

Machinists Union Membership Votes Overwhelmingly to Endorse President Biden for Second Term

The 600,000-member International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), utilizing a democratic process that included a general membership vote open to all U.S. members in good standing, has endorsed President Biden for a second term.

The IAM's endorsement is the overwhelming majority will of the IAM's U.S. membership and its state council presidents, who voted online through an independent third ballot balloting system. More about the IAM's endorsement process is available at **iamvoting.org**.

The results of the IAM's general membership vote are:

Joe Biden - 61%

Donald Trump - 17%

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. - 7%

Ron DeSantis - 7%

*Reflects every candidate who received more than 2% of the IAM's general membership vote. Figures rounded to the nearest percentage point.

All of the participating IAM State Council Presidents, the IAM's elected political leaders from each state, voted to endorse President Biden over the top vote-getting Republican candidate from the IAM's general membership election.

A statement from IAM International President Robert Martinez Jr.:

"The IAM is proud to continue our democratic tradition in our

endorsement process and equally as proud to endorse a champion for working people, President Joe Biden, for a second term.

"President Biden has been a staunch advocate and champion for working people. He has delivered on his vision for our nation, which is centered on partnering with organized labor to deliver good jobs with strong benefits and secure retirements. President Biden believes in an economy that works for everyone, not just the wealthy few.

"The IAM looks forward to building upon the great work of the Biden administration. Work that includes a historic investment in infrastructure and manufacturing, while making large corporations adhere to Buy American requirements. President Biden's work also included passing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, the CHIPS and Science Act, and saving millions of jobs through the American Rescue Plan.

"Our membership realized that we couldn't let candidates who seek to destroy our democracy and economy rewrite the rules in favor of CEOs and Wall Street. Our union went from getting WARN notices announcing plant closures from corporate CEOs under the previous administration to receiving job openings under this administration.

"The American economy roared back after the numerous plant closures under Biden's predecessor. The Biden-Harris Administration created millions of jobs since taking office, including nearly 800,000 manufacturing jobs. The IAM is happy to report that manufacturing is back, and it's because this administration didn't just give lip service to Buy America. His Buy America policy has positively impacted the lives of millions of working Americans.

"Our union will work on educating our entire membership about what's at stake in this election and why Joe Biden is the only candidate with a plan to build and grow an economy that works

in the best interest of working families.