National AFL-CIO endorses Hillary Clinton for president

The national AFL-CIO General Board voted June 16 to endorse Hillary Clinton for president.

Up to that point, the labor federation had declined to endorse either Clinton or her challenger, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, in the Democratic primaries.

Early last month the former secretary of state all but clinched the Democratic nomination. She will face Republican presumptive nominee Donald Trump in November.

"Hillary Clinton is a proven leader who shares our values," said Richard Trumka, president of the 12.5 million member AFL-CIO. "Throughout the campaign, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to the issues that matter to working people, and our members have taken notice. The activism of working people has already been a major force in this election and is now poised to elect Hillary Clinton and move America forward."

Beginning immediately, the AFL-CIO will put in motion its ground campaign to elect Clinton and other union-endorsed candidates across the country. The federation said it has been laying the groundwork for this campaign for months, and Trumka pledged that "we will run a sophisticated, targeted ground campaign. And with the dire consequences Donald

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Trump poses for America's working families, it has to be."

Trumka further noted that, "Senator Bernie Sanders has brought an important voice to this election, and has elevated critical issues and strengthened the foundation of our movement. His impact on

American politics cannot be overstated."

AFL-CIO presidential endorsements are determined by a two-thirds vote of the General Board, which consists of all members of the Executive Council and the principal officer of each affiliated, national or international union, the principal officer of each trade and industrial department, a representative of each national constituency organization, allied retiree organization, and young worker organization recognized by the Federation, a representative of each chartered national community affiliate, and regional representatives of the state, area, and local central bodies selected by the Executive Council.



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