

**WORKERS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT WINS!**

The Associated Press has announced that it has called the election, and workers won! The vote totals are:

Yes – 2,149,399 (58%)

No – 1,533,571 (42%)

The AP called the vote because, according to its projections, a majority (more than 50%) of all voters who cast ballots in a general election voted for the amendment.

This is a momentous and historic victory for all Illinois workers. Congratulations to union leaders, representatives, organizers, members and volunteers who composed the army that campaigned long and hard to reach this goal.

The Amendment protects the rights of all workers from the dark forces of anti-union and anti-worker interests. It sets apart Illinois as a beacon for workers' rights. It protects Illinois workers from the attacks on workers that have found success in nearby states. The Illinois Constitution now prevents actions to strip public sector employees' collective bargaining rights or ban union security clauses in the private sector. Illinois has now set the bar for providing workers the tools they need to protect and enhance their wages and working conditions. This is indeed a great day!

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**Associated Press confirms passage of Workers' Rights  
Amendment**

*The amendment currently has over 53% support among everyone who voted in the election, a wide margin for approval.*

**Chicago, IL** - Today, the Associated Press officially projected the Workers' Rights Amendment was passed by voters in this year's midterm election.

Current projections show the amendment earning support 53% of all voters casting a ballot in the election, exceeding the simple majority of all voters threshold needed to pass.

The amendment received support from an overwhelming number of Illinoisans, with 58% of Illinoisans casting a ballot on the question voting yes.

This historic amendment will protect the freedom for Illinois workers to organize and bargain collectively for better wages, stronger safety protections at work, and more.

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*On Election Night, the Vote Yes for Workers' Rights campaign declared victory and issued the following statements:*

**Statement from Tim Drea, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO and Vote Yes for Workers' Rights Chair**

"From day one, the Vote Yes for Workers' Rights campaign has been based on the simple idea that every Illinois worker deserves better. Better pay, stronger benefits, and safer workplaces don't just help workers thrive; they strengthen our state and keep us all safe.

Tonight, the voters of Illinois sent a clear message by passing the Workers' Rights Amendment: Illinois is and always will be a workers' rights state.

This victory is a historic moment for our workers and our entire state. We know that the best way to kick-start our economy and help families deal with rising costs is to put more money in their pockets. The Workers' Rights Amendment will protect every Illinoisan's right to join with their coworkers to negotiate for pay raises for generations to come.

This victory wouldn't have been possible without the incredible effort of hard-working Illinoisans from across our state who have been in their communities knocking on doors, making phone calls, and talking to their neighbors and families about why the Workers' Rights Amendment is so essential for every worker and family in Illinois.

We built this campaign by Illinois workers for Illinois workers, and the Workers' Rights Amendment will help us build a better future for our state. With the passage of the Workers' Rights Amendment, Illinois is taking the charge as a national leader at a time of rising inflation and devastating federal rate hikes.

On behalf of the Illinois AFL-CIO and the 900,000 workers we represent alongside our affiliate unions, we would like to congratulate Illinois workers for this historic victory.”

**Statement from Bob Reiter, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Vote Yes for Workers’ Rights Treasurer**

“It is inspiring to see Illinois workers rise up to fight for each other and pass the Workers’ Rights Amendment. Tonight, the working class voted to put themselves first and protect their rights on the job.

The Chicago Federation of Labor, our affiliate unions, and their incredible, hardworking members came together to ensure every Illinois worker gets a fair shake and to protect their rights from the special interest groups and anti-worker politicians that have been attacking workers for years. On behalf of our affiliate unions, the Chicago labor movement is honored to have played a critical role in ensuring every Illinois worker is safe on the job and off.

While we’re excited to celebrate this incredible victory tonight, we know our work is far from over. There always seems to be a new attack against workers, and we are going to do whatever it takes to protect our workers and your communities from the special interest groups and billionaires trying to divide Illinoisans.

Tonight, Chicago and Illinois demonstrated why we are national leaders in fighting for workers’ rights, and we look forward to partnering with allies across the country to bring the protections of the Workers’ Rights Amendment to workers across the country.”

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