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'Sup, Sibs?

What's up Siblings? We hope everyone has recuperated from the recent heat wave, which provided an unseasonal backdrop to our most successful Labor Day Breakfast yet! The Ironworkers Local #378 hosted the outdoor event, OE #3 Siblings put on a great burrito spread made even more special this year by a handmade fruit salad provided by our beloved office manager Shirley Herbert! IBEW #180 was kept busy helping to cool off the over 200 supporters with their cold beverages and of course, G Anthony, Corey, Glenn, and a group of volunteers from APAPA helped transform the picnic area into an event like no other. Thank you to all that helped out, showed up, or sponsored our annual celebration of Working Families!

This edition's member spotlight focuses on our CLC board member and organizer for the University of Iron's membership, Ken Miller! Ken has been one of the longest standing Board members and an integral leader on our Team. Without his dedication to his Union and our Council, the Labor Movement in Napa and Solano counties would be without its most effective warrior. Thanks for all you do Sib!

As you all know, we are in the middle of most of the most important elections of our lifetime, no matter how lengthy that may be. But we are ready as always to help deliver victories for our endorsed candidates, making sure that all of our 40 thousand affiliate members know which candidates will fight for working families. Our Siblings interviewed over 60 candidates over 5 full days, coming together to begin to develop relationships with those brave enough to put it all on the line by stepping up. We are proud of the fact that even those elected officials who do not receive our endorsement continue to show respect for our Siblings by showing up to our events and opening their doors when we call on them. Well, most of them anyway 😊.

Glenn, G Anthony, Corey, Danny and the Team will be running an unprecedented campaign covering our two counties. Visit our web page or be on the lookout for how you and your posse can help!

A couple of weeks ago thousands of UHW supporters assembled at the State Capitol to urge the Governor to sign AB 2183, a bill that would give the Farmworkers the same right to vote by mail-in union elections as his supporters used to fight back his recall election. Newsom vetoed a similar bill last year and UFW made changes to address his concerns and got AB 2183 passed overwhelmingly, only to signal a veto again this year. We will be urging all of our Siblings to contact the Governor this week to tell him that a harm to one is a harm to all and we stand in solidarity with UFW and will do so until he realizes his error and signs this groundbreaking legislation!

Have a great week and be safe.



Jon Riley
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 Working People Standing Together

Napa-Solano CLC Endorsements

- General Election 2022 -

The candidates and ballot measures listed here are

ENDORSED

by the Napa-Solano Central Labor Council.

Endorsements for Federal and State Office

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mike Thompson | US Congress, Dist. 4 |
| John Garamendi | US Congress, Dist. 8 |
| Cecilia Aguiar-Curry | CA Assembly, Dist. 4 |
| Lori Wilson | CA Assembly, Dist. 11 |

Endorsements in Napa County

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Joelle Gallagher | Napa County Supervisor, Dist.1 |
| Anne Cottrell | Napa County Supervisor, Dist.3 |
| Mark Joseph | American Canyon City Council |
| David Oro | American Canyon City Council |
| Liz Alessio | Napa City Council, Dist. 1 |
| Mary Luros | Napa City Council, Dist. 3 |
| Anna Chouteau | St. Helena City Council |

Endorsements in Solano County

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|------------------------------|--|
| Wanda Williams | Solano County Supervisor, Dist. 3 |
| Dana Dean | Solano County Board of Ed, Area 3 |
| Teresa Lavell | Solano County Board of Ed, Area 4 |
| Ginger L. Dunne | Solano County Board of Ed, Area 6 |
| Christina Strawbridge | Benicia City Council (at-large, 2 seats) |
| Lionel Largaespada | Benicia City Council (at-large, 2 seats) |
| Sheri Zada | Benicia Unified School District, Dist. 1 |
| Mark Maselli | Benicia Unified School District, Dist. 4 |

Endorsements in Solano County

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Julian Y. Cuevas | Dixon USD (at-large, 3 seats) |
| Lloyd L. McCabe | Dixon USD (at-large, 3 seats) |
| Ian Arnold | Dixon USD (at-large, 3 seats) |
| Harry T. Price | Fairfield Mayor |
| K. Patrice Williams | Fairfield City Council, Dist. 1 |
| Doug Carr | Fairfield City Council, Dist. 3 |
| Doriss Panduro | Fairfield City Council, Dist. 5 |
| Alma Hernandez | Suisun City Mayor |
| Princess Washington | Suisun City Council (at-large, 2 seats) |
| Jenalee Dawson | Suisun City Council (at-large, 2 seats) |
| Jack Flynn | Fairfield-Suisun USD, Area 5 |
| David C. Isom | Fairfield-Suisun USD, Area 7 |
| Gregory Ritchie II | Vacaville City Council, Dist. 2 |
| Sarah Chapman | Vacaville City Council, Dist. 4 |
| Jeanette Wylie | Vacaville City Council, Dist. 6 |
| Nancy Dunn | Vacaville USD, Area 1 |
| Santiago Serrato | Vacaville USD, Area 5 |
| Maria T. Figueroa | Travis USD, Area 2 |
| Matthew Bidou | Travis USD, Area 2 |
| Will Wade | Travis USD, Area 2 |
| Diosdado "JR" Matulac | Vallejo City Council, Dist. 2 |
| Chris Platzner | Vallejo City Council, Dist. 4 |
| Tara Beasley-Stansberry | Vallejo City Council, Dist. 5 |
| Glenn Amboy | Vallejo City USD, Area 3 |
| John Fox | Vallejo City USD, Area 5 |

Endorsed Local Ballot/Bond Measures

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|------------------|----------------------|
| Measure P | Vallejo |
| Measure R | Benicia |
| Measure K | Benicia |
| Measure D | Dixon |
| Measure M | Travis USD |
| Measure S | Fairfield-Suisun USD |
| Measure Q | Vacaville USD |



Napa-Solano Central Labor Council

Election 2022

Help elect labor champions!
Prizes will be available to volunteers.



Phonebanking

In-Person (Locations ----->)
and Zoom (RSVP for Links)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mondays & Wednesdays - IBEW Local 180
720 Technology Way, Napa, CA 94558


Tuesdays & Thursdays - Ironworkers Local 378
3150 Bayshore Rd, Benicia, CA 94510

Canvassing/Literature Drops

In-Person - RSVP for Locations
9 AM, Saturdays

Register to Vote

Online at
registertovote.ca.gov



RSVP to Glenn Loveall,
NSCLC Special Projects Coordinator
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Labor Day Breakfast September 5th, 2022



The Napa-Solano Central Labor Council's Annual Labor Day Breakfast was an exciting lineup of labor activists and leaders, alongside pro-worker elected officials and candidates. Hosted as always at the Iron Workers Union Local 378, this Labor Day was commemorated as a turning point in workers issues across the nation.

At the national level, public approval for unions is its highest in decades as workers everywhere are now fighting to achieve union representation. Countless others are interested in the benefits that a union can provide as workers are fed up with taking more and more measures to survive while still struggling.

Within this State, the labor movement of California has entered an exciting new chapter in its history with the appointment of its new Executive Director, Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher. Under her leadership, Gonzalez-Fletcher will push the boundaries of the labor movement to new heights through measures such as Unionize California, an unprecedented effort to connect workers seeking to join the labor movement with unions on the ground.

Here at the local level, this Election marks an historic opportunity of its own: we are in striking range of pro-labor majorities in both Solano and Napa Counties, all while defending or expanding majorities in many of our local cities and school districts. With the major investments from the Federal government coming into infrastructure and sustainability, the opportunity is now for us to come together and fight for pro-labor majorities and coalitions that will support a revival of the labor movement and stronger communities in these two counties and beyond.



Glenn Loveall
Special Projects Coordinator
Napa-Solano Central Labor Council
(AFL-CIO)

Event Schedule

9:30 AM Doors Open

10:00 AM Breakfast Service Begins

10:30 AM Welcome by
Jason Gallia, Business Manager, Iron Workers #378

G Anthony Phillips, President CLC

Jon Riley, Executive Director CLC

Danny Bernardini, Napa Solano Building Trades Council

Congressman Mike Thompson

Congressman John Garamendi

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, Executive Secretary-Treasurer,

California Labor Federation

11:45 PM Raffle Drawing

12:00 PM End of Event

Thank You

President's Message

We would like to welcome you all to our 14th Annual Labor Day Breakfast. So much has happened since we last met and with the upcoming elections our Council has been very busy ensuring that the candidates that we choose to endorse share our values. Our affiliate leaders met over 7 days as United Workers for Local Government, our Committee on Political Education, which has met every month since 2001 to hear from over 60 candidates. These leaders then came to consensus on recommendations which were forwarded to the Napa Solano Building and Construction Trades and Central Labor Council's delegate bodies, where they voted to endorse the candidates, you will meet today. Please take the time to meet them and see why we chose to recommend them to our 45,000 members and the community allies we work with.

This year we have witnessed a stunning increase in union organizing across the country, with a new generation of Labor Warriors who want the same opportunities their parents had, the right to organize, collectively bargain and work and retire with dignity and respect, and they are demanding a union. And the way that they are doing this is not only shattering the norms for outreach, but in the process, are making being a union member cool again! Add to that the addition of our new Leader of the Labor Federation, Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, a lioness, with the background of being a fellow CLC leader and also a fierce advocate for workers' rights as an Assembly Member. Because of these, and the great work I see our affiliates accomplish on a daily basis, I have never been more optimistic about, or proud to be part of, the Labor movement.

But today is bittersweet, as we gather to celebrate the past sacrifices made to advance workers rights and look to the future of the Labor Movement, we do so with a heavy heart. We recently were advised that Lou Franchimon, longtime leader of the Napa Solano Building and Construction Trades passed away. I met Lou in 2001, when I was a firefighter, and we formed the United Workers for Local Government. He was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the many coalitions that we are part of today. Lou was a friend, mentor and Father figure for me, as I lost my own shortly before I met him. His impact on the labor movement can be seen today, so much so, that in 2012 we presented Lou with our first Lifetime Achievement Award. This is our highest honor we can bestow on a Sibling and bears his name. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family along with a special thank you for all the time he was away from them serving us.

Have a great Labor Day and be safe.

Sponsors

It is only with the continued support of our sponsors and attendees that this event is able to continue and has become the tremendous success that it is every year.

We want to thank each one of you for your participation. We offer a special thank you to the following:

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SEIU Local 1021 celebrates with The Napa/Solano Labor Council in highlighting the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and wellbeing of our country.



Shown here: SEIU 1021 Napa County Workers urging management to Staff Up and fill hundreds of vacant positions in critical departments.



SEIU Local 1021 represents over 54,000 employees in local governments, non-profit agencies, healthcare programs, and schools throughout Northern California. We are a diverse, member-driven organization, working to build political power for working families. Our members work to make our cities, schools, counties, and special districts safe, healthy places to live and raise families.

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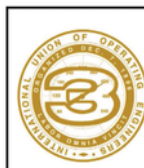
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Congratulations to our endorsed Candidates for 2022.
Thank you for your commitment to Labor, and we look forward to working with you!

Assembly



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The AFL-CIO and the Napa Solano Central Labor Council is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination and harassment. We ask all meeting participants to embrace our values of equity and equality and conduct themselves in this meeting consistent with those values. We have designated the President or the Executive Board Officer running the meeting as the first point of contact for anyone who thinks they have experienced discriminatory, harassing, or otherwise unacceptable behavior, and we urge you to contact G. Anthony Phillips if you have any concerns.

From our Sibbs:

This is a Letter to the Editor originally submitted to the Vallejo Times-Herald on September 16, 2022 by Lisa Logateta, Teamsters #315.

The recent meeting proposing the new revenue generating measure was infuriating. The first two hours was community forum, which is supposed to be 30 minutes, but the Mayor allowed an extra 90 minutes to listen to vulgar abuse from the podium, the crowd and people over the zoom line, this included screaming, foul language and personal attacks on a number of people, the usual hate speech we have been forced to become used to. Ms. Arriola rooted them on and even started arguing that her district was the biggest ghetto! No wonder people are afraid to show up to the meetings, which now require metal detectors and officers who should be on the streets, to guard those attending, when groups are allowed to organize spectacles inside our Council Chambers that violate the code of conduct posted in the agenda and on the wall.\

When the ballot measure was finally discussed, I couldn't believe what I was hearing from Mr. McConnell and Ms. Arriola! I have watched them and their followers both incite and promote anti-police rhetoric for the past couple of years, even leading protests over where not to put a station, ignoring the employees forced to work in hazardous conditions. I have watched them recruiting ordinary citizens to go out and purchase bags of asphalt to pour into the craters we call potholes, Ms. Arriola even taking credit for circling them in orange paint while handing out cookies, and the mayor suggesting the city operate its own asphalt plant to provide the bags cheaper.

And when presented with the only solution to the problems they complain about? They trash it! They don't trust staff (they hired them) they don't trust future Council's to spend wisely, (that's what they said before THEY were elected) so they will campaign against what they know is the only solution to the problem they and their supporters scream against. And I am sure those supporters will once again start the "You've been Canceled" attacks against anyone that disagrees with them as they continue the status- quo NO.

I will do what the other 5 Councilmembers suggested, invest in the Vallejo I love and **vote yes on P!**

Member Spotlight - Ken Miller, Ironworkers #378



Greetings, my name is Ken Miller, Business Agent/Organizer for Iron Workers Union Local 378 and a Vice President of the Napa/Solano Central Labor Council.

My introduction to Labor happened in a roundabout sort of way. I had been dating a lovely young lady and wanted to go to the next level of relationships, Marriage. But at the time I was working 2 jobs and could barely pay my own bills. I was having difficulty trying to figure out what I could change so I could provide for a family. I was at my father's house on a Saturday having a BBQ with family and friends and I was talking to my father about this issue. My father's friend spoke up and told me I should go sign up for the Iron Workers Union. I asked him what that was, an Iron Worker. He indicated that I did not have to know what it is, they have an apprenticeship program, so they will teach me. So I went down and signed up. A week later I was on a construction site as a brand new 1st period apprentice. By the time I finished my apprenticeship I had gotten married to that lovely lady, we had bought a house together in Napa and I had bought her a new car. I would never have been able to do this without organized Labor on my side.

I have been part of Labor for 30 years now and I see what is possible. I also see the corporate attacks against workers when they try to stand up and be recognized. I love helping people get into a union or forming a union at a site they work at. One of the best feelings I get is when I receive a call from a family member, usually a wife, that says thanks for helping get somebody started. They are now out of poverty earning a living wage with benefits for the entire family. I always sleep well when I get a call like that.

I wouldn't be doing my job as an organizer if I didn't mention that the Iron Workers Apprenticeship is open year around and we are desperately seeking more people. We do not do any interviews or testing. If you want to work hard and receive a living wage with benefits for your family, come see us. 3120 Bayshore Rd Benicia, CA. If you have family or friends looking for a career path, send them my way!

Thank you,
Ken



The Vallejo Waterfront Weekend is excited to announce that **WE'RE BACK** for the 2022 event! Planning is officially underway for the 8th Annual Vallejo Waterfront Weekend! The weekend of October 1st and 2nd will be packed full of activities, entertainment, and community resources to help get our City through this challenging time, and have a good time doing it! The festival unites the Downtown and Waterfront communities and also celebrates the historic significance of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. This effort requires the support of local and regional sponsors, companies, vendors and hundreds of volunteers.

The first Vallejo Waterfront Weekend was established in 2004 as a collaboration of events and organizations in Vallejo and the surrounding area. After a decade, we re-established this event to once again bring our community together. By maximizing resources and reducing expenses to create one major event, we provide an organizational structure that local non-profits can benefit from for years to come. We are celebrating and uniting the unique talents and diversity of our community while providing a one-stop shop for regional sponsorships and fundraising efforts.

This year's beneficiaries are:

- **7 Generations Intertribal Council** to assist in funding their International Pow Wow on the Vallejo Waterfront
- **Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD)** to support FREE winter community events at Children's Wonderland, along with gifts for the children
- **Humane Society of the North Bay** to create an on-site veterinary clinic at the facility for shelter animals and for animals to come get spayed and neutered
- **Leaf of Life Youth Rising** to help with "Problem Solving Kits" for under-served children and families
- **Love Is...** to provide relief to some of our most vulnerable citizens ... our seniors
- **The Coach Sarna League** will provide scholarships, jersey costs, field costs, equipment costs, etc for community youth
- **Vallejo PAL** to provide various sports equipment and uniforms for Vallejo youth teams
- **Vallejo TV** for media training classes for members of Vallejo Community Access TV
- **VEBA** to provide scholarships to deserving BIPOC and at-risk youths

We hope YOU will join us this year and support the Vallejo community!

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Run & Row to the Rhythm of the City!

OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2022

VallejoWaterfrontWeekend.com

Exciting entertainment, performances and activities

- **Whaleboat Regatta**
 - Kids Zone
 - Live Music
 - Hot Rod & Classic Car Show
 - Splash Chair
- **Filipino Martial Arts Goodwill Tournament**
 - Glo Run
 - Disc Golf
- **Beer & Wine Garden**
- **Kornhole Tournament**
 - 5K Run
- **Community Info Booths**
- **Food & Craft Vendors**
- **Guided Tour of Vallejo Waterfront and Mare Island**
- **Events & Activities on Mare Island and Vallejo Waterfront**
- **... and much more!**

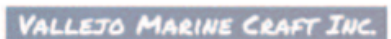
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