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CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF MACHINISTS JOINS LODGES 725 AND 947, BACKS THORBURN

*Trio of Machinist organizations join flood of labor organizations
backing Thorburn's bid for Congress*

ORANGE COUNTY, CA -- Continuing a torrent of labor organizations backing former AFT Leader Andy Thorburn in his campaign for Congress, today, Thorburn announced he has earned endorsements from the California Conference of Machinists, as well as Machinists District Lodges 725 and 947, in his campaign for Congressional District 39.

"The California Conference of Machinists, as well as the Southern California Machinists District Lodge 725 and District Lodge 947 are proud to endorse former classroom teacher Andy Thorburn for Congress," said Larry Olinger, President of Machinists District Lodge 725 and Sal Vasquez, President of Machinists District Lodge 947, in a joint statement. "Andy has proven through action that he will stand for working families. The machinists believe in his values and commitment to betterment through collective bargaining and organizing the unorganized. Andy doesn't just talk about fighting for working families, he's got a proven record. He was jailed for nearly a month for helping to lead a strike for classroom teachers to raise wages and improve working conditions. In the end, he and working families won, earning a collective bargaining agreement that raised wages and ensured better working conditions. We need this kind of bold leadership fighting on behalf of working families every day in Washington, and that's why we are pleased to support Andy's campaign. Andy is the choice of the Machinists for Congress."

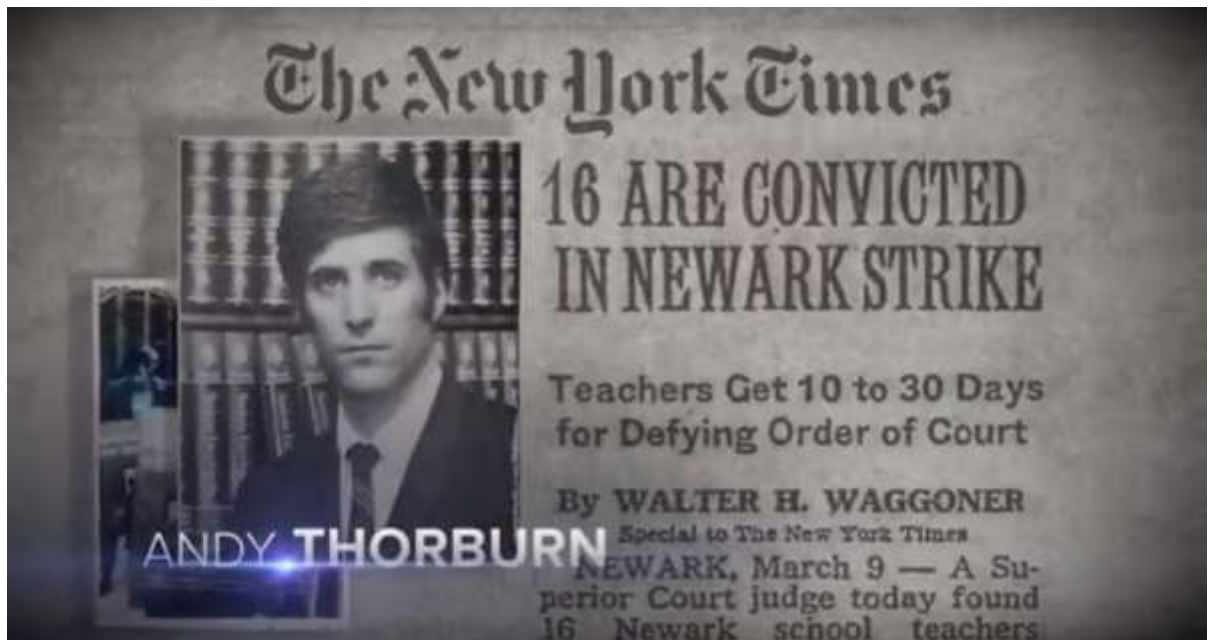
The three Machinists organizations join the California Nurses Association, the United Steelworkers, the Communications Workers of America Local 9510, and International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, who have all previously backed Thorburn. Thorburn also recently announced he had won the endorsement of Senator Bernie Sanders' organization: "Our Revolution."

Yesterday, Thorburn released an advertisement starring actor and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr., a backer of Thorburn's Congressional bid. [To view the ad, "Red Alert," click here](#) or on the image below:



Recently Thorburn rolled out a new video ad, titled "Jailed," highlighting his background of being jailed for nearly a month after helping to lead a strike for workers. It also showcases his story of going from bankruptcy to becoming a successful businessman.

To view the ad, "Jailed" click [here](#) or on the screen shot below:



Recently, Thorburn's campaign has been picking up steam, securing endorsements from the following:

- Our Revolution
 - Our Revolution Orange County
 - California Nurses Association
 - National Nurses United
 - International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 36
 - United Steelworkers of Los Angeles and Orange Counties
 - Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 9510
 - The People for Bernie Sanders
 - State Assembly Member and former California Democratic Party Statewide Secretary Reggie Jones-Sawyer
 - State Senator and education leader Marty Block (Ret.)
 - Actor/Environmentalist Ed Begley Jr.
 - Los Angeles City Controller Rick Tuttle (Ret.)
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Thorburn also recently released a new ad, titled "[Working People](#)," which highlights his agenda of fighting for social and economic justice, and his endorsements from the California Nurses Association, United Steelworkers and working families. Click [here](#) or on the screen shot below to watch the ad:



In launching his campaign, Thorburn released a digital video ad, titled "[Cell Doors](#)," that spotlights his background as a classroom teacher and workers rights advocate, including his time in jail for helping to lead a movement and a strike that ultimately led to better wages and fair treatment for workers.

To [watch "Cell Doors" click here](#) or on the screen shot below:

Thorburn's campaign also recently released a digital video ad, titled "Overhaul," which highlights his support for Medicare for All. The ad, "Overhaul," [was recently spotlighted by the Washington Post](#).

To watch "[Overhaul](#)," click on the screen shot below.

To view, "[Inclusive Society](#)," click on the screen shot below:

To view Thorburn's video, "[In the Ground](#)," click on the screen shot below:

Andy Thorburn is a Democrat, a former classroom teacher, an advocate for working people, a businessman, and a nonprofit founder. He has worked as an educator, union organizer, and entrepreneur, and at each phase in his life, he has prioritized the principle that any organization - a country or a company - gets the best results if it treats its people fairly, with dignity, and holds itself to a standard of excellence.

Thorburn has been married to his wife Karen, for 36 years, and they have two children together, both of which they adopted as infants. Andy and Karen live in Orange County, where they have lived for the past 18 years.

For more information please visit: www.ThorburnForCongress.com.

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