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Maricopa County Hospitals Systems Update

In October, the Maricopa Health Integrated Systems (MIHS) Board held six community forums to receive the public's

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input on how to best utilize the \$935 million that was approved by Maricopa County voters for hospital construction in 2014. The 469 PAC took this opportunity to educate Board members about the importance of requiring contractors to hire apprentices from certified apprenticeship programs.

While attending the six meetings, more than 50 PAC members also had the opportunity to interact with the project manager and general



contractor who are working on the new hospital centers throughout the county.

Make no mistake that the attendance of so many members of the 469 at all of the MIHS community forum events helped secure this work. We are happy to report that the UA Local 469 will be working with signatory contractor W.D. Manor Mechanical on the \$70 million MIHS West Valley Primary & Specialty Care Center.

If these community forum events in October are any indication of 469 members' enthusiasm and determination for the upcoming elections, the anti-union politicians had better watch out!

Kate Gallego for Mayor

The upcoming election to decide who will be the next mayor of Phoenix is especially important to 469 members since we have been working on passing a Responsible Contractor Ordinance (RCO) in Phoenix since the fall of 2014.

We need to elect a mayor who has a track record of supporting policies that affect 469



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During her time in office, Councilmember Kuby has led the way on many issues that are important to the 469. She has been at the forefront of making sure skilled 469 labor is a consideration on Tempe projects. She has worked hard for working families by promoting equal pay, earned sick days and a living wage.

The PAC also decided to endorse Ms. Vega because of her understanding and support of our issues. Ms. Vega's platform is centered on development and infrastructure improvements that will need the skills that only UA 469 members can provide.

To continue making Arizona a more friendly state for working families, we must do our part this year to help elect candidates who have voted and will continue to vote for policies that benefit our members. Tempe will hold an all-mail election for City Council on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Local 469 Endorsed Candidate Elected to Tucson City Council



members and will fully support passing an RCO in Phoenix. This is why the 469 PAC is proud to support Kate Gallego to be the next mayor of Phoenix.

Since being elected to the Phoenix City Council in 2013, Kate has been very supportive of advancing policy that supports our members. With Kate as mayor, Phoenix could be a leader in establishing an RCO and other policies that would support the 469 and middle class families.

A proactive, supportive Phoenix mayor would be a game changer for the 469 PAC. To ensure this becomes our new reality, we need to continue volunteering our time and getting our brothers and sisters out to vote for Kate Gallego!

Kuby and Vega Endorsed in Tempe

In Tempe, six candidates are running for three council seats. The 469 PAC is endorsing two candidates, Councilmember Lauren Kuby and Genevieve Vega.



Paul Durham, endorsed by the 469 PAC, easily won his Tucson City Council race, 59% to 40% on the Nov. 7th election. The 469 PAC is eager to work with Paul and fellow Tucson City Council members to incorporate Responsible Contractor Ordinance language into procurement contracts and encourage Private Development Agreements that require a trained workforce.

Electing labor-friendly candidates at the local level ensures working families will have supportive policies at the city level, providing us with leverage against anti-worker movements attacking Local 469 and signatory contractors.

Labor's Voice will be Heard in 2018

With political pundits predicting major changes in the upcoming elections, the PAC needs to help elect candidates that support workers' rights. Working families will be an important part of this election cycle, and we must ensure candidates from both parties are talking about the real issues that impact us. After the 2016 presidential election, both



parties realized the effect that labor can have on an election. Our PAC faces an extremely busy 2018, and we will need as many volunteers as possible to pound signs and distribute literature for candidates we endorse. The upcoming election cycle looks promising for labor, but labor must stay engaged and support candidates that have our back!

The 469 PAC will need volunteers this year to elect candidates that are supportive of our issues. If you are interested in volunteering or receiving information on the political issues affecting the 469 PAC please contact us at arizonapipetrades469@thetorresfirm.com or call us at (602) 626-8805.

No to Publicly Funded Apprenticeship Programs

Non-union contractors have fought apprenticeship programs for decades, and now, faced with the labor shortage, they want taxpayers to pay to train their workers. Private companies are pushing to place an initiative on the ballot in 2020 that will raise taxes to publicly fund apprenticeship programs.

Fortunately for taxpayers, the 469 offers a model apprenticeship program that is privately funded without taxpayer assistance. For more than a century, the 469 has had a proven apprenticeship program that has provided a consistent pipeline of skilled labor to contractors with no taxpayer support.

As long as there are privately funded apprenticeship programs, taxpayers should not be responsible to bail out construction companies that were short-sighted and valued short-term profits over long-term success. If this initiative passes in 2020, \$40 million dollars a year would go to training non-union workers.

The PAC continues to educate elected officials about the privately funded apprenticeship programs that already exist and assure them that we are ready to meet the needs of Arizona's construction industry without taxpayer funding.



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