

New England Laborers'

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*“The American Labor Movement
has consistently demonstrated its
devotion to the public interest.
It is, and has been, good for all
America.”*

~ John F. Kennedy





Armand E. Sabitoni

General Secretary-Treasurer &
New England Regional Manager
Laborers' International Union of North America



When our Founding Fathers established the Constitution, they envisioned a government based on sacrifice and dedication to our American ideals. Our Republic was formed for the purpose of establishing justice, insuring domestic tranquility, providing for our common defense, promoting the general welfare and to secure the blessings of liberty for all Americans. They established the Congress to create laws that would promote the welfare and in turn secure the personal freedom of all Americans. They specifically noted that “our posterity” or future generations should benefit from the establishment of our newly formed government.

What would they think today when Congress refuses to act and fails to provide solutions for a variety of crisis situations during a period of great suffering for the American people? The “Great Recession” has cost many Americans their livelihood, their homes and the future they envisioned for their children.

Everyone, economists, business owners, educators, our union brothers and sisters agree that our Congress should provide for the well-being of our citizens by returning our hard earned tax dollars in the form of funding for the rehabilitation of our crumbling schools, roads, bridges and other vital infrastructure. Infrastructure development is essential to every modern society and the job opportunities it creates will move our economy forward.

Instead we have paralysis in Washington. Simply stated, there are some politicians that put personal political gain before the people. The hard working Democrats, Republicans and Independents in Congress who truly care about the people and want solutions are frustrated and demoralized. I, for one, am

outraged by the blatantly offensive behavior of elected leaders who refuse to work cooperatively to solve these problems.

Never before has there been such income inequality in our country, such eagerness to strip working men and women of their rights, pensions and standard of living. As watchdogs for all working men and women, unions are also under attack for standing up and demanding action.

The candidates that you will see in this publication have been interviewed and vetted by your District Council Legislative Committees for their commitment to help working people. Their voting records on issues important to working families have been scrutinized. The Democrat, Republican or Independent candidates we endorse must be focused on creating family sustaining jobs, benefits including healthcare, a public education for every child, and a pension to live on after a lifetime of work.

These are candidates that your District Council chose for your consideration as you exercise your all-important right to vote. Frustration can only be eased by action. Act on behalf of the well being of union families. Vote on November 4th!

Fraternally Yours,

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Our Endorsed Rhode Island Candidates

SENATOR JACK REED

Candidate for U.S. Senate



Jack Reed was first elected to federal office in 1990 representing Rhode Island's Second District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Reed then ran for the U.S. Senate, succeeding retired Senator Claiborne Pell in 1997. Since that time, Senator Reed has distinguished himself as an advocate for the middle class, our men and women in uniform and small businesses. Today, he serves on three influential Senate Committees: Armed Services; Appropriations and Banking; and Housing and Urban Development.

Reed works tirelessly for Rhode Island. He is committed to getting the state's economy back on track and improving opportunities for Rhode Islanders. He is a steadfast supporter of our men and women in uniform, and is also committed to leveling the playing field for small

businesses and families by supporting responsible reforms that preserve middle class tax cuts, eliminate wasteful loopholes, and ensure that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share.

As a leading consumer advocate, Reed is making sure that financial products and services work better for consumers, who should never have to fall victim to unfair, deceptive, and abusive financial practices and products.

Jack Reed has used his position in Congress to ensure that working families continue to have a voice in our government. His top priority is to promote common sense measures that create jobs and improve the economy. This approach resonates with both parties and as a result he has secured millions of dollars of funding for crucial roadway and bridge projects across the state.

CONGRESSMAN DAVID N. CICILLINE

Candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives – 1st District



Congressman David N. Cicilline represents Rhode Island's First Congressional District and is currently serving his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cicilline is a Democratic member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.

In Congress, Cicilline has focused on reinvigorating the manufacturing sector and creating good paying jobs in Rhode Island and is a strong advocate for the "Make it in America" agenda. Cicilline sponsored and cosponsored a number of bills to help bring good-paying jobs back to Rhode Island.

Cicilline introduced the 21st Century Buy American Act, the Make it in America Manufacturing Act, the Social Enterprise Ecosystem and Economic Development Commission Act of 2013, and the Jobs Score Act of 2013 (H.R.

3592) to help create jobs and stimulate economic growth. Cicilline recognizes the importance of organized labor and has stood up to the Republican-led Congress' repeated attempts to try to limit collective bargaining rights and undermine the rights of workers to freely join a union. Cicilline fought back on those and many other attempts by the House Republicans to undermine labor unions.

Cicilline believes that hardworking Americans deserve the right to organize, bargain collectively, and demand a safe work environment from their employer. Cicilline believes we must advocate for fair wages and benefits, retirement security, and safe work conditions on behalf of working people. In Congress, Cicilline will continue to fight hard to advance the well-being of working families in Rhode Island.

**CONGRESSMAN
JAMES LANGEVIN**

***Candidate for the U.S. House of
Representatives – 2nd District***



For nearly fourteen years, Jim Langevin has been a tireless advocate for Rhode Island families. Working Rhode Islanders can count on Langevin to cover a wide variety of issues that affect their daily lives. By confronting the tough issues head on, such as cybersecurity, healthcare, economic policy, gun safety, or protecting the environment; Jim Langevin has vigorously represented his constituents.

Throughout his time in Congress, he has introduced measures to help businesses provide health care for employees, hosted leaders from across the state to discuss economic policy, advocated for stricter cybersecurity policy, sponsored bills to increase gun safety and championed initiatives to provide respite care for family caregivers, protect our environment, increase federal funding for life-saving research, and much more.

Jim Langevin has made it his life's work to champion causes that assist Rhode Island's working families to build a future. Langevin has voted to increase the federal minimum wage, to extend unemployment benefits during

the recent economic climate, and to uphold our rights to form and join a labor union without interference. Of late, he has supported initiatives that would make college more affordable. In appreciation for his consistent efforts and strong advocacy of quality healthcare and the Community Health Centers, Langevin was awarded the National Association of Community Health Centers 2014 Distinguished Community Health Defender Award.

Langevin is a member of the powerful House Armed Services Committee, where he chairs the Strategic Forces Subcommittee. He also serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Committee on the Budget. This robust set of committee assignments allows him to tackle a wide range of issues, from national security to fiscal policy.

U.S. Representative James Langevin is committed to continuing the fight for his state and the issues that affect the lives of Rhode Islanders, especially those living in the Second Congressional District, which he proudly represents today.

**GENERAL TREASURER
GINA RAIMONDO**

Candidate for Governor



Gina Raimondo is committed to ensuring the Ocean State is a vibrant place to work, raise families and build businesses; a place where families have the opportunity to grow and to thrive. With an economics education from Harvard University and Oxford University and a law degree from Yale, Raimondo has proven her commitment to Rhode Island by coming home to build a successful investment business. She was subsequently elected to the office of General Treasurer in 2010.

Raimondo's traditional Rhode Island roots give her a clear perspective about the difficulties Rhode Island families are experiencing, and she knows that the creation of new jobs in Rhode Island is the most important challenge facing our state.

Raimondo is committed to preserving the rights of all workers to collectively bargain for fair wages and benefits. She is also supportive of a family sustaining minimum wage and believes that supporting our public school system is the only way to ensure that all children have a fair chance at a better life.

Committed to positive change, Raimondo has introduced creative new ways to improve our state economy. Her proposed infrastructure bank will not only bring our roads, bridges and utilities into the 21st century, it will provide family sustaining jobs for Rhode Islanders.

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NELLIE GORBEA

Candidate for Secretary of State



Nellie Gorbea has a deep commitment to serving our community which can be seen in the wide number of organizations she has helped lead including: the United Way of Rhode Island, the Women's Fund of Rhode Island, Salve Regina University, Providence Chamber of Commerce – Innovation Providence Committee, RI Free Clinic, Gateway Healthcare, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island Latino Political Action Committee. She is also the Founding President of the Rhode Island Latino Civic Fund.

Recognized by Providence Business News, Nellie Gorbea was named "2009 Woman to Watch in Government, Social Services and Education." In 2013, she received the César Estrada Chávez Award, as well as the Latino Public Radio Community Excellence Award.

Gorbea believes that democracy works best when people actively participate in voting. She will increase voting levels through public education campaigns, expand access to mail ballots and begin online voter registration to make it easier to vote. She will ensure that all eligible voters can vote.

Gorbea knows how to cut through red tape to help Rhode Island businesses flourish. She will also provide economic information that small business owners can use to grow in Rhode Island.

As a former Rhode Island Deputy Secretary of State, Nellie Gorbea has the experience to lead. As Secretary of State, Gorbea will be committed to fair, fast and accurate elections; providing transparency in government, and helping small businesses thrive.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL
PETER KILMARTIN**

Candidate for Attorney General



Peter Kilmartin has served the people of Rhode Island his entire career, first as a police officer, then as a State Representative for twenty years. In 2010, he was elected as Rhode Island's Attorney General.

Kilmartin has proven himself to be an Attorney General whose prime concern is the safety and security of Rhode Island's families. He has strongly advocated for longer prison sentences and stiffer penalties for criminals, and has also successfully changed the state's "Good Time" law, prohibiting those who commit heinous crimes against children to earn time off for good behavior while incarcerated. He has advocated for stronger and stiffer sentences for people who illegally possess and use firearms, as well as those who engage in gang activity.

Attorney General Kilmartin has established specialized prosecution units that focus on specific crimes and victims. Kilmartin estab-

lished a Child Abuse Unit, led by prosecutors, victim advocates and support staff, all trained to handle the emotional and psychological effects associated with physical and sexual abuse of children.

Kilmartin led the way to bring greater transparency to government, which led to the first major update to the state's Access to Public Records Act in more than 15 years. In addition, Kilmartin has filed multiple lawsuits against public bodies for violating the state's public access laws.

Kilmartin has also not forgotten crimes affecting Rhode Island working men and women. He has prosecuted companies that blatantly violate our prevailing wage laws sending the message that cheating employees to obtain the low bid position on a government contract will not be tolerated.

SETH MAGAZINER

Candidate for General Treasurer



Seth Magaziner is running for Treasurer to bring new energy and fresh ideas to Rhode Island state government.

Magaziner holds a Bachelor's Degree in history from Brown University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Yale University. Born and raised in Bristol, his parents taught him the importance of public service from a young age. He first worked as an elementary school teacher in rural Louisiana during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Subsequently, Magaziner went to graduate school to study how the financial system can be changed to empower working people.

Since returning home to Rhode Island, Magaziner has worked at Trillium Asset Management, a socially responsible investment firm with over one billion dollars of assets under

management. A Vice President at Trillium, Magaziner was responsible for more than one hundred million dollars of investments for various organizations including: retirement funds, religious organizations and nonprofit endowments.

As Treasurer, Magaziner will focus on initiatives to put Rhode Islanders back to work and make our state competitive in the 21st century economy. He is committed to supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs, championing programs to upgrade our state's infrastructure, and working with bank and community leaders to crack down on predatory financial services. Magaziner believes that we can build a financial system that works for all Rhode Islanders.

SENATOR M. TERESA PAIVA WEED

Candidate for State Senate



State Senator M. Teresa Paiva Weed, District 13, Jamestown, Newport was first elected to the Rhode Island Senate in 1992. In January 2009, Senator Paiva Weed was elected by her colleagues to serve as President of the Senate, and is the first woman in Rhode Island's history to serve in this capacity. Senate President Paiva Weed is also an attorney from Newport.

Before becoming Senate President, Senator Paiva Weed served as Rhode Island's first female Senate Majority Leader, a position she held for five years. Prior to her election to the Senate, Ms. Paiva Weed was Chairwoman of the Newport Affordable Housing Commission, and has served as a member of the Newport Democratic City Committee since 1988.

Senate President Paiva Weed has been recognized by the Governor's Council on Disabilities, the Governor's Council on Tourism, the National Association of Social Workers, the Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy, the Newport County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), United Way, the Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Centers, the Rhode Island Ambassador of Hospitality and Tourism, and the Newport and Jamestown Business and Professional Women's Club.

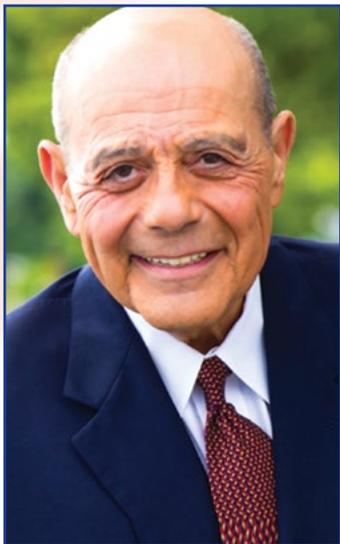
Whenever legislation is drafted in the Senate, Senator Paiva Weed has worked diligently to make sure that Rhode Island working families are always a priority.

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VINCENT "BUDDY" CIANCI

Candidate for Mayor of Providence



The City of Providence made considerable progress when Vincent "Buddy" Cianci was first elected as Mayor in 1974. His leadership laid the groundwork for a veritable explosion of new construction, a celebration of the arts, and enormous prosperity and progress. Providence was celebrated as a model for the revival of cities nationwide; designations—such as one of the U.S.'s five Renaissance Cities (USA Today), the "Safest City in the Continental U.S." (Livable Cities Almanac) and the designation as the "Best City in Which to Live in the East" (Money) in 2000 and again in 2001.

During his 6th term in office, Cianci became the longest serving Mayor in Providence's history with a total of 21 years in office. Cianci is currently running as an Independent candidate for a seventh term of office, hoping to re-ignite the Providence renaissance, and regain international recognition for the bold transformation of Rhode Island's capital city that occurred during his time in office.

Cianci will promote Providence as a hub for economic development, which means jobs for city residents, and a broadening of our tax base. He also has promised to address our crumbling roads, as well as our boarded-up and abandoned neighborhoods, noting that these conditions adversely affect our quality of life and discourage people from staying in the city, shrinking our much needed tax base.

Cianci will also immediately focus on the Port of Providence, to transform it from an eyesore to an economic engine for the city. His plan is to turn the port into a waterfront destination, combining commercial development, light manufacturing, and boating with plenty of room for recreation and arts and cultural programming. The waterfront also has great potential as a cruise ship terminus, which would increase tourism in our beautiful city. These plans would create numerous jobs and economic opportunity for Providence and the State of Rhode Island.

MAYOR JOSEPH POLISENA

Candidate for Mayor of Johnston



Mayor Joseph Polisena, a life-long Johnston resident, Polisena has been involved in the Johnston community for decades. In addition to being a firefighter, Polisena graduated from CCRI with an Associates Degree in nursing, dually working for the Johnston Fire Department and as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. In addition to having a nursing degree, Polisena holds a Bachelors Degree in Health Services from Roger Williams, and a Masters Degree in Education from Cambridge College.

Polisena is also a former professor for the fire science program at CCRI. In 1992, Polisena fielded a successful campaign for the

then-District 28 Senate seat, which he held from 1992-1998, and from 2000-2006. In 2006, Polisena felt that he could further help the community, and made the decision to run for Mayor of the Town of Johnston, and was successfully re-elected in 2008.

Mayor Polisena has worked diligently with the council, state officials, and taxpayers of the town to hold the line on taxes and to bring \$500 million worth of new business to the town. In addition to the new businesses, Mayor Polisena has also brought new soccer fields and a new fire station, with no cost to the taxpayers.

Rhode Island General Assembly Members

SENATORS

DISTRICT

2	JUAN PICHARDO	DEM
6	HAROLD METTS	DEM
9	ADAM SATCHELL	DEM
11	CHRISTOPHER OTTAVIANO	REP
13	TERESA PAIVA WEED	DEM
16	ELIZABETH A. CROWLEY	DEM
22	STEPHEN ARCHAMBAULT	DEM
23	PAUL FOGARTY	DEM

DISTRICT

27	HANNA M. GALLO	DEM
30	WILLIAM A. WALASKA	DEM
31	ERIN P. LYNCH	DEM
32	CYNTHIA ARMOUR COYNE	DEM
33	LEONIDAS P. RAPTAKIS	DEM
34	CATHERINE COOL RUMSEY	DEM
35	JAMES M. CALLAHAN	DEM

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT

4	J. AARON REGUNBERG	DEM
7	DANIEL P. MCKIERNAN	DEM
9	ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS	DEM
10	SCOTT SLATER	DEM
11	GRACE DIAZ	DEM
16	PETER G. PALUMBO	DEM
18	ARTHUR HANDY	DEM
22	JOSEPH J. SOLOMON	DEM
26	NICHOLAS DENICE	DEM
28	SCOTT J. GUTHRIE	DEM
29	LISA P. TOMMASSO	DEM
32	ROBERT CRAVEN	DEM

DISTRICT

34	TERESA TANZI	DEM
36	DONNA M. WALSH	DEM
37	SAMUEL A. AZZINARO	DEM
39	LARRY VALENCIA	DEM
41	MICHAEL MARCELLO	DEM
43	DEBORAH A. FELLELLA	DEM
44	GREGORY COSTANTINO	DEM
46	JEREMIAH O'GRADY	DEM
50	STEPHEN M. CASEY	DEM
58	CAROLS E. TOBON	DEM
63	KATHERINE KAZARIAN	DEM
71	DENNIS M. CANNARIO	DEM

Rhode Island Cities & Towns

CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

CITY WIDE

	MICHAEL J. FARINA	DEM
	JOHN E. LANNI, JR.	DEM
	RICHARD D. SANTA MARIA, JR.	DEM
WARD 2	TED JENDZEJEC	DEM
WARD 3	PAUL H. ARCHETTO	DEM
WARD 4	MARIO ACETO	DEM

PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

WARD 1	SETH YURDIN	DEM
WARD 7	JOHN J. IGLIOZZI	DEM
WARD 8	WILBUR W. JENNINGS, JR.	DEM
WARD 12	TERRENCE M. HASSETT	DEM

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
CITY-WIDE	MICHAEL A. TRAFICANTE
WARD 1	JEFFREY K. GALE
WARD 2	STEPHANIE GIANGRANDE CULHANE
WARD 3	RICHARD TOMLINS
WARD 4	JANICE RUGGIERI
WARD 6	DAN WALL

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
CITY COUNCIL-AT-LARGE	ALICE BRADY
DISTRICT 2	DONALD CATALDI
CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL OF WARWICK	
WARD 3	CAMILLE F. VELLA WILKINSON

Rhode Island **Bond Issues...**

Vote **YES** on Question 1:

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL
(APPROVAL OF AN ACT AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED CASINO GAMING AT NEWPORT GRAND IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT)
(Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution)

If approved this act would authorize the facility known as "Newport Grand" in the city of Newport to add state-operated casino gaming, such as table games, to the types of gambling it offers only and exclusively at the facility located at 150 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport.

Vote **YES** on Question 2:

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (RESTRICTION ON GAMBLING)
(Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution)

Approval of the amendment to Section 22 of Article VI of the Rhode Island Constitution set

forth below will provide that no change in the location of gambling permitted in a municipality would occur without the further approval of the majority of those electors voting on said proposed location change in a referendum within said municipality.

Vote **NO** on Question 3:

(Section 2 of Article XIV of the Constitution)
Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution?

We already have in place clear and effective ways to amend our constitution. The recent Preparatory Commission report estimated that holding a Constitutional Convention would cost millions of dollars. At a time when valuable community services are at risk, our taxpayer dollars would be better spent in any number of ways. A Constitutional Convention would open the door to out-of-state special interests, and our Constitution could be radically altered and our rights stolen.

During the 1986 Constitutional Convention, detrimental attacks were made on the rights of women and minority groups in our state. We can expect those attacks to resume, and this time

we can expect that they will include the rights of workers in the Ocean State. Fortunately, attempts to pass anti-worker, anti-union legislation in Rhode Island have failed, but, should we convene a Constitutional Convention, you can bet that workers' rights will be on the chopping block. This is a route our state cannot afford to take. Public employee bargaining rights and private sector prevailing wage laws could also be threatened by the convening of a Constitutional Convention. RenewRI, a group that recently formed in support of a Constitutional Convention, counts as one of its members, the CEO of the Rhode Island Center for Freedom and Prosperity, a champion of Right to-Work-laws for Rhode Island. Under the guise of government reform, this group will encourage Rhode Islanders to ignore our concerns. Do not be fooled! They do not support our best interests!

Vote **YES** on Question 4:

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES BONDS

\$125,000,000

(Chapter 145 - Public Laws 2014)

Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) to construct a new College of Engineering building and undertake supporting renovations. The new building will anchor the northwest corner of the Engineering Quadrangle on the Kingston Campus and provide contemporary and state-of-the-art instructional and research facilities. As part of this project, outdated engineering buildings will be taken out of service and razed.

Vote **YES** on Question 5:

CREATIVE AND CULTURAL ECONOMY BONDS

\$35,000,000

(Chapter 145 - Public Laws 2014)

Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation

bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to fund capital improvement, preservation and renovation projects for public and nonprofit artistic, performance centers, historic sites, museums and cultural art centers located throughout the State of Rhode Island.

Vote **YES** on Question 6:

MASS TRANSIT HUB INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS

\$35,000,000

(Chapter 145 - Public Laws 2014)

Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to fund enhancements and renovations to mass transit hub infrastructure throughout the state.

Vote **YES** on Question 7:

CLEAN WATER, OPEN SPACE, AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES BONDS

\$53,000,000

Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed fifty-three million dollars (\$53,000,000) for environmental and recreational purposes, to be allotted as follows: (a) Brown-field Remediation and Economic Development; (b) Flood Prevention; (c) Farmland Acquisition; (d) Local Recreation Grants; (e) Roger Williams Park Zoo; (f) Roger Williams Park; and (g) Clean Water Finance.

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