



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 24: Salud Carbajal

As a Santa Barbara County Supervisor, Carbajal has focused on community health, co-sponsoring an initiative that provided health insurance for all the county's children.



District 25: Bryan Caforio

Caforio is a strong advocate for labor, access to quality healthcare services, and the regulation of the private banking system.



District 26: Julia Brownley

As the leading Democrat on the Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Health, Brownley worked with stakeholders to dramatically increase health care services for veterans.



District 27: Judy Chu

As the first Chinese-American woman elected to Congress, Chu has been a vocal advocate for the healthcare needs of the Asian Pacific American community.



District 28: Adam Schiff

Throughout his public service career Schiff has prioritized job creation and improving the economy.



District 29: Tony Cardenas

Cardenas, the first Latino to represent the San Fernando Valley in Congress, has focused on the economy, anti-gang initiatives, gun reform, and juvenile justice.



District 30: Brad Sherman

Sherman is a strong advocate for education and the interests of working families, leading the effort to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used for unlimited Wall Street bailouts.



District 31: Pete Aguilar

Former Redlands mayor has been a reliable voice for working families, small businesses, and economic growth.



District 32: Grace Napolitano

Napolitano, founder and chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, is a leading voice for mental health parity and increased funding for and access to mental health services.



District 33: Ted Lieu

Lieu has been a leader in the fight against racism and discrimination. He serves as chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus task force on armed services and veterans and co-chair of the LGBT Equality Caucus.



District 34: Xavier Becerra

As the first Latino to serve on the Ways and Means Committee, Becerra has increased opportunities for working families and combatted poverty among the working poor.



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District 35: Norma Torres

Torres has worked to increase access to Covered California and to improve quality of care in underserved communities.



District 36: Raul Ruiz

Ruiz, an emergency room doctor, established the Coachella Valley Healthcare Initiative, which united stakeholders from across the region to address the local healthcare crisis.



District 37: Karen Bass

In her first term, Bass created the bipartisan Congressional Foster Youth Caucus, which aims to transform the foster care system in the United States.



District 38: Linda Sanchez

Sanchez, a co-founder of the Labor and Working Families Caucus, seeks to ensure that workers are safe on the job and protected from employer intimidation and retaliation.



District 40: Lucille Roybal-Allard

Roybal-Allard is a supporter of immigration reform and labor unions and has secured funding for infant and child care, prenatal health, HIV testing, and diabetes treatment.



District 41: Mark Takano

As a former public school teacher and community college board trustee, Takano has a long history of public service and a deep knowledge of education issues.



District 42: Tim Sheridan

Sheridan began his career with the National Treasury Employees Union, where he still serves as a national field representative and assistant counsel.



District 43: Maxine Waters

With 37 years in public service, Waters is a seasoned and reliable progressive voice in Congress with a solid record on labor, healthcare, and social justice.



District 44: Isadore Hall

As a state senator, Hall supported NUHW members in their contract fight at the USC's Keck Hospital.



District 47: Alan Lowenthal

As a city council member, state legislator, and now congressman, Lowenthal focused on environmental protections and economic success at the Long Beach and Los Angeles ports.



STATE SENATE

District 19: Hannah-Beth Jackson

Jackson has advocated for women by authoring the California Fair Pay Act, the strongest equal pay law in the nation.



District 21: Johnathon Ervin

Ervin, an Iraq War veteran and senior master sergeant in the Air Force Reserves, is a former school board member who has advocated for investment in K-12 education.



District 25: Anthony Portantino

Portantino is an advocate for financial aid for community college students and opportunities for high school students to attend community college classes.



District 27: Henry Stern

As a current staff advisor to Senator Pavley, Stern has worked on legislation to balance the budget, respond to the drought, and revitalize the education system.



District 29: Josh Newman

A former Army officer, Newman has led efforts to expand career opportunities and access to healthcare for military veterans.



District 31: Richard Roth

In his first year in office, Roth delivered on his campaign pledge to secure full, ongoing funding for the UC Riverside School of Medicine.



District 33: Ricardo Lara

Raised in a blue-collar immigrant household, Lara knows first-hand the challenges faced by working families. Lara has authored legislation that allows undocumented students to apply for college loans.

**District 35: Steven Bradford**

Bradford, whose mother was a nurse, understands the vital role of healthcare workers. During his tenure in the Assembly, he supported a statewide minimum wage increase.

**STATE ASSEMBLY****District 40: Abigail Medina**

As a trustee for the San Bernardino City Unified School District, Medina led efforts to increase parent engagement and expand education programs; the district's high school graduation rates exceeded state and county standards for the first time in forty years.

**District 45: Matthew Dababneh**

Dababneh has worked to create jobs, protect the environment, improve access to health care, and strengthen consumer protections.

**District 49: Ed Chau**

Chau authored legislation that makes language assistance policies in hospitals readily available to patients.

**District 50: Richard Bloom**

Bloom, a longtime friend of NUHW, has been a vital leader in legislative efforts to combat prescription drug overdose and to protect the environment from hydraulic fracking.

**District 51: Jimmy Gomez**

Gomez authored legislation to address public health, environmental justice, water conservation, education, LGBT rights, and affordable housing, as well as the nation's most progressive expansion of Paid Family Leave.

**District 54: Sebastian Ridley-Thomas**

Ridley-Thomas has authored legislation to prohibit consumer racial profiling, increase public contracting opportunities for minority-owned businesses, and expand access to mental health care.

**District 57: Ian Calderon**

Calderon led legislative efforts to increase unannounced annual inspections at community care facilities in an effort to decrease abuse within facilities.

**District 62: Autumn Burke**

Burke has worked to promote the growth of women-owned businesses and provide scholarships for young people to pursue job training programs and higher education.

**District 63: Anthony Rendon**

Prior to serving in the Assembly, Rendon was an educator, non-profit executive director, and environmental activist. He leads the ongoing effort to ensure accountability from the California Public Utilities Commission.

**District 64: Mike Gipson**

Gipson has served as a peace officer, legislative staffer, elected official, and as a labor organizer helping thousands of workers to win better wages and benefits.

**LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS****District 4: Janice Hahn**

Hahn, a longtime supporter of NUHW and working families, has an extensive record of public service, having served on the L.A. City Council and in Congress.



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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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