

# PIPE TRADES

An Update from the 469 Political Action Committee

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## 469 Political Action Committee: Election Season

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Welcome to the Fall 2009 edition of the 469 PAC newsletter, which is distributed quarterly, in addition to the regular PipetradesTalk.

Things have finally wrapped up at the Arizona State Legislature, but your 469 PAC is staying busy. PAC members

are taking this opportunity to stay visible with our state and local elected officials and share the Arizona Pipe Trades' message with as many of them as possible.

Fall is election season, and one of the best ways to make our voices heard is to begin working with candidates before they are elected to office. By helping out on their campaigns early and often, we have the opportunity to educate these candidates about our issues so that we can continue that relationship once they have been elected to office. This is why our PAC makes it a priority to be involved in the City Council elections you will read about in this newsletter—in cities around the state, we are identifying, endorsing, and electing candidates who understand and support the Arizona Pipe Trades and our members.

For example, Pipe Trades apprentices spent a Saturday in August walking door-to-door for Phoenix Councilman Sal DiCiccio's re-election campaign. After the walk concluded, our members sat down and shared a lunch with the Councilman, talking with him about the issues that impact their lives every day. This is what it's all about:



Dan Girdish gets ready to talk to Phoenix voters with wife Charmaine Girdish and friend Frank Bell

a dialogue between Pipe Trades members and our elected officials. As our Political Action Committee continues to grow, we will have more and more opportunities to sit face-to-face with council members and legislators to tell them who we are and what we need.

Pipe Trades PAC members also spent a Sunday in Prescott, barbecuing for the Yavapai County Democratic Party's annual picnic. As a state-wide local, we make an effort to reach out to groups around Arizona, not just in the Phoenix area. This was an invaluable opportunity to share our message with both local residents and candidates for offices like Attorney General, Treasurer, and more.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who spent Saturday August 29 in Tucson for the Tucson City Council Kick-Off. PAC members and apprentices spent the morning knocking on doors to talk to voters about our endorsed candidates in Tucson. Afterwards, PAC members grilled burgers and hot dogs for hungry volunteers and community members. This was a day to remember and the start of a great campaign season, and we are proud to be a part of it.

I hope everyone will take a moment to sign up for PAC Pulse, the 469's online political headquarters. Once you are on the list, you will receive all the latest information about PAC events, volunteer opportunities, legislative alerts, and more. It's the best way to stay on top of what your 469 PAC is doing and how you can help make sure our voices are heard!



Apprentices and PAC members enjoying lunch with Phoenix Councilman Sal DiCiccio

### GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PAC'S UPCOMING ACTIVITIES!

November 3 . . . . . Be sure to vote in your local city council election! Your 469 PAC has endorsed great candidates in both Phoenix and Tucson.

November 14 . . . . . 4th Annual Union Poker Run (see page 5 for more details)

# September 1 Phoenix City Council Election Results

On September 1, Phoenix residents in Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 went to the polls to vote for their next City Council representative. Here are the results:

## District 2

Peggy Neely (Incumbent) - 100%

## District 4

Tom Simplot (Incumbent) - 75%  
Robert Johnson - 25%

## District 6 \*

Sal DiCiccio (Incumbent) - 48%  
Dana Kennedy - 29%  
Barry Paceley - 22%  
Nathan Oshop - 1%

## District 8

Mike Johnson (Incumbent) - 67%  
Darlene Jackson - 20%  
Jon Garrido - 13%

\* Because he did not quite receive 50% of the total votes, Councilman Sal DiCiccio will have to face his nearest competition, Dana Kennedy, in the **November 3rd run-off election**. If you live in Phoenix District 6, be sure to cast your vote for Sal DiCiccio on November 3!

# Your 469-Endorsed Phoenix City Council Candidates

For the residents in Phoenix Council districts 2, 4, 6, and 8, election time is here! Your 469 PAC sent questionnaires to every candidate running for the council. After reviewing the responses, PAC members selected to interview several of the top candidates before making endorsements.

After questioning the candidates thoroughly on issues such as job creation, best value bidding, stimulus projects, and more, your PAC has endorsed the following candidates for Phoenix City Council:



### • Vice-Mayor Tom Simplot (District 4)

Tom Simplot has been a Phoenix City Council member since 2003. He represents a district in the heart of central Phoenix, and is focused on issues such as fighting crime, protecting small businesses, and preserving the character of neighborhoods in his district. Simplot is an attorney and licensed realtor who has served as president of the Maricopa County Board of Health as well as the Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority. Vice-Mayor Simplot serves on the Housing and Neighborhood Services Subcommittee; the Seniors, Families and Youth Subcommittee; and the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee.



### • Councilman Sal DiCiccio (District 6)

Sal DiCiccio was appointed to the Phoenix City Council in February of 2009 to fill the vacancy left by Greg Stanton. As a businessman, DiCiccio insists on making the most of every taxpayer dollar and understands the pressures faced by small businesses in the City of Phoenix. Councilman DiCiccio serves on the Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability Subcommittee.



### • Councilman Mike Johnson (District 8)

Prior to joining the Phoenix City Council in 2002, Mike Johnson worked as a police officer and homicide detective. Councilman Johnson has focused his efforts on reaching out to neighborhood leaders, law enforcement, schools, neighborhoods and other partners to create a vibrant community and an effective city government. Johnson chairs the Downtown and Aviation Subcommittee, and also serves on the Economy, Commerce and Sustainability Subcommittee; the Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee; and the Census Subcommittee.

# 469 Apprentices Walk for Councilman DiCiccio

On Saturday, August 15, a group of 12 apprentices spent the day walking on behalf of our endorsed Phoenix Council candidate Sal DiCiccio. After receiving a pep-talk from Councilman DiCiccio himself, the volunteers took a few minutes to look over his campaign literature and familiarize themselves with the issues before pairing up to talk with voters. Thanks to the efforts of this group, the campaign was able to knock on hundreds of doors in just one morning! After all their hard work, volunteers returned to drop off their materials and enjoy a well-deserved lunch with the councilman. Many thanks go out to all of our great Pipe Trades PAC volunteers who have taken time out of their weekends to support our endorsed candidates- we couldn't do this without you!

Are you interested in helping out our endorsed candidates in the future? Contact Lauren to find out more! 602.626.8805 or [Lauren@thetorresfirm.com](mailto:Lauren@thetorresfirm.com).



Phoenix Councilman DiCiccio poses with the apprentices who spent their Saturday talking to voters about his campaign

# Meet Your 469-Endorsed Tucson Candidates

The City Council elections are heating up in Tucson! After considering all candidates running for the Tucson Council, your 469 PAC decided to endorse the three candidates who are committed to smart growth and job creation in the City of Tucson:



• **Karin Uhlich** (Ward III)

Karin Uhlich has been a Tucson Council member since 2005. Prior to joining the council, Uhlich served as the Executive Director of Primavera Services, a homeless services agency. Councilwoman Uhlich currently chairs the Environment, Planning and Resource Management Subcommittee, and is also a member of the Children, Families and Seniors Committee and the Transportation Subcommittee.



• **Richard Fimbres** (Ward V)

With current Councilman Steve Leal resigning, life-long Ward V resident Richard Fimbres is well-positioned to continue Leal's legacy in the community. While this will be his first elective office Fimbres is no stranger to community service. He has worked with the Pima County Sheriff's Department, served as Governor Napolitano's Director of Highway Safety, and has worked extensively with LULAC and other community-based organizations.



• **Nina Trasoff** (Ward VI)

Nina Trasoff has served on the Tucson Council since 2005. She is well-known in the Tucson community for her work as a reporter with KGUN-9 before joining the council. Councilwoman Trasoff chairs the Rio Nuevo / Downtown Arts, Culture and History Subcommittee, and is also a member of the Environment, Planning and Resource Management Subcommittee and the Neighborhoods, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee.

Each candidate won their respective primary elections on September 1. Now it is up to us to make sure they win in the General Election on November 3! If you live in Tucson's Ward III, V or VI, be sure to support these candidates at the polls on Election Day!

## Tucson Council Campaigns Kick-Off!



On August 29, your 469 PAC members traveled to Tucson to help our endorsed candidates kick off the general election season. After a group of apprentices spent the morning walking for Uhlich, Trasoff, and Fimbres, PAC members cooked up burgers and hot dogs for all the hungry campaign volunteers and Tucson community members who came out to support our candidates. Thanks to our great apprentices and PAC members for making this a campaign kick-off to remember!

*Pipe Trades volunteers prepare to hit the streets and talk to voters in Tucson*

## Did You Know?



**For your consideration, a few facts and figures from the Arizona political landscape...**

- At 170 days long, the 2009 Arizona legislative session was the fourth-longest on record.
- With 700 bills dropped in the House and 534 bills dropped in the Senate, this session topped out with 1234 total bills filed for consideration in 2009.
- In one six-month period, two Phoenix City Council members—Greg Stanton (D6) and Maria Baier (D3) resigned from office for separate reasons, prompting aspiring city council members to compete to fill those vacancies.
- Thirty-nine cities and towns in Arizona have their city council elections this year—thirty-three in the spring, and six in the fall.
- There are currently 35 applications pending with the Federal Bureau of Land Management for solar projects in Arizona. Let's get these into the hands of our signatory contractors!



*Our endorsed Tucson Council candidates: Trasoff, Fimbres and Uhlich*

# PAC Legislative Priorities

It's been a busy year for our political action committee, but we still have plenty more to accomplish in the year ahead. This fall, PAC members will begin to formulate our policy priorities for the coming year. Here are a few of the issues that are on our radar:

- **Best Value Bidding** - PAC members will continue to talk to state and local elected officials to make sure they understand that when it comes to construction, you get what you pay for. We need to provide our signatory contractors with a level playing field so they can compete fairly for municipal projects.
- **Federal Stimulus Projects** - PAC members will actively lobby to ensure that federal stimulus projects are awarded to contractors that pay a living wage, provide health insurance, and train their workers. In other words, we think these projects should go to our signatory contractors!
- **Renewable Energy** - At the legislature, your PAC will lobby for bills that make Arizona an attractive place to build renewable energy projects. In conjunction with that, PAC members will work with individual project owners to show them why using union labor provides a superior finished product.
- **Protecting the Right to Organize** - As you know, this year the right of Arizonans to organize as part of an effective labor movement came under attack from the state legislature. PAC members will continue to fight off legislation that is designed to cripple labor unions and make it harder for our members to voice their concerns to their elected officials.

## Pipe Trades Members Flip Burgers in Yavapai County

It's that time of year again! On August 16, the Yavapai County Democratic Party held their annual picnic in beautiful Prescott, Arizona. PAC members were glad for the chance to escape the Phoenix heat for the day, spending the afternoon serving up burgers, hot dogs and all the fixings for Yavapai County Democrats. After everyone enjoyed their fill of the picnic lunch, attendees heard from candidates for both state-wide and local offices, including Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and more.



## Bills Included in the Score Card

In order to compute the legislators' scores, we examined their position on the following bills:

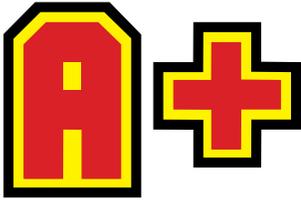
### 469-Supported Bills:

- HB2011 - Community College Districts, Provisional; Bonding
- HB2080 - Contractors; Payment
- HB2252 - International Ports Development
- HB2306 - Employer Sanctions; Business Licenses
- HB2335 - Sanitary Districts; Bond
- HB2336 - Renewable Energy Incentive Districts
- HB2337 - Energy Standards; Buildings; Contracting
- HB2341 - Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit
- HB2397 - Sports Authority District
- HB2357 - University Athletic Facilities District
- HB2480 - Regional Transportation Authority; Qualifying Counties
- HB2632 - Unemployment Insurance; Benefits
- SB1102 - AHCCCS; Eligibility Determinations
- SB1149 - University Athletic Facilities District
- SB1193 - Government Construction; Project Delivery Methods
- SB1322 - Unemployment Insurance; Benefits
- SB1401 - Energy Parks; Development Incentives
- SB1403 - Renewable, High-Wage Industries Incentives

### 469-Opposed Bills:

- HB2240 - Rule-Making; State Agencies; Moratorium
- HB2259 - Local Development Fees; Procedures
- HB2267 - Municipalities; Counties; Fire Sprinkles; Codes
- HB2274 - Paycheck Deductions; Political Purposes
- HB2360 - General Obligation Bond Requirements
- HB2369 - Federal Monies; Legislative Appropriations
- SB1123 - City Elections; Nonpartisan Primaries; Districts
- SCR1006 - State Appropriation Limit; Reduction

If you would like more information about any of these bills or the Arizona Pipe Trades' position, please contact Lauren at 602.626.8805 or [Lauren@thetorresfirm.com](mailto:Lauren@thetorresfirm.com).



# Arizona Pipe Trades 2009 Legislative Score Card

With the 2009 legislative session finally behind us, it's time to take a look back at who supported our issues and who came up short. Here is the break-down of how your legislators scored:

## Score: A+

Legislator	Party
Rep. David Schapira (LD 17)	D
Rep. Tom Chabin (LD 2)	D

## Score: A

Legislator	Party
Rep. Andy Tobin (LD 1)	R
Rep. Patricia Fleming (LD 25)*	D
Rep. David Lujan (LD 15)	D
Sen. Barbara Leff (LD 11)	R
Sen. Jorge Luis Garcia (LD 27)	D
Rep. Chad Campbell (LD 14)	D
Sen. Jay Tibshraeny (LD 21)	R

## Score: B

Legislator	Party
Rep. John McComish (LD 20)	R
Rep. Michele Reagan (LD 8)	R
Rep. Barbara McGuire (LD 23)	D
Sen. Carolyn Allen (LD 8)	R
Sen. Thayer Verschoor (LD 22)	R
Rep. Frank Pratt (LD 23)	R
Rep. Eric Meyer (LD 11)	D
Rep. Tom Boone (LD 4)	R
Rep. Russ Jones (LD 24)	R
Sen. Jonathan Paton (LD 30)	R
Sen. Manuel Alvarez (LD 25)	D
Rep. Steve Farley (LD 28)*	D
Rep. Ed Ableser (LD 17)	D
Rep. Lynne Pancrazi (LD 24)	D
Sen. Paula Aboud (LD 28)	D
Rep. Kirk Adams (LD 19)	R
Sen. Rebecca Rios (LD 23)	D
Rep. Steve Yarbrough (LD 21)	R
Rep. Vic Williams (LD 26)	R
Sen. John Nelson (LD 12)	R
Rep. Ben Miranda (LD 16)	D
Rep. Robert Meza (LD 14)	D
Rep. Cecil Ash (LD 18)	R
Rep. Warde Nichols (LD 21)	R
Sen. Linda Lopez (LD 29)	D
Rep. David Bradley (LD 28)	D
Sen. Leah Landrum Taylor (LD 16)	D
Rep. Daniel Patterson (LD 29)*	D

## Score: C

Legislator	Party
Rep. William Konopnicki (LD 5)	R
Rep. Ray Barnes (LD 7)	R
Rep. Anna Tovar (LD 13)	D
Rep. Jim Weiers (LD 10)	R
Rep. Matt Heinz (LD 29)	D
Rep. Rae Waters (LD 20)	D
Sen. Amanda Aguirre (LD 24)	D
Rep. Phil Lopes (LD 27)	D
Rep. Cloves Campbell (LD 16)	D
Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (LD 15)	D
Sen. Richard Miranda (LD 13)	D
Rep. Frank Antenori (LD 30)	R
Rep. Doris Goodale (LD 3)	R
Rep. David Stevens (LD 25)	R
Rep. Martha Garcia (LD 13)	D
Sen. Albert Hale (LD 2)	D
Rep. David Gowan (LD 30)	R
Rep. Jack Brown (LD 5)	D
Rep. Nancy Young Wright (LD 26)	D
Rep. Olivia Cajero Bedford (LD 27)	D
Rep. Adam Driggs (LD 11)	R
Rep. Doug Quelland (LD 10)	R
Sen. Meg Burton Cahill (LD 17)	D
Rep. Steve Court (LD 18)	R
Sen. Al Melvin (LD 26)	R
Rep. Laurin Hendrix (LD 22)	R
Rep. Lucy Mason (LD 1)	R

## Score: D

Legislator	Party
Rep. Christopher Deschene (LD 2)	D
Rep. Steve Montenegro (LD 12)	R
Sen. Steve Pierce (LD 1)	R
Rep. Nancy McLain (LD 3)	R
Rep. Nancy Barto (LD 7)	R
Sen. Linda Gray (LD 10)	R
Sen. Debbie McCune Davis (LD 14)	D
Rep. Debbie Lesko (LD 9)	R
Rep. Sam Crump (LD 6)	R
Rep. Carl Seel (LD 6)	R
Rep. Jerry Weiers (LD 12)	R
Rep. Judy Burges (LD 4)	R
Sen. Robert Burns (LD 9)	R
Rep. John Kavanagh (LD 8)	R

## Score: F

Legislator	Party
Sen. Jim Waring (LD 7)	R
Sen. John Huppenthal (LD 20)	R
Rep. Rich Crandall (LD 19)	R
Rep. Rick Murphy (LD 9)	R
Rep. Andy Biggs (LD 22)	R
Sen. Jack Harper (LD 4)	R
Sen. Sylvia Allen (LD 5)	R
Sen. Chuck Gray (LD 19)	R
Sen. Russell Pearce (LD 18)	R
Sen. Pamela Gorman (LD 6)	R
Sen. Ron Gould (LD 3)	R
Sen. Ken Chevront (LD 15)	D

\*Denotes 469-endorsed legislator

## Celebrate Your 2009 Legislator of the Year Pat Fleming!



This year, one of our endorsed legislators really stood out for her support of Arizona Pipe Trades members. Congratulations to Representative Pat Fleming, our 2009 Legislator of the Year! We will be honoring Rep. Fleming this year's Christmas Lunch in December—look for more details in the next PAC Newsletter!



## 4th Annual Union Poker Run Saturday, November 14, 2009

Do you love five card stud, motorcycles and classic cars? Join us for the Wheels for Meals Poker Run! Participants will have the chance to play poker at five different stops during the day, and cash prizes will be awarded for the best poker hands. If you register before November 1, you can get in on the fun for just \$30/hand (\$35/hand on or after November 2). Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in your registration, and all proceeds benefit the Area Agency on Aging's meal delivery program. For more information or to sign up, contact SMACNA Arizona at 602.734.0214 or visit [www.smacna-az.org](http://www.smacna-az.org).

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## The 469 Political Action Committee Needs Your Help!

### There are many ways to make a difference!

- Join PAC Pulse, your online political headquarters, to get the latest PAC news and activities. To sign up, visit [www.capwiz.com/thetorresfirm](http://www.capwiz.com/thetorresfirm)
- Sign up to volunteer with your PAC—there will be opportunities all year long, from attending events to walking door-to-door for candidates, to phone banking Pipe Trades members. A few hours DO make a difference!
- Register to vote, and make sure your friends and family do the same! For more information about registering to vote, contact your county recorder.

If you would like more information about helping your 469 PAC, contact Lauren at 602.626.8805 or [Lauren@thetorresfirm.com](mailto:Lauren@thetorresfirm.com).