

**New Jersey
Election
Edition**

NYSNA

VOTER GUIDE 2016

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

**Hillary Clinton
for
President**

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November 8 is fast approaching!

Our Voter Guide provides endorsements for Federal, State and local races, and for President of the United States.

This Guide lists candidates for elected office and ballot questions that have been endorsed by the New Jersey AFL-CIO and NYSNA. In the case of former Secretary of State Clinton, NYSNA carried out a member poll/vote in which 3,661 voted and the result was 68% for Clinton. By a solid majority members voted for Hillary Clinton and her endorsement reflects the vote of the majority of members voting. (See page 3.)

Our ability to move forward on healthcare and other issues depends on each of us doing our part to elect (and in many cases

re-elect) candidates who have stood with us and will continue to do what's right.

Please consider volunteering your time over the next several weeks to ensure elections of these candidates.

Use this Election Guide to familiarize yourself with the candidates and be prepared to vote on November 8 or by absentee ballot.

Over the next few weeks, there are a few steps you can take to prepare to vote and ensure that 2017 will be the year in which NYSNA continues to move forward.

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Here are some instructions regarding your voting:

1. Register to vote / Confirm your voter registration!

The New Jersey Department of State web site provides links for registering, checking your voter registration, changing party affiliation, finding your polling place, and more:

www.njelections.org/voting-information.html

Share the link with family and friends who aren't yet registered or want to confirm that their registration is current.

2. If you will be out of town on November 8, get your mail ballot now!

If you know you will not be able to get to the polls on Election Day, plan on mailing your ballot and making your

vote count. Information on how to get a mail ballot is available on the New Jersey Department of State web site:

www.njelections.org/voting-information.html

Mail ballots must be received by your county's election board no later than November 8, so plan accordingly.

3. Plan your work schedule to ensure time to vote.

Your contract may allow you to take time off to vote if your work schedule does not allow you enough time to vote. Check your contract or speak to your Rep for more details about how to secure your voting rights.

If you wish to volunteer for a political campaign or as a poll worker, you can request time off from your employer through the usual process.



Hillary Clinton for President

Backed by a large majority — 68% — in our recent membership vote concluded on October 6, Democrat Hillary Clinton has received NYSNA’s endorsement for President of the United States. (See vote totals below.) Her resume, including U.S. Senator from New York and U.S. Secretary of State, sets out extensive experience. According to the Bernie Sanders campaign, “at least 80 percent” of what it wanted to achieve in terms of goals and policies has been incorporated into her platform. Clinton has pledged to implement these policies and thus received the endorsement of Senator Sanders and many of the labor unions and community and economic justice groups who previously supported him.



Healthcare

On healthcare, Clinton pledges to expand the Affordable Care Act by letting people over 55 years old buy into Medicare and opening enrollment to families regardless of immigration status. She has said she will work to lower co-pays and deductibles and rein in prescription drug costs. Clinton promises to work to ensure that all women have access to preventive care, affordable contraception, and safe and legal abortion. She commits to doubling the funding for primary care services at community health centers, and supports President Obama’s call for a near tripling of the size of the National Health Service Corps. Specifically on access to mental healthcare Clinton has committed

to parity for mental and behavioral healthcare and other significant reforms.

Supreme Court

Against the backdrop of cases like *Friedrichs* threatening to annihilate unions, Clinton has repeatedly warned about the dangers to unions of a Donald Trump appointment to the highest court. She has spoken of the need of the Supreme Court to protect voting rights, women’s reproduction rights and marriage equality and to end discrimination of the LGBT community. She has also denounced the notion that “money is speech,” as in the *Citizens United* ruling.

Education

Clinton pledges to “invest in early childhood programs like Early Head Start” to “ensure that every four-year-old in America has access to high-quality preschool in the next 10 years.” Significantly, Clinton proposes to eliminate college tuition at in-state public colleges and universities for families with annual incomes up to \$125,000. Her “New College Compact” would enable millions of Americans who have student debt to refinance at lower rates.

Criminal Justice

In her speeches, Clinton has addressed the imbalance and injustice in the current American criminal justice system and has put forward proposals to fix it, including developing national guidelines on the use of force by police officers, reforming mandatory minimum sentencing, and ending sentencing disparities that create a two-tier justice system. She would commit federal funding to training local law enforcement and end racial profiling.

Economy

“Raising middle-class incomes is the defining economic challenge of our time,” Clinton has said in the course of her campaign. She pledges to achieve a \$15/hour federal minimum wage and supports tax reform that closes loopholes. As senator, she championed the Paycheck Fairness Act and co-sponsored the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to help close the wage gap so women earn equal pay. She backs a “guarantee of up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave” with “at least a two-thirds wage replacement rate for workers.”

Climate Change

In her speeches and in her platform, Clinton acknowledges the reality and science of



climate change, and recognizes its threat to our economy, national security, and our children’s health and futures. She has proposals to tackle it, slashing carbon pollution at home and around the world, and building a clean energy economy in the U.S. Clinton’s plans are in support of the pledge President Obama made at the Paris climate conference to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 30 percent by 2025 and put the country on a path to cut emissions more than 80 percent by 2050.

Gun Violence

On gun violence, Clinton stands for responsible gun ownership. She supports a ban on assault weapons and supports comprehensive background checks on gun purchases, pledging to close dangerous loopholes in the current system, including internet sales. She will hold irresponsible dealers and manufacturers accountable by calling for the repeal of the law that prevents victims of gun violence from suing manufacturers and dealers, and backing punitive action against “bad-actor” dealers that knowingly supply straw purchasers and traffickers.

A total of 3,661 members voted in the survey.

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PERCENT
Hillary Clinton	2,488	68.0%
Donald Trump	808	22.1%
Gary Johnson	55	1.5%
Jill Stein	72	2.0%
No Endorsement	238	6.5%

[References: Hillary Clinton campaign speeches, platform pledges and official website]

NEW JERSEY STATE AFL-CIO

Endorsements

October 3, 2016

President of the United States

Hillary Clinton (D)

United States House of Representatives

District 1

Donald Norcross (D)*+

District 2

Frank LoBiondo (R)*

District 3

Neutral

District 4

Chris Smith (R)*

District 5

Joshua Gottheimer (D)

District 6

Frank Pallone (D)*

District 7

Peter Jacob (D)

District 8

Albio Sires (D)*

District 9

Bill Pascrell (D)*

District 10

Donald Payne, Jr. (D)*

District 11

Joseph Wenzel (D)

District 12

Bonnie Watson Coleman (D)*

New Jersey State Senate

District 18

Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. (D)*

New Jersey State Assembly

District 18

Robert J. Karabinchak (D)*

State Ballot Questions

Constitutional Amendment Dedicating Existing Gas Tax Revenue to the
Transportation Trust Fund

Constitutional Amendment Expanding Casino Gaming to Northern New Jersey

* Incumbent

+ Labor candidate

**New Jersey State AFL-CIO
Labor Candidates
October 3, 2016**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>
David Gonzalez	AFGE District 2	Fairfield Twp Committee
Thomas Constantine	AFSCME 375	Westwood Council
Rich DiLucia	AFSCME 1199C	Monroe Twp Committee
Jelmin Caba	AFT 857	Perth Amboy Council
Anthony DePrince*	AFT 4907	Magnolia Council
Eric Richard	AFT/AAUP 6324	West Amwell Committee
Jon Erickson*	AFT/CNJSCS 2187	Highland Park Council
Janis Keown-Blackburn*	ALPA	Belmar Council
John F. Capo	BAC 4	Totowa Council
Judy Ward*	CWA 1012	Pleasantville Council
Robert Apgar	CWA 1036	Eastampton Council
Jay Springer*	CWA 1036	Eastampton Council
James J. Toto*	CWA 1078	Somers Point Council
Lolita Slater*	CWA 1080	Linden Board of Education
Joseph Hiles*	CWA 1085	Woodstown Council
Nicholas Di Felice	IBEW 98	Williamstown Council
Christian Barranco	IBEW 102	Pompton Lakes Council
Thomas Sullivan*	IBEW 164	Bergen County Freeholder
John Bruno	IBEW 210	Delsea Board of Education
Jason Jones	IBEW 269	Mt. Holly Mayor
Donald Norcross*	IBEW 351	U.S. House of Representatives CD-01
Nick DeSilvio	IBEW 351	Franklin Twp Board of Education
Steve Martinelli*	IBEW 351	Buena Vista Council
Dennis Tapp*	IBEW 351	Somers Point Council
Warren "Mike" Vizzard	IBEW 351	Commercial Committee
Joe Montella	IBEW 400	Howell Council
Anthony Zeno*	IBEW 456	Eastampton Council
Michael Riordan	IBEW 827	Brigantine Council
Louis Fontana*	IBEW 1158	Little Falls Council
Frank Phillips	IBT 331	Absecon Mayor
Lewis Brown*	IBT 676	Mt. Holly Council
Pat Lepore*	IBT 802	Passaic County Freeholder
Roger Silva*	IFPTE 196	Hamilton Twp Council
Michael McGlynn*	IUOE 68	Fairfield Council
Dahlia Vertreese	IUOE 68	Hillside Board of Education
Thomas Hickson	IUOE 825	Pittsgrove Committee
Ed Kalinowski	IUOE 825	Deptford Board of Education
Latham Tiver*	IUOE 825	Burlington County Freeholder
Mathew Walker*	IUOE 825	Buena Boro Council
John P. Wisniewski	Laborers 172	Westampton Committee

**New Jersey State AFL-CIO
Labor Candidates
October 3, 2016**

Thomas Sparacio
Thomas Grolimond
Greg Handshy
Jeffrey Marolda*
Anthony Verrelli

OPCMIA 592
OPEIU 32
UA 9
UA 322
UBC 254

Washington Twp Council
Belleville Board of Education
South Toms River Council
Buena Boro Council
Mercer County Freeholder

Dennis Burke*
Dan Christy*
Steve Stokes
William Blong

UBC 255
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UFCW 1360

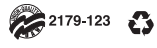
National Park Council
Gloucester County Freeholder
Atlantic County Freeholder
Williamstown Council

*Incumbent



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