



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 17: Mike Honda

A teacher, principal and congressman, Mike Honda has dedicated his life to public service. During his tenure in Congress, he has secured over a half-billion dollars for regional projects, including the BART expansion to San Jose and a variety of healthcare and public works initiatives. As the chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Honda fought for language access in hospitals and the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities.



District 18: Anna Eshoo

In Congresswoman Eshoo's two decades in Congress, she has defended consumers, championed technological innovation, expanded access to healthcare for families and children, protected the environment, and encouraged development of clean energy technology. As a member of two key House committees, Eshoo has influenced major initiatives such as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the healthcare reform bill.



District 19: Zoe Lofgren

Congresswoman Lofgren champions thoughtful, practical ideas and smart, forward-thinking policy solutions that help our community. As the former chair of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security and a longtime immigration attorney and law professor, Lofgren is an established champion of comprehensive immigration reform and a national leader on immigration policy. She was instrumental in the passage of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.



STATE SENATE

District 15: Jim Beall

Senator Beall's vision and experience has provided Silicon Valley with 30 years of leadership and a strong advocate for working families. Beall has authored bills to improve California's air quality, provide long-term funding for projects like BART to San Jose, and to protect foster care youth from being overprescribed psychotropic drugs. He has also expanded the delivery of behavioral health services by strengthening mental health parity laws.



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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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