

Rebuttal from Laura Wynholds  
For Randy Ortega's Candidate Statement

CUE members are all lucky insofar as there are two involved and insightful members running for this office. Both candidates identify similar needs for the union in the next few years: building membership, increasing collaboration and involvement across campuses, and protecting the staff compensation that has helped build this university into a top-tier institution.

However, with ten years of personal involvement with in the UC system, I have a stronger understanding of the system and more experience building support and community within it. Even as a student, I had a clear and unfaltering dedication to workers of this university. More recently, I was out on the CUE, AFSCME, and UPTE strikes and worked with my coworkers to build membership in the last election. I also bring an understanding of working pro-actively to improve our conditions, instead of being drawn into a game of struggling to maintain the status quo.

What I would like to see in Randy Ortega's statement is a stronger definition of his own integrity and dedication to both the union and the all workers this office represents. As a member, I want candidates to show that they place the well-being of our membership before personal gain or interpersonal conflict.