

UFCW Local 1776 Endorses Hillary Clinton for President

A message from Wendell W. Young, IV:



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As we near the Democratic Presidential Primary, I am writing to formally announce the UFCW Local 1776 Executive Board endorsement of Hillary Clinton for President.

At our Local, we take every candidate endorsement very seriously. We follow the same protocol with each and every endorsement we make, studying the records and experience of candidates and polling our Executive Board on who deserves our backing. Given the prominence of this year's Presidential Election, we seriously considered what our endorsement would mean for the working people that make up our Union and furthermore, how our endorsement would shape the General Election in November.

In January, after a nearly year-long polling process of UFCW members all across the country, the UFCW International Union endorsed Hillary Clinton. This past week, our Executive Board came to a nearly unanimous decision to endorse Hillary Clinton. Here's why:

Hillary Clinton's experience is unmatched. She is the only candidate, on either side of the aisle, who is well versed in every issue we care about AND knows what it will take to get the job done. While Senator Bernie Sanders is certainly passionate about many of the issues that are near and dear to working families, Hillary's plan of action is a more practical and feasible one. Hillary is a dreamer and a doer – and her track record

proves it. Last week Hillary spoke at the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention. She touched on issues like minimum wage, the importance of having a

Union, paid leave, and keeping good jobs while creating new ones right here at home.

Our endorsement holds more value than the Primary Election alone. When making our endorsement, we had to think ahead to the General Election and greatly consider which candidate would most likely defeat the extreme Right-wing nominee. It's clear this year's election will be decided by moderate voters of both parties and independents. If Bernie were chosen as the Democratic nominee, he would be seen as too liberal to be elected as President – NOT by OUR standards, but by the voters who will ultimately make the decision. Moderate Republicans and independent voters will vote for Donald Trump or Ted Cruz before Bernie Sanders. It is true in many ways Bernie has been unfairly painted as too liberal. Fair or not, our Executive Board recognizes the unlikelihood he will be able to garnish enough votes for victory in November. We need to field the candidate that not only says everything we like in the best way, but also has the best chance of winning.

Strip away the rhetoric and you will see Bernie and Hillary are almost exactly the same on issues that matter most to working people. As U.S. Senators, their voting record was more than 90 percent identical.

Hillary will work to safeguard the rights you have as Union members and lift the middle class as a whole.

Let me be clear: our endorsement of Hillary Clinton was very much a pragmatic decision; but most definitely not a compromise. Our decision was based on Hillary's track record, knowledge and her plan for the middle class. I am fully confident she is the best candidate for working

people across the nation and I ask that you support her in the Democratic Primary on April 26th.



UFCW endorsed Hillary Clinton stops for a photo with Local 1776 Representative Eddie Moreno after speaking at the AFL-CIO Convention in April.

DWIGHT EVANS, DEMOCRAT FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 2ND DISTRICT



Representative Evans currently serves residents in part of Philadelphia County and is running for U.S. Congress in the 2nd Congressional District. Since Representative Evans' time in Harrisburg, he has built vital relationships and worked across party lines to get key bills and legislation passed that enabled Philadelphia to receive valuable funding for education, job training and economic development initiatives. He was the first ever African-American legislator to become Chairman of the Pennsylvania House Appropriations Committee, a position he held for two decades. Representative Evans has been a staunch supporter of UFCW members throughout his time in office and will continue to be the voice for working people in Washington D.C.

JOSH SHAPIRO, DEMOCRAT FOR PENNSYLVANIA ATTORNEY GENERAL



More than 10 years ago, Josh Shapiro was elected to the PA House of Representatives, serving the 153rd House District. He later was appointed Deputy Speaker. In 2012 Josh was elected to the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. Throughout his time in office, Josh has been a champion for the working class, protecting retirees and defending young, minority and elderly voters from unfair Voter ID laws. He also helped issue the first marriage licenses to LGBT couples in Pennsylvania. Josh has met with UFCW members on numerous occasions and proudly supports the rights of working people.

ROB TEPLITZ, DEMOCRAT FOR PENNSYLVANIA SENATE, 15TH DISTRICT



Senator Teplitz represents residents in Central Pennsylvania, including Harrisburg. He has served as Senator since 2012 and is currently the Democratic Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee. He also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, overseeing the state budget. Senator Teplitz is a critical ally and friend of our members in a region where it is important that we have a strong voice for working families.

GENE DIGIROLAMO, REPUBLICAN FOR PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 18TH DISTRICT



Republican Representative DiGirolamo is one of the strongest voices for working families in the State House in either Party. Representative DiGirolamo has a record of standing up to his own party leadership by voting to protect UFCW jobs at the PA Wine and Spirit Shops, workers' rights to organize and for a fair tax policy. He introduced House Bill 228, the liquor modernization bill that would make a host of changes to improve and protect the PLCB system while also bringing in more revenue to the Commonwealth.

PATTY KIM, DEMOCRAT FOR PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, 103RD DISTRICT



Representative Kim represents Harrisburg and Steelton in Central Pennsylvania. She is the Key Sponsor of the primary House Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage – legislation that would lift our members and improve their quality of life. Our Local has backed Representative Kim in her efforts and in turn she has been a strong voice in her district for our members and working families as a whole.

TOM MEHAFFIE, REPUBLICAN FOR PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, 106TH DISTRICT



Tom Mehaffie is running for an open Republican seat in Central Pennsylvania. As the owner of a local beer distributor, Tom relates to small business owners and opposes the privatization of our publicly owned PA Wine and Spirits Shops. His direct connection to beer distribution makes him a solid, credible voice against the privatization of our PA Wine and Spirits Shops. He will fight to protect UFCW jobs and his business from Mike Turzai and his Privateers.

LINDA WEAVER, DEMOCRAT FOR PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, 150TH DISTRICT



Linda Weaver is running for the 150th House seat, which will be vacated by current Representative Mike Vereb next year. Linda stands with working families and understands the value of having a Union. She is a leader of the Pennsylvania State Educators Association and is knowledgeable on labor issues that affect all of our members.

DONNA BULLOCK, DEMOCRAT FOR PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 195TH DISTRICT

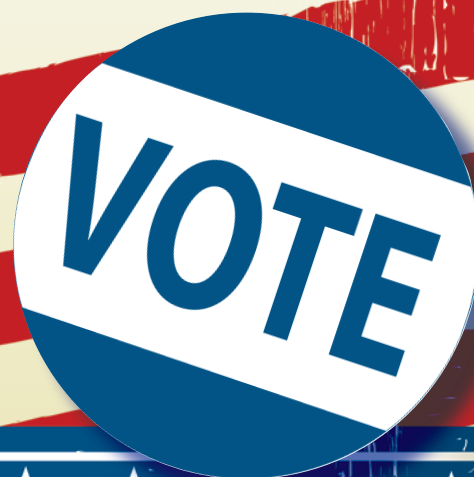


Representative Bullock is a relatively new member of the House of Representatives, elected in 2015 to serve as the Representative for part of Philadelphia County. Representative Bullock serves as a member of the Liquor Control Committee. She knows the PLCB's value for all of Pennsylvania and is a strong supporter of UFCW jobs. Representative Bullock stands with us and our efforts to preserve and modernize PA's Wine and Spirits Shops.

MARK COHEN, DEMOCRAT FOR PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 202ND DISTRICT



Representative Cohen has been a strong ally of Local 1776 and labor for many years. He has been a "Progressive Lion" with a nearly 100 percent pro-labor voting record based on more than 300 votes during his legislative career. Representative Cohen has been outspoken against liquor privatization, standing by our UFCW members during their long fight. He is also in favor of increasing the Pennsylvania minimum wage.



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LOCAL 1776 APRIL 26 PRIMARY ELECTION
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U.S. SENATE: KATIE MCGINTY (D)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

DISTRICT 1 - BOB BRADY (D)

DISTRICT 2 - DWIGHT EVANS (D)

DISTRICT 8 - STEVE SANTARSIERO (D)

PENNSYLVANIA STATEWIDE

ATTORNEY GENERAL: JOSH SHAPIRO (D)

JOHN RAFFERTY (R)

AUDITOR GENERAL: EUGENE DEPASQUALE (D)

STATE TREASURER: JOE TORSSELLA (D)

PENNSYLVANIA SENATE

1ST DISTRICT - LARRY FARNESE (D)

3RD DISTRICT - SHARIF STREET (D)

5TH DISTRICT - JOHN SABATINA (D)

15TH DISTRICT - ROB TEPLITZ (D)

35TH DISTRICT - JOHN WOZNAK (D)

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

18TH DISTRICT - GENE DIGIROLAMO (R)

22ND DISTRICT - PETER SCHWEYER (D)

72ND DISTRICT - FRANK BURNS (D)

103RD DISTRICT - PATTY KIM (D)

106TH DISTRICT - TOM MEHAFFIE (R)

112TH DISTRICT - FRANK FARINA (D)

127TH DISTRICT - THOMAS CALTAGIRONE (D)

131ST DISTRICT - WILLIAM COYLE (R)

150TH DISTRICT - LINDA WEAVER (D)

164TH DISTRICT - MARGOT DAVIDSON (D)

172ND DISTRICT - KEVIN BOYLE (D)

175TH DISTRICT - MICHAEL O'BRIEN (D)

179TH DISTRICT - JASON DAWKINS (D)

181ST DISTRICT - THOMAS CURTIS (D)

182ND DISTRICT - BRIAN SIMS (D)

186TH DISTRICT - JORDAN HARRIS (D)

188TH DISTRICT - JAMES ROEBUCK (D)

190TH DISTRICT - VANESSA BROWN (D)

192ND DISTRICT - MORGAN CEPHAS (D)

194TH DISTRICT - PAM DELISSIO (D)

195TH DISTRICT - DONNA BULLOCK (D)

200TH DISTRICT - TONYELLE COOK-ARTIS (D)

202ND DISTRICT - MARK COHEN (D)

203RD DISTRICT - ISABELLA FITZGERALD (D)