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'Sup, Sibs?

What's up Siblings,

Here is the latest from the CLC. We are very happy to report that our beloved office manager Shirley Herbert is home recovering from her surgery. We hope to have her back at her very tough job of keeping me and the rest of the Sibs squared away. Please keep her in your thoughts and send her best wishes!

The campaign is full speed ahead with absentee ballots hitting households over the weekend. When our CLC identifies, interviews and endorse candidates, we go through the most rigorous process that I know of, to ensure that every candidate we support has working families' values and issues in mind when making every decision. We held close to 70 interviews over several full days to come to consensus. Hundreds of hours of preparation for the campaign to elect Labor warriors!

Wouldn't it be a be a shame to do all the work needed to set up a program that has been successful over decades, Siblings willing to put the butts in the seats and boots on the streets to make sure that our members and our community allies get out to vote for those candidates, only to come up short on election day? I am sure everyone has woken up on election day and wondered if we had just given one more hour, recruited one more volunteer, walked one more precinct, made one more call... you get the picture. Glenn Danny and the team have put together a comprehensive program that affords our Siblings and Community partners a chance to participate in so many ways that there is no excuse not to put in an hour or two from the comfort of your home making calls or text messages or showing to walk for any of the candidates we support. *So, lets show our endorsed candidates why they seek the endorsement of working families, by showing up and volunteering a couple hours of your time to ensure they are victorious!*

We give an update on the coalitions we have in Napa and Solano Counties, and the successes we have seen moving forward policy that reflects the values of Labor and our coalition partners surrounding, Jobs, housing, environment, open space and business as we look to support city and county agency's in moving development projects forward by bringing stakeholders together. Our Napa Working Families Coalition, and Napa and Solano Community Benefits Coalitions are making a real difference in both Counties.

Our Spotlight is on Mark Plubell with the insulators, who has been an active leader for our Council and also an example of what community support means by volunteering to support the many activities we are involved in. He recently volunteered two days assisting in the Vallejo Waterfront Weekend! Way to walk the walk, Sib!

Have a safe and productive week.



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.**

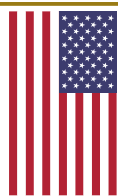
This is for **reviving a sustainable, union manufacturing and industrial sector in these counties.**

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,
Glenn Loveall
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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

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

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

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 (cont.)

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 Platzer	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

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

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: Mark Plubell, Insulators #16

Hello, Labor Brothers and Sisters, my name is Mark Plubell. I have currently been serving as the Bay Area Business Agent for the Heat & Frost Insulators and Allied Workers, Local 16 for the past 10 years, the President of the Humboldt/Del Norte Building Trades for the past few years and recently the Sgt. At Arms for the Napa/Solano Building Trades.

My first knowledge of Unions started at young age growing up in Southern California when my father went on strike at his factory job for the then United Paper Workers Union. My memories were him being on strike for a couple weeks and instilling in my mind that you never cross a picket line. My father was able to support my mother, me and my 4 older brothers with that job where he had good medical coverage and a retirement plan.



Mark Plubell,
Insulators #16 Business Agent

In April of 1991 I was accepted into the Apprenticeship for the Heat & Frost Insulator's Local 5 in Los Angeles. I was married with a newborn daughter, and this would mean I would have to take a pay cut from a decent job I had prior. I did not hesitate, because I knew a good union construction job would provide me with a career with good middle class wages, medical benefits, and a pension. My path brought me to Northern California where I transferred into Local 16 and completed my apprenticeship and became a journeyman. After my 2 daughters started high school, I was encouraged to get more involved with the Union, I went from Executive Board member and Trustee to the Vice President position and then a year later I became the Bay Area Business Agent and am now also a JATC and Health & Welfare Trustee.

I thought I knew what it was to be a union activist before, but all I really wanted to do was represent my Local 16 union members. Shortly after I started as a Business Agent, I learned that when all unions stand together and support each other we win, and if we are divided we will die. I have also learned that we not only fight for our members, but also those unrepresented without a voice. In the Labor movement we may all have different rolls. I represent members in 16 counties from Monterey to Del Norte, am a delegate in 9 building Trades Councils and 4 Central Labor Councils. Many Reps that cover 1 or 2 counties really get in the fight hard in those areas whenever there is an issue, I regret that I can't always be engulfed in every issue everywhere and really appreciate and respect the time they do put in. I depend on those people to let me know when I am needed. One thing I do bring to the table and that I am extremely grateful for is having relationships in all the areas I cover and gaining knowledge of how things are addressed in those different areas. I am able to share that when the same issue comes up in a different council.

I am grateful for the support of my beautiful wife of over 7 years who has been a OPEIU union member for over 32 years, and to have a career where I have been able to raise and see my 2 daughters blossom into fine adults.

Thank you all for the fighting the battles you do,

Mark Plubell

Worker Surge - Organizing in New and Rising Sectors

Workers across the nation are rising up and demanding better in places never before seen or anticipated. From tech to coffeeshops and within the world's largest corporations, workers are striking or otherwise organizing for better wages, working conditions, and the right for union representation.

Decades of rising inequality have driven this reaction from workers. Early and successful unionization efforts at Amazon and Starbucks and increasing pressure in the tech sector have grabbed national headlines and inspired workers everywhere.

The labor movement must open a new chapter in organizing. Here in California, the major initiative is Unionize California - a new system established by the California Labor Federation to direct any workers interested in joining a union to the appropriate participating unions. The time is now to come together as a movement and rebuild as we did in the last century.

UNIONIZE CALIFORNIA.

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO
UNIONIZE THEIR WORKPLACE?**



UnionizeCalifornia.org
CALIFORNIA LABOR FEDERATION, AFL-CIO



**2022 VALLEJO
SMOKE ALARM & CARBON MONOXIDE
INSTALLATION EVENT**

OCTOBER 15, 2022

9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

**VALLEJO MOBILE HOME ESTATES
285 LINCOLN ROAD WEST
VALLEJO, CA**

**OUR GOAL: INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS & CARBON
MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF
VALLEJO FIRE DEPARTMENT & CAL MARITIME ACADEMY
FOR RESIDENTS LIVING IN A VALLEJO MOBILE HOME PARK.**

TO REGISTER:

Complete the registration form (on the reverse side and return to your park manager) or email Rebuilding Together Solano County, Elizabeth Hoffman (Executive Director) @ Ehoffman.rtsc@gmail.com. Website: www.RebuildingTogetherSolanoCounty.org. For questions call RTSC at 707.580.9360.



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