

SWCAL 917 Election Nominations 2026 (updated 2/21/2026)

Ballots will be mailed on February 27, 2026, and counted on March 26, 2026. Remember to ensure your address is up-to-date. All ballots must be mailed and be received by 10 A.M. on March 26, 2026 to be counted. To contact the SWCAL Election Committee, send an email to swcalelectioncommittee2026@gmail.com, or call (714) 666-3136, or mail to PO Box 26281, Santa Ana, CA 92799-6281.

General ballots – the following candidates will be printed on ballots available to craft members in good standing. Per the election rules, all candidates in contested offices are listed in alphabetical order.

President

Valounny De La Cruz
Garrett Jenkins

Vice President

Monica Shepard
Alexi Tran

Secretary-Treasurer

Desirey R. Benavides
Priscilla Dennis
Thomas Locke

Clerk Ballots – The following candidates will be elected by clerk craft employees only

Clerk Division Director

Hani Khajavinia
Dominique Porter

Maintenance Ballots – The following candidates will be elected by maintenance craft employees only

Maintenance Division Director

Desirey R. Benavides
James Taylor

Chief Steward Ballots – The following candidates will be elected by members within their installations.

Anaheim Plant Chief Steward

Johnny M. DeFlores
Emmanuel Payton

Huntington Beach Chief Steward

Jason T. Adam
Anthony Moore

In addition, the following **uncontested offices** had nominees that will be elected by acclamation (uncontested election) on March 26, 2026. Local union members will not receive a ballot for the following offices:

Motor Vehicle Division Director – Thomas Locke	Newport Beach Chief Steward – Hani Khajavinia
Anaheim Stations Chief Steward – Monica Wooley	Orange Chief Steward – Diane Phan
Buena Park Chief Steward – Hazzell Smith	San Clemente Chief Steward – James Taylor
El Toro Chief Steward – Rebena Balisacan	Santa Ana Plant Chief Steward – Dominique Porter
Fullerton Chief Steward – Edith Castillo	Santa Ana Stations Chief Steward – Priscilla Dennis
Irvine Chief Steward – Christine Perriott	Trabuco Canyon Chief Steward – Pamela A. Burgess
La Habra Chief Steward – Christopher Del Real	Tustin Chief Steward – Cindy Ly
Laguna Beach Chief Steward – David Chiang	Westminster Chief Steward – Michael Tucker