

2024 VOTERS' GUIDE GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORT WORKER'S ISSUES

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SUPPORT UA JOBS! VOTE NO 1-2117

A negative vote on I-2117 is crucial for the prospect of numerous UA jobs, as each construction project is intended to be executed by union labor.

The UA collaborated with legislators on the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) and advocated for members to oppose the initiative seeking to repeal the law. The CCA is anticipated to yield over \$9 billion in investments and economic growth over the next eight years and create construction jobs statewide.



STOP THE BAN ON NATURAL GAS!

VOTE YES TO 1-2066

We support I-2066 to prevent the government from banning natural gas. Our economy and workforce depend on natural gas, and we urge you to vote in favor of this measure.

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A MESSAGE FROM TIM HERBERT WSA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Brothers and Sisters,

As election season approaches, we find ourselves in a political climate that is more contentious and divisive than ever. The outcome of the upcoming election will significantly impact our future jobs and working conditions. The 2024 legislative session in both Washingtons will present numerous challenges for the UA. It is of utmost importance that we, as a collective, work to create every advantage to further our agenda and safeguard against policies that could be detrimental to our causes.

Our foremost priority is to engage in politics and policymaking that protect the interests of our members at the local, state, and federal levels. We must ensure that candidates in office listen to our concerns and stand with us on issues that impact worker rights and the creation of good jobs for working families.

The Washington State Association of the UA and its affiliated locals, including 26, 32, 44, 598, 669, and 699, have carefully prepared a voters' guide for your review as you prepare to cast your vote. We firmly believe that these candidates will best represent the interests of UA's brothers, sisters, and their

families in matters relating to jobs and working conditions.

The 2024 guide includes US Congressional Races by district, Statewide Races, State Senate Races by district, State House Races by district, and more. Candidates from both parties and our relationships with them will be pivotal as we strive to ensure that our labor issues are heard and addressed. We are eagerly anticipating the upcoming legislative session and will continue to work tirelessly to protect the best interests of our members.

It is a great honor and privilege to serve the UA membership. Your role in this organization is invaluable, and we express our deep gratitude for your commitment to reviewing the voters' guide.

Fraternally,

Tim Herbert

Executive Secretary Treasurer Washington State Association of the United Association of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United State and Canada



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENT



United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA) Endorses Vice President Kamala Harris for President



"VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS is a steadfast champion for working families like ours, and we are proud to stand with her as she runs for President this fall. The Biden-Harris administration promised to be the most pro-UA administration in American history, and they delivered – putting our members to work building the future of American infrastructure," said Mark McManus, General President of the United Association.

"From her leadership on replacing lead service lines to historic investments in clean energy, from building the next generation of semiconductor manufacturing facilities to protecting our gold standard registered apprenticeship programs, Vice President Harris has always worked to ensure all Americans have a fair shot at success. Thanks to her leadership, we finally expanded Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections for the first time in generations; we confirmed pro-worker appointments to the NLRB and other government agencies; and we undid the dangerous, anti-worker efforts by the previous administration to undermine registered apprenticeships. And in a victory for UA members, Vice President Harris cast the tiebreaking vote to save the multiemployer pension system – meaning millions of Americans can retire with the dignity they earned.

"Thanks to the Biden-Harris administration, there has never been a better time to be a UA member than right now. We are eager to continue the important work we started four years ago. The entire United Association is proud to stand with Vice President Kamala Harris as we work to continue the progress we've made for our great union and our great nation."





US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ENDORSEMENTS

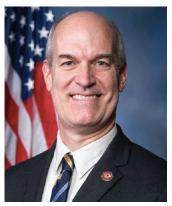


SUZAN DELBENE US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1



Congresswoman
DelBene proudly
identifies as a pro-union
politician. She supports
every major policy
important to the UA in
federal government and
rallies to our aid when
we need a defender of
prevailing wage laws
and to protect our
energy workforce.

RICK LARSEN US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2



Congressman Rick Larson can always be counted on to promote and protect the interests of the UA. Rick has said that his "number one priority in Congress is to invest in long-term economic growth that creates jobs and opportunity in the Pacific Northwest by increasing

at-home manufacturing, innovation and investments in our infrastructure."

MARIA GLUESENKAMP-PEREZ US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3



Congresswoman
Gluesenkamp-Perez has
been an excellent ally to
the UA and strong
advocate for Labor
unions. She is a strong
moderate Democrat and
committed to standing
up for rural communities
and fighting to bring
construction jobs and
economic prosperity to

southwest Washington. Maria does not hesitate to stand up for working people, while also being very fair-minded and able to work across the aisle.

DAN NEWHOUSEUS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4



Republican
Congressman
Newhouse understands
the importance of
cleaning up the nuclear
site at Hanford and
supports the role of UA
members on the
frontlines. He meets with
the UA regularly and
seeks out advice when
deciding how to vote on

legislation affecting our members.

As a Republican supporter of Davis-Bacon, Dan Newhouse is an invaluable partner helping prove that prevailing wage is not a partisan issue. We are all about results, and Dan Newhouse is helping us grow a UA MAJORITY in Congress that supports our issues.



US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ENDORSEMENTS



EMILY RANDALL US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6



"Like many in the 6th congressional district, I grew up in a hardworking union household. My mom is a paraeducator at South Kitsap High School, my dad was a ship fitter at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and my wife is an apprentice carpenter."

ADAM SMITH US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 9



"Labor Unions and collective bargaining have historically been fundamental in establishing labor protections and today is essential to protecting the rights of workers. I will continue to oppose any efforts to erode this vital tool."

KIM SCHRIER US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8



"We need to take immediate action to stabilize our insurance market... We must address costs and deliver high-quality healthcare to every American while simultaneously moving toward a more efficient, long-term solution."

MARILYN STRICKLAND US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10



"Part of restoring our middle class means protecting and restoring unions. In Congress, I'll fight for more apprenticeships, a national paid family leave policy, and to protect the right of working Americans to organize and collectively bargain."



The North American Building Trades Unions (NABTU) hosts a series of educational and empowering workshops aimed to increase the activity and engagement of tradeswomen in their unions. Last year it was held in Washington D.C. and the Washington State delegation was honored to meet with Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez at the Capitol. Pictured from left to right; Sister Marisa Spencer (UA Local 32), Sister Sheila Embley (UA Local 26), Sister Alexxa Hendershott (UA Local 26), Sister Marta Barrett (UA Local 26), Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez, and Sister Courtney Martin (UA Local 32).



Pictured with Congresswoman Strickland are Brother Tim Herbert (WSA Executive Secretary Treasurer), Brother Jason Switzer (WSA Organizer, UA Local 26), Brother Kurt Swanson (Political Coordinator for the WSA and UA Local 32), and Brother Neil Hartman (WSA Government Affairs Director)

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES



JOBS

Creating jobs is and always will be our top priority. There are many types of policies and programs that can be used by federal, state and local government to boost employment, from re-building our nation's crumbling water infrastructure to

providing incentives for "green" building programs, alternative energy development and energy-efficiency retrofits. The UA has established relationships with key government agencies and officials and works closely with them to identify and advance all legislation and policies that would create good jobs for our members and industry.

ENERGY

At the UA, we believe that an economy built to last must make the most of America's energy resources. It must be fueled by homegrown and alternative energy sources that strengthen our economy, promote steady job growth, and make us

more secure and less dependent on foreign oil. That is why we support an "all of the above" approach to developing new sources of energy, expanding oil and gas production, boosting renewable power generation, supporting growth in nuclear power, and increasing energy efficiency in all sectors. Reducing energy imports by bolstering domestic production has a positive impact on our trade balance, helps lower energy costs, creates jobs, and allows a greater share of the money

Americans spend on energy to remain within the U.S. economy.

The economic well-being and security of this nation depends on maintaining affordable and secure access to a diverse energy portfolio. The UA supports the development of a sensible, progressive energy policy that balances our nation's current

energy needs, as well as our economic viability, with future national and global concerns.

As our economic recovery continues and energy needs correspondingly intensify, increased energy production at home and the

expansion of energy delivery infrastructure will mean thousands of jobs for UA members and a more secure energy future.

DAVIS-BACON PROTECTION / PREVAILING WAGE

The Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Act was passed in 1931 on the common-sense theory that government should not undermine wages and standards in American communities when it purchases construction services for itself. In short, it ensures that federal contractors pay a fair wage for an honest day's work. Nevertheless, some of our opponents continue to attack this law at a national level at the behest of low-road corporations who would rather pad their profits than pay decent wages and benefits. The UA has been largely successful in defeating these attacks in the past and will continue to do everything it can to promote this important law.



Congress can play an important role for UA job growth in Washington State. Congressman Derek Kilmer helped negotiate the first ever PLA between construction unions and the Department of Defense for the Bangor military base located in Kitsap County.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES



Project Labor Agreements (PLAs): Leveling the Playing Field and Streamlining Construction Projects

Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) are an essential tool used to set employment terms on a jobsite. PLAs lead to safer jobsites, higher wages, and fair benefits for UA members and better outcomes for contractors, end users, and communities.

THE BASICS:

Setting the Terms: Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) are single-site collective bargaining agreements between building trades unions and site contractors that govern terms and conditions of employment for all craft labor on a designated construction project.

- Highest Quality Labor: PLAs promote safe jobsites, high quality standards, and costeffective delivery for end users by providing project owners with reliable access to the best trained and most highly skilled workforce in the industry.
- Extensive Use in Major Markets: PLAs are used by public and private project owners alike, including companies like Toyota, General Motors, Boeing, Inland Steel, and Arco – meaning several hundred billion dollars are governed by PLAs.
- History of Success: Projects built under PLAs are often completed on time and on budget, with a strong track record of safety and quality standards. More than 21 major economic studies and analyses from independent agencies and universities confirm that projects under PLAs are more successful than projects completed without PLAs.

- Toyota has used PLAs successfully to build multiple production facilities in the U.S.
 According to Jeff Caldwell, former Assistant General Manager for Plant Engineering:
 "[T]he proof is in the results. Toyota's North American construction costs are roughly one-third less than other major automobile manufacturers who eschew the use of [PLAs]."
- A 2011 Cornell University study documented numerous public-sector PLAs in New York since 2009 which produced, or were projected to produce, costs savings ranging from 4.88 percent to 19.52 percent of project costs.
- Community Investment: PLAs utilize the local workforce, and often include specific local hire provisions, in addition to the economic investment that comes with local construction projects.
- Future Workforce Development: The United Association's gold-standard registered apprenticeship program utilizes an "Earnwhile-you-learn" model meaning projects utilizing PLAs provide valuable career and technical education opportunities to workers hired on to the projects.

THE BOTTOM LINE

PLAs are Good for Your Bottom Line: Project owners, community members, and skilled craftsmen and craftswomen all agree that the use of PLAs are good for everyone involved. Workers earn fair wages and benefits, communities enjoy robust economic investment, and project owners see projects completed quickly and to the highest standards of safety and quality.



STATEWIDE CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS





BOB FERGUSON

Governor

Bob Ferguson has used the office of the Attorney General to benefit workers more than any other Attorney General. Bob spent years suing the federal government (both Obama and Trump) to ensure that UA workers exposed to toxic chemicals at Hanford would receive workers' compensation. He has also fought continuously to ensure employers are paying workers and helped pass several bills strengthening laws protecting UA wages on public works projects. Bob Ferguson met with the political action committees of Locals across the state and vowed to partner with the UA on our key issues under his administration. He committed that under his administration, right-towork would never happen.



CHRIS REYKDAL

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Chris has worked with the UA his entire political career and is an excellent partner in promoting Project Labor Agreements and pre-apprenticeship programs in public schools.



DENNY HECKLieutenant Governor

"I have consistently supported apprenticeships, protected Project Labor Agreements and Davis-Bacon Laws, and fought for Universal, affordable healthcare in Congress." Denny has an excellent record as a champion of Labor and has been an excellent Lt Governor.



NICK BROWN

Attorney General

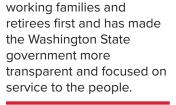
"As Attorney General, I will support policies that promote apprenticeships, livable wages, and union workforces and provide access to affordable healthcare." Nick Brown also understands the importance of criminal consequences and will help empower law enforcement to combat the issues in Washington state.



MIKE PELLICCIOTTI

State Treasurer

Mike has always had an open-door policy for the UA and has addressed our issues and concerns. He places the needs of





STEVE HOBBSSecretary of State

Secretary Hobbs is a friend to the working people in Washington. While in the Senate, Steve was a champion for UA interests, sometimes fighting his own Party to ensure our member's voices were heard. Steve's background in military cybersecurity has benefited Washington and makes him a great candidate for secretary of state.





WASHINGTON STATE SENATE ENDORSEMENTS





BILL RAMOSLegislative District 5

"I'll always support legislation that helps unions keep our workforce strong, safe, healthy, and highly trained—the backbone of a strong economy." Bill Ramos is a strong moderate voice in the legislature. He has open lines of communication with the UA and always reaches out when confronting our issues.



JESSICA BATEMANLegislative District 22

"We must create more workforce housing located in high opportunity areas, invest in apprenticeship statewide and target investments in clean energy and biotechnology." Jessica has been an excellent advocate for Labor in the legislature and is always available to work with the UA on our legislative issues.



MIKE CHAPMAN
Legislative District 24

Mike Chapman has been a champion for labor while serving in the House of Representatives. He is a strong moderate Democrat that has taken the hard votes in support of natural gas, and we offer our full endorsement in his race for the Senate position.



MARIA BELTRAN
Legislative District 14

Maria has been active in district politics for years and has built strong relationships with the UA and Labor across the state. She has also received endorsements from the Washington State Building Trades and the Washington State Labor Council. Maria Beltran would be an excellent partner in Olympia for the UA members.



DREW HANSENLegislative District 23

Senator Hansen is a vocal supporter of the UA and strong champion of our apprenticeship training programs. Drew has toured the Local 32 training facility and encouraged his own children to consider a career in the UA. He is an excellent legislator and deserves our support.



YASMIN TRUDEAU
Legislative District 27

Yasmin Trudeau has been incredibly effective at promoting working class issues in the Senate. Senator Trudeau works with the UA regularly on our issues and calls whenever an issue comes before her that affects our work. She has an excellent vote record, and her partnership is a great benefit for all of Labor.



WASHINGTON STATE SENATE ENDORSEMENTS





T'WINA NOBLES
Legislative District 28

Senator Nobles is an excellent ally on appren-ticeship and workforce training. As the Chair of the Higher Ed committee, T'wina values the role played by our first-class training model and she trusts our input on state education and training policies. She has been a pleasure to work with and can be counted on to support working people in her district.



LIZ LOVELETTLegislative District 40

Senator Lovelett works closely with the UA on priority issues. Liz has played a vital role defending refinery workers in the district and does an excellent job of prioritizing workers in her policy decisions. She is a very thoughtful legislative leader and always available to meet with the UA and Labor.



ANNETTE CLEVELANDLegislative District 49

"With your support I will continue to champion your priorities—job creation, education, transportation infrastructure and afford-able healthcare and housing." Senator Cleveland is a thoughtful and moderate legislator that has supported the UA on tough health care votes that protect our benefits.



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Everyone can track down their ballot during an election. Your ballot should be updated as it is received. It usually takes between three to five business days for your ballot to be posted, after it was received.

Your ballot goes through three steps, according to the Washington Secretary of State:

SENT: The county marked your ballot as sent (the day you see might be in the future, that is not unusual).

RECEIVED: Your ballot has been received and it is just pending a signature review.

ACCEPTED: Your vote is counted; your signature has been reviewed and you were marked as a voter for this election.

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DAVINA DUERR Legislative District 1

Davina has been endorsed by Local 32's PAC and membership. "As a pragmatic person who likes to get things done rather than an ideologue, if you reach out to me about an issue, you will find me to be open to working on a solution or compromise."



LISA CALLAN **Legislative District 5**

"WA works under the UPC, and it is imperative the plumbers and pipefitters are at the table whenever plumbing code changes are being considered, and they have an active voice in when and what changes should be considered." A vote for Lisa is a vote for the interests of the UA.



CLYDE SHAVERS Legislative District 10

Clyde is a veteran with experience managing tough issues. He has proven to be an ally on energy matters and closely involved the UA in work promoting fusion energy production.



DAVE PAUL Legislative District 10

Dave has been a critically important ally for the UA in debates over energy policy in Washington. He has helped defend refinery workers and promotes the "all of the above" approach to energy that our state needs. Dave is a thoughtful, moderate Democrat whose beliefs align with UA interests.



STEVE BERGQUIST Legislative District 11

Representative Berquist has a strong appreciation for the work and expertise of UA members. Steve has an open-door policy with the UA and an excellent voting record.





HEATHER KOELLEN

"As a nurse, I understand the value of hard work. dedication, and standing up for what's right. I am committed to fighting for working families, ensuring fair wages, and supporting local jobs."



DEKEN LETINICH

Legislative District 12 Legislative District 18

"Throughout my career as a Laborer and union organizer, I have always fought to create better working environments and opportunities for others to succeed." Deken is a fellow Brother and has worked in Olympia on behalf of construction labor unions, we need more Labor like Deken working for us in the legislature.



SKYLER RUDE Legislative District 16

Republican Representative Rude has worked well with the UA and proves the value of working together on issues over Party. He has taken tough votes for our members and will continue to do so when reelected.



LILLIAN **ORTIZ-SELF**

Legislative District 21

Lillian serves on the Labor committee in the House of Representatives and has been a vocal supporter of pro-





union legislation. She always has an open door for the UA and helps amplify our positions to other members of her party in the House.



GREG NANCE

Legislative District 23

Representative Nance has been an

exceptional ally for

a passionate union

actively seeks out

call and makes no

secret that our

membership's

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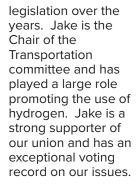
always available for a

supporter and

term in office. Greg is

the UA in his first

stimulate economic growth in our communities."





DAN **BRONOSKE**

Legislative District 28

"I understand and agree with the fact we need to transition to more clean and renewable energy sources. Part of that transition includes cleaner burning "bridge fuels" such as LNG or propane." Dan is a Firefighter and champion of Labor at the highest order.



BETH DOGLIO Legislative District 22 Labor for their input

Representative Doglio sits on the Labor committee and Chairs the Environmental committee in the House of Representatives. Beth believes that if you want to fix the environment, you should make it someone's job.



STEVE **THARINGER**

Legislative District 24

As Chair of Capital Budget Steve has worked with the UA on our issues and helped create jobs for members across the state. Steve understands the value of economic development and the community benefits of union construction projects.



LAURIE JINKINS

Legislative District 27

Speaker of the House Laurie Jinkins respects the voice of construction unions and has proven to be a strong and thoughtful ally of the UA in her leadership role. She has helped in the passage of every WSA priority bill over the last four vears.



ADAM BERNBAUM Legislative District 24

"Projects that repair roads, build bridges, and improve our power supply can provide immediate employment opportunities and



JAKE FEY Legislative District 27

Representative Fev has helped the UA with key energy and environmental



MARI LEAVITT Legislative District 28

"I have sponsored bills in the past to increase apprenticeship utilization and I will always continue to support using local labor paid livable

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wages with access to affordable, highquality healthcare." As a moderate Democrat. representative Leavitt is a legislator that respects our membership and is willing to take hard votes on our behalf.



KRISTINE REEVES

Legislative District 30

"I believe in the utilization of apprenticeships on publicly funded development projects as a way of properly training crafts people during construction under the training and leadership of trained labor leaders." Representative Reeves is a returning legislator with a proven track record of supporting UA priorities and taking a balanced approach to policy.



CINDY RYU

Legislative District 32

"It is premature to ban Natural Gas, as we don't have the technology yet to depend solely on wind and solar. With the advances in lowering the carbon impact of natural gas, I believe it can be part of clean energy, especially by providing baseload power." Representative Ryu understands the UA's issues.



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workers to be

employed in their

own community. The



JOE **FITZGIBBON**

Legislative District 34

"I have really appreciated the strong relationship I have had with Local 32 that has enabled me to learn much more about both plumbing specifically and about the building trades generally, and I look forward to continuing that relationship." Representative Fitzgibbon has been a productive partner working on tough environmental policies in Olympia.



TAYLOR

Legislative District 30

"We must continue to fight to build a more affordable Washington; a Washington where everyone has access to basic resources without towering costs."



TINA ORWALL

have a living wage, safe working environment, and access to



Legislative District 33

"I want the workers to apprenticeship



EMILY

ALVARADO

quality family-wage jobs! I believe all workers should have collective bargaining rights, training opportunities, a living

wage, safe work environment and the ability to retire with dignity." A vote for Emily is a vote for unions.



JULIA REED Legislative District 36

"I will protect our hard-won labor standards, work hard



and understands the

need for an energy

create more jobs for

transition that will

our members.



to expand state investments into apprenticeship programs, and always listen to the voices of workers." Julia has a background in working for the government and we hope to develop a strong relationship with her as her political career advances.



CHIPALO STREET

Legislative District 37

"As we transition our economy to cleaner sources, we must also bring along the workers who install and maintain legacy systems. Workers cannot be a casualty in the move to clean energy."



MARY FOSSE
Legislative District 38

Mary is in constant communication with the UA on issues affecting plumbing and other industries that we represent. She has been a champion for UA interests throughout her legislative career.



scorecards as a

Republican in the

House. I have worked

hope to continue and

hard for labor, and I

build on the work I

have already done."

TANA SENN Legislative District 41

"Publicly funded development projects should be taking advantage of this state's highly trained crafts people. This will keep our job sites safe and our projects on schedule and of the highest quality." Representative Senn has taken the lead on **UA** legislative priorities several times in her career at the legislature and is

one of our strongest advocates in defense of the Uniform Plumbing Code.



JOE TIMMONS
Legislative District 42

"The only way for us to transition to more renewable energy sources is by working together and supporting workers as we make changes. If elected. I am committed to working together on this issue." Joe knows how to prioritize workers and will help ensure that more UA jobs come from the current energy transition.



"I support investing in renewable gas alternatives and hydrogen technologies." Representative Berry is an outspoken champion for Labor and will work hard to defend UA jobs during the upcoming energy transition.



HACKNEYLegislative District 37

DAVID

"I'm from a union family and know how important it is to support workers and their ability to organize and fight for a better future." Representative Hackney is a champion for the UA



SAM LOW
Legislative District 39

Republican Sam Low understands the value of Labor unions. "I have had one of the strongest labor









to include Labor standards like prevailing wage, apprenticeship utilization and responsible bidder.



ROGER

GOODMAN

Legislative District 45

small modular reactor nuclear energy development.



Agreements, **Community Benefit** Agreements, and all efforts to ensure that tax dollars are invested in projects that lift our workers and communities up." Vandana can always be counted on to support UA issues.



Legislative District 43

"I believe we should encourage the development of hydrogen and wastewater energy that offer sources of clean energy."



Legislative District 45

LARRY

SPRINGER

"I'll work together with employers to protect existing jobs and bring new jobs to our region in growing areas like alternative energy, biofuels and emerging industries." Representative Springer has been a champion in the House on UA issues.



relationships with a wide range of stakeholders to address important policy issues and maintains a 100% voting record on building trade bills.



community to help quide my decisions as an elected official so I would love to have the kind of relationship with the UA where I can always call you up and seek input and advice." Amy is a veteran legislator in Olympia that the UA has come to count on.



MONICA STONIER

Legislative District 49

Representative Stonier is a long-time champion of the UA and the Labor movement. Monica hosts weekly meetings with the UA during legislative session to ensure our members' interests are brought back to Democratic leadership.



APRIL BERG Legislative District 44

"I totally support ensuring responsible bidder laws that prevent a race to the bottom that harms certified workers, consumers, and taxpayers." As Chair of the House Finance Committee, April has made the requirement that all tax incentives given to corporations need





has been an important legislator for UA energy interests. He has a background working for the Department of Energy and led a successful effort to provide \$50 million dollars for



VANDANA SLATTER

Legislative District 48

"I believe strongly in Project Labor





A MESSAGE FROM NEIL HARTMAN, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

Why Your Vote Matters: Wages, Hours, and Working Conditions

For over a century, the United Association has led the charge for worker rights and industry standards. At the WSA, we understand that political decisions deeply impact members' lives. Our dedication to advocating for our membership at all levels of government underscores the critical importance of participating in elections. Over the last two years the WSA has worked with our allies on hundreds of laws to benefit the membership and prevent harm. Here's a look at just a few key laws from the last two years, highlighting why your vote matters.

Key Legislative Wins

Workplace and Compliance:

- HB 1050: Expanded apprenticeship requirements for public works, increasing opportunities for apprentices and our contractors.
- **HB 2039:** Targets contractors who evade penalties by dissolving and reforming companies and allows them to be prosecuted. This law helps ensure that penalties follow these businesses, protecting fair labor practices.
- **SB 5425:** Enhanced compliance for fire sprinkler contractors, including key supervision requirements and ensuring higher safety standards.

■ **HB 1117:** Addressed risks of power supply inadequacy and rolling blackouts, extending stakeholder meetings to ensure reliable energy resources and protect existing UA work.

Energy and Infrastructure:

- **HB 2039:** Streamlined energy project permits by reducing bureaucratic delays, crucial for timely development and job creation.
- **SB 6039:** Funded geothermal energy research, potentially creating massive job growth across the state in this emerging field.
- HB 1216: Dramatically helps streamline siting and permitting for clean energy projects, setting the stage for significant investment and opportunities for UA members.
- **HB 1390:** Mandated decarbonization plans for state campus district energy systems, which would produce thousands of pipefitter jobs across the state.

The legislative victories and challenges of the past two years highlight the critical role that politicians play in laws that affect our industries. By staying engaged and voting for candidates who align with our values, we can ensure that the voices of our membership and their families are heard.

WSA LEGISLATIVE & POLITICAL REPORT





President Biden speaking at last year's NABTU Legislative Conference where he discussed his passion for Labor, PLAs, Apprenticeship, and strengthening the economy through massive investment in construction.



Brother Neil Hartman testifies on natural gas legislation (HB 1589) with the gas ban language removed and new labor standards added. After two years of intense negotiating, the bill governing PSE practices became a beneficial one for the UA.



Legislative delegation in Denmark tours an RNG facility where beets and manure produce biogas. The country and its companies have invested billions of dollars into the new RNG infrastructure.

Legislative delegation tours the Danish Green Labs facilities where businesses use hydrogen, RNG, solar, and wind for industrial and manufacturing work. The model could be used in Washington and is great for rural economic growth, legislation is being developed.



WSA LEGISLATIVE & POLITICAL REPORT





Pictured with Congresswoman Schrier are Brother Kurt Swanson (Political Coordinator for the WSA and UA Local 32), Brother Neil Hartman (WSA Government Affairs Director) and Brother Tim Herbert (WSA Executive Secretary Treasurer).



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Dan Kirshner, Executive Director of the Northwest Gas Association (NWGA), works to foster understanding among opinion leaders and informed decision-making by governing officials on issues related to natural gas. Pictured here at the Annual Energy Conference hosted by the NWGA; Brother Herbert, Mr. Kirschner, Brother Hartman, and Brother Swanson.

UA Local 26 Business Manager Todd Taylor tours the Sinclair refinery with legislators. A series of tours were hosted to familiarize lawmakers with the industry and to talk about the economic benefits they bring to the local community.





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