

## Assembly District 25 Delegates – Elected January 10, 2009

Thomas  
Aja

I registered to vote as a Democrat as soon as I reached the then required age of 21 in 1973, about 1 year after I joined Operating Engineers Local Union 3. In 1994 I became an employee of my Union and witnessed how Labor and the Democratic Party did not run an effective political campaign. In 1995 I became involved in AD-25 with the intent of avoiding mistakes of the past. My goal has been to maximize similarities, minimize differences and remain focused on the critical task of electing people who understand the importance of helping working families. This has been my mission since 1995, and will continue to be my mission... forever.

Gail  
Bunge

This is an exciting time to be a Democrat. Huge changes are needed, and I hope to have the opportunity to facilitate some of those changes. I am currently a member of the East Calaveras Democrat Club in Murphys and serve as a school board member for the Bret Harte Union High School District. My political interests include education and health care. I have advocated for children with special needs and worked in various educational settings for many years, including parent education and substitute teaching.

Christopher  
Chaffee

I am a lifelong Democrat who believes we cannot sit back on our laurels and celebrate the election of Barack Obama. Instead we must unite behind our common ideals of well paying jobs for working Americans, an environment where our children can grow and prosper, an educational system that is second to none, and a health care system that views patients as people not dollar signs. And not stop until our vision is a reality.

This country has seen what 8 years of republican leadership has given America--we as Democrats need to show how different a Democratic vision of an America for and by the people looks like.

I've grown up in the Valley, I graduated from Modesto High, and worked on elections throughout the Valley. I want to ensure that we turn the Valley blue through a systematic organization that elects people that stand for the values we believe in. I want to be a delegate in the 25th to help make our dream as Democrats a reality.

Sally  
Chenault

As a California Democratic Party Assembly District Delegate I will stand up and fight for education, health care, alternative and sustainable energy, the environment, the working class, maintaining the integrity of our Constitution, specifically civil rights, and bringing our soldiers home from Iraq safely and quickly. I believe I have the background, skills, and energy to be a positive, hard working delegate for our district. I am a charter member of the Woman's Legacy Fund for the Ventura County Community Foundation and locally have been appointed as an advisor to the Tuolumne River Trust. I have been extensively involved in the communities in which I have lived, from halting the Weldon Canyon Dump in Ventura County, to chairing the safe and sober high school graduation party for my daughter, to teaching Spanish to the sixth grade classes at my son's school. I am a trial attorney (plaintiff) in Modesto, California.

Patrick  
Ip

Barack Obama once said, "There is nothing naive about your impulse to change the world." It was by those words I began my political career as a Chapter Leader for the Obama Campaign in January 2008. After running a fundraiser called Golf for Obama, I was promoted to a Regional Coordinator taking care of Congressional District 18 and surrounding districts. In June of 2008, I was promoted to California High School State Director where the State team designed a new Field Plan for California, as well as three Swing State Programs in Washington, Oregon and Nevada.

I also served as the High School Youth Vote Director for the Central Valley Democratic Party working with Taylor White for his bid for State Assembly.

Currently, I am an advocate of youth activism and concentrate most of my time in reforming public education. In September, I met with Lt. Governor John Garamendi along with a group of school principals to discuss creating a better education. The Lt. Governor will now be visiting Modesto High School in January.

I am eighteen years old. But my age has never deterred me from doing what I believed was right. As a senior at Modesto High School, which is currently celebrating its 125th anniversary, I serve as the Associated Student Body President.

Although my position entitles me to running school events, I have been active in organizing the community. Recently, I held a Weed and Seed Meeting at the Modesto High Library to discuss how Modesto High can play a bigger role in helping the community. I also received the Presidential

Service Volunteer Award for outstanding service to the community.

My belief is that no matter where we've come from or what we've done in life, we all share one thing in common i; ½ human life. It is the relationships that we have with one another that make us, as Americans, strong. Together we can solve the problems that face humanity, because together we can achieve the impossible.

Peter  
Leinau

As a parent and educator I have become increasingly concerned with current affairs- So much so that in this last election I ran as the Democratic write-in candidate for CA Congressional 19 when I realized there was no progressive alternative to vote for on the ballot! I am asking for your support and vote for my candidacy as a state delegate for AD 25 so that I may assist our party in making certain every district is supported in advancing the Democratic Party progressive agenda. More info on my write-in candidacy 2008 and positions can be found at [www.leinau4congress.com](http://www.leinau4congress.com). Thank You!

Nancy  
Mooney

More than ever the Democratic Party in the Central Valley needs people to get involved and help build an organization that will elect Democrats in 2010 and beyond.

Barack Obama has energized people of every age and helped bring in new Democrats like never before. We need to work together to help spread Obama's message of hope and cooperation to rebuild our country in this most trying of times. Nowhere is this message more pertinent than in the Central Valley, where our communities are suffering from the housing and economic crises at levels equal to any in the nation. We need to work together to help the Obama administration succeed here and throughout California.

Bill  
Robbins

I am currently a delegate for AD25. I have a strong labor background with CSEA and have been involved in the political process locally for many years. Single payer health care, the environment, and the economy are of major concern to me. All three must be dealt with now. I would like to serve as a delegate for AD 25 once again in order to help bring about change in these areas.

Sharon  
Robbins

I am currently a Delegate for AD 25. I would like once again to serve as an AD25 Delegate in order to bring about change - change in our health care system by fighting for single payer health care. I also believe the CDP should take a more direct role in helping our rural counties with both with money and manpower. I was active with labor before I was forced to retire on disability from the VA Health care System and organized the LVN Nurses at the Livermore VA Hospital before finishing school for my RN Degree.

I remained active with my union until my retirement. I was also a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2008 for CD18.

I would like the chance once again to be a delegate for AD25 and help bring about the change that is needed in our Party, our State, and our Nation.

Susan  
Sanders

Committed to grass roots progressive solutions that benefit all citizens of Mono County uplifting their options for positive lifestyle, work & education choices. Mono County incredible natural beauty and low population demand a thoughtful balance to move forward with sustainable solutions.

Helena  
Straighter

Yes! We Can and Yes! We Did, I enjoyed campaigning for President elect Barack Obama, and other democratic candidates in my district. I volunteered everyday and weekends. As a democrat I believe it is time to build a bridge of hope for the people. Our Democratic Party should become a house whole name. Endeavoring to reach one neighborhood at a time. A foundation where people can re-gain hope, our young generation of interns can develop a strong and vital part in this party. Our up-coming generations can develop a great opportunity NOW! My goal is to represent this party with honesty, strength, truth, and commitment. Addressing community awareness, keeping up communication with the party and the people visual. I am very active in many of my community issues. I was a candidate for APWU Local 78 president. I was a member with Teamsters Local 78 shop-steward. I was raised in a Democratic family, a family of Princehall Masons and Eastern Stars.

Alan  
Strauss

Currently a member of the Stanislaus County Democratic Central Committee serving as parliamentarian