**How has Local 469 been affected by politics in the past? (Non-inclusive list)**

- In 1946, anti-union zealots pushed to enforce state right-to-work (RTW) — or more accurately, right-to-work-for-less — laws directly attacking unions’ economic security and allowing free riders to enjoy union benefits without paying dues.
- In 1984, Arizona’s Little Davis-Bacon Act was repealed, reducing worker protection and cutting livable wages.
- In 2011, Senate Bill 1365 (SB 1365) attempted to stifle our funding and freedoms by placing the burden exclusively on unions, requiring annual sign up for payroll dues deductions.
- In 2011, Senate Bill 1403 (SB 1403) aimed to restrict the use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) to keep Local 469 signatory contractors off solar plant projects.

**What is a Political Action Committee (PAC)?**

A PAC or Political Action Committee is a private group that supports an organization’s political goals through a fund connected to an organization by membership, but separately maintained for specific political-related functions.

**Why is the 469 PAC important to the Arizona Pipe Trades?**

The 469 PAC monitors and defends our members against anti-union laws. In 2011, the PAC successfully fought SB 1365 in court on the grounds of viewpoint discrimination. In addition, the PAC worked closely with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) to minimize the effects of SB 1403 and to promote the use of trained, local workers on large-scale projects.

The 469 PAC also supports political candidates, who will champion our interests, and fight for local trades and working families when in office.

Anti-labor laws passed can significantly affect your employment and the future success of Local 469. Therefore, it is critical for us to help elect decision makers who understand our concerns and will work to ensure that Local 469 families can thrive in their cities and towns.
What are the goals of the 469 PAC?
The 469 PAC’s primary goal is to continuously keep our interests on elected officials’ agendas by educating political candidates about the superiority of our Local’s craftsmanship and the safety measures we use to protect and benefit the public. PAC objectives include:
- Promoting our Local’s unparalleled education and training standards to reassure state officials that 469 can deliver quality construction projects
- Marketing Local 469 as a safe and sustainable workforce that serves the public’s health, safety and economic development interests
- Urging state officials to pass legislation in support of local workers
- Advancing safety and craftsmanship by working with cities to ensure proper inspections and the enforcement of appropriate plumbing codes on municipal projects
- Encouraging developers and contractors to hire local workers

What types of campaigns does the 469 PAC get involved in?
The PAC considers a number of factors when determining involvement in a campaign:
- The outlook for large, job-generating projects in the area
- The potential to build positive relationships with city council members in the area and various mayor-council relationships
- The likelihood that the PAC can influence and advance policy changes that can benefit the Local

469 supports local politics and races that directly affect our Local’s interests. Recently, the 469 PAC participated in several statewide, legislative, Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) and municipal races. Each year, the 469 PAC strives to get involved in more elections across the state, so it can strengthen its political force.

How does the 469 PAC choose candidates to support?
The 469 PAC sends a questionnaire to every candidate running for an election in a targeted race. Candidates who respond will proceed to “round-two” interviews based on their answers. Each candidate is asked the same nonpartisan questions during each interview. PAC officials then rate the candidates based on their knowledge of the industry and their positions on 469-related issues.

Is the 469 PAC associated with a political party?
No. The 469 PAC is a bipartisan entity that supports viable candidates, who support issues important to Local 469 members, regardless of party affiliation. The 469 PAC seeks political candidates who will make the concerns of our trade a top priority.

Recent 469-endorsed candidates include:
- Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton (D)
- Arizona Corporation Commission Chairman Gary Pierce (R)
- Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild (D)
Tempe Councilman Corey Woods (D)
Tempe Councilman Dick Foreman (R)
Surprise Vice Mayor John Williams (I)

What type of activities does the Local 469 PAC conduct?
469 PAC contributions fund:
- Volunteer recruitment tools (i.e. automated phone calls, phone banks and the GO Line)
- Educating lawmakers (i.e. League of Cities and Towns Conference, Lunch on the Lawn, candidate meet-and-greet events, training center tours)
- Lobbying on behalf of Local 469 interests at the city, state and federal levels
- Independent campaigns in support of 469-endorsed candidates
- Campaign contributions to endorsed candidates

What are some of the PAC’s political wins? (Non-exclusive list)
Local 469’s political voice is spreading across the state thanks to the tireless efforts of the 469 PAC and the unwavering dedication of its volunteers. The PAC achieved:
- 10-for-10 victory in the 2011 Fall general municipal elections. The efforts conducted by the 469 PAC helped elect the Phoenix, Surprise and Tucson mayors, as well as Phoenix, Tucson and Surprise councilmembers who hold the interests of our union at heart.
- Appointments to Phoenix’s Ad Hoc Steering Committee and subcommittees – The committee meets with key city stakeholders and decision makers, and Local 469 is now in a position to better influence policy and represent our Local’s interests in the city.
- Appointments to Tucson’s Local Jobs Ordinance Committee, allowing 469 to continue being active in the Tucson Jobs Stakeholder group, ensuring the outcome benefits our members.
- We helped elect three commissioners to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), who have supported our involvement in large-scale solar projects.

How can I stay informed on what the 469 PAC is doing?
- Checkout the PAC newsletter - enrollment is automatic with 469 membership. If for some reason you are not receiving it in the mail, contact Feruza Amanova at (602) 626-8805.
- Register for PAC email blasts - learn more about the many political activities and successes from throughout the year
- Enroll in PAC Instant Text Messages at 623-738-6469
- Sign up for PAC Pulse - gain easy access to your legislator and receive alerts to potential laws that impact our craft, our jobs and the condition of our job sites
- Visit the Arizona Pipe Trades Fan Page on Facebook to view PAC event photo albums and volunteer announcements and do not forget to “Like” the page!
- Access the Arizona Pipe Trades Home Page

Why should I support the PAC?
Anti-union zealots are trying to take you off projects; the PAC is fighting to keep you off the bench. By contributing to the 469 PAC, you are helping to promote the shared interests of our Local and elect Arizona’s decision-makers. Choosing not to participate allows our enemies to advance their political interests, which is a risk we cannot afford to take.

**How can I get more involved with 469 political actions?**
Email Feruza Amonova with Torres Consulting and Law Group at feruza@thetorresfirm.com or 602.626.8805. Interested parties can also visit the PAC Pulse to help fight anti-union legislature that could affect your job, your retirement, and your future.