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An Update from the 469 Political Action Committee

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Business manager's report



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PAC continues to lead

Our PAC efforts continue to grow with more related projects on the way. The long term vision of the PAC helped us through

the downturn and now looks to truly thrive as the economy continues to improve. Building relationships with elected officials has helped pass pro-worker policies. We have had success passing responsible contractor ordinances instead of continually defending against anti-union legislation. Being proactive and engaged in the political process has lead us to new opportunities, otherwise unobtainable.

Our goal is to change the environment in which our signatory contractors bid work. If we can level the playing field for our partner contractors, we can expand our market share and have a more consistent pool of projects outside of Intel—which picks up and slows down.

West Valley casino construction expands to long term maintenance

With the settlement finalized between the Tohono O'odham and Department of the Interior, construction can finally continue on the Desert Diamond Casino in Glendale. Pre-construction has

already begun with the construction of the \$600 million resort and casino scheduled to begin in November. The casino and resort is estimated to take two years to complete. That being said, our PAC not only secured the initial construction of the new casino, but our contractor also secured the maintenance work as well. None of this would have been possible without PAC support and is a model example of what our PAC is capable of doing. Through the years, our PAC stayed the course while working with numerous officials at all levels of government and when it was time to participate in public discussion we showed up in massive numbers. It is with this level of passion and dedication that we will continue to grow our PAC's power and reputation to further our agenda of securing jobs, fair wages and safe working conditions.

ASU, UofA and NAU investment into infrastructure

More construction jobs are coming at the universities. The legislative action which allows universities to keep the sales tax they generate to bond for infrastructure projects was supported by members from both parties and our PAC. The bonding authority will be used to invest \$1 billion over the next 25 years for research and development infrastructure at the three state universities. The first project the Local is looking forward to bidding on is the construction of the Arizona Biomedical Corridor near the Mayo Clinic in north Phoenix. This campus is our work!

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2017 Annual Lunch on the Lawn



This spring your Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC hosted the 9th annual Lunch on the Lawn at the Arizona State Legislature in downtown Phoenix. Local 469 members, apprentices, retirees and contractors were invited to enjoy plenty of delicious hotdogs and hamburgers alongside their state legislators.



We had the opportunity to connect with over 300 legislators and staff members to speak about the issues that matter to our members. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped make this event such a success! We look forward to seeing you again next year as we continue to build and sustain positive working relationships with our states' leaders.



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- Last year Arizona voters elected to increase the state minimum wage to \$10.00/hour. With further incremental increases over the next three years, voters conveyed their commitment to helping working families and providing living wages.

- Prevailing wages under the Davis Bacon Act are determined by Department of Labor (DOL) surveys sent to interested parties and contractors identified as working on projects in the survey area during the designated time period.

 - Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division

- This July, the House of Representatives rejected conservatives' latest attempt to weaken the Davis Bacon Act, by a vote of 183-242. The bill would have mandated that the DOL use Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) data to determine prevailing wages for federal construction projects. This would have weakened the law, as BLS data is not regularly updated and does not include fringe benefit amounts for workers.

 - Workday Minnesota

Fighting for Quality Wages and Quality Jobs in Arizona

Promoting highly skilled and well-paid labor in an anti-union state like Arizona has always been difficult. Despite this reality, we are making real strides in advocating for signatory contractors that put our members to work.

The PAC's long-term strategic plan centers on fostering healthy working relationships with key decision makers and changing the bidding environment for our contractors for years to come. We remind our political friends that many new and exciting developments are in the pipeline and our members are ready and eager to build them.

Responsible Contractor Ordinances

While the state legislature continues to produce and promote anti-union legislation, our PAC is turning to Arizona cities and school boards to pick up the slack and focus on promoting safe, well-paying and high-quality jobs. The current trend is Responsible Contractor Ordinances (RCOs), which change the rules to level the playing field for our contractors.

We most recently fought for and won an RCO in the Phoenix Union High School District. This particular RCO details many requirements that all sub-contractors on school district projects must abide by. Most specifically it lists a preference that subcontractors use highly qualified workers. This can be

demonstrated by participation in a state approved apprenticeship program that has graduated journeymen in three of the last five years.

This is not only great news for the future of high quality construction work within Phoenix Union High School District, but



very promising for the future of good labor policies in Arizona. This was a huge step in the right direction, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that other school

districts follow so that we can create more work for our members as the state of Arizona and its schools continue to expand.

In short, you want the best, most professional workers? Hire 469 hands!

Southern Arizona

Southern Arizona was hit particularly hard during the economic downturn but is recovering. That is why it is extremely important to highlight the work that skilled labor is doing in that region and the quality construction jobs that are growing the local economy.

As we highlight the value of union labor to key policymakers in terms of both quality work and increased impact on local economies, we enhance our ability to fight for our members to ensure even more union jobs.

Together We Can Make a Difference

At the end of the day your continued support will allow us to work for lasting change in Arizona that will make it easier for working families to obtain good jobs and good wages.

Your involvement with the UA Local 469 PAC will allow our political leaders to see the value and quality of our work, as well as to encourage them to adopt policies that take care of 469 members.

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Maricopa Integrated Health Systems

Arizona voters also passed \$800 million in new county hospital centers over the next 18 months. Our PAC was there to support it. As the PAC expands our environment, we must continue to participate in town hall meetings to engage our political officials to advance worker friendly regulations. One way to ensure Arizona voters get the quality hospitals

they desire is building those facilities with union labor. In the near future, there will be town-hall meetings before the Maricopa Integrated Health Systems Board. Our PAC will need to be in attendance to encourage the Board to incorporate apprenticeship language into the procurement contracts.

Guaranteeing safe skilled workers are used to build Arizona's infrastructure is not only beneficial for our members, but the Arizona taxpayers as well.

We must continue our political engagement in electing pro-union officials into office at all levels of government, along with showing current elected officials the benefit of supporting union labor. I know we just had a contentious Presidential campaign and some of us have election fatigue, but we all must continue to hold our elected leaders accountable at the ballot box.

See you at a PAC event!

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