

PIPE TRADES

An Update from the
469 Political Action Committee

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 **VOTE NOV. 8**



2011 Election Edition



Business Manager's 469 PAC Report

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A Big Showing for the "BIG" Day of Action

In the last edition of the 469 Political Action Newsletter, I called on members to step up and volunteer for the 469 PAC, and I am happy to report that my call was answered! **At the 2011 "BIG" Day of Action, nearly 100 members from across the state came together to promote five 469-endorsed candidates** (see pages 2-3). The substantial manpower enabled the PAC to deliver literature to more than 11,000 homes (impacting the votes) in key Tucson and Phoenix voting blocs. Our volunteer efforts are vital to placing elected officials in office who will support an economy that benefits our local working families. Therefore, I was extremely impressed with the recent outpouring of volunteerism, and I appreciate every volunteer who showed up to do his or her part.

Several weeks remain before the Nov. 8 elections, and there are still opportunities to support your Local through volunteer efforts with the 469 PAC (see upcoming events below). Sign up today for approaching volunteer events. Remember, every volunteer equals another step in the right direction.

The Results are In

On Aug. 30, Tucson, Surprise, and Phoenix had their first round of city elections, and I am proud to report the successes of the 469-endorsed candidates.

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GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PAC'S UPCOMING ACTIVITIES!

All 469 members and their families are invited to come out and support the PAC at the following upcoming volunteer events:

Saturday, Oct. 15, 7 a.m. – noon: Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC Volunteer Day, meet at the 469 hall. The 469 PAC will organize a morning of volunteerism for 469-endorsed candidates.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 7 a.m. – noon: Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC Volunteer Day, meet at the 469 hall. The 469 PAC will organize a morning of volunteerism for 469-endorsed candidates. This is the final 469 PAC volunteer event of the election cycle.

Apprentices: Opportunities for Community Service Hours

For event details and registration, please contact Feruza Amanova with Torres Consulting & Law Group at 602.626.8805, or send an email to feruza@thetorresfirm.com.

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED

“BIG” Day

Reaches Thousands of Voters

Every year, the 469 PAC hosts numerous volunteer events for 469-endorsed candidates, including our biggest volunteer event, properly named the “BIG” Day of Action. This year’s “BIG” Day of Action saw nearly 100 members volunteer their time to support pro-469 candidates in Tucson and Phoenix. This large turnout allowed the 469 PAC to support five different candidates in a single morning.



“Orange is my new favorite color!”

Greg Stanton, 469 Phoenix Mayoral Candidate.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event!



“Your help, the help of Local 469, really is going to make a difference in this race. Every vote counts... It is about supporting the people of this community... We want contractors working with the best people, the best-trained people, and that’s the people I’m looking at today.”

Greg Stanton
Phoenix Mayoral Candidate



“I will continue fighting for working families. I will continue fighting to create long-term, high-wage jobs in the city of Tucson and the state of Arizona. Thank you for all of your support.”

Regina Romero
Tucson City Councilwoman (Ward 1)

of Action

Across the State in One Morning



"I need your support. I appreciate your support... What you are doing today makes a difference. I want to thank all of you; this is a very special day. 469 is absolutely the best!"

Thelda Williams

Phoenix City Councilwoman (District 1)



"It's the "BIG" Day of Action. You are making a difference. You are getting the right people elected. You are going to make Phoenix friendlier to working-class people, thanks to your efforts!"

Daniel Valenzuela

Phoenix City Council Candidate (District 5)



"I want to thank the 469 for all the hard work you've done for me with helping me get through the primary. We have to have a labor-friendly city council. I'm really looking forward to working with the 469..."

Jonathan Rothschild

Tucson City Mayoral Candidate



Voter Information

Are You Ready for the Upcoming Elections? Are You Registered to Vote?

The following information will help you register to vote, as well as find out where and when you can vote.

ARIZONA VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

To Register to Vote in Arizona You Must:

- Be a United States citizen (see citizenship requirements on back)
- Be a resident of Arizona and the county listed on your registration
- Be at least 18 years of age or more on or before the day of the next regular general election

You Cannot Register to Vote in Arizona if:

- You have been convicted of a felony and have not yet had your civil rights restored
- You have been adjudicated incompetent

Please fill out the inserted voter card and mail it today.



“I would like to encourage every 469 member to fill out the voter registration form inserted in the newsletter and check YES in box 1. It makes voting a piece of cake!”

Henry Olea, 469 PAC Chairman

What is the Permanent Early Voting List?

Once you register to vote, you may opt in to be on the “Permanent Early Voting List,” which will enable you to automatically receive an early ballot by mail for each election. There are three ways to get on the list:

- **By Mail**
 - Fill out the inserted form, tear, seal, and mail back
 - Additional forms are available at government offices and public locations throughout the state
- **Online**
 - Through EZVoter at <https://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/>
- **In Person**
 - Visit your County Recorder’s office
 - For more information call 1-877-THE VOTE (843-8683)

PAC PULSE

To find out more about your legislative or congressional district and 469-endorsed candidates, visit PAC Pulse (469PACPulse.com) for all the latest information. Navigation is simple: Starting from the home page, scroll down and click on “Stay Informed.” Then click on the link that reads “Action E-List,” fill out the attached confidential form, and finish by clicking “submit.”



Date	Event
Oct. 10, 2011	Deadline to register for the general election if you have not already registered for the primary election
Oct. 13, 2011	Early Voting Begins
Nov. 8, 2011	Run-off Elections

MAKE SURE TO VOTE ON NOV. 8!

469-Endorsed Candidates Running for City Elections

Eight out of ten candidates endorsed by the Arizona Pipe Trades Local 469 won the Phoenix, Tucson, and Surprise August primaries, allowing them to compete in run-off elections. It is important that members of the Arizona Pipe Trades continue supporting 469-endorsed candidates for victory on Nov. 8!

The following candidates understand the issues important to the Arizona Pipe Trades 469, and if elected, they will work to make their cities a place where Local 469 families can thrive. Early ballots will be in your mailboxes in mid-October. Make sure you vote by Nov. 8!

PHOENIX



Greg Stanton – Phoenix City Mayor

“As mayor, I will support PLAs. I encourage the use of PLAs for both private and public projects because numerous studies show that they provide contractors with a pool of skilled labor, provide for fair wages and benefits to workers, reduce labor and management conflicts, reduce project costs, and increase hiring from local communities. I plan to work with Arizona Pipe Trades to support these agreements.”



Thelda Williams – Phoenix City Council, District 1

“I support hiring union contractors that provide trained/experienced employees for city jobs.”



Daniel Valenzuela – Phoenix City Council, District 5

“I do not believe that low price should be the only consideration in awarding jobs... It is important to know that projects are being built to last by qualified, well-trained workers, which in the end saves tax dollars.”

TUCSON



Jonathan Rothschild – Tucson City Mayor

“I will prefer to spend local tax dollars locally with quality contractors to create jobs locally and to assure that wages and benefits are adequate and fair.”



Regina Romero – Tucson City Council, Ward 1

“I have always been a vocal supporter of organized labor, and I regularly attend rallies, events, and meetings that celebrate the accomplishments and importance of contributions made by labor and working families to our community and our economy.”

TUCSON



Paul Cunningham – Tucson City Council, Ward 2

“When it comes to promoting the development and use of solar energy, I support efforts to take full advantage of Southern Arizona’s most abundant resource. Building solar power plants would create jobs that pay well.”

SURPRISE



Sharon Wolcott – Surprise City Mayor

“I am probably the most vocal advocate for infrastructure improvements this council has ever seen.”



Richard Alton – Surprise City Council, District 2

“A trained employee is extremely important for the employee, the employer, and the end user... I have been a strong advocate in requesting that the contractors use local residents.”



John Williams – Surprise City Council, District 3

“Low bid quite often does not equal quality of service, and often comes with inefficiencies from a poor end product, due to the use of unskilled and quite often illegal workers.”



Ring Ring! Pick up! It's Your Friendly 469 Union Hall Calling!

Every year, the 469 Political Action Committee (PAC) has numerous phone banks where our dedicated volunteers make thousands of phone calls to 469 members. You have probably received phone calls asking you to volunteer or to join 469 at an event for an endorsed candidate. This year, the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 Political Action Committee has automated

their phone banks by investing in an autodialer.

"We are becoming faster, better, stronger!"

Using an autodialer increases the number of outbound calls an individual caller can make. An autodialer uses special computer software that dials phone numbers and lets the volunteers automate their responses. This program has the ability to make multiple phone calls at once and filter out unanswered calls. Volunteers can speak to people who answer the calls or leave

pre-recorded messages on answering machines. The time saved by calling multiple people at once, and having a system that automatically drops unanswered calls makes the 469 PAC phone banks more efficient. We are becoming faster, better and stronger!

An autodialer is a valuable tool in the 469 PAC arsenal. The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 is now part of the elite few organizations that have their own autodialer. This is an important step in making the 469 PAC more effective. With our automated phone bank, we will be able to strategically target messaging campaigns to non-members on issues important to the PAC. Endorsed candidates will also have the option to rent the 469 automated dialer to host their own phone banks. The ability to mobilize our members to volunteer and to call on behalf of endorsed candidates, as well as make the dialer available for outside phone banks will increase the value of the 469 PAC's endorsement, and make our issues important to endorsed candidates and elected officials.

"The autodialer is great! It's really easy to use and it speeds things up. Even someone with limited computer knowledge can do it!" - John Neighbors, 469 retired member and dedicated 469 PAC volunteer

We look forward to chatting with you soon!

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Please help us name the 469 PAC's new autodialer and win a gas card!

The chosen name will be announced in the next PAC Newsletter.

Contact Feruza Amanova with Torres Consulting & Law Group at 602.626.8805, or send an email to Feruza@thetorresfirm.com with your ideas for the new autodialer name.

Stay Connected • Stay Informed • Stay Active



Twitter - @AZPipeTrades469 - Follow the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 on Twitter for up-to-date information.



Facebook - Search "469" on Facebook to check out photos of past events and stay current on upcoming events.



469PACPulse.com - In-depth PAC information and advocacy - become a cyber-advocate today!



TEXT "469" to "31-31-31" - Receive info about the Local and PAC directly to your cell phone.

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In Tucson and Surprise, all five 469-endorsed candidates easily made it through the first round of voting, and are now well positioned for the general election. In Phoenix, despite being a newcomer to politics, 469-endorsed candidate Daniel Valenzuela had a strong race, and appears well-suited going into the November election. 469-endorsed Councilman Michael Nowakowski also had a very impressive showing by breaking the 50-percent threshold and outright winning his election. Claude Mattox, the 469-endorsed candidate for the Phoenix mayor race, was unsuccessful in his bid for the November runoff election. However a pro-469 candidate has successfully secured a spot to run for mayor.

I am proud to announce that the 469 PAC has enthusiastically endorsed Greg Stanton for mayor of Phoenix. Many of you had the chance to meet Greg at the "BIG" Day of Action and witnessed his commitment to the use of local construction workers. The PAC looks forward to helping Stanton win his election in November, and continuing to work with him after he is elected mayor of Phoenix. (See page 5 for more information on the elections.)

Check "Yes" in Box 1

As the Arizona Pipe Trades becomes a more active participant in Arizona politics, it is crucial that we leverage our membership and establish a strong and active voting community. To date, the PAC has benefitted from the use of technology to analyze our membership's voting patterns and determine the number of active voters. However, there is no doubt we can do better. That's why I have called on the PAC to initiate a voter registration drive. Unlike past efforts, we will focus on signing members up on the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL). The Pipe Trades 469 needs you to vote in every election, not just presidential elections. Local elections are in fact a higher priority for the PAC, since they directly affect the Local to a greater extent. **By checking yes in Box 1 on the enclosed registration card, you will be able to receive your ballot by mail for every election in your area.** Voters signed up on PEVL have a much higher voter turnout than registered voters not on PEVL. The list increases voter turnout to 87 percent! For that reason, I urge every member to sign up for PEVL today.

League of Cities and Towns

In August, the Arizona Pipe Trades participated in the Arizona League of Cities and Towns as a platinum sponsor. The conference was a great opportunity for 469 to lead the discussion on job creation and training as Arizona's economy recovers from the recession. During the conference, the business agents and I were able to educate hundreds of elected officials from around the state at our exhibit booth and hospitality reception. My hope is that our presence at the League of Cities and Towns will lead to increased partnerships across the state between 469 and communities with upcoming large-scale projects and/or the need for job training opportunities. Every event the 469 PAC hosts, attends, and sponsors is part of a long-term strategy to help ensure that the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 continues to prosper so it can provide the best training for its apprentices and members. We also strive to supply quality tradesmen for its contractors, and offer good-paying, high-quality jobs for its members.

Have a happy and safe fall, and enjoy the cooler weather.



Local 469 officers talk with elected officials and representatives from Torres Consulting and Law Group at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. From left to right stand: Israel Torres (TCLG), 469 Business Manager Phil McNally Jr., hospitality guest Georgette Escobar, Representative Daniel Patterson (LD 29), Councilwoman Rosanna Gabaldon (Sabuarita) and 469 Business Agent Chris Van Kirk.

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