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Walker Recall Kicks Off

On November 15th, United Wisconsin, We Are Wisconsin and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin kicked off the Walker recall campaign.



Many voters took part in rallies and kick off parties around the state while others waited in line to sign the petition at midnight.

We have until January 17th to gather 540,206 signatures, one-fourth the amount of all the ballots cast last November. However, the goal is to gather at least 750,000 signatures and all petitions are due to United Wisconsin by January 10th to give them enough time to review and submit the petitions to the Government Accountability Board.

Get involved today!

Visit www.unitedwisconsin.com to:

- Sign up to volunteer
- Download recall petitions
- Find the recall office nearest you
- Get more information about the recall
- Find out about upcoming recall events
- Share your story about how Walker's policies have affected you and your family



SEIU members hold Recall Walker signs at the Occupy Milwaukee event on October 15th.

"The reason why I'm out here in this cold weather is to stand up for the seniors and the young people of this world because what they're trying to do for the middle class is not have a middle class," said Healthcare Wisconsin member Ethel Gates who attended the recall kick off rally in Racine.



Anti-Worker Legislation

Last session, the legislature began circulating two pieces of legislation that blatantly attack workers' rights: AB286/SB207 and SB202.



SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin member Ann Louise at work.

AB286/SB207

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This bill gives employers the legal authority to refuse, bar or terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony, but not pardoned for the offense. It could be scheduled for floor debate in the next session which begins January 17th. It will override Milwaukee's Ban the Box law that passed last September. AB286/SB207 discriminates against those trying to re-enter or remain in the workforce after serving time.

Call your legislators today and tell them AB286 and SB202 will hurt working families.

1-800-362-9472

SB202

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This bill repeals the ability for victims of discrimination on the job to take their case to civil court. It passed the Senate and was read in the Assembly. The Assembly voted against suspending rules which would have moved it to a vote before going to committee. It could be scheduled to go to a to-be-determined committee next session. If it does go to committee, they could hold a public hearing, but it's not likely they will. Like AB286/SB207, this bill could be voted on next session. No amendments have been written so far. SB202 disproportionately discriminates against women and minorities.

Work That Needs Doing

Work That Needs Doing is a project designed to put America back to work repairing our infrastructure and meeting our education, health care and clean energy needs.

With nearly 14 million people unemployed and another 11 million underemployed, job creation needs to be America's top priority.

At the same time, our infrastructure is crumbling. Our classrooms



and clinics are overcrowded. Our education, transportation and energy systems are in serious need of upgrades.

With the support of community, labor and advocacy organizations across the country, the project is gathering photos of work that needs doing and making sure our nation's policymakers and elected officials see them and take action.

Dozens of job-creating proposals are idling in Congress right now. You can help get them moving by posting a photo of work that needs doing, sending a message to Congress and asking your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to do the same.



Anyone can participate by taking photos of rundown schools; crumbling bridges; neglected parks, recreation centers and playgrounds; buildings that need to be more energy efficient; and energy sources that need to be more environmentally-friendly.

For more information or to upload your photos visit
www.workthatneedsdoing.org

Our Voices Our Choices

Beginning in September, SEIU members had the opportunity to share their opinions about SEIU's 2012 presidential endorsement.

We are proud to announce that after carefully reviewing member feedback, SEIU endorsed President Barack Obama for re-election in November 2012.

Here's why:

- His jobs plan would encourage small businesses to grow, prevent up to 280,000 teacher layoffs and provide a \$1,500 tax cut for the average family.
- His economic recovery plan created 3.6 million jobs.
- He preserved more than 300,000 state and local public sector jobs—preventing layoffs of police officers, fire fighters, health care workers, teachers and other trusted public servants.



- He provided tax cuts to 95 percent of working families.
- He extended unemployment insurance, assisting 2.5 million Americans who lost their jobs.
- He expanded Pell Grants and revamped the student loan program by eliminating fees paid to private banks.
- He was outspokenly against attacks on collective bargaining, recognizing that public employees “make enormous contributions to our states and our citizens.”

- His historic health care reform law expanded health care coverage to an additional 32 million uninsured Americans.
- He established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau which increases regulation and oversight over big banks and mortgage companies.
- He vowed to protect Social Security benefits and refused to increase the Medicare eligibility age.
- He supported the DREAM Act which provides upstanding undocumented immigrants who were brought to America as children a pathway to citizenship.
- He released a strong policy that halted deportation proceedings for noncriminal immigrants.

For more information visit www.seiu.org/our-voices

Occupy Everywhere

The Occupy Wall Street protestors in New York stood their ground to show the world that America's 99% has had enough. These courageous activists inspired millions, sparking a nationwide movement of Occupy demonstrations.

SEIU members and allies were encouraged to participate in their local Occupy events to show support for job creation and working families while demanding that Wall Street, CEOs and millionaires be held accountable for the long term damage and everyday struggles their decisions have caused America's working families.

On October 15th, Occupy protests began in cities all over the country including Appleton, Dubuque, Duluth,

Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Berlin and Rockford.

“I'm out here to bring jobs back to the community— all the jobs we lost in the school system and all the jobs that corporations are taking over and not paying taxes on here. Why don't they pay taxes when I'm one of the lowest paid workers there is, but I pay

taxes?” said Local 150 member Becky Flagg who attended the rally in Milwaukee.

“That's why I'm out here- to support our jobs. I'm hoping that they see how the people feel about jobs here in this city. That we need our jobs here and that we need our people back to work here in this community.”

