



**Citizen Action for Political Education (CAPE) Council
Official Nomination Form**

Term of Office: November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2011

Return the completed form by September 10, 2009 to: SEIU Local 503, OPEU

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Ballots will be mailed on October 1, 2009. Ballots will be due back by 5:00 pm on October 23, 2009.

How nominations work:

- SEIU members who were CAPE contributors with regular CAPE status as of July 31, 2009 are eligible to participate in this election.
- The CAPE Council will be comprised of one member from each Senate District, three members from each CAPE Region, and one member from the Retirees Local.
- You may nominate yourself.
- A member may choose to run in their home Senate District, their geographic CAPE Region, or both. Should a member be elected to both the Senate District AND the CAPE Region positions, the member must choose between the two. No member shall serve in more than one position.
- Please see the enclosed map to find your CAPE Region. You can find your Senate District by logging onto <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>
- Please verify that the person you nominate is interested in running for the CAPE Council.
- You may nominate as many people as you'd like. Please use a separate form for each nominee.
- Once a nomination is received, each nominee will receive a letter confirming their nomination.
- Candidate statements will be due by September 15, 2009.

I, _____, nominate _____ for the CAPE Council
(Print your name) (Print Nominee's name)

Nominee's Street Address

City

State

Zip

Please indicate which position(s) you are nominating for. CAPE contributors from the Retirees Local may run for their Senate District, Region and/or as the representative for the Retirees Local. All other contributors may run to represent your Senate District and/or your CAPE Region.

Senate District _____
(Please specify which district #)

CAPE Region _____
(Please specify which region #)

Retirees Local (*Retirees Only*)

Overview of CAPE Council Duties

CAPE Council Members (delegates) are responsible for helping to lead the political program of the union. This includes:

- communicating about politics among your co-workers
- fundraising for CAPE among your co-workers
- participating in lobby days, phone banks, and canvasses
- recruiting co-workers to lobby days, phone banks and canvasses
- leading in the candidate interview and endorsement process

For the union to have an effective political program, we need to really deepen member engagement. CAPE leaders have a unique perspective of the impact of politics on our members' lives that we need to share.

The union has a very active political program that includes:

- Direct lobbying in the capitol on issues ranging from improving public services to affordable health care to economic fairness to workers' rights.
- Grass-roots lobbying at legislative town halls and through phone calls and letters.
- Member education and training on the political process.
- Lobbying for political support on organizing drives, bargaining, and worksite challenges.
- Active support for and against candidates for public office.
- SEIU Local 503 works on local, state, and federal issues.

We need CAPE Council members who will be engaged in as many of these activities as possible.

The CAPE Council makes recommendations to the 503 Board of Directors on endorsements in local and statewide candidate elections. The CAPE Council and its Executive Committee make spending decisions of CAPE funds on candidate contributions.

The term of office is November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2011. Nominations open August 10 and close September 10. Self-nominations are allowed.

The first meeting of the 2009-11 CAPE Council will be held soon after the election is over, the date, time and location will be announced by October 1.