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VA Laborers' Union endorses Daun Hester Norfolk mayoral race

Reston, VA.— The Laborers' International Union of North America today endorsed Daun Hester in her campaign for the Mayor of Norfolk.

“We are happy to support candidates like Daun that will work harder as an executive to keep working-class families in mind when they consider development,” said Dennis Martire, Vice-President of LiUNA’s Mid-Atlantic Region. “For too long, Virginia politicians have abandoned basic principles of family-supporting pay; good benefits that include healthcare; training programs and opportunities for the community to grow in a positive way. Daun Hester offers a new direction in Norfolk.”

"I appreciate the vote of confidence in my leadership from the LiUNA," said Daun. "I am committed to doing all I can to improve the health of our city by improving our work force. LiUNA's endorsement is an affirmation of the priority I place on the creation of high quality jobs in Norfolk that pay living wages and better contribute to the economic growth of our city."

Virginia is one of the fastest growing markets for LiUNA in the Mid-Atlantic region, and has fourteen locals that represent residents of the Commonwealth. Today, LiUNA members are helping to build infrastructure around the country and are working on major projects in Virginia.

The Laborers were very active in Virginia during the 2008 presidential race, putting hundreds of members on the streets and working the phones to help Barack Obama win the state's 13 electoral votes. They were also heavily involved in two critical special elections in Northern Virginia to fill open seats in the Virginia State Senate and House of Delegates, which were ultimately won by their endorsed candidates.

The members of LiUNA! – The Laborers' International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers who are proud to build America.