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'Sup, Sibs?

What's up Siblings,

We not only survived, we thrived! After all the work our Siblings did for the past two years, finding candidates that share our values, securing an unprecedented percentage of our affiliates agreeing on a slate of endorsements, running a well-oiled machine in our member to member campaign and taking on a never before seen general public campaign, we had outstanding results, which will allow us to continue to secure wages, benefits, working conditions and quality of life gains for working families!

We had victories across Napa and Solano Counties and your efforts were instrumental in seeing several first-time candidates get elected to office, beginning relationships we hope will last years into the future. And even in those few cities where we suffered losses, we hope to begin developing relationships with those candidates, in the hopes that we might support them in the future. In several races, we saw some of closest results we have ever seen, some by only a handful of votes, illustrating why our efforts are so important right up until election day. Measure S in Fairfield is only 3 votes over the 55% needed for passage, with every vote that needs to be cured receiving scrutiny. We provide a detailed account of the races below and thank key Siblings who helped make it happen. I could not be prouder of the efforts of our Labor Council and our allies in the community for a job well done.

So now what? We continue the good work that got us here. We continue to build our coalitions, and along with the elected officials that share our values, we turn them into tangible benefits for our community. We team up with community stakeholders to tackle issues and "assist cities and counties attract and pass development projects and policies that help make our communities inclusive, sustainable, and economically vibrant with quality jobs and housing for all".

That is the mission statement for our coalitions currently doing great work, so join us at our Napa and Solano Working Family Coalitions and get to work helping our elected officials pass policy that impacts us all.

But this takes buy in, and the willingness to show up to meetings to support our elected officials as they push these policies forward. Glenn is highlighting an Action Team assembled to help us ensure a presence when it counts. We hope to hold a training session "After the Election" with community stakeholders to illustrate the importance of community participation and action, something that we in Labor are pretty good at. 2023 will be a year for building the base it will take to continue our success and we welcome you to the team.

This edition's spotlight is on our Sect. Treasurer Corey Penrose with the Vacaville Teachers, a key member of our leadership team and the Sibling that keeps our Council on track! Here is wishing him, and all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! We have a lot to be thankful for and deserve a time of rest and relaxation before continuing the great work for working families.



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Unofficial Election Results - Summary, Team Member Thank-Yous, and Results Chart

The 2022 General Election has concluded, and unofficial results are below. Almost all ballots have been counted, and the results have been displayed with the current projected margins of victory.

What is clear is that we were victorious in the large majority of our endorsed races. Pro-labor majorities appear to be established in both Solano and Napa Counties, as well as in the majority of our cities. These are great victories for the labor movement and are the product of extensive work in the political and coalition realms. Crucially, this Labor Council has maintained an endorsement process enabling representatives from across sectors of labor to deliberate and establish a shared set of candidates and ballot measures that will advance working people. This Council, through its relationships with community allies, then worked to establish further important endorsements for its supported candidates and ballot measures. Finally, this Council and its volunteers conducted field operations to directly reach union voters and the broader electorate.

On behalf of this Labor Council, we extend our thanks to every union member who stepped up and volunteered to help build power and pro-labor majorities. There were many competitive elections, and it is clear that our efforts have helped to put many pro-labor champions and measures over the finish line!

The key to our success as a program was the collaboration and participation of unions from across sectors. I want to highlight in particular-

G Anthony Phillips (President of the Labor Council, IATSE member), Corey Penrose (Secretary-Treasurer of the Labor Council, Vacaville Teachers member), and Danny Bernardini (Napa-Solano Building Trades Council), who closely collaborated with me as our week-to-week Election Team.

As always, the building trades provided a powerhouse presence on the ground and on the phones, including leaders, staff, rank-and-file members, and young apprentices alike. Iron Workers Union Local 378, with Ken Miller and team, led the way on phonebanks. The various affiliates, such as IBEW Local 180 with Joel Pickett and Herb Watts, Operating Engineers Local 3 with Jim Jacobs and Jesse Espinoza, Painters and Allied Trades (with leadership from Carlos Flores), Insulators Local 16

(Mark Plubell, Anthony Viscuso, and various apprentices), Carpenters Local 180 (Fidel Chavez, Leonard Basoco), and Jorge Romero of Cement Masons Local 400 all provided vital service and leadership to the success of the labor movement.

Our siblings in the public and service sector unions accelerated their role in canvassing and phone banks with a special focus on key Elections in both Counties, with vital results. SEIU 1021 maintained a strong presence in the important County Supervisor races, with leadership from Lily Starling, Monique Wild, Greg Carter, and Sarah Creighton-Kirley. Our teachers played an important role in supporting races in both counties, including F-SUTA (Fairfield-Suisun teachers) with Nancy Dunn and Audrey Jacques, Vacaville Teachers, Vallejo Education Association (Mike Tebo and Kevin Steele), and the Napa Valley Education Association with Gayle Young. Finally, I'll make a special shout-out to NUHW, health care workers who jumped in to help in the Election efforts under Rachel Allen and Tyler Kissinger, all during and after their extended and successful strike against Kaiser!

I want to thank the staff under the Napa-Solano CLC. Shirley Herbert as always kept everything moving as Office Manager for the Council, as did Larry Robertson in the finance department. Our two interns, Angelo Velasco and Sergio Maciel, have done great work participating in the field operations while keeping communications going out to the membership, such as in these Newsletters. On the Independent Expenditure side, our Executive Director Jon Riley collaborated with representatives of the building trades, teachers (CTA), and SEIU to corral new resources and methods to reach the voters across both Counties with clear signs of success.

Finally, I want to thank our various candidates and community allies who stepped up to seek leadership for their communities. Many of our candidates participated in strategy and update sessions, particularly the newer ones. Our allies in the Democratic Party were key on many target races, such as the Napa Valley Democrats with Johanna O'Kelly, the Solano Democratic Workers Alliance, and the Northern Solano Democratic Club with Jeanie White. Thank you all!

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Napa-Solano CLC Endorsements - General Election 2022 Results

District/Race	Candidate Name	Vote Total/ Percentage	Margins of Victory/Loss
Federal-Level Office			
US Congress, District 4	Mike Thompson	160,416 (68.1%)	42,639 (18.1%)
US Congress, District 8	John Garamendi	144,339 (75.7%)	48,990 (25.7%)
State-Level Office			
California State Assembly, District 4	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	88,598 (65.9%)	21,368 (25.9%)
California State Assembly, District 11	Lori Wilson	85,318 (59.2%)	13,316 (19.8%)
Napa Candidates			
Napa County Supervisor, District 1	Joelle Gallagher	4,139 (54.97%)	374 (4.97%)
Napa County Supervisor, District 3	Anne Cottrell	6,153 (64.99%)	1,419 (24.99%)
American Canyon City Council (At-Large, 2 Seats)	Mark Joseph	3,037 (35.47%)	433 (5.06%)
American Canyon City Council (At-Large, 2 Seats)	David Oro	2,921 (34.12%)	317 (3.71%)
Napa City Council, District 1	Liz Alessio	NO CONTEST	
Napa City Council, District 3	Mary Luross	NO CONTEST	
St. Helena City Council (At-Large, 2 Seats)	Anna Chouteau	1,772 (54.36%)	1,120 (34.36%)
Napa Valley Unified, Area 1	Robin Jankiewicz	3,571 (55.04%)	327 (5.04%)
Napa Valley Unified, Area 6	Elba Gonzalez-Mares	2,482 (49.87%)	783 (15.73%)
Napa Valley Unified, Area 7	Patrick Mathis	2,271 (44.72%)	-268 (-5.28%)

Solano Candidates			
Solano County Supervisor, District 3	Wanda Williams	11,718 (58.68%)	1,733 (8.68%)
Solano County Board of Education, Area 3	Dana Dean	NO CONTEST	
Solano County Board of Education, Area 4	Teresa Lavell	NO CONTEST	
Solano County Board of Education, Area 6	Ginger L. Dunne	NO CONTEST	
Benicia City Council (At-Large – 2 Seats)	Lionel Largaespada	5,278 (23.09%)	-148 (-0.67%)
Benicia City Council (At-Large – 2 Seats)	Christina Strawbridge	4,824 (21.10%)	-608 (-2.66%)
Benicia Unified School District, District 1	Sheri Zada	NO CONTEST	
Benicia Unified School District, District 4	Mark Maselli	NO CONTEST	
Dixon Unified (At-Large – 3 seats)	Julian Y. Cuevas	3,710 (25.52%)	694 (4.77%)
Dixon Unified (At-Large – 3 seats)	Lloyd L. McCabe	2,630 (18.09%)	-385 (-2.66%)
Dixon Unified (At-Large – 3 seats)	Ian Arnold	1,932 (13.29%)	-1,084 (7.46%)
Fairfield Mayor	Harry T. Price	11,191 (40.06%)	-847 (-3.03%)
Fairfield City Council, District 1	K. Patrice Williams	2,117 (36.13%)	12 (0.20%)
Fairfield City Council, District 3	Doug Carr	3,028 (59.28%)	474 (9.28%)
Fairfield City Council, District 5	Doriss Panduro	1,597 (61.83%)	868 (33.61%)
Suisun City Mayor	Alma Hernandez	4,206 (63.04%)	870 (13.04%)
Suisun City Council (At-Large, 2 seats)	Princess Washington	2,683 (23.31%)	401 (3.49%)
Suisun City Council (At-Large, 2 seats)	Jenalee Dawson	2,282 (19.82%)	26 (0.18%)
Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Area 5	Jack Flynn	1,510 (51.10%)	32 (1.10%)

Solano Candidates (cont.)			
Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Area 7	David C. Isom	NO CONTEST	
Vacaville City Council, District 2	Gregory Ritchie II	3,534 (56.30%)	395 (6.39%)
Vacaville City Council, District 4	Sarah Chapman	1,529 (42.52%)	99 (2.75%)
Vacaville City Council, District 6	Jeanette Wylie	2,291 (43.86%)	443 (8.48%)
Vacaville Unified School District, Area 1	Nancy Dunn	2,002 (52.49%)	95 (2.49%)
Vacaville Unified School District, Area 5	Santiago Serrato	NO CONTEST	
Travis Unified School District, Area 2 (2 seats)	Matthew Bidou	2,920 (28.00%)	228 (2.19%)
Travis Unified School District, Area 2 (2 seats)	Will Wade	2,692 (25.81%)	608 (5.83%)
Travis Unified School District, Area 2 (2 seats)	Maria T. Figueroa	1,712 (16.41%)	-372 (-3.57%)
Vallejo City Council, District 2	Diosdado "JR" Matulac	1,417 (37.27%)	426 (11.20%)
Vallejo City Council, District 4	Chris Platzer	596 (14.87%)	-814 (-20.31%)
Vallejo City Council, District 5	Tara Beasley-Stansberry	1,294 (26.11%)	-402 (-8.11%)
Vallejo School Board, Area 3	Glenn Amboy	NO CONTEST	
Vallejo School Board, Area 5	John Fox	3,663 (56.48%)	1,883 (29.03%)
Local Ballot and Bond Measures			
Vallejo	Measure P – Yes	16,887 (54.69%)	1,447 (4.69%)
Benicia	Measure R – Yes	6,295 (48.87%)	-146 (-1.13%)
Benicia	Measure K – Yes	10,452 (81.78%)	4,062 (31.78%)
Dixon	Measure D – Yes	2,671 (43.95%)	-368(-6.05%)
Travis USD	Measure M – Yes	3,647 (49.97%)	-368 (-5.03%)
Fairfield-Suisun USD	Measure S – Yes	19,523 (55%)	3 (0.001%)
Vacaville USD	Measure Q – Yes	11,956 (43.53%)	-3,150 (-11.47%)

Post-Election Analysis

The local level victories of this Election occurred alongside an important national Election. Here at the local level, we have achieved pro-labor majorities in Solano and Napa Counties, as well as in multiple cities such as Fairfield, Suisun, American Canyon, Vacaville, and the City of Napa, with further potential majorities in the works in other key cities. Furthermore, at this time, the results are in favor of multiple bond measures that will bring in hundreds of millions of dollars into our local cities and schools.

At the state-level, pro-labor candidates generally fared well, maintaining Sacramento as a place with many legislative opportunities for the labor movement. Under Lorena Gonzalez's new leadership at the California Labor Federation (AFL-CIO), we anticipate a dynamic and exciting legislative push over the next year.

The first two years of the Biden Administration have been historic, with unprecedented investment in infrastructure as well as sustainability and health care with greater support for union jobs. Amidst stark partisan divides, inflation, and candidates openly running to attack the democratic process, the election has produced a divided government in Washington. While Democrats will retain control of the Senate and candidates who openly denied the results of the 2020 Election failed in critical battleground states, the Republicans have achieved a narrow majority in the House of Representatives. While this does neutralize any functioning legislative agenda in Washington at this time, the loss of Election deniers in key posts is critical for allowing an open Election in 2024 and the next contest for control of the national agenda.

The implications for the local labor movement are clear – we have achieved many local majorities, all while building broader coalitions and with unprecedented resources under the Federal infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Acts that we will advocate to spend in our local communities. Over the next year, we will be pressing forward and pushing the envelope of building worker power through our coalitions, strengthening our local communities and economies while preparing for the great contest of Election 2024.



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Action Team - Summary and Call for Participation

As we progress into the next year and our crucial policy and coalition work to strengthen the labor movement, we will be having further meetings of the Action Team. The Action Team is a working group of representatives of unions from across sectors who are committed to building up the volunteer base of labor. This includes both exchanging ideas between affiliates as well as helping to get the word out across unions and to help to engage rank-and-file workers to participate in the actions and strategies of the broader labor movement.

The Action Team is meant to aid the labor movement and build power under a wide range of circumstances. Options include mobilizing the labor movement to aid a union in a contract battle or an organizing campaign, supporting pro-labor candidates and measures in future elections, and building our strength in coalitions and governance itself.

Ultimately, the Action Team aims to build up the strongest possible volunteer base for labor to assist any affiliates in their time of need and to advance the collective strategies of labor. We encourage all affiliates to participate in the upcoming Action Team meetings and the exciting efforts to strengthen the labor movement across the board.

U N I O N - M A D E
Thanksgiving

<p>SET THE TABLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL-CLAD COOKWARE • CORNINGWARE • PYREX 	<p>HAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPLETON FARMS HAM • COOK'S HAM • TYSON HAM 	<p>VEGETABLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANDY BOY • BIRDS EYE • MURANAKA FARM 	<p>BREAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUNT MILLIE'S BREADS • PILLSBURY ROLLS • BUNNY BREAD
<p>FRESH WHOLE TURKEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUTTERBALL • FOSTER FARMS 	<p>STUFFING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MANISCHEWITZ • STROEHMANN BAKERY PRODUCTS 	<p>POTATOES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BETTY CROCKER SPECIALTY POTATOES • DOLE FRESH POTATOES 	<p>PIE FILLING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEL MONTE FRESH APPLES • KROGER PUMPKIN PIE • MOTT'S APPLESAUCE

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Member Highlight - Corey Penrose, Vacaville Teachers Association

After graduating from Davis in 1994 and being hired by the Vacaville Unified School District in 1996 with a shiny new English Teaching Credential, Corey wasn't terribly active in his 750-person local, the Vacaville Teachers Association, which is the Vacaville affiliate of the California Teachers Association. Once harassment from a principal, and a series of hostile school board members convinced him to the necessity of becoming active in his local, beyond the scope of contract maintenance, he focused much of his local efforts on building a political program to help ensure that enemies of a high-quality public education would never again be able to use the School Board as a launching pad for their political careers.



Corey Penrose, VTA

His advocacy inevitably led him to the Napa-Solano Central Labor Council, where he discovered that, while educators only comprised part of the membership of the council, the concerns and values of working people made such distinctions irrelevant and the collective efforts of the entire house of labor could help every working person to be successful. As a result, when an officer position opened on the Executive Board, he ran for the position, taking the opportunity to continue to build relationships and apply what he'd learned at his local to help grow and improve the work of the Labor Council.

Currently, he still holds the position of Secretary-Treasurer on the Labor Council, but also an officer position on the Solano Democratic Central Committee, and an officer position on the CTA-PAC Committee, but he still loves working with an amazing team of educators in his local to help advocate for school board members who are as committed to public education as the people who continue to work for the Vacaville Unified School District.



*Operating Engineers Fairfield District
& Mission Samoa*

*18th Annual Breakfast Burrito
& Motorcycle Toy Run*



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

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