

# Fresno Unified teachers union looks financially strong heading into election year

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Financially speaking, the Fresno Teachers Association once again appears well positioned for the November school board election.

In its most recent campaign finance report — which covers through December 31 — the union has more than \$210,000 in its campaign account. And it likely isn't done raising money.

At this early juncture, it's unknown how much will the union spend on the election or which trustees or candidates it will endorse — or even who may run. Still, FTA President Eva Ruiz said the union is gearing up for the election.

And money is key to that success.

“We do feel we're going to be able to be financially (competitive),” she said.

There are four trustee seats up for election in the November general election — Cal Johnson in Area 1, Valerie Davis in Area 3, Christopher De La Cerda in Area 4, and Michelle Asadoorian in Area 7.

With no races in 2013, the union spent the year restocking its coffers.

It raised more than \$90,000 and spent around \$17,000. It's cash on hand went from \$136,393 on Jan. 1, 2013 to \$210,695 on Dec. 31, 2013.