



NATIONAL UNION OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

2016 General Election ENDORSEMENTS

Politics is important to all of us, but to healthcare workers in particular, since government funds and regulates healthcare. Many of the issues that affect us are decided by elected leaders. And those elected office holders can help us in our workplaces. These endorsements were voted on by NUHW stewards and leaders in each district after interviewing candidates and reviewing their platforms. For more information on the California election, visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections.

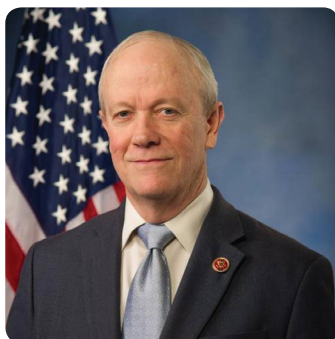


U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 9:

Jerry McNerney

McNerney voted against pay raises for members of Congress and wrote the bill to close tax loopholes used by corporations to ship jobs overseas.



District 11:

Mark DeSaulnier

DeSaulnier, a strong supporter of NUHW, is a passionate, results-driven progressive and an advocate for Contra Costa County's working families.



District 13:

Barbara Lee

A longtime friend to NUHW, Lee has championed legislation to fight poverty, clean up the environment, eradicate HIV/AIDS, and bring affordable, quality healthcare to the uninsured.



District 15:

Eric Swalwell

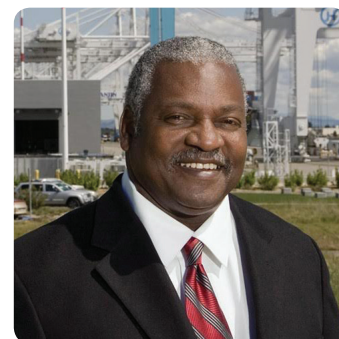
Another strong supporter of NUHW, Swalwell is dedicated to building a stronger economy and creating local jobs.



STATE SENATE

District 9: **Sandré Swanson** and **Nancy Skinner** (dual endorsement)

Sandré R. Swanson: As an assemblymember, Swanson chaired the Labor and Employment Committee and was a vocal advocate for creating sustainable jobs for working people.



Nancy Skinner: Skinner was an accomplished legislator in the Assembly, building a strong track record as a social justice advocate and a champion of renewable energy and climate protection.



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STATE ASSEMBLY

District 14: Mae Torlakson

Mae Torlakson is a progressive, pragmatic advocate for affordable higher education, environmental protection, and economic opportunity.



District 15: Tony Thurmond

Tony Thurmond, who chairs the Assembly's Labor and Employment Committee, is a friend of NUHW and a strong advocate for education, the environment, and public safety.



District 16: Cheryl Cook-Kallio

As a public school teacher and Pleasanton City Councilmember, Cook-Kallio earned a reputation as a staunch advocate for working families.



District 18: Rob Bonta

Rob Bonta is a tireless advocate for public schools, public safety, economic development, and fiscal responsibility.



District 20: Bill Quirk

Before his election to the Assembly, Bill Quirk worked as a climate change scientist at NASA and served as a leader for more than 30 years in local labor and other organizations.



OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

District 1: Dan Kalb

In his first term, Dan Kalb has worked hard to make Oakland safer, more prosperous, and more affordable.



District 3: Noni Session

Third-generation West Oakland resident Noni Session strives to ensure development without displacement, keep residents healthy and safe, and facilitate access to living-wage jobs for Oaklanders.



District 5: Noel Gallo

Fruitvale/San Antonio District native Noel Gallo will continue to prioritize public safety, better schools, affordable housing, and job creation.



District 7: Larry Reid

A City Councilmember since 1997, Larry Reid has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for his constituents.



At-Large: Rebecca Kaplan

Rebecca Kaplan is a strong advocate for Oakland, helping to ban the transportation of coal through the city, increase police accountability, and protect renters.



OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

District 7:

Chris Jackson

Chris Jackson, a social worker, is running to ensure that underserved communities have access to quality education.



District 5:

Mike Hutchinson

Mike Hutchinson is an effective advocate for public school students and parents with a comprehensive plan for improving our schools while negotiating a fair contract with our teachers.



CITY OF RICHMOND

City Council: Ben Choi

Ben Choi is running to ensure that Richmond has fair and affordable housing, environmental protections, and safe streets. He grew up in a working class, diverse neighborhood, and understands the community.



City Council: Melvin Willis

Richmond native Melvin Willis, a strong supporter of universal healthcare and organized labor, has worked as a community organizer to stop evictions and prevent rents from skyrocketing.



Proposition L: The Richmond Fair Rent, Just Cause for Eviction and Homeowner Protection Ordinance YES

Would control excessive rent increases and arbitrary evictions while protecting homeowners and ensuring landlords a fair return on their investment.

BERKELEY MAYOR (Ranked-Choice Voting System)

1. Jesse Arreguin

In his seven years on the City Council, Jesse Arreguin has championed social and economic justice for children, families, and seniors. He pledges to tackle the affordability crisis by protecting and expanding affordable housing and preventing displacement.



2. Kriss Worthington

Kriss Worthington has brought progressive leadership, innovation, and transparency to Berkeley for 20 years, spearheading hundreds of public policy issues addressing labor, the environment, public transit, economic development, and technological innovation.



PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Karen Weinstein:

Karen Weinstein is a retired NUHW member, a psychologist, and a longtime activist and community organizer in the women's rights, labor rights, and healthcare movements.



BART BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lateefah Simon: A West Oakland resident, Lateefah Simon depends on public transit and understands how crucial BART services are in her community. She is an effective leader with two decades of experience building coalitions.



DISTRICT PROPOSITIONS

Measure RR: BART Safety, Reliability and Traffic Relief: YES

A general obligation bond measure that is a key funding component of BART's plan to rebuild its aging infrastructure. The plan will replace and repair 90 miles of deteriorating tracks and other infrastructure.



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PRESIDENT — Hillary Clinton

Our influence with Senator Bernie Sanders helped put mental health care at the top of his agenda. Sanders and our endorsement of Clinton in the general election were major factors in Clinton's decision to release a comprehensive mental health care plan in August. A Hillary Clinton administration is the best vehicle for advancing the progressive values and goals that were expressed by Sanders and embraced by a majority of NUHW members over the past year.



U.S. SENATE — Kamala Harris

A longtime friend of NUHW, Kamala Harris has a strong track record of fighting for vulnerable communities. As California Attorney General, she fought big banks and secured from them more than \$20 billion for struggling homeowners, and she continues to fight for working families trying to keep up with the rising cost of living. As San Francisco's District Attorney, she stood with us in the battle with SEIU.



STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

Proposition 51: School Bonds for K-12 and Community Colleges — YES

Would help modernize our neglected school system by enabling the state to issue \$9 billion in bonds to fund improvement and construction of facilities for K-12 schools and community colleges.

Proposition 52: Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program — YES

Would ensure that Medi-Cal fees are directed to children's health services, Medi-Cal health care services, and uninsured patient care by increasing the vote required for changing fee allocation to a two-thirds majority.

Proposition 53: Revenue Bonds — Statewide Voter Approval — NO

Would erode local control in communities across California, create more gridlock, and jeopardize vital infrastructure improvements.

Proposition 54: Legislature — Legislation and Proceedings — NO RECOMMENDATION

Proposition 55: Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare — YES

Would extend for 12 years the temporary personal income tax increases approved in 2012 on income over \$250,000, which is earmarked for education and healthcare funding. This tax is critical to reducing class size, funding our schools, and increasing healthcare access.

Proposition 56: Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement — YES

Would increase the cigarette tax to \$2 per pack, with equivalent increases on other tobacco

products and electronic cigarettes. Proceeds would go to healthcare programs and smoking cessation programs.

Proposition 57: Criminal Sentences — Parole, Juvenile Criminal Proceedings, and Sentencing — YES

Would increase parole chances for felons convicted of non-violent crimes and give them more opportunities to earn credits for good behavior.

Proposition 58: English Proficiency, Multilingual Education — YES

Would repeal most of 1998's Proposition 227, the "English in Public Schools" initiative, thus effectively allowing non-English languages to be used in public education instruction.

Proposition 59: Corporations — Political Spending, Federal Constitutional Protections — YES

Would overturn Citizens United and allow California's elected representatives at the state and national level to pass a 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to help get special interest money out of politics.

Proposition 60: Condom Usage and Health Requirements in Adult Films — NO RECOMMENDATION

Proposition 61: State Prescription Drug Purchases, Pricing Standards — NO RECOMMENDATION

Proposition 62: Death Penalty — YES

Would repeal the death penalty, saving taxpayers about \$150 million within a few years.

Proposition 63: Firearms — Ammunition Sales — YES

Would prohibit the possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines and would require most individuals to pass a background check and obtain authorization from the California Department of Justice.

Proposition 64: Marijuana Legalization — YES

Would legalize marijuana and hemp under state law and enact certain sales and cultivation taxes.

Proposition 65: Carryout Bags Charges — NO RECOMMENDATION

Proposition 66: Death Penalty Procedures — NO

Would speed up the appeal process. We don't need to "fix" the process, we need to put an end to the death penalty.

Proposition 67: Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags — YES

Would uphold or ratify the contested legislation banning plastic bags that was enacted by the Legislature under the name Senate Bill 270.

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