



IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS!

The LAUSD school board majority is up for grabs in the March 2024 election. We will fight to elect board members committed to building on our wins on salary, healthcare, class size, staffing, the Black Student Achievement Plan, Community Schools, immigrant supports, green schools, and more. We will not let the board majority be taken over by privatizers who want to roll back the progress we have made for educators, students, and families.

These three UTLA educator-endorsed candidates are deeply connected to their communities, know that educators need the support and resources to do our jobs, and share our vision for public schools.

OUR ENDORSED CANDIDATES



School Board District 1: Kahlid Al-Alim

Kahlid 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, Kahlid contributed significantly to the organizing of parent and community support for our 2019 and 2023 contract campaigns and strikes.

Kahlid 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. Kahlid 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.

Kahlid lives 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 graduating college. He continues to be an authentic presence in our schools, finding solutions for the needs in the district in dialogue with the community.

In the face of a powerful privatization machine, Scott has steadfastly supported educators and public schools during his two terms on the school board. Scott also fought beside us this year when the district threatened to undermine our healthcare and our voice. Scott opposes charter co-location and was one of the four-vote majority needed to pass this year's anti-co-location resolution.

Corporate charter interests are coming back stronger than ever. We can count on Scott to hold them accountable and stop privatizers from turning our schools into profit margins. We need Scott's reliability, 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. She would be the VERY FIRST Special Education teacher to serve on the school board.

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 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 January 2024.

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