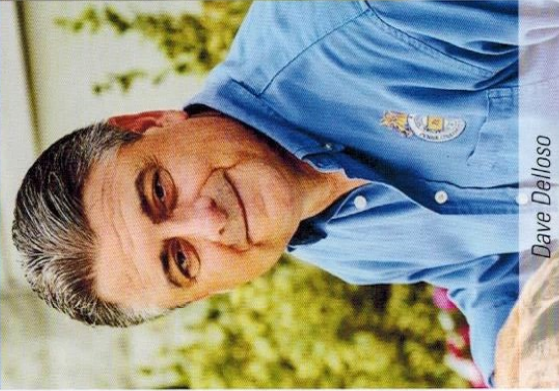
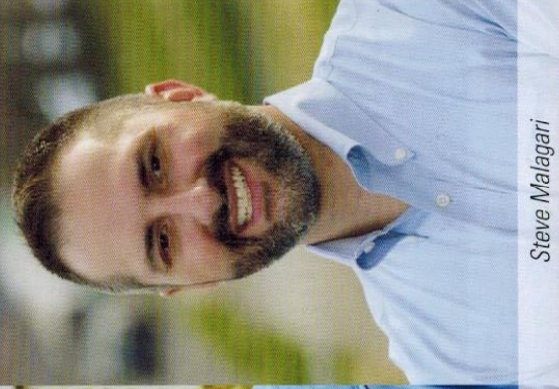


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Pennsylvania Leads the Way with Four Victories

Nov. 6 was an excellent day to be a Teamster running for public office, especially in Pennsylvania. Four current or retired Teamsters in the Keystone State won their first-time elections to the Statehouse in Harrisburg, part of an incoming freshmen class of six Teamsters that will become state lawmakers for the first time across the country in early 2019.

Dave Dellosso, principal officer of Local 312 in Chester, won the District 162 seat by four percentage points. He ran on a proudly outspoken platform that put workers first and calls for a hike in wages and labor rights.

"I want to go to Harrisburg and represent a class of people that are tired of being forsaken," he said. "I want to work toward fair wages, benefits, health care and a dignified retirement in a community of clean air, water and land."

Steve Malagari, a Local 830 member who is employed at Gretz Beer and is a member of the Lansdale Borough Council, won his District 53 seat by three percentage points. He said unions have a role to play in improving the state.

"As a candidate and member of my community, I have seen firsthand the need for greater investment in our public education system, vital infrastructure improvements and protecting our senior population from losing their public pensions and social services provided by the state," he said.

And two new legislators-to-be with ties to Local 384 will also be headed to the Statehouse. Kristin Howard, a Chester County caseworker who investigates child abuse claims, ran and won in District 167 on a platform advocating for families, children

and working women. And Dan Williams, a retired UPS package driver and pastor, prevailed in his District 74 campaign. He ran as an advocate for low-income and middle-class families.

Wins Across the Nation

Elsewhere, Teamsters also were victorious. Former Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Division 391 President Jeff Kurtz won his Iowa District 83 seat, and pledges to stand up against the state's decision to curb collective bargaining in the state. "With stagnating raises, it makes no sense to curtail the bargaining power of unions," he said.

In Nevada, Susan Martinez, a 30-year employee at the Flamingo Hotel and a shop steward for Local 986, won the House District 12 seat by a comfortable 11-percent margin. Her top priorities during the campaign were improving the educational system and repealing the state's right-to-work law. "I want to encourage people and businesses here to have respect for labor unions and their contracts," she said.

Meanwhile, at least eight other union members won local races, including Luis Arroyo Jr. for Cook County (Ill.) Board of Commissioners; Roger Parsons for at-large commissioner for Swain County, N.C.; Lori Frugoli for Marin County (Calif.) District Attorney; Demnlus Johnson II for Richmond (Calif.) City Council; Esther Lemus for Windsor (Calif.) Town Council; Russ-Harper for Baxter City Council (Kan.); Ted Bilski for Lake County Council (Ind.); and Fern Ward for Laveen School Board (Ariz.).

The results were a victory for working people.