



# EDUCATOR POWER 2026



## *Elect* **CHRIS WENELL**

**UTLA SECRETARY**

SPED Coordinator, Virtual Academy



### VOTE FOR EDUCATOR POWER 2026 & ELECT:

- **10+ years as an educator: middle & high school English teacher, current SPED Coordinator**
- **Chapter Chair & Co-Chair — drove sustained enrollment & attendance gains at two schools. Deep union service: UTLA Board of Directors, NEA RA Delegate, CAT Team, North Area Steering Committee, North Area Treasurer, House of Representatives member, Expanded Bargaining Team, Secondary Committee Chair, Leadership Conference facilitator.**
- **Led the top school board door-knocking campaign in North Area.**
- **Successfully advocated permissive language protecting teachers in revised Secondary Grading Bulletin (UTLA-LAUSD Taskforce).**
- **District/advisory roles: Superintendent’s Teacher Advisory Council member; Equitable Grading & Instruction (EGI)**
- **Committed to inclusivity and building a worker-justice movement**
- **I genuinely listen to member’s concerns. I’m easy to work with. I will be transparent and I will have minutes available in a timely manner.**

#### CITYWIDE OFFICERS

- Ingrid Villeda - President
- Jessica Rodarte - NEA Affiliate VP
- Lupe Carrasco Cardona - AFT Affiliate VP
- Skye Tooley - Elementary VP
- Ron Gochez - Secondary VP
- Chris Wenell - Secretary
- Clemen Avalos - Treasurer

#### NEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### CENTRAL AREA

- David Feldman
- Iris Mendoza

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- Chantile Emerick
- David de la Cruz
- John U. Aquino

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