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To: Council 57 PAC Committee, Local Presidents and Staff
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Re: Not the best day for us

Below are some results from key races in yesterday's Primary election. It certainly wasn't the best day for public employees and union members in California. There were a few very painful losses at the ballot box. However, the majority of Council 57's endorsed candidates and measures either won outright or will advance to the November General Election.

Pensions were the big issue across the state. Despite a recent LA Times poll showing public support for pensions, we were unsuccessful in turning around two measures to take away pension benefits for city workers in San Jose and San Diego. In Contra Costa County, a Board of Supervisors candidate running on a platform to "stop pension abuses" trounced our preferred candidate. This person will now make decisions over AFSCME members' contracts, county policies, and budgets that effect jobs, paychecks, and quality of life in the communities where we live and work. There is nothing that better illustrates why workers should be involved in political action, and I encourage more of you to find time to volunteer with your Local or Labor Council to endorse solid candidates and get out the vote in future elections.

The failed recall of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker is on many minds. Moneyed interests were the big winners there. It's unclear what all the consequences will be for public employees and democracy, although the work of labor leaders and activists must be to listen to members, rethink politics as usual and organize and mobilize for workers to stand up for rights at work, decent wages, and a voice in the decisions that affect them. Wisconsin makes overturning Citizens United and defeating the Special Exemptions Act (aka Corporate Deception) even more imperative. As more analysis comes out about Wisconsin, our pension protection fights and other key issues, I will circulate the best ones so that we may have thoughtful discussions about how we should go forward.

Semi-Official June 2012 Primary Election Results for Select Races

Bold = AFSCME and/or AFSCME Council 57 endorsed

For Congressional and State Races, the open primary means that the top two vote getters will advance to the General Election on November 6th.

Congress

CD 2 – Jared Huffman and Daniel Roberts. **Norman Soloman** placed 3rd.

CD 7 – Dan Lungren and **Ami Bera**

CD 10 – Jeff Denham and **Jose Hernandez**

CD 15 – **Pete Stark** and Eric Swalwell

State Senate

SD 5 – **Cathleen Galgiani** and Bill Berryhill

SD 9 – **Loni Hancock**

SD 13 – **Jerry Hill** and Sally Leiber

SD 15 – **Jim Beall** and Joe Coto

Assembly

AD 9 – **Dr. Richard Pan** and Tony Amador

AD 10 - **Michael Allen** and Marc Levine

AD 11 – Mike Hudson and Jim Frazier. **Patricia Hernandez** placed 3rd.

AD 16 – **Joan Buchanan** and Al Phillips

AD 18 – **Rob Bonta and Abel Guillen**

AD 20 – **Bill Quirk and Jennifer Ong**

AD 21 – Jack Mobly and **Adam Gray**

AD 22 – **Kevin Mullin** and Mark Gilham

AD 24 – **Rich Gordon** and George Yang

AD 25 – **Bob Wieckowski** and Pete McHugh

AD 51 – **Jimmy Gomez** and Luis Lopez

Local Government

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

District 1 – Rex Bohn wins outright. **Cheryl Seidner** doesn't advance to a run-off.

District 2 – **Clif Clendenen** wins outright.

District 3 – **Mark Lovelace** wins outright.

Alameda County

Superior Court Judge # 20 – **Tara Flanagan** and Andrew Weiner will face each other in a run-off.

Contra Costa

Board of Supervisors District 2 – Candace Anderson wins with 60% of the vote over **Tomi Van Der Brooke**.

Sacramento

City Council 2 – Rob Kerth and Allen Wayne Warren in run-off. **Jason Sample** placed 4th.

City Council 8 – **Bonnie Pannell**

San Mateo

Board of Supervisors District 4 – Warren Slocum and **Shelly Masur** in November run-off.

Revenue Measures

T - **Yes**

U - No

X - No

Santa Clara

Superior Court – Paul Colin and Chris Cobey in run-off. **Alexis Cerul** third.

San Jose City Council

2 – Ash Kalra

4 – Kansen Chu

6 – Pierluigi Oliverio. **Steve Kline** 2nd.

8 – Rose Herrera, who we opposed, is currently winning with 49% of the vote and will likely be in a run-off.

10 – Close race with Robert Braunstein and Johnny Khamis currently heading to a run-off. Our endorsed candidate **Brian O’Neill** finished 5th.

San Jose Measure B – Passes with 69% of the vote. We opposed this illiegal and unfair measure.

Stanislaus County

Measure B Funding for Libraries – Passes overwhelmingly with a resounding 81% of the vote!

For all federal and state races, <http://vote.sos.ca.gov/>. For local results, visit your county’s Registrar of Voters’ website. You can find this by searching “[county name] election results,” for example “Alameda election results.”

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