

Glendale Teachers Association

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Board of Directors Candidate Campaign Statements

Names are listed in 2023-2024 CTA alphabetical order (O G Y V E F X I B C J H P D U W S T Z N K M L Q R A)

Vice-President: 1 Year Term

Rogers, Emily – Hoover High School:

My name is Emily Rogers, and I would like to continue to serve as Vice President of the Glendale Teachers Association next year. I have been teaching in GUSD for over 23 years at Hoover High and Toll Middle School. I teach French and Computer Science. Serving as GTA's VP and chair of the Health Benefits, Organizing, and PAC committees has helped me gain valuable experience over the past two years. I have also served as secretary of the Bargaining Committee since 2022. I'd like to use the training and experience I have gained over the past two years to advocate for you, to help us organize to build our solidarity, and to help ensure that our working conditions and compensation rise to the level that we deserve. It's only when educators feel valued and supported that we can create the kinds of learning and experiences that our students need.

Treasurer: 2 Year Term

Sukazian, Greta – Glendale High School:

I am a 25 year math teacher in Glendale Unified. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as treasurer for the last 2 years. I believe I've done my job well and would love to continue in the position.



<u>Senior HS Director – North: 2 Year Term</u>

Der Mesropian, Sandra – Crescenta Valley High School:

Since I started my career, I have been a member of the respective associations: WUHSD and LAUSD. I have been a teacher at GUSD and an active member of GTA since 1997. As a staff member at CVHS I have taught different departments, a variety of classes, and all grade levels 9-12th. The majority of my career has been as a Spanish teacher. I believe strongly in the value of our Associations at the national, state, and local levels. A strong unified voice is essential. It is beneficial for our students and our profession. GTA gas worked diligently over the years to negotiate for competitive salaries and benefits. We must maintain a safe and respectful environment for our students and staff. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our association.

At - Large Area Director: 2 Year Term

Thiesmeyer, Yolanda: Mountain Ave. Elementary:

Hello, my name is Yolanda Thiesmeyer, and I am running for re-election as the Area Director at Large Board member. After serving on the board for the past two years, I have gained valuable experience that will help me better serve our members. I aim to continue advocating for the rights of our certificated staff, and I appreciate your consideration. Thank you

Elementary Area Director – GHS cluster: 2 Year Term

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Elementary Area Director – CVHS cluster: 2 Year Term

Thomas, Angie – Lincoln Elementary School:

I am Angelina Thomas, a proud union member with 28 years of teaching experience in Glendale. I strongly believe that now, more than ever, it is crucial for us to unite, support each other, and persist in advocating for our needs as educators, including a well-deserved salary increase. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to all those who have shown their support in various ways this year — whether by wearing red, sending emails, attending rallies, or standing together for a common cause. It is through our unity that we achieve success. It is through our unity that we achieve success. I am committed to continuing to stand up and represent members from the CV Area. Thank you!

CTA State Council Representative: 3 Year Term

Arsenian, Taline – Glendale High School:

Esteemed union siblings: I have served as state council representative for one term and would be honored if you would elect me to a second term. I have served on the Political Involvement Committee and would be able to continue my work in CTA, if reelected. Thank you for your consideration.

