



LEONARD NEWSOME

As a Chapter Leader and UTLA Director, rare excellence was achieved at my school with 100% strike member participation in 2019 and 2023. The East San Fernando Valley immigrant community is being protected and defended by the Valley East Rapid Response Network, where I serve as the Immigration Justice Team (IJT) Lead. I've been teaching for 35 years, and National Board Certified for 23 years. I'm active within UTLA serving in the following capacities: Bargaining Team, House of Representatives, and Steering Committee. In addition, I'm a delegate for both CFT and AFT serving on the Early Childhood Education Committee. I will continue to serve the members of Valley East in fighting for contract enforcement, protecting our immigrant community, and supporting UTLA contract negotiations.

MARIANNE QUINTERO

I have been with LAUSD for 19 years as a Special Education Teacher and NBCT. As a former immigrant student raised by a single mother, a person with a disability, and mother of six LAUSD grad boys, I know the barriers our students, families, and educators face. I bring proven expertise and passion to our cause. I organized precinct walking teams, led the strike at my school, created a functional LSLC and a CAT team, and served on SSC. I have served as Chapter Chair, Vice-Chair, UTLA House of Representatives, and joined UTLA committees. As an author and union activist, I enforce our UTLA contract, stand up to toxic administrators, and organize for respect and better working conditions. Our credentials, knowledge, and dedication demand nothing less than dignity and respect.



CHELSEA HINTON

I have been a proud Valley East UTLA member for 28 years. serving as Chapter Chair and Vice Chair. I have fought against layoffs, over-testing, bully principals, and mandates that don't serve our students or over-burden our members. As a Chapter Chair, I achieved 100% participation in the 2019 and the 2023 strikes. I also established a strong LSLC, knocked on doors in school board elections, organized school site pickets, established a CAT team and increased our PACE participation to 90%. As Director, I will continue to advocate for our students and communities, address the needs and concerns of the rank and file members of UTLA, help school sites establish strong LSLCs, support new chapter chairs, continue our union's fight for racial and social justice, eradicate hate speech on our campuses and in our union, and fight for fair pay, benefits, and safe schools.

IN THE LAST 12 YEARS, VALLEY EAST HAS CONSISTANTLY BEEN 1ST OR 2ND IN UTLA PARTICIPATION AND SIGN-UPS.

WE ARE ALSO THE ONLY AREA IN UTLA WHERE EVERY CHAPTER HAS A CHAPTER CHAIR!

WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP VALLEY EAST THE BEST AREA IN UTLA!