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State employees union lists bipartisan endorsements

The political action arm of the Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU), AFSCME Council 24, has announced its endorsement decisions for this year's general election – backing a slate of candidates from both major parties (see attached list).

“We back candidates who will help us make sure that Wisconsin has the resources it needs to continue meeting the fundamental needs of the people,” said Marty Beil, executive director of the State Employees Political Action Committee (SEPAC).

“We don't care about partisan positioning. We care about getting the job done,” Beil said.

The 12-member SEPAC board met last week, the final step in an exhaustive process that included face-to-face interviews with candidates, questionnaires and extensive discussion with the leaders of 60 locals throughout the state.

SEPAC decided not to endorse a candidate in the governor's race, citing a lack of realistic solutions to the state's fiscal crisis from either major party candidate.

“We need to see an honest debate about how to meet the needs of our state. Maybe we'll get one before it's over, but we aren't getting one now,” Beil said.

“We will keep providing information to our 26,000 members as the campaign continues. We trust our members to make the best choice on Election Day,” Beil said.

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**STATE EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
AFSCME COUNCIL 24 - WISCONSIN STATE EMPLOYEES UNION
2002 SEPAC POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS**

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	P	OFFICE	CANDIDATE	P
Attorney General	Peg Lautenschlager	D	Assembly District 29	Joe Plouff	D
Secretary of State	Douglas La Follette	D	Assembly District 30	Kitty Rhoades	R
State Treasurer	Dawn Marie Sass	D	Assembly District 33	Dan Vrakas	R
Senate District 03	Tim Carpenter	D	Assembly District 35	Don Friske	R
Senate District 05	George Christenson	D	Assembly District 39	Jeff Fitzgerald	R
Senate District 07	Richard Grobschmidt	D	Assembly District 40	Jean Hundertmark	R
Senate District 13	Scott Fitzgerald	R	Assembly District 41	Luther Olsen	R
Senate District 15	Judy Robson	D	Assembly District 43	Jerry Lowrie	D
Senate District 17	Dale Schultz	R	Assembly District 44	Wayne Wood	D
Senate District 19	Mike Ellis	R	Assembly District 45	Dan Schoof	D
Senate District 23	Dave Zien	R	Assembly District 46	Tom Hebl	D
Senate District 25	Robert Jauch	D	Assembly District 47	Megan Yost	D
Senate District 27	Jon Erpenbach	D	Assembly District 48	Mark Miller	D
Senate District 29	Russell Decker	D	Assembly District 51	Stephen Freese	R
Assembly District 04	Phil Montgomery	R	Assembly District 56	Terri McCormick	R
Assembly District 05	Lee Meyerhofer	D	Assembly District 61	Robert Turner	D
Assembly District 07	Peggy Krusick	D	Assembly District 62	John Lehman	D
Assembly District 08	Pedro Colon	D	Assembly District 63	Bonnie Ladwig	R
Assembly District 12	Shirley Krug	D	Assembly District 64	Jim Kreuser	D
Assembly District 13	Dave Cullen	D	Assembly District 65	John Steinbrink	D
Assembly District 15	Tony Staskunas	D	Assembly District 66	Samantha Starzyk	R
Assembly District 16	Leon Young	D	Assembly District 67	Jeffrey Wood	R
Assembly District 17	G. Spencer Coggs	D	Assembly District 68	Larry Balow	D
Assembly District 19	Jon Richards	D	Assembly District 70	Amy Sue Vruwink	D
Assembly District 20	Christine Sinicki	D	Assembly District 71	Julie Lassa	D
Assembly District 21	Jeff Plale	D	Assembly District 72	Marlin Schneider	D
Assembly District 22	Sheldon Wasserman	D	Assembly District 73	Frank Boyle	D
Assembly District 24	Susan Jeskewitz	R	Assembly District 74	Gary Sherman	D
Assembly District 26	Terry Van Akkern	D	Assembly District 75	Mary Hubler	D
Assembly District 76	Terese Berceau	D	Assembly District 86	Jeff Starr	D
Assembly District 77	Spencer Black	D	Assembly District 91	Barbara Gronemus	D
Assembly District 79	Sondy Pope-Roberts	D	Assembly District 92	Terry Musser	R
Assembly District 81	Dave Travis	D	Assembly District 95	Jennifer Shilling	D
Assembly District 85	Greg Huber	D	Assembly District 96	DuWayne Johnsrud	R

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