

Press Release

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Laborers Endorse Don Young

As Alaska heads towards its primary races this year, the Alaska District Council of Laborers (ADCL) has come out early during this political season to endorse one of their most steadfast supporters, Congressman Don Young. "Congressman Young has a very strong and consistent record in advocating aggressively on those issues affecting Alaskan workers" said Tim Sharp, Business Manager of the ADCL. "When it came to the issues most important to the people we represent, he never backed away from us during times of national political upheaval. He can now expect the same in return from us here at home."

Among many other issues, Don Young has worked with both the Laborers' construction and public employee locals to improve camps and living conditions on remote highway jobs, protected the Davis Bacon Act or Alaskan prevailing wage standards and has consistently been a strong supporter of local and Alaska hire.

"Even during those times when we did have differences of opinion with the Congressman, he always let us know exactly where he stood. We can respect that. Besides, how would people perceive the Laborers' Union, or any union for that matter, if we simply traded old friends for new friends during political campaigns based on political convenience? Democrat or Republican, we are not known as only fair weather friends." said Sharp.

The Alaska District Council of Laborers is made up of Local #942 based in Fairbanks and Juneau, Local #341 based in Anchorage and Local #71 the statewide Public Employee Union based in Anchorage. The ADCL represents over five thousand members and working families throughout Alaska.

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