

PIPE TRADES

An Update from the
469 Political Action Committee

political action



Summer 2010



Pro-469 candidates endorsed

Phil McNally, *Business Manager*

In the last two years, Arizona has experienced profound changes - jobs across the state have been lost, budgets have been slashed and working families have struggled to survive. It is difficult to remember an election year as important as the one we are in right now. On November 2, Arizonans will go to the polls and select their governor, attorney general and corporation commissioners, among others. These elected officials will shape the laws and policy that affect us everyday.

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 Political Action Committee (PAC) understands the gravity of this election. Earlier this year, the PAC focused on identifying pro-469 candidates who will support

the values and needs of our members. I believe this long, detailed process has produced an endorsement list of pro-469 candidates who are dedicated to addressing the many issues that face our state (page 5-6).

469 members stepping up

The PAC continues to expand its influence and visibility. The major factor leading to this is the number of members who have been stepping up to support the 469 PAC. In the past, our PAC has relied on a small, core group of PAC volunteers to support 469-endorsed candidates. This is changing. A number of our journeymen and retirees have seen the gains the PAC has produced and have decided to donate their time to these efforts.

This has been compounded by another positive change.

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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 one of the community BBQ events this election season where the PAC will be firing up the 469 grill, or by volunteering during the 469's BIG Political Day of Action:

Saturday, August 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., . . . Pima County Democratic Party BBQ, Himmel Park, 1000 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson

Saturday, September 11, 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m., . . . The 469's Big Day of Action, The Union Hall, 3109 N 24th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Saturday, October 23, Noon – 2 p.m., Maricopa County Democratic Party BBQ, Maricopa County Democratic Party Headquarters, 2914 N. Central, Phoenix, AZ 85012

You can be involved in these events in several ways: attending, helping with set-up, serving, breakdown, sign pounding and literature drops.

For more information, contact Jason McDonald, Torres Consulting, at 602.626.8805 or e-mail to Jason@TheTorresFirm.com. See you this summer!

Second Lunch on the Capitol Lawn - Huge Success!

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 hosted the Second Lunch on the Capitol Lawn, bringing together more than 400 attendees. Legislators from across the state enjoyed a BBQ lunch with the apprentices, journeymen, retirees and families of Local 469.

Events like this are a great way for 469 members to meet their elected officials face to face. It also demonstrates to our elected officials that 469 is active and engaged in Arizona politics.

Thanks again to all the PAC volunteers for making it possible to have such a successful event! We are looking forward to making next year an even larger success!



Members of Local 469 at the Arizona Capitol during the 2nd Lunch on the Capitol Lawn.



PAC Pulse!

To find out more about your legislative or congressional district and 469-endorsed candidates, check out PAC Pulse for all the latest information. Go to the **PAC Pulse website**. Visit www.capwiz.com/thetorresfirm. From there, scroll down and click on "Stay Informed," click on the link that reads "Action E-List," fill out the form (which stays completely confidential), and click "submit."

Do you want to draw a crowd? Call the 469 PAC!



The Kirkpatrick for Arizona campaign called on the 469 PAC to help gather signatures for Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick's re-election. The PAC arrived in downtown Flagstaff with the 469 BBQ trailer and quickly drew a crowd. The Kirkpatrick campaign was able to collect nearly 150 signatures in less than one hour, not a simple feat in the tenth largest congressional district in the United States. UA Local 469 enthusiastically supports Rep. Kirkpatrick's re-election and will continue to volunteer for her campaign.

Arizona Pipe Trades 469 Capitol Tour



For the second year, Arizona Rep. Steve Farley of Tucson took 469 members on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Arizona House of Representatives. The tour allowed 469 members to get a closer look at the legislative process and see how laws are drafted and voted on. Tour attendees were able to speak to Rep. Farley face to face about issues important to them and Local 469.

If you missed this year's tour, you will have a chance to participate next year. Watch for announcements in future

newsletters for next year's Capitol tour date and time. These tours are valuable opportunities to look behind doors that are normally closed to the general public and show members of the legislature that Local 469 monitors and is engaged in the process.

Building and Construction Trades Legislative Conference

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 participated in the Building and Construction Trades Legislative Conference again this year. The PAC formed a delegation for the conference to meet with Arizona's Congressional members to discuss job creation, upcoming projects and the benefit of Project Labor Agreements.

The 469 delegation first met with Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick in the Longworth Cafeteria in the basement of the U.S. Capitol. During the meeting, 469 was able to speak to the congresswoman about major projects planned in Arizona.

The next day, the delegation met with Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and garnered her support for Davis Bacon compliance. The delegation ended its meetings with Congressman Harry Mitchell where he was able to update the group on his efforts to bring jobs to Arizona.

The trip was a success and not only were the members of Congress able to update 469 on their efforts to address Arizona's ailing economy, but we were able to educate the members of Congress on issues important to Local 469.



The 469 delegation after a successful meeting with Rep. Giffords.

2010 PAC Activities off to a great start!



PAC volunteers have been very active in 2010



PAC 469 Volunteers with U.S. Senate candidate Rodney Glassman at the annual Yavapai County Democratic Picnic where the PAC grilled lunch for the more than 150 attendees.



Volunteers gather for a photo before the 400+ guests arrived for the second Lunch on the Capitol Lawn.



Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick with 469 PAC members during her signature-collection drive in Flagstaff.



More than 20 volunteers came out for the 1st 469 Political Day of Action and pounded more than 80 campaign signs for 469-endorsed candidates.

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2010 Statewide 469-Endorsed Candidates

After mailing 469 questionnaires to more than 300 candidates statewide and interviewing more than a dozen candidates, the 469 PAC is proud to announce its 2010 endorsed candidates! All of the people listed below are pro-469 candidates who have committed to work with us:

The statewide and Federal elections are heating up!



Terry Goddard - Governor

“As Arizona’s governor, your number one priority should be finding ways to grow and attract jobs to get Arizonans working again... build Arizona and attract investment.”



Christopher Deschene - Secretary of State

“As a former union welder who is also the son of a boilermaker, brother of a steelworker, and member of a nation that consistently supports union efforts, I am committed to do all that I can...to help strengthen labor’s movement.”



Felecia Rotellini - Attorney General

“I will make sure my office gets results for working families...focus on what matters to Pipe Trades members and all Arizonans: keeping people safe in their homes, on the streets, and in their dealings with business and government.”



Andrei Cherny – State Treasurer

“I have worked for two labor unions and been a member of two labor unions. I am running for Arizona State Treasurer in order to be a champion for working people in state government; to make sure... we have a government that works its hardest for those who are working their hardest.”



Jason Williams - Superintendent of Public Instruction

“I will work to make sure the Arizona Department of Education serves as a resource for all local school districts by providing an information clearing house for the efficient procurement of high quality building projects.”



Ann Kirkpatrick - Congressional District 1

“I support and encourage renewable energy sources like wind and solar, which will improve our national security by reducing our dependence on foreign oil, lower energy costs, and create thousands of new, good-paying jobs right here in Arizona.”



Jon Hulburd - Congressional District 3

“To get Arizonans back to work in good-paying jobs, we must diversify our economy by making Arizona a growth area for tomorrow’s green-energy industries - like solar and wind power - and the technologies and jobs that accompany them.”



Ed Pastor - Congressional District 4

“We must focus on creating quality jobs and maintaining domestic production of our nation’s vital needs, while providing quality education to prepare our children to thrive in global economy.”



Harry Mitchell - Congressional District 5

“The most important issue we face as a state and as a nation is strengthening our economy and creating jobs... I am committed to getting our economy moving again...”



Raul Grijalva - Congressional District 7

“The future of America deserves a cleaner, smarter energy agenda that ensures lowered energy costs, reduced global warming and creates hundreds of thousands of green jobs.”



Gabrielle Giffords - Congressional District 8

“Pipe Trades 469 members are some of the best trained and most highly skilled, productive craftsman available... I am confident in recommending that companies become signatory contractors with the union and encourage this practice on federally-funded projects.”



Rodney Glassman - US Senate

“As a U.S. Senator I would articulate the benefit of labor representation such as strong wages, access to training, and advocates to assist in receiving healthcare.”

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Legislative Endorsements

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 PAC supports the following candidates it has selected for its 2010 Legislative Endorsement List! All 469 members are urged to learn about and support the legislative candidates listed below from their district.

Arizona House of Representatives

Candidate	District
Teri Conrad	LD 6
Jackie Thrasher	LD 10
Anna Tovar	LD 13
Lela Alston	LD 15
Ken Clark	LD 15
Ruben Gallego	LD 16
Edward Ableser	LD 17
Ben Arredondo	LD 17
Kit Filbey	LD 19
Pat Fleming	LD 25
Steve Farley	LD 28
Mohur Sidhwa	LD 28
Daniel Patterson	LD 29
Andrea Dalessandro	LD 30

Arizona Senate

Candidate	District
Sue Dolphin	LD 4
Elaine Bohlmeier	LD 5
Sheri Van Horsen	LD 9
Justin Johnson	LD 10
Rita Dickinson	LD 11
Manuel Alvarez	LD 25
Cheryl Cage	LD 26
Paula Aboud	LD 28
Linda Lopez	LD 29
Todd Camenisch	LD 30

Are you ready for the upcoming elections?

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

EVENT	DATE	YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE:
Primary Election	August 24, 2010	By Phone
Registration for	October 4, 2010	Voter Registration Hotline
general election closes	at midnight	1-877-THE VOTE (843-8683)
General Election	November 2, 2010	On-line
Early Voting Begins		EZVoter www.azsos.gov
Primary Election	July 29, 2010	In person at your County
General Election	October 7, 2010	Recorder's office
On Election Day, all polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.		

2010 Statewide 469-Endorsed Candidates continued



Jorge Luis Garcia - Arizona Corporation Commission

"A Democratic majority on the Corporation Commission is vital for keeping electricity rates down and expanding clean energy in Arizona. The Corporation Commission must be accountable to the people of Arizona and its future."



David Bradley - Arizona Corporation Commission

"...It is important that the education system/clean energy industry/utilities industry/labor play a vibrant role in the training of workers who are prepared for the 21st century so that they have the skills to be prepared to be in place to bid on state projects."



A group of 469 members discuss Arizona politics with Rep. Farley on the floor of the Arizona House of Representatives during the 469 Legislative Capitol Tour.



469 apprentices enjoy their time at the Capitol during the Second Lunch on the Lawn.



469-endorsed candidate for Secretary of State Christopher Deschene talks with William Moody at the Lunch on the Capitol Lawn.



469 volunteers before cooking lunch at the annual Yavapai County Democratic Picnic.



469-endorsed candidate for attorney general, Felecia Rotellini, with Business Manager Phil McNally and the PAC after her candidate interview.



469 PAC volunteers showing off their sign pounding skills.

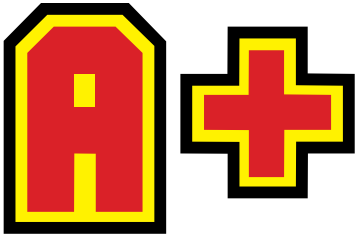


469 PAC Chairman Henry Olea, supervising a recent phone bank in the 469 PAC room.



Check us out on Facebook!

If you would like to see more photos from these events, visit Local 469 on Facebook! You can also sign up for events and see the latest 469 news. Just search "Arizona Pipe Trades 469" on **Facebook.com**. You can also keep up with the PAC by subscribing to the PAC's email alert system by clicking on "Join My List" tab on our Facebook page and enter your email address.



Arizona Pipe Trades 2009 - 2010 Legislative Score Card

The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 Legislative Score Card is an annual assessment of the Arizona State Legislature. The goal of the score card is to identify legislators who actively support Arizona's working families and work to promote their issues. The grades are based on a number of factors including bill sponsorship, voting records, and interaction with Local 469.

Score: A+	
Legislator	Party
Daniel Patterson	Dem.
Patricia Fleming	Dem.

Score: A	
Legislator	Party
Steve Farley	Dem.
Kyrsten Sinema	Dem.

Score: A-	
Legislator	Party
Paula Aboud	Dem.
Edward Ableser	Dem.
Nancy Young Wright	Dem.
Chad Campbell	Dem.

Score: B+	
Legislator	Party
Martha Garcia	Dem.
Manuel Alvarez	Dem.
Linda Lopez	Dem.
Meg Burton Cahill	Dem.
Barbara McGuire	Dem.
Matt Heinz	Dem.

Score: B	
Legislator	Party
Jorge Luis Garcia	Dem.
Anna Tovar	Dem.

Score: B-	
Legislator	Party
Rebecca Rios	Dem.
Christopher Deschene	Dem.

Score: C+	
Legislator	Party
Phil Lopes	Dem.
Tom Chabin	Dem.
Olivia Cajero Bedford	Dem.

Score: C	
Legislator	Party
Rae Waters	Dem.
Lynne Pancrazi	Dem.
David Schapira	Dem.
Cloves Campbell, Jr.	Dem.

Score: C-	
Legislator	Party
Jack Brown	Dem.
Eric Meyer	Dem.
Doug Quelland	Rep.
David Bradley	Dem.
Barbara Leff	Rep.
Albert Hale	Dem.
Robert Meza	Dem.
Richard Miranda	Dem.
Lucy Mason	Rep.
David Lujan	Dem.
Vic Williams	Rep.
Ted Vogt	Rep.
Steve Court	Rep.
Robert Burns	Rep.
Rick Murphy	Rep.
Rich Crandall	Rep.
Michele Reagan	Rep.
Leah Landrum Taylor	Dem.
Ken Chevront	Dem.
Jim Waring	Rep.
Jay Tibshraeny	Rep.
Ed Bunch	Rep.
Debbie McCune	Rep.
Davis	Dem.
David Braswell	Rep.

Score: C-	
Legislator	Party
Carolyn Allen	Rep.
Ben Miranda	Dem.
Andy Tobin	Rep.
Andy Biggs	Rep.
Amanda Reeve	Rep.
Amanda Aguirre	Dem.

Score: D+	
Legislator	Party
Warde Nichols	Rep.
Steve Yarbrough	Rep.
Steve Pierce	Rep.
Russ Jones	Rep.
Nancy McLain	Rep.
Linda Gray	Rep.
Kirk Adams	Rep.
Jonathan Paton	Rep.
John Nelson	Rep.
Frank Pratt	Rep.
Frank Antenori	Rep.
Doris Goodale	Rep.
Bill Konopnicki	Rep.

Score: D	
Legislator	Party
David Stevens	Rep.
Laurin Hendrix	Rep.
Tom Boone	Rep.
Steve Montenegro	Rep.
Pamela Gorman	Rep.
Nancy Barto	Rep.
Debbie Lesko	Rep.
Chuck Gray	Rep.
Adam Driggs	Rep.
Thayer Verschoor	Rep.
Sam Crump	Rep.
John McComish	Rep.
John Huppenthal	Rep.
Jerry Weiers	Rep.
Cecil Ash	Rep.

Score: D-	
Legislator	Party
Ray Barnes	Rep.
Russell Pearce	Rep.
David Gowan	Rep.
Judy Burges	Rep.
Sylvia Allen	Rep.
Al Melvin	Rep.

Score: F	
Legislator	Party
John Kavanagh	Rep.
Jim Weiers	Rep.
Ron Gould	Rep.
Jack Harper	Rep.
Carl Seel	Rep.

***A glimpse
at what
your PAC
has done
so far in
2010:**

**Total
calls made 830**

Volunteers 91

Signs Pounded. . . 214

**Total
volunteer hours . . 442**

*** As of August 2, 2010**

Local 469 - working to protect jobs

The Davis Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) is one reason construction workers get paid a fair wage for their labor. DBRA ensures that contractors and subcontractors pay their laborers and mechanics employed on Federally-funded jobs no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits that have been established through Department of Labor wage surveys.

Despite DBRA, there are non-union contractors who regularly underbid union contractors on Federally-funded work. These contractors can underbid our union contractors because they can and do cheat the system. They pay their workers less than the required prevailing wages, and at times violate apprentice-to-journeyman allowable ratios. **These contractors are breaking the law!**

Because the Department of Labor can only investigate a very small segment of the industry, we have taken matters into our own hands. The Arizona Pipe Trades 469 has initiated compliance tracking procedures on Federally-funded job sites throughout Arizona. By ensuring that these non-union contractors pay prevailing wages, we can make sure that we have an even playing field and union contractors are able to competitively bid on these jobs.

The PAC is also playing a substantive role in the DBRA compliance. 469 leadership has reached out to elected officials and gained their assistance in putting pressure on unscrupulous contractors.

When the playing field is level, the union contractor will be more likely to win the job. Why? As we all know, Local 469 produces highly trained, skilled craftsmen. **We get the job done right the first time!** Our extensive training, safety practices and quality work will be even more attractive when the bidding process is conducted on equal terms.



Federal Support for Davis Bacon

"Many Arizonans rely on the construction industry to provide for their families. I support Davis-Bacon compliance on all stimulus-funded jobs because fair wages help families stimulate the economy and protect the middle class. I consistently have supported legislation requiring that workers on federally funded projects be paid at prevailing, or union-equivalent, wage levels for the particular region."

- Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords

469 members stepping up continued

In June, the Joint Apprenticeship Committee changed its bylaws to include a requirement that all apprentices volunteer 10 hours per year to a non-profit of their choice. I am very proud to say that a number of our apprentices have decided to donate their time to the PAC. My hope is that all of the 469 apprentices will consider volunteering for the PAC, fulfilling their requirement while promoting the local.

Evidence of these changes were demonstrated during the first two weekends of PAC activities this election cycle. More than 50 469 members pounded signs and grilled lunch for our endorsed candidates! With this increased commitment from our members, I am certain the 469 PAC will continue to gain ground.

Sitting down with the Attorney General

As you may know, Arizona's Attorney General Terry Goddard, is running for governor. In June, a few PAC members and I sat down and had a private dinner with him to discuss the needs of 469, as well as his campaign. We spoke about a number of issues near and dear to 469. Mr. Goddard spoke very openly and candidly about how he, as governor, could incite change. I believe his election would be a real win for 469 — he understands the value of Project Labor Agreements and the compounded benefit of union labor building state-funded projects. The PAC is focusing heavily on his campaign, working hard to get him elected in November.

I hope everyone will find time to spend a couple of hours volunteering for the PAC and I wish you all a happy and healthy remainder of the summer!



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Calling all members!

The 469 PAC is having its **BIG DAY** of ACTION

Don't miss the largest 469 PAC volunteer event of the year!

This year, elections are very important to the Arizona Pipe Trades 469 — come out and do your part to support our PAC-endorsed candidates — mark your calendar!

- **Make a difference in the outcome of this year's elections!**
- **Promote Local 469** and spend time with your union brothers and sisters
- Enjoy a **free BBQ lunch** at the Hall
- **Show your appreciation** to our endorsed candidates for their hard work on the campaign trail

Where: Meet at the 469 Hall - 3109 North 24th Street, Phoenix AZ

When: Saturday, September 11, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sign Up or Get More Details: Call Jason McDonald, Torres Consulting & Law Group, 602.626.8805, or send an e-mail to jason@thetorresfirm.com.



Look inside for more details!