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Pritzker for Governor

For working families, college students, teachers, unions, persons with disabilities, and many others, the end of the era of Bruce Rauner couldn't come soon enough. His takeover of the governorship of Illinois in 2015 reminded us that politics, like sports, involves "the thrill of victory, and the agony of defeat." On November 6, 2018, we will have the chance to end the agony and begin the recovery of progressive leadership in Illinois. Whether you're concerned with workers compensation and safe workplaces, protecting prevailing wages, health care for the elderly and disabled, or education funding – or maybe you just want to join others in unraveling the fraudulent claims of Rauner that he is on the side of working people – the 2018 election offers a critical opportunity. JB Pritzker and Juliana Stratton have built an agenda tailor-made for Illinois working families, a prescription for what ails Illinois, both to repair the damage done by Rauner and give working families and their allies a fighting chance to succeed.

**2018 General Election
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Endorsements.**

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Pritzker-Stratton Offer Bright Future for Working Families, Unions

On February 5, 2018, JB Pritzker toured PDC 30's apprenticeship and training program and met several PDC 30 members. He told the assembled audience what he planned to do if he became Illinois' next Governor. "We need to put Springfield back on the side of working families, and that means focusing on the kitchen table issues that currently matter to families all across the state."

Those issues include job creation, what he calls "head of household jobs;" raising the minimum wage; making sure every child, no matter what zip code they live in, gets a quality education; the creation of Illinois' own "public option" for health coverage; making college more affordable; and putting vocational training back in high school.

Pritzker won a decisive victory in the March 20th Democratic Primary Election, backed by all three Illinois IUPAT District Councils (30, 14, and 58), the Illinois AFL-CIO, and an array of labor unions in Illinois. His Lt. Governor running mate is Juliana Stratton, currently a Democratic State Representative (5th District).

In the early part of his campaign, Pritzker sought to remind working families that Bruce Rauner pretends to be a supporter of regular people, dressing in Carhartt jackets and riding a Harley Davidson. As soon as Rauner was elected, however, he launched an aggressive assault against labor unions.

That assault included initiating a lawsuit that became *Janus v. AFSCME, Council 31*, a devastating 5-4 Supreme Court decision that came in late June of this year. Rauner, who was in the Court's chambers when the decision was announced, celebrated. It was, he knew, a major win for Republicans nationally, a way to reduce the financial resources the Democratic Party had to compete against massive special interests aligned with big business and billionaires. Rauner was, all along, a loyal soldier for the 1%, and *Janus* was his hand-crafted weapon.

Back in Illinois, he was also committed to dismantling decades of progress by organized labor. His well-publicized plan included reducing obligations on employers to make their workplaces safe and cover the costs of workplace injuries and illnesses; encouraging local governmental agencies to ignore their



JB Pritzker speaking to voters at PDC 30 headquarters on February 5, 2018.

obligations to pay prevailing wages; and refusing to sign a state budget into law for over 700 days, until the legislature – including members of his own party – overrode his veto.

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– Mark Guethle, PDC 30's Director of Governmental Affairs

Before Rauner's destructive momentum subsided, vital state services, higher education, and state construction projects suffered considerable setbacks; and the backlog of unpaid bills have cost Illinois taxpayers an additional billion dollars.

JB Pritzker's agenda could not be more different. His position on major issues includes determination to protect collective bargaining rights, support a living wage, fight for equal pay, enforce laws protecting workers from misclassification and wage theft, fight for an enforceable prevailing wage, and

strengthen project labor agreements. "Pritzker's pro-labor agenda totally aligns with the issues that concern us every day as we fight for the rights of workers," says Mark Guethle, PDC 30's Director of Governmental Affairs.

Pritzker will begin the final stretch in October with the wind behind his back. "It's an exciting time in Illinois politics," says Ryan Anderson, PDC 30 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer. "Illinois labor unions have suffered through four years of Bruce Rauner, and we have a chance to put that behind us, repair the damage, and put in place a coordinated progressive, pro-labor agenda that puts our members to work."

That effort, says Guethle, will require discipline and focus on the part of Democrats. "We cannot get comfortable and assume everyone else will come out to vote. We need to continue our aggressive efforts to reach voters by phone and at their homes, and we need to get voters to vote early, vote by mail, or physically get to the polls on Election Day."

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There are Four Ways to Vote in the 2018 General Election:

1. Vote by Mail

Registered voters can request a mail-in ballot no later than November 1st. You must fill out the form specific to your county (either online or on paper) to request a vote-by-mail ballot. Once you receive the ballot from your County Clerk, it must be returned by mail and postmarked on or before midnight, November 6th.

Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot from your County Clerk today:

<https://www.elections.il.gov/VotingInformation/VotingByMailJurisdiction.aspx>

2. Vote Early

Registered voters can vote early in person at their County Clerk's Office beginning September 27th and at other designated locations throughout each county beginning October 22nd.

Find early voting locations in your county:

<http://www.elections.il.gov/VotingInformation/EarlyVotingLocations.aspx>

3. Grace Period Registration & Voting

If you are not yet registered, and have missed the registration deadline, you can take advantage of Grace Period Registration & Voting. After regular registration ends on October 9th and up to and on Election Day, you can register and vote at the same time. Each County Clerk has times and locations (you will need two forms of identification with at least one showing your current address).

Contact your County Clerk's office for Grace Period Registration locations:

<https://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionAuthorities/ElecAuthorityList.aspx>

4. Vote in Person on November 6th

Registered voters can vote in person from 6a.m. to 7p.m. on Election Day. Each voter must vote at their designated polling place.

Find your designated polling place here:

<https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx>



PDC 30's Endorsed Candidates – Statewide Races

ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE:

JB Pritzker & Juliana Stratton, Illinois Governor & Lieutenant Governor



For information on JB & Juliana, see the article on page 2.

Jesse White, Secretary of State



Jesse White has led the effort to create the nation's most comprehensive graduated driver licensing program, streamline operations through digital technology, initiate tougher DUI legislation, and promote the importance of organ and

tissue donation. His leadership has served organized labor well, and we are pleased to support him.

Kwame Raoul, Attorney General



Kwame Raoul 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.

Susana Mendoza, Illinois Comptroller



Susana Mendoza 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.

Michael Frerichs, Illinois Treasurer



Mike Frerichs has earned a strong reputation for bringing transparency and accountability to financial reporting. He promises to properly monitor investments to keep Illinois economically competitive and plans to expand access to college saving plans, providing more children with the opportunity to receive higher education.

Candidates for PDC 30 Members in Locals 97, 154, 448 & 1285:

U.S. CONGRESS:

Sean Casten, District 6



Sean Casten is a respected scientist and clean energy entrepreneur who will be an independent voice for the values of the middle class. In Congress, he will listen to his constituents and work to find and implement practical solutions to the challenges facing our country and our communities.

Bill Foster, District 11



Bill Foster has a proven record of fighting for working people every day. He protects the middle class by creating 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.

Lauren Underwood, District 14



Lauren Underwood is a nurse promising to stand up and fight in Washington to restore the voice of the middle class. She is committed to advocating for families and believes that strong jobs, smart investments, and access to affordable health care will put our country back on track.

ILLINOIS SENATE:

Iris Martinez, District 20



Iris Martinez was the first Hispanic woman elected to the State Senate in 2003. She is a strong voice for children and works tirelessly to improve the quality of education throughout the state. Iris advocates providing affordable housing, expanding health care access, and ensuring seniors and the disabled receive proper care.

Laura Ellman, District 21



Laura Ellman 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.

Tom Cullerton, District 23



Tom Cullerton is a proud veteran who has represented the citizens of DuPage County since 2013. During his years in the Senate, he has led efforts to promote government efficiency and save tax payer dollars. He will continue

to support sound fiscal policies, protect working families, and facilitate job creation.

Suzy Glowiak, District 24



Suzy Glowiak 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.

Ann Gillespie, District 27



Ann Gillespie is a lifelong resident of Illinois' northwest suburbs who is running for office to put working families first. She will use her background in healthcare to bring a unique perspective to Springfield. Ann believes unions play an important role in guaranteeing livable wages that produce a strong economy.

Candidates for PDC 30 Members in Locals 97, 154, 448 & 1285:

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Terry Link, District 30



Terry Link has served in the Illinois Senate since 1997 with a strong record fighting for the middle class. Using a common-sense leadership approach, Terry has led the

fight to restore the state's economy, reform Illinois' property tax systems, and promote a better lifestyle for Illinois residents.

Mary Mahady, District 32



Mary Mahady is a 37-year McHenry Township resident and the current McHenry Township Assessor. She has long been an advocate of tax law reform and

educating taxpayers on their rights. Mary is dedicated to working across the aisle to create the most efficient and transparent property tax system for Illinois residents.

Nancy Zettler, District 33



Nancy Zettler believes a strong middle class is the product of strong labor unions. She believes that fair employee compensation and benefits, prevailing

wage laws, and collective bargaining rights should be preserved and strengthened throughout our state. Nancy is firmly against Rauner's assault on organized labor and Right-to-Work laws threatening Illinois.

Don Harmon, District 39



Don Harmon 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.

Linda Holmes, District 42



Linda Holmes became a Senator in 2006. Her prior Kane County Board 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.

ILLINOIS HOUSE:

Kathleen Carrier, District 42



Kathleen Carrier is a lifelong Illinois resident who has worked to improve resources for single parents, veterans, and seniors. She

promises to reach across the aisle and use a pragmatic approach to balance the State budget, fund education, invest in our communities, and promote a strong Illinois economy.

Anna Moeller, District 43



Anna Moeller is a leader with integrity and a talent for policymaking. She is committed to working with local residents, businesses, and labor organizations to

strengthen the economy, put middle class families back to work, and streamline the budget to save tax dollars and protect vital programs that local residents depend on.

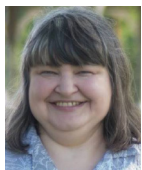
Fred Crespo, District 44



Fred Crespo has served as Representative since 2007. He 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 the interests of our most vulnerable citizens and encourages economic development throughout the state.

Diane Pappas, District 45



Diane Pappas is a political newcomer running to help get our state back on track. She promises to work towards attracting new businesses to bring better

jobs to Illinois, improving public education, and investing in quality educational opportunities after high school to help create a highly qualified workforce.

Deb Conroy, District 46



Deb Conroy's priorities include creating good jobs through economic development, providing property tax relief to homeowners, ensuring state

government lives within its means, and protecting local school resources. She will continue to fight for fiscal responsibility while protecting funding for education, public safety, health care, and programs for seniors and veterans.

Terra Costa Howard, District 48



Terra Costa Howard 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.

Karina Villa, District 49



Karina Villa is a passionate advocate for students and families with a strong record of service to the community. She is a school social worker and a proud

union member of the Illinois Education Association. Karina strongly supports organized labor and will protect the interests of hard-working, middle class families.

James Leslie, District 50



James Leslie is an Aurora resident and a 15-year veteran of the fire service. He is a proven leader and a dedicated public servant fighting for socially and

fiscally responsible government. James promises to develop a responsible, fair state budget that bends to common sense, not special interests.

Marty Moylan, District 55



Marty Moylan 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.

Joyce Mason, District 61



Joyce Mason is a mother, business professional, and educator who is running to better support and protect those

without representation in Springfield. She promises to stand for tax relief, better schools, jobs, fair wages, equality, the environment, and real representation for all residents of her District.

Candidates for PDC 30 Members in Locals 97, 154, 448 & 1285:

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Trisha Zubert, District 64



Trisha Zubert is a dedicated public servant entering politics to advocate for others and responsibly represent the everyday residents in her District.

She will support policy toward effective environmental regulations, bold solutions to the opioid crisis, stabilized property taxes, and a tiered income tax system.

Richard Johnson, District 65



Richard Johnson is a high school teacher and a lifelong Elgin resident. He has also served as President of the Elgin Teachers Association since 2016,

where he emphasizes communication, collaborative work, and advocacy. Richard will work tirelessly for working families and will stand up for issues affecting the people he represents.

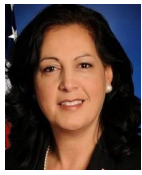
Paul Stoddard, District 70



Paul Stoddard is a DeKalb County Board member and retired professor (Northern Illinois University). He believes elected officials should be accountable to

their constituents. Paul will advocate for policies that protect and promote the hard working citizens of Illinois, such as tax reform, affordable higher education, and health care.

Linda Chapa LaVia, District 83



Linda Chapa LaVia is a strong supporter of organized labor who works tirelessly to protect our veterans, children, and middle class families. As a

veteran, businessperson, and realtor, she focuses on economic development, using her life experience to create jobs and promote a strong business climate for a strong community.

Stephanie Kifowit, District 84



Stephanie Kifowit 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.

Larry Walsh, District 86



Larry Walsh is a member of the International Machinist and Aerospace Workers Union who was first elected to serve the 86th District in 2012. He supports retaining

jobs that provide living wages, maintaining quality education systems, and protecting community services for children, seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans.

Mica Freeman, District 97



Mica Freeman is passionate about healthcare, education, lowering taxes, and putting residents of the 97th District first. She is a parent and educator who values hard

work and community volunteerism. Mica is running for office to fight for hard-working families who deserve better than the status quo.

DUPAGE COUNTY:

Julie Renehan, County Board



Julie Renehan is a wife, mother, attorney, and dedicated advocate for her community. As County Board Member, she will bring integrity to decision

making, work to improve the health of county finances, and find creative solutions to fund infrastructure and social services for seniors and veterans.

KANE COUNTY:

Ron Hain, County Sheriff



Sergeant Ron Hain has over 24 years of experience in public safety, specializing in SWAT, narcotics, and drug enforcement. As Sheriff, he promises to

launch innovative and proven programs to solve the problems facing Kane County, including opioid rehabilitation, mental health support, and vocational training to reduce the incarceration rate.

Candidates for PDC 30 Members in Local 607:

U.S. CONGRESS:

Cheri Bustos, District 17



Cheri Bustos believes unions are the driving force behind a sustainable middle class, and has established a strong record supporting America's labor force. She

will continue to provide an independent voice in Washington, working to eliminate incentives for outsourcing jobs and ensuring all jobs provide livable wages and great benefits.

ILLINOIS SENATE:

Gregg Johnson, District 36



Gregg Johnson is a former AFSME Local president and retired Illinois Department of Corrections officer who believes in middle class values centered on hard

work, community, and family. He will support innovative economic proposals to create good-paying jobs in growing industries such as manufacturing, renewable energy, and medical care.

ILLINOIS HOUSE:

Jake Castanza, District 68



Jake Castanza is an expert on social services and labor law, advocating for jobs and economic growth for our communities, a fair tax structure, and improved

education funding. Jake is a strong supporter of workers' rights, women's rights, and collective bargaining, and will be a dependable labor ally in Springfield.

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Candidates for PDC 30 Members in Local 607:

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Angie Bodine, District 69



Angie Bodine is a single mother who is highly engaged in the community. She is a proud Teamster dedicated to advancing the well-being and prosperity

of Illinois' working families. Angie will be a voice of reason in Springfield, representing working families faithfully and giving everyone a seat at the legislative table.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY:

Joe Bruscato, Circuit Judge



Joe Bruscato has served as Winnebago County States Attorney since 2008 and plans to continue his commitment to public service as Circuit Judge. He

has 30 years of experience in criminal and

civil legal work, creating efficiencies in our judicial system, saving taxpayer dollars, and championing causes to make safer communities.

Ann Dempsey, Circuit Judge



Ann Dempsey is an active member of the community who knows the people she seeks to serve as Circuit Judge. She is a lifelong Winnebago County resident

with 28 years of legal experience. Ann promises to be a strong, clear voice committed to improving the safety for our children and families.

Paul Gorski, County Clerk



Paul Gorski is a data and information systems manager who has served the Winnebago County community as a board member, township trustee,

and Rock Valley College Trustee. As County Clerk, he promises to bring his business sector data management and customer service skills to local government.

Bob Springer, County Sheriff



Bob Springer has over 30 years of law enforcement experience within the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. As Sheriff, he will be committed to find common

sense solutions to provide public safety service within a reasonable budget.

Candidates for PDC 30 Members in Locals 157, 209, 465 & 467:

ILLINOIS SENATE:

Heidi Henry, District 38



Heidi Henry is a businesswoman running to bring change to Springfield. She will fight for fair public education funding, affordable health care,

and protections for workers. The wife of a retired IBEW member, Heidi knows the value unions bring to our communities and will fight to protect it across the state.

Andy Manar, District 48



Andy Manar was first elected to the Illinois Senate in 2012. He is a champion for fiscal responsibility, bipartisan cooperation, better school funding, and

expanded voter access. Andy will continue to focus on issues pertaining to the state budget, job creation, support for small businesses, and the opioid addiction crisis in Illinois.

Rachelle Aud Crowe, District 56



As a lifelong Madison County resident and an experienced prosecutor, Rachelle Aud Crowe has the knowledge and determination to take on

challenges facing Illinois. She pledges to bring order and accountability to Springfield. Rachelle will be a strong

advocate for projects to rebuild the state, create jobs, and encourage business investment.

ILLINOIS HOUSE:

Lance Yednock, District 76



Lance Yednock is a business agent with Operating Engineers Local 150, where he has spent his career fighting for the rights of working men and women. In

Springfield, he will fight every day to end the attacks on working families and unions and prevent Rauner's dangerous Right-to-Work agenda.

Lisa Dugan, District 79



Lisa Dugan is returning to public service to once again represent the 79th District. She is a champion for the middle class and an advocate for those without

a voice. Lisa will reach across party lines to pass a state budget, bring funding to schools, and create jobs for the middle class.

Jehan Gordon-Booth, District 92



Jehan Gordon-Booth has dedicated much of her public service to improving education. She advocates for local workers and companies by pursuing an

agenda that puts the middle class first. Jehan plans to use her position in the legislature to push for ethics reforms that create more transparency in government.

Sue Scherer, District 96



Sue Scherer is a former public school teacher who has represented the 96th District since 2013. As a lifelong resident of Macon County, she promises to

bring common sense to Springfield by working with members of both parties to improve public safety, strengthen schools, restore fiscal balance, and create jobs.

Jay Hoffman, District 113



Jay Hoffman 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.

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Join Our Political Action Team!

It's not too late to get involved! PDC 30 is hosting labor walks and phone banks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays leading up to Election Day. Various events will take place in Aurora, Peoria, Bloomington, Rockford, Ottawa, and Kankakee. All volunteers will receive \$15 per hour of service!

Call Mark Guethle for information about events in your area: 630.450.8354.



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