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## **Kifowit's Labor ; Painters District Councils 14, 30, and 58 Endorse State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit for Illinois Comptroller**

**AURORA, IL – Illinois Painters District Councils 14, 30, and 58 have announced their endorsement of State Representative Stephanie Kifowit for Illinois Comptroller, citing her tireless work ethic and dedication to organized labor. The Councils represent over 10,000 members statewide.**

“Representative Kifowit has built a reputation for honest leadership, strong fiscal management, and an unwavering commitment to the people who keep Illinois working.” said Painters District Council 30 Business Manager, Ryan Anderson. He went on to say, “Kifowit has earned the support of organized labor because she understands how fair wages, responsible public investment, and solid contract enforcement strengthen communities.”

This endorsement is rooted in Kifowit's long-standing, actionable support for the trades. Her policy credibility comes from a record of turning pro-labor values into law. She was the **Chief Co-Sponsor of HB1189** to protect state-level prevailing wage standards—a commitment she will intensify as Comptroller by using the office to **actively protect and enforce the Prevailing Wage Act**. Her proven dedication is further shown by her work on **SB1976**, the Illinois Workers' Rights and Safety Act, and her role as a Co-Sponsor on **HB3005** to create a state-level backstop for labor grievances.

This legislative track record, her ability to communicate finance to the public; combined with a lifetime AFL-CIO voting record over 90%, is why labor trusts her. It is also the foundation for her central campaign pledge: to create a **dedicated Labor Division** within the Comptroller's office. This division would proactively audit contractors to ensure every worker on a public project is paid the prevailing wage they have earned, transforming the office into the ultimate protector of workers' rights. Kifowit will also prioritize the use of the office to be more transparent than it has been in its history.

“For the past 20 years, I have been a partner with the Painters Councils, and I am deeply honored to receive their endorsement,” stated Representative Kifowit. “These hardworking union members need someone who will look out for them during these uncertain times and I am the candidate they trust to always be there for them as their next Comptroller.”

The endorsements of Painters District Councils 14, 30, and 58 come on the heels of endorsements by National Association of Letter Carriers Local 219 and Illinois Federation of Public Employees Local 4408.

**About Stephanie Kifowit:**

Stephanie Kifowit, has a Masters in Public Administration from NIU, is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, a former registered financial advisor, served on the Aurora City Council for almost 10 years, and is a State Representative with over 12 years of extensive state budget experience in the Illinois General Assembly. Being raised in a working-class family, she has built a career as a relentless fiscal expert and a champion for workers, Veterans, and taxpayers. She is running for Comptroller to bring discipline, integrity, and accountability to the management of Illinois' finances.

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