

## CTA State Council Report May 20-22, 2022

**SBUT CTA State Council Delegates:** Sarah Robinson (RBTA), Samantha Weiss (PVFA), Chris Cannon (CVSTA), and Temisha Brame Carter (CVSTA)

### **Saturday**

**African American Caucus** - The caucus discussed a desire to grow. The caucus shared recruitment tools and strategies.

**CTA Budget** - The proposed CTA budget was approved.

**Endorsements** - There was debate on the floor on whether to support the committee's recommendation of Congressman Kevin McCarty. Educators from the Sac City Teachers Association rose in opposition (shared their experiences and lack of support from Mr. McCarty. Our own Sarah Robinson (pictured) spoke in support and solidarity of the Sacramento City Teachers Association who is located in the congressman's district and has received little support from him. A substitute motion of "no recommendation" was moved and passed.



**Special Guest** - State Superintendent of Public Education, *Tony Thurmond* joined the council and THANKED California educators for doing the impossible during extraordinary times. Superintendent Thurmond recommended that we conquer hate with education and shared his personal journey and how public services and programs helped him reach his goals. He also shared details about his plans to increase the numbers of counselors available across the state to support students.

**CTA President E. Toby Boyd** - President Boyd encouraged educators to vote for Tony Thurmond and other CTA endorsed candidates. He also reminded educators to stomp out bigotry and paid tribute to CTA

Board member, Jerry Eaton who recently passed away. You can view a video tribute to Jerry [here](#).

In celebration of Harvey Milk and in recognition of Harvey Milk Day CTA's LGBTQ+ caucus shared a video presentation to remind educators to be inclusive and to stand up for all students. You can view the video [here](#).

In honor of MLK, the African American caucus presented a video compilation of student voices honoring his legacy. You can view it [here](#).

Members of the Association of Clovis Educators informed State Council about their battle to unionize the educators in Clovis Unified. They have successfully certified their school psychologists and are still gathering signatures to certify their classroom teachers. Learn about their fight to improve teaching and learning in Clovis and to give educators a voice by visiting <https://www.cloviseducators.org/>

**Financing Public Education Committee** - The FPE discussed in great detail the Governor's proposed revisions to the state budget which proposed an increase to the COLA of 6.56%!

**Political Involvement Committee**- Visit CTA's Voter Guide for more information on CTA's recommended candidates. By entering your home address where you are registered to vote, you will have the ability to view your own personalized Voter Guide <https://www.cta.yourvoter.guide/#/search>

Tax Credits for Teachers - [See our own Samantha Weiss advocating for Tax Credits for Teachers](#).

[Bylaw Amendment](#) - passed!

Be sure to take advantage of CTA's Conferences coming up: Summer Institute (July 24-28), Region 3 Leadership Conference (August 26-28), Special Education Conference (September 30-October 2). Visit <https://www.cta.org/conferences> for more details and registration.

You can access the full text of the May 2022 CTA State Council Report book [here](#).

We wish you all a restful summer!

In solidarity,  
Temisha, Chris, Sarah, Samantha