



# 2020 National Elections



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I am sure you are all aware the National Election is around the corner November 3rd. I know that the Presidential Election is the hot topic and very polarizing for some. I know some differ on who they want to lead the country. Iron Workers were the first trade to come out in support of Joe Biden for President during the primary, though he was not the one I would have chosen personally. The one thing I would absolutely not have chosen was Trump. I do understand how people could have chosen him as their candidate in 2016, he said all the things that middle-class Americans wanted to hear, he was not the status quo.

When it comes to union labor, we are in for a long fight to maintain our wages, retirements, and right to organize. We live in a stronghold compared to most parts of the country. We have a solid market share, we do virtually all the public sector work, most of the private sector work, we have a great health plan, and a retirement that most people wish they had. For all of Illinois flaws, you will not find a wage and benefit package and the market share that we have compared to the cost of living. I have attached a list of the locals supported candidates for the 2020 Election. These are candidates that support your way of living that ensures great union wages, a health care plan paid for by the contractors, and a retirement plan that doesn't compare to most anyone's in the country.

At the local level you will find candidates on both sides that support labor which is why there is a mix of democratic candidates and republicans. At the top of the ticket you have two Presidential Candidates, Biden actually supports your way of living and Trump tells you he supports your way of living and proceeds to put people in place that are completely anti-union.

- Trump has put in place over 300 federal judges (128 that were Obama's to seat but could not be due to the Republican controlled Senate that refused to seat them).
- 2 Supreme Court Justices and likely 1 more. They heard the Janus case which lowered union representation in public sector unions.
- Cases are stacking up against Project Labor Agreements (PLA's) which insure all union jobs. This will likely make it to the Supreme Court which could make it illegal to use PLA's. (the 2 Casino's are slated to be under PLA's)
- Cases are stacking up against our Benefit Funds investing in investments funds that insure union work (J-for Jobs/ULICO/AFL-CIO Building Funds).
- He has refused to put an Infrastructure bill forward which will put our members to work. Biden's team is working directly with our International on an Infrastructure Bill should he be the next President.

- He has stacked the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) with anti-union people (ALL 26 cases involving union labor in the last 2 years has been unsuccessful).
- The ABC has endorsed Trump and in July of 2020 wrote lengthy letter requesting changes in Davis Bacon (Prevailing Wage) jobs to all them to bid on public sector jobs under Area Standard Wages.
- Trump is considering changing the Davis Bacon Wages (Prevailing Wage) to reflect Bureau of Labor Statistic (BLS) wages for the trades. For us that is about \$45 per hour total package (ours is \$83.68). This would be the going rate for Structural Iron workers on Prevailing wage projects, it would be less for rod busters.
- He supports National Right to Work Legislation.
- Actively working to taking your Social Security away with the help of the Republicans.

Trump may say the things you want to hear but his actions show he is no friend of the working folks and what he is doing in the background will destroy how you make a living and the strength of your pension all while he is actively campaigning to take your retirees Social Security away.

Every Election I will always vote to support union labor, what keep us working, and what allows us to retire after many years of hard work with dignity.

That is why I will be supporting Biden in the presidential and I hope you do as well.



In Solidarity to my Brothers and Sisters,

Mark





# Iron Workers Local 498 Endorsed Candidates November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Election



**Joe Biden / Kamala Harris**  
**For**  
**President / Vice President**  
**of the United States**



US Senate	Dick Durbin
Judicial - 3rd Supreme	Tom Kilbride
16th Congress	Adam Kinzinger
17th Congress	Cheri Bustos
34th Senate	Steve Stadelman
67th House	Maurice West
68th House	Dave Vella
71st House	Joan Padilla

VOTE YES FOR FAIR TAX!!

## Winnebago County

Circuit Clerk	Tom Klein
State's Attorney	J Hanley
Auditor	William D "Bill" Crowley
District 4	Elizabeth Lindquist
District 10	Joe C. Hoffman
District 12	Jamie Salgado
District 13	Angie Goral
District 17	Robert Young
District 18	Dorothy Redd

## Boone County

County Board District 3	Wendy Lafauce
County Board District 3	Jessica Muellner

## Carroll County

County Board	Ron Preston
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