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Members:

On Saturday, January 26, Ingrid Bella and I attended a strategic planning meeting at AFSCME Council 57's office in Oakland. The Council is in the process of updating the plan, which focuses on those services the Council provides to its Local Unions (like ours, Local 101). Along with our Local 101 delegates to Council 57, we hope to influence their work and resources to the benefit of our Local and, therefore, our own Chapter. When you can, take a minute to check out the Council 57 website for interesting information and articles. <http://www.afscme57.org/>

And, speaking of strategic plans, the EA Executive Board is reviewing our own strategic action plan and preparing a progress report to share at the **next membership meeting, Wednesday, February 6 at noon in B-108.**

Finally, yesterday the SCVWD Board of Directors interviewed candidates for the vacant seat left by Don Gage. The Board vote was split 3 – 3 between two candidates, Ralph Santos and Dennis Kennedy. The Board will meet again on Thursday, January 31 to try to agree on one.

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