

CTA State Council--January 26-27, 2019

Report from Sarah Robinson, Minority at Large Representative

The first State Council of 2019 kicked off with a celebration of the amazing settlement achieved by UTLA after staging a historic 6 day strike. President Alex Caputo-Pearl shared some of the stories from members on the picket lines and the strategies that UTLA used to achieve so many of their objectives. Click [here](#) to watch an amazing video documenting the strike and the support UTLA's members received from all over the city.

**#REDFORED** has become more than just a hashtag! The CTA Communications department shared that during the UTLA strike, CTA Facebook posts hit 2.5 million people, CTA tweets reached over 1.5 million people, and CTA's Instagram posts hit almost a million people. Also, #UTLStrong trended worldwide for several days and many celebrities used their social media outlets to show support for educators.

While we celebrated UTLA's success, we were also reminded that the struggle for public education must continue. Oakland Education Association (OEA) is also preparing for the possibility of a strike in the Bay Area sometime within the next month. State Council unanimously decided to name February 15 a day of action in support of OEA. Be sure to wear red and post your #redford pictures on social media. Click [here](#) for more information on OEA's struggle.

On Sunday morning, we welcomed back our newly-inaugurated State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond. He thanked CTA members for their dedication and commitment to his campaign and promised that he will continue to listen to educators and rely on our judgment and experience as he's making decisions in Sacramento.

On a sad note, we also heard from the President of the Teachers Association of Paradise about the devastation that their community has endured due to the fires. While so many of their schools and homes have been completely destroyed, they have remained hopeful and have repurposed everything from airplane hangars to hardware stores so that children can continue to learn. If you're interested in helping those affected by the fires, click [here](#) for different ways to donate.

#### Committee Reports & Resources

- Click [here](#) to access CTA's Guide to School Safety
- CTA is supporting the Black Lives Matter at School National Week of Action (February 4-8). Click [here](#) for lessons, resources and other tools to help guide you.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at (805) 431-8383 or [robinson.sarahlou@gmail.com](mailto:robinson.sarahlou@gmail.com)

In Solidarity,

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