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To All Affiliates:

Announcing the 20th Annual Labor Candidates School

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO runs the most successful Labor Candidates Program in the country. Since its inception, 866 union members have been elected to offices as diverse as U.S. Congress, state Senate and Assembly, on County Freeholder Boards, in our towns as Mayors, Aldermen, Committee and Council Members, Fire Commissioners, and on School Boards across the state. These victories have made life better for all working people in New Jersey by advancing pro-worker causes at every level of government.

None of this would be possible without the Labor Candidates School. This program allows our members to learn from election experts the skills necessary to win a campaign. Skills such as fundraising, research, message development, public speaking, media relations, voter contact, volunteer recruitment, targeting, social media outreach, and get-out-the-vote efforts are invaluable for both incumbent and first-time candidates. The 2016 Labor Candidates School will be held:

Date: Saturday, August 13 & Sunday, August 14, 2016

Place: Rutgers University Continuing Studies 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 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.

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

In Solidarity,

Charles Wowkanech
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New Jersey State AFL-CIO 2016 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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