



# PIPE TRADES **ACTION** POLITICAL

An Update from the 469 Political Action Committee

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## Business manager's report



**Aaron Butler**  
Business Manager

Pride is the cornerstone of our union, as we come together in brotherhood and sisterhood to build the hospitals, power plants, schools and public buildings that allow our economy and communities to thrive. We all take tremendous pride in our work and craftsmanship, and the gains we have made in right-to-work Ari-

zona speaks volumes about our collective strength and determination.

As we are proud of our union and what we have built together, we should also be proud of the PAC that we created and have sustained together. In the past year, we have endorsed and helped UA Local 469-friendly candidates become influential elected officials at all levels of government. Up and down the ballot, we must continue to support candidates for elected office that not only say they will support Local 469, but have a proven track record of standing alongside us and fighting for our values.

### Engage in City Races

Smaller races at the municipal level are just as important to the 469 PAC as higher profile races. Most of the important economic development in Arizona is decided on at the city level, and it is critical that Local 469 have mayors and councilmembers across the state that prioritize skilled workers on these new projects. We can and must make a difference in races at this level if we want to continue increasing our market share throughout Arizona.

Races this year in Phoenix and Tucson are prime

examples of why it is important for our membership to keep engaging at the local level. We were proud to see Kate Gallego elected as Mayor of Phoenix this past spring. Mayor Gallego is a longtime friend to our union, and has time and time again recognized the importance of skilled workers. Regina Romero, who won the primary for Tucson Mayor this summer, is another longtime friend of Local 469. We are confident that Councilmember Romero will make a fantastic and effective Mayor of Tucson.

### Looking Ahead to 2020

As the 2020 election nears, 469 PAC is looking to elect candidates who recognize the benefits and importance of skilled labor. Supporting labor-friendly candidates at every level of government from the U.S. Senator contest all the way down the ballot to school board races will translate to policies that create high-paying jobs, support workers and help working families.

There are many ways you can be active and help your union and your PAC. First and foremost, make sure that you and your family members are registered to vote! Visit [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com) to register to vote for the upcoming elections. Also make sure to look out for 469 PAC's election guide in 2020 to learn which candidates the PAC recommends voting for. And finally, get involved in PAC events such as neighborhood canvasses and sign-pounding in 2020 as we assist candidates running at every level of government.

I sincerely want to thank you for all that you do to keep our union and our PAC strong. Only by working and fighting together can we continue to make important strides for our union, our families and our future.

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# Local 469 Endorses Tucson Mayor and City Council Candidates

**On Tuesday, November 5th, voters in the City of Tucson will vote to select their Mayor and City Councilmembers in Wards 1, 2, and 4.**

**UA Local 469 proudly endorses the following candidates:**



**Regina Romero**  
Mayor



**Lane Santa Cruz**  
Ward 1



**Paul Cunningham**  
Ward 2



**Nikki Lee**  
Ward 4

These candidates completed endorsement questionnaires, met with UA Local 469 leadership, and above all, expressed their support for skilled workers, economic growth, and poli-

cies that support working families.

If you are a Tucson resident, please join Local 469 in supporting these pro-labor candidates by mailing your ballot by October 30 or visiting one

of seven voting locations on Election Day, November 5.

You can find more information at [www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/elections](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/elections) or (520) 791-3221.

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## 469 PAC Builds on Momentum at Legislature

The 2019 legislative session was an important one for the 469 PAC. While the legislature may not be in session right now, we are working to strengthen relationships with labor-friendly legislators and keep the momentum going when the session starts in January.

Our attempt to repeal the ban on employing apprentices on publicly financed projects fell just a few votes short of passing. Therefore, we plan to introduce the bill again this January to address the labor shortage in our state. While non-union contractors are asking the state and federal government to use taxpayers' money to train their workers, we continue to educate legislators about the benefit of privately funded apprenticeship programs that would solve Arizona's labor shortage once the ban is removed. The 469

PAC knows that non-signatory contractors will continue to fight extremely hard against our efforts to protect our training programs, but this battle is too important not to continue fighting. We need to make sure Arizona is training its future workforce now to ensure we have the workers necessary to attract new economic development and high-paying jobs to the state.

The 469 PAC is also working with our building trades partners to introduce a bill that would require all power plants in Arizona to use skilled workers that have graduated from an apprenticeship program. Similar laws have been passed in California and Washington. As we know, these facilities can be dangerous if not maintained properly. We need to make sure the workers at these facilities are properly trained to

protect not only the workers' safety but also the community's well-being. We believe that the largest nuclear power plant in the country should be maintained by qualified workers who are up-to-date on training to keep the facility safe and secure.

The 469 PAC will be holding our annual Lunch on the Lawn at the State Capitol on Thursday, February 6th. If you would like to help educate legislators about the issues that are important to you and your Local 469 brothers and sisters, please contact us at (602) 626-8805 or [ArizonaPipeTrades469@TheTorresFirm.com](mailto:ArizonaPipeTrades469@TheTorresFirm.com).

# Local 469 Raises Profile Among Elected Officials



Aaron Butler, Dean Van Kirk, and Patrick Ramirez talk with attendees about Local 469's apprenticeship program.



Visitors to the Local 469 booth experienced the training center's virtual welding technology.



Mark Gallego accepts the sponsorship recognition plaque on behalf of Local 469.



Aaron Butler, Josh Wakeham, Mark Gallego, Dean Van Kirk, Larry Savage, and Mel Ingwaldson



Josh Wakeham, Aaron Butler, Tempe Councilmember Jennifer Adams, and Israel Torres



BIM Designs CEO Mark Oden, Bryce Edwards, and Mike Gold

In August, more than 1,000 municipal and state elected officials and government leaders from all over the state met in Tucson for the annual League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference. UA Local 469 sponsored the event and hosted a booth where attendees could

learn more about the apprenticeship program and experience the virtual reality technology used at the JATC.

Business Manager Aaron Butler, as well as Business Agents and Organizers, met face-to-face with attendees to talk about the value that Local 469 mem-

bers bring to the community as skilled workers and as engaged community members. By building these relationships, Local 469 is actively raising the visibility and influence of the union and demonstrating its commitment to building Arizona's future.

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