

# ILLINOIS AFL - CIO

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## PRIMARY ELECTION UPDATE

### Labor 2020 Boosts Candidates to Primary Election Wins *Six Endorsed Union Members Win Democratic Primaries*

Labor 2020 began the election year by Winning 18 of 20 (90 percent) targeted Primary Election races Tuesday.

While the COVID-19 outbreak affected campaign work at the doors, Labor 2020 was able to communicate with members on multiple fronts in the targeted districts including, phones, social media and direct mail.

Labor 2020 quick info:

- Six targeted union members won including Meg Cappel (AFT) in the 49th Senate, Rep. Aaron Ortiz (AFT) in the 1st House, Lakesia Collins (SEIU) in the 9th House, Rep. Omar Williams (UA) in the 10th House, Michelle Darbro (IAFF) in the 20th House, and Charlene Eads (AFSCME) in the 79th House. Labor 2020 focused specifically on Labor to Labor contact in these districts. The sole union member that may have lost is Nidia Carranza (AFT) in the 3rd House, who is behind by 365 votes with some votes still out.
- Volunteers canvassed 6,785 union members in the three weeks before the election in the targeted areas.
- The social media outreach connected with more than 900,000 people in the targeted areas, focusing on Democratic voters.
- Direct mail was sent into all 20 targeted districts – hitting the mailboxes of 112,639 Democratic Primary voting union households.

“We had tremendous challenges, as we are all aware, but the Labor political program is nimble enough to maneuver and still mobilize our voters,” said Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea. “We won the vast majority of the races we were focused on and now it’s on to a November election that is critical to the path we take as a state and country.”

On ballot this presidential election year will be key state and federal races, as well as a long-sought labor priority with a Fair Tax Constitutional Amendment.

### Primary Election Rundown:

#### Statewide

In the Democratic Primary for President, former VP Joe Biden won easily over U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders 59 percent to 36 percent. U.S. Senator Dick Durbin was unopposed and will face Mark Curran who routed the field in a crowded GOP Primary. Curran is the former Sheriff of Lake County.

#### U.S. Congress

In one of the only losses of the day for endorsed candidates, U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski was defeated by Marie Newman in the 3rd CD. Newman came close two years ago and won by 2,500 votes this year with some left to be counted. In other races, endorsed incumbents Bobby Rush (1st), Robin Kelly (2nd), Mike Quigley (5th), Danny Davis (7th), Raja Krishnamoorthi (8th), and Bill Foster (11th) won easily. Endorsed challenger Betsy Dirksen Londrigan won big in the 13th CD Democratic Primary.

The top targets for congressional incumbents will likely be endorsed congresspersons Rep. Sean Casten in CD6 and Rep. Lauren Underwood in CD14. Casten will face former State Rep. Jeanne Ives, who made her name running to the anti-union right of Bruce Rauner in the gubernatorial primary two years ago. Underwood will face perennial candidate and State Sen. Jim Oberweis, who also has an extensive right-wing, anti-worker resume.

#### State Senate

Endorsed incumbent winners were: Sen. Tony Munoz (1st SD), Sen. Robert Martwick (10th SD), Sen. Robert Peters (13th SD), Sen. Cristina Castro (22nd SD), Sen. Patrick Joyce (40th SD). Union member Cappel won easily in the union-dense SD49.

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## Primary Election Rundown (Continued):

### State House

Illinois AFL-CIO targeted race winners were (Democratic Primary): Rep. Aaron Ortiz (1st), Rep. Theresa Mah (2nd), Lakesia Collins (9th), Rep. Jawaharial “Omar” Williams (10th), Margaret Croke (12th), Michelle Darbro (20th), Rep. Justin Slaughter (27th), Rep. Thaddeus Jones (29th), Rep. Mary Flowers (31st), Rep. Andre Thapedi (32nd), Rep. Jaime Andrade (40th), Janet Yang Rohr (41st), Charlene Eads (79th), and Rep. Barbara Hernandez (83rd).

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	Incumbent	Results
President	<b>Biden (D)</b>	<b>59.10%</b>
	Sanders (D)	36.10%
CD 3	<b>*Lipinski (D)</b>	<b>44.70%</b>
	Newman (D)	47.10%
	Darwish (D)	5.90%
	Hughes (D)	2.30%
CD 11	<b>*Foster (D)</b>	<b>58.70%</b>
	Ventura (D)	41.30%
SD 10	<b>*Martwick (D)</b>	<b>51.90%</b>
	O'Toole (D)	49.10%
SD 13	<b>*Peters (D)</b>	<b>51.80%</b>
	Thomas (D)	48.20%
SD 22	<b>*Castro (D)</b>	<b>81.60%</b>
	Yawer (D)	18.40%
SD 40	Gordon (D)	19.70%
	<b>*Joyce (D)</b>	<b>46.80%</b>
	Perales (D)	6.80%
	Wilcox (D)	26.70%
SD 49	Crowner (D)	20.00%
	Hug (D)	20.50%
	<b>*Loughran Cappel (D)</b>	<b>59.50%</b>
HD 1	Martinez (D)	41.80%
	<b>*Ortiz (D)</b>	<b>58.20%</b>
HD 2	Kozlar (D)	4.60%
	<b>*Mah (D)</b>	<b>66.70%</b>
	Olson (D)	28.80%
HD 3	<b>*Delgado (D)</b>	<b>51.70%</b>
	Carranza (D)	48.30%
HD 9	<b>Collins (D)</b>	<b>45.90%</b>
	Cratic (D)	7.90%
	Edwards (D)	4.60%
	Harvey (D)	9.20%
	Mangrum (D)	10.70%
	Schneller (D)	6.80%
	Turner (D)	14.90%

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HD 10	<b>*Williams (D)</b>	<b>45.30%</b>
	Moorer (D)	31.40%
	Zuccaro (D)	23.30%
HD 12	<b>Croke (D)</b>	<b>46.40%</b>
	Garfield (D)	6.10%
	Malone (D)	2.80%
	Pizer (D)	41.00%
	Podges (D)	3.80%
HD 16	<b>*Kalish (D)</b>	<b>31.90%</b>
	Olickal (D)	25.30%
	<b>Wang Stoneback (D)</b>	<b>42.90%</b>
HD 19	Bonnin (D)	35.40%
	Duplechin (D)	23.40%
	<b>*LaPointe (D)</b>	<b>41.10%</b>
HD 20	<b>Darbro (D)</b>	<b>67.80%</b>
	Capparelli (D)	32.20%
HD 29	<b>*Jones (D)</b>	<b>54.20%</b>
	Tillman (D)	45.80%
HD 31	<b>*Flowers (D)</b>	<b>74.30%</b>
	Simpson (D)	25.70%
HD 32	<b>*Thapedi (D)</b>	<b>57.10%</b>
	Gandi (D)	42.90%
HD 40	<b>*Andrade (D)</b>	<b>66.00%</b>
	Krishnamsetty (D)	34.00%
HD 41	<b>Yang Rohr (D)</b>	<b>70.10%</b>
	McMillen (D)	29.90%
HD 54	<b>Trevor (D)</b>	<b>19.30%</b>
	Huffman (D)	80.70%
HD 60	<b>*Mayfield (D)</b>	<b>81.40%</b>
	Burdette (D)	18.60%
HD 65	<b>Paschke (D)</b>	<b>66.00%</b>
	Iqbal (D)	34.00%
HD 66	<b>Ness (D)</b>	<b>77.70%</b>
	Malone (D)	22.30%
HD 79	<b>Eads (D)</b>	<b>56.10%</b>
	Ellington-Snipes (D)	43.90%
HD 83	<b>*Hernandez (D)</b>	<b>72.20%</b>
	Thomas (D)	27.80%
	<b>*-incumbent</b>	
	<b>ital-endorsed</b>	
	<b>winner</b>	