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SEIU California Members Celebrate Miller's Election to CalPERS Board

SEIU-Backed Bilbrey Secures Runoff Spot

Sacramento, CA – Members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) in California today celebrated David Miller's victory in the election for CalPERS Board, with a 63.7% vote. The 700,000-member union endorsed Miller earlier this year. SEIU California also backed Michael Bilbrey, a current Board member, for re-election. Preliminary results released today indicate that with 40.8% of the vote, he will advance to a runoff election.

"SEIU members work their whole lives to earn our retirement, and we are proud to help elect David Miller to steward our hard-earned savings and defend against attacks on CalPERS pensions and healthcare. We believe no one who works hard for decades should have to retire in poverty, and as the founder of Retirement Security for All, David has been our strong partner as we work toward that goal. SEIU members invested countless hours into our grassroots campaign to deliver winning votes for David Miller and Michael Bilbrey, and we're proud of our contribution to a strong CalPERS Board that protects the life savings of working families and expands retirement opportunities. As the runoff election proceeds, we will put the same determination and energy into helping Bilbrey secure victory," said Theresa Taylor, Principle Compliance Representative at the Franchise Tax Board and SEIU Local 1000 Vice President/Secretary Treasurer.

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Over 700,000 Californians make up SEIU in California; we work throughout the state, in all 58 counties, and we represent California in all of its diversity. We are social workers, nurses, classroom aides, state workers, security officers, college professors, home care workers, janitors, and more.