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AFL-CIO Endorses Karen Toles for Prince Georges County Council District 7

Suitland, MD—The Metropolitan Washington Council of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) has announced its endorsement of Karen Toles for Prince Georges County Council District 7. Representing more than 11 million members, AFL-CIO is the largest organization so far to pledge its support for Toles' candidacy. "Karen Toles understands working families and has been a supporter of our issues. We're confident that when elected, she will continue with that tradition," said Joslyn Williams, President of the Metro Washington Council, AFL-CIO.

A political/legislative coordinator and organizer for AFSCME Council 67, Toles works on key issues that affect hardworking families throughout the state. Her work on the *Health Care for America Now* Committee helped to ensure health care access for all families in need. "I am truly honored to receive this endorsement. As the voice of hardworking people in local communities across Maryland, AFL-CIO's support is a stamp of approval from the everyday people that have inspired me to run for office. The members of AFL-CIO are the backbone of our communities and deserve accountable and transparent leadership. I want them to know that if I'm elected, I'll continue the work I've done for them."

AFL-CIO is a federation of 56 national and international labor unions. The Metro Washington Council, a leader in the labor movement, works with nearly 200 affiliated union locals and other community, religious, student and political allies to improve the lives of workers and their families throughout the greater metro Washington area.

Toles was recently endorsed by the Washington DC Building & Construction Trades Council and the Democratic Women's PAC of Maryland and have endorsements and the support of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 100, Prince George's County Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics Association (IAFF 1619), International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 26, AFSCME Council 67, Progressive Maryland and the Suitland Civic Association.

To donate or learn more about the *Toles for District 7* campaign, visit www.votekarentoles.com.

By authority of Friends of Karen Toles, Janelle J. Jordan, Esq., Treasurer

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