With 2 months to go before the upcoming mid-term elections, there is a lot of work to do in supporting candidates who have committed to helping our labor causes.

Tom Sullivan, a US Postal retiree, whose son was killed in the Aurora Theater shooting, is running for CO State House District 37. Read his story from 5280 magazine from this link https://www.5280.com/2018/08/running-for-alex-how-tom-sullivan-turned-tragedy-into-a-political-crusade/?mc_cid=8824abf818&mc_eid=0c9c0f2793

Former CO House Representative Jessie Danielson is now running for State Senate District 20. She is a proven labor champion as are US House Representatives Ed Perlmutter and Diana DeGette. We have opportunities to elect candidates who can and have made a difference.

I participated in an AFL-CIO conference call prior to Labor Day where Robert Reich stated several times, “this is the year that voters can change the climate in Washington, DC by electing the right candidates who have come forward and show they support labor.” Below is a list of candidates endorsed by the AFL-CIO for positions nationally and in Colorado. If you are not registered, please register and vote your conscience. Your way of life and jobs may well depend on it. Don’t think that your vote doesn’t matter. https://www.coaflcio.org/endorsements

Congressional District 1: Diana DeGette
Congressional District 3: Diane Mitsch Bush
Congressional District 5: Stephany Rose Spaulding
Congressional District 7: Ed Perlmutter

Congressional District 2: Joe Neguse
Congressional District 4: Karen McCormick
Congressional District 6: Jason Crow

Governor: Jared Polis
Secretary of State: Jena Griswold

Attorney General: Phil Weiser
Treasurer: Dave Young
State Senate
SD 3: Leroy Garcia  SD 5: Kerry Donovan  SD 11: Pete Lee
SD 15: Rebecca Cranston  SD 16: Tammy Story  SD 20: Jessie Danielson
SD 24: Faith Winter  SD 30: Julia Varnell-Sarjeant  SD 32: Robert Rodriguez
SD 34: Julie Gonzalez

State House
HD 3: Jeff Bridges  HD 4: Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez  HD 9: Emily Sirota
HD 17: Tony Exum  HD 18: Marc Snyder  HD 20: Kent Jarnig
HD 21: Liz Rosenbaum  HD 23: Chris Kennedy  HD 24: Monica Duran
HD 25: Lisa Cutter  HD 27: Brianna Titone  HD 28: Kerry Tipper
HD 29: Tracy Kraft-Tharp  HD 31: Yadira Caraveo  HD 33: Matt Gray
HD 34: Kyle Mullica  HD 35: Shannon Bird  HD 36: Mike Weissman
HD 37: Tom Sullivan  HD 38: Chris Kolker  HD 44: Simone Aiken
HD 46: Daneya Esgar  HD 47: Bri Buentello  HD 50: Rochelle Galindo
HD 59: Barbara McLachlan

In addition to these state and US candidates, Adams County Commissioner Steve O’Dorisio is running for re-election and Emma Pinter is running for a commissioner position. They have both been in our hall several times to ask for our support. They are proven labor champions and part of the reason Adams County is a great example of how labor unions and a municipality can work together. Another candidate, Bob Wilson, is running for RTD Director District L representing Arvada and South Adams County. He has been endorsed as a labor friendly candidate worthy of being elected.

In solidarity,
Brian Buyaki
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