



Carpenters Union endorses Brad Sherman

Powerful labor organization weighs in on Congressional primary.

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In a huge boost to his surging campaign, Brad Sherman today announced that he has been endorsed by the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters.

The Carpenters, with a proud 130 year history of effective leadership, represents over 65,000 union carpenters. They pledged to do "everything possible" to return Sherman to Congress.

Mike McCarron, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Regional Council, stated in an endorsement letter to Congressman Sherman:

A critical factor in our decision to endorse was your consistent opposition to, and leadership in the fight against unfair trade agreements like the recently passed Korean, Colombian and Panama agreements. These agreements are fundamentally flawed documents, which put American businesses and workers at a competitive disadvantage and only encourage the continued loss of U.S. jobs.

We believe that it is critical to have a strong voice for American workers and American jobs in the United States Congress and we will do everything possible to see to it that you return to Congress and carry on the fight.

"I am proud to be an ally of the Carpenters in their fight to keep good jobs in America," responded Congressman Sherman. "With millions of skilled Americans out of work, with our construction industry facing Depression-era conditions, it is preposterous that we are building a new San Francisco Bay Bridge in China and shipping it here in pieces."

Opposition to unfair trade agreements is one of the clearest examples of an important policy difference between Sherman and his Democratic opponent, Howard Berman. Berman has sided with big business on every single trade deal – including being one of only 30 Democrats to support a trade deal with Columbia, a country where workers are imprisoned or killed for trying to join a union.