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# 'Sup, Sibs?

What's up Siblings,

I hope that some of you were able to get down to the Vallejo Waterfront Weekend Saturday and Sunday! When people think of Unions, they often have a narrow viewpoint, often based on their exposure to media or word of mouth. But our members, their families, and our community allies, have a more firsthand experience of what it means to be part of the labor family. And just like any family, we look to the head of the household to protect us from abuse, provide a stable environment and surround us with people that share our values. Our union leaders have the same responsibility - to protect the wages, benefits and working conditions of our members while providing a safe working environment where they are treated with dignity and respect. They also instill in our members the need to invest in their communities, to become part of the fabric of the positive experiences that make up that community, to be a good neighbor. These are the people that invest in "Yes."

Over this past weekend we illustrated what being a positive part of our community truly is, with Labor's participation in the Vallejo Waterfront Weekend. Whether it was volunteering to organize and assist in the set up and tear down or sponsoring or running one of the numerous events that were part of the festival, our affiliates were instrumental in the success of an event that not only contributes more to the positive image of Vallejo, but just as importantly, invests in its non-profits more than any other event in the city by raising much needed funding.

Another role of any head of family is to make sure that we surround our siblings with positive role models who will fight for their interests and ensure that they have the tools and foundation to be successful. Our Labor leaders invest time, energy, and great effort to do the same for our Labor Siblings by recruiting, educating, and helping to elect politicians

who share our values and will fight for issues important to them, advising their members on the best path forward. And like any family, siblings choose to accept or reject that advice, but like any differences they might have, they will still fight to protect any of its members moving forward. Our CLC has very important races this election and we will provide our family members as much information and guidance as we can and hope that will choose the right path forward. We hope that you too will educate yourself and consider the candidates and issues that our leaders have suggested and perhaps get involved in the campaign in any way you can.

This week we highlight our Siblings at the Fairfield Teachers Association and the great work they do for their Labor Family!

We also continue to mourn the loss of our long time Labor Warrior Lou Franchimon. His Memorial will be held October 20th in American Canyon. We hope you will consider honoring Lou's impact on our Siblings and extend your respects to the family. Donations to offset the costs are welcome.

Thank You and be safe!



**Jon Riley**

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One Vision One Voice  
Working People Standing Together

# General Election 2022 - Call to Action

We are now in the high tide of the General Election, with the balance of power for workers in reach and at stake in both Solano and Napa Counties.

We are asking for every affiliate of this Labor Council to participate in at least 2 election events- one in October, and one for GOTV in November.

This is about staffing up and supporting civil servants in both Counties.

This is about Project Labor Agreements and supporting the skilled construction workforce.

This is about supporting teachers, classified staff, and fighting back against the privatization of public education.

This is for supporting our hospitality, grocery, and farmworkers and the services they provide for all of us.

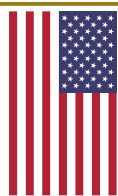
This is for reviving a sustainable, union manufacturing and industrial sector in these counties.

This is for establishing new union footholds in tech and the knowledge economy.

The stakes are clear- we have the highest public support for unions in decades, unprecedented federal and state funds at the table, and the coalitions to move forward and open a new chapter for our workers and communities. The phone banks and canvassing/literature drops are described and listed in the newsletter, and we look forward to seeing all of you on the frontlines!



In solidarity,  
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**Napa-Solano Central Labor Council**

**Election 2022**

Help elect labor champions!

*Prizes will be available to volunteers.*



**Phonebanking - 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**In-Person**

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

**Virtual**

Monday-Thursday on Zoom  
(*RSVP for Link*)

**Canvassing/Literature Drops**

In-Person - RSVP for Locations  
9 AM, Saturdays

**Register to Vote**

Online at  
[registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov)

# 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

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

### Endorsements in Napa County

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

### Endorsements in Solano County

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

## Endorsements in Solano County (cont.)

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

## Endorsed Local Ballot/Bond Measures

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

The Napa-Solano Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO), representing workers across both Napa and Solano Counties and from all walks of life, has confirmed its endorsements for the General Election this November. The candidates listed below were interviewed by the United Workers for Local Government, which consists of representatives from the Napa-Solano Building Trades Council and Napa-Solano Central Labor Council, as well as workers from across all parts of the local economy, from the public sector to construction, and from manufacturing to teachers, nurses, and the service sector.

Following in-depth interviews and the consistent use of extensive, substantive questionnaires, these candidates were evaluated based on their understanding and support of workers' issues. We would also like to thank all the candidates that showed the respect for working families by coming before our affiliates to discuss their vision for the future. Additionally, a series of bond and ballot measures were evaluated based on their impact on workers and our broader communities. After the completion of the interviews, representatives of the various unions deliberated and voted upon the candidates and local measures identified as the most supportive of workers.

Going forward, we are excited to work to elect pro-worker candidates across both Solano and Napa Counties. We will be talking with workers and members of the broader public as we fight to establish governing majorities who are ready to pursue growth that uplifts and empowers all workers and their communities alike.



# Member Spotlight: F-SUTA



Audrey Jacques,  
F-SUTA Organizing Chair



Nancy Dunn,  
F-SUTA President

Fairfield-Suisun Unified Teachers Association is building membership power and strengthening relationships in our community thanks to funding and training provided by the National Education Association - Midwest Academy Strategic Campaign Institute for Community Schools.

F-SUTA is one of the forty-one local unions selected after a nationwide search to participate in the strategic campaign to organize public education union members to make schools into community centers with grassroots decision making. Our goal is educational justice through coalitions with parents and the community. Of course, to achieve these goals, F-SUTA first looked inward to build internal power capacity.

We were fortunate to receive a grant in two consecutive years from the NEA to fund a full-time position specifically as a union organizer. Audrey Jacques, F-SUTA's Organizing Chair, is released from her classroom duties to focus on our internal strength and establish coalitions.

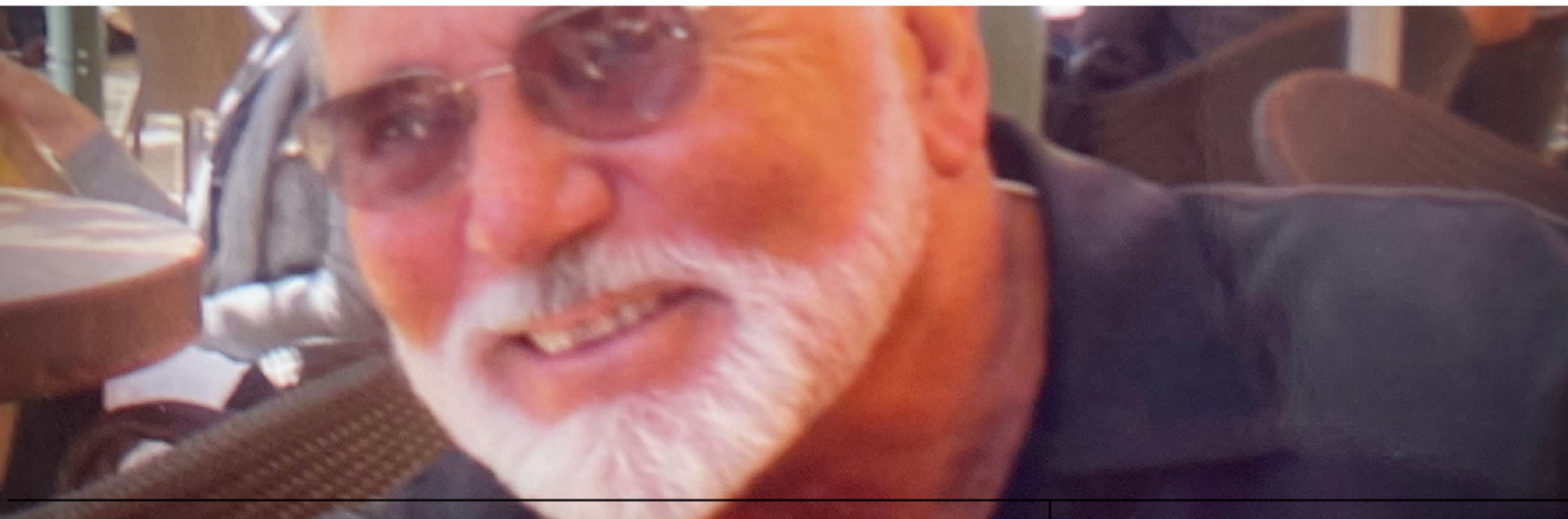
With Audrey taking the lead on internal and external organizing, F-SUTA President Nancy Dunn is able to work alongside Audrey to achieve these goals while also attending to the issues important to the eleven-hundred members in our chapter located across thirty-three school sites.

Identification and training of new leaders is the key to F-SUTA's path forward with a new generation of strong union leaders to ensure the working conditions of members and learning conditions for students continue to improve.

MARCH 12, 1938

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOUIS J. FRANCHIMON

AUGUST 13, 2022



Louis Franchimon was born March 12th 1938 in the Netherlands and passed away peacefully at home on August 13th 2022.

He came to America with his family. His father worked at the Dutch Embassy in Washington DC. Lou went to Northwestern High School, where he met, the love of his life Helen Quirk.

Lou was awarded many accolade's for his diligence on working conditions and furthering the development of proper training, organized labor and fair compensation for working people in construction throughout the Bay Area, especially in Napa and Solano counties. Lou was well known in Washington DC, and Northern California.

The Napa Solano Central Labor Council awarded "The Lou Franchimon Lifetime Achievement Award" to Louis in 2012. This was the first and highest award given by the council to date. It is now awarded each year to a worthy recipient.

He leaves behind his two sisters Patty DeGeus (Hans DeGeus) and Connie Van Den Boom (Ben Van Den Boom). His daughters, Julie Franchimon DeMar (Bill) DeMar, and Tracy Gramstead (Jerry) Gramstead. His son Eric Franchimon, Four grandchildren, Jacklyn, Kristina, Dylan and Erik. Four great grandchildren Leo, Ben, Helen and Ruby. Niece and nephew Georgette and Lars.

Lou, affectionally called ( Opa) loved spoiling all of them. He cherished his time with them.

Many thanks to everyone that made him comfortable during these last few years.

A memorial will be held on

October 20th 2022 from 4pm to 8pm

Join us at the

Sunrise Ranch Winery  
#1 Kirkland Ranch Rd  
American Canyon, CA 94503



DIGITAL DONATION PREFERRED

FOR PHYSICAL DONATIONS: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ERIC FRANCHIMON  
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