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WHEN DECIDING WHO WILL RECEIVE YOUR VOTE, UFCW 951 URGES YOU TO CONSIDER THE CANDIDATES' POSITION ON ISSUES CRITICAL TO WORKERS



PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris

- ✓ Would enact hazard pay for all frontline workers in grocery, meat processing and health care.
- ✓ Called for personal protective equipment and priority coronavirus testing for frontline workers.
- ✓ Would double the number of OSHA investigators to improve oversight and company accountability.
- ✓ Has consistently fought for unions and the ability of workers to collectively bargain.
- ✓ Supports paid sick days and family leave for a serious illness or to care for a child or an ill family member.
- ✓ Will limit prescription drug price increases for all brand name, biotech and generic drugs to inflation.
- ✓ Supports measures to strengthen retirement income security by increasing Social Security benefits, and opposes privatizing the program.

Donald Trump and Mike Pence

- ✗ Failed to enact nationwide hazard pay or increase wages for frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✗ Compelled frontline workers in meat processing to remain on the job during the pandemic with no new safety standards in place to protect them.
- ✗ Supports proposals to give companies immunity from liability if workers get COVID-19 on the job.
- ✗ Created significant barriers to unionization through a series of NLRB decisions.
- ✗ Made it easier for companies to deny paid sick leave and failed to provide paid sick leave to all workers during the pandemic.
- ✗ The cost of 2,500 prescription drugs has increased by double digits in the last four years.
- ✗ Has proposed a cut to the Social Security payroll tax that would mean benefits would run out in 2023.



Incumbent Presidential candidate Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have supported and enacted policies that weaken collective bargaining rights and have caused harm to American workers and families. Trump and Pence prioritize the interests of the super wealthy and special interest groups over the needs of working-class Americans.



Joe Biden, Democratic candidate for President, has been a long-standing champion for the rights of working people across America. Biden and Vice Presidential candidate Kamala Harris have both worked to strengthen collective bargaining rights, ensure Americans have access to affordable, quality health care, and extend paid leave to more Americans.

JOE BIDEN MAKES CAMPAIGN STOP AT UFCW 951 UNION HALL

During a visit to Grand Rapids on Friday, October 2, Joe Biden visited the UFCW 951 union hall to speak with members from Locals 951 and 876 about the issues that matter to them.

Three UFCW 951 members, Kevin Riley from Meijer #158, Kristie Beech from Meijer #50 and Lucille Monsalvo from Meijer #36 were in attendance on Friday.

During his speech, Biden wished the first family a quick and full recovery and then discussed his plans to lead Americans through the

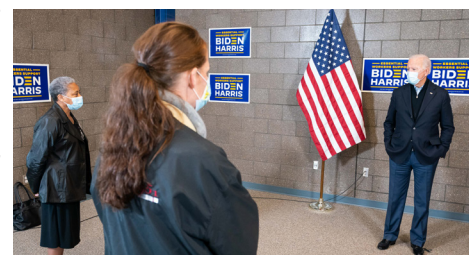
pandemic. Biden also talked about how he intends to invest in policies that benefit working people and the middle class including infrastructure, health care, child care and education.

"UFCW workers who sacrificed to keep us going through the pandemic and continuing are being left behind by the most unequal recovery in modern history. Because while workers are struggling, this is a fact, the top 100 billionaires in America have done pretty well. Just the top 100 of them. They've made up more than \$30 billion

this year in the last nine months," Biden said.

"You're left to figure out how you're going to pay the bills and put food on the table. How to balance doing your job with being a teacher to your kids because their school has gone remote.

You're asked to risk your neck because you can't work from home when the risks for COVID are kept outside because you work at a meat packing plant or an assembly line or the checkout



UFCW 951 members Kristie Beech (forefront) and Lucille Monsalvo speak with Joe Biden on Friday, October 2 at the UFCW 951 union hall.

counter. I do understand this is a scary time, an uncertain time."

To view Biden's speech visit www.youtube.com, search UFCW 951 and click "Playlists".



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WHEN DECIDING ON WHO TO VOTE FOR, UFCW 951 ENDORSES THE FO

To help members cut through the political propaganda that has been aired, mailed and talked about on the radio, UFCW 951 has compiled a list of candidates who are truly on the side of workers. Candidates were selected for endorsement based on their positions on the following issues:

Right to Work – The candidate is committed to changing the anti-union right to work law and its policies that favor the employer and force unions to represent free loading non-members.

401(k) Protections – The candidate is committed to protecting 401(k) assets and the ability for workers to take their 401(k) assets with them if they leave employment prior to normal retirement age.

Health Care – The candidate supports Healthy Michigan Medicaid expansion allowing the citizens of Michigan more access to quality healthcare coverage.

Prescription Drugs – The candidate supports lowering costs and making prescription drugs more affordable and accessible to all.

Workplace Safety – The candidate supports regular inspections and worksite visits to ensure that they have proper equipment and safe working conditions.

Paid Leave – The candidate supports protection of paid time off for any reason.

UFCW 951 endorses Republican, Democratic and Independent candidates who are supportive of these issues and will best represent our members in their roles. The endorsement process took several months and resulted in more than 100 endorsements for candidates who the union believes will do the best job representing not only UFCW members, but all workers and their families.

The local encourages members to consider these endorsements when casting their ballot.

National and Statewide Candidates

President and Vice President of the United States
Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Kamala Harris

United States Senator
Gary Peters

Michigan Supreme Court
Bridget Mary McCormack and Elizabeth Welch

State Board of Education
Ellen Cogen Lipton and Jason Strayhorn

University of Michigan Board of Regents
Mark Bernstein and Shauna Ryder Diggs

Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Brian Mosallam and Dr. Rema Vassar

Wayne State University Board of Governors
Eva Garza Dewaelsche and Shirley Stancato

Northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula

State House District 99	John Zang
State House District 104	Dan O'Neil
State House District 107	Jim Page
State House District 109	Sara Cambensy
State House District 110	Janet Metsa

Kent County and West Michigan

U.S. Congress District 3	Hillary Scholten
State House District 75	David LaGrand
State House District 76	Rachel Hood
State House District 92	Terry Sabo
Kent County Commissioner District 1	Deb Havens

Southwest Michigan

U.S. Congress District 3	Hillary Scholten
U.S. Congress District 6	Jon Hoadley
State House District 60	Julie Rogers
State House District 61	Christine Morse
State House District 62	Jim Haadsma
Kalamazoo County Prosecutor	Jeffrey Getting
Kalamazoo County Sheriff	Richard Fuller
Kalamazoo County Clerk	Meredith Place

Lansing Area

U.S. Congress District 8	Elissa Slotkin
State House District 67	Kara Hope
State House District 68	Sarah Anthony
State House District 69	Julie Brixie
State House District 71	Angela Witwer
Eaton County Treasurer	Bob Robinson
Eaton County Commissioner Dist. 6	Jane Whitacre
Delta Township Supervisor	Kenneth Fletcher
Ingham County Clerk	Barb Byrum
Ingham County Sheriff	Scott Wriggelsworth
Ingham County Treasurer	Eric Schertzing
Ingham County Drain Commissioner	Patrick Lindemann
Ingham County Commissioner District 2	Ryan Sebolt
Ingham County Commissioner District 5	Todd Tennis
Ingham County Commissioner District 14	Robin Naeyaert
30th Circuit Court Judge	Rosemarie Elizabeth Aquilina

When you vote, remember to complete both sides of the ballot, from top to bottom, to ensure that your voice is heard on all of the issues relevant to you and your community.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Polls are Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
To find your polling location and voting district information, go to www.michigan.gov/vote

Be Sure to Bring Your Photo ID to the Polls
Acceptable photo ID includes driver's license, state ID card, federal or state issued government ID, passport, military ID, tribal ID, or student ID with photo from high school or an accredited higher learning institution. Voters who do not bring a picture ID to the polls can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

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FOLLOWING CANDIDATES THAT SUPPORT WORKER-FRIENDLY POLICIES

Flint & Thumb Area

U.S. Congress District 5	Dan Kildee
State House District 34	Cynthia Neeley
State House District 48	Sheryl Kennedy
State House District 49	John Cherry III
State House District 50	Tim Sneller
State House District 82	Gary Howell

Saginaw, Bay City and Midland

U.S. Congress District 5	Dan Kildee
State House District 95	Amos O'Neal
State House District 96	Brian Elder
State House District 99	John Zang

Oakland County

U.S. Congress District 8	Elissa Slotkin
U.S. Congress District 9	Andy Levin
U.S. Congress District 11	Haley Stevens
U.S. Congress District 14	Brenda Lawrence
State House District 26	Jim Ellison
State House District 27	Regina Weiss
State House District 29	Brenda Carter
State House District 35	Kyra Harris Bolden
State House District 38	Kelly Breen
State House District 39	Julia Pulver
State House District 40	Mari Manoogian
State House District 41	Padma Kuppa
State House District 45	Barb Anness
Oakland County Executive	Dave Coulter
Oakland County Clerk & Register of Deeds	Lisa Brown
Waterford Township Supervisor	John Paul Torres
Waterford Township Clerk	Justin Clarke
Waterford Township Treasurer	Eric Lindemier
Waterford Township Trustee	Cynthia Atiemo
Waterford Township Trustee	Mary Craite
Waterford Township Trustee	Jason Herr
Waterford Township Trustee	Matthew K. McClure

Macomb County

U.S. Congress District 9	Andy Levin
State House District 18	Kevin Hertel
State House District 25	Nate Shannon
State House District 28	Lori Stone
State House District 31	William Sowerby
Macomb County Clerk & Register of Deeds	Fred Miller
Macomb County Commissioner District 12	Julie Matuzak
Clinton Township Treasurer	Paul Gielegem
Macomb Community College Board of Trustees	Sara Gielegem

Monroe County

Bedford Township Trustee	Mike Smith
Frenchtown Township Supervisor	James McDevitt
Frenchtown Township Trustee	Denise Brooks

Wayne County

U.S. Congress District 11	Haley Stevens
U.S. Congress District 12	Debbie Dingell
U.S. Congress District 14	Brenda Lawrence
State House District 1	Tenisha Yancey
State House District 2	Joe Tate
State House District 3	Shri Thanedar
State House District 4	Abraham Aiyash
State House District 5	Cynthia A. Johnson
State House District 6	Tyrone Carter
State House District 11	Jewell Jones
State House District 12	Alex Garza
State House District 13	Tullio Liberati
State House District 14	Cara Clemente
State House District 15	Abdullah Hammoud
State House District 16	Kevin Coleman
State House District 19	Laurie Pohutsky
State House District 20	Matt Koleszar
State House District 21	Ranjeev Puri
State House District 23	Darrin Camilleri
Wayne County Executive	Warren Evans
Wayne County Sheriff	Benny Napoleon
Wayne County Clerk	Cathy Garrett
Wayne County Commissioner District 3	Martha Scott
Wayne County Commissioner District 8	David Knezek
Wayne County Commissioner District 12	Glenn Anderson
Wayne County Commissioner District 13	Sam Baydoun
Wayne County Commissioner District 14	Raymond Basham
3rd Circuit Court Judge	Chris Dingell
Brownstown Township Supervisor	Andy Linko
Brownstown Township Treasurer	Michael Eberth
Brownstown Township Clerk	Brian Peters
Brownstown Township Trustee	Sherry Berecz
Brownstown Township Trustee	Steven Allen
Brownstown Township Trustee	Maureen Brinker
Brownstown Township Trustee	Patrick Killian
Canton Township Supervisor	Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton Township Trustee	Kate Borninski
VanBuren Township Supervisor	Kevin McNamara

Ann Arbor & Jackson Area

U.S. Congress District 12	Debbie Dingell
State House District 52	Donna Lasinski
State House District 53	Yousef Rabhi
State House District 54	Ronnie Peterson
State House District 55	Felicia Brabec

**YOUR VOTE
IS
YOUR VOICE.**

THREE FORMER UFCW 951 MEMBERS SEEK TO AMPLIFY THE VOICE OF WORKERS

Three former UFCW 951 members have decided to use their voices to advance the interests of working people in Michigan. As former members, these candidates are familiar

with the struggles workers face both on the job and in their homes.

John Cherry was a member at Meijer #44 in Flint while he was in college. He won his

election in 2018 for the Michigan House of Representatives in the 49th District and is running again for the same seat. The 49th District includes parts of Flint and the cities of Swartz Creek, Flushing and Mount Morris, as well as Flint and Mount Morris Townships.

Cherry believes all working people deserve to earn a living wage, and their pensions and 401(k)s should be protected.

Jim Page was previously a member at Meijer #293 in Sault Ste. Marie where he served as a union steward until he left the company in 2018.

Prior to working at Meijer, Page served in the Marines for six years and was a public school teacher for 25 years,

during which time he was a member of the Michigan Education Association (MEA). Page also served as president of the Sault Education Association, his MEA local, for two years. The time Page spent as a member of the MEA and UFCW 951 has influenced him to fight for the rights of workers in Michigan.


Page is running for the Michigan House of Representatives in the 107th District which includes part of the northern lower peninsula and the eastern most part of the upper peninsula, including Cheboygan, Mackinaw City and Sault Ste. Marie.

Julie Matuzak is running for the seat of Macomb County Commissioner for District 12. Before she retired, Matuzak worked for the American


Federation of Teachers (AFT) for 17 years, worked for former Congressman David E. Bonior and served as the Executive Director for the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice.

Matuzak was a member of UFCW 951 at Meijer #243 in Clinton Township, Michigan from 2015 through 2019.

"Having been members themselves, these candidates understand what UFCW 951 members need from their elected leaders and are prepared to do that work," said UFCW 951 President John Cakmakci. "We have endorsed these candidates because they stand with working people on the issues that affect their families and communities."



John Cherry
Former member from Meijer #44 in Flint.
Incumbent running for Michigan House of Representatives in District 49.



Jim Page
Former member from Meijer #293 in Sault Ste. Marie.
Running for Michigan State House in District 107.



Julie Matuzak
Former member from Meijer #243 in Clinton Township.
Running for Macomb County Commissioner for District 12.

U.S. SENATE



Gary Peters
Democrat

Gary Peters has served as U.S. Senator from Michigan since he was sworn into office in 2015. Peters serves as Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. In the current congressional session, Peters has passed more bills than any other single senator.

- ✓ Co-sponsored the Equality Act which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, education and public accommodations.
- ✓ Voted to enact the Affordable Care Act (ACA) during his first term in Congress.
- ✓ Supports the End Outsourcing Act which would incentivize American companies to retain and create American jobs.



John James
Republican

John James is a political newcomer who has never held office before. He ran for senate in 2018 but was defeated by Senator Debbie Stabenow. James has been endorsed by anti-worker politicians and special interest groups.

- ✗ Does not say if he supports amending anti-discrimination laws to cover discrimination for the LGBTQ community, but released an ad attacking Peters for supporting the Equality Act.
- ✗ Wants to "repeal and replace" the ACA but has not offered a plan to replace it that will protect those with preexisting conditions.
- ✗ Defends trade and tariff policies which are hurting Michigan businesses and threatening jobs.

ONE VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- In 2018, Iowa, New Hampshire, Alaska and Kentucky each had a race for their House of Representatives which was decided by less than ten votes, with the latter two having a margin of only one vote.
- Also in 2018, the Washington State Senate race in the 42nd district was decided, after a recount, by 45 votes out of 36,291 cast ballots.
- In 2016, Vermont had two races for seats in the House of Representatives that were decided by one vote.
- In 1989, a Lansing school district millage proposition failed when the final vote ended in a tie, causing the school district to reduce its budget by \$2.5 million.

MEMBERS HAVE OPTIONS WHEN DECIDING HOW TO VOTE

There are several options available to members as they decide how they are going to cast their ballots for the upcoming general election. With current concerns over the coronavirus pandemic, many members are interested in voting absentee, either by mail or in person, prior to election day to limit their exposure to COVID-19 and avoid waiting in potentially long lines. However, some members will still feel more comfortable voting in person at their normal polling site on election day.

VOTE BY MAIL

To request an absent voter ballot be mailed to you, complete the online application at

Michigan.gov/Vote or submit an application, letter, or postcard to your local clerk. Requests for absent voter ballots may be returned by hand, via postal mail, fax or email, as long as the signature is visible. Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk by 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. You can request an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election, but if you request your absentee ballot the day before the election or on Election Day, you must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.

You must be a registered voter to receive an absent

voter ballot, but you can register and apply for an absent voter ballot at the same time. Absent voter ballots may be issued to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

You have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete your absentee ballot and return it to the clerk's office. If you are mailing your ballot in, it is recommended to have it in the mail by October 20, 2020, or at least two weeks before the deadline.

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

To vote in person before the election, go to your city or township clerk's office and request an absent voter ballot. To find your local

clerk's office, visit mvic.sos.state.mi.us/clerk or call the Secretary of State at 1.888.767.6424.

Once you have been given your ballot, complete it and return it to the clerk or their staff. The deadline for voting early at your clerk's office is Monday, November 2, 2020, at 4 pm.

VOTING AT THE POLLS

To vote in person on Tuesday, November 3, visit your assigned polling location and complete your ballot. If you are unsure where your polling location is, you can look it up by visiting <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>. You will be asked to show ID when you vote. If you don't have a picture ID, you can still vote by completing a provisional ballot.