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To All Affiliates:

## NEW JERSEY STATE AFL-CIO LABOR CANDIDATES PROGRAM ELECT THE UNION LABEL

For over 20 years, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO has been proud to offer the Labor Candidates program as a proven method of building the power of working families. Since 1997, 968 union members have been elected to offices ranging from U.S. Congress to School Board across the state. The impact of having the voices of working men and women in the halls of government cannot be overstated. These voices have been responsible for helping advance a progressive legislative agenda and delivering victories for all working people.

The cornerstone of these successes is the Labor Candidates School. At the School, union members are able to learn the crucial skills required to mount a successful run for public office. Candidates at the Labor Candidates School can expect to learn from leaders in their field about such topics as diverse as fundraising, research, message development, public speaking, media relations, voter contact, volunteer recruitment, targeting, social media outreach, and get-out-the-vote efforts. By teaching these skills free of charge to candidates, we even the playing field between the interests of working families and those of big business. The 2018 Labor Candidates School will be held:

**Date:** Saturday, August 11 & Sunday, August 12, 2018

**Place:** Rutgers University Inn & Conference Center  
178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick

Pursuant to the New Jersey State AFL-CIO Labor Candidates Resolution, union members seeking election to public office must secure the support of their local union's presiding officer who shall then notify the Central Labor Council and the New Jersey State AFL-CIO. All non-incumbent labor candidates are required to graduate from the Labor Candidates School and be reviewed by the Central Labor Council before resources can be earmarked for their election campaign. Each union member seeking election or re-election to public office must complete the enclosed "Labor Candidates Survey" and return it by fax to (609) 989-8734 or by email to [cope@njafclcio.org](mailto:cope@njafclcio.org).

We look forward to achieving many more labor candidate election successes together.

In Solidarity,

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*"The Voice for Working Families in New Jersey"*



## **New Jersey State AFL-CIO** **2018 Labor Candidate Survey**

International Union/Local # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of prospective labor candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Public office candidate will be seeking \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Election \_\_\_\_\_

Town(s) represented \_\_\_\_\_

Term of elected office (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_

Party Affiliation:  Democrat       Republican       Non-Partisan

Phone #    Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Office(s) previously held by candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Local Union President/Business Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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