



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 2: Jared Huffman

Huffman serves on the Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. He has been a strong supporter of the environment and labor.



District 5: Mike Thompson

Thompson is a bipartisan problem solver who has co-authored numerous pieces of legislation to improve our nation's infrastructure, boost our renewable energy economy, and better our education system.



STATE SENATE

District 3: Mariko Yamada

Throughout her 40 years in public service—as a social worker, school volunteer, Yolo County supervisor, and assemblywoman—Yamada, a longtime friend of NUHW, has earned a reputation for standing up for what is right.



District 5: Cathleen Galgiani

As a fifth-generation Stockton native, Galgiani has worked to protect agriculture, clean up the air in the Central Valley, and expand Cal-Grants to increase college access. Prior to working in the Legislature, she worked as a physical therapy aide helping patients recover from strokes and other injuries and diseases.



STATE ASSEMBLY

District 2: Jim Wood

In his first year in the Assembly, Wood authored nine bills that were signed into law, including the Marijuana Watershed Protection Act, the environmental cornerstone of the state's Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act.



District 4: Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

Aguiar-Curry, who specializes in water use, strategic planning, and community outreach, has built a solid record as a community leader and businesswoman, planning commissioner, city councilmember, and as the first woman mayor of Winters.



District 10: Marc Levine

Assemblymember Levine, a former San Rafael city councilmember, is part of a new generation of state legislators that has worked to produce a balanced budget and return much-needed funding to our schools.



SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Noreen Evans

Evans has a 20-year track record in supporting labor, protecting the environment, and standing up to powerful development and resource-extraction interests. She has represented 5th District residents as a planning commissioner, Santa Rosa city councilmember, assemblymember and state senator.



SONOMA CITY COUNCIL

Amy Harrington

For the last decade, Harrington has worked as an elder law attorney. Before that, she was a healthcare organizer. Harrington knows well the struggles healthcare workers face every day with our patients and our employers and she is ready to stand with us.



SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL

Julie Combs

Councilmember Combs plans to expand her efforts on job creation, affordable housing, and city services. Representing Santa Rosa and Sonoma County on the Association of Bay Area Governments' Regional Planning Committee, she has fought for equitable distribution of grant funds for the city and county.



Jack Tibbetts

Tibbetts believes Santa Rosa must adapt to change while preserving its character. As a director at California Clean Power, Tibbetts helps cities increase and gain control of their renewable energy. Tibbetts has also worked for the Economic Development Board to reduce income inequality in the county.



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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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