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Washington DC Building Trades Council Makes Karen Toles Their Choice for Prince Georges County Council District 7

Suitland, MD—The Washington DC Building and Construction Trades Council joins the growing list of endorsements for Karen Toles, candidate for Prince Georges County Council District 7. The Building and Construction trade unions provide the best trained and safest workers in the DC metropolitan area. “Karen Toles understands the opportunities for businesses and workers in the building trades. She knows the business side, and the differences between private sector issues and the concerns of public employees,” said John Shields, Business Manager, Sheet Metal Workers Local 100. “I truly believe she’s going to do a great job for workers in Prince Georges County; she has the leadership ability to bring people together and find solutions to help move the county forward.”

Another business manager in the building trades echoes that sentiment. “Ironworkers Local 5 is proud to stand with Karen Toles for Prince Georges County Council District 7. We believe in her ideas, and I personally have watched her involvement in the community with youth and the working men and women in District 7. She not only talks the talk, but she walks the walk,” said Kendall Martin, Business Manager, Ironworkers Local #5.

Toles has been a strong advocate for hard-working families in Maryland. Through her work with AFSCME Council 67, she works on initiatives that are important to county and state public employees. Among Toles’ top priorities is job creation, including community labor agreements for county construction jobs. “I am extremely honored to receive the endorsement of the Washington DC Building Trades Council, and I look forward to working with them to bring quality jobs and opportunities to the residents of District 7 and Prince Georges County. I’m a long-time supporter of labor, and I truly believe that the Washington DC Building Trades can help to create opportunities for our residents,” said Toles. “I am grateful to have the support of the Building Trades Council and its Affiliates like the Sheet Metal Workers Local 100, who have supported my campaign from the very beginning.”

The Building and Construction Trades Council provides essential coordination and support to the work of its affiliated national and international unions, so that organized construction workers achieve a powerful voice in government, in bargaining, and in their communities. For over 100 years, union construction trades have built the DC Metro region.

Toles has also been endorsed by the Democratic Women’s PAC of Maryland, 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, Ironworker's Local #5, AFSCME Council 67, Progressive Maryland, the Suitland Civic Association as well as other Labor Organizations and Businesses.

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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