



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](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections).



## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### District 12: **Nancy Pelosi**

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi served as Speaker of the House from 2007 to 2011. A longtime friend to NUHW, Pelosi continues to fight for working families and healthcare reform.



## STATE SENATE

### District 11: **Jane Kim**

Supervisor Jane Kim is a proven progressive leader who has fought to expand access to affordable housing, protect renters, and improve public schools. Kim has been a leader in the effort to close the income gap, authoring the ballot measure to increase San Francisco's minimum wage to \$15 an hour.



## STATE ASSEMBLY

### District 17: **David Chiu**

Assemblymember David Chiu is a strong advocate for affordable housing and for the rights of workers and immigrants. In his first term in the Assembly, where he serves as chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee, Chiu authored 11 bills to improve the lives of Californians.



### District 19: **Phil Ting**

Assemblymember Phil Ting is a leader in the fight for education reform, a greener economy, and open government. As chair of the Budget Committee, Ting pursues responsible budget solutions that strengthen working families.



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### District 1: **Sandra Fewer**

An NUHW supporter since our founding, Sandra Fewer knows the Richmond District inside and out. As a member of the School Board for eight years, she has a track record for results-oriented leadership.



### District 3: **Aaron Peskin**

Supervisor Aaron Peskin is an experienced, progressive leader dedicated to making the city more livable for working people by preserving and expanding affordable housing options.



### District 5: **London Breed**

Supervisor London Breed is a longtime community activist and a San Francisco native. As president of the Board of Supervisors, Breed has cast critical votes that have helped protect working San Franciscans.



### District 7: **Norman Yee**

Supervisor Norman Yee is a third-generation San Franciscan who has a deep understanding and love for the city. He has prioritized families and workers, increased public safety, and improved local parks.



### District 9: **Hillary Ronen**

As a civil rights attorney, Hillary Ronen fought for low-wage workers and led efforts to create more affordable housing in District 9. Ronen has also been a vigorous supporter of NUHW and our contract campaigns in her role as legislative aide to Supervisor David Campos.



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### **District 11: Kimberly Alvarenga and Ahsha Safai (dual endorsement)**

**Kimberly Alvarenga:** Alvarenga has a long history of advocating to keep San Francisco affordable for working families, including supporting statewide minimum wage and affordable housing initiatives.

**Ahsha Safai:** Safai has been active in local government and labor for 15 years, working on behalf of neighborhoods, low-income families, and working people.

### **BART BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Bevan Dufty**

With a 40-year career in public service, NUHW supporter Bevan Dufty brings decades of experience and achievement in transportation policy.



#### **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.



### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### **Shanell Williams**

Williams, the daughter of a union laborer and a nursing assistant, knows firsthand the struggles our members face. As a two-term student trustee, she is experienced and understands student needs.



#### **Rafael Mandelman**

Mandelman has been on the Board of Trustees through some of City College's toughest times, including the successful fight with the state and the accreditation board to keep the school open.



#### **Tom Temprano**

Temprano is a longtime San Francisco activist and former president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club. He has been a staunch advocate for City College during its recent accreditation struggles.



## **CITY AND COUNTY PROPOSITIONS**

### **Measure A: School Bonds**

#### **YES**

The measure would increase the debt service on school bonds from \$25 to \$60 per \$100,000. This revenue would be used to support our schools and teachers.

### **Measure B: City College Parcel Tax**

#### **YES**

Would continue an eight-year parcel tax that will help City College stay open and retain quality staff.

### **Measure C: Loans to Finance Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing**

#### **NO RECOMMENDATION**

### **Measure D: Vacancy Appointments**

#### **YES**

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors, this measure would require a special election within five months. The mayor appoints an interim replacement, who then would be

prohibited from running for the seat in that election cycle. This measure expedites the filling of vacancies and prevents the mayor from choosing an unqualified candidate.

### **Measure E: Responsibility for the Maintenance of Street Trees**

#### **YES**

Would establish a Street Tree Maintenance Fund that would transfer the maintenance of city trees from residents to the city.

### **Measure F: Youth Voting in Elections**

#### **YES**

Would lower the voting age to 16 in Board of Education elections, giving students a voice in their schools.

### **Measure G: Police Oversight**

#### **NO RECOMMENDATION**

Would rename the Office of Citizen Complaints to the Department of Police Accountability, and would provide the

department direct authority over its proposed budget. DPA would also be required to conduct an audit every two years regarding claims of police officer misconduct and use of force.

**Measure H: Public Advocate**

**YES**

Would create a new elected position of Public Advocate as an intermediary between the public and city administration. The Public Advocate would review the administration of city programs, and receive, investigate, and resolve complaints.

**Measure I: Funding for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities**

**YES**

Would establish a new fund to be used exclusively for services to seniors and adults with disabilities, such as home and community-based long term care, and food and wellness programs.

**Measure J: Funding for Homelessness and Transportation**

**NO**

Would create two new funds with annual appropriations for the next 24 years. Creating more predetermined appropriations prevents our government from making decisions in lean economic times.

**Measure K: General Sales Tax**

**NO RECOMMENDATION**

**Measure L: MTA Appointments**

**YES**

Would allow the Board of Supervisors to appoint three members of the Municipal Transportation Agency's board and lower the budget-approval threshold to six members.

**Measure M: Housing and Development Commission**

**NO RECOMMENDATION**

**Measure N: Non-Citizen Voting in School**

**YES**

Would allow non-citizens to vote in local School Board elections. Parents of all children should have a voice in our school system regardless of citizenship.

**Measure O: Office Development in Candlestick Point and Hunters Point**

**YES**

Would amend the Planning Code to exclude new office space in the Candlestick Point and Hunters Point project area from the annual 950,000 square feet limit imposed in 1986 by Proposition M. The measure would exempt any new office space from counting towards the annual limit.

**Measure P: Competitive Bidding for Affordable Housing Projects on City-Owned Property**

**NO**

Would establish criteria for the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development regarding its solicitations of affordable housing projects on city-owned property.

**Measure Q: Prohibiting Tents on Public Sidewalks**

**NO**

Would prohibit the placement of tent encampments on public sidewalks, but would not require the city to provide the homeless population with needed services.

**Measure R: Neighborhood Crime Unit**

**NO RECOMMENDATION**

**Measure S: Allocation of Hotel Tax Funds**

**NO RECOMMENDATION**

**Measure T: Restricting Gifts and Campaign Contributions from Lobbyists**

**NO RECOMMENDATION**

**Measure U: Affordable Housing Requirements for Market-Rate Development Projects**

**NO**

Would double the income level required to qualify for inclusionary units to 110 percent of Area Median Income.

**Measure V: Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages**

**NO RECOMMENDATION**

**Measure W: Real Estate Transfer Tax on Properties Over \$5 Million**

**YES**

Would increase the Real Property Transfer Tax rate. Revenues generated would then be used to support City College students.

**Measure X: Requirements for Changing the Use of Certain Properties**

**NO RECOMMENDATION**

**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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