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The Newsletter of the St. Louis-Kansas City
Carpenters Regional Council



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CARPENTERS REGIONAL COUNCIL



*Reflecting our far-reaching territory across Missouri, Kansas and southern Illinois,
the council has adopted a new name and new look to better identify who we are.*

*One thing that won't change is our commitment to representing
the best trained and hardest working people in our industry.*

We are the St. Louis-Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council.

VOTE

like your job depends on it.



Al Bond, Jr. Executive Secretary-Treasurer

This issue of our union's newsletter is devoted entirely to the upcoming elections. If you even remotely follow the Carpenters' political activities you know that "Right to Work" has been our number one priority (and threat) for the past several years. You may even be tired of hearing about it. But what is set to happen the second week in November is the most important event the Regional Council has faced in a very long time.

No exaggeration. No kidding.

RTW is a disastrous law designed for one purpose only – bust unions. Once an employer drives out the union, pay goes down, benefits get slashed and safety procedures go out the window.

In the world of politics RTW also plays another role: It allows pro-business lawmakers to cut into organized labor's pocketbook, affecting our ability to support our candidates and issues. As our voice gets weaker and our influence diminishes, those who put companies and profits ahead of workers have little standing in their way. Imagine a political system where every pro-business, anti-worker proposal easily sails through your state legislature, is signed by your governor and quickly becomes law.

That, in a nutshell, is what we are facing.

Kansas is a "Right to Work" state. Missouri and Illinois are not. If Missouri falls the majority of our council would be operating under RTW laws. The only thing that has stopped that from happening already is a governor who supports working families and remains committed to the rights of organized labor. In Jefferson City the Republican-controlled Legislature has the votes to pass a RTW bill but not enough to undo the governor's veto.

While we are very concerned about the high number of anti-union lawmakers currently in the Statehouse, our more pressing concern is the upcoming gubernatorial election. If Chris Koster fails to get elected, Missouri will become the 27th "Right to Work" state in America.

To come out on top in this election requires every union household in Missouri taking action. The Carpenters Union has worked tirelessly hand-in-hand with other construction trades to register voters, hold rallies, spread the word and keep our message alive. Talk to your friends and family, explain what's at stake and most importantly show up to vote on **Tuesday, November 8**.

On the national level, the race for president mirrors many of the same concerns.

Whatever your beliefs on social issues, whether you lean left or right, there is no denying that Donald Trump is not a friend to working men and women. He is a supporter of "Right to Work," and believes our wages are "too high."

Here and across the country there is a lot at stake in November and it's up to us to learn the facts and spread the word.

Thank you for staying committed to the Carpenters.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al Bond". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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It all comes down to

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It has been simmering for several years.

Time, money and resources have been poured into the struggle.

It has pitted unions and other crusaders for workers' rights against deep-pocketed businessmen and corporate backers.

And on November 8th, in a race that is being closely watched in and outside of Missouri, the battle over "Right to Work" comes to a head as Democrat Chris Koster and Republican Eric Greitens face off to become the state's next governor.

"This is one of the races that organized labor is most interested in nationally," Marvin Overby, professor of political science at the University of Missouri-Columbia, said. "This 'Right to Work' legislation is something that is very serious to the unions and they are digging a ditch on this one. They want to draw the line here."

With a majority of Missouri lawmakers supporting RTW, getting a bill passed and sent to the governor's office is a mere formality.

What has been stopping the law from taking effect is Governor Jay Nixon, a friend to organized labor who has held to his promise of rejecting any RTW legislation that lands on his desk.

After coming dangerously close to success in 2015, "Right to Work" is taking center stage in the Koster/Greitens matchup.

Earlier this year, Greitens slugged it out with three other Republican contenders seeking their party's nomination. Each was quick to voice support for RTW, vowing to waste no time signing it into law if elected governor. It was proof just how far RTW has come in the Show-Me State and how desired it is among some big money, right-leaning donors.

"It's the priority of out-of-state special interests, not Missourians," Koster said. "It's absurd that these millionaires and billionaires are attempting to silence workers' voices, but three or four individuals were nearly solely funding those GOP candidates this year. The only way to stop these attacks is to beat them back by winning the governor's race and more seats in the Legislature."

**Choosing Missouri's next governor
is a must-win for the state's
unionized workers.**



In the early 1990s Democrats controlled the Missouri House and Senate, as they had for much of the 20th Century. But a historic law passed in 1992 limited how long lawmakers could hold office. Term limits upended the balance of power in the Legislature and kicked open the door for a more conservative, more extreme brand of Republican upstarts who leaned farther to the right and were eager to push an agenda backed by powerful political players.

As the new breed of lawmakers gained more control, a sharply conservative and pro-business climate began to permeate the halls of the state Capitol. Gun rights, abortion and gay marriage became hotly debated issues in Missouri.

And in time the union-busting “Right to Work” movement, a top priority among big business, picked up steam too.

“You’ve got such strong super majorities of Republicans in the state Legislature that they are going after a number of issues that are core Republican beliefs. They think they have the numerical strength to do it,” Overby said. “It looked a few years ago like ‘Right to Work’ was fading away but it is back with a vengeance now.”

The Country is Watching

The national AFL-CIO is calling this the “most important” governor’s race in the country this year, and the amount of money flowing into it suggests as much. Greitens, a political novice mounting his first run for public office, accepted the single largest campaign donation in the history of Missouri politics when he was given nearly \$2 million from a shadowy super PAC just days before the August primary.

A section of Greitens’ campaign website is devoted to RTW and his commitment to seeing it become law in Missouri. It signals that the issue tops the wish list of business interests and is an important source for campaign donations. Promise to pass RTW and watch the money roll in.

Since invading Indiana and union-heavy Michigan in 2012, “Right to Work” fever has been spreading at an alarming pace and Missouri’s political landscape has supporters thinking that now is the time to finally get it signed into law here.

Standing in their way is Koster, the 52-year-old state attorney general, who has bested Greitens in fundraising and dealt even more blows with his list of endorsements. The Missouri Farm Bureau (respected among conservative voters in rural parts of the state) has bucked tradition by supporting Koster, the first time in the group’s 101-year history that it has endorsed a Democrat for statewide office. That was quickly followed by the Corn Growers and Soybean associations, the Fraternal Order of Police and even the National Rifle Association (despite Greitens’ campaign videos

that prominently feature firearms and the ex-Navy SEAL’s prowess at using them.)

The success of Koster’s campaign gives organized labor in Missouri much-needed hope.

“Chris has been running a smart, inclusive campaign and it’s paying off,” Al Bond, chief executive of the Carpenters Regional Council, said. “He’s getting a lot of support across the state because he’s the common sense candidate. If you’re concerned about education, growing our economy and creating steady, good-paying jobs then Chris is the obvious choice. He’s on the right side of the issues and he’s got integrity,” Bond said.

***“We all do better
when we work
together.”***

Greitens has been accused of being an opportunist exploiting his military service for political gain. Published reports have disclosed that he netted \$700,000 in pay from the charity he founded to provide services to veterans.

He also ran afoul of his fellow Republicans during this year’s especially ugly primary race. One of them has even been entangled in a defamation lawsuit with Greitens.

Acknowledging the mean-spirited tenor of the GOP primary, Koster said the outcome never really mattered. Greitens and the others were on the same page in their union-bashing rhetoric and their willingness to put corporate special interests ahead of the state’s working families.

“Without your union bargaining for your wages, hours and working conditions, everybody would be on their own. We all do better when we work together. That’s what the labor movement does - it brings workers together to make things better for everyone,” Koster said. “We need the voice of workers to be strong now, more than ever.”





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BUILDING
A STRONG
AMERICA

CLINTON

vs

TRUMP

"I've always believed that when unions are strong families are strong and America is strong"

— Detroit Manufacturing Systems, 3/2/16

"We will support high-quality union training programs"

— Warren, MI, 8/11/16

"... strengthening unions doesn't just serve members – it leads to better pay and benefits, and working conditions for all employees"

— Warren, MI, 8/11/16

**WILL PROTECT UNION WORK AND
UNION WORKERS.**

"I like right to work. My position on right to work is 100 percent "

— South Carolina Radio Network, 2/17/16

"Our wages are too high ... we're not going to be able to compete against the world"

— GOP presidential debate, 11/10/15

Trump on Unions: "If I had my choice I think I'd take it without"

— New York Times, 11/19/15

**WILL DESTROY UNION JOBS AND
UNION RIGHTS.**

ENDORSEMENTS



These are the candidates who warrant our consideration on Nov. 8.

This list includes friendly incumbents, as well as challengers running in open seats or against anti-labor incumbents.

More information can be found under the **Political** tab at www.carpdc.org

**Number next to name denotes district.*

Missouri

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

5 Emanuel Cleaver II (D)

Chris Koster (D) FOR GOVERNOR

Russ Carnahan (D) FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Robin Smith (D) FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Teresa Hensley (D) FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Judy Baker (D) FOR STATE TREASURER

MISSOURI SENATE

1 Scott Sifton (D)

3 Gary Romine (R)

4 Jake Hummel (D)

5 Jamilah Nasheed (D)

7 Jason Holsman (D)

9 Shalonn (Kiki) Curls (D)

11 John Rizzo (D)

13 Gina Walsh (D)

17 Ryan Silvey (R)

19 Stephen Webber (D)

23 Richard Orr (D)

55 Ashley Beard-Fosnow (D)

61 Tom Smith (D)

65 Open

67 Alan Green (D)

69 Gretchen Bangert (D)

70 Byron DeLear (D)

71 Sue Meredith (D)

72 Mary Nichols (D)

74 Cora Faith Walker (D)

75 Allan Gray (D)

76 Joshua Peters (D)

77 Steve Roberts (D)

79 Michael Butler (D)

80 Peter Meredith (D)

81 Fred Wessels (D)

82 Donna Baringer (D)

83 Gina Mitten (D)

84 Karla May (D)

85 Clem Smith (D)

86 Joe Adams (D)

87 Stacey Newman (D)

88 Tracy McCreery (D)

89 Jack Schilligo (D)

90 Deb Lavender (D)

91 Sarah Unsicker (D)

92 Doug Beck (D)

93 Bob Burns (D)

94 Vicki Lorenz Englund (D)

95 Glenn Koenen (D)

97 John McCaherty (R)

101 Dennis Lavalley (D)

104 Kathie Conway (R)

106 Chrissy Sommer (R)

111 Shane Roden (R)

112 Robert Butler (D)

113 Karen Settlemaier-Berg (D)

114 Becky Ruth (R)

MISSOURI HOUSE

10 Pat Conway (D)

11 Galen Higdon (R)

12 Sandy Van Wagner (D)

14 Kevin Corlew (R)

15 Jon Carpenter (D)

17 Mark Ellebracht (D)

18 Lauren Arthur (D)

20 Bill E. Kidd (R)

21 Ira Anders (D)

22 Brandon R. Ellington (D)

23 Randy Dunn (D)

24 Judy Morgan (D)

26 Gail McCann Beatty (D)

28 Jerome Barnes (D)

29 Rory Rowland (D)

32 Jeanie Lauer (R)

33 Chase Linder (D)

36 DaRon McGee (D)

37 Joe Runions (D)

38 T.J. Berry (R)

42 Bart Korman (R)

44 Tom Pauley (D)

45 Kip Kendrick (D)

46 Martha Stevens (D)

47 Susan McClintic (D)

52 Kyle Garner (D)

115 Elaine Freeman Gannon (R)

116 Kevin Engler (R)

117 Open

118 Ben Harris (D)

119 Nate Tate (R)

132 Crystal Quade (D)

135 Randy Alberhasky (D)

144 Paul Fitzwater (R)

149 Brantly Atchley (D)

150 Lena Samford (D)

Missouri Amendments

Amendment 2 (campaign limits) - Yes

Amendment 6 (voter ID) - No

Jackson County

Frank White, JR. (D) for County Executive

Jean Peters Baker (D) for Prosecuting Attorney

Mike Sharp (D) for Sheriff

Question 1 (anti-crime sales tax) - YES

Question 2 (Children's Services Fund) - YES

Question 3 (motor vehicle sale tax) - NO

Proposition L (library funding) (Clay, Platte, Jackson Counties) - YES

Kansas

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 Britani Potter (D)

4 Dan Giroux (D)

KANSAS SENATE

1 Jerry Henry (D-Cummings)

2 Marci Francisco (I) (D-Lawrence)

3 Tom Holland (I) (D-Baldwin City)

4 David Haley (I) (D-Kansas City)

5 Bill Hutton (D-Basehor)

6 Pat Petetty (I) (D-Kansas City)

7 Barbara Bollier (R-Mission Hills)

8 Don McGuire (D-Overland Park)

9 Chris Morrow (D-Gardner)

10 Vicki Hiatt (D-Shawnee)

11 Skip Fannen (D-Leawood)

12 Chris Johnson (D-Ottawa)

13 Lynn Grant (D-Frontenac)

14 Mark Pringle (D-Yates Center)

15 Chuck Schmidt (D-Independence)

16 Gabriel Costilla (D-Derby)

17 Susan Fowler (D-Emporia)

18 Laura Kelly (I) (D-Topeka)

19 Anthony Hensley (I) (D-Topeka)

20 Vicki Schmidt (R-Topeka)

21 Logan Heley (D-Overland Park)

22 Tom Hawk (I) (D-Manhattan)

23 Spencer Kerfoot (D-Olathe)

24 Don Merriman (D-Salina)

25 Lynn Rogers (D-Wichita)

26 Benjamin Poteete (D-Goddard)

27 Tony Hunter (D-Wichita)

28 Keith Humphrey (D-Wichita)

29 Oleatha Faust-Goudeau (I) (D-Wichita)

30 Anabel Larumbe (D-Wichita)

31 Carolyn McGinn (I) (R-Sedgwick)

32 Don Shimkus (D-Oxford)

33 Matt Bristow (D-Ellinwood)

35 Levi Morris (D-Lyons)

36 Brian Angevine (D-Cuba)

37 Kevin King (D-Gardner)

38 Miguel Rodriguez (D-Dodge City)
39 John Doll (R-Garden City)
40 Alex Herman (D-Hays)

KANSAS HOUSE

2 Adam Lusker (I) (D-Frontenac)
3 Monica Murnam (D-Pittsburg)
5 Doug Walker (D-Fort Scott)
6 Christy Levings (D-Osawatomie)
9 Kent Thompson (I) (R-Iola)
10 John Wilson (I) (D-Lawrence)
12 Jean Schodorf (D-Sedan)
13 Larry Hibbard (I) (R-Toronto)
15 Paul McCorkle (D-Olathe)
16 Cindy Holscher (D-Overland Park)
17 Helen Stoll (D-Lenexa)
18 Cindy Neighbor (D-Shawnee)
19 Stephanie Clayton (I) (R-Overland Park)
21 Jerry Stogsdill (D-Prairie Village)
22 Nancy Lusk (I) (D-Overland Park)
23 Linda Gallagher (I) (R-Lenexa)
24 Jarrod Ousley (I) (D-Merriam)
25 Melissa Rooker (I) (R-Fairway)
27 Larry Miller (D-Overland Park)
28 Joy Koesten (R-Leawood)
29 Brett Parker (D-Overland Park)
31 Louis Ruiz (I) (D-Kansas City)
32 Pam Curtis (I) (D-Kansas City)
33 Tom Burroughs (I) (D-Kansas City)
34 Valdenia Winn (I) (D-Kansas City)
35 Broderick Henderson (I) (D-Kansas City)
36 Kathy Wolfe Moore (I) (D-Kansas City)
37 Stan Frownfelter (I) (D-Kansas City)
38 Mike Fonkert (D-Basehor)
39 Angelina Lawson (D-Shawnee)
40 Debbie Deere (D-Lansing)
41 Jeff Pittman (D-Leavenworth)
42 Kara Reed (D-Tonganoxie)
44 Barbara Ballard (I) (D-Lawrence)
45 Tom Sloan (I) (R-Lawrence)
46 Dennis "Boog" Highberger (I) (D-Lawrence)
47 Micheal Caddell (D-Nortonville)
48 Sandy Ackerson (D-Overland Park)
49 Darnell Hunt (D-Olathe)
50 Chris Huntsman (D-Topeka)
51 Adrienne Olejnik (D-Rossville)
52 Brenda Dietrich (R-Topeka)
53 Jim Gartner (I) (D-Topeka)
54 Renae Hansen (D-Berryton)
55 Annie Kuetner (I) (D-Topeka)
56 Virgil Weigel (D-Topeka)
57 John Alcala (I) (D-Topeka)
58 Vic Miller (D-Topeka)
59 Blaine Finch (I) (R-Ottawa)
60 Mark Schreiber (R-Emporia)
61 Lauren Van Wagoner (D-Hoyt)
63 W. Bret Neibling (D-Highland)
64 Susie Swanson (I) (R-Clay Center)
65 Lonnie Clark (I) (R-Junction City)
66 Sydney Carlin (I) (D-Manhattan)
69 Gerrett Morris (D-Salina)
70 Jo Schwartz (D-Abilene)
71 Diana Dierks (I) (R-Salina)
72 Tim Hodge (D-North Newton)
73 Terry Krier (D-McPherson)
75 Mary Good (R-El Dorado)
76 Teresa Briggs (D-Reading)
78 Jason Darby (D-Olathe)
79 Ed Trimmer (I) (D-Winfield)
80 Michelle Schiltz (D-Caldwell)
81 James McCluer (D-Derby)
82 Danette Harris (D-Mulvane)
83 Henry Helgeson (I) (D-Wichita)
84 Gail Finney (I) (D-Wichita)
85 Patty Beamer (D-Wichita)

86 Jim Ward (I) (D-Wichita)
87 Tonya Howard (D-Wichita)
88 Elizabeth Bishop (D-Wichita)
89 KC Obaebosim (D-Wichita)
90 Lou Cicirello (D-Valley Center)
92 John Carmichael (I) (D-Wichita)
93 Deb Shepard (D-Clearwater)
94 Susan Osborne (D-Wichita)
95 Tom Sawyer (I) (D-Wichita)
96 Brandon Whipple (I) (D-Wichita)
97 Stan Reeser (D-Wichita)
98 Steve Crum (D-Haysville)
100 Glen Shafer (D-Wichita)
101 Clifton Beck (D-Wichita)
103 Ponka-We Victors (I) (D-Wichita)
104 Steven Becker (I) (R-Hutchinson)
105 Cammie Funston (D-Wichita)
108 Kelley Menke (D-Lindsborg)
111 Eber Phelps (D-Hays)
116 Jolene Roitman (D-Wellington)
120 Bonita Peterson (D-Ludell)
121 Jason Graff (D-Olathe)

Wyandotte County

Unified School District No. 500 Question – YES

Illinois



U.S. SENATE
Tammy Duckworth (D)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 Mike Bost (UBC Endorsed) (R)
13 Rodney Davis (UBC Endorsed) (R)
15 John Shimkus (R)

Susana Mendoza (D) FOR COMPTROLLER

ILLINOIS SENATE
50 Sam McCann (R)
56 William (Bill) Haine (D)
58 Shelia Simon (D)
59 Gary Forby (D)

ILLINOIS HOUSE
95 Mike Mathis (D)
110 Dennis Malak (D)
111 Daniel Beiser (D)

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The Contenders

★ Lieutenant Governor

The Carpenters Union is supporting former U.S. Representative Russ Carnahan in his bid to become Missouri's next Lieutenant Governor. As part of a family long known for public service, Carnahan has built a commendable record of achievement, earning the respect of working families across our state.

Our members have been working tirelessly to fight back against "Right to Work" and other attempts to erode the gains we have battled so long to win. Whether fighting for improved funding for dilapidated roads and bridges, or improving health care for our veterans, Carnahan's priorities have always been squarely focused on making government work for average Americans. He is a friend to hard-working families and champions the same issues and ideas we're fighting for.

"I will work every day to clean up the mess in Jefferson City where too many of our elected officials are far too disconnected from the concerns of ordinary Missouri citizens."

Growing up in Rolla, a small town in the foothills of the Ozarks, Russ learned the value of public service and giving back to the community, watching his father, Mel Carnahan, work on the local school board. "He believed that public service was a high calling that was worthy of his time and talents. Public service and good government start with integrity and trust," Carnahan says.

In running for Lieutenant Governor, he is stressing the need for better education, from early childhood to grade school and college. He is committed to helping those starting and growing their own businesses and believes our government can, and should, do better to strengthen Missouri's middle class.



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Russ Carnahan
Lieutenant Governor

The Contenders

★ Secretary of State

Robin Smith brings a unique perspective and qualification to the office of Missouri Secretary of State.

A longtime television journalist in St. Louis, Smith built a reputation as a respected public figure, which has helped her develop a voice for Missouri's middle class.

She is a 42-year member of AFTRA, the union representing TV and film professionals, and she understands the importance of workers having a voice on the job, along with effective representation looking out for our rights and welfare.

As the state's top election authority, the job of Secretary of State means ensuring that voting is done properly and fairly and that every citizen's vote is counted.

It's the same job as reporting; it seeks the truth and making sure we serve everyone with the truth.

This is an important issue in Missouri where some in government are trying every means available to tip elections in their favor. As Robin recently told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the loudest voice we have - our vote - is being threatened: "What the guys on the other side are trying to do is stop people from voting if they are elderly, disabled, college-age or minorities."

As a former executive committee member of the Board of Trustees for St. Louis University, Robin is versed in forming and maintaining policy. Along with her background in international business, this expertise has equipped her for the job ahead.

She has an unbiased approach and has earned the trust of Missourians during her 40 years of news reporting -- principles she'll bring to the Secretary of State's Office.



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Robin Smith
Secretary of State

The Contenders

★ Attorney General

Teresa Hensley, the Democratic Candidate for Missouri Attorney General, believes that Missouri's middle class is the backbone of our economy. As a champion for workers, she knows the best way to boost our middle class is to support working families.

Hensley is against anti-worker attacks like "Right to Work" and other policies that weaken employee bargaining, lower worker wages, and decrease worker benefits. Instead, she supports pro-working family policies that strengthen the middle class like, Missouri's Prevailing Wage law.

Hensley has devoted her career to ensuring that the law is carried out fairly for all Missourians. As Attorney General, she will seek to improve the lives and prosperity of Missouri families and will provide more opportunities for working families to get ahead.



Previously, Hensley served as Cass County Prosecuting Attorney from 2005 to 2014. With a strong law enforcement background, she is not only tough on crime but also has the ability to utilize innovative rehabilitative measures like alternative courts and treatment programs.

Hensley is the only candidate for Attorney General with 24 years of courtroom experience.

She has proven her dedication to protecting Missourians and locking up dangerous criminals.

She has received the Missouri Attorney General's Justice Award for Domestic Violence Prevention, and was selected by the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA) to serve as Chair of the Missouri DWI and Traffic Safety Best Practices Committee.

Hensley is also a family law mediator, and was a partner and practicing attorney for 14 years with the Hensley Law Firm in Raymore. She taught social studies at Leavenworth Public Schools in the Alternative Program and criminal law at William Jewell College.



Teresa Hensley
Attorney General



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udy Baker, the Democratic Candidate for Missouri State Treasurer, opposes attacks on Missouri's middle class working families.

She knows the financial struggles facing Missouri families and believes change is necessary throughout our state. She also knows that "Right to Work" only hurts the middle class and that's why she stands with workers and their families in the fight to stop Missouri from becoming a "Right to Work" state.

As our State Treasurer, she will make it easier for Missouri taxpayers to know how their money is being spent. Not only will she focus on increasing accountability but she will continue fighting for Missouri businesses, families, and consumers.

She believes the state's investments and financial incentives should be used to promote the development of every Missourian.

From 2005 to 2009, Baker served two terms as a Missouri State Representative for the 25th District. During that time she served as the ranking member of the budget, healthcare and education committees and voted to protect middle class families.

Through owning a small business and through her service as a state representative, Baker has led the fight to find innovative, meaningful solutions to problems facing Missouri.

The daughter of a public school teacher and a Navy veteran, Baker has devoted her entire career to improving the quality of life for Missouri families. She resides in Columbia with her husband, Dr. John Baker, a Baptist minister, and their children. As a former economics teacher, Baker has demonstrated a passion for educating the next generation to be more educated, and more financially and economically literate.

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Judy Baker
State Treasurer

In It to Win It

A Union Carpenter Takes on the Status Quo in St. Louis County

Last November voters in Missouri's 89th House District chose Republican Dean Plocher to replace State Representative John Diehl. Diehl, who had risen through the ranks to become House speaker, was forced to resign after getting caught in a scandal involving racy text messages and a teenage intern at the state Capitol. (Ironically, Diehl had replaced another lawmaker who also resigned in disgrace.)

Amid this backdrop of a scandal-plagued House seat, union carpenter Jack Schilligo (Local 97) says he is fed up with the politics-as-usual business of Jefferson City, especially the growing attacks on labor unions and middle class families.

With no prior elective experience, the 58-year-old decided to take on Plocher (former treasurer of Diehl's campaign committee) and try to bring some character and common sense to the job, for a change. "Plocher has only been in office since last year, so he's not a well-known established candidate," Schilligo says of his election opponent.

In his short time on the job, Plocher has followed in his predecessor's footsteps by supporting anti-worker legislation and standing against us on "Right to Work."

Running for public office is not for everyone. It takes dedication and a serious time commitment but in many ways, both large and small, citizens can become more active and involved. With its more than 20,000 members across Illinois, Missouri and Kansas the Carpenters Union has the potential to shape policies and strengthen the power of working families.

Elect MO Families, a committee formed in the wake of our RTW battle in Missouri, is recruiting members and non-members alike to run for office and work on grassroots campaigns that support working families. The only way we can truly - and more permanently - protect the middle class from greedy CEOs and corporations that ship jobs overseas is by electing leaders who will stand up for us and our values. Research and training is offered to potential candidates to ensure that they have the best possible shot at winning.

"We have an organization and process in place to assist members who may be considering running for office. The first step is reaching out to us to let us know your interest and then completing a candidate questionnaire through Elect Mo Families," says Mark Dalton, assistant political director for the Carpenters. "There's a lot that goes into this and it's not for everyone. It's a lot of hard work but for those who truly have the passion and are willing to work at it we can be a big help."

Schilligo, a 25-year member of the Carpenters, says he spends time each day either knocking on doors or on the phone raising money for his underdog crusade. He has gotten help and guidance from fellow Democratic candidates, some more seasoned at the art of campaigning, and from the Elect MO Families team.

Recognizing that his push is an uphill battle in a highly concentrated Republican stronghold, Schilligo still walks the neighborhoods and knocks on doors optimistic that this could be the shocker upset on Election Day.

But in a state where many legislative candidates are running unopposed, just being on the ballot counts as its own small victory. It's a step in the right direction.

Kudos to Jack for taking action and throwing his hat in the ring. And good luck on November 8th!

Do you know someone who would be a good candidate for public office who will stand with working families? We need more people who share our values and will stand up for working families to run for office at all levels of government, whether it's school board, city council, city alderman, county commission, state representative or state senate.

It starts with you!

Please help us by recruiting a friend (or even you!) to run for office. We'll be helping candidates by providing resources and assistance. When working families run, working families win! It's up to us to build a better future for Missouri.

For more information on how you can run for office or to find out what it takes, please contact www.electmofamilies.com.



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High turnout is expected in this landmark election.

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If you spot irregularities at the polls

**report it to your
election authority.**



Protect MO Families has recruited 21 Regional Captains to assist with campaign efforts in Missouri's battleground districts until the election on November 8. The Regional Captains have generously volunteered their time to assist key campaigns in outreach to voters. An important part of their role is finding dedicated carpenter members to volunteer and help with phone banks, door-to-door efforts, attending key campaign events and other critical outreach efforts as needed.

Since voter contact is the key to winning elections, the work of our Regional Captains is crucial to electing candidates who will stand with working families and oppose "Right to Work" and other attacks on Missouri workers.

Join us in thanking the Regional Captains volunteering their valuable time to elect candidates who will stand up for our families:

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Trump doesn't know the value of a trained, productive union member! Trump is 100% for Right-to-Work, which lowers your paycheck, means less job opportunities, and makes your work conditions more dangerous.

Can we count on you to be an active member and protect our Union?

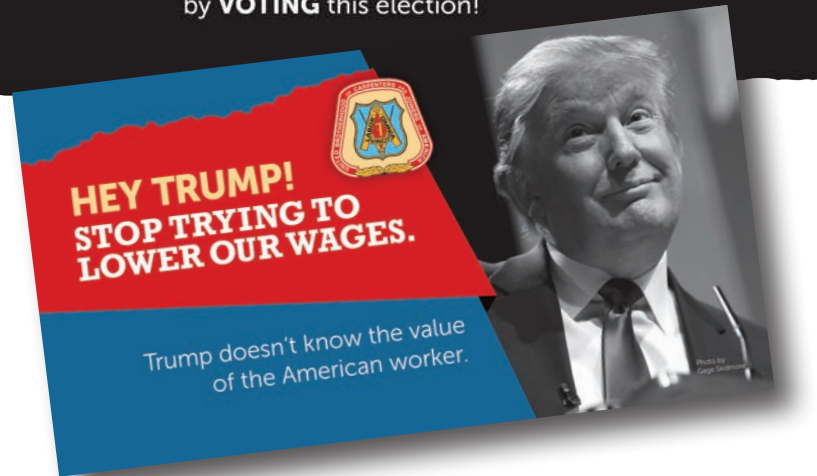
It's unfair and wrong to let non-union members gain the same benefits that you do without contributing their fair share!



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Don't Trump yourself.

Get the wages you deserve
by **VOTING** this election!



Despite a campaign that has marketed him as a champion of the working class, Donald Trump has a problem with middle class America — his own history.

Time and again “The Donald” has been called to task for what many see as the hypocrisy of his own words on the campaign trail versus the way his business interests are run.

While candidate Trump rails against corporations that ship jobs overseas to take advantage of cheap labor, Trump the businessman has had to awkwardly explain why his collection of clothing, cuff links, suits, etc. are manufactured in places like China and Bangladesh.

In Las Vegas, employees at his Trump International Hotel fought bitterly to get their union recognized, accusing Trump's management team of threatening, firing and retaliating against workers who tried to organize. Even as the presidential hopeful casts himself as a protector of the working man, hundreds of carpenters, painters, dishwasher and others who have done business with Trump companies over the years say he is notorious for stiffing his workers.

More than 3,000 lawsuits have been filed by individuals and small businesses attempting to collect on money they say Trump companies owed them but never paid. A common tactic is to tie up creditors in court for years, waiting for them to back down, settle for less money or simply collapse under mounting legal bills.

And then there is Trump's choice of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate.

Given Pence's long history of anti-labor positions, Trump's detractors point to this as a glimpse into the candidate's true intentions when it comes to working Americans.

Pence has supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, has a longstanding opposition to raising the federal minimum wage and as governor has defended Indiana's union-busting “Right to Work” law.

For a contender who claims to have widespread support among average, hard working Americans, picking Pence smacks of more of the same hypocrisy that Trump has displayed throughout his bid for the White House. And it's another reason so many believe Trump is someone who cannot be trusted.

“Hillary Clinton is a fighter and has consistently fought for our issues on many levels of government,” said UBC General President Douglas J. McCarron. “The UBC believes that, as President, she will govern based on her understanding of the critical role unions play in strengthening the middle class and our country.”





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