

The impact of our collective action extends beyond the picket lines and classroom walls. Building political power is critical to ensuring that candidates who share our vision for public schools and who champion policies prioritizing the needs of our students and school communities — full staffing, smaller class sizes, healthy green schools, mental health resources, and more — are elected to office and ready to support our goals and needs.

We've already reached one of our goals: protecting our healthcare. Now, we're fired up to have THREE school board candidates who we are confident will get us closer to achieving our goals.

OUR ENDORSED CANDIDATES



School Board District 1: Kahllid Al-Alim

Kahllid is a community organizer and parent of five current and former LAUSD students. He was born and raised in South LA and has deep roots in the community. Through his work in South LA and his involvement in Reclaim Our Schools Los Angeles and Students Deserve, Kahllid contributed significantly to the organizing of parent and community support for our 2019 and 2023 contract campaigns and strikes.

Kahllid is a fighter for racial and economic justice, having been brutalized himself by the police, arrested, and convicted of crimes he did not commit — which were later expunged, vacated, and cleared from his record. Kahllid has been a partner in our struggles against privatization, reconstitutions, and co-locations, and he has helped shape our work on Community Schools and the Black Student Achievement Plan.

Kahllid shares our values and has demonstrated his commitment and ability to lead, and he will move this work forward on the school board.



School Board District 3: Scott Schmerelson

Scott has been an educator for over 40 years (an LAUSD educator and administrator since 1978), starting as a high school teacher after becoming the first member of his family to graduate from college.

In the face of a powerful privatization machine, Scott Schmerelson has been a steadfast supporter of educators and public schools during his two terms on the school board. This year, when the district was threatening to undermine our voice in healthcare, Scott fought right beside us.

Corporate charter interests are coming back stronger than ever, and we can count on Scott Schemerelson to hold them accountable and stop privatizers from turning our schools into profit margins. We need Scott's experience and leadership on the board to continue fighting together for public education.



School Board District 5: Karla Griego

Karla has been an LAUSD special education teacher for 19 years, working with the most vulnerable student populations, and is the parent of an LAUSD student.

Karla was a leader on the UTLA Board of Directors and helped shape UTLA's organizing program in our contract campaigns, including the massive campaign that culminated in our 2019 strike. In 2023, Karla led her chapter in our 3-day solidarity strike. As a long-time leader in Reclaim Our Schools LA and a UTLA Board member, Karla has helped shape UTLA's contract demands, including demands for Community Schools, green public schools, the Black Student Achievement Plan, support for Special Education, class size reduction, and more.

Karla is one of us and will be a force on the school board!

WE WALK, WE KNOCK, WE TALK, WE WIN. SIGN UP NOW.

If you have not signed up yet, check in with your Chapter Chair about the dates your chapter is precinct walking for our endorsed candidates. Precinct walks kick off in January 2024.

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