



AFSCME Council 5 members and staff are door knocking all over Minnesota to share information about lawmakers who support workers and to hear what issues are of biggest concerns to members.

Vote today for worker-friendly lawmakers!

If you haven't had a chance to early vote, please show up at the polls Tuesday and help elect candidates who support workers.

Your vote has never been more important. You have the rare opportunity to elect a worker-friendly state House, Senate and Governor; and to fill equally important Congressional seats.

We've had a great Governor in Mark Dayton for the past eight years, and we're just as fortunate to have candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan.

Tim and Peggy share our AFSCME values. They believe in public services and public workers. They believe in affordable health care, quality education and decent benefits, including pensions that allow people to retire with dignity.

They are pro-union, and they'll fight for us just like Dayton has.

We have a clear choice. We can vote for Tim and Peggy and keep Minnesota operating as one of the most worker-friendly and best-governed states in America. Or we can give tax breaks to the rich, cut services for the rest of us, reverse our state's progress and turn into another Wisconsin.

It's time to vote so that every Minnesotan – no matter the color of their skin, the amount of money they make or the county they live in – has a fair shot and the opportunity to thrive and build a better future for themselves, their family and our beautiful state. Please come out and vote your AFSCME values today!

Who is my union endorsing?
You can find the whole list of candidates

who support workers, our families and our communities – endorsed by members – at <http://afscmemn.org/vote>.

When can I vote?

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. As long as you're in line by 8 p.m., they will let you vote.

Where do I vote?

Find your polling place in seconds at <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

What if I'm not registered yet?

No problem! Just show up at your polling place (link listed above) to register. Make sure to bring identification such as your driver's license or tribal ID. Find more info at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>.

Members: Why Voting Pro-Worker Matters

Member organizer Denna Thurmond of Local 2829:

“We hear you, we see you, we want you to get out and vote! What’s on the line is actually American values, what we stand for as a country, what we stand for as workers. At the end of your career, you should have something to fall back on such as your benefit package, your pension, affordable health care, other things that are important to American people, working class people. I want to keep my rights in the workplace.”

Local 66 member, social worker Theresa O’Halloran Johnson:

“It’s so very important people get out and vote. I really believe in our democracy. The fight against public unions doesn’t just hurt public unions and people in them like me, but it hurts the people we support and the people we serve. I know that Tim Walz, Peggy Flanagan and Joe Radinovich are going to actually help protect those rights, and we need them in office.”

Local 600 president, correctional officer John C. Hillyard:

“Tim Walz has a lot of the values we share as a union and as individuals. For correctional officers especially, Tim is really behind us 100 percent. He knows what we need. He engages with us and talks to us and will make sure we get the help we need. He’s a very good union guy. He’s a good person, human being, and he goes the right direction on all things.”

Member organizer Starr Suggs of Local 3142:

“I just want fairness,” Suggs says. When she goes into the workplace, she wants to be judged by how hard she works, not the color of her skin. “I want great wages because I have to take care of my family. I want great dental, medical, I want great retirement benefits. Looking at all the DFL candidates, they support my views on what I think is important, being a Minnesotan.”

Council 5 president Patrick Guernsey:

“A lot of people are concerned about their health care, about losing their healthcare. That’s why we’re supporting Tim Walz. He wants to sponsor a buy-in to MinnesotaCare. People want to see improvements in our transportation system. We have a lot of construction going on right now thanks to Gov. Dayton, and we need to keep doing that to improve our infrastructure, and we need good transit so people can get to work.”

Local 599 president, CO Rick Neysen:

“It’s super vital we get out to vote. It’s our future, both labor people and just Minnesotans in general. It’s the single biggest, most important thing you can do as a citizen, in my mind.”

Get in on the Action

Action Update comes out every two weeks for locals and activists. Download a copy from www.afscmemn.org. Share news and events by emailing Trisha.Harms@afscmemn.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Event	Date	Place/details
General Election	Nov. 6	pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/
Workplace bullying and harassment class	Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to noon	https://bit.ly/2DoQhPV
Internal organizing class	Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to noon	https://bit.ly/2F4DSIV