

ILLINOIS AFL-CIO

NEWS UPDATE - 01/17/20



PRIMARY ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

Illinois AFL-CIO Endorses for March Primary

The Illinois AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education and Executive Board met Wednesday to endorse for the March 17 Primary Election.

More than 100 delegates from across Illinois and including all Illinois AFL-CIO-affiliated international unions, labor councils, building trades councils and state councils participated in the endorsement meeting.

Highlighting the endorsements (see accompanying list) including support for the Fair Tax constitutional amendment and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin in statewide elections.

“The Fair Tax amendment is a top priority for the labor movement,” said Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea. “We have long sought to address the inequities in our state’s tax system and the fair tax evens the scales for working families. We will move forward now with our program of engaging and mobilizing union members and their families.”

Additionally, the state federation has put an emphasis on union members running for political office. Nineteen union member candidates were endorsed Wednesday.

The Illinois AFL-CIO represents more than 1.7 million registered voters from union families.

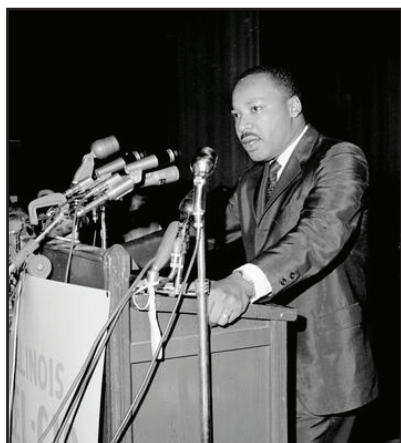
See page 2 of this update for a complete list of endorsements.

Illinois AFL-CIO swears in new Vice President



Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois President Chuck Sullivan was sworn in as vice president to the Illinois AFL-CIO executive board on Wednesday. The executive board is made up of representatives from 35 international unions. Pictured is attorney Joel D’Alba with President Tim Drea, Chuck Sullivan and Secretary Treasurer Pat Devaney.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Address to the IL AFL-CIO October 7, 1965



The following is from a speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to delegates of the Illinois State AFL-CIO.

“The Labor Movement was the principle force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress. Out of its bold struggles, economic and social reform gave birth to unemployment insurance, old age pensions, government relief for the destitute, and above all new wage levels that meant not mere survival but a tolerable life. The captains of industry did not lead this transformation. They resisted it until they were overcome. When in the thirties the wave of Union organization crested over the Nation, it carried to secure shores not only itself but the whole society. Civilization began to grow in the economic life of man, and a decent life with a sense of security and dignity became a reality rather than a distant dream.”

View the complete address at <http://www.ilaf-cio.org/documents/MLKNewsletter.pdf>

Illinois AFL-CIO 2020 Primary Election Endorsements

Italics – incumbent

*- union member

Ballot question

Support Fair Tax Constitutional Amendment

U.S. Senate

Dick Durbin (D)

U.S. House

1st – Bobby Rush (D)
2nd – Robin Kelly (D)
3rd – Dan Lipinski (D)
4th – Chuy Garcia (D)
5th – Mike Quigley (D)
6th – Sean Casten (D)
7th – Danny Davis (D)
8th – Raja Krishnamoorthi (D)
*9th – Jan Schakowsky (D)**
10th – Brad Schneider (D)
11th – Bill Foster (D)
13th – Betsy Dirksen Londrigan (D)
14th – Lauren Underwood (D)
16th – Dani Brzozowski (D)
17th – Cheri Bustos (D)

State Senate

1st – Antonio Munoz (D)
4th – Kimberly Lightford (D)
7th – Heather Steans (D)
10th – Robert Martwick (D)
11th – Celina Villanueva (D)
13th – Robert Peters (D)
16th – Jacqui Collins (D)
19th – Michael Hastings (D)
22nd – Cristina Castro (D)
25th – Karina Villa (D)
28th – Laura Murphy (D)
31st – Melinda Bush (D)
34th – Steve Stadelman (D)
40th – Patrick Joyce (D)
43rd – John Connor (D)
46th – Dave Koehler (D)
*49th – Meg Cappel (D)**
52nd – Scott Bennett (D)

State House

*1st – Aaron Ortiz (D)**
2nd – Theresa Mah (D)
*3rd – Nidia Carranza (D)**
4th – Delia Ramirez (D)
5th – Lamont Robinson (D)
6th – Sonya Harper (D)
7th – Chris Welch (D)

8th – La Shawn Ford (D)
*9th – Lakesia Collins (D)**
*10th – Omar Williams (D)**
11th – Ann Williams (D)
12th – Margaret Croke (D)
13th – Greg Harris (D)
14th – Kelly Cassidy (D)
*15th – John D’Amico (D)**
16th – Yehiel “Mark” Kalish (D)
17th – Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D)
18th – Robyn Gabel (D)
*20th – Michelle Darbro (D)**
*20th – Brad Stephens (R)**
21st – Edgar Gonzalez (D)
22nd – Michael Madigan (D)
23rd – Mike Zalewski (D)
24th – Lisa Hernandez (D)
25th – Curtis Tarver II (D)
26th – Kam Buckner (D)
27th – Justin Slaughter (D)
28th – Bob Rita (D)
29th – Thaddeus Jones (D)
30th – Will Davis (D)
31st – Mary Flowers (D)
32nd – Andre Thapedi (D)
33rd – Marcus Evans (D)
34th – Nick Smith (D)
35th – Frances Hurley (D)
36th – Kelly Burke (D)
38th – Debbie Meyers-Martin (D)
39th – Will Guzzardi (D)
40th – Jaime Andrade (D)
41st – Janet Yang Rohr (D)
42nd – Ken Mejia-Beal (D)
43rd – Anna Moeller (D)
44th – Fred Crespo (D)
45th – Diane Pappas (D)
46th – Deb Conroy (D)
47th – Jennifer Zordani (D)
48th – Terra Costa Howard (D)
49th – Maura Hirschauer (D)
51st – Mary Edly-Allen (D)
53rd – Mark Walker (D)
54th – Maggie Trevor (D)
*55th – Marty Moylan (D)**
56th – Michelle Mussman (D)
57th – Jonathan Carroll (D)
58th – Bob Morgan (D)
59th – Daniel Didech (D)
60th – Rita Mayfield (D)
61st – Joyce Mason (D)
62nd – Sam Yingling (D)
*64th – Leslie Armstrong-McLeod (D)**
65th – Martha Paschke (D)
66th – Suzanne Ness (D)

67th – Maurice West II (D)
68th – Dave Vella (D)
*70th – Paul Stoddard (D)**
71st – Joan Padilla (D)
72nd – Mike Halpin (D)
*74th – Christopher Demink (D)**
*76th – Lance Yednock (D)**
77th – Kathleen Willis (D)
78th – Camille Lilly (D)
*79th – Charlene Eads (D)**
80th – Anthony DeLuca (D)
81st – Anne Stava-Murray (D)
83rd – Barbara Hernandez (D)
84th – Stephanie Kifowit (D)
*85th – Dagmara “Dee” Avelar (D)**
*86th – Larry Walsh Jr (D)**
88th – Karla Bailey-Smith (D)
90th – Seth Wiggins (D)
91st – Mark Luft (R)
92nd – Jehan Gordon-Booth (D)
93rd – Scott Stoll (D)
*95th – Chase Wilhelm (D)**
96th – Sue Scherer (D)
*97th – Harry Benton (D)**
98th – Natalie Manley (D)
103rd – Carol Ammons (D)
104th – Cynthia Cunningham (D)
105th – Chemberly Cummings (D)
*107th – David Seiler (D)**
108th – Kacie Weicherding (D)
111th – Monica Bristow (D)
112th – Katie Stuart (D)
113th – Jay Hoffman (D)
114th – LaToya Greenwood (D)
*115th – Johnnie Smith (R)**
116th – Nathan Reitz (D)

Judicial

1st Supreme – P. Scott Neville (D)
1st Appellate – Michael Hyman (D)
1st Appellate – John Griffin (D)
5th Supreme – Judy Cates (D)
5th Appellate – Sarah Smith (D)

(As of Jan. 15, 2020)