

To: SVFT Members  
From: SVFT Political Action Committee  
Date: September 16, 2008

RE: **SVFT POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**  
**ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES**

The Political Action Committee of the State Vocational Federation of Teachers developed a survey which was sent to candidates running for election to the Connecticut Legislature. The surveys were sent to candidates representing districts surrounding the technical high schools as well as candidates who either chaired or served on select committees (Appropriations, Education, Higher Education, Labor & Public Employees, Commerce, and Energy & Technology). The opinions of republican as well as democratic leaders were also sought.

At the September meeting of the Executive Council Bob Bullard, chair of the political action committee reported on the actions of the committee and the response from candidates. Changes in the laws controlling campaign financing make it impossible for us to donate to any candidate's individual campaign. A motion was made, seconded and voted on to contribute to the Senate and House PACS. The SVFT PAC recommended that we endorse those candidates who returned surveys with responses favorable to the interests of SVFT members and our mission as technical school educators.

ANY MEMBER WHO FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT HAVING THE SVFT ENDORSE A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING AND MAKE YOUR RECOMMENDATION. Arguments for endorsing a candidate may also be given to your building representative to present on your behalf if you are unable to attend.

To view a list of the currently endorsed candidates please visit our web-site, SVFT.org.

The Executive Council will meet on October 8<sup>th</sup> in the AFT-CT building at 35 Marshall Road, Rocky Hill, Ct. at 5:00 P.M.

		ENDORSE		
H - 1	Green, Kenneth		H Chr.Housing	
H - 5	Kirkley-Bey, Marie		Approp. Dpty.spr	
H - 12	Barry, Ryan		H.Chr. Banks	
H - 18 **	Fleishman, Andrew		H. Chr. Edu	EDU.
H - 24	O'Brien, Tim			
H- 25	Geragosian, John		Approp	
H-26	Tercyak, Peter		As't Maj.ldr	
H-33	Serra, Joseph	X	Comm on aging	
H-30	Hewett, Ernest		Labor	
H-40	Moukawsher, Edward		As't Maj.ldr	
H-46	Olson, Melissa	X	Labor	
H-47	Malone, Jack		Approp	
H-54	Merrill, Denise			Approp
H-73	Berger, Jeff	X		Commerce
H-74	Noujam, Selim		Repub.	Repub.
H-78	Hamzy, William		Repub.	dp.rep.ldr.
H-82	Altobello, Emil		Dep. Spkr	
H-84	Donovan, Christopher			Maj.Ldr.
H-88	Sharkey, Brendan			
H-90	Fritz, Mary			dp.mjr.ldr
H-91	Villano, Peter	X		
H-92	Dillon, Patricia			
H-93	Walker, Toni	X		dp.maj.ldr.
H-104	Gentile, Linda			
H-109	Taborsak, Joseph			
H-110	Godfrey, Bob	X		
H-114	Klarides, Themis	X	Repub.	Rep.Ldr
H-119	Roy, Richard	X		
H-120	Harkins, John	X	Repub.	Rep.Cau
H-124	Clemons, Charles			
H-126	Caruso, Christopher	X		
H-139	Ryan, Kevin	X	Approp.	lbr/pub.cm.
H-142	Cafero, Lawrence		Repub.	Repub.
H-147	Tong, William			

DISTRICT	SENT TO			
S-1	Fonfara, John			enrg/tech
S-3	LeBeau, Gary			Commerce

S-4	Handley, MaryAnn	X		
S-6	DeFronzo, Donald	X		
S-10	Harp, Toni			Approp.
S-11	Looney, Martin	X		
S-13	Gaffey, Thomas	X		maj.lrd
S-14	Slossberg, Gayle			Educ.
S-15	Hartley, Joan	X		
S-18	Maynard, Andrew			higher ed
S-19	Prague, Edith	X		lbr/pub.rel.
S-21	Debicella, Dan			
S-23	Gomes, Edwin	X		
S-25	Duff, Bob			
S-29	Williams, Donald			pres.pro.tem
S-31	Colapietro, Thomas	X	Dem.caucus	