

We would like to take this opportunity to address Mr. Sanchez's comments about CTEN.

Mr. Sanchez says, "The California Teachers Empowerment Network, which is supported by National Right to Work..." Well, yes and no. It depends what he means by support. Does he mean financial support? If so, the answer is a resounding "No." If he means that we occasionally refer teachers to NRTW who are having trouble with their union, the answer is, "Yes." NRTW is linked on our website - no secret there.

Mr. Sanchez says, "You or some of your members may have received an email from CTEN encouraging people to resign from CTA." This is a blatant half-truth. The exact line from that email was, "If you find that CTA doesn't represent your views, you should consider resigning from the union."

Mr. Sanchez says, "This (CTEN) is the same group that organized in support of the anti-teacher and anti-union initiatives that were soundly defeated in 2005." Clearly, Mr. Sanchez has not done his homework. He is alluding to Props. 74 and 75 which were on the ballot in November of 2005. CTEN did not become an entity until 2006. And while we are at it, we find it interesting that he would consider Prop. 75 "anti-teacher." We think it was most definitely pro-teacher. Prop. 75 sought to get the permission of teachers before taking money from their paychecks for political purposes.

Mr. Sanchez, of course has every right to disapprove of the work we do. However, we would appreciate if he were a little more truthful in his comments.