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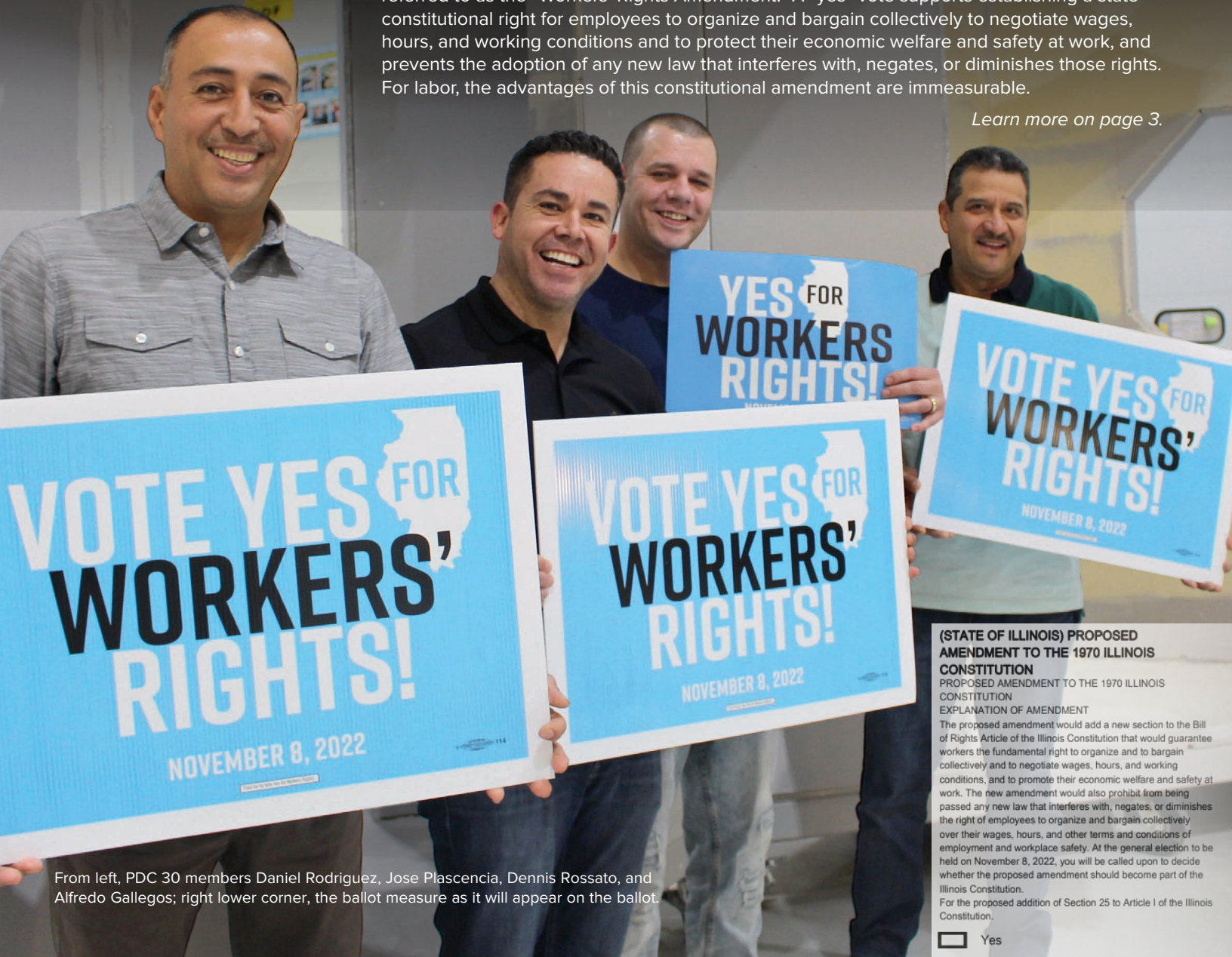
2022 MIDTERM
ELECTION EDITION

IL Workers' Rights Amendment:

☒ YES for Labor

On the 2022 Midterm Election Ballot, Illinois voters will be asked to support what is widely referred to as the "Workers' Rights Amendment." A "yes" vote supports establishing a state constitutional right for employees to organize and bargain collectively to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work, and prevents the adoption of any new law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes those rights. For labor, the advantages of this constitutional amendment are immeasurable.

Learn more on page 3.



From left, PDC 30 members Daniel Rodríguez, Jose Plascencia, Dennis Rossato, and Alfredo Gallegos; right lower corner, the ballot measure as it will appear on the ballot.

(STATE OF ILLINOIS) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

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EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment would add a new section to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution that would guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions, and to promote their economic welfare and safety at work. The new amendment would also prohibit from being passed any new law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety. At the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

For the proposed addition of Section 25 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution.

☐ Yes

The 2022 Midterm Election Is Upon Us

With the 2022 Midterm Election upon us, you should be asking, *which candidates really support working families?* PDC 30 works hard to help you answer that question, focusing mostly on which candidates offer the best approach to the economy for working families.

One approach to the economy that has never been good for working families is the classic conservative idea often called “trickle-down” economics. This is the idea that reducing taxes and regulations will help the wealthy make more money; they will, in turn, create more jobs, increase pay for workers, and fund charities that reduce the need for publicly-funded services. Advocates of this idea also seek to significantly reduce government spending.

Former Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner’s refusal to sign a budget for 793 days – halting state construction and starving universities, agencies, and state-funded services of the resources needed to operate – is an example of how trickle-down economics works when its advocates take control of government. The billions of dollars in tax relief the Trump Administration gave to corporations and wealthy individuals, while working families continued to struggle, is another example.

Another approach is the one preferred by organized labor: the belief that increased wages; expanded collective bargaining; strong enforcement and expansion of laws that protect working people; and investments in infrastructure, manufacturing, research and technology, clean energy, and small businesses will lead to greater employment opportunity and better wages for the middle class.

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Candidates aren’t always up-front about which of these ideas they believe in; but it is almost always clear when we consider which public policies they support, and which they don’t. On pages 4 and 5, we look at four years of policy accomplishments in Illinois and nationally that show us what public officials can do when they focus on working families.

On the eve of the 2022 Midterms, we urge you to make a plan to support labor-friendly candidates up and down the ballot (see pages 7-11) and support the Workers’ Rights Amendment (see page 3). With your vote, you can support family-sustaining

wages; the commitment of public money to rebuilding the public infrastructure that makes our communities strong; and a durable body of rules and regulations designed to protect worker safety, combat worker exploitation, and ensure proper maintenance of public works.

Union voters care about many issues beyond the economy. The good news is, if you vote for candidates who put working families first, PDC 30’s endorsed candidates are also leading efforts to support the empowerment of women; guarantee equal pay; promote equal employment opportunity and combat discrimination; tackle drug addiction; treat immigrants humanely; protect communities, schools, and workplaces from violence; defend our essential rights; and preserve our system of democracy.

With your vote for the candidates featured in this issue, you will also be slowing the advance of a form of political extremism that wishes to take us back to a time when good health, quality education, political participation, and family-supporting wages were only possible for the *few* (while the *many* struggled).

Your vote is your voice; use it wisely.

THERE ARE FOUR WAYS TO VOTE IN THE 2022 MIDTERM ELECTION:

1 VOTE BY MAIL

Registered voters* may request a mail-in ballot from your election authority†. The last day for your election authority† to receive an application to vote by mail is November 3rd. Your ballot must be postmarked and returned no later than November 8th. Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot here:



2 VOTE EARLY

Registered voters* can vote early in person at the office of your election authority* starting September 29th and at designated permanent polling locations within your jurisdiction† between October 24th – November 7th (start dates may vary by county). Find early voting locations, dates, and times here:



3 GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION

You can register to vote AND submit your vote from October 12th – November 8th through the Grace Period Registration program. Two forms of identification with at least one showing your current address are needed when you register in person. Find grace period registration and voting locations here:



4 VOTE IN PERSON ON NOVEMBER 8TH

Polls are open from 6am - 7pm on Election Day. On Election Day, each voter must vote at their designated polling place. Find your designated polling place here:



* October 11th is the last day you can register to vote in person; however, you may register *online* up through October 23rd by going to <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>.

† An election authority may also be referred to as a “jurisdiction,” and is typically the county you live in, but it may also be your city (such as in the case of Chicago). If you have trouble finding your election authority, contact the County Clerk for the county you reside in, or the Board of Elections for your city (if applicable).

IL Workers' Rights Amendment: A YES for Labor

WORKERS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT



The Workers' Rights Amendment (WRA) will update the Illinois constitution to guarantee every Illinoisan has the right to join together with other workers to negotiate for better pay, improved benefits, and safe working conditions. In order for this ballot initiative to pass, it must receive a 60% "Yes" vote in the 2022 Midterm Election held on November 8th.

With the right to collectively bargain enshrined in the Illinois Constitution, our rights as union members will be guaranteed throughout the state. The amended language will stand as an impenetrable barrier between our work and anyone wanting to dismantle the rights of workers. Most importantly, the amendment will make it almost impossible for any future elected officials to attempt to propose so-called "right-to-work" legislation in the state of Illinois.

Through the WRA, nurses will be able to negotiate for the training and staff levels that they need to work safe and properly care for patients; firefighters and police officers will have the safety equipment they need to get home safely; teachers will be able to join together and fight for the supplies they need to provide the best learning environment for students; and construction workers will be able to seek the better pay, safe working conditions, and improved benefits they deserve.

"This amendment will strengthen our communities," shares Beth Penesis, PDC 30's Director of Governmental Affairs. "By protecting our first responders and essential workers, we will create safer workplaces and increase the number of good-paying jobs available throughout the state."

WHAT WILL THE WORKERS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT DO?

- **Helping build an economy that works for every Illinoisan.** The WRA will put more money in the pockets of working families by guaranteeing workers' rights to join together to negotiate for pay raises, lifting worker pay to help deal with rising costs.
- **Creating great jobs for Illinoisans without college degrees.** The WRA will increase the number of good-paying jobs available to workers without a college degree, giving every Illinoisan access to a comfortable, middle-class life.
- **Protecting workers, on the job and off.** The WRA will ensure workers can speak out about dangerous situations that put all Illinoisans at risk without fear of retaliation from their employer.
- **Strengthening our communities.** The WRA will protect first responders like nurses, firefighters, and EMTs, giving the people who put their lives on the line to protect us the training and safety equipment they need to get home safely each day.

What does the Workers' Rights Amendment mean for Illinois?

- ✓ Higher wages for all workers
- ✓ More safety protections on the job
- ✓ Better training and resources for first responders

**"WE ARE VOTING
YES ON THE
WORKERS' RIGHTS
AMENDMENT"
– VOTE ON
NOVEMBER 8**



Joleen (Rock Island)



Diego and Fred (Berwyn)



Patrick

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PDC 30-Endorsed Candidates Accomplish Much for Organized Labor

Considering PDC 30's endorsed candidates, you might be asking, *what have these candidates done for organized labor?* Consider these accomplishments and the vital role labor-friendly candidates played in making them happen.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN ILLINOIS

Four years ago, incoming Governor J.B. Pritzker immediately shifted state priorities in favor of working families. "In my first 24 hours as governor, I issued an **executive order requiring project labor agreements on state funded projects**," he reminded those assembled at the 2022 IUPAT Central Regional Conference on August 31, 2022. "Today, Illinois ranks first in the nation for a total number of over 800 PLAs, more than all other states combined."

That was just the start. Within his first year in office, working with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, Pritzker delivered the largest infrastructure program in the nation. The **Rebuild Illinois capital plan** is a \$45 billion investment in growing jobs and building a vibrant Illinois economy. "Today," Pritzker told the IUPAT audience, "we're rebuilding bridges, roads, and upgrading water towers in every corner of Illinois, and putting hundreds of skilled painters to work in the process."

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Pritzker worked with construction trade unions to ensure Illinois' **construction workers were deemed "essential."** And, after two consecutive months of rising unemployment brought on by COVID-19, the Illinois Department of Labor took the positive step of **activating the Illinois Preference Act** on July 1, 2020. Activation of the Act meant that until high unemployment subsided, 90% of workers on new and ongoing public works projects throughout the state must live in Illinois.

More specific to painting and allied trades, on August 9, 2019, Pritzker signed into law **amendments to the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (HB 137)**. The amendments led to the adoption of rules and standards regarding corrosion mitigation and prevention work, **requiring the use of certified protective coatings workers** trained in the highly specialized equipment, products, and methods of corrosion work. These new provisions are at the center of PDC 30's advocacy efforts to influence who wins bids to work on local water systems, such as water towers.

"When I was first elected in 2018, I pledged to put Illinois government back on the side of working families. And, I'm proud to say that, four years later, we've transformed Illinois into the most pro-union state in the country."

J.B. Pritzker



Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker in video address to the IUPAT Central Regional Conference on August 31, 2022, speaking about his administration's record on issues important to organized labor.

More recently, the legislature and Pritzker produced a bill that closes wage theft loopholes that were benefiting non-union construction contractors. On June 10, 2022, House Bill 5412 and its trailer bill, House Bill 4600, were signed into law. Both bills **amend the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act (WPCA)** to make primary contractors, in certain situations, liable for any debt owed by a subcontractor – at any tier. This puts primary contractors on the hook for wage theft committed by their subcontractors.

Like all legislation signed by the Governor, its arrival on his desk first requires adoption by a majority of Illinois legislators. Amendments to the WPCA were championed in the Illinois Senate by a longtime ally of PDC 30 and labor unions in Illinois, Cristina Castro, who said of the measure: "This measure will ensure that the hardworking individuals who are employed by subcontractors receive fair compensation should that subcontractor fail to pay them."



State Senator Cristina Castro, a sponsor of amendments to the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act that will put primary contractors on the hook for wage theft committed by their subcontractors.

WAGES AND THE PREVAILING WAGE

In addition to stopping the systematic assault on collective bargaining in Illinois, Pritzker and pro-labor legislators in Springfield **raised the minimum wage** to a living wage for all Illinois workers. Signed into law in 2019, the legislation paved the way to a significant increase of Illinois' minimum wage. Since that legislation was signed, there have been four increases in the minimum wage. On January 1st of this year, the state's minimum wage went up to \$12 an hour. The rate will continue to increase on January 1st each year until it hits \$15 per hour in 2025.



Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who signed an Executive Order in 2019 that declared her office would hold up state payments to companies that violated the Prevailing Wage Act, seen here during her visit to PDC 30 in 2018 when she tried out the virtual aerial lift used by the NCIFTI.

Construction trade unions are also grateful to Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza for her creative use of her authority to **enhance enforcement of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act**. In August of 2019, Mendoza, who pays the State's bills and monitors State funds, issued an Executive Order putting companies on notice that

her office would hold up state payments to companies that violated the Prevailing Wage Act by underpaying workers.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ECONOMY

PDC 30's endorsed federal candidates, including incumbent House members and U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (see page 7), can claim perfect, if not near-perfect, voting records on legislation supported by organized labor. Several accomplishments should be mentioned, beginning with the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**. This measure provided \$1.9 trillion in emergency assistance to the American people during the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis.

When Joe Biden won the presidency, he was expected to seek passage of a multiemployer pension plan bailout and restructuring plan, a key legislative priority for labor unions. The American Rescue Plan delivered on this promise with "Special Financial Assistance Program for Financially Troubled Multiemployer Plans," a long-awaited program to **enhance retirement security for millions of union members** by providing eligible multiemployer defined benefit pension plans with special financial assistance.

While PDC 30's Pension Plan is not in need of this assistance, roughly 1.3 million union members participate in plans that are dangerously underfunded. "All of us know somebody who worked all their life, did all the right things, worked for a company that set them on a pension, and then that company went bankrupt and the pension got wiped out," U.S. House member Sean Casten recently said about the new financial assistance.

After decades of delay and infrastructure decline, a bipartisan infrastructure bill – the **Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act** – emerged from the U.S. House and Senate, and was signed into law by President Biden, in late 2021. All PDC 30-endorsed candidates for the U.S. House and Senate supported the \$1 trillion investment in roads, bridges, transit, rail, climate change mitigation, clean drinking water, and more. The bill also includes labor standards guaranteeing that the jobs created have family-supporting wages, as well as "buy America" provisions that will bolster U.S. manufacturing. The Act will result in Illinois receiving at least an



U.S. House Member Sean Casten shooting a campaign commercial at PDC 30 in September; PDC 30 glazier apprentice Madalyn Scarcliff is also present in the filmed scene.

additional \$15.8 billion to pursue additional critical investments in infrastructure, including bridges and water infrastructure.

Federal lawmakers took significant action to address rising costs, climate challenges, and escalating prescription drug costs in the **Inflation Reduction Act**, historic legislation that will cut costs for Illinois families, while paying for itself through a minimum tax rate for large corporations and reforms targeting tax fraud. The Act also expands Affordable Care Act subsidies, which will protect nearly 300,000 people in Illinois from loss of health coverage or premium hikes.



U.S. House Member Bill Foster with NCIFTI Director of Training Steve Lefaver inside the blast booth at the NCIFTI on June 17, 2022, just after Foster presented a federal grant of \$975,000 to fund a new Industrial Painting Pre-Apprenticeship.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

It's not every day (or year, or decade) that PDC 30 can point to a direct link between legislation sponsored by a member of the U.S. Congress and career success of individuals entering the Illinois finishing trades. U.S. House member Bill Foster made that possible in 2022, when he returned from Washington having successfully acquired funding to support a new pre-apprenticeship program for industrial painting.

"Not only will the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act fix the potholes in our roads and make it easier to get to work, but it will create jobs and grow our economy. I'm proud that this bill invests billions of dollars into revitalizing Illinois' infrastructure."

Sean Casten

Funding for the Industrial Painting Pre-apprenticeship (or IPP) was included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (signed into law by President Biden on March 15, 2022). The IPP brings together the three apprenticeship programs in Illinois affiliated with the IUPAT – 14, 30, and 58 – to prepare the next generation of Illinois' industrial painters.

WORKERS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT

As the Workers' Rights Amendment (WRA) made its way onto the November Ballot (see page 3), each of the incumbent Illinois Senate and House members endorsed by PDC 30 voted in favor of it. Of the WRA, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker told the attendees of the IUPAT Central

"Training and apprenticeship programs that enhance and expand people's marketable skills open doors to the types of jobs that can support families and allow people to build secure lives."

Bill Foster

Regional Conference in August: "I'm proud to stand with the thousands of Illinois IUPAT members to fight for its passage."

Since its adoption, corporate and politically conservative interest groups have worked hard to keep it off the November ballot, and some public officials fought these forces directly. Comptroller Susana Mendoza, for example, was named in a lawsuit to keep the WRA off the ballot (along with members of the Illinois Board of Elections); they fought the effort and won in late August, keeping the measure on the ballot.

Alexi Giannoulas for Illinois Secretary of State



PDC 30 was one of the first union organizations to endorse Alexis Giannoulas for Illinois Secretary of State in the Primary Election earlier this summer; he won the Primary and now has our full support heading into the Midterm Election on November 8th.

“Building and construction trades see a lot to like about Alexi,” says Beth Penesis,

PDC 30’s Director of Governmental Affairs. “He’s got experience leading an executive branch office and a track record of keeping working families at the center of his thinking when setting policies and reforming processes. We’ve learned a lot in recent years how necessary experienced pro-labor leaders are to protecting the gains won by Illinois’ labor unions.”

“Something we really like about Alexi is that he listens,” says Ryan Anderson, PDC 30’s Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer. “He engages us directly with questions about what we can do together to help Illinois’ communities thrive.”

PDC 30’s endorsement also recognizes Alexi’s commitment to restoring trust between government and the people.

“I’m honored and incredibly excited to have earned the endorsement of PDC 30 and I will stand strong with their members who comprise their nine local unions in suburban Chicago and in Northern and Central Illinois,” Alexi said. “I will advocate for them and fight for all Illinois workers who want nothing more than the opportunity to earn a fair wage, receive affordable healthcare and build a better life for their families. I will amplify their voices in Springfield and ensure they get heard.”

Ted Penesis for Kane County Board, District 16



Over the last few months, Ted Penesis has knocked on hundreds of doors to learn what really matters to people. On November 8th, he will compete in the General Election for the 16th District seat on the Kane County Board.

If you ask Ted why he is running for a seat on the Kane County Board, he will sum it all into one sentence: “I want to put Kane County on the side of working families.”

Born into a union family, Ted is a driven and accomplished professional with extensive experience in both the public and private sector, including his most recent tenure as Director of Community Outreach at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. But his longtime involvement and partnership with PDC 30 and organized labor make him an easy

endorsement. Throughout his professional career working across multiple industries, including governmental institutions and recreational agencies, Ted has always been true to the needs of working families and the middle class.

“The county has a responsibility to cut costs where it can, to help working families succeed,” says Ted. “That means holding the line on taxes, and fighting every day to put Kane County on the side of people like us – the ones who have to pick up the tab.”

One might wonder, *what can a county board member do for working people?* As a strong labor ally and close friend to PDC 30, Ted can do a lot. His understanding of how local government decisions effect union households, for example, will influence important decisions on such matters as the annual certification of prevailing wages.

Local government bodies must annually certify and publish the standard wages to be paid in a geographical region for construction work – this standard includes

amounts required to provide health and retirement benefits, and to provide trade-specific training. Construction contractors are then required to pay the certified wage for public work. This certification is accomplished in a resolution passed each year by local governmental bodies.

As a Kane County Board member, Ted is committed to advocating for these and other requirements that are deeply important to union members living and working in Kane County.

“We will be lucky to have a strong advocate on this local board to protect the gains for working people and other issues important to middle class residents,” says Ryan Anderson, PDC 30 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

Ted, a Democrat, will be on the General Election ballot for residents of District 16 of Kane County. With vast experience as a leader and a record of involvement within the community, Ted is a strong choice for union voters this election.



JOHN PENNEY RUNNING UNCONTESTED IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD RACE

John Penney (R) is a lifelong resident of Rockford with an impressive record of volunteer service within his community. He has been a proud union member of PDC 30 for over 20 years and now serves as IUPAT General Representative. John’s priorities include reducing crime, securing funding for better roads, and creating good-paying jobs for county residents. He is also committed to creating pathways for education and to the special role that athletics can play in personal development for children and teens. “PDC 30 has always supported John Penney’s public service work, because he points his attention and influence toward good causes and seizes opportunities to create work and good jobs in construction,” says PDC 30 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Ryan Anderson.

PDC 30 2022 Midterm Election Endorsements

YES to Illinois Workers' Rights

Amendment: See page 3 for information on the Workers' Rights Amendment.

U.S. SENATE



Tammy Duckworth (D) – Incumbent – is a U.S. Army veteran who has dedicated her career to advocating for veterans and families. She has introduced legislation

to assist veterans in their transition home, improve the VA's mental health care services, cut government waste and fraud, create jobs, and help close the skills gap for manufacturers. She is a dedicated public servant that has proven time and time again that she stands with labor, working families, and the middle class. A vote for Tammy Duckworth is a vote for a strong ally in Washington that will fight for economic growth, infrastructure investments, veterans' assistance, and job creation.

ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE



Governor: JB Pritzker (D) – Incumbent – in his first year in office, worked with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to deliver the Rebuild Illinois capital plan,

a \$45 billion investment in growing jobs and building an Illinois economy. With the federal Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, Illinois expects to receive at least an additional \$15.8 billion to pursue additional critical investments in infrastructure, including bridges and water infrastructure. When COVID hit, Pritzker worked with construction trade unions to see that the work of Illinois' construction workers was deemed "essential." He put a stop to the systematic assault on collective bargaining in Illinois, raised the minimum wage to a living wage for all Illinois workers, eliminated the state's \$17 billion bill backlog, and stabilized state finances (all three rating agencies improved the state's credit rating). Learn more about JB Pritzker at jbpritzker.com.



Secretary of State: Alexi Giannoulias (D) See page 6 for profile of Alexi.



Attorney General: Kwame Raoul (D) – Incumbent – is a proud labor ally and a leading voice in the fight for equal rights, affordable healthcare, and criminal

justice reform. As Attorney General, he'll fight to protect the right to organize, enforce labor laws, and defend working families.



Comptroller: Susana Mendoza (D) – Incumbent – is well regarded for her leadership on social services, education, and job creation. As the daughter

of a union pipefitter, daughter-in-law of a union electrician, and sister of a union police officer, she knows firsthand the importance of protecting labor rights, and the difference unions make for middle class families.



Treasurer: Michael Frerichs (D) – Incumbent – has earned a strong reputation for bringing transparency and accountability to financial reporting. During

his time as Treasurer, he has diligently monitored investments to keep Illinois economically competitive, expanded access to higher education by improving college saving plans, and expanded tools to help seniors retire with dignity and families coordinate disability care for loved ones.

U.S. HOUSE



2nd – Robin Kelly (D) – Incumbent – has dedicated her career to advocating on behalf of Illinois families. She has fought to promote job creation by advancing

jobs bills for working families, prioritizing job training opportunities, and hosting job fairs in her District. She is a vocal leader with a 98% lifetime voting record on issues important to labor and working families.



3rd – Delia Ramirez (D) is an accomplished social service director and community leader who has dedicated her career to advocating for working

families. In Congress, she will fight for affordable housing, public school funding, healthcare for all, and community centered economic development.



5th – Mike Quigley (D) – Incumbent – is a strong advocate for constructive infrastructure spending and job creation, and an outspoken opponent of right-to-work laws that negatively affect union members. He uses his experience as former Cook County Commissioner to fight for accountability and good government in Congress.



6th – Sean Casten (D) – Incumbent – is a respected scientist and independent voice for the values of the middle class. He advocates for sensible, commonsense

solutions to addressing job creation and training, health care access, climate change, and economic development. When voting on the issues, Sean has voted in support of organized labor and working families 100% of the time.



8th – Raja Krishnamoorthi (D) – Incumbent – focuses on strengthening the middle class by supporting small businesses, investing in infrastructure, and

protecting Social Security and Medicare. He knows our economy works best when it works for all of us. Raja has a 96% lifetime voting record on issues important to labor and working families.



9th – Jan Schakowsky (D) – Incumbent – is a lifelong champion for middle-class families and the working class. In Congress, she serves in the House

Democratic Leadership as a Senior Chief Deputy Whip, and focuses her priorities on healthcare, senior issues, and job creation to restore the middle class.



11th – Bill Foster (D) – Incumbent – has a proven record of fighting for working people every day. He protects the middle class by fighting for good-paying

jobs, preserving fair wages for workers, opposing tax breaks for companies that move jobs offshore, and standing against tax cuts that only help the richest Americans. He has taken a special interest in helping PDC 30 and other Illinois District Councils recruit new apprentices.

PDC 30 2022 Midterm Election Endorsements continued



13th – Nikki Budzinski (D) is a close labor ally who has spent her career fighting for workers and middle-class families. As the Governor's Senior Advisor on Labor

Issues, she led the charge to raise the minimum wage in Illinois. Nikki will fight to invest in early childhood education, lower healthcare and prescription drug costs, prioritize apprenticeships and skills training, and invest in mental health services.



14th – Lauren Underwood (D) – Incumbent – is centered on strengthening economic security and opportunity for working families while protecting the environment and ending gun violence. She supports a broad approach to job creation and advocates for strategic investments in local transportation infrastructure and biomedical and scientific research.



17th – Eric Sorensen (D) is a meteorologist and weatherman who built his career on a desire to protect his neighbors and his Rockford community.

He is committed to addressing rising costs, creating sustainable jobs, expanding access to quality and affordable health care, and investing in public education.

STATE SENATE



21st – Laura Ellman (D) – Incumbent – has over 25 years of experience working in manufacturing and engineering. She believes middle class families are the backbone of a strong economy and will focus on job growth. Laura promises to be a leader in Springfield that will fight for everyday Illinoisans and represent middle class values.



22nd – Cristina Castro (D) – Incumbent – has stood up for working families and is not afraid to ask tough questions. She has reached across the aisle on

the issues that matter most to the people in her district and works in a bipartisan fashion to help solve problems and to move Illinois in the right direction while protecting the values of the middle class and organized labor.



23rd – Suzy Glowiak-Hilton (D) – Incumbent – is a dedicated volunteer and public servant, and a 25-year Western Springs resident. She served

seven years on the city Recreation Commission and eight years as a Village Trustee. Suzy has been a voice for balanced budgets and promises to bring responsible decision-making back to state government.



25th – Karina Villa (D) – Incumbent – is a tireless advocate for quality education for all, access to affordable healthcare, immigrant rights, and

protection of the environment. As the daughter of immigrant parents, she uses her professional background, leadership, and life experience to collaborate through compassionate conversation. She is committed to listening to the voices of her constituents and ensuring effective representation.



28th – Laura Murphy (D) – Incumbent – has over two decades of experience in health care and social services. Her working-class background and

professional experience inform her views on government that should work toward the betterment of the people and reinforce her belief in the importance of education, public safety, and fighting corruption and waste government.



31st – Mary Edly-Allen (D) is a teacher, single mother, and community leader. She is proud to support initiatives that invest in our youth's future, protect

the environment, and fight for working families. Mary is not afraid to work across the aisle in a bipartisan manner to get things done.



34th – Steve Stadelman (D) – Incumbent – is an award-winning TV news anchor who was first elected to the Illinois Senate in 2012. During his tenure,

he has fought for innovative funding for economic development initiatives; worked to safeguard responsible bidder practices; and fought to protect Illinois consumers, abuse victims, and college students.



39th – Don Harmon (D) – Incumbent – was elected to the Senate in 2002. In Springfield, he has fought to champion early childhood education, curb gun violence, protect civil rights, expand voter access, promote renewable energy, and enhance economic opportunity for all. Don will continue to be a strong voice for middle class families in Illinois.



40th – Patrick Joyce (D) – Incumbent – is determined to restore the right values and priorities in Springfield. He is running for the Illinois Senate to make sure all of

his constituents' voices are heard, from making health care more accessible and affordable to standing up for our small businesses that create jobs and support our families.



42nd – Linda Holmes (D) – Incumbent – became a Senator in 2006 and now holds a leadership position. Her extensive experience informs her

level-headed approach and local focus on the needs of the people she represents. Linda has sponsored legislation to attract new business; encourage hiring and job growth; and impact education, environmental initiatives, health care, and veterans' issues.



46th – Dave Koehler (D) – Incumbent – is a longtime friend of labor who believes that strong relationships are key to resolving important issues. He has worked to

obtain state resources to fund development initiatives impacting communities. He is willing to make the decisions necessary to ensure that sustainable jobs are created for working families and schools have adequate resources.

STATE HOUSE



7th – Emanuel Chris Welch (D) – Incumbent – is focused on investing in vocational training, improving classroom education, creating equitable workplaces, and increasing healthcare access. As Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, he worked to turn the state's debt into a surplus budget and improve the state's credit rating for the first time in decades.



17th – Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D) – Incumbent – is committed to standing up for shared values, fighting for the voiceless, and demanding government accountability. She will continue to fight for funding for public education and access to important, life-saving mental health services.



41st – Janet Yang Rohr (D) – Incumbent – is a mother, business leader, school board member, and long-time Naperville resident committed to putting middle class families first. As state representative, she will use her background in finance and accounting to reduce the tax burden facing hard-working families and help make health care and education more affordable.



42nd – Terra Costa Howard (D) – Incumbent – advocates for children, seniors, the disabled, and families in need. She served eight years on Glen Ellyn's District 41 School Board. Terra's experiences as an attorney give her a unique understanding of the problems facing Illinois residents, and the role the government plays in strengthening the community.



43rd – Anna Moeller (D) – Incumbent – is a leader with integrity and a talent for policymaking. She is committed to working with residents, businesses, and labor organizations to strengthen the local economy, put middle-class families back to work, and protect vital programs that local residents depend on, like education, health care, and services for seniors and veterans.



44th – Fred Crespo (D) – Incumbent – strongly believes in policy that supports and protects working families, and he credits unions for keeping our economy strong. Fred will fight for a budget that protects our most vulnerable citizens and encourages economic development throughout the state.



45th – Jennifer Ladisch Douglass (D) is a lawyer with experience drafting legislation supporting families with increased healthcare costs. She advocates for more affordable healthcare and better access to low-cost prescription drugs, and promises to work tirelessly to ensure that every child receives a quality education and continued community support into adulthood.



46th – Diane Blair-Sherlock (D) is committed to investing in essential workers and first responders as a means to strengthen the middle class. As a self-employed attorney and wife to a Union Teamster, she understands the benefits of organized labor and aims to expand access to good-paying jobs with benefits.



49th – Maura Hirschauer (D) – Incumbent – is a mother, activist, community organizer, and former elementary educator. She is committed to fostering and maintaining an economy that works for working class families, and will be a leader in fiscal responsibility fighting for affordable healthcare, equitable schools, and common sense measures to end gun violence.



50th – Barbara Hernandez (D) – Incumbent – has focused on quality education and making Illinois safer and healthier by fighting for common sense gun laws, access to more affordable health care, and better, high-wage jobs. In her time in Springfield, she has distinguished herself as an independent voice for her Aurora-based district.



55th – Marty Moylan (D) – Incumbent – is a retired IBEW Local 134 Business Representative who first joined the Illinois House in 2012. His legislative priorities include education, consumer protection, workers' rights, and protecting children from gun violence. Marty promises to ensure District 55 remains a strong, vibrant community centered on working class family values.



56th – Michelle Mussman (D) – Incumbent – is committed to creating jobs that will put people back to work, increasing access to quality education and affordable childcare, investing in infrastructure, and increasing access to Medicaid. She strives to work in a bipartisan manner to reach compromises that will move the state forward.



65th – Linda Robertson (D) is a mother, IT consultant, and microbiologist who will listen to voters and work collaboratively with representatives throughout the state to solve complex problems. She advocates for building healthier communities by investing in education, jobs, infrastructure, and childcare.



66th – Suzanne Ness (D) – Incumbent – brings common sense solutions to Springfield. Coming from a working-class family, she understands the hardships that many families in the 66th District face. Suzanne will work to improve our infrastructure and increase access to important community services.



67th – Maurice West II (D) – Incumbent – is heavily involved in his Rockford community and makes it his first priority to be accessible to his constituents. Maurice will work to decrease the skills gap so that Rockford becomes a better place to live, work, and raise a family. He has also been a strong ally for organized labor in the Rockford area.

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68th – Dave Vella (D) – Incumbent – is a Rockford native that will represent constituents of the 68th District with a “community first” mindset. He is

committed to strengthening the local economy by creating jobs that pay a living wage, investing in infrastructure to attract new businesses, and partnering with labor unions to incorporate skilled trades curriculum in middle schools and high schools.



76th – Lance Yednock (D) – Incumbent – previously served as a business agent and executive board member with Operating Engineers Local 150,

where he spent his career fighting for the rights of working men and women. As a State Representative, he is committed to continuing the fight for more affordable health care, better wages, and property tax relief.



79th – Erin Slone (D) – Erin Slone is a Park Ridge Village Trustee with over 20 years of experience in business and municipal finance. She will work collaboratively to

secure additional funding for mental health services, lower prescription drug costs, increase access to early education and vocational training, and bring more jobs to her district.



81st – Anne Stava-Murray (D) – Incumbent – promises to focus on the key issues affecting residents in her district, including increasing health and safety,

strengthening public education, ensuring economic opportunity, and creating financial stability for Illinois.



83rd – Matt Hanson (D) is a union member (SMART rail workers) that understands the needs of middle-class working families. He is running for office to more

accurately reflect the values of and to better address the concerns of families within the 83rd District.



84th – Stephanie Kifowit (D) – Incumbent – is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran focused on promoting growth for local area businesses, improving

infrastructure, creating jobs, and balancing the state’s budget. Her background as a substitute teacher has led to her strong commitment to building successful schools and communities.



91st – Sharon Chung (D) is a teacher and union member (American Federation of Musicians, AFM, Local 301) who will work hard in Springfield

on behalf of working families in Central Illinois. She is committed to reducing healthcare costs, strengthening education, and building a stronger middle class.



92nd – Jehan Gordon-Booth (D) – Incumbent – has dedicated much of her public service to education and criminal justice reform. Her commitment

to preserving people’s dignity and their ability to contribute to their communities informs her push for reform in education, the tax code, sentencing regulation, re-entry programming, and economic opportunity.



97th – Harry Benton (D) is a member of Ironworkers Local 444 and a Trustee for the Village of Plainfield. He hopes to lead efforts to freeze property taxes, invest

in vocational programming, decrease higher education costs, and support our veterans. He is also a strong proponent for lowering healthcare and prescription drug costs for families and seniors.



113th – Jay Hoffman (D) – Incumbent – is a former prosecutor and law enforcement official who puts Illinois’ families first. He is committed to

protecting our jobs, our schools, our seniors, and our veterans. Jay believes in cutting state spending, closing corporate tax loopholes, and increasing tax rates on multi-millionaires so they pay their fair share.

JUDICIAL



2nd Supreme Court: Elizabeth Rochford (D) is dedicated to equal access to justice for all citizens and has developed programs to help working families navigate the sometimes-complicated legal system. Elizabeth will use her 35 years of experience to be a leading voice on the Illinois Supreme Court.



3rd Supreme Court: Mary K. O'Brien (D) is an experienced judge (3rd District Appellate) who is deeply rooted in her community. She fights for working families and commonsense values. As the daughter of a retired sheet metal worker and raised on a family farm, Mary understands the importance of hard work and integrity and will bring those values to the Illinois Supreme Court.



2nd Appellate Court: Chris Kennedy (D) is currently an Associate Judge in Lake County. He is an advocate for statewide programs and laws assisting children with autism and developmental disabilities. Chris strives to ensure equal access to justice and has a decorated career of service to the community and to the law.



3rd Appellate Court: Sonni Choi Williams (D) is a highly respected attorney with over 23 years of public service experience. During her tenure, she has

advocated for low-income individuals needing protection from domestic violence and access to equitable housing. Sonni leads with integrity and is dedicated to protecting the most vulnerable through equal access to justice.



13th Judicial Circuit Court: Christina Cantlin (D) – Incumbent – is a dedicated public servant with over 20 years of experience as civil and municipal lawyer. Born and raised in Ottawa, she understands the values of hard work, honesty, and integrity, and promises to continue to put the people first as circuit judge.

COUNTY ELECTIONS*

Kane County

Treasurer: Jeff Pripusich (D)
Sheriff: Ron Hain (D)
Board, Dist. 2: Dale Berman (D)
Board, Dist. 10: Bill Tarver (D)
Board, Dist. 12: Steve Bruesewitz (D)
Board, Dist. 16: Ted Penesis (D) *See page 6 for more on Ted.*
Board, Dist. 19: Mohammad “Mo” Iqbal (D)
Board, Dist. 22: Vern Tepe (D)
Board, Dist. 23: Chris Kious (D)

DuPage County

Board Chair: Deb Conroy (D)
Forest Preserve District President: Daniel Hebreard (D)
Clerk: Jean Kaczmarek (D)
Board, Dist. 1: Donald Puchalski (R)
Board, Dist. 2: Elizabeth (Liz) Chaplin (D)
Board, Dist. 2: Paula Deacon Garcia (D)
Board, Dist. 2: Yeena Yoo (D)
Board, Dist. 5: Dawn DeSart (D)
Board, Dist. 6: Greg Schwarze (D)
Board, Dist. 4: Mary FitzGerald Ozog (D)

Winnebago County

Treasurer: Susan Goral (D)
Coroner: Tony Gasparini (D)
Board, Dist. 2: Lindsey Lancaster (D)
Board, Dist. 5: David Tassoni (D)
Board, Dist. 6: Richard Kennedy (D)
Board, Dist. 9: John Penney (R) *See page 6 for more on John.*
Board, District 10: Joe Hoffman (D)
Board, District 15: Christopher Scrol (D)
Board, District 17: Bryan Amezquita (D)
Board, District 19: Angela Fellars (D)

Boone County

Board, Dist. 3: Freddy De La Trinidad (D) and Juan Hernandez (D)

Stephenson County

Clerk: Chandra Morris (D)
Board, Dist. C: Casey Anthony (D) and Debra Devine (D)
Board, Dist. D: Jim Hart (D) and Bill Hadley (R)
Board, Dist. E: Adam Moderow (D) and Laura Youngblut (D)
Board, Dist. G: Daniel Rohrer (D) and Jeanne Radke (D)
Board, Dist. I: Edward Klein (D) and Shannon Muick (D)

McLean County

Board, Dist. 3: Faye Freeman-Smith (D)
Board, Dist. 4: Jim Rogal (D) and Krystle Able (D)
Board, Dist. 5: Elizabeth Johnston (D) and John McIntyre (D)
Board, Dist. 6: Jack Abraham (D) and Beverly Bell (D)
Board, Dist. 7: Benjamin Webb (D) and Val Laymon (D)
Board, Dist. 8: Lea Cline (D) and Jeannie Biles (D)
Board, Dist. 9: Brandy Elmore (D)
Board, Dist. 10: Corey Beirne (D)

Bureau County

Sheriff: James Reed (D)

LaSalle County

Sheriff: Adam Diss (R)
Treasurer: Jim Spelich (R)
Board, Dist. 10: Joseph Oscepinski (D)
Board, Dist. 13: Mike Kasap (D)
Board, Dist. 25: Fred Nimke (D)

Putnam County

Sheriff: Josh Boedigheimer (D)

Peoria County

Board, Dist. 2: Camille Coates (D)
Board, Dist. 4: Brandy Bryant (D)
Board, Dist. 8: Kanika Jones (D)
Board, Dist. 9: Danny Phelan (D)
Board, Dist. 10: Rob Reneau (D)
Board, Dist. 11: Linda E. Daley (R)
Board, Dist. 13: Mike Antonacci (D)
Board, Dist. 15: Angela Salazar-Zupancic (D)

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Workers' Rights Amendment

☒ **YES**

U.S. Senate

☒ U.S. Senate: Tammy Duckworth

Illinois Executive

- ☒ Governor: JB Pritzker
- ☒ Secretary of State: Alexi Giannoulas
- ☒ Attorney General: Kwame Raoul
- ☒ Comptroller: Susana Mendoza
- ☒ Treasurer: Michael Frerichs

U.S. House

- ☒ 2nd – Robin Kelly
- ☒ 3rd – Delia Ramirez
- ☒ 5th – Mike Quigley
- ☒ 6th – Sean Casten
- ☒ 8th – Raja Krishnamoorthi
- ☒ 9th – Jan Schakowsky
- ☒ 11th – Bill Foster
- ☒ 13th – Nikki Budzinski
- ☒ 14th – Lauren Underwood
- ☒ 17th – Eric Sorensen

State Senate

- ☒ 21st – Laura Ellman
- ☒ 22nd – Cristina Castro
- ☒ 23rd – Suzy Glowiak-Hilton
- ☒ 25th – Karina Villa
- ☒ 28th – Laura Murphy
- ☒ 31st – Mary Edly-Allen
- ☒ 34th – Steve Stadelman
- ☒ 39th – Don Harmon
- ☒ 40th – Patrick Joyce
- ☒ 42nd – Linda Holmes
- ☒ 46th – Dave Koehler

State House

- ☒ 7th – Emanuel Chris Welch
- ☒ 17th – Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz
- ☒ 41st – Janet Yang Rohr
- ☒ 42nd – Terra Costa Howard
- ☒ 43rd – Anna Moeller
- ☒ 44th – Fred Crespo
- ☒ 45th – Jennifer Ladisch Douglass
- ☒ 46th – Diane Blair-Sherlock
- ☒ 49th – Maura Hirschauer
- ☒ 50th – Barbara Hernandez

- ☒ 55th – Marty Moylan
- ☒ 56th – Michelle Mussman
- ☒ 65th – Linda Robertson
- ☒ 66th – Suzanne Ness
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- ☒ 97th – Harry Benton
- ☒ 113th – Jay Hoffman

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- ☒ 3rd Supreme Court: Mary K. O'Brien
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- ☒ 3rd Appellate Court: Sonni Choi Williams
- ☒ 13th Judicial Circuit Court: Christina Cantlin

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