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## **AFTER MEMBER POLL, OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES OFFICIALLY BACK BIDEN**

**NEW YORK (PAI)**—After “a union-wide survey of its members” which showed overwhelming support for re-electing Democratic President Joe Biden, the Office and Professional Employees board made it official on November 3.

The decision is separate from the AFL-CIO-wide endorsement of the Biden-Harris ticket in a large convocation in Philadelphia earlier this year. That decision included OPEIU, but this one means the union can marshal its people next year for their re-election.

Biden garnered the largest vote share among OPEIU’s 100,000 members and a large majority on the union board, outpolling all other potential presidential hopefuls combined. The decision is also based on his staunch pro-worker and public pro-union record over his three years in the Oval Office, said union President Richard Lanigan.

“Our member survey indicates OPEIU members know Joe Biden is the most pro-worker president in our lifetime,” Lanigan explained. “Biden’s record as president over the past three years clearly demonstrates he understands and prioritizes the needs of working families.

“Time and time again, Biden has delivered for working families, from making historic investment in good jobs, rebuilding the nation’s infrastructure, launching initiatives at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to improve workplace safety, and strengthening the right to organize,” Lanigan continued.

Biden also hasn’t shied away from making his pro-union stands public, unlike his former boss, Barack Obama. Obama would pledge his support before union audiences, but only once—responding to an Iowa political rally attendee—did he reiterate his stands before the general public.

By contrast, Biden declares his union stands even before corporate CEOs and implemented executive orders to federal agencies to support unionization within the government and its contractors. Some contractors, notably those serving the military, have resisted, though.

“OPEIU members have told us they want to continue the progress made by the Biden-Harris administration on behalf of working people,” the union continued. “OPEIU is committed to advancing the interests of our members by rebuilding the middle class, fighting for racial justice and equality and protecting working people’s right to join unions and collectively bargain.

“Together we can improve the economy and provide opportunities for everyone, not just the wealthy. The records of Biden and his presumptive opponent, Donald Trump, show Biden is the only candidate who shares those values and vision for America’s future.

“OPEIU endorsed Biden for election in 2020 believing he would put workers first. Biden’s first term proved the endorsement was well-placed. The union has planned a comprehensive political mobilization effort throughout the country and specifically in key battleground states to get out the vote for Biden,” the union statement concluded.