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Walz, Klobuchar, Smith lead Labor 2018 ticket

MINNEAPOLIS — In Minnesota and across the nation, the November 6, 2018 election is shaping up to be one of the most bitterly-contested “off-year” elections in recent memory.

Elections in non-presidential years typically see a dramatic fall-off in voter turn-out.

And, too often, that leads to lower vote totals for the candidates who will support the interests of working families.

So the state’s labor movement is pulling out all the stops to mobilize volunteers to turn-out the vote for labor-endorsed candidates.

“We have knocked on more doors this year than any other year: 16,000 doors,” said Chelsie Glaubitz Gabiou, president of the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, reporting on the MRLF’s work to the MRLF’s October 10 delegate meeting.

“What we really need now are union volunteers to help fill out the work,” she said. “We expect this year’s races to be close.”

Minnesota’s election this year is dominated by the race for Governor, with Tim Walz as the AFL-CIO’s endorsed candidate.

In addition, both of Minnesota’s U.S. Senate seats are on the ballot. Labor-endorsed Amy Klobuchar is seeking a third term and labor-endorsed Tina Smith is running in a special election to fill out the balance of the term for the seat Al Franken resigned.

In addition, all eight U.S. House seats are on the ballot as well as the entire Minnesota House of Representatives.

Add races for local offices and school levy questions and there’s nothing “off” about this year’s “off-year” election.

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Help doorknock or phone bank to Get-Out-The-Vote!

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MFT Local 59 Educational Support Professionals organize ‘March to the Polls’ for early voting

The Educational Support Professionals Chapter of Minneapolis Federation of Teachers Local 59 organized a “March to the Polls” October 19 to encourage early voting. Photo above: After a rally at the United Labor Centre, marchers crossed the 3rd Ave. bridge over the Mississippi River en route to vote at the Hennepin County Government Center.

Labor stands behind ally Keith Ellison in attorney general race

By Michael Moore, editor, St. Paul Union Advocate

ST PAUL — Deb Howze fought hard to get a union. Now, the home care worker from Minneapolis is fighting to stop politicians like Doug Wardlow from taking it away.

The state’s home care workers have successfully bargained for wage increases, paid time off, holiday pay and new training opportunities since organizing with SEIU Healthcare Minnesota four years ago. But they also have become the target of corporate special interests trying to roll back those gains with lawsuits and phony anti-union campaigns.

“If Doug Wardlow were attorney general, he would join these attempts and try to reverse the progress we have made,” Howze said.

How can she be so sure?

Hostility toward unions and attacks on workers’ freedom to join together form a common thread running through Wardlow’s career. Howze and other union members traced that thread during a press conference October 11 in St. Paul with the Minnesota AFL-CIO’s endorsed attorney general candidate, U.S. Representative Keith Ellison.

During the two years Wardlow represented Eagan in the Minnesota House, the Republican-led efforts to get a “right to work” constitutional amendment on the ballot, cut state em...
March to the polls!

By Chelsie Glaubitz Gabiou, President, Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation

The labor movement is no stranger to marching, rallying and protesting. They all are tactics we employ to raise the voice of workers. But if these tactics are not paired with meaningful gains, such as bargaining a contract or winning on a policy issue, they are just that, tactics. Over the course of this past year, we have seen many marches, rallies and protests pop up. This current political environment also has led to a phenomenal amount of online social media “activism.”

Popular marches and social media activity will only get working families so far. Now, it’s time to harness that energy for one of the most important marches since election night 2016: the march to the polls November 6. And we need everyone, and I mean everyone, to enthusiastically join us in that march.

We need you to show up and vote, whether that’s at your polling place November 6 or at an early vote center in your community. We need you to mobilize and bring your neighbors, family and co-workers to the polls with you.

We at the MRLF are running our largest grassroots union member voter mobilization effort ever — and that doesn’t happen without the help of all of you. Each meaningful conversation we have about union values in the workplace or on the TV and in our social media feeds.

With so many races on the ballot this year, it’s time for one of the most important marches since election night 2016: the march to the polls to vote November 6.

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MRLF makes final endorsements for candidates for Prior Lake-Savage and Robbinsdale school boards

MINNEAPOLIS — In a final round of endorsements for the 2018 elections, delegates to the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO voted October 10 to endorse candidates for the school boards of the Robbinsdale Area Schools and the Prior Lake-Sage Area Schools.

Prior Lake-Sage Area Schools:
Jonathan Drewes, Michael Nelson, Stacey Ruelle, Enrique Velazquez,
The November 6 ballot will include 11 candidates for the board of the Prior Lake-Sage Area Schools.

Voters may vote for up to four candidates and the top four will be elected to the seven-member board.

The MRLF-endorsed candidates include: Jonathan Drewes, Michael Nelson (nelson4kids.com), Stacey Ruelle (ruelle4kids.com), and Enrique Velazquez (enriquevelazquez.com).

Stacey Ruelle, currently the board’s treasurer, is the only one of the four incumbents whose terms are expiring who is seeking re-election.

Robbinsdale Area Schools:
David Boone, Michael Herring, Pamela Lindberg, Sam Sant
Five candidates will be on the November 6 ballot for the board of the Robbinsdale Area Schools (ISD #281).

MRLF’s endorsed candidates include: David Boone (davidmboone.wixsite.com/mysite/school-board), Michael Herring, Pamela Lindberg, and Sam Sant.

Boone, Herring and Lindberg are incumbents seeking re-election. A fourth incumbent is not seeking re-election.

Boone formerly worked as a teacher for the Robbinsdale school district and currently teaches for Edina Public Schools.

Minnesota House District 33B: Kelly Morrison

In a late endorsement, the MRLF voted to recommend the endorsement of Kelly Morrison for Minnesota House of Representatives District 33B, representing communities around Lake Minnetonka. DFLer Morrison is challenging incumbent Republican Cindy Pugh. Pugh has earned a low 10 percent APL-CIO voting record after three terms in the Minnesota House. Morrison is a physician and lives in Deephaven (morrisonforhouse.com).

Laketown Township, Carver County, Town Supervisor: Pete Parris

In addition, delegates endorsed Pete Parris for Laketown Township, Town Supervisor, Seat C in Carver County. Parris is a former business agent and political director for Sheet Metal Workers Local 10.
Events

October 30: Benefit for East Side Freedom Library will feature author Patricia Hampl

SAINT PAUL — Author Patricia Hampl will be the guest speaker at the East Side Freedom Library’s fourth anniversary benefit celebration Tuesday, October 30. The evening begins with refreshments and conversation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief presentation about the work of the East Side Freedom Library at 7:15 p.m.

Author Patricia Hampl will then take the stage to share her work and her passion for literature. She is the author of 12 award-winning prose and memoir works, including The Florist’s Daughter, winner of the 2007 Minnesota Book Award, about being raised in a working-class family in St. Paul.

The East Side Freedom Library is located at 1105 Greenbrier St. in St. Paul.

Advanced registration requested. Single ticket cost: $100. To reserve tickets online, visit eastsidefreedomlibrary.org.

November 9: ‘Fare for All’ offers discounted holiday food package for $30 including turkey

MINNEAPOLIS — For only $30, you can purchase a discounted holiday food package in November from Fare for All for your Thanksgiving holiday. The package includes: 8-10 pound turkey, sage pork sausage, pork tenderloin, turkey breast strips, chicken breasts, pork sausage patties, green beans, and apple pie.

Fare For All has 30 locations in the greater Twin Cities metro area where food packages are sold once a month.

Friday, November 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will be the next Fare for All distribution date at the Laborers Local 563 hall, 901 14th Ave. NE, Minneapolis (one-half block west of Central Ave. on 14th Ave. NE).

Fare for All’s regular food packages also will be available. The program has no income requirements and is open to everyone looking to save money.

Working Partnerships, the AFL-CIO community services program, hosts the Fare for All site at Laborers Local 563. For more information, call 612-379-8130 ext. 112 or visit fareforall.org.

November 15: Women Building Success will celebrate National Apprenticeship Week

SAINT PAUL — Women Building Success plans a fun evening to celebrate National Apprenticeship week with a photo contest for apprentices and inspiring remarks from special guest Pam Borton, former head women’s basketball coach at the University of Minnesota.

The event will be Thursday, November 15 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the IBEW Local 110 Union hall, 1330 Conway St., Saint Paul.

Pizza and pop will be served and more than $500 in prizes will be awarded.

All union members are welcome to attend. To RSVP for the event, text @wbs2019 with your name and guest name(s) to 81010.

For the photo contest — open only to apprentices — submit one photo in one or more of the following three categories: A) a photo of you at work; B) A photo of a jobsite/building; C) A photo of your tools and/or craftsmanship.

The deadline to submit photos is Monday, November 5.

Winners must be present at the event November 15 to win.

E-mail photos along with your name to Jenny Winklelaar, Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council, at jenny@mplsbctc.org.

December 8: TakeAction Minnesota plans annual progressives’ post-election ‘People’s Celebration’

SAINT PAUL — TakeAction Minnesota’s annual post-election “People’s Celebration” will be Saturday, December 8 from 5:30-10:30 p.m. at St. Paul RiverCentre, 175 West Kellogg Blvd.

Reduced-price “early-bird” tickets are available through November 16 at $65 for a regular ticket or $15 for a discounted ticket. After November 16, the regular ticket price will be $75 and the discounted ticket price will be $25. The deadline to reserve tickets is November 29.

The evening will include dinner, speakers, and dancing to a live band.

For more details, or to order tickets online, visit takeactionminnesota.org.
Thank you for getting involved in our democracy and voting in the November 6 elections!

Your friend,

Amy Klobuchar
OUR UNITED STATES SENATOR

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**Get-Out-The-Vote**

**MRLF seeks volunteers for doorknocks, phone banks, and Get-Out-The-Vote**

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO seeks union members to volunteer to help with doorknocks, phone banks and Get-Out-The-Vote efforts through Election Day, Tuesday, November 6.

For the final Get-Out-The-Vote push, the MRLF’s union member to union member program will merge into the DFL’s Get-Out-The-Vote program.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact MRLF campaigns manager Casey Hudek at casey@minneapolisleunions.org or 612-321-5671.

Or, simply report to one of the DFL Get-Out-The-Vote centers listed below. When you sign in, please note your union affiliation. Note: Shifts begin at 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. You can view dates and shifts and sign up at DFL.org/events.

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2950 Metro Drive, Suite 117

**Brooklyn Park**
2937 Brookdale Drive

**Coon Rapids**
2923 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW

**Eden Prairie**
10165 Hennepin Town Road, Suite 109

**Edina**
7001 Cahill Road, Suite 21

**Excelsior**
478 2nd Street

**Plymouth**
187 Cheshire Lane N., Suite 700

**Minneapolis**
4407 E. Lake Street
67 Eighth Avenue North
1200 Plymouth Avenue North
4309 France Avenue South

**Shakopee**
109 Lewis Street S.

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**Ellison: Pledges to be the people’s lawyer**

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Professor Mary C. Turner said.

With them over the years on every front,” Fowler said. “Enforcement of regulations or don’t pay workers what they are owed. One report estimates wage theft costs 390,000 Minnesota workers—from a wide range of industries—nearly $12 million each year.

“I think it is the job of the Minnesota attorney general to stand with workers and say, if you put in a hard day’s work, you will get a hard day’s pay,” Ellison said. “But it’s not enough to have good laws; we’ve got to have good people who enforce those laws.”

Ellison also alleged to defend working people against the corporate special interests funding legal attacks—like the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent Janus decision—on their freedoms.

“These special interests already have high-powered lawyers on their side,” Ellison said. “They don’t need another one in the Attorney General’s Office.”
Behind enemy lines: My lunch with Rebecca Friedrichs and Mark Janus

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — As members of several different unions protested outside, I was seated at a table inside the Minneapolis Hilton at a September 17 lunch hosted by the Center of the American Experiment. The lunch was billed as “A Celebration of Janus v. AFSCME” — the recent U.S. Supreme Court case in which a 5-4 majority struck down the unanimous 1977 Supreme Court ruling which allowed public sector unions to collect fees from non-members to cover the costs of representing them. The luncheon’s featured speakers were Mark Janus, the plaintiff in the case, and Rebecca Friedrichs, who also was a plaintiff in a previous, similar case before the Supreme Court, Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association.

The Center of the American Experiment — founded in 1990 and originally billing itself as “Minnesota’s Think Tank” — has in recent years emerged as perhaps the leading anti-union actor in Minnesota.

CAE filed an amicus brief in Janus v. AFSCME, taking the side of Mark Janus. More notably, CAE has moved beyond authoring policy papers and op-eds to actively engage in direct outreach to union members via mail, phone calls and in-home visits by paid canvassers, all to encourage union members to quit or vote against their union. CAE recently staged an unsuccessful effort to persuade Minnesota home care workers to reject SEIU’s United Home Care Workers Minnesota. And now, in the wake of the Janus decision, CAE is targeting Minnesota teachers.

As I ate and waited for the speakers to begin, I listened to the conversations around me. “Did you see the gang outside?” one person asked another. “They didn’t look like teachers.” “Teamsters,” the other person replied. Several people parted the closed curtains in the room to peer out the windows at the demonstrators.

Later, as CAE vice president Kim Crockett began the program, she struggled to be heard over the blaring horn of the giant Teamsters Local 120 semi-trailer truck outside, which rang out briefly.

Crockett highlighted CAE’s post-Janus efforts to reach out to Minnesota teachers, including mailings and a website, with the goal of persuading teachers to opt out of their union. Samples of postcards mailed to teachers were on the tables. “We don’t want to tell people what to do,” Crockett insisted. “Unions have been doing that for 41 years.” She urged the people at the lunch to “adopt a teacher” and reach out to them as part of the CAE’s anti-union campaign.

The room at the Hilton was set up with 16 tables of nine, a far smaller crowd than I’ve observed when I’ve occasionally attended CAE lunches in the past.

The bulk of the time was taken up by Mark Janus, who is now a former State of Illinois employee who was represented by AFSCME, and Rebecca Friedrichs, now a former kindergarten teacher who was represented by the California Teachers Association.

The two passed a microphone back and forth as they related the stories of their now-famous cases, which were bankrolled by right-wing foundations funded in turn by anti-union billionaires (no mention, however, of who picked up the legal fees).

As Friedrichs and Janus spoke, I took notes on my phone, not wanting to be too conspicuous writing in a reporter’s notebook.

I’m reluctant to let this brief account of the luncheon become a platform for their views. My main takeaways:

Friedrichs, for 28 years a public school kindergarten teacher, shared how she attended a conference hosted by the Christian Educators Association where she found inspiration to become involved. She said she prayed to God about what to do and “I guess He picked me.”

Friedrichs said, “God doesn’t ask a girl to do what He didn’t do” only to lose. “We knew He had a plan and it was a good plan.”

“I always tell people I fumbled the ball on the one yard line,” Friedrichs said. “But my buddy Mark picked up the ball.”

Mark Janus, formerly a State of Illinois public employee and AFSCME fee-payer, didn’t claim like Friedrichs to have God on his side. But his account ignored the goals of the anti-union forces who were on his side and why they backed him.

As Janus told his story, when he saw union fees deducted from his first State of Illinois paycheck, “I thought, I didn’t sign up for this.” Years later, he said, he came to the point where he simply thought “enough is enough” and contacted the Illinois-based Liberty Justice Center for help. (Following the Supreme Court’s ruling in Janus v. AFSCME, Mark Janus now works for Liberty Justice Center). “We’re not bashing unions,” Janus claimed. “We’re not trying to put unions out of business.”

An audience member asked a question about the history of Illinois public employee wages. Janus replied that workers years ago were underpaid, but because of collective bargaining, public employee wages increased. What? Doesn’t Janus’s own answer prove the point that public employees gain from collective bargaining?

Friedrichs hawked her new book, “Standing Up to Goliath: Battling State and National Teachers’ Unions for the Heart and Soul of Our Kids and Country.” She urged the audience, “stand up to the bully.”

“On that note,” CAE’s Kim Crockett said, “the Teamsters have gone home so it’s safe to leave.”

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Kathryn Eckhardt: ‘Union members are worried’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

ANDOVER — “When I talk to union members, which happens frequently, they’re worried,” says Kathryn Eckhardt. “People want to move away from all that noisy stuff that divides us.”

Eckhardt is running with AFL-CIO and DFL Party endorsement for the House District 35B seat, which includes Andover, Coon Rapids, and Ramsey.

Eckhardt and her husband moved to Andover to raise their family, attracted by good schools for their two kids.

She’s a first-time candidate and she’s bringing a fresh approach to running for office, focusing on finding common ground to solve community problems. “People are excited about that,” she says. “They want people who care about people.”

“We are so divided, as a state, as a country, even as a district,” she notes. “People are tired of politics as usual.”

Eckhardt believes “the job of the representative is to represent the whole district, not just the people who voted for them.”

The five-term Republican incumbent, Peggy Scott, has a lifetime AFL-CIO voting record of only seven percent. Although Scott won handily two years ago, Eckhardt is not deterred. “I look at those numbers but I also talk to my neighbors… There’s a real disconnect.”

Eckhardt pledges to be a representative much more accessible to constituents, “much more solutions-focused.”

“You get a room, you talk about the issues facing the district… We come together as neighbors, people whose kids go to school together.”

Eckhardt grew up in the Milwaukee area and moved to the Twin Cities to attend the University of Minnesota. She earned a B.A. in child psychology there as well as a Masters degree in Work, Community, and Family Education.

Her grandfather was a union member, she relates, and “my dad always talked about how important unions were” and about the importance of protecting collective bargaining rights.

Eckhardt worked briefly as an AFSCME member at the U of M and for 15 years has worked for the U’s Division of Epidemiology and Community Health.

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Erin Koegel: ‘To improve state, we need to listen’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

SPRING LAKE PARK — “Good ideas don’t come from one party,” says Erin Koegel. “If we want to improve our state, we need to actually listen and talk to each other and hold leadership accountable.”

Koegel is running with AFL-CIO and DFL Party endorsement for re-election to the House District 37A seat, which includes Blaine, Coon Rapids and Spring Lake Park.

Over the past two legislative sessions, Koegel earned a 95 percent AFL-CIO voting record on working family issues.

She’s very frustrated, however, with the Republican House majority’s extreme partisanship. “They did everything they could to block any legislation coming from people across the aisle,” she relates.

The only way she could get a hearing for an open meeting bill she wrote, she says, was to get a Republican colleague to officially be the author instead of her. The bill passed. “That was a small step in the right direction,” she says.

With the 2018 election for the Minnesota House, she says, “we have a real opportunity to change the way the legislature can function. That’s what we need to focus on.”

Koegel grew up in Osseo and graduated from Osseo Senior High. At the University of Minnesota Duluth, she earned both her undergraduate degree and a Masters in Advocacy and Political Leadership.

Koegel’s parents grew up in Silver Bay, where both of her grandfathers were members of the United Steelworkers. Her parents were married at the union hall, she relates.

“There’s a big co-relation between the strength of the middle class and the strength of our unions,” says Koegel, a former AFSCME member. “I want to make sure more people can join unions and that we’re not doing anything to diminish the right to organize.”

Koegel’s support for unions and for expanding access to the Minnesota Care health plan have made her a target for record-high outside spending to defeat her.

“We have a high labor density in my area,” Koegel notes. “It’s scary to think somebody who would support ‘Right-to-Work’ could be elected from the area.”

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Ginny Klevorn: ‘How can we make life better?’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

PLYMOUTH — Ginny Klevorn is making a second run for Minnesota House District 44A in Plymouth. She’s again running with endorsement from the AFL-CIO and DFL Party.

Six-term Republican incumbent Sarah Anderson has earned a low lifetime AFL-CIO voting record of only nine percent.

Democrat Hillary Clinton, however, won the district with 52.8 percent of the vote.

Weighing a second run, Klevorn began organizing “listening sessions” in every precinct in the district beginning in December 2017, inviting Democrats, Republicans, independents.

“What I learned is people want government that is truthful,” she says. She adds: “they want you to do the job.”

“I’m interested in being a public servant; I’m not interested in being a politician,” Klevorn says. “For me, it’s about sitting down with people, hearing their stories, and saying, ‘okay, what can we do to make this situation better? How can we make life better for the people of Minnesota?’

Klevorn has been knocking lots of doors and hearing lots of stories. Foremost, she’s hearing people are fearful that repeal of the Affordable Care Act will mean that people with preexisting conditions won’t be covered for needed care. “Nobody was talking about health care like this in 2016,” she says.

“It’s a different feeling this year,” Klevorn says. “People who kicked me off their porch [two years ago] are talking to me this year.”

Klevorn grew up in a union household in Texas and learned powerful lessons about the difference that union wages, health care, and pensions made for her parents’ lives.

“We are fighting for democracy, whether it’s in the workplace through collective bargaining… or state and federal government,” Klevorn says. “To union people, I really want them to know I understand and value collective bargaining… Unions are a necessary part of our democracy.”

Klevorn has lived in Plymouth since 2002 and is professional mediator.

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Minneapolis House

Amir Malik: ‘Everybody can make a difference’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

BLAINE — “My goal is to give Blaine better representation,” says Amir Malik. “I don’t think they’re well-represented, whether you are a Democrat or a Republican.”

Malik is running with AFL-CIO and DFL Party endorsement for House District 37B in Blaine. That was an open seat which DFL and labor-endorsed Susan Witt, a retired teacher, lost by just 168 votes two years ago to Republican Nolan West.

(Since then, West earned a low 16 percent AFL-CIO voting record).

Malik says he intended to support Witt for another run this year, but when she chose not to run again, he was persuaded to run for the seat himself.

Although Malik has lived for just two years in the district, he emphasizes that he’s committed to the community which has become home for himself, his wife and their four children. “I live in Blaine, my house is there, I’m raising my children there.”

Malik was attracted to Blaine, he says, because it reminded him of the small town where he grew up, Hoopston, Illinois, about 100 miles south of Chicago. He graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and then from New York University Law School.

He’s been a teacher and he currently works as a civil rights attorney for the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Years ago, Malik’s father, a food safety scientist, moved to the Twin Cities to work for Pillsbury. When a teenage Amir Malik had a first summer job at the Byerly’s in Golden Valley, he relates, he joined UFCW as a full member, even though it was optional for a part-timer.

“Even when I was a kid I was pro-union,” he says. “The data make it clear what happens when you have unions and when you don’t.”

“If people are unhappy with government dysfunction, they need to show up at the polls,” Malik says. “168 votes — everybody can make a difference. Don’t tell me your vote isn’t going to matter.”

“If you believe in investing in Minnesota, you need to show that with your vote,” Malik urges.

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By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNETONKA — “My roots here are really deep. My family and my history have been here a long time,” says Patty Acomb.

Acomb is running with AFL-CIO and DFL Party endorsement for election to the House District 44B seat representing Minnetonka, Plymouth and Woodland.

The incumbent, two-term DFLer Jon Applebaum, chose not to run for re-election.

Acomb has lived in House District 44B for 40 years.

She has served as an at-large member of the Minnetonka City Council since 2012 and has a long record of additional community involvement and leadership. “From an early age, back in high school, I took a class in community service,” she says. “Long-term relationships encourage me and make it that much more important to me to get involved and to give back to my community.”

Acomb says one of her proudest accomplishments as Minnetonka city council member was leading the effort to bring solar energy to the city, which will save residents $21 million over the next 25 years. “It’s a win for the environment and a win for the taxpayer,” she says.

Health care was one of the main issues that led Acomb to run for the state legislature. Last year, she went through successful treatment for breast cancer. “Because I had good health care, I was diagnosed early,” she says. “I want to make sure everybody has access to quality health care... Health care is a right that everybody deserves.”

She says she’s finding health care is the top concern of voters. “I’ve had many deep and personal conversations with people on their doorstep,” she says, hearing stories about high deductibles and high out-of-pocket expenses.

Acomb graduated from Hopkins High School and the University of Minnesota and worked for the Minnesota DNR. She and her husband, Craig Acomb, have two sons. Craig, now retired, was a MAPE union member when he worked for the Minnesota DNR.

“If I’m fortunate enough to win and represent this district… I would be supportive of working families,” Acomb says. “I hope I could be a good partner.”

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Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn: ‘Politics are about people’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

EDEN PRAIRIE — “Ultimately, I believe politics are and should be — at the heart — about people, says Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn.

Kotyza-Witthuhn is running with AFL-CIO and DFL Party endorsement for election to the House District 48B seat, which is primarily in Eden Prairie.

The five-term Republican incumbent, Jennifer Loon, has earned a lifetime AFL-CIO voting record of only 10 percent on votes tracking working family issues.

“People are ready for a fresh perspective; they are ready for a new generation of leadership,” says Kotyza-Witthuhn (pronounced “ko-teeza wi-toon”).

In 2016, labor-endorsed DFLer Steve Cwdzinski won the Senate District 48 seat and Hillary Clinton won District 48B by 13 percent. “We have a good shot,” says Kotyza-Witthuhn, who is campaigning on living wage jobs, education, affordable housing, and access to affordable and quality health care.

“I never planned to run for office,” she adds. “It had a lot to do with the outcome of the 2016 election and seeing where our country seemed to be headed. It’s concerning to me.”

“I grew up in a union household in Sheboygan, Wisconsin,” Kotyza-Witthuhn proudly declares on her website. Both of her parents were educators and her father was active in his teachers union. He retired early, however, she notes, due to Republican Governor Scott Walker’s assault on public employee unions.

“The threat of removing collective bargaining rights in Minnesota is very personal to me because it affected my family and it affects my friends who are still teaching in Wisconsin today,” she says.

Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to Minnesota to attend the University of St. Thomas. She has worked in management in both the public and private sectors. When she and her husband settled in Eden Prairie seven years ago, she says, “the fantastic school district in Eden Prairie was a big consideration.” The couple recently adopted three siblings from the Minnesota foster care system, ages 2, 3 and 4.

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Minnesota House

Brad Tabke: ‘Pass bills and get things done’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

SHAKOPEE — “It’s really important we have a functioning legislature that can pass bills and get things done,” says former Shakopee mayor Brad Tabke. “When I was mayor, working with the legislature was exceptionally frustrating.”

Tabke now is running with AFL-CIO and DFL Party endorsement for election to the House District 55A seat representing Shakopee, Jackson Township, and Louis ville Township.

He entered the race only after DFLer Mary Hernandez, who ran two years ago, decided late not to run due to a family illness.

The two-term incumbent, Republican Bob Loonan, has earned only a 14 percent voting record on working family issues tracked by the Minnesota AFL-CIO.

Tabke ran for Shakopee mayor in 2011 and defeated a 10-year incumbent “by talking about the future and how Shakopee was growing and developing.”

Tabke served two terms as mayor of Shakopee, from 2012-2016. He has served previously as chair of the local chamber of commerce and as chair of the city’s park and recreation board.

Hunter Cantrell: ‘A lot of people want change’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

SAVAGE — Hunter Cantrell knows first-hand the benefits that union organizing can bring. “I was part of the first round of home care workers that voted to certify the home health care workers union,” he says.

With AFL-CIO and DFL Party endorsement, Cantrell is running for the House District 56A seat in Savage and Burnsville. That’s another district Hillary Clinton won in 2016 which could flip from Republican to DFL this year.

The two-term Republican incumbent, Drew Christensen, has only a seven percent lifetime AFL-CIO voting record on working family issues.

Remember, it was Governor Mark Dayton working with a DFL-controlled legislature which expanded collective bargaining rights to thousands of home health care workers.

For Cantrell, now a member of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota for four years, “we’ve seen advancements in training, benefits, paid-time off.” And, he says, “a lot of us have seen the first pay increase we’ve seen in years — or ever…”

As mayor, Tabke says, “we worked really hard with our businesses in growing high-wage jobs.” Now, he says, “we have a lot of union jobs in Shakopee we didn’t have before.”

“We accomplished what we set out to do and we did that by building coalitions and getting community support,” Tabke says. “It’s a skill that I bring to the table and hope to leverage at the legislature.”

“I grew up on a farm in the middle of nowhere, 4H kid, lots of hard work,” says Tabke, an Iowa native. He earned a horticulture degree from the University of Iowa.

He and his wife Katy moved to Shakopee when she got a teaching job there and they’ve lived in the same house ever since 2003. The couple have two daughters, ages 7 and 11. A teacher at Shakopee high school, Katy Tabke is an Education Minnesota union member and active as a building rep and negotiating committee member.

“I think that strengthening unions so we can all work together is important,” Tabke says. “That’s how we get out of the mess we’re in today — by empowering people and labor to make good decisions.”

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Tim Walz pledges to be ‘organizer-in-chief’ as Governor

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

SAINT PAUL — For the state’s union members, no race on the 2018 ballot is more important than the race for Minnesota Governor. Governor Mark Dayton is not seeking re-election and who serves next in the Governor’s office could well determine whether or not Minnesota continues to support workers’ freedom to join unions or follows its neighbors in becoming a so-called “right to work” state, where worker rights have been curtailed and where wages lag behind Minnesota wages.

Following the August primary election, the Minnesota AFL-CIO and affiliated unions have joined enthusiastically in supporting Tim Walz for Governor.

Walz has served six terms in the U.S. House representing Minnesota’s 1st Congressional District. He is a former high school teacher — and Education Minnesota union member — and served 24 years in the Army National Guard.

At his primary election night victory party at the Carpenters union hall in Saint Paul, Walz offered his thanks and said: “To my brothers and sisters in Labor, I’m Labor, Minnesota is Labor.” The crowd roared approval.

Walz continued: “This veteran walks proudly in my progressive values. This teacher stands up to bullies. This coach builds championship teams. This Governor won’t back down.”

As of 2017, Walz had earned a 93 percent lifetime voting record from the national AFL-CIO on working families issues during his six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

When the Minnesota AFL-CIO general board voted its unanimous endorsement for Walz after the August primary election, Walz said: “It is time to have an organizer-in-chief sitting in the Governor’s office — and that’s exactly what we’ll do.”

In stark contrast, Walz’s Republican opponent — Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson — famously asserted his plan “to go all Scott Walker on Minnesota” when running for Governor four years ago. Republican Walker, elected Wisconsin’s Governor in 2010, led an assault on workers’ freedom to join unions.

Compared to Minnesota under Dayton’s leadership, Wisconsin’s economic performance under Walker has lagged far behind (see walzorwisconsin.org).

In the fall campaign, Walz has continued to emphasize his theme of “One Minnesota.” At a final October 21 debate with Johnson, Walz spoke out against using fear to divide Minnesotans and said, “when we come together as one Minnesota, there’s no challenge we can’t overcome.”

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By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — “We have an urgent choice in this election,” said U.S. Senator Tina Smith, addressing the Minnesota AFL-CIO convention September 22. “Are we going to put people or money first?”

Smith is running in a special election for the U.S. Senate seat which became vacant when Al Franken resigned January 2, 2018. Governor Mark Dayton appointed Smith, who was serving as his Lieutenant Governor, to fill the vacancy temporarily.

In her first run for elected office, Smith won the DFL primary election and now is running with the endorsement of both the Minnesota AFL-CIO and the DFL Party.

The special election for this race will be in conjunction with the November 6, 2018 general election.

Following the lead of Minnesota’s senior U.S. Senator, Amy Klobuchar, Smith has worked in the U.S. Senate the past few months with a focus not on partisanship, but on getting things done.

“Minnesotans want Washington to work for them and get to work. They are tired of the negativity,” she told the Minnesota AFL-CIO convention.

“They don’t wake up and say, ‘hmm, I’m a Republican, I need to take my kid to school… They don’t wake up and say, ‘hmm, I’m a Democrat, I need to pay my mortgage,’” Smith asked: “Are we going to choose a path where we can come together? Or are we going to fuel this division that’s ripping us apart?”

For Smith, a focus on working families’ issues can bring people together. “Let’s move to a future where everybody has health care that they can afford,” she said. She also advocated for moving the federal minimum wage to $15 per hour and protecting pensions. “We’re working to support unions, the unions that build the middle class for all of us,” Smith added.

(By contrast, when Smith’s opponent, Karin Housely, was asked October 21 by KSTP-TV if she supported a $15 federal minimum wage, Housely answered flatly, “absolutely not.” Housely went on to say that she didn’t think the federal or state governments should even mandate a minimum wage and that it should be up to employers to set their own minimum wage.)

U.S. Congress: more stark choices

The stark choices for working families on issues like health care in the 2018 elections include races for U.S. Congress in the Minneapolis area.

In the 5th Congressional District, Ilhan Omar is running with AFL-CIO endorsement to continue Keith Ellison’s legacy of progressive leadership.

In the 2nd Congressional District, Angie Craig is running with AFL-CIO endorsement against incumbent Jason Lewis.

And in the 3rd Congressional District, Dean Phillips is running with AFL-CIO endorsement against incumbent Erik Paulsen.

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Hennepin County Board

Irene Fernando: ‘Improve the lives of families’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — “Communities should be at the center of decisions,” says Irene Fernando, candidate for the open District 2 seat on the Hennepin County Board. West to east, District 2 stretches from Plymouth and Medicine Lake to Golden Valley, northeast Minneapolis and St. Anthony.

Fernando is endorsed by the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO and DFL Party. She also has been endorsed by AFSCME Council 5, Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, and North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.

“There are many ways we can improve the lives of families,” Fernando says. “Who are we employing? Who are we working with when we’re building something? What businesses are getting opportunities? What are we writing into those contracts?”

Fernando grew up in a union family. Her mom and two sisters both are union nurses. Other family members work as union teachers and members of construction unions.

“I have a deep commitment that we ought to be leading and serving from the perspective of those who are closest to implementing the work and those who are receiving services,” she says.

“We owe a lot of our progress as a county to the work of other union members and union advocates,” Fernando says. “I’m interested in ensuring that voice remains a prominent voice in our communities and that we continue that progress.”

“Since the county was formed, we’ve never elected one person of color” as a county commissioner, Fernando notes. “The community’s voice is absent from the decision-making tables and we deserve to be at the decision-making tables.”

At the University of Minnesota, Fernando earned a BS in Business and then a Master of Education degree in Youth Development Leadership. Her primary professional experience has been working with a youth leadership organization. She has lived for 12 years in Harrison Neighborhood in Minneapolis.

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Peter McLaughlin: Tackling disparities with jobs

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — “The biggest problem we’ve got in the community right now is the economic disparities,” says Peter McLaughlin, adding “the only way we’re going to tackle that is with jobs.”

McLaughlin is running for re-election to a ninth term on the Hennepin County Board, representing District 4 in south Minneapolis.

McLaughlin’s endorsements include: Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO; AFSCME Council 5; and the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council.

McLaughlin sees a historic opportunity with the local economy’s high demand for workers and the Baby Boomers’ coming retirement wave. “It’s the opportunity of a lifetime being able to attack disparities and get people working,” he says.

“We’re working right now with the Building Trades and others to create pathways into jobs,” McLaughlin says. “We need to be very intentional and reaching out into the community...”

McLaughlin has a long record of creating policy solutions that work.

“That’s what the power of Hennepin County is,” he says. “We can combine healthcare, housing, social services, jobs.”

McLaughlin has been the key leader in the development of the region’s growing and successful light rail system and has served as the chair of the region-wide Counties Transit Improvement Board.

“I’ve been trying to get a transit system for the 21st century built during my time on the board,” he says. “That I consider a great achievement.”

Just the Southwest Light Rail project alone, he notes, is an $800 million civil construction contract. “That’s going to put a lot of people to work for a long time.”

“We’ve got to make sure we fulfill that vision of a good-paying job with benefits for everybody,” McLaughlin says.

“Unions are in a battle for their lives,” McLaughlin notes. “I have and been and will continue to be an ally.”

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Brooklyn Park

Hollies Winston: Jobs and affordable housing

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — Hollies Winston is running for mayor of Brooklyn Park with the endorsement of the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. He also is endorsed by the DFL Party.

“The one thing I’m hearing at the doors is property taxes,” he says, which have jumped 30 percent in recent years. “It’s making Brooklyn Park less and less affordable... That’s an issue that needs to be addressed.

How? “We need to attract new businesses who are willing to pay their fair share of taxes,” says Winston, who serves as commissioner on the Brooklyn Park Budget Advisory Committee.

Winston also has been involved in the Northwest Suburbs Community and Labor Coalition, which the MRLF helped to found. “It’s driven by what people in the community care about,” he says.

“Brooklyn Park is supposed to be a place for young families. It’s increasingly not becoming that,” he adds. “We need to find ways to bring in housing.”

The city and schools work together, it strengthens both of them.”

Winston also wants to see Brooklyn Park do more to attract jobs by growing local business, attracting new business, and working with unions to bring apprentice programs to the community. “We can lead the state and maybe the country in saying how can we create jobs in Brooklyn Park? Unions are a big part of that in training folks.”

“When I talk about jobs and affordable housing it’s really about opportunity,” he says.

“I’m a big supporter of unions,” Winston adds, “because at the end of the day, it’s about protecting the dignity of workers... I can’t imagine the workplace being bearable without the role unions have played in America.”

Born in Illinois, Winston moved to Minnesota with his family and grew up in Plymouth. He earned his MBA from the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management and has been a Brooklyn Park resident for seven years. He and his wife Latrice have three children. Website: hollieswinston.org

Richfield

Mary Supple: Longtime teacher, community leader

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

RICHFIELD — “When you give back, the community gets stronger and you get stronger,” says Mary Supple.

A longtime elementary teacher in the Richfield public schools, Supple is running for Richfield city council at large with the endorsement of the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. She has also been endorsed by AFSCME Council 5, the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council, and Richfield Firefighters Local 1215.

Supple currently chairs the Richfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority and serves as president of the Richfield Economic Development Authority.

Serving on the city council, Supple would focus on affordable housing, revitalizing older homes and apartments, and working to create community schools with supportive services.

“I believe in building partnerships and listening to all voices as we chart our course into the future,” she says. “When you give back, the community gets stronger and you get stronger.”

Mary Supple currently works at Richfield middle school as a sixth grade math teacher. She has worked for 30 years for the Richfield public schools. She’s been active in her union, Education Richfield, where she has served as president, governmental relations chair, and contract negotiator.

“Labor unions are so important because everybody’s working together and it builds community,” she says.

Supple grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater.

When she found a teaching job in Richfield, she and her husband moved there. “I loved it. We decided to stay. It’s a great community.”

Her husband, Rich Supple, is an AFSCME member and works at Hennepin Healthcare.

“I’m proud to be a union member and I hope everybody votes November 6 for union-endorsed candidates,” Supple says. Website: marysupple.com

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Minneapolis School Board

Kim Caprini: Years of advocacy as school parent

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — For Kim Caprini, the question is simple: “Can we focus on what’s in the best interests of our kids?” Making a second run for Minneapolis School Board, Caprini is seeking one of the two at large seats which are on the November 6 ballot.

In addition to her endorsement from the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, she’s also been endorsed by the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, SEIU Minnesota State Council and DFL Party.

Caprini offers years of experience as a parent volunteer with advocacy groups and school site councils working to improve the city’s schools. “I feel so well-educated when it comes to this work,” she says. “I’ve done it because of my children.”

Her now 19-year-old is a student at the U of M while her 15-year-old is at Henry High School.

“There were opportunities for me to advocate not only for my own children, but for more children across the north side,” she says. “I didn’t stop. I just kept going.”

“Schools need to reach out to parents and let them know, ‘we want you, we need you,’” she says.

With so many school families facing challenges, Caprini says, “we still have to make sure we’re creating a school experience for homeless and highly-mobile children that’s conducive to quality education.”

Caprini is concerned about issues like class sizes, of course, but she’s also wants to reverse the decline in after-school activities. She believes the school district and the park district need to work together. “A lot of recreation centers don’t have enough programs or any programs at all… We have a lot of kids who have a lot of idle time after school,” she knows.

On the north side, she’s seen “we’re losing families to other schools in Robbinsdale and Brooklyn Center.” That’s why she’s advocated for bringing the International Baccalaureate program to north side schools.

Caprini’s mother, sister and brother all were union members who worked for the Minneapolis Public Schools. “The idea that there are folks who want to take away collective bargaining — it’s wrong… How are we supposed to take care of our families without strong unions?”

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Josh Pauly: ‘Wrap-around services are integral’

By Steve Share, Labor Review editor

MINNEAPOLIS — If you talk to parents of Minneapolis Public Schools students, they like their school and their teacher, but they’re concerned about the district’s leadership, says Josh Pauly.

Pauly is running for one of two at large seats on the Minneapolis School Board which are on the November 6 ballot.

A former teacher in the district, Pauly has been endorsed by the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, SEIU Minnesota State Council and the DFL Party.

For three years ending in 2017, he taught social studies at Sanford Middle School. “My three years of teaching,” he remembers, “we had three different [district] superintendents.”

“When I left teaching,” he says, “a number of people said, ‘you should run for school board.’”

In this year’s school board campaign, Pauly says, “I’m the only candidate who has ever been a teacher. I’m the only candidate who has been a teacher in the Minneapolis Public Schools. I’m the only candidate who has a Masters in Education.”

“I know that teacher-student ratios matter,” Pauly says, “I know that wrap-around services are integral to supporting our students.”

“Education is not a partisan issue; to me it’s the right thing to do to provide our students with opportunities.”

“I know how access to opportunities can impact achievement,” he says. “I know that too often racial identity, zip code, class or background determines our children’s outcomes. My opportunities changed my life. As a school board member, I’m committed to ensuring that all our schools are high-achieving and equitable for all our students.”

Pauly has followed the Minneapolis School Board, viewing broadcasts of the meetings. “It didn’t seem to be about what’s better for our students,” he says.

Pauly graduated from Champlin Park High School and went on to earn a B.A. in history and a Masters In Education from the University of Minnesota.

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Osseo School Board

MRLF backs four for Osseo schools

MAPLE GROVE — The Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO has endorsed four candidates for election to the board of the Osseo Area Schools (ISD 279) in the November 6 election.

The MRLF’s North Suburban Advisory Council screened the candidates and recommended the endorsements.

The MRLF endorsement is the AFL-CIO endorsement.

For a four-year term from January 2019 to January 2023, the MRLF endorsed Sizi Goyah (sizigoyah.com), Cindy Shevlin-Woodcock (cindyfor279.org), and Kelsey Dawson Walton (kelseyforosseo.com). All three MRLF-endorsed candidates would be newcomers to the board.

A total of ten candidates will be on the ballot, with the top three winning election.

Goyah is an Education Minnesota member and has been a math teacher for seven years at Brooklyn Center High.

The November 6 ballot also will include a special election for Osseo school board at large, to fill a vacancy created by a resignation. For this race, for a term ending January 2021, the MRLF has endorsed Jackie Mosqueda-Jones (facebook.com/groups/Jackiemojo279).

Mosqueda-Jones also is an Education Minnesota member. For the past seven years, she has taught at North Park Elementary in the Columbia Heights school district. Prior to her current position, she taught for 12 years in the Osseo School District in Early Childhood and Family Education.

This race is a two-candidate race, including an incumbent who chose to file for the special election contest.

The Osseo Area Schools serve about 20,000 students who live in parts of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Maple Grove, Osseo, Plymouth, Corcoran, Dayton and Rogers.

“Here we have a chance, with four openings, to elect school board members who will focus on supporting students, focus on supporting their learning environment and staff’s working environment,” commented Kelly Wilson, president of the district’s teacher’s union, Education Minnesota-Osseo.

“It’s also a chance to have the board represent the whole district,” Wilson noted. “Right now there are six at-large [school board members] and five of those school board members live in Maple Grove.”

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School districts across the region seek voter support November 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Faced with unfunded mandates from federal and state government, and insufficient overall state support, school districts across the region once again are asking voters to approve school funding ballot questions November 6.

If voters approve, the measures generally will increase residential property taxes modestly, while providing millions of dollars in much-needed funding for school districts to serve their students.

The Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation encourages support for school levy requests.

Here’s a brief look at levy requests for the Minneapolis, Centennial, and Robbinsdale school districts.

**Minneapolis: two ballot questions**

The November 6 ballot will include two questions. The first question would increase the operating referendum. The second question would create a new technology levy.

If both questions pass, “the estimated median Minneapolis home value of $249,000 would see an increase of about $11 monthly,” according to the Yes for Mpls. Kids Campaign.

“We have to go to the voters so we can take care of our students’ academic, social, and emotional well-being in the way they deserve,” commented Michelle Wise, president of Minneapolis Federation of Teachers.

**District information:** mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum

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**Centennial: two ballot questions**

The Centennial School District — serving Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Lexington and Lino Lakes — has two questions on the ballot. Question one is an operating levy and would cost $27.74 per month for a $225,000 home. Question two is a bonding levy and would cost $5.43 per month on a $225,000 home.

Question one must pass in order for question two to pass.

Question two would provide funding to connect the east and west buildings at Centennial High School. Right now, students need to walk outside between classes to go from building to building and need to cross an open street. “The safety issue for the kids is huge,” noted Bruce Woznak, president of the Centennial Education Association.

**District information:** isd12.org/about-us/2018-levy-referendum

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**Robbinsdale: one ballot question**

The Robbinsdale School District will have one ballot question, an operating levy.

“If voters approve the operating levy request, the estimated tax impact on the average homeowner ($223,000 value home) would be less than $12.50 per month,” according to the school district.

“We believe it’s an absolute necessity,” said Peter Eckhoff, president of the Robbinsdale Federation of Teachers.

“Over the past two years alone, we’ve had $17 million in cuts,” he said. If the levy doesn’t pass, an estimated $10 million more in cuts will be needed over the next three years.

**District information:** rdale.org/referendum

Other school levies

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Buffalo Levy Question 1

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AFSCME Council 5:
Pat Guernsey of AFSCME Local 552 elected AFSCME Council 5 president
Pat Guernsey was elected president of AFSCME Council 5 at its convention September 27-29 at the Doubletree Bloomington Hotel.
Guernsey is a Hennepin County probation officer and has served as president of AFSCME Local 552 for 15 of the past 21 years.
He led a slate of three other candidates for Council 5’s leadership — all winning elections.
Guernsey’s winning slate included:
■ For Council 5 vice president, Carmen Brown. She is president of AFSCME Local 977 at Hennepin Healthcare/Hennepin County Medical Center and works as a patient services coordinator.
■ For Council 5 treasurer, Destiny Dusosky. She is treasurer of the East Central Area Labor Council and a member of AFSCME Local 753 at St. Cloud State University where she works as a maintenance worker.
■ For Council 5 secretary, Cherrone Horazuk. She is president of AFSCME Local 3800 at the University of Minnesota, where she is a clerical worker.
As a result of the AFSCME Council 5 elections, Guernsey noted, the 40-member AFSCME Council 5 executive board will include 17 new members.
Guernsey said he and his slate ran for Council 5’s leadership emphasizing four themes: member-driven unions, stronger locals, an inclusive council, and winning better contracts.
In running for Council 5 president, Guernsey said, “I went to about 20 local union meetings all over the state. What I kept hearing was they wanted more say in how their union was run.”
In the wake of the recent Janus v. AFSCME U.S. Supreme Court decision, Guernsey said, “if we want people to want to be union members, we have to listen to them.”
In the near future, “our number one goal is to get Tim Walz elected Governor of the State,” Guernsey said. After that, he said, Council 5’s new leadership will focus on organizing a stronger union.
AFSCME Council 5 includes locals representing 43,000 workers.

IBEW Local 292:
Memorial fund honors Jake Villa, who died in workplace accident
A memorial fund has been established to honor the memory of IBEW Local 292 member Jake Villa, who died in a workplace accident September 20.
Villa, 28, lived in Ogilvie and had been a member of IBEW Local 292 for about five years. He had completed his five-year apprenticeship and earned his journeymen wireman’s license in 2017.
A memorial account has been set up at Neighborhood National Bank, 45 North Union, P.O. Box 88, Mora, MN 55051 Send checks payable to “Benefit of Jake Villa.” Proceeds will benefit the Isanti Chapter of Pheasants Forever Youth. Online donations can be made at PayPal. Me/BenefitofJakeVilla.

Minneapolis Federation of Teachers: Vote for changes to MFT constitution and by-laws closes November 2
Voting is now underway for proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws of Minneapolis Federation Teachers Local 59. Ballots were delivered to members at their building sites. Voting opened October 22 and closes November 2.
Members may vote at their local building sites or at the MFT offices, 67 Eighth Avenue N.E., Minneapolis.

The MFT offices will be open for extended voting hours Monday, October 29 until 7:00 p.m. and Friday, November 2 (record keeping day) until 7:00 p.m.
For more information, visit mf59.org. For questions, e-mail teacher@mf59.org.

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Retiree Meetings

If your union local’s retirees group wishes to list your meeting notices here, please contact the Labor Review at 612-379-4725 or e-mail laborreview@minneapolisunions.org.

Minneapolis Regional Retiree Council:
Next meeting November 15
The next meeting of the Minneapolis Regional Retiree Council, AFL-CIO will be Thursday, November 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the United Labor Centre, 312 Central Ave., SE, Minneapolis, Room 218. A free lunch will be served after the meeting.
Parking will be reimbursed if you park in the St. Anthony Main Public Parking Ramp (at the corner of 2nd St. SE and University Ave. SE), across University from the United Labor Centre building. Just park and when you come to the meeting we will give you a parking voucher.
For more information about the Council, contact Graeme Allen, community and political organizer for the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, at 612-321-5672 or e-mail graeme@minneapolisunions.org.

ATU Local 1065 Retirees:
Meet North, South, and St. Paul
Here is the schedule for the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1065 retiree meetings:
Minneapolis North: Second Tuesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. (one block south of Hanson Blvd.)
Minneapolis South: First Wednesday of each month, 8:00 a.m., VFW Post 5555, 6715 Lake Shore Drive, Richfield.
St. Paul: Second Wednesday of each month, 12 noon, Mattie’s, 365 N. Concord St., South St. Paul.
CWA Local 7200 Retirees:
Next meeting November 13
The retired Members Club of Communications Workers of America Local 7200 will meet Tuesday, November 13 — one week earlier than usual — to accommodate this year’s Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting will take place at the CWA Local 7200 hall, 3521 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. We will be serving a light lunch. Please come at 11:00 a.m. to socialize. The business meeting will start at 12 noon. We should wrap up everything at approximately 1:30 p.m. Hopefully, we will be celebrating the election results! For more information, call the CWA Local 7200 hall at 612-722-7200.
IBEW Local 292 Retirees:
‘Senior Sparkies’ meet November 13
The IBEW Local 292 Retirees — “Senior Sparkies” — will be meeting Tuesday, November 13 at the United Labor Centre, 312 Central Ave., Minneapolis, in the Guy Alexander Conference Room (second floor). Refreshments will be served at 12:00 noon. The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. We will be having a guest speaker.
Coming events:
■ Children’s Christmas Party, Saturday, December 1.
■ Members-Only Christmas Party, Friday, December 7.
■ Retirees Holiday Luncheon, Wednesday, December 12.
Information for the luncheon will be sent via U.S. Mail.
For more information, contact the IBEW Local 292 office at 612-379-1292.
Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Chapter 59:
Next meeting November 27
Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Chapter 59, is an active group that takes a special interest in issues related to public education and educators. We meet with community and political leaders to explore and become more knowledgeable about healthcare, housing, retirement income, health care, and other issues that are important to retirees. Together, we work to define and forge the RTC 59 agenda for the future. Mark your calendar and join us for lunch, learning and action!
The next RTC 59 meeting will be Tuesday, November 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, 67 Eighth Ave.

NE, Minneapolis. Other coming meeting dates, all Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., include: February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28.
Pipefitters Local 539 Retirees:
‘Fazed Out Fitters’ meet third Wednesday
Pipefitters Local 539 retirees — the “Fazed Out Fitters” — meet the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at Elsie’s, 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis. New members welcome.

Plumbers Local 15 Retirees:
Meet the third Tuesday of each month
All retired Plumbers Local 15 members are invited to attend retiree meetings, continuing the third Tuesday of every month at 12 noon at Elsie’s Restaurant, Bar & Bowling Center, 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis (corner of Marshall and 8th Ave.). Note: Beginning in May, the meeting time has moved to 12 noon. For more information, contact the Local 15 office at 612-333-8601.

Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 Retirees:
‘Rusty Timmers’ meet November 13
Sheet Metal Workers Local 10’s “Rusty Timmers” retirees club will meet Tuesday, November 13 at the Maplewood union hall, 1681 E. Cope Ave. Potluck lunch begins at 12 noon. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.
All retired Sheet Metal workers and spouses are welcome to our monthly meetings.
If available, one of our business agents and/or someone from our benefits office will share updates and answer questions.
For more information, contact Tom Connell at 651-484-7809 or Paul Lesch at 651-433-3748.

U of M Facilities Management and Maintenance Retirees:
Meet last Tuesday of month
Retirees from the University of Minnesota Maintenance Department meet the last Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for breakfast at Elsie’s, 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis.

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Minnesota Nurses Association: Arbitrator rules in favor of nurses, back pay ordered could total $345,000

An arbitrator ruled September 5 that Children’s Hospitals in Minneapolis and St. Paul violated MNA nurses’ contracts in 2017 by unilaterally requiring part-time nurses to pay high a higher percentage of health insurance premiums than full-time nurses.

“Nurses did not stand for Children’s blatant attempts to divide our membership on a critical issue like health insurance,” MNA president Mary Turner said. “Nurses were unfairly forced to pay higher premiums without proper notice.”

MNA nurses challenged Children’s unfair decision with grievances, Unfair Labor Practice charges, and took the issue to arbitration.

Nurses showed that the hospital violated terms of the contract and that the policy would harm nurses who would suddenly have to pay higher premiums.

The arbitrator not only agreed with MNA nurses, but ordered Children’s to provide back pay to nurses affected by the higher premiums. The back pay could total approximately $345,000 for nearly 400 nurses.

“This arbitration award sends a clear message to hospitals that nurses will fight for our rights and not allow hospitals to get away with surprise policies that undermine our contracts,” Turner said.

SEIU Local 26 and UNITE HERE Local 17: Rally November 21 at MSP airport to win $15 and a union for airport workers

SEIU Local 26 and UNITE HERE Local 17, working together as the Minnesota Airport Workers Council, plan a rally Wednesday, November 21 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Terminal 1.

Airlines and their contractors are making record profits while many workers at MSP airport still make a minimum wage of $10.65, the Airport Workers Council noted in announcing the rally.

The City of Minneapolis has passed a $15 minimum wage ordinance and the City of St. Paul is considering a similar measure.

The Minnesota Airport Workers Council welcomes supporters to come to the November 21 rally to help win $15 and a union for all MSP workers.

UFCW Local 663: Workers ratify new 3-year contract at JBS packing plant in Worthington

UFCW Local 663 members ratified a collective bargaining agreement with JBS in Worthington September 24. JBS is the largest pork production processor in Minnesota. UFCW Local 663 has more than 1,900 members at the facility.

Highlights of the three-year agreement include:

- Raises for all and higher base rates.
- Condensed vacation schedule with an extra day of vacation.
- Continued free primary healthcare at Sanford Health.
- An additional walking steward for the plant’s second shift, paid for by the company.

The walking steward position is responsible to serve members, address their issues, and listen to their questions. This adds a huge value for union members, knowing that there are union representatives working in the facility 24-7 to support members.

Members voted overwhelmingly in support of the new contract.

Yolanda Martinez works days at vacuum packaging and has been with JBS for 28 years. “I’m happy with the raises we have negotiated for everyone at work,” she said. Yolanda also served on the bargaining committee.

Melina Martinez, UFCW Local 663 member at JBS for 20 years works in the day in the trim department. Martinez said, “I’m looking forward to not only our raises, but also continuing our free healthcare at Sanford. While healthcare costs are skyrocketing, it’s good to know my union has our backs.”

“I’m excited for our union family at JBS to build upon the wages and benefits the bargaining committee was able to win for their coworkers,” said Matt Utecht, president of UFCW Local 663. “Just September 1 we merged. Together, we wasted no time using our added strength and power at the bargaining table.”

Sources: Labor Review reporting and local unions.

To submit a story idea or news item, contact the editor at 612-379-4725 or laborreview@minneapolisunions.org. Next deadline: October 31.
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For Sale: 14 acres on Kettle River in Moose Lake, hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling, etc., must see. 952-445-7074.

For Sale: Department 56 (total 100) plus accessories at giveaway prices, 1240 80th Ave. NE, Spring Lake Park. Call 763-784-6531.

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Minnesota AFL-CIO
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U.S. Senator (Special Election):
Tina Smith

U.S. Senator:
Amy Klobuchar

Governor / Lt. Governor:
Tim Walz / Peggy Flanagan

Attorney General:
Keith Ellison

State Auditor:
Julie Blaha

Secretary of State:
Steve Simon

The Minnesota AFL-CIO’s endorsed candidate for Governor, Tim Walz, has served six terms in Congress representing Minnesota’s 1st Congressional District. Walz is a former high school teacher—and Education Minnesota union member—and served 24 years in the Army National Guard.

General Election: Tuesday, November 6
Early voting now underway

Minnesota House of Representatives

Barbara Droher Kline 20A  Ryan Winkler 46A
Sharon McGinty 29B  Cheryl Youakim 46B
Sarah Hamlin 30A  Donzel Leggett 47B
Margaret Fernandez 30B  Laurie Pryor 48A
Sue Larson 31B  Carlie Kotyza-Wittuhn 48B
Kelly Morrison 33B  Heather Edelson 49A
Dan Solon 34A  Steve Elkins 49B
Kristin Bahner 34B  Mike Howard 50A
Bill Vikander 35A  Andrew Carlson 50B
Kathryn Eckhardt 35B  Brad Tabke 55A
Zack Stephenson 36A  Hunter Cantrell 56A
Melissa Hortman 36B  Fue Lee 59A
Erin Koegel 37A  Raymond Dehn 59B
Amir Malik 37B  Diane Loeffler 60A
Michael Nelson 40A  Mohamud Noor 60B
Samantha Vang 40B  Frank Hornstein 61A
Connie Bernardy 41A  Jamie Long 61B
Mary Kunesh-Podein 41B  Hodan Hassan 62A
Ginny Klevorn 44A  Aisha Gomez 62B
Patty Acomb 44B  Jim Davnie 63A
Lyndon Carlson 45A  Jean Wagenius 63B
Mike Freiberg 45B

For voting information, including early voting and a sample ballot, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website: mnvotes.org

Minnesota School Board:

Kim Caprini, At Large
Josh Pauly, At Large
Jenny Arneson, District 1
Siad Ali, District 3
Nelson Inz, District 5
Osseo School Board:
Sizi Goyah, At Large
Cindy Shevlin-Woodcock, At Large
Kelsey Dawson Walton, At Large
Osseo School Board, Special Election:
Jackie Mosqueda-Jones, At Large

Prior Lake-Savage Area School Board:
Jonathan Drewes, At Large
Michael Nelson, At Large
Stacey Ruele, At Large
Enrique Velazquez, At Large

Richfield City Council:
Mary Supple, At Large

Richfield Mayor:
Maria Regan Gonzalez

Robbinsdale City Council:
Kaira Miller, Ward 3
Jay Rathell, Ward 4

Robbinsdale Area School Board:
David Boone, At Large
Michael Harring, At Large
Pamela Lindberg, At Large
Samar (Sam) Satt, At Large

Laketown Township, Carver County,
Town Supervisor:
Pete Parris, District C

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For the list of AFL-CIO endorsed Minnesota House candidates statewide, visit mnaflcio.org

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Anoka County Commissioner:
Mike Gamache, District 5

Andover City Council:
Val Holthus, At Large

Brooklyn Center City Council:
April Graves, At Large
Dan Ryan, At Large

Brooklyn Park City Council:
Christian Eriksen, Central District

Terry Parks, East District

Wynfred Russell, West District

Brooklyn Park Mayor:

Hollies Winston

Crystal City Council:
David Cummings, Section II

Therese Kiser, Ward 1

Hennepin County Attorney:
Mike Freeman

Hennepin County Commissioner:
Irene Fernandez, District 2

Marion Greene, District 3

Peter McLaughlin, District 4

Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation
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Sanford USD 112:

Billiesha Williford, At Large

Shawn May, At Large

Sarah Damron, District 1

Melissa Egger, District 3

Karla Wolf, District 4

Richfield USD 210:

Jeffrey Brown, At Large

Andy Waddell, At Large

Shawn Healy, District 1

Amy Jones, District 2

Jared Tofte, District 3

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