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CFT Congratulates Dr. McKenna on LAUSD Board Win

Victory shows that community supports positive education agenda, not mudslinging

Los Angeles – The California Federation of Teachers congratulates Dr. George McKenna on his election yesterday to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board Seat #1. With the help of teachers and community members, Dr. McKenna’s campaign message and stellar record as a life-long educator cut through the anti-teacher attack rhetoric of his opponent. Dr. McKenna will now fill the seat of the late Marguerite LaMotte, herself a career educator and leader in advocating for the African American and Latino students in her district.

This local school board race also has broader implications, according to CFT President Joshua Pechthalt. “Once again when parents, teachers and community members are given a choice between a positive education agenda versus anti-teacher mudslinging underwritten by corporate dollars, they opt for standing with educators. The CFT and our national affiliate, the American Federation of Teachers, are proud to support our sisters and brothers at UTLA and our community partners in electing Dr. McKenna, a powerful advocate for the historically underserved young people of his district.”

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