

THE 411 FORUM



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Many members have asked me how AFSCME chooses who they are going to endorse. As the PEOPLE Chairman for Region 3 and the person who organizes the candidate screening process for the primary and general elections, I can thoroughly answer this question. AFSCME Council 25 invites candidates to a screening process at a set time and place before both the primary and the general election. These candidates are screened and asked specific questions that focus on issues that affect working men and women, especially those who work for AFSCME. Based on the answers given in the screening process, a recommendation is made whether to endorse the candidate or not to endorse by the screening committee. This recommendation is brought to the AFSCME Council 25 Executive Board and voted on. For any seats not attended at the AFSCME screening, the AFL-CIO screening recommendation takes the place of the screening committee and is used as the recommendation.

Macomb County Commissioner Races Key to Successful Contract Negotiations

The outcome of the November 2nd election could have a major impact on the success or failure of upcoming contract negotiations. There are five county commissioner board seats that will be filled by newcomers this November. In District 1, the seat held by long-time friend of labor Ralph Liberato will be filled by a newcomer. In District 4, incumbent Mike Walsh was defeated in the primary. In District 14, incumbent Kurt Kramer was defeated in the primary. In District 19, incumbent Jim Perna was defeated in the primary and in District 23, incumbent Roland Frascchetti was defeated in the primary. AFSCME is hoping to add a number of labor-friendly commissioners to the board. We are highly recommending you vote for the following candidates. These are candidates who have a proven record of either voting on issues in the past that benefit AFSCME 411 members or who have a strong commitment to labor. AFSCME does not endorse candidates based on their party affiliation. AFSCME endorses candidates who have a history of voting on issues that are going to benefit our members. We are endorsing these candidates because we feel they will assist us the most in our upcoming contract negotiations.

- District 1** – Andrey Duzyj *
 - District 2** – Marvin Sauger
 - District 3** – Phil DiMaria
 - District 4** – Jon Switalski *
 - District 5** – Susan Doherty
 - District 6** – Joan Flynn
 - District 7** – Rose Marie Fessler
 - District 8** – Diana Kolakowski
 - District 9** – Robert Mijac
 - District 10** – no endorsement
 - District 11** – Robert Denison
 - District 12** – no endorsement
 - District 13** – no endorsement
 - District 14** – Brian Brdak *
 - District 15** – no endorsement
 - District 16** – Tony Caleca
 - District 17** – Bobby Hill
 - District 18** – Bob Gibson
 - District 19** – Paul Gielegem *
 - District 20** – Nancy White
 - District 21** – Leonard Haggerty
 - District 22** – Betty Slinde
 - District 23** – William Crouchman *
 - District 24** – Peggy Kennard
 - District 25** – no endorsement
 - District 26** – James Diez
- * commissioner seat with no incumbent running

Incumbents Endorsed

Four of the top five seats in Macomb County government – Sheriff, County Clerk, Treasurer and Public Works Commissioner are up for re-election this November and incumbents are running in all these elections. AFSCME is endorsing all the incumbents including:

Mark Hackel for Sheriff

**Carmella Sabaugh for
County Clerk**

Ted Wahby for Treasurer

**Anthony Marrocco for
Public Works**



**AFSCME 411
proudly endorses
the team of John
Kerry and John
Edwards to lead
our country for
the next four
years. Go Kerry !!**

Eric Smith for Prosecutor

AFSCME 411 proudly endorses Eric Smith for Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney. Eric has been an assistant prosecuting attorney for 11 years in the prosecuting attorney office with the Sex Crimes Division. Eric also has experience as a senior trial attorney handling felony prosecutions. Eric has convicted thousand of felons in Macomb County and put them behind bars. Eric is a member of the UAW and has made a commitment to work hand in hand with AFSCME 411 leadership to assure that

the membership working in the Prosecuting Attorney's office continue to receive labor friendly treatment. Eric's opponent, David Viviano, has openly stated he is going to take on the labor unions and implement merit standards and reorganize the entire office. Mr. Viviano will not be a labor friendly director if he wins the election in November. For our members and UAW members in the Prosecuting Attorney office as well as the high qualifications of Eric Smith, we openly endorse him for Prosecutor.

**Voting will take place on
November 2nd from 7 am
until 8 pm. If you are eligible
to vote absentee, you must
obtain a ballot from you city
or township clerk office. You
may obtain absentee ballots
until 5 pm on November 1st.**

**You must submit a signed re-
quest to your clerk by 2 pm on
October 30th.
Many people have died for our
right to vote, don't give it up for
anything.
Vote on November
2nd !!!!**

Courts, State House, Proposals

State House Seats: Macomb County

24th – Daniel Foukes

College Board:

25th – Steve Bieda

Christine Bonkowski

28th – Lisa Wojno

Congressional Seats:

30th – Roger Maceroni

10th – Robert Casey

31st – Fred Miller

12th – Sander Levin

32nd – M. Landsiedel

Ballot Proposal:

33rd – Gary Cynowa

Proposal 1 – require voter approval for gambling authority – recommending a “no” vote

36th – Robert Murphy

Proposal 2 – amend the constitution to specify a man and woman as a marriage– recommend a “no” vote

42nd – Frank Accavitti

Michigan Supreme Court:

Marilyn Kelly and
Deborah Thomas

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