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## **2010 Baltimore County Primary Elections Endorsements (Phase II)**

As part of the Phase II Endorsements Process, the Baltimore County Federation of Public Employees (BCFPE) is pleased to announce the Official Union Endorsements for the Baltimore County Council. After careful consideration, the BCFPE Executive Board has adopted the COPE Committee's recommendations of the below County Council endorsements based on candidate interviews, polling of membership and candidate's position on critical issues facing Baltimore County.

### **PHASE I**

- **Baltimore County Executive-** *Mr. Joseph Bartenfelder*  
As previously released last month, the BCFPE Executive Board has adopted the COPE Committee's recommendation to endorse Mr. Bartenfelder. We believe Mr. Bartenfelder is the **Very Best** Candidate with the 28 years of proven leadership that will be critical during our economic recovery period.

### **PHASE II**

- **District I-** *Brian Bailey*  
Mr. Bailey is the youngest candidate, bringing new and fresh ideas as well as the most aggressive campaign of any of the councilmatic districts. In addition to his many years of community service, Brian has years of devoted political service and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Maryland Democratic Party. He has repeatedly shown his willingness to support efforts to improve the quality of life for workers, their families, and our communities.
- **District II-** *Vicki Almond*  
Ms. Almond has served over 25 years as a community activist and has been involved in real issues facing real people in our community. She has been dubbed as the face of honesty, reasoning and fairness and through her experience will fight for the prosperity throughout Baltimore County.
- **District V-** *Bill Paulshock*  
Mr. Paulshock is a hard-working small-business owner, serving over 30 years as a community activist. Bill is a down-to-earth person who wants to serve Baltimore County by addressing all concerns, the education of our children, the care of our seniors and the safety of our communities.
- **District VI-** *Todd Schuler*  
Mr. Schuler was elected to the 8th District in the House of Delegates in 2006 where he serves on the House Judiciary Committee and has enjoyed communicating with a great many people of all political stripes and backgrounds. Todd fights for the dignity of working people, social justice and security in our health care.

- **District III**- *Brian McIntyre*, **District IV**-*Ken Oliver* and **District VII**- *John Olszewski, Sr.*

**\*\* NO ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDED IN THE THREE INCUMBENT RACES \*\***

BCFPE cannot be like Police and Fire in the cases of the three incumbents and recommend to stay status quo. Police and Fire have seen improvements to their pay scale structure by leaps and bounds while ALL other General County Employees have seen NO change in their antiquated pay scale structure in decades! The message to ALL elected Officials is "FAIRNESS FOR ALL" and we don't just want council's sympathy, we want their support!

The 5,000 plus General County Employees (BCFPE, SMC, BCFPHN, AFSCME and DEPUTIES) can't and shouldn't remain status quo with incumbent's endorsements when ALL county employees have made the SAME great concessions over the years but ONLY the fire / police have seen the 5 to 6 additional scheduled increases to their pay scales over the last ten years.

If an incumbent finds themselves in a close race, having the support of the more than 5,000 General County Employees COULD make a difference in the race.

BCFPE will be making the remaining Baltimore County PHASE III lower candidate endorsements by the first week in September.