To: 727-N Local Lodge Members

From: Roy Smith, Delegate of Legislation

Re: 2023 California Conference of Machinists and California Labor Federation’s Per-Primary Convention Committed Report

**California Conference of Machinists (CCM) - Monday, Dec 4, 2023**

The opening session of CCM began with a powerful message from General Vice President of the Western Conference, Gary Allen, who spoke on the importance of the endorsement of the political candidates who are willing stand and fight with our unions and who vow to help build stronger unions for the future.

Next we heard from Hasan Solomon, the Director of IAMAW National Political & Legislative Team (IAMAW-MNPL-Machinists Non-Partisan Political League) located in Washington DC. Mr. Solomon spoke about several significant pieces of legislation passed by President, Joe Biden’s administration since he have been President, including:

1) **American Rescue Plan** was 1.9 trillion dollar program to help the US recover from the pandemic that included stimulus payments up to $1,400 per person for about 90% of American households, a $300 Federal Boost to weekly jobless benefits, and expansion of the child tax credit of up $3,600 per child. He also signed the COVID 19 Bankruptcy Relied Extension Act call the CARES Act.

2) **Infrastructure Investment and Job Act** was passed in November of 2022. The act infuses 1.2 trillion dollars into America’s traditional ‘hard’ infrastructure such as roads and bridges. The second portion, a 1.75 trillion economic and climate package called Build Back Better, was also passed.

3) Biden signed **two stopgap measures** to avoid a government shut down and keep the federal government running.

4) **Juneteenth National Independence Day Act** was the first federal holiday enacted since Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983.

5) The **Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act** banned imports from China’s Xinjiang region where goods were made with forced labor in the name of human rights.

6) The **Chips and Science Act** provided tax breaks to US-based companies to help bring semiconductor supply chains home, support innovation, and protect our national security.

7) Biden passed an 800 billion dollar **Defense bill**.

8) **14.1 million jobs have been created** since Biden has been in office, which implies that his economy plans are working.

Mr. Solomon also gave this analysis about the two-party commitments, using what he calls the “Three G’s” He said that the Republican Party of today is concerned about Guns, Gays, and God and the Democratic Party of today is concerned about Gas, Groceries, and Grandmas.

The general session was time set aside for the endorsing of candidates for the 2024 pre-primary election. The executive board of the CCM presented their pre-primary candidates for State Assembly, U.S. House of Representatives, the State Senate. The delegate body questioned, discussed, and voted on the board’s recommendations for our endorsements.

Note: CMM delegates requested dual endorsements for State Senate SD 23, for Ollie McCaulley and Kipp Mueller.

CCM President Rudy Amoral and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Brandon gave the closing remarks.

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Here are some of the people who spoke and items covered at the convention.

Call to Order Kathryn Lybarger, President

City Welcome Mayor Sheng Thao, Mayor of Oakland

Keynote Address Assembly member Liz Ortega

Introduction of Endorsements Thom Davis\*

Endorsement Action Ballot Measure\*\*

Assembly

State Senate

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Senate

\*The executive counsel submitted three candidates for US Senate: Barbra Lee (D) Katie Porter (D) Adam Schiff (D)

\*\*The executive counsel is recommending that the delegate body vote Yes on Proposition 1 - Behavioral Health Services Bond.

Note: IAMAM LL 727-N has endorsed Ollie McCaulley for State Senate SD 23.

In Solidarity,

Roy A. Smith

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