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, and California Senate. We get their positions on wages, pay equity, tax fairness, workplace safety, job training, family and medical leave, disability benefits, and access to personnel records: money issues. The rest is up to you.

Unfortunately, Nevada’s late primary date does not give us time to conduct a similar survey of Nevada’s legislative candidates. But we do offer our Nevada endorsements on Page 27.

**Exercise your rights.**

Register to vote. Vote on November 4.

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**Register to Vote. It’s Easy!**

**In California:**
For an application, call: (800) 345-8683
For on-line application, go to: www.ss.ca.gov/elections/votereg1.html
In order to vote in the November 4th General Election, you must complete the registration process by October 20th.

**In Nevada:**
Residents of Nevada can register to vote at any Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles office, at their County Clerk/Registrar of Voters’ office, various social service agencies and on college campuses.

Nevada does not provide for online voter registration, but you can do it by mail by downloading, filling out, and returning the voter registration application available at: www.fabnit.com/nvra-update-09-12-06.pdf

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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 (2007-2008) 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 U.S. Congress and 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.
Informed voters can vote their interests. Uninformed voters won’t know what hit them until it’s too late. During this election season, Local 1245 will bring you factual information about where the presidential candidates stand on issues important to working Americans—information drawn from the candidates’ public comments and their voting records.

Wages

**8-in-10:** Nearly eight-in-ten (79%) respondents say it is more difficult now than five years ago for people in the middle class to maintain their standard of living.

Pugh Research Center, “Inside the Middle Class: Bad Times Hit the Good Life,” April 9, 2008

**23 million:** Jobs created during Bill Clinton presidency (1993-2000)

The Bush Job Record, New York Times, June 20, 2008

**5 million:** Jobs created during George W. Bush presidency (2001-2008)

**Senator Obama supports the right of workers’ to receive premium pay for overtime work.** When the Senate considered a measure to disqualify as many as 10 million workers from overtime pay protections, Obama stood with workers by opposing the measure.

S.Amdt.128 to S. 256, Vote 27, 3/7/05

**Senator Obama has defended the right of workers to receive the prevailing wage on federal projects.** In the Senate, he opposed a plan to strip prevailing wage protections for workers on bridge construction projects. “We need to make sure workers building America’s infrastructure are making the prevailing wage and getting the benefits they deserve,” Obama said.

S.Amdt. 2844 to HR 3074, Vote 334, 9/12/07; Obama speech to Building Trades Conference, 4/15/08

**Senator Obama supported the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act,** which tried to protect workers against wage discrimination after the Supreme Court ruled that Lilly Ledbetter couldn’t sue her employer for wage discrimination because she didn’t discover the problem and act soon enough.

“Let’s finally make the minimum wage a living wage. Let’s tie it to the cost of living so we don’t have to wait another 10 years to see it rise,” he said.


**Senator McCain voted against workers’ right to premium pay for overtime work.** The Bush administration came up with rules that threatened the overtime rights of 6 million workers. The Senate tried to protect the overtime rights of those workers. McCain voted with Bush, against overtime protections.

S. 1637, Vote #79, 5/4/04

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**Senator McCain opposed a minimum wage increase.** McCain voted with the Republicans in 2007 to stall a clean minimum wage increase for working families, even though there had been no minimum wage increase for over 10 years.

S.Amdt. 4031, Vote #134, 5/22/96; S. 1650, Vote #120, 10/7/99

**Senator McCain has consistently voted for an increase in the minimum wage.** “Let’s finally make the minimum wage a living wage. Let’s tie it to the cost of living so we don’t have to wait another 10 years to see it rise,” he said.


Be an informed voter. Learn the facts.
Taxes

**Obama**
Right now we've got a whole host of corporate loopholes and tax havens. There's a building in the Cayman Islands that houses supposedly 12,000 US-based corporations. That's either the biggest building in the world or the biggest tax scam in the world, and we know which one it is.

Barack Obama, Democratic Debate, Des Moines Register, 12/13/07

**McCain**
Q: Wall Street executives are making millions, paying tax rates of 15%, while the average guy is paying 30% in taxes. Is this system fair?

**McCain**: Everybody's paying taxes, and wealth creates wealth. A vibrant economy creates wealth. Revenues are at an all-time high.

Q: So you're saying the system is fair?

**McCain**: Sure it's fair. The bulk of the taxes are paid by wealthy people.

John McCain, Republican debate in Dearborn, Michigan Oct 9, 2007

Senator McCain is proposing massive tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy. McCain's economic plan offers two massive tax cuts for corporations, slashing tax rates from 35% to 25%, with 58% of the benefits going to the top 1% of taxpayers. This is an even larger tax rate cut for the wealthiest taxpayers than what Bush gave them.

Reuters, 3/10/08; “Five Easy Pieces and Two Trillion Dollars,” Center for American Progress Action Fund, 3/21/08

Senator McCain wants to tax employees' health benefits. McCain would make employer-paid health premiums part of employees’ taxable income, creating a new tax on working families.

Washington Post, 6/11/08

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S. 2020, Budget Reconciliation, 11/18/05; S. Con. Res. 95, 3/12/04; H. Con. Res. 83, 5/10/01

Health Care

**Obama**
And I promise you this: I will sign a universal health care plan that covers every American by the end of my first term as president.


**McCain**
There’s a couple of principles: To make the recipient of the health insurance much more responsible in health-care costs.

John McCain at the 2007 Republican primary debate on Univision, 12/9/07

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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.

Hold Congress Accountable

Congressional Districts
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Vote Nov. 4th
Do the candidates in your district stand for or against working people on these important issues?

**Fair Pay Act (H.R. 2831)**

Lilly Ledbetter worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for more than 20 years but was paid less than men who were doing the same job as she was. It wasn’t until many years after she started work that she discovered the pay discrimination and then she filed suit.

The case made it to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that a worker has only 180 days from the date of the first discriminatory pay check to file suit, even if the worker has no way of knowing for months or even years that the pay disparity is the result of illegal discrimination.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 2831) would overturn this Supreme Court ruling that greatly restricted the ability of workers to sue employers for illegal pay discrimination.

This bill is not only about fairness for women workers, it is about making employers accountable. Laws have no meaning if employers are allowed to cheat employees, and then escape punishment because they managed to keep it secret.

Where do the candidates in your Congressional district stand on the issue of fair pay and employer accountability? Their position on H.R. 2831 will give you the answer.

**Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 800)**

Unions made a big difference in American paychecks. As of 2007, unionized workers on average made 30% more than their non-union counterparts. Unionized workers were also far more likely to have health insurance benefits (78% vs. 49%), short-term disability benefits (60% vs. 35%), term disability benefits (60% vs. 35%), and guaranteed (defined-benefit) pension benefits (67% vs. 15%).

It’s no wonder that big corporations like Wal-Mart don’t want to make it easy to unionize. For more than 10 years, the federal minimum wage was stuck at $5.15 an hour. Because of inflation, its purchasing power in 2007 was at its lowest level in 51 years. The Bush administration

**Education, Health Care, Safer Workplaces (H.R. 3043)**

With all the controversy over our country’s huge expenditures on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan our needs right here in the United States sometimes don’t get the attention they should.

But federal investment in health care, education, and training, and safe workplaces play a key role in keeping our citizens—and our economy—healthy and productive. H.R. 3043, the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill, would make modest increases in spending levels for programs representing these core American values, including assistance for the most vulnerable among us—children, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly.

Do the candidates in your Congressional district support funding for health care, education and safe workplaces? Every candidate says they support such important priorities. But their position on H.R. 3043 tells you if they’re walking the walk, or just talking the talk.

**Relief from Alternative Minimum Tax (H.R. 3996)**

H.R. 3996 provides 23 million middle-class families with more than $50 billion in tax relief by protecting them from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) that was originally designed to ensure that high-income taxpayers pay their fair share.

The bill also includes a number of one-year tax extenders, including an extension of a tax deduction for expenses paid by teachers for school supplies.

The cost of providing relief from the AMT was offset by closing the so-called “carried interest” loophole that allows a small group of Wall Street millionaires to pay a 15% capital gains tax rate on earnings from managing certain hedge funds, instead of the 35% rate that is paid by most workers.

Lots of candidates talk a good line on taxes. But where do they stand when it comes to ending loopholes for Wall Street millionaires and providing tax relief to middle-class families?

**Minimum Wage Hike (H.R. 2)**

Why is the federal minimum wage important?

As members of IBEW Local 1245, our wages are guaranteed by our union contract. But our ability to win continued improvements in wages depends to some extent on the overall labor market. When other workers aren’t doing well, it is harder for us to argue that we should be doing even better than we currently are.

The federal minimum wage is like a floor upon which all American wage earners stand. If the value of the minimum wage erodes, it forces us to make our stand on a weakened floor.

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__See Pages 6-9 for Candidates’ Positions__
### U.S. CONGRESS

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

- **Mike Thompson**
- **Zane Starkewolf**

#### District 2
Colusa, Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity & part of Butte, Yolo & Yuba Counties (See page 4)

- **Wally Harger**
- **Jeff Morris**

#### District 3
Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, & parts of Butte, Sacramento & Solano Counties (See page 4)

- **Dan Lungren**
- **William Durston**

#### District 4
El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas & parts of Butte and Sacramento Counties (See page 4)

- **Charles Brown**
- **Tom McClintock**

#### District 5
Part of Sacramento County (See page 4)

- **Doris Matsui**
- **Paul Smith**

#### District 6
Marin and parts of Sonoma Counties (See page 4)

- **Lynn Woolsey**
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- **Roger Petersen**

#### District 8
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(See page 4)
- **Nancy Pelosi**  
- **Dana Walsh**

#### District 9
Parts of Alameda County  
(See page 4)
- **Barbara Lee**  
- **Charles Hargrave**

#### District 10
Parts of Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento & Solano Counties  
(See page 4)
- **Ellen Tauscher**  
- **Nicholas Gerber**

#### District 11
Parts of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin & Santa Clara Counties  
(See page 4)
- **Gerald McNerney**  
- **Dean Andel**

#### District 12
Parts of San Francisco & San Mateo Counties  
(See page 4)
- **Jackie Speier**  
- **Greg Conlon**

#### District 13
Parts of Alameda County  
(See page 4)
- **Pete Stark**  
- **Raymond Chui**

#### District 14
Parts of San Mateo, Santa Clara & Santa Cruz Counties  
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- **Anna Eshoo**  
- **Ronny Santana**

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

### District 15
**Parts of Santa Clara County (See page 4)**

**INCUMBENT** Mike Honda

### District 16
**Parts of Santa Clara County (See page 4)**

**INCUMBENT** Joyce Cordi

### District 17
**Monterey, San Benito & parts of Santa Cruz Counties (See page 4)**

**INCUMBENT** Zoe Lofgren

### District 18
**Merced & parts of Fresno, Madera, San Joaquin & Stanislaus Counties (See page 4)**

**INCUMBENT** Dennis Cardoza

**No Republican Challenger**

### District 19
**Mariposa & parts of Fresno, Madera, Stanislaus & Tuolumne Counties (See page 4)**

**INCUMBENT** George Radanovich

**No Democratic Challenger**

### District 20
**Kings & parts of Fresno & Kern Counties (See page 4)**

**INCUMBENT** Jim Costa

**Photo Not Available**

**INCUMBENT** Jim Lopez
Questions
1. George W. Bush is our 43rd president. How many people have served as president?
2. What is the most common religious affiliation among US presidents?
3. Who was the oldest elected president?
4. Who was the youngest elected president?
5. Who was the youngest president?
6. Who was the tallest president? (Hint: he gave a really good speech at Gettysburg.)
7. Who was the shortest president?
8. For two years the nation was run by a president and a vice president who were not elected by the people. Who were they?
9. Which four presidents won the popular vote but lost the presidency?
10. Who was the only president never to marry?
11. Who was the only divorced president?
12. Which two signers of the Declaration of Independence died on the anniversary of its signing, July 4?
13. Which six presidents are portrayed on US coins?
14. Which nine presidents are portrayed on US paper currency?
15. Which person was elected president on November 4, 2008?

Answers:
1. Forty-two. Cleveland was elected for two nonconsecutive terms and is counted twice, as our 22nd and 24th president.
2. Episcopalian
3. Ronald Reagan, age 69
4. John Kennedy, age 43
5. Theodore Roosevelt. He became president at 42 after McKinley was assassinated.
6. Abraham Lincoln, 6’4”
7. James Madison, 5’4”
8. After Vice President Spiro T. Agnew resigned in 1973, President Nixon appointed Gerald Ford as vice president. Nixon resigned the following year, which left Ford as president, and Ford’s appointed vice president, Nelson Rockefeller, became second in line.
9. Four Presidents won the popular vote but lost the election: Andrew Jackson won the popular vote in 1824 but lost the election to John Quincy Adams; Samuel J. Tilden won the popular vote in 1876 but lost the election to Rutherford B. Hayes; Grover Cleveland won the popular vote in 1888 but lost the election to Benjamin Harrison; Al Gore won the popular vote in 2000 but lost the election to George W. Bush.
10. James Buchanan
11. Ronald Reagan
12. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
15. That depends on you!
The Issues: California Legislature

Statute of Limitations on Pay Equity Claims (AB 435)

When extremely hot temperatures in July of 2005 caused an unusual number of occupational heat-related illnesses and deaths in the agricultural industry, legislation was introduced to protect workers, prompting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to come up with an outdoor heat illness prevention regulation.

This regulation requires all employers with outdoor worksites to provide fresh water as well as access to shade for “preventative recovery” so that employees can cool off before a health crisis develops.

These regulations, however, apply only to outdoor worksites, and there is no target date for coming up with a regulation to address indoor worksites. Employers are under no current regulatory obligation to provide water, a cool place to rest, or any other protective or preventative services for heat illness in indoor working environments.

AB 1045 sought to protect workers in indoor job sites against dangerous exposure to heat. Supporters argued that effective regulations are needed to make sure that employers take action in order to prevent heat-related illness among their employees. The key to preventing heat-related illness is identifying the hazard, implementing proper controls and work practices, and training.

Opponents argued that this bill is bypasses the regulatory process and that an OSHA advisory committee will eventually develop a procedure to address heat stress for outdoor workers. Where do the candidates in your Assembly and Senate districts stand when it comes to protecting workers against the potentially deadly effects of workplace heat?

Family and Medical Leave (AB 537)

California law currently requires employers with 50 or more employees to provide covered employees with up to 12 weeks of protected unpaid leave during any 12-month period in connection with a child’s birth, adoption or foster care placement with the employee. The leave also covers care for a parent, spouse or child with a serious health condition as well as the employee's own serious health condition.

AB 537 would have broadened the coverage of the law. It would have amended the definition of “child” to eliminate references to the age and dependent status of the child. It would have expanded the scope of permissible family and medical leave to include leave to care for a sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or parent-in-law with a serious health condition. And it would have clarified that permissible leave under existing law includes leave to care for a domestic partner with a serious health condition.

Supporters argued that this bill was needed to address the reality of today’s family dynamics, especially in California.

Permanent Disability Benefits Increase (SB 936)

Workers Compensation was originally established to protect employers by prohibiting employees from suing their employers for workplace injuries. In exchange for giving up this right, workers were to receive appropriate compensation through the state-run Workers Compensation system.

Reforms to Workers Compensation in 2003 and 2004 saved employers over $9 billion while injured workers had their benefits reduced by 50%.

SB 936 sought to ensure that workers with permanent disability receive adequate compensation. It would have increased the number of weeks that permanent disability benefits are paid, resulting in a doubling of benefits by the third year increase.

Supporters maintained that it is simply unfair for injured workers—particularly those injured workers whose disability has been determined based on subjective medical findings—to have their benefits reduced by 50%.

Opponents maintain that it is not clear that these reductions in benefits are a problem and that the existing state of the data is incomplete.

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Vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger

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Passed Assembly: 47-32 on 6/5/07
Passed Senate: 24-15 on 9/6/07
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Do the candidates in your district stand for or against working people on these important issues?
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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 one evening of your time. It’s up to us to defend our livelihood!

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No Democratic Challenger
Trade 1,000,000: The number of jobs lost due to NAFTA between 1993-2004. Economic Policy Institute, 7/20/05

Obama The truth is, trade is here to stay and that if we have strong labor and environmental protections in our agreements, and if our trading partners are playing by the rules, trade can be a good thing for our workers and our economy.

Barack Obama, speech to Building Trades Conference, 4/15/08

Senator Obama wants to renegotiate NAFTA or opt out, saying “We should use the hammer of a potential opt-out as leverage to ensure that we actually get labor and environmental standards that are enforced,” Obama said.

Cleveland Democratic Debate, 2/26/08

Senator Obama voted against the Central American Free Trade Agreement because it did not contain adequate protections for the environment or for workers, such as the freedom to form unions.

S. 1307, Vote #170, 6/30/05

Senator Obama opposes tax breaks for job exporters. “I will end the tax giveaways to companies that ship our jobs overseas, and I will put the money in the pockets of working Americans, and seniors, and homeowners who deserve a break,” Obama said.

Barack Obama, Nov. 3, 2007 cited at FactCheck.org

Senator Obama proposes an Advanced Manufacturing Fund to prevent job displacement. He also proposes Trade Adjustment Assistance that would create education accounts to help workers retrain and also provide retraining assistance for vulnerable workers before they lose their jobs.

Chicago Sun-Times, 5/14/08; Obama for America

McCain We need to build on the passage of the Central America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and defended his position in Iowa last year, saying “Have people lost jobs? Yes, they have, and they’re gonna lose jobs.”

H.R. 3450, Vote 395, 11/20/03; John McCain interview, Des Moines Register, 11/27/07

Senator McCain strongly supported the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and defended his position in Iowa last year, saying “There are jobs lost, and we’ve all been through a tough economy.”

S. 1307, Vote #170, 6/30/05

Senator McCain voted for every other trade agreement that has come up. He voted for trade agreements with Oman, Singapore, Chile and Morocco, among others, as well as for Fast Track bills to make it easier for the president to enact trade agreements without strong worker protections.

S. 33569, Vote #190, 6/29/06; H.R. 2739, Vote #318, 7/31/03; H.R. 2739, Vote #318, 7/31/03; H.R. 434, Vote #555, 11/3/99; H.R. 3009, Vote #115, 5/16/02, Vote #117, 5/21/02, Vote #207, 8/16/02; S. 1269, Vote #292, 11/14/07

Worker’s Rights 30: The percentage by which union workers’ average weekly wage exceeds that of non-union workers.


Obama In this country, we believe that if the majority of workers in a company want a union, they should get a union... The choice to organize should be left up to workers and workers alone. It should be their free choice.

Barack Obama, Take Back America Conference, 6/19/07; Obama Senate Press Release, 6/20/07

Senator Obama supports workers’ freedom to form unions. Obama co-sponsored and voted for the Employee Free Choice Act, the bill to level the playing field for workers trying to form unions.

H.R. 800, Vote #227, 6/26/07

Senator Obama doesn’t cross picket lines, he walks in them. Obama joined a hometown picket line at Chicago’s Congress Plaza Hotel last year, where workers have been on strike for four years. He praised their determination to stick together, saying “The reason you have been able to do it is because you are a member of a strong union. When workers are divided, employers can pick them off...when workers are united, every worker benefits.”

Baltimoresun.com, Obama Walks Picket in Chicago, 7/16/07

Senator Obama opposes the use of replacement workers to undercuts a strike. In the Illinois state senate, Obama voted to prohibit companies from contracting with a day or temporary service to replace an employee during a strike or lockout.

SB 1645, 2004

McCain We must streamline our workforce, demand high standards of behavior, promote excellence at every level based on merit and accountability, and not let good workers be crippled by the fine print of the latest union contract.

John McCain address to the Oklahoma State Legislature, 5/21/07

Senator McCain opposes workers’ freedom to form unions. McCain voted against the Employee Free Choice Act, which would level the playing field for workers trying to form unions. He voted for a National Right-to-Work-for-Less law that would attempt to eliminate unions altogether.

H.R. 800, Vote #227, 6/26/07; S. 1788 Vote #188, 7/10/06

Senator McCain crossed a Writers Guild picket line to appear on “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.”

http://thinkprogress.org/2008/01/31/mccain-crosses-picket-line-to-appear-on-leno/

Senator McCain voted to allow employers to hire permanent replacements during a strike. When Congress tried to pass a bill that would bar employers from hiring permanent replacements for striking workers, McCain helped filibuster the bill to death.

S. 55, Vote #189, 7/13/04
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All or portions of Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Yuba, Butte, and Placer Counties (See page 15)

### District 4

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Ted Gaines  
Roger Niello  
Dan Leahy  
Jared Huffman  
Paul Lavery

### District 5

Portions of Sacramento County (See page 15)

Roger Niello  
Dan Leahy  
Jared Huffman  
Paul Lavery

### District 6

All or portions of Marin and Sonoma Counties (See page 15)

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Minimum Wage Hike, continued from page 5

and Republican congressional leaders blocked many attempts over the years to raise the wage. But a new Democratic majority in 2007 opened the way to boost the minimum wage. H.R. 2 increases the federal minimum wage by $2.10 over two years—from $5.15 an hour to $7.25 an hour in three steps.

Do the candidates in your Congressional district support this effort to strengthen the floor under workers’ wages?

Employee Free Choice, continued from page 5

This bill would restore workers’ freedom to form unions free from employer intimidation by allowing employees to sign authorization cards seeking union representation and recognizing the workers’ union when a majority sign cards. It would also require the employer to pay three times the amount of back pay that an employee is due if the employee is illegally fired or discriminated against during an organizational or first-contract drive.

H.R. 800 would also establish a system of mediation and arbitration that would apply to an employer and union that are unable to agree on their first contract.

Do the candidates in your Congressional district believe workers should have the right to form a union without fear of intimidation or retaliation?

Family Leave, continued from page 10

California, which has the second highest percentage of multi-generational households in the country. Nearly half of Californians are single, and their closest relative may be a sibling.

Expanding the leave law would have allowed many more California families to have the opportunity to care for one another without jeopardizing their long-term financial security.

Where do the candidates in your Assembly and Senate districts stand when it comes to helping workers provide needed support to their families?
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### Former IBEW rep in Assembly race

Former IBEW Local 1245 Business Representative Mickey Harrington is the Democratic nominee for the District 3 Assembly race.

Harrington championed the interests of working people while working for IBEW and has kept at it even in retirement. But you can’t really call it “retirement.” Harrington is a frequent visitor to the IBEW Local 1245 Advisory Council, serves as president of the Butte-Glenn Counties Central Labor Council, and was the Democratic nominee for the Assembly 3rd District in 2006, when he captured nearly 40% of the vote.

Although the district has favored Republican candidates since the 1980s, recent voter registration indicates that only 41% of voters are registered as Republicans, with 34% registered as Democrats and a whopping 20% indicating no party affiliation. In a year when many voters have been turned off by Republican policies on the national level, Harrington could be the beneficiary of a rising Democratic tide.

IBEW Local 1245 strongly endorses Mickey Harrington for California Assembly Third District.
Where Do the Candidates Stand?

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

**ASSEMBLY**

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

- **INCUMBENT**
  - Tom Berryhill
  - Taylor White

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

- **INCUMBENT**
  - John Eisenhut
  - Bill Berryhill

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

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  - Bill Monning
  - Robert Murray

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

- **INCUMBENT**
  - Anna Marie Caballero

### District 29
All or portions of Fresno, Madera and Tulare Counties (See page 15)

- **INCUMBENT**
  - Mike Villines
  - Humberto Avila

### District 30
All or portions of Kings, Fresno, Kern and Tulare Counties (See page 15)

- **INCUMBENT**
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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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But as they ponder these personal failings of the mighty, it’s easy to overlook the great, yawning hypocrisies that make up the very substance of political life. Take, for instance, the venomous backlash against the Employee Free Choice Act, a bit of union-backed legislation that might allow labor to start reversing decades of decline. Almost wherever there is a close race for a Senate seat, you can see TV commercials assailing the initiative in the most strident terms.

Currently, employees at a given workplace can form a union after a majority of them choose to do so in an election. The new legislation would allow them to do it after a majority of them sign cards. This “card check” system would surely make it easier to start unions, and naturally it is heavily opposed by the business community, which—get this—doesn’t much like organized labor.

But that distaste isn’t the real issue, to hear card check’s opponents tell it. What offends, rather, is the threat that card check poses to democracy itself. This is not a battle over something low and ugly like money. This is a fight for principle, for the American Way. It is about the sacredness of the secret ballot, about every individual’s right to express him or herself freely in elections at work.

The Employee Freedom Action Committee, a “nonpartisan” group based in Washington, D.C., declares that by fighting card check it is “protecting your right to vote on the job.” Meanwhile, the Coalition for a Democratic Workplace, a creature of the Chamber of Commerce and other business groups, is running a series of TV commercials showing us the dark side of the melodrama, suggesting that card check will permit the intimidation of workers by union hoodlums, and even wheedling out an actor from “The Sopranos” to play this durable stereotype.

But why stop there? The business community has opportunities every day to stand up for a “democratic workplace.” Why don’t the Chamber’s member companies just let their workers vote whenever management wants to increase the deductible on their health insurance? Why doesn’t the Employee Freedom Action Committee run indignant TV commercials every time a company moves a factory overseas without first consulting its work force? Where’s the right to vote on the job when companies decide—as they do year after year—to hold the line on wages?

The answer, of course, is that most workplaces aren’t democracies at all. They are dictatorships, of varying degrees of benevolence.

Nor do most big employers really have anything against intimidation and coercion during elections. These are the everyday tools of what is politely called “union avoidance,” and companies routinely use them when their employees try to organize: Threats to move the operation abroad if the union wins the election; compulsory meetings to listen to anti-union propaganda; termination for select pro-union employees.

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Proposition 1: Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act For the 21st Century.

California is served by various types of passenger rail services, but none of the existing state-funded intercity rail services provide train service between northern California and southern California. Maximum speeds are about 90 mph.

The proposed system would use electric trains and connect the major metropolitan areas of San Francisco, Sacramento, through the Central Valley, into Los Angeles, Orange County, the Inland Empire (San Bernardino and Riverside Counties), and San Diego. Construction of the proposed system would use a combination of federal, private, local, and state monies. Proposition 1, a $9.95 billion bond measure, is the necessary first step.

High-speed rail is a powerful engine of economic development, creating tens of thousands of jobs in both its construction and its operation. Speedier travel benefits the overall economy by transforming unproductive travel time into productive work time. It will remove thousands of cars from California's highways, meaning less congestion and less air pollution, which means less global warming. Conservative estimates suggest as much as 22 billion pounds of carbon dioxide would be kept out of the atmosphere. The rail system would also reduce the need for many short- and medium-haul airline flights, another major source of carbon pollution.

Proposition 1 general obligation bonds would fund pre-construction activities and construction of a high-speed passenger rail system, and fund capital improvements to existing passenger rail systems that expand capacity and/or enable train riders to connect to the high-speed rail system.

Local 1245, which has transit workers among its members, believes our members and all of California will benefit from this proposition.

Proposition 4: Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.

The constitution contains the rules we live by. It can and should be amended where there is pressing need to do so, but otherwise it should be left alone. The backers of Proposition 4 have not established that pressing need. Less than 3% of California's teenage girls become pregnant every year, and it's well-documented that the vast majority tell their parents. Those who don't, often have a good reason. They fear violent reactions or being thrown out of their homes. They are also the most likely to be victims of rape or incest. Eliminating teenage abortions is an excellent goal, best achieved by education—not by putting pregnant teens at risk for the sake of making a political point.

Proposition 5: Nonviolent Offenders. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation.

Proposition 5 could save taxpayers billions of dollars by safely shrinking the size of the nonviolent prison population. Tens of thousands of nonviolent offenders would get access to treatment-instead-of-incarceration and to rehabilitation programs. Through Prop. 5, low-level marijuana possession would become an infraction—like a traffic ticket—conserving millions of dollars in court resources for more serious cases. Proposition 5 is supported by the California Society of Addiction Medicine, the Mental Health Association in California, the League of Women Voters of California, and the California Labor Federation.

Proposition 6: Criminal Penalties and Laws. Public Safety Funding.

Sometimes you just have to wonder. A major funder of Proposition 6, billionaire Henry Nicholas III, was arraigned on June 16 on an 18-page, 21-count indictment that includes charges of supplying prostitutes to big-ticket customers, drug use and trafficking, conspiracy, security fraud and making death threats.

Energy Industries Association says that Proposition 7 would "devastate California's small solar businesses"—eliminating a major source of clean power and thousands of jobs.

• Will cost consumers and taxpayers hundreds of millions. By eliminating competition from smaller renewable providers and creating a seller's market that allows prices to be set at 10% above market, Proposition 7 could increase costs to electricity consumers and taxpayers by hundreds of millions of dollars.

California leads the nation with tough, clean energy standards that require utilities to use significantly more renewable power. Proposition 7 would jeopardize this progress and disrupt renewable power development.

Proposition 7 is opposed by the California Labor Federation, PG&E, and IBEW Local 1245, as well as numerous other senior, labor and environmental organizations.

Proposition 7: Renewable Energy Statute.

While Proposition 6's crime-fighting spirit is laudable, it's overall effect could do far more harm than good. It's provisions would cost the state's General Fund upwards of $1 billion in FY 2009-2010, $500 million in the subsequent year and more each year thereafter for prisons, jails and law enforcement. These locked-in expenses would almost certainly result in cuts to schools, healthcare, eldercare and other important services.

Balancing the state's legitimate interest in fighting crime with other pressing social issues is a difficult task. Proposition 6 fails to strike the necessary balance.
Proposition 8: Elimination of Same-Sex Marriage.

Now that the California Supreme Court has ruled that gays and lesbians have a constitutional right to marry, opponents of same-sex marriage are attempting to amend the constitution to eliminate that newly-established right. Proposition 8 is opposed by the California Labor Federation, IBEW Local 1245, and PG&E, prompting written protests from some Local 1245 members.

There is very little middle ground on this contentious issue. Many people are strongly against same-sex marriage—often based on deeply-held religious beliefs. Others believe that marriage is a fundamental individual right, that individuals should be able to marry whomsoever they please, and that government should not be used to restrict that right.

Amending the constitution is always a serious undertaking. Amending the constitution to eliminate individual rights runs counter to a long tradition—dating back to the U.S. Bill of Rights—of using our federal and state constitutions to expand individual rights, not restrict them. On this issue labor unions continue their own long tradition of protecting individual rights and will no doubt take heat from some of their members for doing so.

Proposition 9: Criminal Justice System.

Proposition 9 is a costly, unnecessary and misleading initiative designed to exploit Californians' concerns for crime victims. It preys on emotions in order to rewrite the State Constitution in a way that will increase prison overcrowding and cost the state and local counties hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Many of the provisions in Proposition 9—including requirements that victims be notified and heard throughout the legal process—were already approved in previous elections and are thus unnecessary.


Billionaire oilman T. Boone Pickens is the force behind Proposition 10, the initiative on the November ballot that would float $5 billion in bonds to develop alternative energy that would profit, well, T. Boone Pickens! Talk about bold.

Proposition 10 is a bond measure that results in almost no lasting infrastructure, could siphon taxpayer money out of state and would distort the clean-vehicle market. Proposition 10 promotes natural gas over gasoline-electric hybrids, a cleaner and cheaper technology that is already making inroads into the marketplace. Proposition 10 would offer up to $50,000 in rebates to vehicles fueled by natural gas, but far less to hybrids. Our society is under tremendous pressure to make wise energy choices for the future. Letting a billionaire oilman craft our energy policy—while he makes sure his own pockets get lined in the process—is a questionable strategy at best. We can do better.

Proposition 11: Redistricting.

There is a need for reform of the redistricting process in this country. The problem is coming up with a process that doesn't harbor hidden agendas for partisan advantage. Proposition 11, though it has been embraced by some “good government” groups like Common Cause, has also been attacked for trying to help Republicans make up for their decline in registered voters by giving them more clout in the redistricting process. Another problem is that Proposition 11 would bestow too much power in un-elected officials who simply aren't accountable to anybody.

Proposition 12: Veterans Bond Act.

This initiative extends California’s low-interest home loan program to recent war veterans. It asks voters to approve $900 million in general obligation bonds to extend the state’s existing CalVet Home Loan program to veterans of the wars in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. Gov. Schwarzenegger says CalVet already has helped about 420,000 veterans who served from the end of World War I to the Vietnam era buy houses. The new bond would pay for about 3,900 low-interest loans—1,300 a year for three years. The loans would not affect the state’s general fund because veterans would repay the cost of the bond. This is a reasonable and affordable way to honor veterans for their service to our country.

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and their attorneys find ways to hide information that otherwise would be disclosed.

This puts employees at a disadvantage if they need to challenge discipline or termination because they have not seen the records and therefore are not able to question the employer about them.

AB 1707 sought to clarify and improve current law concerning personnel records (Labor Code Section 1198.5) by conforming it generally to similar protections already in existing law dealing with payroll records (Labor Code Section 226).

Proponents say the law is necessary to assure that employees have an absolute right to know the exact nature of information in their personnel file relating to the “employee's performance or to any grievance concerning the employee.” And that a right to copy the records should be viewed as a natural extension of the right to inspect them.

Opponents worry that information in personnel files may also involve other employees and could subject these employees to harm.

Where do the candidates in your Assembly and Senate districts stand when it comes to your right to know what’s in your personnel file?

Passed Assembly: 47-31 on 6/6/07
Passed Senate: 21-17 on 9/5/07
Vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger
Local 1245 mobilizes against San Francisco Prop. H

Members of Local 1245 are mobilizing to help defeat Proposition H, a San Francisco ballot measure that would give city supervisors the power to take over PG&E's San Francisco assets.

Proposition H masquerades as a “green energy” initiative, but in reality it would take resources that could be used to expand renewable energy and devote them instead to a costly attempt to take over PG&E—a misguided plan that could cost city ratepayers up to $4 billion.

But Local 1245’s principal objection is that Proposition H threatens the wages and benefits of our members working in San Francisco. Passage of this proposition would:

- Result in the layoff/displacement of all IBEW Local 1245 members building and maintaining PG&E electric facilities in San Francisco as well as other IBEW members who support those employees.
- Force these workers to choose between a job with PG&E in a new and perhaps unwanted location somewhere else in California, or work for the City of San Francisco and lose their pension and other benefits.
- Cause the displacement of numerous other Local 1245 electric members throughout the PG&E service territory and the displacement of at least 500 Local 1245 clerical members currently working in PG&E’s downtown office because the company has said it will relocate its headquarters outside the City in the event of a city takeover of its assets.

San Francisco residents have reason to be concerned about their service if Proposition H. The new city utility would have to start from scratch. Given the acute nationwide shortage of qualified lineworkers, San Francisco could have serious difficulties finding the personnel it needs to keep service safe and reliable.

While supporters of Proposition H suggest that the language of the proposition provides protection for IBEW members, this is misleading at best. To successfully permit a current PG&E employee to carry his/her pension benefits and time of service with him as a new employee with the City of San Francisco, the Charter requires that the voters approve a special pension plan and other benefits for these workers. Local 1245 believes the likelihood of an expensive new retirement plan passing is very slim, particularly since the workers would then be receiving benefits that current City employees do not receive.

Local 1245 agrees that green energy is a critical priority, especially given the immense threat of global warming. If Proposition H was truly a green energy initiative, we could support it. Unfortunately, it is not. It is another attempt by San Francisco to take over PG&E, a misguided effort that could actually squander resources needed for green energy initiatives, while needlessly disrupting the lives of Local 1245 members working in San Francisco.

Volunteer

Volunteer a little time to help IBEW Local 1245 defeat Prop. H. Contact Local 1245 Business Rep. Landis Marttila at 415-469-9903. Leave your name and phone number, with area code.

Hello. Remember us?

We’re the people who work around the clock, no matter what the weather, to keep your gas & electricity on.

We believe Prop H wastes money & endangers service

Prop. H hurts you, the ratepayer.

- Takes away your right to approve energy revenue bonds and puts the cost of those bonds on top of your energy bill.
- Lets Board of Supervisors and their appointees issue billions in bonds to buy PG&E’s electric system, plus huge sums for equipment, material and employees—all paid for by you and your neighbors—without any money for renewable energy.
- Puts these politicians—with no experience—in charge of operating the most complex urban utility system on the West Coast.
- Does nothing to ensure an increase in clean energy for San Francisco or develop renewable in-City power.
- Fails to place any limit on costs or your future utility rates.
- Forces you to bear all costs of system upgrades, maintainance and operation, as well as all repairs after fires, earthquakes and other disasters—costs that are currently shared statewide.

Prop. H will harm your service.

Many of the skilled workers who keep your lights on will move to PG&E jobs elsewhere in the state rather than stay to work for a new, unproven employer. Trying to hire and train a new workforce when there is a national shortage of linemen—that’s going to cost a bundle.

IBEW members have always worked hard to keep your power on. It’s what we do. It’s who we are.

The Board of Supervisors Can’t Do Our Job.

This doorhanger is being distributed to San Francisco residents by Local 1245 members.
# IBEW Local 1245 Endorsements
## November 4, 2008 General Election

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Barack Obama

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  - Jeff Morris
  - Bill Durston
  - Charlie Brown
  - Doris Matsui
  - Lynn Woolsey
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Proposition H: NO
Jill Derby, candidate for the Nevada District 2 seat in the US House of Representatives, knows about leadership, and she knows about Nevada. She’s a 4th generation Nevadan and a lifelong educator. For 18 years she was an elected member of the Nevada Board of Regents, and served as board president. Jill Derby knows that America can do better on the critical issues that now confront average citizens everywhere: The economy, gas prices, energy, and health care. And she will not be shy about leading the way.

**The Economy**

Here’s the issue, as Jill Derby sees it:

“Our nation’s economy has faltered thanks to the weak dollar, an endless war that has sapped billions of dollars from our shores, and reckless fiscal policies that have resulted in a borrow-and-spend government. Americans are paying record prices at the pump while seeing the rising costs of living, disappearing jobs, falling home prices and skyrocketing foreclosures. **We need real leadership to end this economic crisis.**”

Here’s what Jill Derby will do about it:

- Restore fiscal responsibility to government by ending destructive borrow-and-spend budgeting.
- Renew American industry by making investments in a 21st century economy—with Nevada in the lead.
- End the War in Iraq to return billions of dollars to America.
- Reinvigorate the dollar’s purchasing power to make America competitive in the international market.
- Hold government accountable for how it spends our taxpayer dollars.
- Revitalize our local economies to ensure fundamental stability.

**Gas Prices**

Here’s the issue, as Jill Derby sees it:

“**Sky-high gas prices are a symptom of a larger national energy crisis** that is rooted in our dependence on foreign oil. All short-term solutions must be supported by long term investments in demand reduction, renewable energy sources, and hybrid vehicles, which will all help to establish energy independence for America.”

Here’s what Jill Derby will do about it:

- Increasing domestic oil supply by releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and requiring oil companies to take full advantage of their existing land and off-shore leases for drilling.
- Passing legislation to end out-of-control oil speculation by predatory investors.
- Renewing tax incentives for hybrids to encourage consumer purchase of higher fuel economy vehicles.
- New drilling on our terms: open selected, high-yield, low environmental impact federal lands and offshore areas to new drilling.

**Energy**

Here’s the issue, as Jill Derby sees it:

“**Nevada stands to gain immensely from investments** in alternative power sources and infrastructure, including geothermal, solar, and wind power. As a nation, America must become the global leader in alternative energy technology and production and Nevada must take the lead in renewables.”

Here’s what Jill Derby will do about it:

- An Apollo-project style investment in 21st century renewable energy to end our dependence on foreign oil.
- Limited new drilling in an environmentally responsible way.
- Invest all new drilling revenues into renewable energy development, creating new jobs for Nevada.

**Healthcare**

Here’s the issue, as Jill Derby sees it:

“**Every American has a right to quality, affordable, portable healthcare.** We need real solutions to ensure that every American is covered—starting with our children. In the long term we need fundamental healthcare reform in America.”

Here’s what Jill Derby will do about it:

- Work across the aisle to build a permanent solution that ensures:
  - Affordability
  - The right to choose your own healthcare provider.
  - The highest quality of care with an emphasis on prevention.
  - Access to health care services for rural Nevadans.
U.S. Congress
District
Shelley Berkley
Jill Derby
Dina Titus
Jill Derby
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State Senate
District
1 John Lee
3 Valerie Wiener
3 Washoe: Bill Raggio
4 Steven Horsford
5 Seat A: Shirley Breeden
6 Allison Copening
7 Seat A: David Parks
Rural Nevada Senatorial District:
Dean Rhoads
Mike Schneider
State Assembly
District
1 Marilyn Kirkpatrick
2 Carlos Blumberg
3 Peggy Pierce
4 No endorsement
5 Marilyn Dondero Loop
6 Harvey Munford
7 Morse Arberry Jr.
8 Barbara Buckley
9 “Tick” Segerblom
10 Joe Hogan
11 Ruben Kihuen
12 James Ohrenschall
13 Andrew Martin
14 Ellen Koivisto
15 Kathy McClain
16 John Oceguera
17 Kevin Atkinson
18 Mark Manendo
19 Jerry Claborn
20 No endorsement
21 Ellen Spiegel
22 No endorsement
23 Allison Herr
24 Washoe: David Bobzien
25 Washoe: Robert Townsend
26 Washoe: Daela Gibson
27 Washoe: Sheila Leslie
28 Mo Denis
29 April Mastroluca
30 Washoe: Debbie Smith
31 Washoe: Bernie Anderson
32 Marc Deal
33 John Carpenter
34 William Horne
35 Rachel Marie King
36 No endorsement
37 Marcus Conklin
38 Steven Dalton
39 Joetta Brown
40 Bonnie Parnell
41 Paul Aizley
42 Harry Mortenson
Clark County Commission
A Bruce Woodbury
B Tom Collins
C Larry Brown
D Lawrence Weekly
Washoe County Commission
District
1 John Breternitz
3 Kitty Jung
4 Bob Larkin
Elko County Commission
District
5 Warren Russell
District Court Judge
Department
1 Ken Cory
2 Valorie Vega
3 Douglas Herndon
4 Kathy Hardcastle
5 Jackie Glass
6 Elissa Cadish
7 Linda Marie Bell
8 Doug Smith
9 Jennifer Togliatti
10 No endorsement
11 Betsy Gonzalez
12 No endorsement
13 Mark Ralph Denton
14 Donald Mosley
15 Abbi Silver
16 Tim Williams
17 Michael Villani
18 David Barker
19 Allan Earl
20 David Wall
21 Valerie Adair
22 Susan Johnson
23 Stefany Miley
24 James Bixler
25 Suzan Baucum
District Court Judge, Family Division Department
G Cynthia “Dianne” Steel
Justice of the Supreme Court
Seat
B Deborah Schumacher
D Mark Gibbons
District Court Judge, District 5
Department
1 John Davis
Sparks City Council
Ward
1 Julie Ratti
Sparks City Attorney
Neil Grad
Reno City Council
Ward
At Large: Pierre Hascheff
1 Ron Dreher
3 Jessica Sferrazza
5 David Aliazzi

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http://mapserve.leg.state.nv.us/website/icb/viewer.htm.