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NEW JERSEY STATE AFL-CIO OFFERS ENDORSEMENTS IN 2007 LEGISLATIVE CONTESTS

Delegates to New Jersey State AFL-CIO COPE Endorsement Conference Offer Endorsements in Legislative Races and Pledge Support to forty-two Rank-and-File Labor Candidates.

ATLANTIC CITY- Following their two-day COPE Endorsement Conference in Atlantic City, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO announced their endorsed candidates seeking election to the New Jersey Legislature in November and released a list of more than 40 rank-and-file union members seeking public office with the support of the highly successful labor candidates program. Over 600 delegates representing 1,000 unions and 1 million union members in New Jersey participated in the endorsement process.

"The strength of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO's political program is evident every day in the halls of government as elected officials that we have supported continue to put forward public policies which further our goal of improving the lives of our State's working families," stated Charles Wowkanech, President of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO. "With issues such as health care reform, school construction and continued property tax reform set to dominate the next session of the New Jersey Legislature, never has empowering union voters to participate in elections for the State Senate and General Assembly been more critical."

Other highlights of the two-day conference included the New Jersey State AFL-CIO's annual labor awards reception which this year recognized Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-37), Ray Pocino, Vice President and Eastern Regional Manager, Laborers' International Union of North America and J. Fletcher Creamer, Jr., CEO, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. for their continued support of working families; keynote addresses by Governor Jon Corzine and Ed Hill, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW); and appearances by Elizabeth Bunn, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Auto Workers (UAW) and Edward McElroy, President of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) who spoke on behalf of more than 4,000 new workers who recently gained a voice at work.

A complete list of this year's endorsements follows.

1NEW JERSEY STATE AFL-CIO
2007 LEGISLATIVE ENDORSEMENTS
JUNE 13, 2007

District 1

Senate
Nicholas Asselta (R)*

Assembly
Nelson Albano (D)*+
Matthew Milam

District 2

Senate
No Endorsement

Assembly
John Amodeo (R)+
Joseph Kuehner (D)

District 3

Senate
Stephen Sweeney (D)* +

Assembly
John Burzichelli (D)*
Douglas Fisher (D)*

District 4

Senate
Fred Madden (D)*

Assembly
Sandra Love (D)
Paul Moriarty (D)*+

District 5

Senate
Dana Redd (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
Chris Fifis (D)
Tracy Riley (D)

District 9

Senate
Christopher Connors (R)

Assembly
Brian Rumpf (R)*

District 10

Senate
Andrew Ciesla (R)*

Assembly
David Wolfe (R)*
James Holzapfel (R)*

District 11

Senate
Sean Kean (R)

Assembly
John Napolitani, Sr. (D)
John Pirnat (D)+

District 12

Senate
Ellen Karcher (D)*

Assembly
Amy Mallet (D)
Michael Panter (D)*

District 13

Senate
No Endorsement

Assembly
Samuel Thompson (R)*

District 14

Senate
Bill Baroni (R)

Assembly
Wayne DeAngelo(D)+
Linda Greenstein (D)*

District 15

Senate
Shirley Turner (D)*

Assembly
Reed Gusciora (D)*
Bonnie Watson-Coleman
(D)*

District 16

Senate
No Endorsement

Assembly

No Endorsement

District 17

Senate
Robert Smith (D)*

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

District 18

Senate
Barbara Buono (D)*

Assembly
Peter Barnes III (D)*
Patrick Diegnan (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
No Endorsement

Assembly
No Endorsement

District 22

Senate
Nick Scutari (D)*

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

District 23

Senate
No Endorsement

Assembly
No Endorsement

District 24

Senate
Steven Oroho (R)

Assembly
No Endorsement

District 25

Senate
No Endorsement

Assembly
No Endorsement

District 26

Senate
No Endorsement

Assembly
No Endorsement

District 27

Senate
Richard Codey (D)*

Assembly
John McKeon (D)*
Mims Hackett (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)
Albert Coutinho (D)

District 30

Senate
Robert Singer (R)*

Assembly
Joseph Malone (R)*
Ronald Dancer (R)*

District 31

Senate
Sandra Bolden Cunningham (D)

Assembly
Anthony Chiappone (D)
L. Harvey Smith (D)

District 32

Senate
Nicholas Sacco (D)*

Assembly
Vince Prieto (D)*
Joan Quigley (D)*

District 33

Senate
Brian Stack (D)

Assembly
Ruben Ramos (D)
Caridad Roriguez(D)

District 34
Senate
Nia Gill (D)*

Assembly
Thomas P Giblin (D)*
Sheila Oliver (D)*

District 35
Senate
John Girgenti (D)*

Assembly
Alfred Steele (D)*
Nellie Pou (D)*

*Incumbent
+Labor Candidate

District 36
Senate
Paul Sarlo (D)*

Assembly
Frederick Scalera (D)*
Gary Schaer (D)*

District 37
Senate
Loretta Weinberg(D)*

Assembly
Gordon Johnson (D)*
Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D)*

District 38
Senate
Joseph Coniglio (D)* +

Assembly
Robert Gordon (D)*
Joan Voss (D)*

District 39
Senate
Joseph Ariyan (D)

Assembly
Charlotte Vandervalk (R)*
Carl Manna (D)

District 40
Senate
No Endorsement

Assembly
Scott Rumana(R)

**New Jersey State AFL-CIO
2007 Labor Candidates
June 13, 2007**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>
Jon Erickson*	AFT 2187	Highland Park Council
Woodrow Dooley*	IBB 28	Westville Council
Maryann Marian	CWA 1034	Florence Council
John Kroshwitz	CWA 1040	Hamilton Council
Ed Toff	GCIU 14	Harrison Twp Committee
Kirk Craver*	IBEW 94	Pittsgrove Committee
George Fecanin*	IBEW 94	Rutherford Council
Joseph Lukac	IBEW 102	Somerset Freeholder
John Smith	IBEW 102	Cresskill 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 Freeholder
James Manning*	IBEW 1309	Neptune Committee
John Pirnat	IBT 177	Assembly District 11
Tom Hufnell*	IBT 330	Deptford Council
Joseph Scott	IBT 830	Deptford Council
Steve Sweeney*	Iron Workers 399	State Senate District 3
Thomas Giblin*	IUOE 68	Assembly District 34
James Gorman	IUOE 68	Galloway Council
Joseph Kelly*	IUOE 68	Atlantic Freeholder
Mark Armbruster*	IUOE 542	Clementon Mayor
John Amodeo	IUOE 825	Assembly District 2
Jennifer McQuade	IUOE 1	Somerdale Council
David Sharp	IUOE 825	Somers Point Mayor
Donald Snyder	LIUNA 415	Galloway Council
Paul Moriarty*	SAG/AFTRA	Assembly District 4
Joseph Coniglio*	UA 14	State Senate District 38
Paul Medany*	UA 322	Deptford Council
John Washington*	UAW Region 8	Penns Grove Mayor
Mike Capelli*	UBC 393	Pitman Council
Dennis Garbowski*	UBC 393	Cherry Hill Council
Ken Garbowski	UBC 393	Gloucester Twp Council
John Jackson	UBC 715	Pennsville Committee
Nelson Albano*	UFCW 152	Assembly District 1
Donna Avery	UFCW 1360	Riverside Council 1360
John Hall	USW 943	Woodstown Mayor
Thomas Constantine	UWUA 375/AFSCME DC 37	Westwood Council
John Birkner	UWUA 534	Westwood Mayor

* incumbent