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South Coast Nominees: Bargaining Committee

Nominee	Matthew Ryan Elizarraras	Job Title	Planner, District - Saddleback
Time at SCE	I was a field tech for 2 years and become a P1 through the progression program. I am now a P1 for near 1 year now.		
Why I'm Running	I believe, with my experience as field tech and planner, I can offer my input to experiences of scope of work, conditions, and the progression program. I also believe there are lessons to be learned from the Alta Dena fire efforts that I would bring to the table.		

Nominee	Frank Hoke	Job Title	Planner, District Planning / District 33
Time at SCE	3yrs in the planning department from field tech to planner 1.		
Why I'm Running	I have extensive experience in planning from contractor to sce total 6yrs and have planned only sce projects. I have had the opportunity to work with different districts Compton, Saddleback, Santa Ana and Huntington Beach. I see how each district operates differently in terms of process and how this directly impacts the individual planner/designer experience at their designated district. My goal would be to share my perspective to help guide the negotiations to a place where roles are more clearly defined in an effort to enhance the quality of work life for each planner and designer so that we do not have such extreme differences on how each role is assigned work.		

Nominee	Aaron Pearson	Job Title	Planner, Fullerton
Time at SCE	Planner since 2003, Planning Manager in South Bay and at Outsource		
Why I'm Running	With over 20 years in Local and Tech Planning, I've seen our work from every angle—inside and outside SCE. As a former Planning Manager in South Bay, I supported dozens of planners while navigating complex operational demands. I led the planning effort for the historic space shuttle move through Inglewood, coordinating across agencies and communities under intense public scrutiny. I've also worked as a contractor and built multiple businesses from the ground up, giving me a deep understanding of how accounting drives corporate decisions. I know how to advocate, negotiate, and lead. Let's build a stronger voice—together.		

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Nominee	George Salazar	Job Title	Designer, Special projects/ Ventura
Time at SCE	Been with the company for 6 and 1/2 years. I have 30 pluss years in design. Been a D1 and D2 here in the company back ground AS in design BS in Project Management. US Navy Veteran, Exxon Valdez Clean Up, Gulf War, Somalia Civil War Battle of Magadishu.		
Why I'm Running	I believe my background as a designer would help give face to all designer in the company. Along with understanding the importance of each other job and how they enter twine with each other. Im here for my union members not just designers. The retirees, the current workers and the new comers the goal is to set us all up for life.		

Nominee	Milo Knapp	Job Title	Planner, Tulare
Time at SCE	10 years – started as Designer 2		
Why I'm Running	I'm proud to nominate myself for the Bargaining Committee to represent our collective voice and secure a contract that drives lasting, meaningful progress. With 10 years at Edison, I've experienced firsthand what thoughtful advocacy can achieve. I'm committed to listening, collaborating, and pushing for fair pay, professional growth, and evolving benefits that meet our needs. I believe we must embrace change, not resist it. I'm ready to fight for what matters, ensure transparency at the table, and honor the vote we cast by driving the strong, inclusive outcomes our union members deserve. Our power lies in unity, and I believe that real change begins when everyday voices rise together. With my experience, commitment, and belief in progress, I'm ready to bring our priorities forward and demand the respect we've earned. The future of our union depends on bold negotiation and transparent leadership—and I'm stepping up because I believe in what we're building. Let's create a contract that reflects our grit, our talent, and our shared vision. I'm ready to represent you with heart, strength, and accountability.		

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Nominee	James Rydberg	Job Title	Planner, Special Projects
Time at SCE	I have been employed as a planner at SCE for 20 years. In that time I have completed designs for tech planning, worked in multiple districts as a local planner and have performed work in every region in our service territory as a new business special projects planner. I currently hold the role of Planning Advisor.		
Why I'm Running	It is my sincere believe that all job titles are of equal importance inside of Planning and in order for this negotiation to be considered a success, we are going to have to take into consideration the needs of all job classes equally. And while I would not claim to know everything about every problem that all of our 1100 employees face, I am quite familiar with most of the complications we experience in our day to day planning lives. I would like to put my 20 years of experience toward helping negotiate the best contract for everyone.		

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Nominee	Alexandra Bodenhoefer	Job Title	Planner, New Business / Huntington Beach
Time at SCE	Employee of 13 years; held various roles in Local Planning - Admin 3, Designer 1, Planner 1 (SPDP Class 23), and Planner 2		
Why I'm Running	I strongly believe that leadership at SCE has failed to advocate for employees in a meaningful way for many years (especially after the most recent re-org), and I would love the opportunity to help bridge that gap. I feel that my experience in Planning and my willingness to have difficult but constructive conversations makes me a great candidate for this role.		

Nominee	Ellie Adirim	Job Title	Planner, New Business / Santa Ana
Time at SCE	I've been with SCE for just over two years as a Planner 1, and worked at an SCE contractor for nearly two years prior that. I worked as a field technician and inspector at the contractor, and was hired at SCE as part of DPT Class 2.		
Why I'm Running	I want to be able to contribute to positive change for our roles in practical way! I believe every employee should have equal and adequate training opportunities, a safe working environment, and a manageable workload that encourages resource sharing (teamwork!). I believe we should all have a reasonable work-life balance. All employees should be treated in an equal and fair manner with the same opportunities to advance their skills and careers. I am excited to see the changes that ESC can help us realize!		

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South Coast Nominees: Contract Action Team

Nominee	Stephen Lee	Job Title	Planner, Huntington Beach Service Center
Time at SCE	With the company 6 years. Started in SPDP as a planner then moved into a senior planner role a year ago.		
Why I'm Running	I believe I am able to take information and pass it along to my fellow coworkers well. I'm always trying to look into the newest changes with our role and pass the information along to the group and I feel that is what an action team member needs to be good at doing.		

Nominee	Joshua Runyan	Job Title	Planner, Special Projects - NB South Coast Design - Ventura SC
Time at SCE	6 years. Planner & Senior Planner		
Why I'm Running	I would like to serve my colleagues in helping to provide the highest level of representation, support and leadership possible		

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South Coast Nominees: Interim Stewards

Nominee	Collin Roberts	Job Title	Planner, New Business / Saddleback
Time at SCE	I have been with SCE for 6 years. 2019 I started as a field technician (class 2), 2021 I became a Planner 1 in local planning, and 2024 I was promoted to Planner 2 in NDP.		
Why I'm Running	I want to stand with my fellow workers and contribute to a workplace where respect, equity, and dignity are everyday realities. I have 11 years of previous experience with my former employer on both the union and management side of utility operations. Our work is critical, and so is the solidarity that binds us. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as a voice for my coworkers and help build a stronger workplace for all.		

Nominee	Aaron Joseph Martin	Job Title	Planner, Planner 2 / Santa Ana District
Time at SCE	7 1/2 years. 2 years as P1, 2 1/2 years as a P2 upgrade and just over 3 years as a P2.		
Why I'm Running	To offer transparency to Planning and be a guide for peers having workplace issues and build strong relationships between the ESC bargaining committee and the rest of the team.		