

WHAT IS THE PACE COMMITTEE?



PACE is UTLA's member-driven political organizing body, shaping UTLA's political priorities through candidate endorsements, issue advocacy, member engagement, coalition building, and electoral participation. PACE Committee members ensure that the voices of educators are represented in the political decisions that impact schools, students, and public education.

PACE Committee members serve as political leaders, organizers, and representatives of their areas and constituencies. Members help evaluate candidates, engage fellow UTLA members, strengthen political education, and support campaigns aligned with UTLA's mission and values.

The first meeting for the 2026-2029 PACE Committee will be held September 2. At that meeting, the committee will be considering some political endorsements, propositions, and candidates.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- Participate in political discussions, trainings, and educational opportunities.
- Develop an understanding of the institutions, policies, and elected bodies that impact public education.
- Stay informed on key issues affecting educators, students, and UTLA members.

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

- Review candidate materials and questionnaires.
- Participate in candidate interviews and endorsement discussions during the election cycle.
- Help evaluate candidates based on UTLA's priorities and values.

MEMBER OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

- Serve as a connection between PACE and members in your Area.
- Share information about political issues, campaigns, and opportunities for involvement.
- Encourage participation in UTLA's political program.

ADVOCACY & POLITICAL ACTION

- Support endorsed candidates, campaigns, initiatives, and issue-based efforts.
- Participate in canvassing, phone banking, community outreach, and other engagement opportunities.
- Help build support for policies that benefit students, educators, and public education.

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

- Serve on at least one PACE committee or workgroup.
- Contribute ideas, perspectives, and feedback to strengthen the work of the committee.

Any UTLA member in active status who contributes to PACE can run for the committee by filling out the form on the flip side.



If you are not a PACE contributor, you can sign up using the QR code.

PACE COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT & NOMINATION FORM 2026-2029



PACE is one of the most meaningful ways to shape UTLA's political direction. PACE Committee members drive the work that protects public education, supports educators, and builds transformative political power for students and communities across Los Angeles.

PACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL:

ENGAGE

Attend and actively participate in monthly PACE meetings, strategic planning sessions, and designated workgroups as announced • Engage in community outreach, dialogue, and coalition-building that strengthens relationships among voters, parents, students, educators, and local leaders • Serve as a representative of PACE at Area Steering Committee meetings, Area meetings, and other community engagement opportunities as needed

EDUCATE

Build and deepen your knowledge of the political institutions, policies, and elected bodies that shape public education • Stay informed on issues, legislation, campaigns, and endorsements impacting UTLA members and students • Help educate fellow educators on key political issues, endorsed candidates, and PACE priorities

ENDORSE

Participate objectively in the evaluation and vetting process of political candidates seeking UTLA's endorsement • Support only officially endorsed candidates and measures when acting in your capacity as a committee member • Once PACE Committee decisions are made, fully support and advance the official UTLA positions in all public and digital spaces

ADVOCATE

Engage respectfully, contribute in good faith, and help uphold the democratic values that make the PACE Committee strong • Maintain absolute confidentiality regarding internal committee debates, strategy, and unreleased endorsements • Represent PACE with professionalism, civil discourse, and integrity in all public and digital spaces, becoming a leader your local area and constituency can be proud of

ORGANIZE

Turn political awareness into organized, collective action that impacts local school boards, city and county measures, candidates, and state legislation • Shift from passive observer to actively engaged political participant, standing in solidarity with UTLA and our affiliates

PACE Committee members are expected to participate and engage with all PACE initiatives, including but not limited to Area Meeting presentations, endorsement interviews, and neighborhood canvassing. Members unable to meet the active engagement metrics outlined above may be subject to a review of committee membership status.

I'M READY TO BUILD OUR POLITICAL POWER

Name

Signature

Date

UTLA Chapter & Area

Phone

Non-LAUSD Email