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Arizona Pipe Trades 469 gears up for busy municipal election season

Endorsed candidates announced for Phoenix, Tucson, Surprise

June 29, 2011 – PHOENIX Some city council candidates from Phoenix, Tucson and Surprise learned this week that their campaigns will receive a big boost this summer. The Arizona Pipe Trades Local 469 announced the results of its municipal endorsement process for three of Arizona’s largest cities: Phoenix Tucson and Surprise.

Endorsed candidates in the city of Phoenix include Claude Mattox (mayor), Thelda Williams (District 1), Bryan Jeffries (District 2), Daniel Valenzuela (District 5) and Michael Nowakowski (District 7). Tucson candidates Jonathan Rothschild (mayor), Regina Romero (Ward I) and Paul Cunningham (Ward II) received backing, and for the city of Surprise, Local 469 endorsed Sharon Wolcott for mayor and John Williams in District 3.

“Arizona Pipe Trades is emerging strong for our endorsed city council candidates this year,” states Business Manager Phil McNally. “Our membership devoted almost 2,000 hours last year to candidates who needed signs placed, neighborhoods walked and phone calls made. We’ll continue and expand those activities this year during the municipal election season.”

Established in 1910, the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 is a statewide labor organization comprised of pipefitters, HVAC / mechanical craftspeople, plumbers and steamfitters. With a five-year apprenticeship program and continuous learning for journeymen, 469’s extensive workforce is utilized throughout the state on large industrial and renewable energy projects, utilities, sports venues and commercial developments. A sampling of their projects includes Palo Verde Generating Plant, University of Phoenix Stadium, Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel and Phoenix Children’s Hospital.

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