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Sat. October 29:

Volunteers assembled to walk precincts in  
Vallejo, Napa, and Fairfield/Suisun

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# 'Sup, Sibs?

What's up Siblings,

All the work we have done identifying, educating them on our issues, and interviewing over 70 candidates for office in Napa and Solano Counties all comes down to this week's work for the candidates we chose to endorse. One more week of our members and community allies, putting their butts in the seats and boots on the streets to make sure our Labor Siblings have all the information necessary to make an informed decision. Glenn and his team have run a great member to member field campaign and will work right up to the last day to get the vote out and now is the time for our affiliates to release as many members as possible to bring the victory home for our endorsed candidates.

This is the formula that has always been our campaign bread and butter, and has proven to be successful since we first formed our United Workers for Local Government Committee in 2001. Labor unions, whether affiliated with our Council or not, began working together to speak with one voice, holding joint interviews with our Siblings across the Labor spectrum to make sure those candidates that we do endorse share our vision and values. Because of this we been able to develop relationships with our community allies and elected officials in both Napa and Solano Counties and ensured that our members issues had a forum, and partners to address them, through our many coalitions and community work.

Our Labor Council has built a brand over the past two decades and have worked hard to expand our reach to the public through these coalitions, and we wanted to take our working family's message to not only our current members, but also their friends, family and those in the community that may also understand and share our values. So, we formed the Napa-Solano Working Families Labor PAC to let the rest of the community know which candidates and measures we

support. Now, more Siblings than ever will receive our message and we hope will join the members of the Building Trades, SEIU, Central Labor Council and the California Teachers Association who have come together in a show of unprecedented solidarity! So be on the lookout for one of these flyers and digital messages and take pride in the fact that your hard work help make them possible.

In this edition of Voices of Labor we will hear from Glenn Loveall on "Labor and the Halls of Power", and will spotlight IBEW #180 Business Manager Herb Watts. We hope you enjoy this edition and remember:

**Get Out The VOTE.**



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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.**

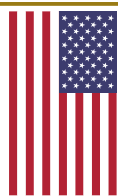
This is for **reviving a sustainable, union manufacturing and industrial sector in these counties.**

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)



# Election Events

*From Oct. 31 to Nov. 08*

Date	Events
Mon - Oct 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Phonebanking: 3 PM - 7 PM</li> </ul>
Tue - Nov 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Phonebanking: 3 PM - 7 PM</li> </ul>
Wed - Nov 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Phonebanking: 3 PM - 7 PM</li> </ul>
Thu - Nov 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Phonebanking: 3 PM - 7 PM</li> </ul>
Fri - Nov 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Phonebanking: 3 PM - 7 PM</li> </ul>
Sat - Nov 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precinct Walks in Vallejo: 9 AM               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Contact Glenn Loveall for details</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Precinct Walks in Napa: 9 AM               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Contact Glenn Loveall for details</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Sun - Nov 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precinct Walks in Fairfield &amp; Suisun: 9 AM               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Meet at 2840 Hilborn Drive, Ste 104, Fairfield</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Precinct Walks in Vacaville: 9 AM               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Contact Glenn Loveall for details</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Mon - Nov 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Phonebanking: 3 PM - 7 PM</li> </ul>
Tue - Nov 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election Day; Last day to vote/drop off/mail ballots</li> <li>• Online Phonebanking: 3 PM - 7 PM</li> </ul>



# 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.



# Labor and the Halls of Power

The Election is upon us, and this labor movement endeavors to build power on all fronts to create a pro-worker politics and society. From winning elections to building coalitions, and from public policy to organizing, this movement works to strengthen workers and their communities by all means possible.

Across the labor movement, there is an increasing understanding about the need to mobilize our members in new ways, organize emerging sectors, win elections, and build coalitions beyond our ranks. Historically and presently, all of these constitute necessary forms of building power on their own and in interaction with each other. We must win elections in order to pass public policy, we must organize to rebuild our numbers and generate voters, we must lobby for new public policy to the benefit of workers, and we must form larger coalitions to shape major policy change. All of these dimensions of power spill over and affect one another.

During the New Deal and in more recent cases where the labor movement has rebuilt in particular areas and sectors. the necessary combination of winning elections, organizing, and forming coalitions has been pursued. The labor movement must operate beyond holding its ground and instead go on the offensive. From winning strikes to partnering with allies to change the nature of local growth, it is evident what the future of the labor movement must be- that it is there at any time and any place to uplift workers in need. In this Election and amidst our coalition and solidarity actions, pro-labor majorities are in sight, workers are winning battles with the employers, and we are pushing the boundaries to influence how local growth is governed.



In solidarity,  
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# Member Spotlight: Herb Watts, IBEW Local 180.

My name is Herb Watts, the current Business Manager of IBEW Local 180.

I became an electrician quite by accident, a friend said that the Electrician Union was taking apprentice applications and we should apply. Well, long story short, I was accepted into the IBEW Apprenticeship, and he was accepted into the Sheetmetal Workers. My Father was a Union Plasterer and taught my brothers and I to work hard and treat others as you would want to be treated. I carried that with me throughout my career as an IBEW Member.



*Herb Watts - Business Agent, IBEW #180*

I became involved when my sons started high school. I first was elected to the Exam Board, followed by the Executive Board, Vice President, President, and now humbly as the Business Manager. I have also served on our JATC Trust, along with our Pension and Health and Welfare Trusts.

The IBEW is about Brother/Sisterhood, to promote a higher standard of living for all working in the electrical industry. As if the other Trades, to be the voice for those that are not comfortable using theirs. We have a deep history of involvement locally and nationally, to help working folks and their families, either through youth programs or in programs to help the citizens in the communities in which we live. As with any Organization based in improving people's quality of life, we must encourage and empower the next generation, to continue the work laid down by our Founders and Mentors, to embrace their past and forge a new future.



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