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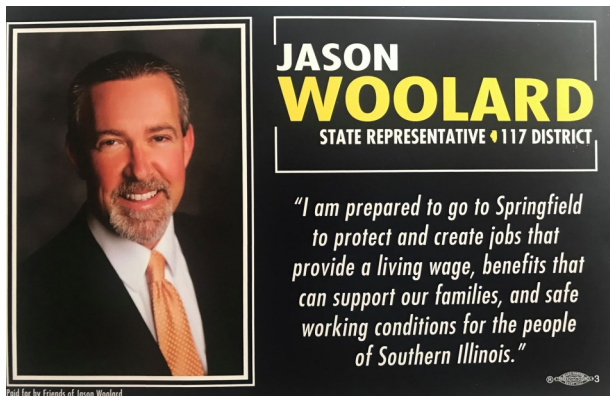
2018 Election Guide

Taking Matters Into His Own Hands

For IBEW Local 702 Business Representative Jason Woolard, politics have always piqued his interest. More recently, they have consumed him. "I was approached by IBEW leadership about running for (higher) political office [after serving two successive terms on the Carterville School Board]. Maybe it's because my dad was a State Rep and later a State Senator, but I have always felt politics in my blood, and with the recent events in the political world, I feel the need now, more than ever, that it is the right time to step up and try to make a difference."

Upon being asked to represent Illinois' 177th District in the House of Representatives in this year's election, Jason willingly embraced the idea and has been going door to door across the District all year. "For anyone that knows me, I always try to be prudent in final decisions, but I am confident after talking and praying with my family about this venture, we have made the right move. In sitting and listening to the concerns of the constituents throughout the District, I understand what it is they want in an elected official. I intend to take everything that I have heard and learned about our area to Springfield in an effort to make it easier on Middle Class working families to get ahead."

We owe it to Jason, and all working families, to do all that we can to get him elected.



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We are coming off of a huge win for working families in Missouri with the recent defeat of Proposition A. We need to take that momentum and carry it right on into the November General Elections across our jurisdiction and elect candidates that not only support, but care and vote with, workers on their issues.

In Illinois, no race for IBEW Local 702 is bigger than electing our very own Jason Woolard to the State House. But, we are asking our members to vote for all of our Labor-endorsed candidates so that Jason has legislators in the Capitol with him to advance the cause of working families.

*~ Steve Hughart,
Business Manager*

Business Manager's Message



This year, maybe more so than any other in our Local's recent history, we have been continuously focused on the political landscape, not only nationally, but in particular across our jurisdiction.

In Missouri, our members turned back a corporate-funded attempt to make the State a Right-To-Work-For-Less. After the ballots were counted on August 7th, voters had defeated the anti-worker legislation by a 2 to 1 margin. I can't begin to thank each and every one of you that talked to your family, friends, and co-workers about this issue; your efforts are what made this outcome possible.

In Illinois, we have experienced four (4) years of the worst leadership in the nation as Governor Rauner has repeatedly tried to implement local "Right To Work" zones of his own throughout the State. His anti-worker, anti-union position is evident in all of his political back-door dealings. Replacing him this November with JB Pritzker is an absolute must for the Labor Movement. Don't be fooled — this race is not about a certain number of toilets in someone's house — it is about the approach this State takes with respect to working families. This is why JB Pritzker has earned the support and the endorsement of this Local and Illinois' Labor Movement.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a special moment here to inform or remind you that this year, we have one of our members, Business Representative Jason Woolard, running for State Representative in Illinois' 117th House District. Jason is the perfect candidate for Southern Illinois and will make us all proud of the positions he takes on the issues that matter to us most. So, I would greatly appreciate anything and everything you can do to help get him elected.

It would be easy to avoid politics, but that simply isn't who we are. Even in the face of the Janus Supreme Court decision earlier this summer, and then the most recent confirmation of another anti-worker Justice to the U. S. Supreme Court, our resolve to continue fighting on behalf of working families only strengthens. No one person, regardless of position, elected or otherwise, will stop us from achieving our mission.

Finally, it is imperative that you vote on or by Election Day. Your vote matters as is it your voice to shape YOUR future. Please turn out and consider supporting our Labor-Endorsed candidates and issues at the polls.

From your President

Brothers and Sisters:

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE....

This election cycle is fast approaching, we need to support the politicians that support LA-BOR. Don't forget ~ we can early vote at our County seat, or — if you will be out of town — absentee voting is available as well. If you need more information about absentee voting contact your Rep.

In Illinois, don't forget what all that has been done to our way of living in the past 4 years; remember the County meeting we went to in protest to keep local right to work zones out of our area. Remember the 2 years we've had with no State budget. Do what is right for the livelihood of your family, and support those who support us to insure our way of living will continue to prevail.

As this election cycle is fast approaching so is the end of the year. Football, basketball, deer, goose & duck hunting will be here as well; enjoy your families, your friends, and your time away from work.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year.



DID YOU KNOW?

Election Day was designated as the Tuesday following the first Monday in November back in 1845.

At the time, officials calculated that farmers needed a day to get to the country seat to cast ballots but did not want to interfere with church day on Sunday, so they chose Tuesday.

This year, as voters go to the polls, they will have an opportunity to shape the direction of our States, and our local communities. Here at IBEW Local 702, we feel it is our duty and responsibility to inform you of who we believe have the best interests of our members, as well as all working men and women, at heart. Additionally, we understand that that HOW you vote is a personal and private matter, but we do encourage everyone to participate in the political process. Here are the candidates and issues receiving AFL-CIO, IBEW, and Local 702 endorsements and support:

State of Illinois:

Governor: **JB Pritzker** Lt. Governor: **Juliana Stratton**

Secretary of State: **Jesse White** Attorney General: **Kwame Raoul**

Treasurer: **Michael Frerichs**

U. S. Congress, District 12: **Brendan Kelly**

Ill. State Senate, 59th District: **Steve Webb**

Illinois State House, 115th District: **Marsha Griffin**

Illinois State House 116th District: **Jerry Costello II**

Illinois State House 117th District: **JASON WOOLARD**

Illinois State House 118th District: **Natalie Phelps Finnie**

Appellate Court, 5th: **Kevin Hoerner**

First Judicial Circuit Judge:

Tyler Edmonds & Jason Olson

Williamson County Resident Judge:

David Lawler & Ryan Hall

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State of Indiana:

U. S. Senate: **Joe Donnelly**

Secretary of State: **Jim Harper** State Treasurer: **John Aguilera**

State Auditor: **Joselyn Whitticker** State Senate District 49: **Edie Hardcastle**

Indiana House of Representatives:

District 76: **Steve Folz** District 77: **Ryan Hatfield**

State of Missouri:

U. S. Senator: **Claire McCaskill**

State Auditor: **Nicole Galloway**

State House 145th District: **Ronald G. Pember**

State House 147th District: **Renita Green**

State House 149th District: **Jackie Mc Gee**

State House 150th District: **Andrew Rittenberry**

State House 151st District: **J. T. (Jerry) Howard**

State House 152nd District: **Robert L. Smith**

State House 153rd District: **Matt Michel**

Missouri Ballot Issues:

We SUPPORT Constitutional Amendment 1

“Clean Missouri” ~ The Local supports this attempt to get “dark money” out of politics, end lobbyists gifts, and stops gerrymandering during redistricting.

We SUPPORT Proposition B

Raise the Wage ~ This implement a step process for raising the State’s minimum wage. We believe it is important to help working families become less dependent on government assistance and be able to raise their standard of living.

We SUPPORT Proposition D

Fuel Tax ~ This modest increase will help fund the Missouri Stat Highway Patrol and also the State Road Fund which will employ many of our Sisters and Brothers in road construction.

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IBEW Local 702 Retirees' Club

In evaluating the current political landscape, Retiree's Club President Gary King had this to say, "It is imperative, now more than ever, that we support the candidates and issues endorsed by our Local Union. Having worked through a career in the IBEW that enabled us to retire with dignity and security, we owe it the Labor Movement to elect politicians that support working families and those who strive to improve the standards and conditions of employment for all workers. For most, if not all of us Retirees, we owe a great debt of gratitude to those that came before us, and we need to preserve it for future generations. We can only do that by working together to elect people who respect the decency of manual labor and the just reward for such efforts."

If you are interested in attending a Retiree Club meeting and/or joining the Club, or need more information, please feel free to contact Club President Gary King at: (618) 201-2610.

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Building a better future
for working families!***

****It is perfectly legal to take this piece of paper with you to the polls when you go vote. It is encouraged by this Local that you do so in an effort to cast your ballot for the candidate(s) who pledge to stand with our members and working men and women.***