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LOCAL 49 ANNOUNCES LEGISLATIVE ENDORSEMENTS

Minneapolis, MN – The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49, today announced legislative endorsements for candidates seeking election or re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives.

In all, 78 candidates were endorsed, 48 Democrats and 30 Republicans.

Jason George, Business Manager for Local 49, noted, “Our union is pleased to stand behind these candidates. All of them are proven supporters of our pro-jobs, pro-worker legislative agenda. The bi-partisan composition of these endorsements reflects Local 49’s philosophy that our jobs aren’t a partisan issue. The good men and women of this union only want two things from their elected leaders. One, they want the opportunity to go work to help build and maintain the infrastructure of this great nation. Two, they expect policy makers to protect their right to collectively bargain for wages and benefits consistent with the skill and professionalism Operating Engineers bring to the job site each and every day.”

Endorsements are as follows:

District 2A: Matthew Grossell (R – Bagley)
District 3A: Rob Ecklund (DFL – International Falls)
District 3B: Mary Murphy (DFL – Hermantown)
District 4A: Ben Lien (DFL – Moorhead)
District 4B: Paul Marquardt (DFL – Dilworth)
District 5B: Pat Medure (DFL – Grand Rapids)
District 6A: Julie Sandstede (DFL – Hibbing)
District 6B: Dave Lislegard (DFL – Aurora)
District 10B: Dale Lueck (R – Aitkin)
District 11B: Jason Rarick (R – Brook Park)
District 13B: Tim O’Driscoll (R – Sartell)
District 14A: Aric Putnam (DFL – Saint Cloud)
District 14B: Jim Knoblach (R – Saint Cloud)
District 16B: Paul Torkelson (R – Hanska)
District 18A: Dean Urdahl (R – Grove City)

District 18B: Ashley Latzke (DFL – Gaylord)
District 19B: Jack Considine (DFL – Mankato)
District 21A: Barb Haley (R – Red Wing)
District 21B: Jonathan Isenor (DFL – Wanamingo)
District 22B: Rod Hamilton (R – Mountain Lake)
District 26B: Nels Pierson (R – Rochester)
District 27B: Jeanne Poppe (DFL – Austin)
District 28A: Gene Pelowski (DFL – Winona)
District 28B: Greg Davids (R – Preston)
District 30A: Nick Zerwas (R – Elk River)
District 31A: Kurt Daudt (R – Crown)
District 32B: Anne Neu (R – North Branch)
District 35B: Kathryn Eckhardt (DFL – Andover)
District 36A: Bill Maresh (R – Champlin)
District 36B: Melissa Hortman (DFL – Brooklyn Park)
District 37A: Erin Koegel (DFL – Spring Lake Park)
District 37B: Nolan West (R – Blaine)
District 39A: Bob Dettmer (R – Forest Lake)
District 40A: Mike Nelson (DFL – Brooklyn Park)
District 40B: Samantha Vang (DFL – Brooklyn Center)
District 41A: Connie Bernardy (DFL – Fridley)
District 41B: Mary Kunesh-Podien (DFL – New Brighton)
District 42A: Randy Jessup (R – Shoreview)
District 42B: Jamie Becker-Finn (DFL – Roseville)
District 43A: Peter Fischer (DFL – Maplewood)
District 43B: Leon Lillie (DFL – North Saint Paul)
District 44A: Ginny Klevorn (DFL – Plymouth)
District 44B: Patty Acomb (DFL – Minnetonka)
District 45A: Lyndon Carlson (DFL – Crystal)
District 45B: Mike Freiberg (DFL – Golden Valley)
District 46A: Ryan Winkler (DFL – Golden Valley)
District 46B: Cheryl Youakim (DFL – Hopkins)
District 47A: Jim Nash (R – Waconia)
District 48A: Laurie Pryor (DFL – Minnetonka)
District 48B: Jen Loon (R – Eden Prairie)
District 49B: Steve Elkins (DFL – Bloomington)
District 50A: Michael Howard (DFL – Richfield)
District 50B: Andrew Carlson (DFL – Bloomington)
District 51A: Sandra Masin (DFL – Eagan)
District 51B: Laurie Halverson (DFL – Eagan)
District 52A: Rick Hansen (DFL – South Saint Paul)
District 52B: Regina Barr (R – Inver Grove Heights)
District 53A: Tou Xiong (DFL – Woodbury)

District 53B: Kelly Fenton (R – Woodbury)
District 54A: Keith Franke (R – Saint Paul Park)
District 54B: Tony Jurgens (R – Cottage Grove)
District 55A: Brad Tabke (DFL – Shakopee)
District 55B: Tony Albright (R – Prior Lake)
District 56B: Roz Peterson (R – Lakeville)
District 57A: Matt Lundin (R – Apple Valley)
District 57B: Anna Wills (R – Rosemount)
District 58A: Jon Koznick (R – Lakeville)
District 58B: Patrick Garofalo (R – Farmington)
District 59A: Fue Lee (DFL – Minneapolis)
District 59B: Ray Dehn (DFL – Minneapolis)
District 60A: Diane Loeffler (DFL – Minneapolis)
District 61B: Jamie Long (DFL – Minneapolis)
District 64B: Dave Pinto (DFL – Saint Paul)
District 65A: Rena Moran (DFL – Saint Paul)
District 65B: Carlos Mariani (DFL – Saint Paul)
District 66B: John Lesch (DFL – Saint Paul)
District 67A: Tim Mahoney (DFL – Saint Paul)
District 67B: Jay Xiong (DFL – Saint Paul)

About IUOE Local 49

Founded in 1927, Local 49 is the International Union of Operating Engineers. Local 49 represents Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota, and with nearly 14,000 heavy equipment operators, Local 49 is the state's largest construction union. For more information visit www.local49.org.

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