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Workers, families are focus of Harris-Walz agenda

Labor 2024

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Special to the Labor Review

MINNEAPOLIS — Steve Plieseis is general foreman at a sprawling Boston Scientific technology center in Maple Grove. The construction project he works at every day is among hundreds across Minnesota benefiting from \$6 billion in infrastructure funds approved for the state under the Biden-Harris administration. These projects are among the many reasons for labor's solid support behind the Harris-Walz presidential ticket.

Now the question is, what kind of economy would Kamala Harris build if she becomes president, Plieseis asked.

"I think a lot of people are

wondering what's next," said Plieseis, a 22-year member of Pipefitters Local 539. "Infrastructure is absolutely needed and it provides good paying jobs. But some people still aren't sure what she stands for. It doesn't help that [former vice president Donald] Trump continues to spread a vicious cycle of misinformation."

As the race to the White House kicks into high gear, Harris is forging a path that balances the pro-union legacy of President Joe Biden with her own agenda for the future.

Harris has won endorsements from the AFL-CIO, AFSCME, the American Federation of Teachers, North America's Building Trades Unions, SEIU, the United Auto Workers and nearly every major trade union in the nation.



Jean Hopfensperger photo

Steve Plieseis, member of Pipefitters Local 539, is general foreman at a job site in Maple Grove, one of hundreds of construction projects benefiting from \$6 billion in Biden-Harris infrastructure spending.

But while the Biden-Harris administration ushered in low unemployment and broad economic growth, its successes were

not top of the minds of voters. The cost of groceries, housing and inflation were priorities, polls showed. Harris and running

mate Governor Tim Walz say they are now making high living costs their top priority, too.

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AFL-CIO warns Trump-aligned Project 2025 puts target on unions

By Michael Moore, editor, Saint Paul Union Advocate

SAINT PAUL — Project 2025, the 920-page playbook for former President Donald Trump's potential return to the White House, spells disaster for union members, labor leaders and policy experts warn.

Written by a team of former Trump administration officials and funded by the conservative Heritage Foundation, Project 2025 provides a sprawling but detailed blueprint for how a sec-

ond Trump presidency would wield power.

Unions, labor standards and collective bargaining would be targets of that power, according to an analysis of the document by the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor federation.

"If you're a working person out there asking yourself who should I vote for, then ask, 'Does this Project 2025 make my life better?'" AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler said at a July 17 press conference during the Republican Na-

tional Convention in Milwaukee. "Would these extremists exterminate and eliminate my union?"

Shuler highlighted several objectives in Project 2025 that would undercut workers' power at the bargaining table and stifle their voice in the workplace.

The document calls for bans on public employee unions and on card check, which speeds up organizing drives by allowing employers to recognize majority support for a union without a National Labor Relations Board election.

Project 2025 also supports allowing employers to push decertification campaigns at any time, making it easier to wiggle out of their obligations to workers in the middle of a contract.

Project 2025 also takes aim at union workers' wages — Building Trades workers' wages, in particular.

It calls for a repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires construction companies to pay prevailing wages to workers on **PROJECT 2025 page 5**

Early voting begins September 20 for November 5 general election

MINNEAPOLIS — In Minnesota, any eligible voter may vote early for any reason.

Early voting for the November 5 general election began Friday, September 20 and continues through Tuesday, November 4.

For information about where and how to vote, including information about early voting, or to request an absentee ballot, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at mnvotes.org.

For city of Minneapolis residents, in-person early voting is available at the Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services office at 980 E. Hennepin Ave.

The office has free outdoor parking right outside and is accessible via Metro Transit bus routes 4, 25, and 61.

From September 20 through October 18, the office will be open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Beginning October 21, extended hours including weekend hours will be available there.

For voting information for city of Minneapolis residents, visit vote.minneapolismn.gov.

For Hennepin County residents, early voting is available beginning September 20 at local

election offices and at the skyway level of the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S. 6th St. in downtown Minneapolis. Early voting hours at Hennepin County Government Center will be weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. through October 25. Beginning October 26, extended hours and weekend hours will be available there.

For Hennepin County voting information, call 612-348-5151.

Labor 2024 campaign underway

Campaign sees exciting numbers of union members running for local elected office

By Chelsie Glaubitz Gabiou, President, Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation

It's finally here! Election season! Labor 2024, our member-to-member political program, is off to an exciting start.

Each day that union volunteers come through our offices or to our events you can just feel the sense of enthusiasm and optimism that they are carrying with them. I've never experienced a year like this with so much JOY.

Throughout the pages of the *Labor Review* and across our social media feed on Facebook, you will find reflections of what's on voters' minds and ways to volunteer with the Labor 2024 campaign.

If you haven't volunteered with the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation before, 2024 is a great year to start.

See page 3 for a schedule of upcoming "Days of Action" for weekend door-knocking opportunities across the metro area and for weekday phonebank opportunities here at the United Labor Centre.

Come with a friend, or come on your own. Whether you can join us for one volunteer shift or more, your participation can help make a difference. You'll get training and the opportunity to share why this year's election is so important to you, your family, and co-workers.

As if the excitement couldn't get any bigger, this year has been a banner year for union members running for local office! So many new faces are running for critical school board and city council races throughout our region that, if successful,

these candidates will significantly boost the number of union members whom we have elected to local office.

We have an IBEW member, **Jake Humphrey**, running for school board in St. Francis — a year after two education units there nearly went on strike over their contract campaigns.

Also in St. Francis, an AFSCME member, **Crystal Kreklow**, is taking her years of service protecting workers rights as her day job to the role of City Council member.

A LIUNA member, **Patrick Vescio**, who works in public housing, is running in Fridley for City Council and will bring deep knowledge about tenants rights and housing issues to that community.

A MAPE member, **Peter Butler**, who was critical in helping craft the statewide nursing standards board, is running for City Council to bring a new, young fresh face to leadership in Coon Rapids.

Our very own former MRLF board member and Minneapolis Federation of Teachers president, **Greta Callahan**, is running for school board, and will bring a strong voice for public education to south Minneapolis and the entire city.

And **Kim Nelson**, an industry expert on wage theft from the Carpenters union is running for City Council in Plymouth—a hotbed of development where her expertise will be an important voice.

So, lace up those shoes and charge those phones, and please JOIN us to be a part of our joyful year of politics in 2024!



See page 3 for a schedule for upcoming volunteer opportunities



City of Minneapolis residents can vote early at the Minneapolis Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave. Early voting there began September 20 and runs through November 4. For more Minneapolis voting information: vote.minneapolismn.gov.

MRLF endorses school funding ballot questions in five local school districts

MINNEAPOLIS — School funding questions on the November 5 ballot in five local school districts have received the endorsement of the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

The school districts seeking voter support for one or more ballot questions include: Fridley, Minneapolis, Prior Lake-Savage, Robbinsdale and Shakopee.

Due to shortfalls in state and federal

funding, an estimated 70 percent of local school districts in Minnesota rely on local voters to approve school funding ballot questions.

Early voting begins September 20.

Fridley

In the Fridley school district, two questions will be on the ballot. A proposed operating referendum to fund programs and services and limit budget cuts

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MRLF endorses for 14 races for local offices

MINNEAPOLIS — Meeting in-person at the United Labor Centre, delegates to the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO voted September 11 to approve 14 more endorsements for local elected office.

The endorsements include races for Hennepin County Commissioner, local city councils, and local school boards.

For local races, the MRLF endorsement is the AFL-CIO endorsement.

Hennepin County Commissioner: Lunde, Goettel, Edelson, Anderson

The MRLF endorsed four incumbents for Hennepin County Commissioner: Jeff

Lunde, District 1; Debbie Goettel, District 5; Heather Edelson, District 6; and Kevin Anderson, District 7. All four face a challenger.

Maple Grove City Council: Samba Fall, At Large

The MRLF endorsed Samba Fall for Maple Grove City Council, At Large. Two candidates will be elected. No incumbents are running.

Minneapolis School Board: Kim Ellison, At Large

The MRLF endorsed incumbent Kim Ellison for Minneapolis School Board, At Large

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'Welcome' to new Minneapolis Labor Review readers

As a member of a union affiliated with the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, you now are receiving a subscription to the monthly Minneapolis Labor Review. Several affiliates recently have updated their Labor Review mailing lists. For subscriber service, see page 11.

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Steve Share, Editor

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"The rights labor has won, labor must fight to protect."
—Floyd B. Olson, Minnesota Governor, 1930-1936

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Events

September 26: CTUL celebrates 17 years of building worker power with annual gala

MINNEAPOLIS — Worker center CTUL will celebrate its 17th anniversary with a fundraising gala Thursday, September 26 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Ave. So. in Minneapolis. Food, non-alcoholic drinks and a raffle will be available.

A basic ticket costs \$30, with a youth/student rate at \$18, and higher levels of

support at \$50 or \$100 per ticket.

CTUL is Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha — the Center of Workers United in Struggle. Worker-led CTUL empowers workers to gain a voice in their workplaces and win economic justice.

For tickets or more information, visit ctul.net.

October 1, 4, 5, 6: MN Orchestra performs score of 'Star Wars' with film on big screen

MINNEAPOLIS — Thrill to watching “Star Wars” on the big screen at Orchestra Hall while the Minnesota Orchestra performs the score live in concert.

This family-friendly experience welcomes the audience to cheer (or boo) at their favorite moments!

Performances will include Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Written and directed by George Lucas, “Star Wars: A New Hope” is the

original 1977 film in the Star Wars series and introduces favorites Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Hans Solo and others.

Sarah Hicks will conduct the Minnesota Orchestra in performing the iconic John Williams score. Orchestra musicians are members of Twin Cities Musicians Union Local 30-73.

The show will run 2 hours, 16 minutes including an intermission.

For more information or tickets, visit minnesotaorchestra.org. Kids get a 25 percent discount on most seats.

Begins October 2: St. Paul community ed offers class, 'Organizing in the Workplace'

SAINT PAUL — “Organizing in the Workplace” will be a new, five-session class offered by the St. Paul Public Schools community education program.

The class will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning October 2 at the East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier Street in Saint Paul.

The class will explore the historical development of the labor movement and also

introduce the nuts and bolts of how to form labor unions in modern day workplaces.

The instructors will be Carson Starkey, organizing director for the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, and Peter Rachleff, retired Macalester College history professor.

The registration fee is \$10.

To register, visit comm.ed.spps.org or call 651-767-8179.

'Fare For All' offers savings of 40 percent on groceries at monthly community pop-up

MINNEAPOLIS — Stretch your grocery dollars by visiting a community location for a Fare For All pop-up food sale, which offers discounted grocery packages.

Fare For All offers a savings of 40 percent on grocery items.

Fare For All's regular offerings include a produce pack for \$10, a mini meat pack for \$11, a mega meat pack for \$25. Other monthly specials also are available.

Fare For All is open to everyone and has no income requirements.

Cash, credit cards, debit cards, and EBT cards are accepted. Checks are not accepted. No need to call or register in

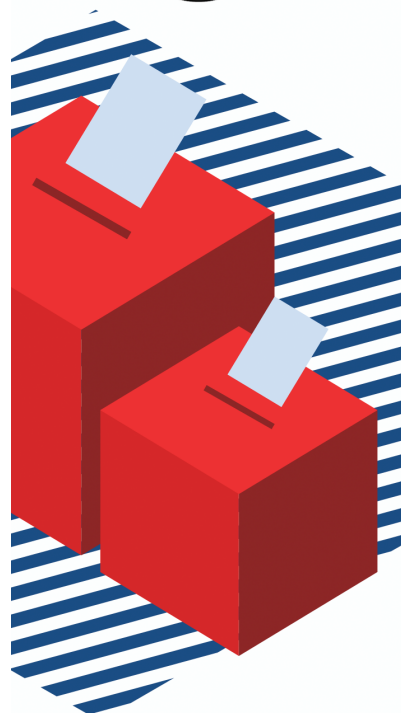
advance — just stop in to shop!

Here is the schedule for September for Fare For All's sites in the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation's seven-county region, listed alphabetically by city:

■ **Anoka, Thursday, October 24, 4:00–6:00 p.m.**, Zion Lutheran Church, 1601 S. 4th Ave.

■ **Blaine, Thursday, October 17, 3:00–5:00 p.m.**, Christ Lutheran Church, 641 89th Ave. NE.

■ **Bloomington, Friday, October 18, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. So. **FARE FOR ALL page 4**



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DAYS OF ACTION

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

9/28: **Anoka Hennepin Education MN**
3200 Main St. NW, #360, Coon Rapids

10/5: **Teamsters Local 120**
9422 Ulysses St. NE, Blaine

10/12: **Anoka Hennepin Education MN**
3200 Main St. NW, #360, Coon Rapids

10/26: **Shakopee West Middle School**
200 10th Ave. E., Shakopee

 **Weekly Recurring Volunteer Opportunities**

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from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday
Door Knock Launch at United Labor Centre
from 1:00-4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

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Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO Minneapolis Labor Review Editor and Communications Director

The Minneapolis Labor Review and the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation are excited to announce our search for a new multitasking communications specialist to join our team later this fall. This position will be responsible for telling the stories of today's labor movement for generations to come.

We are seeking individuals who can carry on the 117-year legacy of our print publication, the Minneapolis Labor Review. In a time of constantly changing news/communication strategies, we are looking for a leader who can manage systems change while still covering day to day production timelines and content creation for both print and online platforms.

Producing the Labor Review includes all stages of production, from writing the stories, designing the layout and soliciting the ads all the way to managing the mailing list and other logistics. All of this production happens while exciting worker-led, union-led activity is unfolding all around us daily—making our work to positively impact our members' online experiences just as critical.

The ideal candidate will have print publication design experience and strong skills in Adobe InDesign.

If you have a strong sense of commitment to social justice, are innovative and independently motivated and would like to learn more about this opportunity, please submit a short letter of inquiry to chelsie@minneapolisunions.org. Your letter should include a short summary of your relevant experience and what skills you would be excited to bring to our team.

Additional job posting details will be posted online at minneapolisunions.org as available.



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Events

September 22-28: MN Department of Labor plans 'Workplace Rights Week' campaign

SAINT PAUL — The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry plans a public information campaign for the week of September 22-28, "Workplace Rights Week." The week will include worksite visits by Department of Labor and Industry staff, online webinars, and a social media campaign, all serving to educate workers and employers about legal protections for workers in Minnesota.

Visit www.dli.mn.gov/rights-week to

learn more. There you can sign up for webinars or download a social media toolkit to help spread the message about "Workplace Rights Week."

The website also includes nine brief videos addressing topics including: employee wage notice; earned sick and safe time; minimum wage; paycheck deductions; personal care assistants (PCAs), home health care workers; pregnancy, parental rights; preventing wage theft.

October 17: Film screening will be part of 100th anniversary of Farmer-Labor movement

SAINT PAUL — A discussion and screening of 2022 documentary film, "The Farmer Labor Movement: A Minnesota Story" will be taking place Thursday, October 17, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St. in Saint Paul.

Artist Gita Ghei and her team will be taking ideas from the discussion for a

100th anniversary commemoration of the Farmer-Labor Movement.

The above screenings and discussions are hosted by the Farmer Labor Education Committee (FLEC), Labor Education Service at the University of Minnesota, and other community partners.

Visit farmerlaboreducation.org for more information.

Through November 8: Photo exhibit offers tribute to the ATU workers at Metro Transit

SAINT PAUL — The bus operators and light rail operators, mechanics and other members of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1005 who work at Metro Transit are the subject of a photo exhibit on display through November 8 at East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St., Saint Paul.

Local photographers Leslie Grant and Jeffrey Skemp attended union meetings, followed ATU members at work, and photographed members in their work en-

vironment. The exhibit also includes photos of ATU archives and historical photos of local public transit sites.

The artists said in a statement, "the erasure of labor runs through the history of photography. Our project, however, highlights workers and labor union members in order to insist on the importance of the visibility of labor in contemporary life."

Visit eastsidefreedomlibrary.org for more information.

Fare For All: Offers fresh produce packs and frozen meat packs, beginning at \$10-\$11

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■ **Buffalo, Tuesday, October 8, 4:00–6:00 p.m.**, Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Highway 25 South.

■ **Chaska, Thursday, October 24, 4:00–6:00 p.m.**, Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, 1141 Cardinal St.

■ **Fridley, Friday, October 25, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**, Fridley Community Center, 6085 7th Street NE.

■ **Golden Valley, Friday, October 25, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, Animal Humane Society, 845 Meadow Lane N.

■ **Hutchinson, Thursday, October 10, 3:30–5:30 p.m.**, Oak Heights Church, 1398 South Grade Road SW.

■ **Minneapolis, Tuesday, October 1, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, note new location: Mill City Church, 685 13th Ave. NE.

■ **New Hope, Wednesday, October 16, 3:00–5:00 p.m.**, St. Joseph Parish Center, 8701 36th Ave. N.

■ **Norwood Young America, Thursday, October 3, 3:00–5:00 p.m.**, All Saints Lutheran Church, 511 Merger St..

■ **Richfield, Tuesday, October 22, 1:00–3:00 p.m.**, Richfield Community Center, 7000 Nicollet Ave. So.

■ **St. Louis Park, Wednesday, October 16, 4:00–6:00 p.m.**, Vista Lutheran Church, 4003 Wooddale Ave. So.

See www.fareforall.org for more information and dates for all 30-plus locations.

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federally-funded projects.

Additionally, the document calls on federal agencies to stop bargaining project labor agreements — so-called “PLAs,” which set the terms and conditions of employment for construction projects before bidding begins — with unions. That would open the federal bidding process to low-wage, low-road contractors.

Other provisions in Project 2025 would be bad for union and non-union workers alike, from eliminating overtime protections to allowing states to set their own minimum wage below the federal rate. Child labor laws, unemployment insurance programs, the Occupational Health and Safety Administration — Trump’s allies aim to weaken them all, according to Project 2025.

Shuler said the document is a game plan for making it harder for workers to get ahead and stacking the deck in favor of Wall Street and wealthy CEOs.

She encouraged working people to ask themselves, “Will my life be better because Trump lets my company force me to work overtime?”

Learn more about Project 2025’s impact on workers at betterinaunion.org.

— PAI Union News Service contributed to this report.

AFL-CIO president joins Ellison’s Labor Day weekend picnic

By Michael Moore, editor,
Saint Paul Union Advocate

MINNEAPOLIS — Gathered beneath a picnic pavilion near Minnehaha Falls on the first Sunday of September, DFL and labor activists lunched on hamburgers and hot dogs as the nation’s highest-ranking labor leader, AFL-CIO president Liz Shuler, served up a reminder of the reason for the three-day weekend.

“We’re here because it’s Labor Day, and we’re putting the labor back in Labor Day because hard working people make this country hum,” Shuler said. “It’s not the last mattress sale of the year. It’s not the last barbecue of the year. It’s Labor Day, so let’s recognize and appreciate the dignity of work.”

Shuler was among several labor leaders and elected officials who took the microphone during Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison’s annual Labor Day weekend barbecue September 1 at Wabun Picnic Area.

Speakers paid tribute to working people, and they hailed recent political victories that have expanded the rights, benefits and protections Minnesotans enjoy on the job — “the best labor bills in the last half-century,” according to Representative Emma Greenman, a



National AFL-CIO president Liz Shuler spoke at Wabun Picnic Area September 1.

DFLer whose state house district includes Minnehaha Regional Park.

“We want to export what you have done here in Minnesota all over this country,” Shuler said.

More than anything else, though, speakers tried to fire up the faithful for the last two months of campaigning before Election Day November 5.

Labor and party organizers are hoping to deliver the state’s electoral votes to Vice President Kamala Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Governor

‘We want to export what you have done here in Minnesota all over this country.’

—Liz Shuler,
AFL-CIO president

Tim Walz. They also want to preserve the “DFL trifecta” responsible for the state’s new pro-worker laws, with control of all 134 Minnesota House seats and a tiebreaking Minnesota Senate seat up for grabs.

“This year is the ballgame,” Greenman said. “It’s not just democracy on the ballot, but who we are and what we believe are on the ballot.”

For several union members in attendance, Ellison’s barbecue hit a sweet spot by blending labor solidarity and political energy.

Daniel Amyx, a member of the Min-
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Labor 2024: The Race for the White House

Harris-Walz: In Minnesota, running on \$6 billion federal infrastructure investment

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“Bring down costs”

In a much-publicized campaign speech in North Carolina last month, Harris acknowledged that in spite of the nation’s strong economic growth “many Americans don’t yet feel that progress in their daily lives.” She rolled out her plans to “bring down costs” and ease the strain.

They include up to \$25,000 in downpayment assistance for first-time home-buyers, and tax breaks for builders who construct starter homes. To help young families, she promoted \$6,000 in tax relief to low and middle-income families to support their newborns during their first year. She also pledged to restore a \$3,600 child tax credit for other preschoolers.

To help workers keep more of their wages, Harris vowed to cut taxes for lower and middle class workers, and exempt tips from federal income tax. (Trump also pledged to end taxes on tips.) She said she would lower drug prices for Medicare recipients. She suggested a federal ban on corporate price gouging by major food producers and grocers — an idea which quickly generated controversy.

“Costs are still too high,” Harris said during the August 15 rally. “And on a deeper level, for too many people, no matter how much they work, it feels so hard to just be able to get ahead.”

All the measures would require approval by Congress.

For union members such as Plieseis, the Harris proposals hit close to home.



LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota photo

He said his son recently endured the “long and difficult journey” of finding an affordable starter home, which he says “don’t seem to exist.” And his daughter has a newborn and is coming to grips with the enormous cost of fulltime child-care, which averages \$12,200 a year for preschoolers in Minnesota, state reports show.

“I’d agree with it all,” he said of the Harris agenda, especially the price gouging plan. “If you want to point to something driving inflation, it’s that.”

In contrast, two days before Harris shared her plans, Trump addressed a crowd in North Carolina during a speech billed as his economic plans. He said energy prices were driving up the cost of

living, and he would cut energy and electricity prices by “unlocking new lands for drilling” and cutting regulations on energy production. He claimed he would cut energy prices “by at least half” within 18 months of taking office.

But strangely, Trump added: “If it doesn’t work out, you’ll say, ‘oh well, I voted for him and he still got it down a lot.’”

Trump promised to extend his 2017 tax cuts scheduled to expire after 2025, which most strongly benefited high income households and corporations. He would impose sweeping new tariffs on imported goods to the United States, which economists say would lead to higher prices for American consumers. He supports ending taxes on Social Security and tips. He also spent considerable time insulting Harris and arguing that the economy is in ruins.

Both Trump and Harris plans would require billions of dollars in funding, which has not yet been clearly identified.

Many workers are still waiting to reap the benefits of Trump’s tax cuts and policies.

“My taxes went up since he [Trump] gave me a ‘tax break,’” said Paul Batsche, assistant business manager at Pipefitters Local 539. “I had to dig into my savings to pay them.” Batsche said further of Trump: “He’s filed for bankruptcy a couple times. He’s stiffed people who worked for him. He’s not for the middle class.”

“For the past four years, working people have had a champion in the White House,” emphasized Kris Fredson, public affairs director for LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota. “It will be large corporations and the rich that have champions if Trump is elected.”

The Biden-Harris infrastructure projects will roll out over the next decade, creating good-paying jobs for laborers, electricians, sheet metal workers, carpenters and other trades, as well as launching and sustaining the careers of the many apprentices whose hiring is part of the package.

Photo, left: John Kappedahl-O’Brien, a decade-long member of LIUNA Local 563, says the projects’ impacts on labor and communities can’t be overestimated.

In Minnesota: \$6 billion, 450 projects

The Biden-Harris labor legacy is an ongoing gift to the Harris campaign on many levels. Perhaps the most visible are the high-profile projects funded by the infrastructure law.

Walk by the historic Stone Arch Bridge in Minneapolis and you’ll see construction crews repairing the walls and bottom arches. Rush through the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, and you’ll find the north gate and passenger bridges being built. Drive on any number of highways and see bulldozers widening the roads. If you’re heading to the North Shore, it’s hard to miss the massive \$1 billion rebuild of the bridge connecting Duluth to Superior Wisconsin, which typically serves 33,000 cars a day.

So far 457 Minnesota projects have received funding, typically part of broader government funding and/or corporate investments. More will roll out in the years ahead. John Kappedahl-O’Brien, a decade-long member of LIUNA Local 563, says the projects’ impacts on labor and communities can’t be overestimated.

“It’s a win-win situation,” said Kappedahl-O’Brien, a labor foreman at the Sherco solar energy project in Becker, which when completed, will be the largest in Minnesota.

For starters, about 350 union members now have jobs at the Sherco solar project with good paying wages and benefits, he said, and there will be more in the future. Those wages support their families and flow to local businesses. The solar plant, when completed, is slated to produce power for 100,000 area

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The Harris-Walz agenda to cut costs for workers and families

Affordable Housing: Up to \$25,000 downpayment assistance for first-time home-buyers. Tax breaks for home builders who build starter homes for first-time buyers and/or affordable rental housing. Restrict tax breaks for corporate investors that buy up homes.

Child-Rearing: \$6,000 in tax relief to low and middle-income families to support newborns during their first year. Up to \$3,600 child tax credit per child for older children.

Drug Prices: Lower prices of more prescription drugs for people on Medicaid.

Grocery Prices: A federal ban on price gouging by major food producers and grocers, giving states attorney generals the authority to investigate corporations and levy penalties.

Taxes: Tax cuts to the middle class. Federal income tax exemption on tips.

Wages: Raise the federal minimum wage, which has been \$7.25 an hour since 2009.

All measures require approval by Congress.

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Harris-Walz: Minnesota labor leaders urged Harris to name Tim Walz as running mate

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homes, lowering homeowners' energy bills. And all this is happening with renewable energy.

"But if the next administration doesn't want renewable clean energy, they might put an axe to this," said Kappedahl-O'Brien. "That's what I'm worried about."

The Biden-Harris infrastructure projects will roll out over the next decade, creating good-paying jobs for laborers, electricians, sheet metal workers, carpenters and other trades, as well as launching and sustaining the careers of the many apprentices whose hiring is part of the package.

"Biden and Harris are the reasons the infrastructure spending bill passed," said Fredson. "We need to make sure Harris is in the White House so those investments will continue. Kamala Harris will pick up where Joe Biden left off in terms of being a champion for working people."

Trump had campaigned on a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan in his bid for the White House in 2016. But his plan never got off the ground. As President Biden likes to say: "Donald Trump promised infrastructure every week for four years and he never built a damn thing."

The Walz effect

Minnesota labor leaders like to think they may have played a small part in getting Minnesota Governor Tim Walz on the Democratic ticket, a choice that has galvanized labor support in Minnesota and across the country. As Harris was evaluating her running-mate contenders, more than 25 state union leaders signed an open letter "To Whom it May Concern," urging Harris to choose Walz as her ticket's vice president. The two-page letter, sent July 29, ends:

"Governor Tim Walz should be the next vice president of the United States. He has a biography and legislative accomplishments that deliver key states. He will walk into any forum as an effective spokesperson for working people. He has a demonstrated talent for exposing the opposition as liars, race-baiters and just plain "weird" (his word). Finally, we know him well enough to say he will be a trustworthy and loyal counselor to President Harris and her administration."

A dozen of those labor leaders then held a press conference at the state capitol, arguing the same.

"Interesting enough, he got chosen," said Jim Gleb, recently retired president of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1189, who was among those who



Minnesota AFL-CIO photo

Minnesota labor leaders gathered at Minneapolis-St. Paul airport on Labor Day for a meeting with Governor Tim Walz, who is now criss-crossing the country as Kamala Harris's running mate. Harris's choice of Walz for the Democrats' vice-president slot has galvanized labor support nationally for the Harris-Walz ticket. "People are excited," said Jim Gleb, recently retired president of St. Paul-based United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1189. "Together they [Harris and Walz] make a fantastic ticket and a stark contrast to the doom and gloom of Trump."

signed the letter and attended the press conference." We thought he'd be a good choice. He's done so many things for this state that are important. It would be nice to see that happening around the country."

Gleb was among upbeat union volunteers at the Minnesota State Fair labor pavilion last month, which is across the street from the Democratic Farmer Labor Party building. The DFL building was so popular it was running out of merchandise, he said.

"People are excited," Gleb said. "Together they (Harris and Walz) make a fantastic ticket and a stark contrast to the doom and gloom of Trump."

For rank and file workers, especially those who weren't particularly enthused about the Harris candidacy, Walz has provided a measure of reassurance to the ticket, union members said. He brings a familiar face, familiar values. He was the guy comfortable showing up at union picnics, conferences and rallies. He brought the known to an unknown, unexpected ticket.

Harris is a strong candidate in her

own right, stressed Andy Snope, political director at International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 292. She provides continuity with the current administration and adds her own stamp to the Democratic agenda. Plus she's injected a blast of energy into the presidential race.

"I've had more and more phone calls and emails asking for Harris-Walz T-shirts, lawn signs, swag," Snope said. "I've seen a significant uptick in excitement among members. Not everyone can be persuaded. But with people who were undecided or not sure what to do, she [Harris] has definitely helped us."

That enthusiasm was clear at one of the many watch parties for the Harris-Trump debate September 10. At least 60 members of the Minnesota Nurses Association gathered at its St. Paul headquarters to watch the debate on big screens with colleagues. They cheered for Harris' explanation of her policies, such as reproductive rights, and groaned over Trump's most ridiculous statements.

Joseph Steiger was among them. A nurse at North Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis, he said policies such as

raising the minimum wage, tax breaks for child care, and housing were top concerns. He, and others, said it's difficult for patients to focus on recovery if they're worried about how they'll pay for the treatment, how they will pay their rent, who will take care of their children if they're not able.

Not only did Trump not talk about these important issues, he rambled off into truly odd territory.

"One of the craziest things he said is that we will kill freshly-born babies," said Steiger, a union member for three years. "He was unhinged."

Chidinma Nwanekpe, a nurse at Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul and 18-year union member, said the debate was a reality check for voters. It was critical for Americans to see the two candidates side by side, she said, because a lot of people can't tell the difference between what he [Trump] says and what are the facts.

"A lot of people don't know what he [Trump] stands for," said Nwanekpe. "People need to get educated."

This story is part two of a three-part series reported for the Labor Review by Jean Hopfensperger, a retired member of the Minnesota Newspaper Guild who worked 35 years as a reporter at the Star Tribune.

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Minnesota State Fair Labor Pavilion

FALCON HEIGHTS — Another Minnesota State Fair closed out summer with days filled with friends, family, food and fun.

Located at the corner of Dan Patch and Cooper, the Minnesota AFL-CIO Labor Pavilion at the Minnesota State Fair featured free live music performed daily by members of the Twin Cities Musicians Union plus information kiosks staffed by union volunteers.

Visitors to the Labor Pavilion also got the opportunity to play “Union Bingo” and win prizes.

Photos by Brad Sigal



Photo, left: The Labor Pavilion host for the day September 1 was Eric Morris, member of the SAG-AFTRA Twin Cities Local. He engaged the crowd in trying their hand at “Union Bingo” with the chance to win a prize.



Photo, right: Members of the Minnesota Nurses Association who volunteered at the MNA kiosk included Jennifer Feldhamer, member for 8-1/2 years and nurse at United Hospital, and Emily Sippola, 21-year member and nurse at United Hospital.



Photo, left: Sermoune Blaylock, home care worker and member since 2018 of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota & Iowa.

Photo, right: Four members of National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 9 staffed a shift at NALC’s kiosk, including: Joe Tiemann, executive vice president of Branch 9; Andrew Hagen, Branch 9 steward out of the Loring station; Mary Weitz, retired 10 years after 34 years of service as a Branch 9 member; Patricia Webb, steward out of the Burnsville post office and 6-year member of Branch 9.



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nesota Nurses Association who works at the nearby Veterans Administration Medical Center, attended with his son Tycho, who is looking to pursue a career in the union construction trades.

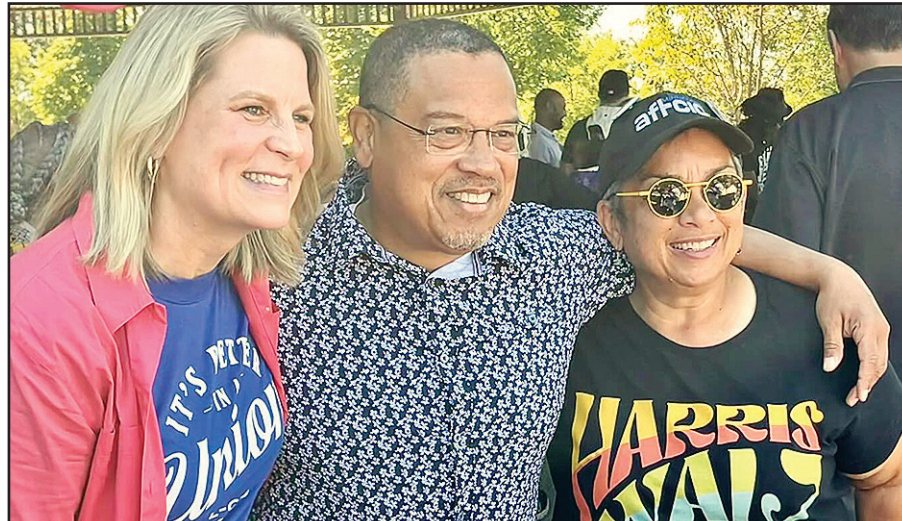
“I’m an admirer of Keith Ellison, and I’m a big admirer of labor because a rising tide lifts all boats,” Amyx said. “Labor is key to improving working conditions for everyone, not just union members.”

Mitchell Clendenen, a member of LIUNA Local 363, said Labor Day took on a new significance this year after he and fellow Minneapolis parks workers went on strike for 22 days in July. The strike succeeded in delivering higher wage increases and keeping anti-union terms out of the contract — proof that “there is power in solidarity,” Clendenen said.

“We had so many community members and other people in the labor movement come and join us on the picket line,” he added. “So now I really feel like part of this day, that it’s something to celebrate.”

But not all union members at the event came to celebrate.

Minnesota Workers United, a solidarity group of organized and unorganized workers, staged a demonstration outside Ellison’s barbecue. Holding pro-Palestinian signs and flags, members called on



AFL-CIO photo

Left to right: AFL-CIO president Liz Shuler, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, Minnesota AFL-CIO president Bernie Burnham.



Left to right: Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation president Chelsie Glaubitz Gabiou, St. Paul Regional Labor Federation president Kera Peterson, Liz Shuler.

the attorney general, who sits on the State Board of Investment (SBI), to push for divestment from Israel in response to the war in Gaza, which has killed more than 40,000.

Many labor unions, including the AFL-CIO, have called for a ceasefire in Gaza and return of the hostages seized by Hamas in its October 7 attack on Israel, while stopping short of calls for divestment.

Anthony Taylor-Gouge, a union organizer and member of Minnesota Workers United, said the protesters hoped “to engage in good faith conversation and education about why Palestine is a labor issue.”

“For us, labor solidarity is international,” he said, noting that Palestinian trade unions have called for an arms embargo on Israel. “Why are our public sector labor unions’ pensions invested in weapons manufacturers?”

Ellison acknowledged the protesters during his program and said he met with Taylor-Gouge and other organizers earlier to discuss their concerns. They could be seen meeting with another member of the SBI, State Auditor Julie Blaha, during the barbecue.

“These guys are trying to raise an important issue that we all have to focus on,” Ellison said. “I also absolutely condemn what happened on October 7 to 1,200 Israelis. We want to see a cease fire and return of the hostages, and we want Palestinian rights protected, defended and brought back.”

Retiree Meetings

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your union retiree group is meeting in-person or online, and you want to share that information, or if you have other important announcements, contact the editor at laborreview@minneapolisunions.org or 612-715-2667.

Minneapolis Regional Retiree Council: Monthly meeting coming October 17

The next regular monthly meeting of the Minneapolis Regional Retiree Council, AFL-CIO will be a hybrid meeting — in person and by Zoom — Thursday, October 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided for people at the in-person meeting after the meeting adjourns. The in-person meeting will be in Room 218 at the United Labor Centre, 312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis.

Parking is available at the Saint Anthony Public Parking Ramp (at the corner of 2nd St. SE and University Ave. SE), across University from the United Labor Centre building. The ramp recently moved to a new payment method, so contact Graeme Allen for more information about parking reimbursement.

To request the Zoom link for the October 17 meeting, or for more information about the Council, contact Graeme Allen, community and political organizer for the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, at 612-481-2144 or e-mail graeme@minneapolisunions.org.

ATU Local 1005 Retirees: Meet first Wednesday of the month

The Southside Retirees of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1005 are now meeting for breakfast the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the Richfield VFW, 6715 Lake Shore Drive South, Richfield.

Carpenters Retirees:

Next meeting October 31

Carpenters Retirees will meet Thursday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m. at the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters union hall, 710 Olive Street, St. Paul. Lunch follows the meeting. The meetings will continue through October on the last Thursday of each month.

IBEW Local 292 Retirees:

‘Senior Sparkies’ will meet October 8

The IBEW Local 292 Retirees — “Senior Sparkies” — will meet Tuesday, October 8 at IBEW Local 292’s union hall, 6700 West Broadway Ave. in Brooklyn Park. A buffet lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. We will be having a guest speaker.

For more information, contact the IBEW Local 292 office at 612-379-1292.

Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Chapter 59:

Enjoy “Learning, Linking & Lunch” October 22

The Retired Minneapolis Educators’ 2024-2025 calendar offers monthly “Learning, Linking & Lunch” meetings. We will meet Tuesday, October 22 and Tuesday, December 3 from 10 am to 12 noon and then have lunch.

New 2024 retirees are invited to join us Tuesday, October 22 for a FREE LUNCH at the MFT office, 67- 8th Ave. NE across from Boom Island Park. The guest speakers will be Minnesota Senate District 45 candidate Ann Johnson-Stewart and retiring Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association executive director Jay Stoffel.

For more information, e-mail RTC59info@gmail.com.

Minnesota Nurses Association Retirees:

CARn will meet October 9

The Council of Active Retired Nurses (CARn) will meet Wednesday, October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Minnesota Nurses Association, 345 Randolph Ave., St. Paul.

CARn meets the second Wednesday of the month. Future meeting dates for 2024 include: November 13, December 11.

All retired members of the Minnesota Nurses Association are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Barb Martin at jimbarbmartin@aol.com.

Pipefitters Local 539 Retirees:

‘Fazed Out Fitters’ meet third Wednesday

Pipefitters Local 539 retirees — the “Fazed Out Fitters” — meet the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at Elsie’s, 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis. New members welcome.

Plumbers Local 15 Retirees:

Meet the third Tuesday of each month

All retired Plumbers Local 15 members are invited to attend retiree meetings, continuing the third Tuesday of every month at 12 noon at Elsie’s Restaurant, Bar & Bowling Center, 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis (corner of Marshall and 8th Ave.). For more information, contact the Local 15 office at 612-333-8601.

Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 Retirees:

‘Rusty Tinnners’ meet October 8

The Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 “Rusty Tinnners” retirees club will meet Tuesday, October 8 at the Maplewood union hall, 1681 E. Cope Ave. A pot luck salad lunch begins at 12 noon followed by the meeting at 1:00 p.m. If available, one of our business agents and/or someone from the benefits office will share updates and answer questions.

All retired Sheet Metal workers and spouses are welcome to our monthly meetings. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, September through December and March through May.

AFSCME Local 999:

Workers, community protest closing of affordable housing and shelter

Members of AFSCME Local 999, together with other unions and community supporters, have mobilized in response to a threat to close a facility operated by Agate Housing & Services which provides 42 emergency shelter beds, 90 low income single room occupancy housing units and an adjacent free meal program. About 20 members of AFSCME Local 999 face layoffs.

Agate offers the housing at 510 S. 8th Street in downtown Minneapolis, where AFSCME Local 999 and supporters organized an informational picket August 28.

Local 999 president reported Emery Brush reported September 11: "Because of the picket we held, the City Council put forward a proposal to provide \$1.5 million in emergency funding, which is contingent on Agate finding the other \$1.5 million they need. Currently we are working to contact the county and pressure them to provide that other half."

In the meantime, Brush said, the housing facility will close for emergency repairs and staff will be laid-off.

Brush said another nonprofit, Involve Minnesota, was preparing to rent the food facility space, re-hire the current cooks, and continue to offer free meals there.

Minnesota Newspaper Guild: Second annual member picnic planned September 29

Members of the Minnesota Newspaper and Communications Guild, Guild retirees and their families are invited to the union's second annual picnic, Sunday, September 29.

The event will run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Wabun Picnic Area, Shelter B, located at 4655 46th Ave. S. in Minneapolis (enter from Godfrey Parkway north of the main pavilion at Minnehaha Falls Regional Park just before the Ford Ave. Bridge).

Enjoy games and prizes and giveaways.

Hennepin County AFSCME locals rally to urge funding for public services and fair wages



MINNEAPOLIS — AFSCME's Hennepin County locals rallied outside the Hennepin County Government Center September 10, calling both for adequate funding and staffing for the county's programs and for fair wages and benefits for county workers. Speakers included paralegal Kearraih Zayzay (at podium).

The union will provide burgers and non-alcoholic beverages.

Sign-up to bring potluck food items to complete the meal when submitting your RSVP at tinyurl.com/2024guildpicnic.

Sprinkler Fitters Local 417: Union, contractors install sprinkler system for family rebuilding home

A St. Paul area family who lost their home to a fire just before Christmas last year will sleep easier in their newly-rebuilt home — thanks to a new sprinkler system.

Sprinkler Fitters Local 417 and the Minnesota Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association joined together to install a residential sprinkler system into the family's home as it was being rebuilt.

Local 417 fitters donated their time to install the sprinklers and local fire protection contractors — Viking Automatic Sprinkler Company and Nasseff Mechanical — donated their services to design and coordinate the project.

Local 417 business agent Craig Bistodeau and Local 417 Sprinkler Fitters Johnny Herlofsky and Nate Christy performed the installation work.

Reliable Sprinkler, a national fire sprinkler manufacturer with an office in Roseville, donated most of the materials for the project.

UNITE HERE Local 17: Downtown hotel workers seek fair contracts

Members of UNITE HERE Local 17 who work at two downtown Minneapolis hotels are in the midst of campaigns seeking fair contracts.

Negotiations are underway at the Marquette Hotel, 710 Marquette Avenue (in the IDS Center) and the Lofton Hotel, 601 First Avenue North (across the street from Target Center). Altogether, the contracts cover about 200 workers.

Lofton Hotel workers voted down a company proposal with 93 percent voting no, Local 17 announced August 16.

September 9 a building security guard maced Lofton hotel workers during a peaceful rally, the union reported on Facebook. "We're fighting for our families — we won't be intimidated or back down," the union said.

Marquette Hotel workers walked an informational picket line September 5.

UNITE HERE Local 17:

Union files unfair labor practice charges against Kim's for shutdown

Kim's restaurant in Uptown closed suddenly August 26, prompting UNITE HERE Local 17 to file unfair labor practice charges against restaurant operator Vestalia Hospitality with the National Labor Relations Board.

The August 26 closing came two months and one day after Kim's workers had voted June 27 to unionize with Local 17 in a NLRB election. About 65 percent of the workers had voted in favor, despite a persistent anti-union campaign by the employer (*Labor Review*, July 27, 2024).

The closing impacts about 60 cooks, dishwashers, servers, bartenders and support staff.

At a first official contract bargaining session after the union vote, August 22, management announced they would close the restaurant August 30.

Workers submitted a proposal regarding pay outs and hiring priority for other Vestalia restaurants to the company the next day and asked for a response by August 27.

August 27, the company did not respond to the proposal but did shock employees by notifying them that the previous night, August 26, had been the last night of service at Kim's — a restaurant offering Korean-American cuisine at 1432 W. 31st St.

Vestalia Hospitality also operates Young Joni, Pizzeria Lola and Hello Piz-za.

"From asking for recognition to the election period and now the closure, we've had to fight like hell for the bare minimum from Ann Kim and Vestalia. It's beyond disrespectful, it's disgusting," said Alice Kolder, Kim's back of house supervisor. "Why did the company close Kim's before we'd even had a chance to share our bargaining proposals? Why won't they commit to basic decency to the people Ann Kim called 'family'? We're committed, talented workers. If the closure isn't about busting the union or punishing union supporters, there's no excuse not to hire us at Young Joni, Pizzeria Lola, or Hello Pizza or put us on preferential hiring lists until spots open up."

"Restaurants can't just discard their workers after they stand up and fight for their rights. Restaurant workers deserve a hell of a lot better than the way we've seen them treated... There needs to be accountability," said Sheigh Freeberg, secretary treasurer of UNITE HERE Local 17.

The Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation's community services arm, Working Partnerships, is providing emergency financial assistance to Kim's workers.

Next deadline: October 2.

Pipefitters Local 539

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Dues Reminder

Please remember to pay your January-June 2024 dues. You are able to pay online for your dues on the Pipefitters website. You do not need to log in to do so.

Vote by November 5

The General Election is Tuesday, November 5. Early in-person voting begins Friday, September 20. For voting information, visit the MN Secretary of State's website at mnvotes.org.

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Endorsed: Jake Humphrey, member of IBEW Local 292, runs for St. Francis school board

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Large. Ellison is seeking a fourth term on the board. Ellison led the three-way primary contest with 57 percent of the vote.

Osseo School Board:

Cochran, Tate, Walton

The MRLF endorsed three candidates for Osseo School Board: Tekoa Cochran, Keith Tate, and Kelsey Dawson Walton. Three candidates are to be elected. None of the three incumbents whose seats are up are running for re-election.

Ramsey City Council:

Kirsten Buscher, At Large

The MRLF endorsed Kirsten Buscher for Ramsey City Council, At Large. The incumbent is not running.

Robbinsdale School Board:

Bassett, Evans-Becker, Hillenbrand

The MRLF endorsed three candidates for Robbinsdale School Board: incumbent Helen Bassett, incumbent Greta Evans-Becker, and Aviva Hillenbrand. Bassett is a MAPE member. Evans-Becker is a retired Education Minnesota member. Three candidates are to be elected.

St. Francis School Board:

Jake Humphrey

The MRLF endorsed IBEW Local 292 member Jake Humphrey for St. Francis School Board.

The seats of four incumbents are up for election and four candidates are to be elected. Only one of the four incumbents is seeking re-election.

Schools

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would have an estimated \$130 per year tax impact on a \$250,000 home in the community. A proposed bond renewal would address deferred maintenance needs and would not result in an increase in taxes.

Minneapolis

The Minneapolis Public Schools seek voter support for a technology levy.

The ballot question asks voters to repeal an existing technology levy and replace it with one that would provide an additional \$20 million annually for 10 years. The tax impact would be approximately \$8 per month for a \$350,000 home. For more information, visit www.yesformplskids.org.

Prior Lake-Savage

The Prior Lake-Savage school ballot question will revoke an existing operating levy and replace it with a new levy. The new levy would yield an additional \$10.8 million in the first year.

The district would dedicate the funds

to a wide range of purposes, including maintaining class sizes, adding teaching specialists, school counselors and school psychologists, expanding career pathway programs, and improving school security. According to the school district, "the tax impact on a \$445,500 home would be an additional \$45 per month." For more information, visit www.plsas.org/about-us/levy-2024.

Robbinsdale

The Robbinsdale Public Schools seek voter support to renew a technology levy passed by voters in 2014. According to the district, the same tax rate will be maintained while "the renewed levy will dedicate nearly two-thirds of the funds to technology and one-third to providing safety and security upgrades to district schools." For more information, visit www.rdale.org/discover/rdale-2024-capital-projects-levy-referendum.

Shakopee:

The Shakopee Public Schools seek voter support to renew a technology levy first passed in 2015. According to the district, the levy would renew at the same tax rate. For more information, visit www.shakopee.k12.mn.us/Page/11135.

IBEW Local Union 292 Minneapolis Electrical Workers

Continuing Education

The Minneapolis Electrical JATC's Continuing Education registration is now open. Visit their website at www.mplsjatc.org. Click on the "Continuing Ed" registration link and log in to your account. You can also register in-person at the JATC in St. Michael during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. More classes will be added throughout the year. Check the website and class list frequently for additional classes and changes to classes.

See you at the General Membership Meeting, 5:30 p.m. on the Second Tuesday

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Committee On Political Education: 2024 Endorsements

**President & Vice President
of the United States:**

**Kamala Harris
& Tim Walz**

U.S. Senator:

Amy Klobuchar

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Philadelphia, August 6: Vice President Kamala Harris named Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her running mate.

General Election: Tuesday, November 5
Early voting begins September 20

U.S. Congress, 1st District:
Rachel Bohman

U.S. Congress, 2nd District:
Angie Craig

U.S. Congress, 3rd District:
Kelly Morrison

U.S. Congress, 4th District:
Betty McCollum

U.S. Congress, 5th District:
Ilhan Omar

U.S. Congress, 8th District:
Jen Schultz

Minnesota House of Representatives

Matt Norris	32B	Cheryl Youakim	46B
Brian Raines	34A	Lucy Rehm	48B
Melissa Hortman	34B	Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn	49B
Zack Stephenson	35A	Julie Greene	50A
Kari Rehrauer	35B	Steve Elkins	50B
Janelle Calhoun	36A	Michael Howard	51A
Kristin Bahner	37B	Nathan Coulter	51B
Huldah Hiltzley	38A	Brad Tabke	54A
Samantha Vang	38B	Jess Hanson	55A
Erin Koegel	39A	Fue Lee	59A
Sandra Feist	39B	Esther Agbaje	59B
Ned Carroll	42A	Sydney Jordan	60A
Ginny Klevorn	42B	Mohamud Noor	60B
Cedrick Frazier	43A	Jamie Long	61B
Mike Freiberg	43B	Aisha Gomez	62A
Tracy Breazeale	45A	Anquam Mahamoud	62B
Patty Acomb	45B	Samantha Sencer-Mura	63A
Larry Kraft	46A	Emma Greenman	63B

Minnesota Senate District 45 Special Election

Special Election, November 5, 2024

Ann Johnson Stewart

Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation Committee On Political Education: 2024 Endorsements

Anoka County Commissioner:

Betsy O'Berry, District 1
Mike Gamache, District 5
Julie Jeppson, District 6
Mandy Meisner, District 7

Brooklyn Park City Council:

Tony McGarvey, West District

Columbia Heights Mayor:

Amáda Márquez Simula

Columbia Heights City Council:

Laurel Deneen, At Large

Columbus City Council:

Rob Busch, At Large

Coon Rapids City Council:

Peter Butler, Ward 2
Christopher Geisler, Ward 4

Fridley City Council:

Patrick Vescio, At Large



Hennepin County Commissioner:

Jeffrey Lunde, District 1
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Heather Edelson, District 6
Kevin Anderson, District 7

Maple Grove City Council:

(Elect 2)
Samba Fall, At Large

Minneapolis School Board:

Greta Callahan, District 6
Kim Ellison, At Large

Osseo School Board:

(Elect 3)

Tekoa Cochran
Keith Tate
Kelsey Dawson Walton

Plymouth City Council:

Kim Nelson, Ward 1

Ramsey City Council:

Kirsten Buscher, At Large

Robbinsdale School Board:

(Elect 3)

Helen Bassett
Greta Evans-Becker
Aviva Hillenbrand

St. Francis City Council:

Crystal Kreklow

St. Francis School Board:

(Elect 4)

Jake Humphrey

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This list of candidates current as of September 11, 2024. For updates: www.minneapolisunions.org

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