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Amy Klobuchar's Hostile Work Environment

AFSCME Local 2938: Klobuchar Took Credit For Their Work, Damaged Morale And Created "A Hostile Work Environment." "With the U.S. Senate field clear of all but one rival for the DFL Party's nomination, Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar is facing a new obstacle: The union local representing her staff is asking that she be denied the endorsement of its parent group, the powerful American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). In a letter this month to union leaders, local president Jim Appleby, an assistant Hennepin County attorney, said Klobuchar had denigrated office lawyers publicly and privately, taken credit for their work, damaged morale and 'created a hostile work environment.'" (Patricia Lopez, "Klobuchar's Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle," *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

AFSCME Local 2938: Klobuchar's Priority Is Hiring Those "Who Support Her Ambitions." "The local, AFSCME 2938, represents about half of the 400 employees in the office, including investigators and all 112 of its nonmanagement attorneys. ... The two-page union letter said Klobuchar's management style had resulted in increased grievances, and 'qualified personnel from her own and other public offices have been rejected because her priority has been to choose [job] candidates who support her ambitions.'" (Patricia Lopez, "Klobuchar's Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle," *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

AFSCME Local 2938 On Klobuchar: “She Presents Herself As A Dedicated Public Servant ... When Her Only Dedication Is To Her Own Self-Promotion.” “The letter also said that Klobuchar ‘has used the publicity from the many successfully prosecuted criminal cases to give the public the false impression that she was actively involved in those cases. She was not.’ The letter continued: ‘She presents herself as a dedicated public servant ... when her only dedication is to her own self-promotion.’” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

AFSCME Local 2938: Rift With Klobuchar About “How Our People Are Treated In The Workplace.” “Appleby said Hennepin County prosecutors, once the best paid in the state, had fallen behind Ramsey, Anoka and Dakota counties even though their workload was heavier. But he said the union’s letter is ‘not about contract negotiations.’ ‘It’s about how our people are treated in the workplace,’ he said.” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

AFSCME Local 2938 Opposed Klobuchar Endorsement In 2002. “It is rare for a DFL candidate to draw the ire of labor unions. ...Appleby said his local also asked that Klobuchar be denied endorsement in 2002, when she was running for re-election. That request was ignored, he said. Klobuchar ran unopposed.” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

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