

Tamekia N. Robinson

SEIU Local 1000



For 15 years Tamekia N. Robinson has been a dynamic leader in the movement for economic justice for workers. Tamekia was elected statewide as the Vice President for Organizing / Representation for 95,000 state workers in 2011. She currently sits on SEIU International's Executive Board.

In 2008 Tamekia was appointed Local 1000's Member Strength Director, a position that came out of an organization-wide strategic change process. Robinson made leadership training for women a priority. Her development of the Leadership Apprentice Program for Stewards has helped to train over a hundred women working for the State of California in the details of workplace representation and

advocacy.

Tamekia N. Robinson was elected to the Napa/Solano County Labor Council in 2007. At the time she was the only women on the board. Tamekia was a voice for young, working women of color in the public sector and a powerful figure for gender and racial inclusion on the Council.

She played a big role in the successful SEIU Childcare Campaign in Chicago, Illinois, helping to organize childcare workers into SEIU. Because of her efforts thousands of women childcare workers all across Illinois are making better wages with better benefits.

A few short years after being hired as a Program Technician at California's State Compensation Insurance Fund, Tamekia became the Secretary/Treasurer of Local 1000's District Labor Council-747, and was elected to the Bargaining Unit Negotiating Council team in 2005. She developed her skills as a negotiator, an activist, and a spokesperson for the thousands of workers who she represented. Today she puts those skills to work every day leading the charge for social and economic justice for women and girls all over the state of California.