

## Rising Together for Our Students

Building a stronger CTA to win the resources our communities deserve

by Bruce Saathoff, CSO President

How special it is for us to be together only a couple weeks before an election that will determine what the future will look like for our students, communities and our nation.



For the past few months, CSO and CTA members have been hard at work in neighborhoods across California, knocking on thousands and thousands of doors to talk about the leaders we need to help build the public schools and community colleges our students deserve. From Imperial Valley all the way up to Mt. Shasta, it's been "all hands on deck" since Summer Institute to win the more than 2,000 school board races facing voters this election.

This is in addition to crucial state legislative contests and the fight to send Vice President and California's own Kamala Harris and former union teacher and football coach Tim Walz to the White House. We know that winning "all the things" this election helps us build power to secure funding and resources from the Capitol to our local school districts.

Electing leaders who understand the value of public education will be even more important in the coming years as the state faces difficult budget decisions, which will impact every school district in California. We know that our students deserve better than the constant chaos of feast-or-famine education funding that – that's why we're working so hard to elect officials who share that belief.

Every step of the way, CSO and CTA members are fighting side-by-side for better.

As we collectively sprint to the homestretch of this historic election, I'm so excited we have this weekend to connect and fill our cups with solidarity before the final push. I hope that you'll join us for some fellowship (and a cocktail) at our reception Saturday evening to catch up, share some laughs and talk about how we can build a stronger CTA, together.

And be sure to take time before Election Day to knock on doors to get out the vote. Walks are scheduled up and down the state all the way up to Nov. 5 – contact your primary contact staff to learn more about those near you, and let's show everyone why you never underestimate a public school teacher!

### Join Us!

Connection,  
Conversation & Fun!

Appetizers,  
drinks, raffle

**Bonaventure Brewery**  
**Fourth Floor**

*Wear Your Council Badge*



**CSO**  **RECEPTION** 

*Hosted by California Staff Organization*

**SATURDAY, OCT. 19**  
**6-8PM**

### Who We Are:

CSO Organizer is produced by the California Staff Organization (CSO), the union for professional, departmental and Regional UniServ staff who work for the 310,000 members of California Teachers Association. CSO affirms that Black Lives Matter and is committed to working to remedy the trauma of racism, white supremacy and police brutality within public education, CTA, CSO and society.

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# When We Walk We Win

Across the state, CSO members are walking neighborhoods, side-by-side with CTA members, knocking on tens of thousands of doors to talk to voters about our public schools and the candidates who support them. Onward to victory on Nov. 5!

