

Labor Candidates Pledge



RESOLUTION

Concerning the New Jersey State AFL-CIO Labor Candidates Program

Unanimously Adopted June 16, 2010

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and its members are dedicated to the betterment of workers and workers' rights through organizing and collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO is dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families by bargaining to increase wages, obtain health care insurance and retirement security through pensions and negotiate terms and conditions for employment; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO has a Labor Candidates Program to encourage and support union members running for public office on every level of government throughout the State to ensure that labor has a "seat at the table" and a voice for working families in government; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of the date of passage of this resolution, any labor union member in the future must, upon completion of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO labor candidates training program, sign a pledge to uphold and actively support the following critical labor principles:

- All workers have the right to form and join unions;
- Collective Bargaining is a public good and all workers should have the right to collectively bargain for their terms and conditions of employment;
- All workers have the right to a safe and healthy work environment and all employers have a duty to provide a safe workplace;
- All workers should be paid a fair or "living wage;" and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as of the date of passage of this resolution, any labor union member in the future, upon completion of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO labor candidates training program, further pledges to oppose any attempts to undermine these rights including and especially through legislation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State AFL-CIO will notify all Central Labor Councils throughout the state about the adoption of this resolution so they may include it when evaluating candidates during their screening process.

Please return signed Labor Candidates Pledge to: New Jersey State AFL-CIO, 106 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, or fax to (609)989-8734 no later than Monday, September 15, 2014.

I, _____, hereby pledge to uphold the principles of this Resolution.

(Signature)

Date: _____