Dear Member,

Politics is about money. That's not an original idea, but it's an important one to keep in mind when voting this November.

Protecting your wallet is an important part of what this union does. And whether we like it or not, the people we elect can have a huge impact—directly and indirectly—on the money you take home.

That's why the union surveys candidates for political office in California.

Our members have a right to know which candidates will help us, and which ones can hurt us. To the best of our ability, we find out where the candidates stand. After that it's up to you to make your own judgment about what's best for you, your family and your community.

In the pages that follow, Local 1245 presents the views of candidates for US Congress, California Assembly, California Senate, California governor, and other California state offices. We get their positions on wages, pensions, tax breaks, meal breaks, job training, trade policy, money issues. The rest is up to you.

Exercise your rights. Register to vote in California by October 23, and vote on November 7.

Tom Daley
Business Manager
IBEW Local 1245

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**How we did it**

IBEW Local 1245 created this election supplement to show where candidates for US Congress and the California Senate and Assembly stand on bread and butter issues. We think our members deserve the facts, not just recommendations.

Facts about incumbents were found in their voting records. Facts about challengers were gathered in our Candidate Survey.

The issues we selected were all voted on during the current (2005-2006) sessions of the US Congress and the California Legislature. The survey shows how the incumbents actually voted on the issues. Where the incumbent was absent or abstained, we list them as "Did Not Vote."

Non-incumbent candidates were sent a survey asking them to declare whether they were generally for or against these same bills. We also sent a summary of the bills' general content. All surveyed candidates received a follow-up letter extending the deadline for them to return the survey.

If a non-incumbent candidate refused to respond to our survey, they were awarded a "chicken." This seems an appropriate symbol for candidates who don't have the courage to say where they stand. If a non-incumbent candidate had the courage to respond to the survey, but chose not to take a position on a particular issue, their position on that issue was listed as "No Position."

We cannot attest to a candidates' truthfulness in this survey; we can only report what they say.

We have made every effort to include in our Candidate Survey all major party candidates for California Assembly and Senate within Local 1245's geographical jurisdiction. If a candidate failed to participate, it was by his or her own choice. Space did not permit us to survey candidates from minor parties.
Schwarzenegger: no

Arnold Schwarzenegger is a likeable guy and a great action hero. And give him credit: he recently gave in to legislative demands to increase the minimum wage, combat global warming, and fight the rising cost of prescription drugs.

But Schwarzenegger is a political chameleon who cannot be trusted to help working families when the election is over. Consider some of his actions that haven't been in the headlines but have real consequence for working families:

- Tried to get rid of the eight-hour day.
- Cut Workers’ Compensation for permanently disabled workers by 50%.
- Tried to eliminate secure pensions for 1 million workers.
- Opposed health care coverage for working Californians.
- Tried to take away workers’ legal right to a lunch break.
- Vetoed bills to limit offshoring of US jobs after taking contributions from companies that outsource.
- Took major contributions from Wal-Mart owners the same day he vetoed a bill that exposed Wal-Mart’s health care scam.
- Tried to reduce nursing care in hospitals.

Working families need a governor we can rely on every year, not just election year. Arnie’s not the man for the job.

Race for Governor

Angelides for Governor

A man of action

When California was being looted by unregulated energy traders like Enron, Phil Angelides proposed a state Power Authority to protect Californians from the looters. The Power Authority became an important brick in the wall California built to protect the state from energy pirates.

Angelides has the experience and the savvy to put big ideas into action. For working people, Angelides has something substantial to offer. He’s no movie action hero. But he’s an action guy in real life, with a plan to build economic opportunities, invest in education, reward work, increase health coverage and balance the budget.

Build Economic Opportunities
- Tax cuts for small businesses.
- Micro loans to start and grow new businesses.
- Investment of state pension funds to spur the next wave of technological innovation and jobs in California.
- Creating high-wage jobs by developing and exporting clean fuels, vehicles, and energy-efficiency technology.

Invest in Education
- Target grants for innovative strategies for raising achievement.
- Strengthen counseling and outreach.
- Recruit and train 40,000 teachers.
- Roll back Schwarzenegger’s college tuition and fee hikes and expand state scholarship aid.

Reward Work, Not Wealth
- Cut taxes for middle class families to help them meet the rising cost of housing, health care, college, and gasoline.
- Raise the minimum wage and index it to inflation.
- Restore for 3 years the top income tax rates on couples making more than $500,000 a year.

Increase Health Coverage and Control Costs
- Provide affordable health insurance for all children.
- Require corporations with more than 200 employees to offer health insurance coverage to their workers, lowering costs to taxpayers and responsible employers who are already covering their workers.

Phil Angelides has offered a real plan of action that puts working families first. He’s no movie action hero, but he’s just the man to put the action back into the California economy.

Are You Registered to Vote?

The deadline for registering to vote in Nevada is Oct. 17.

The deadline for registering to vote in California is Oct. 23.
Jerry Brown: works for us

Jerry Brown has been many things to many people: a law-and-order mayor, a reform-minded Secretary of State, a governor who pioneered renewable energy technology, a maverick candidate for US President.

Through it all, Jerry Brown has been unwavering in his support of working people. Often he has been on the front lines of important battles for workers’ rights.

As governor, Brown established the first agricultural labor relations law in the country—a huge boost to the efforts of farm workers to combat intolerable working conditions.

He also provided crucial support in the long fight to establish collective bargaining rights for public employees. Many Local 1245 members today are the direct beneficiaries of Brown’s support for this landmark legislation that brought our public employers to the bargaining table.

As governor, he significantly expanded apprenticeship programs. He created the California Worksite Education and Training Act. He mandated every high school district to establish clear graduation standards. He made California a world leader in solar energy and renewable energy technology.

Local 1245 endorses Jerry Brown.

Poochigian: If it helps workers, he’s against it

If it might help average working people, Chuck Poochigian is against it.

Poochigian, now a candidate for Attorney General, has a long and shameful record as a California State Senator. He voted against a bill to hike penalties for employers who cheat employees out of wages. He voted against a bill to improve benefits for injured workers. He voted against a bill to improve benefits for unemployed workers. He voted against a bill to protect workers from secret monitoring.

The list goes on.

Poochigian voted against sick leave protections. He voted against a bill to inform taxpayers when their taxes were used to export jobs. He voted against a bill to protect workers’ rights when they speak out against unsafe working conditions.

Remember when unregulated power companies like Enron were ripping off California ratepayers and driving Pacific Gas & Electric into bankruptcy? The legislature passed a bill to strengthen the state’s hand in dealing with crooks and looters. McClintock voted against it.

Poochigian for Attorney General? No thanks.

McClintock’s miserable record

Tom McClintock, he can run, but he can’t hide... from his record, that is. His votes speak a lot louder than any campaign brochure.

During his eight years in the California Legislature from 1997-2004, McClintock never gave workers a break. McClintock voted:

• Against preserving the state overtime pay premium.

Race for California Secretary of State

Bowen: a record of service

There’s a reason why the Utility Reporter can give you the voting records of the candidates for office. The reason is Debra Bowen.

Bowen, while serving in the California Assembly, wrote the law that gives ordinary people on-line access to California’s public records.

Bowen has played a leadership role in consumer protection, authoring the landmark law that makes it much more difficult for criminals to commit identity theft.

Last year Senator Bowen championed a bill to expose the sugar daddies who fund various ballot measures—further evidence of Bowen’s commitment to the public’s right to know.

Bowen’s opponent has rarely sided with working people. Bowen, on the other hand, has been a consistent supporter of our rights. She has backed bills to protect or expand sick leave, overtime pay, unemployment benefits, workers’ compensation benefits, and others.

On the critical issue of protecting the integrity of elections—which is the Secretary of State’s most important responsibility—Bowen’s opponent failed to show the necessary independence. He recertified Diebold electronic voting machines before receiving the results of federal tests that he himself had ordered.

Debra Bowen has the intelligence, the integrity and the experience to restore confidence in California’s electoral process. She will make a great Secretary of State.

McPherson didn’t protect workers

Give Bruce McPherson some credit: when the California Senate passed a bill to protect older workers against age discrimination, McPherson voted for it. But that’s about it when it comes to supporting working people. McPherson’s record shows he really doesn’t give a hoot.

During his years in the Senate, McPherson voted against overtime pay protections. He voted against expanding sick leave to let employees care for sick family members. He voted against better benefits for injured workers every chance he got.

McPherson voted against a bill to protect workers from secret monitoring and against a bill to protect workers’ rights when they speak out against unsafe working conditions. He voted against sick leave protections and against improved benefits for unemployed workers.

McPherson also voted against a bill to curb the power of energy pirates like Enron at a time when they were plundering California and driving PG&E into bankruptcy.

As the appointed Secretary of State, McPherson has fallen short on one of his most important responsibilities: safeguarding the fairness of the election process. Despite serious concerns over accuracy and security, McPherson recertified the Diebold electronic voting machines.

McPherson’s supporters try to shine up his image by calling him a “moderate” Republican. But on issues that make a difference in the lives of working people, McPherson has failed to deliver.
Choosing your member of Congress shouldn’t be a guessing game. And it doesn’t have to be. Locate your Congressional District on this map. Then use the Candidate Survey on the following pages to find out where the candidates in your district stand on the issues.
“Free” trade: more US jobs at risk

The Republican-controlled Congress that passed the Central America Free Trade Agreement in 2005 insisted that CAFTA would be good for US jobs. Why? Because that sounds a whole lot better than standing up and confessing: “We love CAFTA because it allows big corporations to move American jobs to other countries, exploit cheap labor and make scads of money.” But we’ve been here before. Remember NAFTA? According to the Economic Policy Institute, the North American Trade Union Council, and the AFL-CIO, CAFTA will mean: 1 million fewer jobs, $80 billion in lost wages, and $22 billion in lost tax revenue. That must have hurt a lot.

Key issue: HR 3010 (Amendment)

Free Trade Agreement of 1994 resulted in a net loss of one million US jobs. CAFTA will also be a job-losing proposition for US workers.

Trade could be a terrific engine of economic growth—if it is fair. The way to make trade agreements fair is to include enforceable provisions that protect core labor standards around the world, and to make a commitment to effectively enforce domestic labor laws. Core labor standards include freedom of association, abolition of forced labor, prohibition of child labor, and effective enforcement of labor laws.

Unfortunately, the amendment failed to the sweetheart deal that gives Wal-Mart advance notice of inspections. They introduced an amendment to HR 3010, an appropriation bill, in an effort to stop the sweetheart deal. Unfortunately, the amendment failed on June 24, 2005 vote of 165-234. How do the candidates in your Congressional District feel about giving sweetheart deals to Wal-Mart? See pages 6-9 to find out.

But do politicians practice what they preach?

Job training: a sound investment

A skilled workforce is the muscle of a modern economy. Consider:

Skills enhance employability. Employment generates income. Income enables spending. Spending creates demand. Demand leads to investment, which generates more employment.

Job training to create a skilled workforce is not only a sound investment, it is a vital one. It is so important that politicians of every political stripe praise its value.

But not all politicians practice what they preach. In a key Congressional vote last year, Congress voted to cut overall funding for critical job training programs, including the US Employment Service and the adult and dislocated worker programs at the Department of Labor.

Instead of strengthening job training programs and enhancing job-search assistance for jobless Americans, H.R. 27 represented a step backward.

How did your representative vote on job training? Where does the opponent stand on this issue? See page 6-9.

Does your representative care about your pension security?

Should employees enjoy the same level of pension security as top executives? This question was at the heart of the debate over a pension protection amendment considered by the US Congress in 2005, sparked by the bankruptcy of United Airlines.

The airline had exploited loopholes in the law to disguise the true financial standing of its pension funds. United Airlines knowingly underfunded its pensions and hid the truth from its workers about their retirement security. At the same time, the company was investing in junk bonds and dot-coms. The $10 billion shortfall at United was only revealed when the company asked the bankruptcy court to terminate its pension plans.

But the top execs took a different view of their own pension plans. Chairman Glenn Tilton squired away his $4.5 million retirement fund in a trust that could not be touched during bankruptcy proceedings.

When companies use bankruptcy laws to terminate their obligations to employees, they transfer these liabilities to the federally-funded Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. This hurts work-

Last year’s tax cut: we got cut out

The tax cuts passed by the House of Representatives in late 2005 provides significant relief for American taxpayers. Unfortunately, Local 1245 members won’t be among those American taxpayers whose tax relief is “significant.”

As part of the budget reconciliation process, which included tax cut and spending cut legislation, the Bush Administration and congressional Republican leaders sought some $70 billion in tax cuts—mostly for the wealthy— which were offset by huge spending cuts in important domestic programs.

Ultimately the House passed a $56 billion tax cut bill that showers three-quarters of the benefits on investors who earn more than $100,000 a year. Households earning more than $1 million a year get 40% of the tax cuts, or an average annual reduction of nearly $51,000. Middle-income families receive only 2% of the benefit of the capital gains and dividend rate cuts, the centerpiece of the Republican plan, resulting in an average annual benefit of only $7.

The bill passed 234-197 on Dec. 8, 2005. Did your Congressional Representative support or oppose this tax bill that cut you out? Where does the challenger stand? See pages 6-9.

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### District 1
**Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa & parts of Sonoma & Yolo Counties (See page 4)**

**Mike Thompson**

**John Jones**

**The Issues:**

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- **Job Training Reauthorization (HR 27):** Does the candidate favor adequate funding for training and employment programs for the unemployed?  
  - **Thumbs Up:** Yes  
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### District 2
**Colusa, Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity & part of Butte, Yolo & Yuba Counties (See page 4)**

**Wally Herger**

**Arjinderpal Sekhon**

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**Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, & parts of Butte, Sacramento & Solano Counties (See page 4)**

**Daniel Lungren**

**William Durston**

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**John Doolittle**

**Charles Brown**

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**Part of Sacramento County (See page 4)**

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**Charles Brown**

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**Marin and parts of Sonoma Counties (See page 4)**

**Lynn Woolsey**

**Claire Yan**

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#### District 7
Parts of Contra Costa and Solano Counties (See page 4)

- **George Miller**
  - No Major Party Challenger
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#### District 8
Part of San Francisco County (See page 4)

- **Nancy Pelosi**
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- **Mike DeNunzio**
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- **Barbara Lee**
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- **John DenDulk**
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#### District 9
Parts of Alameda County (See page 4)

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- **Ellen Tauscher**
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- **Darcy Pearl Linn**
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#### District 10
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- **Darcy Pearl Linn**
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#### District 11
Parts of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin & Santa Clara Counties (See page 4)

- **Richard Pombo**
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- **Jerry McNerney**
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Parts of San Francisco & San Mateo Counties (See page 4)

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- **George Bruno**
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#### District 14
Parts of San Mateo, Santa Clara & Santa Cruz Counties (See page 4)

- **Anna Eshoo**
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- **Rob Smith**
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**Where Do the Candidates Stand?**

IBEW 1245 gives a thumbs up to candidates who support working people.

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We need a voice

“We need union-friendly people in power so that we have a voice. Voting is important for issues we care about, like pay issues and benefits.”

Anna Bayless-Martinez
Local 1245 Executive Board Member
Service Rep, Stockton

Constantly under attack

“As a union man, I feel like I’m constantly under attack by the Republicans. And the Republican Party has the executive and the judicial branches of government, so I’m looking forward to working people taking control of one of those branches so we can stem the tide of all the anti-union legislation.”

Al Fortier, Chair, Unit 2211
Lineman, Alameda

You don’t vote, you don’t help

“All brothers and sisters should make sure they vote and encourage others to vote so we can get fair representatives for labor elected. It is vital for all workers to get back control of the Senate and Congress so we can have representatives who back issues that will benefit all workers and their families. You don’t vote, you don’t help.”

Art Freitas
Local 1245 Vice President
Retired Electric Foreman’s Clerk,
Santa Cruz

Particularly important for women to vote

“The union’s at stake. This is the time we have to show our solidarity and vote for politicians who are going to be good for working families. And I think it’s particularly important for women to vote because of all the women who died for women’s right to vote-so they didn’t die in vain.”

Gloria Flores
Local 1245 Advisory Council Member
Operating Clerk Typist, Santa Cruz
Protecting the right to meal breaks at work

Workers need lunch breaks. That should be a non-controversial idea. Rules requiring lunch breaks have been part of California law since 1947.

But some employers are so arrogant they think they can deny your right to a meal break. In 2005, an Oakland jury awarded $172 million to 116,000 Walmart workers who were systematically denied lunch breaks.

Bad employers found a friend in the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement. In 2005, this state agency decided to issue regulations to weaken the right to a meal break.

At three public hearings, workers from construction and other industries testified about the pressure they face to work without taking breaks and the need for more protection—not less protection.

The California Legislature took action to defend the right to meal breaks at work. ACR 43 declared that the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement cannot create regulations that take away a right to a lunch break. The measure passed the Assembly 44-31 on April 14, 2005 and passed the Senate 23-14 on July 11, 2005.

See page 13-14 and 17-22 to find out how candidates in your Assembly and Senate districts stand on the right to meal breaks.

Raising the minimum wage

Here’s the hard truth about keeping a lid on the minimum wage:

Low-wage workers are relying on public assistance to make ends meet. Which means that low-wage employers are essentially shifting their labor costs onto the public.

Put another way: If all workers in the state earned a minimum wage of $8 per hour, public assistance program costs would be reduced by $2.7 billion, according to a 2004 report by the Center for Labor Research & Education at the University of California Berkeley.

A minimum wage hike was finally passed into law, and the governor has promised to sign it. But many legislators consistently vote against a minimum wage hike. They claim a hike will force employers to lay off workers. But numerous studies have failed to find any systematic, significant job loss associated with minimum wage increases.

AB 48, the minimum wage bill that was vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger last year, would have raised the minimum wage from $6.75 to $7.75 over a two-year period and then indexed it to the cost of living. The Assembly passed the measure 49-31 on June 2, 2005; and the Senate passed the measure 26-14 on September 7, 2005.

Where do the candidates in your legislatve districts stand on raising the minimum wage? See pages 13-14 and 17-22.

Do your taxes encourage job exports?

Losing your job to someone in another country who works for low wages and no benefits is not an experience you want to have. But America’s blue collar jobs have been going “off shore” for decades, and in recent years white collar jobs have been heading in the same direction.

In a global economy dominated by global corporations, individuals don’t have much power to stop the export of American jobs. But we deserve to know if our tax dollars are being used to encourage those job exports.

Last year the California Legislature attempted to lift the veil of secrecy on how our tax dollars are being spent. AB 524 would have required successful bidders for state contracts to fill out a questionnaire detailing what portions of the contract work will be performed outside the United States.

This bill would not have stopped the off-shoring of tax-supported jobs. It simply said that Californians have a right to know how their taxpayer dollars are being spent and to whom those dollars are going.

Taxpayer dollars going overseas to pay workers to do jobs that could be done in California, by California workers, makes bad state fiscal policy.

The bill, which Gov. Schwarzenegger ultimately vetoed, was passed by the Assembly on a 47-32 vote on June 1, 2005. It was passed by the Senate on a 24-15 vote on Sept. 6, 2005.

Where do the candidates in your legislative districts stand on your right to know about tax-supported off-shoring of California jobs? See pages 13-14 and 17-22.

Protecting public employee pensions

Workers deserve secure pensions whether they work in the private or public sector. Currently, most public sector employees in California are covered by a defined benefit plan which provides participants with a guaranteed annual pension based upon age at retirement, years of service and salary.

But some legislators are hostile to retirement security for public sector workers. They want to convert traditional defined-benefit pension plans into less secure defined-contribution plans, similar to 401(k) plans. Last year Gov. Schwarzenegger proposed that state employees hired after 2007 be required to participate in defined contribution retirement plans. Although he did not succeed, this threat is still very real.

Not all 401(k) plans are alike. Without safeguards, public employees could find themselves paying fees on tens of thousands of individual investment accounts and receiving diminished returns while Wall Street brokers walk away with billions.

Union-sponsored legislation, AB 310, provides protections and safeguards to public employees enrolled in defined contribution investment plans. If public employees are going to be deprived of secure defined benefit plans, at least they ought to have assurances that the new plans will be designed for their benefit, not the benefit of Wall Street brokers.

AB 310 establishes high standards for investment providers, and limits the fees investment providers can charge. AB 310 also establishes that, in the case of a breach of duty, the investment provider will be liable for treble damages.

AB 310 passed the Assembly 44-33 on May 28, 2005; it passed the Senate 23-14 on Sept. 30, 2005. Unfortunately, the bill was vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger.

Where do the candidates in your legislative districts stand on protection of public employee pension funds? See pages 13-14 and 17-22.
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### Senate

**District 2** Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, and parts of Solano & Sonoma Counties (See page 11)

- **Pat Wiggins**
- **Lawrence Wiesner**
- **Sam Aanestad**
- **Paul Singh**

**District 4** Butte, Colusa, Del Norte Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yuba & parts of Nevada & Placer Counties (See page 11)

- **Darrell Steinberg**
- **Paul Green Jr.**

### District 8
San Francisco and parts of San Mateo Counties (See page 11)

- **Leland Yee**
- **Michael Skipakevich**

### District 10
Parts of Alameda and Santa Clara Counties (See page 11)

- **Ellen Corbett**
- **Lou Filipovich**

### District 12
Merced, San Benito, and parts of Madera, Monterey, Stanislaus County (See page 11)

- **Jeff Denham**
- **Wiley Nickel**

**Key:**
- **Thumbs Up!** for supporting working people.
- **Thumbs Down** for anti-labor positions.
- **Refused** to take a stand.
Republicans are eliminating the middle class

“Our jobs are at stake. With a Republican President we need more Democrats in Congress and the Senate to keep him in check. The Republicans are eliminating the middle class-creating a two-class society: the rich and the poor.”

Cecelia De La Torre
Local 1245 Treasurer
Customer Service Rep, Stockton

Harder for normal people to just live

“To me it’s a privilege to vote. I can voice my opinion on what I want. Voting is our right as citizens. We have rising medical costs. People’s wages are at stake and everything out there they are trying to take away from us. They’re making it harder and harder for normal people to just live in a normal way. If we don’t vote, how are we going to change that?”

Linda Jurado,
Local 1245 Shop Steward
Foreman’s Clerk, Eureka

Pension system will be a thing of the past

“If we have another two years of what we’ve put up with for the past six, then we’ll be losing more work to overseas interests. Clerical workers ought to take special interest because they’re particularly at risk. Also, the pension system as we know it—the defined benefit system—will be a thing of the past if we can’t change the direction things are going.”

Jim McCauley
Former Local 1245 Vice President and Assistant Business Manager
Retired Underground Construction Foreman

My family and future at risk

“My family and my future is at risk. We just need a fair shake in the economic world for ourselves and our members. Generally speaking, with Republicans we don’t get a fair shake. Business gets more than a fair shake. We need to elect more Democrats to get a better deal.”

Cecelia De La Torre
Linda Jurado
Landis Marttila
Change is in the air. Unions and their members have been under attack in California, Nevada and nationwide.

But there is a restless spirit in the country. People understand that something must change.

We can be part of the change. Three hours. That’s all it takes to help out. Contact one of the Central Labor Councils and volunteer. It’s up to us to defend our livelihood.

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Call now, and help make a difference on election day.
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Ira Ruskin Virginia Kiraly

District 22 Portions of Santa Clara County (See page 15)

Sally Lieber Roger Riffenburgh

District 23 Portions of Santa Clara County (See page 15)

Joe Coto Mark Patrosso

District 24 Portions of Santa Clara County (See page 15)

Jim Beall Lawrence Hileman

District 25 All or portions of Calaveras, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne, Madera and Stanislaus Counties (See page 15)

James Bufford Tom Berryhill

District 26 All or portions of San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties (See page 15)

Greg Aghazarian Kenneth Goeken

District 27 All or portions of Monterey, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties (See page 15)

John Laird Michael Morrison

District 28 All or portions of San Benito, Monterey, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties (See page 15)

Anna Marie Caballero Ignacio Velazquez

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- **Thumbs Up!** for supporting working people.
- **Thumbs Down** for anti-labor positions.
- **Refused** to take a stand.

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Without these protections, “free” trade is little more than a race to the bottom for workers, while corporations without a conscience rake in the dough.

Congress narrowly passed CAFTA on July 26, 2005 on a 217-215 vote. Do the candidates in your Congressional District support or oppose trade bills that ignore workers’ rights? See pages 6-9 to find out.

“Free” Trade, continued from page 5

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Mickey Harrington, Candidate for Assembly
PG&E Retiree and Former Business Rep., IBEW Local 1245

Focus on the real issues

“We have a major stake in this election. If we don’t get out and vote we’re giving others the right to decide things for us, and our voice is not going to be heard. It’s very important for union members to sit down and make a decision that is good for us as working people. I’m going to focus on the real issues—I’m not going to make up my mind based on commercials.”

Chris Habecker, Local 1245 Recording Secretary
Work and Resources Dispatcher, Fresno

Volunteer to make a difference!

See page 14.

Look what’s on the IBEW 1245 website.

Internet: www.ibew1245.com

At PG&E: Go to “My Stuff,” select “IBEW”
California Ballot Propositions 1A through 1E

“Rebuild California Plan” needs and deserves our support

California’s population will reach 50 million in the next 20 years—twice what our current infrastructure was designed for. It can’t be rebuilt overnight.

The Rebuild California Plan is a long-term plan to improve our highways, schools, housing and flood protection. It begins making steady improvements now—and over the next 10 years—to sustain our economy and our quality of life for the long term.

The Rebuild California Plan uses the taxes we already pay to build what we need, and includes strict accountability about how the money is spent, including public reports and regular audits.

Support for Rebuild California spans the political spectrum—from the Chamber of Commerce to the California Labor Federation. IBEW Local 1245 supports all five propositions in Rebuild California, which are described here.

Proposition 1A: Transportation Funding Protection

This constitutional amendment would protect transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads.

Proposition 1A prohibits the state sales tax on motor vehicle fuels from being used for any purpose other than transportation improvements. Proposition 1A:

• Authorizes loans of these funds only in the case of severe state fiscal hardship.
• Requires loans of revenues from states sales tax on motor vehicle fuels to be fully repaid with the three years.
• Restricts loans to no more than twice in any 10-year period.

The Legislative Analyst says there are no revenue effects or cost effects from Proposition 1A. It increases stability of funding to transportation in 2007 and thereafter.

Proposition 1B: highway safety, traffic reduction, air quality, and port security

Proposition 1B would jump-start traffic relief, mass transit, and safety improvements throughout California. This bond issue of just under $20 billion would fund the construction of new roads and transportation improvement projects, enhancing mobility and the economy.

Proposition 1B makes safety improvements and repairs to state highways and upgrades freeways to reduce congestion. It also:

• Repairs local streets and roads.
• Upgrades highways along major transportation corridors.
• Improves seismic safety of local bridges.
• Improves anti-terrorism security at shipping ports.

By expanding public transit and helping complete the state’s network of car pool lanes, Proposition 1B would also reduce air pollution.

Proposition 1C: housing and emergency shelter

Many of our communities face severe problems of housing affordability, homelessness, and domestic violence.

Over 360,000 Californians are homeless every night. Last year, 5,108 women and children were turned away from domestic violence shelters, because they were full. Housing affordability for working families in California is at historic lows.

Proposition 1C tackles these problems head-on by providing:

• More emergency shelter beds for battered women and their children, and homeless families with children.
• Clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens.
• Homeownership assistance for the disabled, military veterans, and working families.
• Repairs and accessibility improvements to apartments for families and disabled citizens.

Proposition 1C is supported by Habitat for Humanity, AARP, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, among many others.

Proposition 1D: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities

Proposition 1D is a fundamental investment in California’s future.

Over a million students are trying to learn in schools with at least 75% more students than they were designed for. Proposition 1D will begin building the additional schools that our children will need to gain a quality education and become the productive citizens that California will need for assuring our future prosperity.

This $16.4 million bond issue will provide funding needed to:

• Relieve public school overcrowding and repair older schools.
• Improve earthquake safety.
• Fund vocational educational facilities in public schools.
• Repair and upgrade existing public education facilities.
Proposition 1E helps ensure that clean water is available for all Californians all the time by providing funds to rebuild out-of-date systems to prevent pollution and safeguard water sources.

Proposition 1E includes annual audits and tough fiscal safeguards to ensure the money is spent wisely.

- Evaluation and repair of the current flood control system.
- Outdated water and sewer systems can threaten drinking water supplies, pollute streams, and foul beaches. Some cities rely on water mains and sewers more than a century old that can fail at any time. Experts say that water pressure inside the pipes is often the only thing keeping them from collapsing.
- In 2001, sewer spills and overflows forced officials to issue over 2,000 beach closings and health advisories. Spills and overflows are generally caused by overused and antiquated wastewater systems.

Proposition 1E rebuilds and repairs California’s most vulnerable flood control structures to protect homes and prevent loss of life from flood-related disasters, including levee failures, flash floods, and mudslides. It will repair 31,000 classrooms. Proposition 1E will build science, engineering labs and classrooms as well as providing 3,000 vocational education facilities.

Proposition 1E is supported by both Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and by Democratic candidate for governor Phil Angelides.

Proposition 87: Getting Ahead of the Curve on Energy

Currently, oil companies pay California almost nothing to drill, while they pay billions of dollars in drilling fees to every other oil producing state.

The federal energy bill of 2005 turned its back on clean energy, but California doesn’t have to. Our state can light the way to a future of renewable energy technologies that don’t heat the planet and that create the next generation of jobs in the energy industry.

That’s why IBEW Local 1245, the California Labor Federation and dozens of other groups are supporting Proposition 87, the California Clean Energy Initiative.

Proposition 87 will direct $4 billion to reduce California’s dependence on gasoline and diesel by 25% over the next 10 years. The effort will be funded by oil drilling fees paid by oil companies, not by consumers.

Prop 87 will reduce our use of oil by expanding the use of existing technologies, funding the development of improved and new technologies, and brings alternative fuel and energy technologies to the market faster.

Prop 87 will provide financial incentives to make clean energy options more affordable in order to expand their use. By reducing oil consumption, Prop 87 will reduce pollution that causes global warming, asthma, lung disease and cancer.

California deserves its fair share. Currently, oil companies pay California almost nothing to drill, while they pay billions of dollars in drilling fees to every other oil producing state.

Oil companies are not likely to suffer too much from the financial impact of Proposition 87. In 2005, the CEOs of the largest 15 oil companies averaged $32.7 million each in compensation, compared with “just” $11.6 million each for CEOs at all major U.S. firms, according to a study released Aug. 30 by the Institute for Policy Studies.

Prop 87 will fund:

- Consumer rebates for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles.
- Incentives for increased use of wind, solar and other renewable energies.
- Assistance to local governments to upgrade public vehicle fleets (emergency, school bus, waste disposal, mass transit).
- Matching funds to make new technologies available to the public by clearing hurdles such as engine certification, crash-testing, and Underwriters’ Laboratory approval.
- An alternative fuel infrastructure (filling stations, etc.).
- University research.
- Workforce training.

The California Energy Alternatives Program Authority will oversee Prop 87 funds. The nine-member Authority will consist of business, environmental, energy, and public health experts. As a state agency, it will be bound by existing conflict of interest, open meeting and competitive bidding laws. Prop 87 contains additional accountability, conflict of interest, and competitive bidding provisions.

Prop 87 is supported by the American Lung Association of California, the Coalition for Clean Air, the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, Nobel Prize winning scientists, university researchers, labor unions, and environmental, consumer, local government and public health organizations.

It’s time to get ahead of the curve on clean energy. Vote “Yes” on Proposition 87.
John Chiang has both the experience and the values to be a State Controller that working people can trust. His qualifications include an honors degree in finance and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. His experience came in the trenches as an attorney in the State Controller’s office over a decade ago, followed by many years of service on the State Board of Equalization.

His values can be seen in a courageous act he undertook as a member of that Board—not because it was part of his job but just because it was right: he played a leadership role in helping “Justice for Janitors” organize the janitors in the building where the Board of Equalization has offices.

Chiang has also worked to crack down on the underground economy. Chiang understood that the underground economy not only exploits working people, it robs the state of needed revenue and cheats law-abiding taxpayers. As a member of the Board of Equalization, Chiang has spearheaded free tax and finance seminars for Californians, and provided free income tax assistance to low income residents, seniors, veterans and non-profit agencies. Chiang pledges to close corporate tax loopholes and make big oil and insurance companies pay their fair share.

That’s a tall order. But John Chiang deserves the opportunity to give it a try.

Bill Lockyer: fighting our fight

During his service in the California Legislature and again as Attorney General, Bill Lockyer wasn’t just a politician we could talk to. He was fighting our fight. As a legislator, Lockyer:
• Led the fight in the legislature and the courts to oppose Gov. Wilson’s attack on overtime pay.
• Wrote legislation requiring more safety inspections in high-hazard industries, and helped pass Prop. 97, which re-established Cal-OSHA after it was abolished by Gov. Deukmejian.
• Fought raids on workers’ pensions and appointed a labor representative to the Public Employees Retirement Board.
• Fought for health insurance for uninsured working families.

As Attorney General, Lockyer continued to be a vigilant and effective advocate for the interests of ordinary Californians. Lockyer worked to:
• Protect seniors against scam artists.
• Protect women from domestic violence.
• Help victims of crime.
• Expand the use of DNA to help solve crimes.

Perhaps most memorably, Attorney General Lockyer dragged unregulated price-gouging energy pirates into court to recover the money that was stolen from Californians during the energy crisis. Despite significant obstacles erected by the federal government—which sided with Enron and other price gougers—Lockyer won enforcement settlements totaling more than $5 billion to date.

Now Lockyer is on the threshold of becoming California’s next State Treasurer. There are good reasons why we should support him:
• The Treasurer’s office finances a variety of public works needed for the state’s future, including schools, higher education facilities and transportation projects.

Working people need a proven friend in this extremely important post. Bill Lockyer has earned our trust by fighting our fight. Local 1245 strongly endorses Lockyer for State Treasurer.

Claude Parrish: no help here

Claude Parrish, candidate for State Treasurer, once told Cal Tax Digest he was concerned that California was perceived as “unfriendly toward business.” As a member of the Board of Equalization, he said, “My goal is to try and make us as friendly as I possibly can.”

Nothing wrong with that. Except that the policies that business sees as “friendly” may not be the same policies that working people would see as friendly.

To see where a politician is headed, it’s useful to see where he comes from. His degree is in accounting. Parrish has held positions in management, finance and the securities industry. He served as Vice President of management for a large real estate trust where he was in charge of managing properties in excess of 450 million dollars.

Parrish is largely an unknown quantity on the issues that affect working people. But what we know does not inspire confidence.

Strickland can’t go for that kind of monitoring. He voted against it.

A modest increase in unemployment benefits? Against it.

Protections for employees who speak out against safety hazards at work? Nope, Strickland didn’t like that either.

I let employers use sick leave to care for an ailing family member? Strickland apparently thought that would be bad for business. He voted against it.

How about employers who cheat their employees out of their wages? Should we increase the penalty from $50 to $100? That’s too much, Strickland decided. He voted against it.

Tony Strickland’s website proudly proclaims that he has spent the past several years rallying fiscal conservatives to advocate for less regulation of business. This helps explain why Strickland, during the energy crisis of 2000-2001, voted against a measure to exert more regulatory control over the energy pirates who were ripping off California to the tune of $70 billion.

Strickland’s “fiscal conservatism” is a phony package. California voters aren’t likely to buy it. And they shouldn’t.

Race for Controller

Chiang: qualified and committed

Tony Strickland for State Controller? It’s a thought. Here’s where he stands on the issues, based on his six years in the California Assembly:
• Time-and-a-half premium pay for work in excess of 8 hours a day: Strickland voted against it. Twice.
• Improved compensation for injured workers? Against it.

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Race for Commissioner

Bustamante: the record

Cruz Bustamante has taken a lot of heat in recent years: for his doomed gubernatorial campaign against Arnold Schwarzenegger, to his campaign to finance violations, to his weight.

But Bustamante can offer working people something that his opponent cannot: a record of steadfast support for working people and their issues. The record shows that Bustamante:
• Voted to restore overtime pay after Gov. Wilson abolished it.
• Supported legislation to increase penalties on bosses for willful violations of job safety laws.
• Supported legislation to permit employees to use sick leave to care for an ill family member.
•Supported an increase in the minimum wage.
• Successfully fought for an ailing family member.
• Stood with injured workers in the fight to establish protections against repetitive stress injuries.

Bustamante gets his share of bad press. But what really counts is who he stands with when the chips are down. He’s tried to enhance his image recently with a very public crusade for weight loss and a healthy life style. But the real question isn’t Bustamante’s weight, but who he helps when he throws his weight around.

His record proves he’s been out there helping us.

Poizner: aspiring career politician

“As an experienced businessperson, Steve Poizner is not a career politician.” That’s what the candidate’s website says. But if he’s not a career politicians, he seems at least to be aspiring to the position.

Poizner lost a bid in 2004 for a seat in the California Assembly. Now the independently wealthy businessman has set his sights on the office of Insurance Commissioner.

Succeeding in business is not the same job as protecting consumers against California’s huge and sometimes rapacious insurance industry.

Poizner has been a very successful entrepreneur. Clearly he wants a role in public life. But until we can see how he stands on bread and butter issues, Poizner doesn’t belong in a position as important as Insurance Commissioner.
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Governor
Phil Angelides

Lieutenant Governor
John Garamendi

Attorney General
Jerry Brown

Secretary of State
Debra Bowen

Controller
John Chiang

Insurance Commissioner
Cruz Bustamante

California State Senate

District
1 Pat Wiggins
2 Sen. Barbara Boxer
3 Ted Lieu
4 Anna Eshoo
5 Mike Honda
6 Nancy Pelosi
7 Jerry McNerney
8 Howard Berman
9 Steven Haze
10 Mark Leno
11 Zoe Lofgren
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California Ballot Measures

Rebuild California Plan
(See Pages 22-23 for background information)
1A: YES
Transportation Funding Protection. Legislative Constitutional Amendment

1B: YES

1C: YES
Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006

1D: YES
Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006

Other California Ballot Measures

83: No Recommendation

84: Yes

85: No Recommendation
Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor’s Pregnancy. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

86: Yes
Tax on Cigarettes. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

87: Yes

88: No
Education Funding, Real Property Parcel Tax. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

89: No Recommendation

90: No
Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

For more information about these propositions on-line, go to: www.smartvoter.org/2006/11/07/ca/state/prop/

Utility Reporter Election Supplement
Feisty Derby outspoken on job issues

Jill Derby doesn’t think members of Congress need a pay raise. She thinks working Nevadans do.

Derby, candidate for Congress in Nevada’s Second District, blasted members of Congress for giving themselves a pay raise this year while voting down an increase in the minimum wage. “That’s not leadership—that’s embarrassing,” she says.

Making the economy work for working people is a central theme of Derby’s campaign. One million private sector jobs have been lost, she says, while long-term unemployment is at a ten year high, and wages aren’t keeping up with increasing inflation, interest rates, education or healthcare costs. “And 6 million workers have lost their right to earn overtime pay,” she adds.

Derby is outspoken about keeping good paying jobs in our country, “not outsourcing them for cheaper labor around the globe.” She wants to “end tax breaks for companies that outsource them for cheaper labor and create good paying jobs in our country, “not leadership—that’s embarrassing,” she says.

She calls for Congress “to reverse the billions in giveaways they passed for big oil corporations in their energy bill last year, and to make lasting changes that will set America on a path to lower energy costs and a cleaner economy.”

She calls for business and state investments to make renewable energy technologies available and affordable for consumers: “Some say that we can’t afford to invest in expensive renewable energy technology. I ask how we can afford not to?” And she calls for an overhaul of the prescription drug bill. “The prescription drug bill Congress passed was by and for the pharmaceutical industry, not patients. I’ll work to bring down the costs of prescription drugs, and that means rewriting the bill for patients, not industry executives. I support legalizing the safe re-importation of American-made prescription drugs from Canada and efforts to give Medicare the bulk-purchasing power of other insurance carriers to drive down costs.”

For Nevadans who think it’s time for a change in the 2nd Congressional District, Jill Derby is a good choice.

Education, law enforcement, health care drive Sprinkle’s agenda

Nevadans in Assembly District 32 have the opportunity to bring fresh energy to the state capitol by electing Mike Sprinkle. Sprinkle, a para-med and firefighter in Reno, has put education, law enforcement and health care at the center of his campaign—three issues that are critical to quality of life for Nevadans.

“There has not been enough emphasis placed on the valuable services our children’s teachers provide every day,” says Sprinkle. “They should be held to high standards, and their accomplishments should not be overlooked in this increasing environment of testing standards.”

Sprinkle supports stricter laws for crimes involving domestic violence and sex abuse offenders, and has called for improved coordination among fire, police and emergency personnel.

Sprinkle recognizes that health care is a growing concern for working families. “Every man, woman and child has a fundamental right to quality health care. We, as a society, cannot expect a worker to perform or a child to learn if they must come to work or school with chronic health concerns,” he says. Reducing the number of uninsured, he says, will “help reduce medical costs for everyone.”

For 16 years, Mike Sprinkle has worked to provide emergency assistance to people in need. This November, voters will have an opportunity to put Mike to work for Nevada’s 12th Assembly District.

Gibbons: not good for Nevada

You can say this much about Jim Gibbons, candidate for Nevada Governor: it would be nice to get him out of Washington DC.

Gibbons has been a vigorous opponent of working families while serving in the US Congress. He has voted to:

• Reduce funding for critical job training programs.
• Cut OSHA’s budget at a time when more than 4 million workers are injured on the job annually and more than 5,000 killed.
• Let Wal-Mart off the hook for child labor violations.
• Approve the Central America Free Trade Agreement, despite evidence that it will lead to the loss of many US jobs.
• Approve a tax cut that gives 40% of the benefits to households earning more than $1 million a year but provides only $7 to the average middle-income family.

Gibbons doesn’t belong in Washington DC. And he doesn’t belong in the Nevada Governor’s office, either.

Judge Bridget Peck: IBEW kin

Bridget Peck has some big-name supporters in her bid to remain District Judge in Nevada’s 7th District.

“Bridget is a rising star in the northern Nevada legal community,” says Gov. Kenny, who appointed her district judge in Washoe County. “I know she will serve with distinction for many years to come.”

But Peck has an equally important supporter in Paul Robb, a Journeyman Fitter at Truckee Meadows Water Authority and member of IBEW Local 1245. Robb is Judge Peck’s brother.

An accomplished attorney in the Reno area since 1987, Peck has received from her peers the highest rating for legal ability and ethics.
Federal Partisan Offices
Jack Carter U.S. Senate
Shelley Berkley Congress Dist. 1
Jill Derby Congress Dist. 2
Tessa Hafen Congress Dist. 3

Statewide Partisan Offices
Dina Titus Governor
Robert Unger Lt. Governor
Ross Miller Sec. of State
Kate Marshall State Treasurer
Kim Wallin State Controller
Catherine Cortez Masto Attorney General

State Partisan Offices
Maggie Carlton State Senate Dist. 2 Clark
Joyce Woodhouse State Senate Dist. 5 Clark
Terry Care State Senate Dist. 7 Clark
Chanda Cook State Senate Dist. 8 Clark
Bob Coffin State Senate Dist. 10 Clark
No Endorsement State Senate Dist. 12 Clark
Bernice Martin Mathews State Senate Dist. 1 Washoe
John Emerson State Senate Dist. 2 Washoe
No Endorsement State Senate Dist. 4 Washoe
Marilyn Kirkpatrick State Assembly Dist. 1
Carlos Blumberg State Assembly Dist. 2
No Endorsement State Assembly Dist. 3
No Endorsement State Assembly Dist. 4
Dawn Dudas State Assembly Dist. 5
Harvey Munford State Assembly Dist. 6
Morse Arberry, Jr. State Assembly Dist. 7
Barbara Buckley State Assembly Dist. 8
Tick Segerblom State Assembly Dist. 9
Joseph Hogan State Assembly Dist. 10
Ruben Kihuen State Assembly Dist. 11
James Oehrenschiell State Assembly Dist. 12
Adam Taylor State Assembly Dist. 13
Ellen Kovaltso State Assembly Dist. 14
Kathy McClain State Assembly Dist. 15
John Oceguera State Assembly Dist. 16
Kelvin Atkinson State Assembly Dist. 17
Mark Manendo State Assembly Dist. 18
Jerry Claborn State Assembly Dist. 19
Richard “Brain” Keene State Assembly Dist. 20
Rosemary Womack State Assembly Dist. 21
David Bobzien State Assembly Dist. 22
Heidi Gansert State Assembly Dist. 23
No Endorsement State Assembly Dist. 24
Sheila Leslie State Assembly Dist. 25
Mo Denis State Assembly Dist. 26
Susan Gerhardt State Assembly Dist. 27
Debbie Smith State Assembly Dist. 28
Bernie Anderson State Assembly Dist. 29
Mike Sprinkle State Assembly Dist. 30
No Endorsement State Assembly Dist. 31
Lauren Murry State Assembly Dist. 32
No Endorsement State Assembly Dist. 33
No Endorsement State Assembly Dist. 34
Marcus Conklin State Assembly Dist. 35
Cathylee James State Assembly Dist. 36
Joetta Brown State Assembly Dist. 37
Bonnie Parnell State Assembly Dist. 38
David Parks State Assembly Dist. 39
Harry Mortenson State Assembly Dist. 40

County Partisan Offices
Chris Giunchigliani Clark Co. Commission Dist. E
Susan Brager Clark Co. Commission Dist. F
Rory Reid Clark Co. Commission Dist. G
Marcus Conklin County Assessor
M.W. Schofield County Clerk
Shirley Parraguirre County Treasurer
Laura Fitzpatrick County Recorder
Debbie Conway Public Administrator
John Cahill Nye Co. Commission Dist. 5
Ian Bearss Nye Co. Commission Dist. 5

State Non Partisan Offices
Michael Cherry Supreme Court Seat C
No Endorsement Supreme Court Seat F
No Endorsement Supreme Court Seat G

County Non Partisan Offices
No Endorsement District Attorney
Doug Gillespie Sheriff
Larry Mason Clark County School Dist. D
Terry Janison Clark County School Dist. E
Carolyn Edwards Clark County School Dist. F
Sheila Moulton County School Dist. G
Victor Miller J.P. Boulder Township
Dawn Haviland J.P. 1 Henderson
Deborah Lippis J.P. Dept. 1 Las Vegas
Douglas Smith J.P. Dept. 2 Las Vegas
William Jansen J.P. Dept 5 Las Vegas
Ann Zimmerman J.P. Dept 8 Las Vegas
Abbi Silver J.P. Dept 10 Las Vegas
Stephen Dahl J.P. Dept 1 N. Las Vegas
Chris Lee J.P. Dept 2 N. Las Vegas
No Endorsement J.P. Laughlin
Ron Dodd J.P. Mesquite
Ruth Kolhoss J.P. Moapa Valley
D. Lanny Waite J.P. Searchlight
Wendell Turner J.P. Searchlight
Rebecca “Recky” Erickson Elko County Treasurer
Mary E. “Molly” Leddy J.P. Elko Township

For more detailed information, the following website has a “Who’s My Legislator? What’s My District?” feature that allows you to enter an address and find the state and federal representatives for that address. http://mapserve.leg.state.nv.us/website/lcb/viewer.htm.
What Does a Pro-Worker Governor Look Like?

✓ PHIL ANGELIDES is committed to supporting union health care and expanding it to other workers.

✓ PHIL ANGELIDES sued Enron, WorldCom and other corporate criminals to recover our pension losses.

✓ PHIL ANGELIDES cracked down on U.S. companies that move offshore to avoid taxes and cut our jobs.

✓ PHIL ANGELIDES fought to restore full funding for K-12 education in California.

✓ PHIL ANGELIDES fought to protect the jobs of homecare workers and preserve the important services they provide to seniors and disabled.

✓ PHIL ANGELIDES invested state monies in companies that pay prevailing wages and a living wage.

Phil Angelides Has Built a Record of Fighting for Working People