

Precinct Delegate Statement for Matthew Creer (Precinct 11)

As a second year teacher at CCSF, I will be completely honest that the excitement of being a college instructor still hasn't worn off. Most days, when I am coming to work, I still smile to myself, because I really do love this school.

Schools like CCSF are truly valuable. They are also constantly under political siege. The hardships that we are currently experiencing are the result of decades of oversight and under appreciation of an administration and political system that prefer to look the other way and fail to recognize that public education is both a cornerstone of society as well as very hard work. I am running for Union Delegate for Precinct 11 because I want to play a key role in this precinct's vigilance so that we can advocate for ourselves and for our students.

One of my goals as Delegate is to organize a gathering of Precinct 11 part time instructors each semester in order to make connections with one another and provide mutual support more effectively. In addition, these gatherings will serve as an open forum for part time instructors to have their common questions answered. For example: why do I owe money if one of my classes gets cut? Or why are we going on strike?

These forums as well as other open conversations will also tell me how to represent this precinct with my vote in the assembly.

As Union Delegate I will bring years of experience in community development to this position. To keep it brief, I have tutored hmong refugees for their citizenship tests, lead a social justice team at Glide Memorial, worked with the Occupy Movement as well as interfaced with Save CCSF Coalition and the Stop Mass Incarceration Network.

"I know that we cannot stand up for ourselves and our students simply with information about how out of touch the administration is. We do more for ourselves both individually and collectively, when we reach out to each other for support and take initiative to organize at a grassroots level. We can do this by curating a culture of open dialogue about what our students need and what kind of a place we want CCSF to be. Only then can we free ourselves from this administration.

Please elect me as your delegate and I will be the person that you can come to and we will stand together.

Regardless of the outcome of this election, I will support this Precincts delegate.

In solidarity,

Matthew Creer