

DAVID GOLDBERG

CTA VICE PRESIDENT

An educator for more than 20 years, CTA Vice President David B. Goldberg has spent most of his career as a bilingual teacher at Murchison Elementary in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). In addition to English, he is fluent in both Spanish and sign language.

Goldberg has a long history of union activism. In addition to serving two terms on the CTA Board, he also served as treasurer of the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) and was the youngest executive officer to ever hold office in that union.

His CTA activism has included working on the Budget Committee of the CTA State Council of Education, as liaison to Council's Teacher Evaluation and Academic Freedom Committee, and taking part in CTA's State of Emergency actions in 2011 (he spent a night in jail along with dozens of other educators who participated in civil disobedience at the State Capitol building to protest funding cuts). He is also a leader in CTA's Strategic Planning Workgroup. As secretary-treasurer he ensured that CTA remained fiscally sound following years of cuts to California schools, and worked with the CTA Budget Committee and State Council to ensure that CTA's fiscal priorities aligned with the goals of its members and the Strategic Plan. Goldberg is from a family of education union leaders; his grandmother was an early member of UTLA and took part in the LAUSD strike in the 1970s that gave birth to the union. His aunt, Jackie Goldberg, was chair of the state Assembly Education Committee and also a leader in the education field. His wife, Karla Alvarado-Goldberg, is a middle school psychiatric social worker in LAUSD and a member of the CTA State Council of Education.

He sees advocacy for a strong public education system as part of a larger struggle for social justice and knows that CTA continues to have an important role in that movement.

Goldberg earned a bachelor's degree in community studies from the University of California at Santa Cruz, and after a brief career as a professional basketball player, obtained his teaching credential through the intern program in Los Angeles Unified.

He is a lifelong resident of the Echo Park neighborhood in Los Angeles, where he lives with his wife and their three children.



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