

ABOUT SEIU TEXAS

SEIU Texas unites more than 6,000 health care workers and janitors in Corpus Christi, El Paso and Houston who have secured better wages, benefits and working conditions through their union. In June 2019, contracted municipal security officers joined together in SEIU Texas and won the first security officer union in Texas.

We are committed to expanding access to union jobs for all Texans—and we are actively organizing subcontracted passenger service workers at Houston airports into their union.

OUR MISSION

To build a united Texas by organizing and developing leaders to join in a union to achieve economic and environmental justice and end all discrimination.

OUR VISION

We believe in a just society where everyone is valued and all people are respected. Our goal is a better and equitable world for generations to come.

POLICY ISSUES

Working families depend on strong progressive leadership across Texas. In our union we are fighting for living wages, affordable healthcare, retirement security, immigrant rights, worker's rights, racial justice, environmental justice and for a voice at work, in our economy and democracy.

HISTORY

In 2013, members from Local 1 Houston, Local 5 and SEIU Healthcare Texas united together in SEIU Texas to create one powerful, unified local union. Together, we are speaking with one voice—to win improvements at work and in our communities.

LEADERSHIP

Elsa Caballero

President, SEIU Texas

Elsa Caballero is an immigrant from Honduras and serves as the president of SEIU Texas, a social justice labor union which represents thousands of private sector workers across a variety of industries in our state. She is also a mother of three children: a son and two daughters.

Ms. Caballero's passion for social advocacy started at a young age. Her work on issues like domestic violence, sexual abuse and homelessness eventually led her to seek a career as an advocate for economic justice. She joined the struggle for economic and social justice as an organizer with the Service Employees International Union in 2000, where she organized campaigns throughout the country in the fight for racial and economic justice. In 2011, Ms. Caballero came home to Texas to lead Houston janitors in their first-ever contract fight and ultimate victory after a month-long strike in the summer of 2012. She was elected by our members to serve as the first president of SEIU Texas in 2013.

Since becoming president of SEIU Texas, she has been relentless in her commitment to promoting equality for immigrants and People of Color, as well as striving for an end to income inequality in Texas. She believes that fighting for Unions For All, empowering working families to be civically engaged, and fighting for racial and immigrant justice are key to creating communities and economies that work for all people—white, Black and brown—not just for the few.

She has been honored as one of Houston's "Mujeres Destacadas" for her extraordinary contributions to her community for her leadership during the campaign to organize Houston janitors. Currently, she is leading our union's effort to expand unions to passenger service workers in Texas by organizing airport workers at both international airports in Houston. And she spearheaded a historic victory for contracted security officers who won their union, making them the first time in Texas history.