

VOTE for CHANGE

“Iowa workers can’t afford four more years of Bush-McCain”

A message from Pres. Danny Homan



Your vote always matters. And this year, it matters a lot.

On Nov. 4th, we have a historic opportunity and obligation to vote in the most important election I can remember. After eight years of Bush policy failures, from the Iraq war to the economy, our country is now on the brink of financial devastation. While we all hope that the economic rescue package just passed by Congress will stabilize things for awhile, it is now clear to everyone that we must have a radical change in our country’s direction if we are to avoid disaster.



AFSCME Iowa
President
Danny Homan

Senator McCain cannot bring us the change we need. He has voted with President Bush 90% of the time, he

wants to keep spending billions we can’t afford on a war in Iraq, he wants to tax our health care benefits, and he believes in further deregulation and privatization of the economy. This is just more of the same of what we’ve had for the last eight years – and Iowa workers can’t afford four more years of Bush-McCain.

Our union and the national AFL-CIO have endorsed Barack Obama because he has stood with working families. Barack Obama has a 100 percent AFSCME voting record. Barack Obama has stood with us on the issues we care most about – fully funding public services and supporting the workers who provide them, guaranteeing that everyone has quality, affordable health care, ending privatization, and restoring sane regulation and controls to our out-of-control financial system.

This election is about issues, and that’s what we need to focus on. If you are concerned about the economy, health care, and restoring America’s place in the world, make

sure you learn the facts and about the candidates and then vote!

We also have important races on the state and local level. These races will directly impact your ability to win improvements in your working conditions, your paycheck and your health care benefits.

The members of our union who make up the PEOPLE committee have carefully considered the record and positions of all the state and local candidates. Their recommendations are presented to you on the following pages of this newsletter. These are the candidates who support public services and working families in Iowa, and they deserve your support. Please save this list and note the names of the endorsed candidates in your area.

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What's at stake Nov. 4?

A lot is at stake...

for our country, our state and our jobs.

Consider the issues.

Then see how the candidates stand on those issues.



OBAMA

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

- Opposes outsourcing jobs overseas as well as tax loopholes for job exporters.
- Opposes Bush tax cuts for the wealthy. Supports tax breaks for working families.
- Will create mortgage tax credit and offer \$10 billion in aid to struggling homeowners.
- Will oppose trade agreements that don't protect American workers.

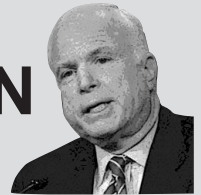
HEALTH CARE

- Will provide health care for all, lower costs, improve quality and ensure no one denied for preexisting illnesses.
- Will give everyone access to the same quality of coverage members of Congress get.
- Voted against giving insurance companies authority to determine health care coverage and costs.

JOB SECURITY

- Voted against privatizing federal jobs.
- Voted for major highway and transit program to create one million jobs.
- Believes government must use "project labor agreements" that protect both the worker and government.
- Voted against cutting Medicaid, Medicare and other vital government programs.

McCAIN



- Voted against "Buy American" laws allowing jobs to be sent overseas.
- Supported Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations; offers more of the same.
- Blames homeowners for mortgage lending crisis; opposes safeguards on industry.
- Believes fundamentals of economy are strong and we're not headed into recession.
- Thinks we are better off than 8 years ago.

- Would tax health care benefits by making health care premiums a part of taxable income.
- Would push workers into using private health care companies to get health care, rather than through employer.
- Wants fewer rules for insurance companies.
- Will increase costs and reduce access, leave some families without health care.

- Supported Bush's effort to privatize federal jobs.
- Supported contracting out Homeland Security jobs.
- Wants to privatize unemployment insurance and job training.
- Voted for unfair privatization rules favoring contractors.
- Voted to allow outsourcing of government contracts.



Voter's Guide

Remember to vote for your AFSCME PEOPLE-endorsed candidates on Tuesday, November 4.

AFSCME members interviewed and recommended these candidates because they support funding the public services we provide and better contracts for our members. Here are your endorsed candidates.

President
Barack Obama

U.S. Senate
Tom Harkin



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More endorsements on next page.

U.S. Congress

Bruce Braley – *District 1*
Dave Loebsack – *District 2*
Leonard Boswell – *District 3*
Becky Greenwald – *District 4*
Rob Huler – *District 5*

Senate Districts

04 John Kibbie
08 Mary Jo Wilhelm
10 Jeff Danielson
12 Brian Schoenjahn
14 Pam Jochum
16 Tom Hancock
18 Swati Dandekar
20 Randy Braden
22 Steve Sodders
24 Albert Sorensen
34 Dick Dearden
38 Thomas Rielly
40 Sharon Savage
42 Frank Wood
44 Thomas Courtney
46 Eugene Fraise
48 Ruth Smith
50 Michael Gronstal

House Districts

001	Wesley Whitead	049	Helen Miller
002	Roger Wendt	052	Russell Camerer
003	T.J. Templeton	053	Lori Sokolowski
007	Marcella Frevert	054	Carlos Venable-Ridley
008	Dolores Mertz	056	Jan Creasman
009	McKinley Bailey	059	Jerry Sullivan
010	Susan Radke	060	Alan Koslow
011	Ann Marie Fairchild	061	Jo Oldson
013	Sharon Steckman	062	Bruce Hunter
014	Mark Kuhn	064	Janet Petersen
016	John Beard	065	Wayne Ford
017	Cayla Baresel	066	Ako Abdul-Samad
018	Andrew Wenthe	067	Kevin McCarthy
019	Bob Kressig	068	Rick Olson
020	Doris Kelley	070	Matt Pfaltzgraf
021	Kerry Burt	071	Pat Van Zante
022	Deborah Berry	073	Maxine Bussanmas
023	Gene Ficken	074	Mark Davitt
024	Roger Thomas	075	Eric Palmer
025	Tom Schueller	076	Jim Van Scoyoc
026	Polly Bukta	077	Mary Mascher
028	Pat Murphy	078	Vicki Lensing
029	Nate Willems	080	Nathan Reichert
030	Dave Jacoby	081	Phyllis Thede
031	Ray Zirkelbach	083	Steve Smith
032	Tom Avenarius	084	Elesha Gayman
033	Dick Taylor	085	Jim Lykam
034	Todd Taylor	086	Cindy Winckler
036	Gretchen Lawyer	087	Frank Best
037	Art Staed	088	Dennis Cohoon
038	Tyler Olson	089	Larry Marek
039	Terry Hertle	090	John Whitaker
040	Chris Bearden	091	Ron Fedler
041	Paul Bell	092	Jerry Kearns
042	Geri Huser	093	Mary Gaskill
043	Mark Smith	094	Kurt Swaim
044	Tim Hoy	095	Michael Reasoner
045	Beth Wessel-Kroeschell	099	Kurt Huler
046	Lisa Heddens	100	Paul Shomshor
047	Susan Temere		
048	Donovan Olson		



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Voter's Guide Enclosed

AFSCME Local Union Treasurer's Training:

Saturday, Nov. 8th, 2008

Registration: 8:30 AM
 Workshop: 9 AM to 4 PM
 Lunch will be provided.

The training is recommended for trustees and officers of local unions. It is open to all members. There is no charge for the workshop and lunch, but there is a charge for the hotel room (if you plan to stay overnight).

The training will be held in Ballroom 2 of the Crown Plaza hotel, 350 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. To RSVP for the training, call Amanda at AFSCME Iowa Council 61, 515-246-1517. To reserve a room at the hotel, call 877-276-1796 and tell them you are part of the AFSCME group. The deadline for RSVP and room reservations is October 24.

AFSCME PEOPLE Local Candidate Endorsements	
Benton County Supervisor	Gene Stueck
Henry County Supervisor	Jerry Wells
Jasper County Supervisor	Dennis Stevenson
Lee County Auditor	Anne Pederson
Lee County Supervisor	Mike Fraise
Marion County Supervisor	Jerry Weldon
Mills County Sheriff	Eugene Goos
Polk County Auditor	Jamie Fitzgerald
Polk County Sheriff	Bill McCarthy
Polk County Supervisor	EJ Giovannetti
Scott County Attorney	Mike Walton
Scott County Auditor	Roxanna Moritz
Story County Sheriff	Paul Fitzgerald
Wapello County Supervisor 2	Steve Siegel
Warren County Sheriff	Jim Lee
Warren County Supervisor	Bob Burns
Woodbury County Supervisor 2	Jaclyn Smith