

CTA/NEA-Retired

2023 NEA/RA

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

The statements of the candidates are exactly written as given;
within the 30-word limitation in accordance with election guidelines.

Candidates are listed in alphabetic order by last name set by the 2022 - 2023 CTA Elections Manual:

F N U V E M D P R Z C H S Y O L J A K W X I G B T Q

G. Ann Funn – Region 1

I was a teacher for forty years. I still phone bank , write post cards etc. when needed to support teachers & public schools. Vote G. Ann Funn Thank you

Ed Foglia – Region 2

I'll continue my strong advocacy at the RA that directly affect our quality of life. (Save SS, repeal GPO/WEP, preserve Medicare, Medicaid, and ACA) Thank you for your support!

Thanh Nguyen – Region 4

Experienced NEA-RA delegate. I appreciate your vote. Thank you for your trust and support.

Gil Vega – Region 4

I'm a recent retired teacher, active union member with the Fontana Unified Schools District since 1996, and Pomona Unified Schools District 6 years prior. I'm currently active in retirement CTA/NEA.

MariaJosie Ervin – Region 4

I have been a delegate for several years before and now as a retiree I wish to continue my unwavering support of public education. Please vote for me!

Rhonda A Egana – Out of State

As a retired educator from Riverside City Teachers Association, I continue to have a passion for student and teacher success and wish to represent you at the RA!

Frank Ebiner – Region 3

Educator for 39 years. Willing to work hard as your representative to advocate for policies to improve student academic achievement, strengthen family support and enhance teachers' work environment.

Valerie Muchowski – Region 1

An experienced leader, I am committed to protecting your secure retirement. A strong advocate for repeal WEP and GPO Social Security Offset. Will work in coalition with others.

Adeline Mendoza-Blasingame – Region 3

I'm a Latina and founder of two chapters in the High Desert. Elected officer. Working to repeal GOP-WEPT. Active in Local, Regional, and State. I would appreciate your vote.

Elaine Merriweather – Region 1

I have been a CTA member for over 35 years Served on State Council for 12 years and on the NEA Board for 6 years.

James Moore – Region 4

37 years teacher, advocate OUSD

Educators are under siege from far right's agenda to privatize and politicize our school boards.

We must unite against this!

Thanks for your vote,Jim

Elizabeth “Lisa” Marroquin – Region 4

Vote for Lisa Marroquin, an experienced leader at both the Local and State levels for CTA and CSBA. I will advocate for our students and teachers at the 2023 RA.

Virginia “Ginger” Martin – Region 2

26 years as alternative high school teacher, VAPA steering, superintendent advisory committees, and union representative. Please give me the opportunity to represent all teachers at NEA/RA. Thanks

Lorraine Martinez – Region 1

Active retiree who is committed to ensuring that all voices are heard and no one is left behind. I am ready to go, listen and vote! Choose Lorraine Martinez.

Rachel Maldonado Aziminia – Region 1

Retired EOPS community college counselor, former CCA Secretary/VP. Believe in strong unions; public education, pre-K-HE; diversity; voter protection. Honor to represent you. Thank you.

Gabriela Mitchell – Region 4

I am passionate about rallying educators and our communities for the well-being of our students. I will network and advocate for inclusive schools for students from marginalized communities.

Antonio (Tony) Duarte – Region 3

I retired after 38 years of teaching. Local President, CTA State Council and CTA/ABC Committee. Chair of CTA Hispanic Caucus and EMAC. I will represent all of our retired Teachers.

Dana Dillon – Region 2

I've advocated for retirees' interests (SS Offsets, CalSTRS issues, and more) my entire 40+ years union career. Please let me continue to advocate on your behalf - Vote for Dana!

Alicia Diaz – Region 3

Teaching for 46 years. Retired, but still subbing and still actively advocating for teachers and children. I will faithfully share my experience/ knowledge... please trust me with your vote.

Tony Diaz – Region 3

Experience: NEA Delegate (27 years), CTA/NEA Retired Delegate (6 years), TALB President. I'll continue to protect CalSTRS, strengthen Medicare, remove Social Security penalties, and promote CTA/NEA Retired Issues.

Pamela Price – Region 1

I was a CTA Site Rep (3 years) and one time NEA RA State Delegate. I look forward to making a difference by learning legislations and voting as a retiree.

Reginald Phillips – Region 2

I have been a member of CTA for over 35 years. I have supported our members by being a site rep. at the schools at which I taught.

Reginald Powell – Region 4

Served on CTA/NEA Resolutions Committee for 6 years. State and local delegate to the NEA/RA for 17 years. Served on Teachers Pay and Bargaining Committee for Resolution. Chair of CTA.

Marie Rodriguez-Gonzalez – Region 2

Tulare/Kings Retired Chapter President, State Council Retired Alternate, previously active w/my local chapter, numerous years an RA Delegate, it would be my honor to represent you at the 2023 RA.

Vivian Ringen – Region 4

Veteran teacher of 35 years. New to retirement. Ten time NEA-RA delegate. Let me be your voice again. Education needs to be a priority!

Alen Ritchie – Region 4

I am a past-president of CTA/NEA-Retired, and a former member of the NEA-Retired Executive Council. Please allow me to continue working for the rights and benefits of retired educators.

Luis Zayas – Region 2

Be aware and acting on, for the students, and fellow Teachers Retirees, as to what is going on in the background- wait for the "REST OF THE STORY" before reacting

Leroy Cook – Region 3

I was a teacher for 37 years and I believe I can represent other teachers if given the opportunity to do so. My experience was mainly in Alternative Education.

Gwendolyn Humphries – Region 3

I am a retired speech pathologist with 40+ years of experience. I am interested in areas of educational equality and protection of educational personnel.

Lynette Henley – Region 1

CTA Retired Voices Matter!
Allow me to be your voice at NEA/RA.
Long time articulate advocate for our members!
Respectfully asking for your vote.
Henley will get the job done.

Wendy Holmes – Region 4

I am an advocate, I believe in standing for what's right. I am an educator and a lifelong learner. Special Education is my super power. I am American. Vote Wendy

Lois Hale – Region 3

Former President, NEA Director...Strong voice for our concerns: Maintaining CALSTRS solvency, Defend Benefits, Quality Affordable Health Care, Repealing Social Security Offsets. Only working together can we achieve our goals.

Karen Schuett – Region 2

Served as:

- Local leader
- State Council member
- ABC member
- NEA Director
- NEA/CTA retired delegate
- Alternate State Council member Region II

38 years in education

Debra Sheehan – Region 1

*current CTA/NEA-Retired Secretary/Treasurer
*20 year Representative Assembly delegate
*advocate for social justice, women's issues, and social security fairness
*NEA Women's Caucus Retired Coordinator
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George Sheridan – Region 2

Lifelong activist for racial and educational justice, from the Voting Rights Act to spearheading NEA's work against institutional racism. An advocate for education professionals and the promise of public education

Joan Sholars – Region 4

Served on CTA State Council for 13 years. Served on CTA ABC committee for 9 years representing higher Ed. Former local president. Lead negotiator on Mt San Antonio College Faculty Association

Bonnie Shatun – Region 3

Experienced NEA Delegate (36 years). Tireless advocate for protecting CalSTRS, Medicare and removing Social Security penalties. "Advocate" Editor and State Council. Trains retirees for involvement. Experience: CTA Board, Local President.

Diatra W Stearn – Region 3

Looking forward to continuing the fight for WEP/GPO to benefit our most vulnerable who experience the most financial devastation due to this unjust law. I will fight on for us.

Denise Stewart – Region 1

Retired educator with 27 years in the classroom, training teachers to work with ELLs, instructional coach, etc.

Donald Stauffer – Region 1

Leader in chapter and CTA. Participant in CTA Strategic Plan. Advocate for increased visibility and role for CTA-Retired. We must continue to fight for repeal of GPO/WEP!

Sharon Orme – Region 4

Please vote for me I would consider it an honor to be your voice at the assembly. Over 20 years of experience. Thank you for your vote!

Gary Orme – Region 4

I have been a delegate in the past attending many RA's. I would consider it an honor to represent retired teachers in Orlando, Florida. Please vote for me.

Mary Rose Ortega – Region 3

Longtime advocate working to repeal Social Security (WEB/GPO) offsets, protect CALSTRS defined benefits, healthcare and Medicare benefits. Experience: NEA/RA delegate, UTLA-R Board, CTA/NEA-R Board, UTLA, CTA and NEA Boards.

John Lindner – Region 4

I would appreciate your vote for the RA. Long-time delegate, service center chair, LGBTQ+ and Women's Caucuses member. I will represent the view of retirees.

Anne Johnson-Curtis – Region 3

CTA/NEA-R Region 3 Board & State Council
Working to repeal GPO/WEP
Politically involved- phoning, precinct, letters
Organizer & First President High Desert CTA/NEA-R
Speaker 6 conferences, numerous local CTA/NEA-R groups

Kaisar Ahmed – Region 4

Retired educator at school/college level for 3 decades. Local, state, & retired delegate at many NEA/RAs for 47 years. Engaged, collaborative, team player; will work for repeal of WEP/GPO. Bangladeshi-American.

Dr. Sandy Keaton – Region 3

I'll continue my strong advocacy for retiree's financial security by fighting to repeal the Social Security penalties, protecting CalSTRS defined benefits and preserving Medicare. Please allow me to serve you.

Shelly Krantz – Region 3

22 NEA Representative Assemblies, experienced State Council member (8 years), VP Southeastern CTA/NEA Retired, 39 year educator. I want to continue representing you fighting unfair GPO/WEP and other important issues.

Mark Kotch – Region 3

I (MARK KOTCH) would be honored to represent retirees and our issues at the RA because I am a survivor, with all the requisite skills that implies.
yours in solidarity

Susan Kitchell – Region 1

Committed and experienced unionist, known activist fighting for our rights every day (even in retirement)! I am pro-union, pro-student and pro-public education.

Tyra Weis – Region 3

Recently retired. Active in local, state, and national union activities. Past local president of Associated Pomona Teachers, Former RA local and state RA delegate for Service Center One. Thank you!

Nancy Glenn – Region 4

Active in politics to advance the public school agenda of being fully funded at all levels. I will continue this advocacy at the NEA/RA if elected. Please vote for me.

Gerri Gandolfo – Region 4

We came so close to repealing GPO-WEP in Congress this past year. WE MUST NOT GIVE UP THE FIGHT! I will continue to represent ALL retirees ALL the time!

Orval Garrison – Region 1

Local & Regional Assoc. leadership, CTA/NEA-Retired Liaison, Membership Coordinator, VP, President. Unrelenting union defense of Medicare, Social Security, pensions, affordable RX, and pre-existing conditions coverage. Battling to repeal GPO/WEP.

Julita Galleguillos – Region 1

Teachers are advocates for students, their families, and all educators. I've been a site rep, union secretary, & state council Rep. Now vote me in as RA Retired Delegate. Thanks!

Meredith Beachly – Region 3

I would love to attend another RA now that I'm retired. I'm serving my community as a school board member. It is important to stay current.

Gloria BrownBrooks – Region 1

The last thirty years have not quelled my focus on social justice, equity and inclusion in education. Much of my work has been in Mathematics education and literacy in general.

Nancy Banales – Region 4

I have been to numerous RA's. I am experienced, eager and knowledgeable. Please let me be your advocate. I would appreciate your vote to the Orlando Representative Assembly. Thank you

Pam Baugher – Region 2

Strong advocate for pension protection/improvement and public education. I'd appreciate your vote.

William Balderston – Region 1

The issues we must address at the RA include the fight against privatization in public services, staffing & rights of education workers, addressing climate justice, defending reproductive rights, opposing militarism

Patty Blum Taylor – Region 4

Staunch advocate for retirement issues and retired members. Over 30 years leadership work at all levels including local President and NEA Director. Current interim State Council retired delegate region IV.