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## SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS EDITION

### IN NEW JERSEY, WE'RE ALWAYS ON!

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With political campaigning taking a year off in all but three states this year, much of the attention of the labor movement nationwide turned to New Jersey to see what impact labor can have on politics in an off-year election.

From offering endorsements to candidates running for all 120 seats of the New Jersey Legislature, to preparing 51 rank-and-file union members for the rigors of a political campaign, to educating union voters about the importance of the 2007 elections, the LABOR 2007 program picked up right where the LABOR 2006 program, largely responsible for Senator Robert Menendez' overwhelming victory, left off.

The grassroots efforts of more than 10,000 trade unionists turned an otherwise cold and rainy day into one of great achievement for the labor movement. And once again, the time and energy our affiliated unions and local members contributed during this campaign proved to be the decisive factor in the election of 33 labor candidates as well as a majority of our endorsed legislative candidates. This electoral success is vital to our ability to continue to advocate for pro-working family policies at the local, county and state level.

Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved in the Labor 2007 program, the voices of working families are stronger than ever in the halls of government statewide. New Jersey continues to lead the way in the total number of rank-and-file union members serving in public office. These elected officials share our desire to make New Jersey an even better place for workers and will continue to advocate for policies such as paid family leave and real health care reform.

We once again thank you for all that you have done to make the voices of working families heard on this Election Day.



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APEX Award

## 2007 LABOR CANDIDATES WIN ELECTIONS

Labor candidates claimed victory in these 33 races thanks to union members' votes:

Name	Union	Office Elected
Jon Erickson*	AFT 2187	Highland Park Council
Keith Kazmark*	AFT 2360	West Paterson Council
Orlando Mercado	AFT 4965	Gloucester Twp. Council
Joseph Marques	CWA 1022	Hazlet Council
Howard Craver*	IBEW 94	Pittsgrove Committee
Keith Johnson	IBEW 94	Woodstown Council
Rick Pfeffer	IBEW 94	Woodstown Mayor
Ken Brouwer*	IBEW 164	Park Ridge Council
John Crawford*	IBEW 210	Pennsville Committee
Wayne DeAngelo	IBEW 269	Assembly District 14
Michael Mahon*	IBEW 400/ AFSCME 3914	Oceanport Mayor
Joseph Egan*	IBEW 456	Assembly District 17
Fred Grant*	IBEW 654	East Greenwich Council
Jim Carroll*	IBEW 827 -Retired	Bergen County Freeholder
James Manning*	IBEW 1289	Neptune Committee
Tom Huffnell*	IBT 830	Deptford Council
Joseph Scott	IBT 830	Deptford Council
Steve Sweeney*	Iron Workers 399	Senate District 3
Tom Giblin*	IUOE 68	Assembly District 34
Mark Armbruster*	IUOE 542	Clementon Mayor
John Amodeo	IUOE 825	Assembly District 2
Jennifer McQuade*	IUOE/JNESO	Somerdale Council
George Tibbitt*	Roofers 30	Atlantic City Council
Paul Moriarty*	SAG/AFTRA	Assembly District 4
Paul Medany*	UA 322	Deptford Council
Fred Green*	UA 322	Absecon Council
Gregory Schenker*	UA 322	Folsom Council
John Washington*	UAW Reg. 8	Penns Grove Mayor
Ken Garbowski	UBC 393	Gloucester Twp. Council
Dennis Garbowski*	UBC 393	Cherry Hill Council
John Jackson	UBC 715	Pennsville Committee
Nelson Albano*	UFCW 152	Assembly District 1
John Birkner	UWUA 534	Westwood Mayor

**With three elections still close to call, the total number of rank-and-file labor candidates elected since 1997 stands at 473.**

\*Incumbent

For more information about the New Jersey State AFL-CIO Labor Candidates Program contact John Shea, COPE Director, at 609-989-8730.

**NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE ELECTION RESULTS**

Congratulations to these election winners in the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly. We look forward to working together to benefit New Jersey's working families.

Special congratulations to Senator President Dick Codey who extends the Democrats' majority in the Senate to 23-17 and Speaker Joe Roberts who maintained a 49-31 majority in the Assembly.

**District 1**

Senate

Jeff Van Drew (D)

Assembly

Nelson Albano (D)\*+

Matthew Milam (D)\*

**District 2**

Senate

James Whelan (D)

Assembly

Vince Polistina (R)

John Amodeo (R)\*+

**District 3**

Senate

Stephen Sweeney (D)\* +

Assembly

John Burzichelli (D)\*

Douglas Fisher (D)\*

**District 4**

Senate

Fred Madden (D)\*

Assembly

Paul Moriarty(D)\*+

Sandra Love (D)\*

**District 5**

Senate

Dana Reed (D)\*

Assembly

Joseph Roberts (D)\*

Nilsa Cruz-Perez (D)\*

**District 6**

Senate

John Adler (D)\*

Assembly

Louis Greenwald (D)\*

Pamela Lampitt (D)\*

**District 7**

Senate

Diane Allen (R)\*

Assembly

Herbert Conaway (D)\*

Jack Connors (D)\*

**District 8**

Senate

Phil Haines (R)\*

Assembly

Dawn Addiego (R)

Scott Rudder (R)

**District 9**

Senate

Christopher Connors (R)\*

Assembly

Brian Rumpf (R)\*

Daniel Van Pelt (R)

**District 10**

Senate

Andrew Ciesla (R)\*

Assembly

David Wolfe (R)\*

James Holzapfel (R)\*

**District 11**

Senate

Sean Kean (R)\*

Assembly

Mary Pat Angelini (R)

David Rible (R)

**District 12**

Senate

Jennifer Beck (R)

Assembly

Caroline Casagrande (R)

Declan O'Scanlon (R)

**District 13**

Senate

Joe Kyrillos (R)

Assembly

Samuel Thompson (R)\*

Amy Handlin (R)

**District 14**

Senate

Bill Baroni (R)\*

Assembly

Linda Greenstein (D)\*

Wayne DeAngelo (D)\*+

**District 15**

Senate

Shirley Turner (D)\*

Assembly

Reed Gusciora (D)\*

Bonnie Watson-Coleman (D)\*

+ New Jersey State AFL-CIO Labor Candidate

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**District 16**

Senate  
Christopher Bateman (R)

Assembly  
Peter Biondi (R)  
Denise Coyle (R)

**District 17**

Senate  
Bob Smith (D)\*

Assembly  
Joseph Egan (D)\*+  
Upendra Chivukula (D)\*

**District 18**

Senate  
Barbara Buono (D)\*

Assembly  
Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. (D)\*  
Peter Barnes, III (D)

**District 19**

Senate  
Joseph Vitale (D)\*

Assembly  
John Wisniewski (D)\*  
Joseph Vas (D)\*

**District 20**

Senate  
Raymond Lesniak (D)\*

Assembly  
Neil Cohen (D)\*  
Joseph Cryan (D)\*

**District 21**

Senate  
Thomas Kean, Jr. (R)

Assembly  
Eric Munoz (R)  
Jon Bramnick (R)

**District 22**

Senate  
Nicholas Scutari (D)\*

Assembly  
Gerald Green (D)\*  
Linda Stender (D)\*

**District 23**

Senate  
Leonard Lance (R)

Assembly  
Michael Doherty (R)  
Marcia Karrow (R)

**District 24**

Senate  
Steven Oroho (R)\*

Assembly  
Allison Littell McHose (R)  
Gary Chiusano (R)

**District 25**

Senate  
Anthony Bucco (R)

Assembly  
Rick Merkt (R)  
Michael Patrick Carroll (R)

**District 26**

Senate  
Joe Pennacchio (R)

Assembly  
Alex DeCroce (R)  
Jay Webber ®

**District 27**

Senate  
Richard Codey (D)\*

Assembly  
Mila Jasey (D)\*  
John McKeon (D)\*

**District 28**

Senate  
Ronald Rice (D)\*

Assembly  
Cleopatra Tucker (D)\*  
Ralph Caputo (D)\*

**District 29**

Senate  
M. Teresa Ruiz (D)\*

Assembly  
L. Grace Spencer (D)\*  
Alberto Coutinho (D)\*

**District 30**

Senate  
Robert Singer (R)\*

Assembly  
Joseph Malone, III (R)\*  
Ronald Dancer (R)\*

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**District 31**

Senate

Sandra Bolden Cunningham (D)\*

Assembly

L. Harvey Smith (D)\*

Anthony Chiappone (D)\*

**District 32**

Senate

Nicholas Sacco (D)\*

Assembly

Joan Quigley (D)\*

Vincent Prieto (D)\*

**District 33**

Senate

Brian Stack (D)\*

Assembly

Ruben Ramos, Jr. (D)\*

Caridad Rodriguez (D)\*

**District 34**

Senate

Nia H. Gill (D)\*

Assembly

Thomas Giblin (D)\*+

Sheila Oliver (D)\*

**District 35**

Senate

John Girgenti (D)\*

Assembly

Elease Evans (D)\*

Nellie Pou (D)\*

**District 36**

Senate

Paul Sarlo (D)\*

Assembly

Frederick Scalera (D)\*

Gary Schaer (D)\*

**District 37**

Senate

Loretta Weinberg (D)\*

Assembly

Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D)\*

Gordon Johnson (D)\*

**District 38**

Senate

J. Robert Gordon (D)\*

Assembly

Joan Voss (D)\*

Connie Wagner (D)\*

**District 39**

Senate

S. Gerald Cardinale (R)

Assembly

John Rooney (R)

Charlotte Vandervalk (R)\*

**District 40**

Senate

Kevin O'Toole (R)

Assembly

David Russo (R)

Scott Rumana (R)\*

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