retires in June.

Alisa Hichborn (Rolling Hills), Amanda Horel (Dover), Keith Aguilar (Sem Yeto), Louise Jacob (Armijo), Tim Munneke (Sheldon) and Michelle Rippee (Tolenas) are now working with Bryan because she is confident each has what it takes to serve on the committee.

"You have to have a proven record of standing your ground and we have to know you're not going to back down," Bryan said. "You have to make sure the district doesn't get away with anything, that you uphold our contact and that our teachers are safe and secure."

Hichborn said her eyes have been opened by serving on the committee because "I didn't know all that went into it behind the scenes." Horel considers herself to be qualified because she is one of eight children in her family. "I learned to speak up," she quipped.

LISTENING SESSIONS

If our members have something to say, our FSUTA leaders want to hear it at our Listening Sessions. Four sessions are scheduled at the CTA office, 4751 Central Way. Each session begins at 4 p.m.

- Thursday, Nov. 15: Secondary Special Education
- Thursday, Dec. 13: Elementary Special Education
- Thursday, Jan. 17: What you need to know about non-reelection and attaining permanent status; Professional Development
- Thursday, Feb. 28: What Special Education Teachers Need to Know about our contract; Professional Development

FSUTA ELECTION

Making your vote count for FSUTA will not end with the November election. Seven positions on our Executive Board will be available in our spring election. Nominations will open March 4 at the Site Representative Council meeting and close April 1 at the Site Representative Council meeting. The six positions with two-year terms are president, vice president and Member at Large (four seats). The other position is corresponding secretary with a one-year term. Our members will also vote for a State Council Representative who will serve two years. Are you ready to step forward and serve?

‘Democracy on steroids’

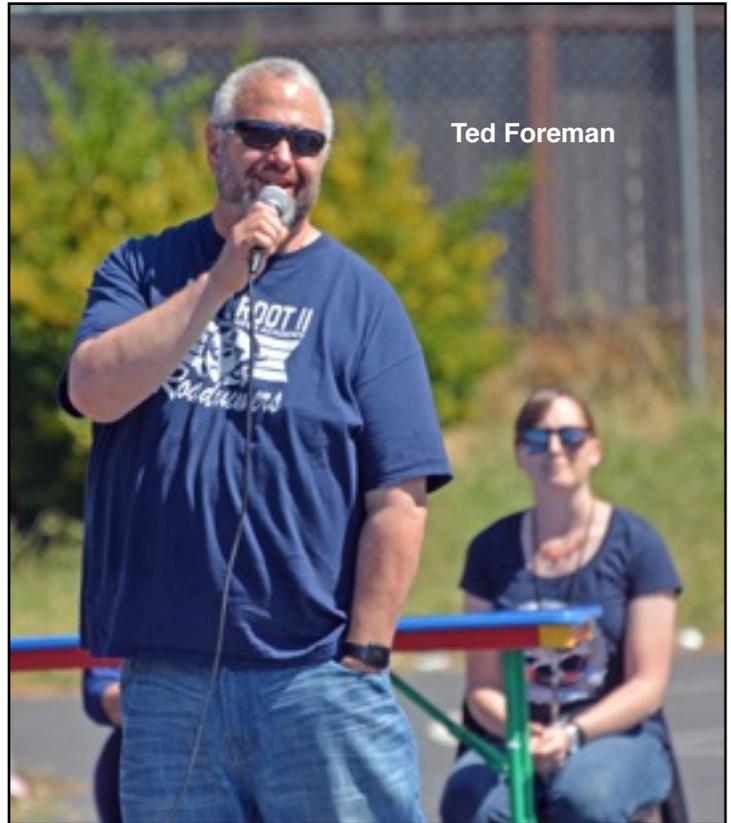
By Ted Foreman

In July, I had the privilege of representing FSUTA and the California Teachers Association at the 2018 National Education Association Representative Assembly in Minneapolis. When I first signed up to go, I asked around as to what to expect and one astute previous attendee said, “It’s like democracy on steroids.” That it was. I was one of 900-plus California delegates representing 325,000 CTA members.

There were a total of 6,200 delegates from across the country and DOD schools. When seated, the NEA Representative Assembly is the largest democratic voting body in the world. We met as the California delegation 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day and worked through our stances on new business items, constitutional amendments, resolutions, elections and more. It was fascinating to hear the debate on issues that affect us all as educators coming from so many different viewpoints.

Once we finished as a California delegation, we went to the Minneapolis Convention Center and were seated with other representatives from across the country. Here we would do more of the same but with almost 6,200 other people. I learned that there are deep divisions between the states on issues such as gun control, LGBTQ rights, the NEA taking political stances and more. While these divisions still exist and in some cases hurt like an open wound, it was so good for my soul to see the democratic system work.

In five days of meetings and 55 hours of debate, we debated and voted on 129 New Business Items; 17 resolutions; 19 proposed amendments, bylaws and rules; nine Legislative Amendments; and 14 Policy Statements. There were also elections for the NEA Governance Board (where we worked and



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succeeded in having Robert V. Rodriguez of California elected to the NEA Executive Board). All of this was in the hopes of bettering education and conditions for students in public schools across the country.

In this crazy world of 2018, it meant something for me to be out doing something, with 6,200 other people, trying to take action to better the world rather than just throwing up my arms. People united is a powerful thing.

Almost as valuable as the daily business of the Representative Assembly were the relationships I made - not with just other FSUTA members, but also my colleagues in the Redwood Service Center and across California. We enjoyed cruises on the Mississippi River, including a firework boat on July 4, as well as culinary delights and trips all over the amazing city of Minneapolis.

The friendships I made have only continued to grow since returning to California. Thank you to all of the people who went and made this trip so special. Thank you to FSUTA for allowing me the opportunity to go. It was a pleasure and an honor to represent my fellow FSUTA members.

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

Issues can arise at a school that could prompt your Site Representative to seek assistance or necessitate a higher level of response. When that happens, you should contact the FSUTA Executive Board member assigned to your school.



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