

## **Democrats Abroad**



Mark Dodson, Democrats Abroad Co-Chair

Australia

**Bio:** Mark Dodson is an activist and organizer for Australians Supporting Bernie Sanders.

**Statement:** "I'm supporting Bernie Sanders not only because he has transformed the country's opinion on so many important issues, but also because his messaging has been consistent for over 40 years. Bernie has always been on the right side of history -- whether it was his support for civil rights, gay rights, womens' rights, or his opposition to disastrous wars. He's never wavered on his principles, despite the pressure to conform. For these reasons, I know Bernie will continue to fight for me. He was fighting for me long before I knew it, and now it's our turn to fight for him."



Eric Lee, Democrats Abroad Co-Chair
United Kingdom

**Bio:** Eric Lee is an author, journalist, and historian. He is the founding editor of LabourStart and was the 2016 Bernie Sanders representative to Democrats Abroad.



**Statement:** "I'm supporting Bernie Sanders because of the progressive ideas he proposes - like the idea that healthcare is a human right - are just plain common sense here in Europe."



Claire Lops, Democrats Abroad Co-Chair Germany

**Bio:** Claire Lops is an activist, lawyer, and a leader of Germany for Bernie. She has a German law degree and a Master of Laws in Human Rights.

**Statement:** "I support Bernie because he is the only candidate who we can completely trust to fight for equality and climate justice without wavering in the face of corporate interests."



Travis Mooney-Evans, Democrats Abroad Co-Chair
United Kingdom

**Bio:** Travis Mooney-Evans is a London-based Californian working as a technology entrepreneur and writer. Since 2016, he's worked to win the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary for Bernie.



**Statement:** "Bernie is our best chance to not only change the U.S., but also the world in a positive way. We cannot ignore wealth inequality, the climate crisis, or the incredibly unequal healthcare market. We cannot allow the wealthy to continue to cheat the system, while working families remain ignored and disempowered. Together, we can make a difference and elect Bernie as President of the United States."



Elizabeth 'Liz' Olin, Democrats Abroad Co-Chair Canada

**Bio:** Liz Olin is an editor and curriculum developer. She is one of the founders of Toronto for Bernie and Canada for Bernie.

**Statement:** "Even when it wasn't easy or popular, Bernie has had the courage to fight for people he doesn't know. The least that I can do is fight alongside him now— for the sake of our planet, for peace, for basic justice and dignity, and for the preservation of truth and our democracy. Our movement is not only about the realization that we are strong when we stand together; it is also about understanding that coming together isn't synonymous with compromise. We must find common threads of injustice and demand change as a united front. We have one chance to get this right, to ensure that our planet is livable and that future generations are better off because of the choices we made. Bernie is the leader we need at this moment: inspiring so many around the world to have the courage and foresight to do what may be hard today, but is absolutely necessary for tomorrow."





Larry Sanders, Democrats Abroad Co-Chair United Kingdom

**Bio:** Larry Sanders is a Green Party (UK) Spokesperson, retired social care law lecturer, champion of health and social care, and Bernie's brother.

**Statement:** "If we can elect Bernard, we will have turned the world -- which is now in a very risky state -- in a more hopeful direction; one which will enhance the lives of millions of people in America and around the world. It is a privilege to be able to work in this campaign."



Penny Schantz, Democrats Abroad Co-Chair France

**Bio:** Penny Schantz, a former AFL-CIO International Representative, coordinates France for Bernie, and was a Bernie Sanders delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

**Statement:** "All Americans should benefit from what we enjoy here in France: Medicare for All, free public college tuition, free childcare and a social safety net. I trust Bernie to fight for these basic human rights and more."





Amelia Barton, State Co-Chair Hub Coordinator, Sunrise Boise

**Bio:** As Sunrise Boise's hub coordinator, Amelia organizes with youth in Boise to win a Green New Deal for our community, our state, and our country. She believes that the Green New Deal is the only way to end systemic injustice so that our people and our planet can heal.

**Statement:** "Bernie is a Green New Deal champion. He is the only candidate in the race who is willing to tackle the climate crisis at the scale we need. My generation has been scared for a long time -- scared of college debt, scared of being kicked off our parents' health insurance, and scared of the unknown future we face due to the existential threat of climate change. But, for the first time in a while, Bernie has given us hope. With him as my president, I can finally envision a livable future for myself and the ones I love."



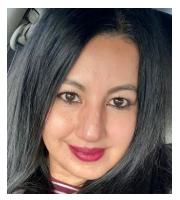
Nicole LeFavour, State Co-Chair Former State Senator (District 19)

**Bio:** Nicole LeFavour is a writer, educator and former Idaho State Senator. In the Senate, LeFavour was an advocate for fair tax policy, mental health and substance abuse treatment,



and for policy that advanced racial and gender equality. LeFavour left the Idaho State Senate to work as a leader in Idaho's movement to include gay and transgender people in the state's non-discrimination laws. She was Idaho's first openly gay member of the Idaho House and Senate.

**Statement:** "I endorse Senator Bernie Sanders for President because I, too, believe that we as Americans have a shared destiny and interest in the well-being of us all. If our democracy is going to survive, our dedication to our common good has to matter more to us than our political party."



Irene Ruiz, State Co-Chair
Immigrant Rights & Environmental Justice Activist

**Bio:** Irene Ruiz is the proud daughter of immigrants from Michoacán, México. She currently lives in Boise, Idaho. She grew up in Hazelton, ID, where she worked in agricultural fields with her family. She received her Master of Arts in Hispanic Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago and her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Boise State University. Irene has been an immigration rights activist since the early 2000s, and has worked on these issues locally and nationally. She also works on environmental justice issues that include farmworker rights around the state.

**Statement:** "The reason I am voting for Bernie Sanders is because he is someone who has always fought to address income inequality in this country. He is someone who believes that we all should have access to affordable healthcare, and that healthcare is a human right. Bernie is someone who stands with all communities and wants all of us to live healthy and equitable lives."



## **Michigan**



Rashida Tlaib, State Chair U.S. Representative (MI-13)

**Bio:** Born and raised in Detroit and the proud daughter of Palestinian immigrant parents, Rashida Tlaib represents Michigan's 13th Congressional District as a progressive warrior and one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress. Before being elected to Congress, Rep. Tlaib represented the 6th and 12th Districts of the Michigan House of Representatives.

**Statement:** "I represent communities on the front lines of environmental racism and economic inequality, who know firsthand the painful impacts of our government doing nothing. We are fighting for our children to breathe clean air and drink clean water. We are fighting against poverty and systematic disinvestment in our neighborhoods. We need a president who will not back down from the corporate bullies who profit off of our suffering, and who will never sell us out. Senator Bernie Sanders is organizing a transformational political movement and will fight to dismantle the racist, classist, and oppressive structures that hurt every corner of our nation, and I'm proud to endorse him to be our next president."



Ryan Bennett, State Vice-Chair
Business Manager, West Michigan Plumbers and Pipefitters Union



**Bio:** Ryan Bennett is a Union Steamfitter from West Michigan. He's a dedicated labor activist who has held leadership positions in various labor organizations. Ryan believes trade unions must play a huge role in the revival of the middle class. Ryan lives in Twin Lake, with his wife and three kids.

**Statement:** "I proudly support Senator Bernie Sanders for President of the United States. The resurgence of the middle class depends on the advancement of trade unions, and Bernie's Workplace Democracy Act would help lead that resurgence. Many politicians pay lip service to organized labor around election time, but Bernie has stood proudly beside us every single time. This was evident when Bernie and his campaign drove two hours out of his way to a small rally at our union hall in West Michigan. Senator Sanders is the only candidate that I trust to follow through on his pro-labor agenda. He is consistent, honest, and understands a fair day's work. I have Bernie's back because I know he has mine."



Holly T. Bird, State Vice-Chair
Native American Activist & Attorney, HT Bird, PLLC

**Bio:** Holly T. Bird (San Felipe Pueblo) has a long history of community activism in both environmental and Indigenous issues. She currently serves as Co-Executive Director for the Water Protectors Legal Collective, Executive Director for the Michigan Water Protectors Legal Task Force, and maintains a private law practice in Traverse City.

**Statement:** "Our vote for the highest office of this country is not for us, it is for our children and for the next seven generations. Bernie Sanders has the heart and mind for providing a hand up to those in need. He wants to ensure equal access to healthcare, education, housing and economic stability, fight climate change, and unite all people. Bernie understands that giving a successful future to our children requires policies and actions that ensure these things now -- our future depends on it."





Michelle Deatrick, State Vice-Chair

Chair and Founder, Democratic National Committee Environment and Climate Crisis Council & Former Vice Chair, Washtenaw County Commission

**Bio:** Michelle Deatrick serves as the elected Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Council on the Environment and Climate Crisis. First elected to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in 2016, Deatrick was also elected Midwest Representative to the DNC Women's Caucus two years later. She served as the Special Projects Director in Michigan for the 2016 Bernie Sanders presidential campaign. Deatrick is also a member of United Auto Workers Local 1981.

**Statement:** "Senator Bernie Sanders' bold, progressive vision resonates deeply here in the Heartland. Bernie is an outspoken champion for Medicare for All, improving workers' rights and wages, and the Green New Deal. With Bernie — and through the energetic grassroots movement he inspires and empowers — our country has a unique opportunity to create the transformative change we so desperately need, in order to save our democracy and our planet. I stand strong with Bernie because he stands with us — both on the picket line and in the halls of power — just as he's done all along. Bernie has my wholehearted endorsement."



Abdullah Hammoud, State Vice-Chair State Representative (District 15)



**Bio:** State Rep. Abdullah Hammoud is serving his second term in the Michigan House of Representatives, emerging as a strong voice for civil rights and a leading mind for health policy. As a proud son of immigrant parents, Hammoud has been unwavering in his commitment to Michigan and Dearborn for more than a decade. Recently, Hammoud received the 2018 National Progressive Leadership Award, given annually to one young elected official nationally, for championing progressive policies.

**Statement:** "As a public health professional, I know all too well the burdens our current healthcare system places on families. Under Senator Sanders' Medicare for All policy, we will finally do away with expensive premiums, copays, deductibles, and surprise bills that many of our family members face. As the son of immigrant parents, I also know the importance of having a President who understands diplomacy, who has the courage to vote 'No' against never-ending wars and exponentially growing military budgets. That is why I am proud to endorse Senator Sanders for President."



**Bob King, State Vice-Chair**Former United Auto Workers International President

**Bio:** Bob King is a 44-year member activist and the former President of the United Auto Workers (UAW) International Union, and is a current member activist of the American Federation of Teachers Local 6244 Lecturer Employee Organization (LEO) University of Michigan. Bob King is a mental health activist and advocate, working with the Huron Valley Area Labor Federation AFL-CIO and AFSCME Locals 2733 and 3052.

**Statement:** "I support Bernie because he has fought for worker rights, civil rights, and justice for all for over 50 years. He has always stood up for workers against the greedy few and corporate bullies. With over 40 years of bargaining experience with many employers -- big and small, private, non-profit, and public sector -- I understand how all workers would tremendously benefit by Medicare for All, which would free up substantial amounts of employers' dollars that are now



spent on healthcare. These current healthcare dollars could be bargained for higher wages, pensions, time off, or whatever workers' priorities are. Healthcare should be a human right for all."



Yousef Rabhi, State Vice-Chair State Representative (District 53)

**Bio:** After serving for six years as a Washtenaw County Commissioner, including one term as Chair of the Board, Yousef Rabhi was first elected to the Michigan State House of Representatives in 2016. In his first term, Rabhi set a bold progressive legislative agenda that included introducing a plan to create a single-payer universal healthcare system for Michigan, fighting to defeat crony corporate tax giveaways, and putting forward strong legislation to hold utilities to a standard of 100% renewable energy. Currently serving in his second term in the State House, Rabhi serves as the Democratic Floor Leader.

**Statement:** "Bernie Sanders has a consistent record of putting the American people over corporate interests. His commitment to social justice and global solidarity with worker movements is the gold standard of what I expect out of a public servant. In an environment with constant pressure to abandon our core values for electoral expediency, I appreciate that he has been an unflinching advocate for what is right, regardless of the political consequences."



Isaac Robinson, State Vice-Chair State Representative (District 4)

**Bio:** An attorney of 15 years, State Rep. Isaac Robinson represents Michigan's 4th House District, which includes Hamtramck and a central portion of Detroit. Robinson is a 2001 graduate of Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago and served as a law clerk for the United Auto Workers (UAW). A former SEIU union organizer and Teamsters Union Political Representative, Robinson is a champion for environmental justice, criminal justice reform and workers' rights in the Michigan Legislature.

**Statement:** "Like my mother, State Rep. Rose Mary C. Robinson, did four years ago, I am proud to endorse Bernie Sanders for President. Bernie's message is consistent with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call for social and economic justice. As we battle poverty, environmental racism, mass incarceration and wage inequality, we need a trusted, proven leader and champion for justice, like Bernie Sanders, as our next President of the United States of America."



Mary Sheffield, State Vice-Chair
Detroit City Council President Pro Tempore

**Bio:** In November of 2013, Hon. Sheffield became the youngest person ever elected to the Detroit City Council. She was later selected as the Council President Pro Tempore by her



colleagues, after being elected to a second term in 2017. President Pro Tempore Sheffield was appointed Chair of Neighborhood and Community Services and initially served on the Planning and Economic Development committee. She currently sits on the Budget, Finance and Audit standing committee. Hon. Sheffield is a board member for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, a member of the National Network to Combat Gun Violence, a member of People for the American Way's (PFAW) Young Elected Officials, a Continuum of Care (for the homeless) board member and a founding member of the newly-formed Black Legislative Exchange Council.

**Statement:** "I am enthusiastically supporting Sen. Bernie Sanders for president of the United States because he represents the best chance for a paradigm shift in how the government represents all of the people of our great nation. From treating healthcare and access to clean safe drinking water as a human right, to ensuring that billionaires pay their fair share, to his plan for education that gives low-income families greater access to opportunities, Sen. Sanders is the best hope for a better and more morally-responsible America. I share his vision for improving the lives of everyday working-class Americans through radical changes to how our government operates."



Branden Snyder, State Vice-Chair Executive Director, Detroit Action

**Bio:** Branden Snyder is the Executive Director of Detroit Action and its statewide sister organization, Michigan Action. Detroit Action is a grassroots community-based organization fighting for social and economic justice for working-class Black and Brown Michiganders.

**Statement:** "I'm supporting Senator Sanders because we need a president who will stand up for working-class Black and Brown families in Michigan against the big corporations, banks, and the criminal legal system that has for far too long harmed our communities."



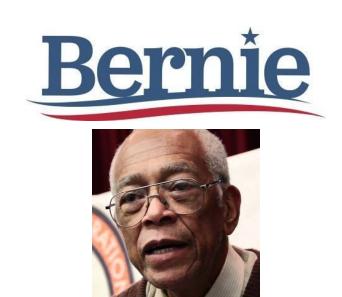
## <u>Mississippi</u>



Chokwe Antar Lumumba, State Co-Chair Mayor & People's Caucus, Jackson, MS

**Bio:** Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba is the son of two life-long community activists, the late Mayor Chokwe Lumumba and Nubia Lumumba. Throughout his life and career, he has maintained a consistent presence in community projects while displaying a genuine commitment to justice. He undertook numerous pro bono cases for clientele who struggled to afford legal services but deserved justice and adequate representation all the same.In 2013, he launched his own firm, Lumumba & Associates. Mayor Lumumba's deep-seated commitment to his community expands beyond his career — as a founding member of the Mississippi Human Rights Collective, he co-organized the "Stand Up To Take It Down" rally at the state capitol to support the removal of the Confederate insignia from the Mississippi state flag. Evincing his commitment to the progress and development of Jackson. Mayor Lumumba extended his legal services to protect the election of the first Black sheriff in Hinds County and, at the request of the late Mayor Lumumba, served on a board organized to respond to the challenges of the Farish Street Development project.

**Statement:** "Sen. Sanders has demonstrated consistency in his support of policies that align with the goals, concerns, and principles of our communities. While we believe the defeat of Donald Trump is important to the progress of the nation, it is simply not enough in Jackson. The state of Mississippi has been known to be at the bottom no matter who is in office. And so, we have to do more than just dismantle the world we don't want to live in. We have to create the world that we do want to live in."



Brother Hollis Watkins, State Co-Chair
Activist, Author, Field Secretary, Mississippi SNCC & Founder, Southern Echo

**Bio**: Brother Hollis is an activist born in Lincoln County, Mississippi, who became part of the civil rights movement in the state during the 1960s. He was a grassroots organizer in the state, serving as a field secretary for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1961, and was a county organizer for the Freedom Summer in 1964. Additionally, Brother Hollis assisted in the efforts of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party to unseat the regular Mississippi delegation from their chairs at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City. In 1989, he founded Southern Echo, a group that provides assistance to civil rights and education-reform groups throughout the south. He also is a founder of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. He is the author of "Brother Hollis," which takes readers to the roots of movement building in Mississippi.

**Statement:** "I am backing Bernie Sanders because he is our best and only choice to beat Donald Trump. The people tried to say that we students were too radical in 1960, and now they say it again in 2020, but I stand with the young people in Bernie's grassroots movement because the time has come in the freedom struggle to see justice for all."





Rasheen Aldridge, State Co-Chair State Representative (District 78)

**Bio:** Rasheen Lamont Aldridge Jr, is a community organizer, and a progressive democrat. He has a passion for justice and was a leader in the local Fight For 15 movement, known as Show Me 15. Aldridge was an activist during the Ferguson uprising, and was later appointed by Gov. Nixon to serve on the Ferguson Commission. He met with President Obama in 2014 to discuss community and policing relationships. Aldridge ran for 5th Ward Committeeman during the 2016 Primary Election and won in a special election, making him the youngest African American Committeeman in St. Louis city history. He now serves in the Missouri House of Representatives representing the 78th District.

**Statement:** "As a young person who sees many injustices in my community and across the country, Bernie Sanders is the only candidate boldly and fiercely addressing the biggest challenges facing our nation today. He has shown over many years that he is willing to challenge the status quo. His leadership on issues, such as economic justice and criminal justice reform, have been the solutions that so many working families across this country need. Bernie Sanders stands for the America that so many of us want to see, and I stand with Bernie Sanders for president."





Cori Bush, State Co-Chair Activist, Community Organizer, Nurse & Pastor

**Bio:** A native St. Louisan, solely educated at local St. Louis schools and universities, Cori is a single parent, a registered nurse, a pastor, an activist, and a community organizer. Cori emerged as a community leader through her work on the front lines of the Ferguson movement as a protester, as clergy, as a medic, and as a victim of police assault. Seeing firsthand the need for proper representation and better legislation for all, Cori ran a groundbreaking campaign for the U.S. Senate in Missouri in 2016, mobilizing thousands to engage in the political process and inspiring many to run for elected office.

**Statement:** "As a registered nurse, a community activist, an ordained pastor and candidate for US Congress to represent Missouri's 1st district, I spend countless hours listening to the needs of the people. Over the years I've witnessed far too many people in my community struggle and die due to destructive policies. I support Bernie Sanders for his steadfast leadership and consistent message of equality and justice not only on the Senate floor, but in grassroots movements across the nation."



Brandon Ellington, State Co-Chair Kansas City Councilman (District 3 At-Large)



**Bio:** Brandon Ellington is a former State Representative, former Chairman of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus and current Kansas City Councilman. As an elected official, Ellington has been committed to fighting for criminal justice and community investments.

**Statement:** "Policies matter and so does authenticity. I am supporting Bernie because he's remained consistent with his policies - and we need a President whose words we can trust."



Megan Green, State Co-Chair St. Louis Alderwoman (Ward 15) & DNC Committeewoman

**Bio:** Megan Ellyia Green is currently an Alderwoman representing the 15th Ward in the City of St. Louis. She is a member of the Washington University Graduate Student Workers Union and has been a strong voice for working people, such as championing a \$15 an hour minimum wage. She has taken on billionaires in the fight against the privatization of our public assets, has continually stood with The Movement for Black Lives and efforts of local activists to Close the Workhouse, St. Louis' notorious medium security jail. Megan currently sits on the Board of Directors of Local Progress, a national coalition of local progressive elected officials. She also represents Missouri on the Democratic National Committee.

**Statement:** "Senator Sanders candidacy is not about him. It's about supporting and empowering the multiracial movement of working class people that is necessary to address the real threats to our democracy. I'm proud to stand with Senator Sanders because he has consistently stood with us, fighting for racial and economic justice for decades."





Jason Starr, State Co-Chair
Labor Leader & President of UAW Local 249

**Bio:** Jason Starr represents 12,000 active and retired members of UAW Local 249, who work at the Ford Motor Kansas City Assembly Plant, the largest car manufacturing plant in the United States in terms of units produced.

**Statement:** "For decades, the American Dream has been slipping away from working people. Good paying union jobs have been shipped overseas to be replaced by minimum wage work with no benefits. Autoworkers, the bedrock of the American middle class, have been especially hard hit. The welfare of the men and women who built the nation and fought its wars has been cast aside so that billionaires can amass unimaginable fortunes. I'm personally endorsing Bernie Sanders because he believes the trade union movement built the middle class in this country, and the trade union movement will rebuild the middle class in America once again."

## **North Dakota**



**Dr. Twyla Baker, State Co-Chair**President, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College

**Bio:** Dr. Twyla Baker is a citizen of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota, born and raised on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. She works for her Tribal Nation in higher education and



she is passionate about creating opportunities for Native people as a means of strengthening sovereignty and empowering people.

**Statement:** "Bernie has a great plan for Native Nations and plans to actively involve Native people in his plans to address climate change. He strongly supports higher education for underserved communities, and his plan to address student debt would be helpful for those working in colleges like mine by making it easier for them to work here. I support Bernie."



Ruth Buffalo, State Co-Chair State Representative (District 27)

**Bio:** Representative Ruth Buffalo is a public health professional, educator and small business owner.

**Statement:** "I support Bernie because he believes in all of us and works tirelessly towards an economy that works for everyone."



Michael Lopez, State Co-Chair
Chair, Hispanic Caucus, North Dakota Democratic-NPL Party



**Bio:** Michael Lopez is the first in his family to attend university, graduating from the University of California, and the University of North Dakota. He is committed to ensuring access to justice, and the rights of minority voters to participate in the democratic process. He has worked in California, England, and North Dakota.

**Statement:** "Bernie Sanders is a voice for the People. Bernie wants to ensure that working people earn a living wage, that our families have affordable childcare for their children, that our senior citizens can retire--after a lifetime of work--in dignity, and that every college student can further their education without going bankrupt. Bernie believes, as does every civilized country on this planet, that healthcare is not a stock market toy or bonus incentive for the executive class, but is a human right for everyone. Bernie is America at its best and I'm proud to endorse Bernie as President."



Angel Young, State Co-Chair

Member, Standing Rock Nation & Secretary, North Dakota Democratic-NPL Executive

Committee

**Bio:** Angel Young is a member of Standing Rock Nation and elected Secretary of the North Dakota Democratic-NPL Party Executive Committee. She is from Bismarck, North Dakota.

**Statement:** "I support Bernie because he is the only candidate who has been fighting before most of us realized there was a fight. I used to work in health insurance, and the hardest thing was having to tell a mother of a sick patient that they would not be covered until their \$10,000 deductible was met. We should not have to go bankrupt to take care of our loved ones. It is long past time for these corporate entities to pay their fair share in taxes. Additionally, Bernie is the only candidate who has reached out to Tribes, and publicly acknowledged the broken treaties between Tribes and the U.S. government."



**Washington** 



Pramila Jayapal, State Chair
U.S. Representative (WA-07) & Co-Chair, Congressional Progressive Caucus

**Bio:** Rep. Pramila Jayapal is now serving her second term in Congress. She represents Washington's 7th Congressional District, which includes most of Seattle, and suburban areas of King County. Before her election to Congress, she served as the 37th District Senator in the Washington State Legislature from 2015 to 2017. She currently serves as a Co-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Rep. Jayapal is the first Indian-American woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Statement:** "Bernie has the passion, authenticity and clarity that working people need in their President. I am all in for Bernie!"



**Kate Burke, State Vice-Chair**Spokane City Councilwoman (District 1)



**Bio:** Kate Burke is a Councilwoman from the city of Spokane. She tirelessly fights for just housing, equity in transportation, and environmental protection.

**Statement:** "In the era of rising rents and stagnant wages, we need a president willing to take a stand against corporate interests and the ruling elites. Senator Sanders, more than any other candidate, has proven to be the most committed to working families, and has led a career that centers those at the margins of our society. It is my honor to endorse him for President."



Faye Guenther, State Vice-Chair President, UFCW 21

**Bio:** Faye joined UFCW 21 in 1999 and helped organize many of the health care units in the union today. After graduating from law school in Oregon, where she specialized in labor law, she returned to UFCW 21 in 2008. She has served as a Trustee and Secretary of the health and pension plans. Faye also serves on the Advisory Board of the UFCW International and is a Vice President of the Washington State Labor Council. Faye has worked with UFCW 21 in bargaining strong contracts for healthcare workers, grocery store workers and workers across numerous other industries, while also passing new pro-worker laws and growing the union.

**Statement:** "Bernie Sanders has by far the most pro-worker labor agenda of any candidate, and I have already seen him use his platform during this campaign to support labor organizing. A fundamental goal should be to expand worker democracy and power, and Bernie Sanders will do just that. I am so excited to see a candidate committed to expanding the electorate and inspiring even more people to engage with the democratic process, both in their workplaces and in this election."





Bob Hasegawa, State Vice-Chair State Senator (District 11)

**Bio:** Bob Hasegawa is a lifelong resident of Washington State. He is a third generation Japanese American whose entire family was incarcerated, without charges and in violation of their constitutional rights, during WWII in an American concentration camp, simply because they were of Japanese ethnicity. He's a longtime labor and social justice activist and is a seasoned professional commercial truck driver, certified transit operator, and journey-level operating engineer (heavy construction equipment operator). Bob has led many workers struggles, winning top wages and benefits for working families and retirees, and collaborated in many social justice struggles to protect our civil rights, democracy, and the environment. For 32 years, Bob was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, where he led one of the largest local unions in the Pacific Northwest (Teamsters Local 174).

**Statement:** "I am endorsing Senator Bernie Sanders because he not only has the strongest, but also the only meaningful workers rights and labor platform amongst all the presidential candidates. I wholeheartedly endorse his platform to strengthen the rights and wages of our workers, a true pathway to building a middle class again in America."



**Jeff Johnson, State Vice-Chair**Former President, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO



**Bio:** Jeff Johnson is a 40+ year member of the labor movement. He stepped down as President of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO in 2019. Jeff spends his time writing and speaking about labor and community, forging a climate justice movement to provide a 'Just Transition' and a Green New Deal for communities of color, indigenous peoples, and the working-class.

**Statement:** "Given the existential climate crisis, obscene inequality, and great threats to democracy, we desperately need systemic change. This is no time for small changes or small politics. Bernie Sanders is the only candidate thinking, talking, and organizing around dramatic changes to healthcare, climate, and the financial industry. With Bernie, you get strong values, a positive and inclusive vision of the future, and years of experience getting things done in Congress."



Teresa Mosqueda, State Vice-Chair Seattle City Councilmember (Position 8)

**Bio:** Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda serves over 725,000 residents in Seattle as the citywide Councilmember in Position 8. Coming from the labor movement, and having served as the Political Director for the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, Mosqueda ran and won as a proud Labor Democrat. Mosqueda was named one of Seattle's Most Influential People 2018 for her work on critical legislation in her first year in office, such as passing the first city-level Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, and was awarded the Local Progress 2019 Ady Barkan Progressive Champion Award. Mosqueda is a Chicana and works everyday to make her parents, who are activists and educators, proud by raising the people's voice in the halls of power.

**Statement:** "This country needs a president who can right historic wrongs, who can provide healthcare to all, and who will invest in child care as a human right. This country needs a



president who will stand up for workers rights and correct our upside-down tax system. That president is Bernie Sanders. I am proud to stand with working people around this country to support Sanders for President."



Deborah Parker, State Vice-Chair Indigenous Activist

**Bio:** Deborah Parker is a member of the Tulalip Tribes. As former Vice Chairwoman of the Tulalip Tribes, Deborah helped champion the Violence Against Women Act of 2013. She serves as a board member of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center where she works on national legislation to protect indigenous women and as Vice President of Our Revolution, where she helps elect progressive candidates across the country. In 2016, Deborah was appointed to the DNC platform drafting committee where she helped implement Bernie's progressive policies.

**Statement:** "Bernie respects Native Peoples and our treaties and traditions. The choice for voters is about the public policies and laws of the United States of America. Bernie Sanders' public voting record demonstrates that he holds the interests of the American people in his heart. Bernie will be President for all of us. When Bernie wins, we all win!"

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