

## **AFSCME Local 2019 - Executive Board Candidate Statements**

### **Joey Smith**

Hello I am Joey D. Smith, and respectfully ask for your vote for Local 2019 Executive Board Member.

During the past 20+ years I have served on the Executive Board and as an Officer for Local 444; represented Local 21 at Delegate Assemblies and the Central Labor Council (Contra Costa); became a member of the Labor Caucus, and a “Lifetime” member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW).

I use collaboration and teamwork to find successful resolutions to challenges and obstacles at work and in the community. If elected, I will apply my experience to leadership in Local 2019.

### **Matt Harray**

The work of defending and bolstering the MOU is never-ending, and I would like to contribute my energy and expertise. We are at a crucial moment, not only because of the current contract negotiations, but also because of the existential threat to unions posed by malicious, big-money efforts to make all states in the U.S. “right-to-work”. I served as a member of the executive board in various offices and on the negotiating team for EBRPD’s Local 2428 before I came to EBMUD in 2013, and I’m inspired to confront the challenges we face as a union.

## **AFSCME Local 2019 – Steward Candidate Statements**

### **William R Zavala**

I William R Zavala am standing for reelection as a Local 2019 Shop Steward. I have successfully served as a Steward for the last 2 years and wish to continue in this capacity. I firmly believe that all employees deserve to be respected and have their voices heard! I am convinced a strong and vibrant Union is the best way to accomplish this goal, all the while bringing the democratic process to the workplace. Together with your help, we will continue to make EBMUD a safe environment for labor. Thank you for your vote!

### **Amy Bowman**

As a steward for local 2019, I've I won every grievance assigned.

### **Brian Mulhern**

My name is Brian Mulhern and I am running for reelection as a 2019 Steward. As a Steward, I have worked to mediate disagreements and alleviate issues that arise during work situations. Mostly, I just try to help 2019 members resolve any dispute they may have with their Supervisors or Managers.

### **Navneet Virk**

I am an engineer serving in the GIS group within ISD. I'm a strong proponent of being aware of one's rights and standing up for them. In 10+ years of service to the district, I understand how our values must align with our districts mission while harboring a deep empathy for different types of personalities that compose our districts employee base. I believe in creating an environment for great work, and value teamwork. I feel that the greatest wealth is achieved in helping others, and will be honored to serve the union, given the opportunity.

### **George Cleveland**

After five years of being Local 2019's Chief Steward, I've decided that it's time to pass the reins to someone else. But I still want to be actively involved, as a steward. This is a role I've held since 1997. During the past 20 years I've been fortunate to help our members protect their hard-fought union rights. I'd like to continue doing that. Would you please vote for me? Thank you.

In solidarity,

George Cleveland  
Chief Steward (for now), AFSCME Local 2019