

LRCFT Report to the Los Rios Board of Trustees Sept. 13, 2023

The LRCFT sponsored and attended the SCLC annual Labor Day picnic last week. It included over 2,000 union members and their families. Many thanks to the trustees who were able to attend.

The issue of homelessness in our community is at a crisis point. The LRCFT recently sponsored the *Second Annual Community Summit on Homelessness* held by the Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee. Student homelessness was one of the topics discussed.

We are very pleased to see that all 13 of the CFT sponsored and cosponsored bills were passed out of the appropriations committee of either the state senate or assembly, including AB 811, the repeatability bill.

As part of LRCFT's efforts at the state capitol, our LRCFT PAFC will interview several candidates for potential endorsement next week for AD 6 and the mayor's race.

The LRCFT will take part in a Job Fair in October sponsored by the Central Labor Council. We have informed our students and colleges of this event. The LRCFT collaborated with LRCCD at the last job fair in June and look forward to a future relationship in this endeavor.

The LRCFT is expanding our stewards network and membership meetings on each of the campuses as a way to get our members more involved.

The LRCFT will take part in the American Federation of Teacher's *Human, Civil, and Women's Rights* conference in Houston, Texas, next month.

As part of membership appreciation, this semester we are encouraging our faculty membership to attend a local theatrical performance at the B St. theater. "*Papi, Me, and Cesar Chavez.*" We purchased fifty tickets for the membership. The play runs the month of October.

We are also conducting a membership drive this year and will begin by contacting the 52 Long Term temporary faculty in the district.

At a recent CFT Exec. Council meeting, our statewide leadership reminded us that the Part Time faculty health care agreement with Los Rios is viewed as THE model to follow for other CFT local unions statewide.

Regarding the recent closure of Davies Hall at ARC, the LRCFT has made clear in recent meetings with LRCCD that we would like to hear about vital safety information sooner rather than later in the process.

In closing, we look forward to the Chancellor's cabinet orientation next week.

Thank you!

Jason Newman LRCFT President