

AFT 2121 COPE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION



Join COPE!

AFT 2121's Committee on Political Education

Our union has been central in the fight to save our City College. In order to continue this fight, we must expand not only the membership but also the scope of COPE. COPE was originally formed to decide on the political positions of our Union, e.g., endorsements of political candidates, funding of protests and lobbying efforts. COPE must now expand to include community organizing and outreach. AFT 2121 must take a leading role in building an effective coalition of students, community and faculty so that we can continue to build our movement to save City College. We need your help to fund this expensive but vital work.

By signing up for COPE, you will be voluntarily contributing additional money to build our union. COPE dues are collected and sent to us as a separate check from the regular fees and dues monies our Union receives from the District payroll office. If we are to expand our strength, we need to increase our funding supply to COPE.

AFT 2121's proud history of political activism through COPE

The Al Tapson AFT 2121 COPE was founded in 1980 in response to the realization that government decisions affect the well-being of society and the Union needed to actively participate in the political process to effectively represent faculty and the mission of California's community colleges. The AFT 2121 leadership resolved to establish a committee whose members would work to 1) educate our faculty and the general population about the critical issues that affect education, and 2) use the committee as a vehicle to have a positive political impact. Throughout the years AFT 2121 COPE has been instrumental in supporting many important causes, campaigns, and candidates, including, most recently, Propositions 30 and A.

Which organizing hero will you be?

Saul Alinsky: \$5-\$10/month

Mother Jones: \$11-\$21/month

Dolores Huerta: \$21.21/month

Joe Hill: \$22-30/month

Ella Baker: \$31-up/month

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Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I hereby authorize the San Francisco Community College District to deduct from my salary the sum of \$15.00, \$21.21, \$25.00, \$_____ (other amount) per pay period and forward that amount to the American Federation of Teachers, Local 2121/COPE (Committee on Political Action).

This authorization is signed freely and voluntarily and not out of any fear of reprisal and I will not be favored or disadvantaged because I exercise this right. I understand that this money will be used for AFT 2121's political organizing, including to make political contributions by AFT/COPE (for candidates and ballot issues). AFT/COPE may engage in joint fundraising efforts with the AFL-CIO.

Contributions or gifts to AFT/COPE are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Contributions cannot be reimbursed or otherwise paid by any other person or entity. This voluntary authorization may be revoked at any time by notifying the AFT2121/COPE in writing of the desire to do so.

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we **fight!***

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