

Chapter Talking Points

February 21, 2022

Info for chapter leaders

UTLA Bargaining Goals Have Been Democratically Developed and Approved!

- For the last six months, chapter leaders have worked tirelessly, in the middle of a pandemic, to hold member meetings and discussions to identify bargaining priorities, give feedback on the platform, review the platform with all members in your chapters and, finally, working to ensure a robust turnout for the vote.

You have led one of the most democratic and systematic processes that any union near the size of UTLA has engaged in to collectively develop bargaining demands. In this process you have laid the foundation for both UTLA's formal contract proposals and the campaign of collective action that it will take to win them!

Well done!

Talking points for chapter meetings

The numbers are in on where our fight is headed

- After three days of voting, UTLA members across Los Angeles have voiced their overwhelming support for the Beyond Recovery platform — **96% of voters said YES** to a commitment to fight for:

- * pay increases and economic issues that UTLA members need addressed

- * working and teaching conditions

- * student learning conditions and needs

- * community needs that impact LAUSD students

[Within the seven pillars of the platform is our shared vision](#) for addressing the issues that as educators we know were only worsened by the pandemic. These are the demands we are rallied around for what our school communities need to fully recover and move forward beyond that.

“This is the first time we embarked on this democratic process to form a platform, collectively identified and voted on by UTLA educators across Los Angeles, before negotiations with LAUSD begin,” said UTLA President Cecily Myart-Cruz.

“Our platform reflects common good priorities to win the conditions inside and outside the classroom we know our students deserve, we deserve, and LA deserves.”

The next step will be the development of the formal proposals, shaped directly from the framework of this platform, that together we stand behind as United Teachers Los Angeles.

- **Voting Results:**

YES: 15,088 (96%)

NO: 709 (4%)

Voting was conducted by Integrity Voting Systems

Changes to outdoor masking

- Late last week, LAUSD issued a memo about changes in outdoor masking requirements that will take time to review.

Indoor masking will remain in place inside LAUSD classrooms, buildings, and workspaces. Any changes to health and safety protocols around masking inside school district facilities must be negotiated with UTLA, per our agreement.

Student-led police-free schools event February 26

- This is a major historic event led by LAUSD students. There will be workshops, performances, food, swag and more. Register at bit.ly/Feb26DefundLASPD.

Saturday, February 26

11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

3651 So. Vermont Ave. (near the Expo/Vermont Station)

[Event flyer](#)

Jazz and Friends - Affirm Transgender and Non-binary Youth

- On Thursday, February 24, 8:20am-9:10am. join schools across the District for the Annual Jazz & Friends National Day of School Community Readings with virtual community reading and discussion about gender, diversity & inclusion. This event will be hosted by Hooper Avenue Elementary's Rainbow Club!

Teachers, Zoom in with your class for the story, discussion, and an optional art activity. We recommend paper and basic art supplies for the activity. ASL interpretation will be provided. Attendees will need to sign on using their LAUSD credentials at tinyurl.com/JazzAndFriendsLAUSD

[Event flyer](#)

UTLA calendar

Feb. 23: Secondary Committee meeting

March 16: Area Meetings

March 23: House of Representatives meeting

March 30: Board of Directors meeting