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TO: Certifying Officers, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

FROM: Jacquelyn Bussanich, Board Secretary
Public Employees' Retirement System 

SUBJECT: PERS NOTICE OF ELECTION

This Certifying Officer letter and the attached notice for the 2017 Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) elections require your cooperation and response.

We ask your assistance in servicing the election of one "State" Representative position, one "Municipal" Representative position, and one "County" Representative position to the PERS Board of Trustees. Each representative will be elected for a three-year term as of July 1, 2017. Candidates for these positions must qualify by nomination.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Every active PERS member must receive a copy of the attached *Notice of PERS Election*, which explains the pre-election procedures. Please distribute the attached election notice electronically or, if you are not able to accommodate electronic distribution, as paper to every PERS member employed at your location. If you are the Certifying Officer for multiple locations, you will receive only one Certifying Officer letter; however, you are required to distribute the election notice to active PERS members at all locations. Your attention to this distribution is required under N.J.A.C. 17:2-1.4.

In addition to individual distribution, you may post the notice on your employees' intranet site and/or in any other appropriate public area at your location.

It is very important that you confirm distribution of this notice with the Board of Trustees. To confirm that you have distributed the notice to your active PERS employees, please send an e-mail to: NJBOT.ELECT@treas.nj.gov

Thank you for your prompt assistance and distribution of this notice.

Attachment: Election Notice

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)
DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS – NOTICE OF PERS ELECTION**
One State Street Square - 50 West State Street - P.O. BOX 295 - Trenton, N.J., 08625-0295
or *NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov*

Nominations are being accepted to fill the position of one elected "State" position, one elected "Municipal" position, and one elected "County" position to the PERS Board of Trustees for terms from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020.

If you wish to declare your interest in running for one of the positions, please send a written request by December 2, 2016, to the PERS Board Secretary at *NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov* or PO Box 295, Trenton, N.J., 08625-0295.

The Board of Trustees has the general responsibility for the operation of the PERS, under N.J.S.A. 43:15A-17. The Board meets monthly at the Division of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton. The statute provides that no employee shall suffer loss of salary or wages because of serving on the Board. A member who wishes to be a candidate for one of the above positions must be an active or retired member of the PERS and must receive at least 500 active PERS nominations.

Only State employees may petition for State Representative; only Municipal employees may petition for Municipal Representative; and only County employees may petition for County Representative. Instructions for the nominating process are available upon receipt of a written request to the Secretary of the PERS Board of Trustees. After candidates have declared their interest in becoming a PERS representative, nominations to support a candidate are made primarily through a secure Web site. The process is very easy and only takes a few minutes.

- For **State** nominations, log on to: <https://vote.election-america.com/PERS-State>
- For **Municipal** nominations, log on to:
<https://vote.election-america.com/PERS-Municipal>
- For **County** nominations, log on to: <https://vote.election-america.com/PERS-County>

You need to provide the last four digits of your Social Security number, the first four letters of your last name, and your birthdate. You will then see a list of all the candidates and you can make your choice.

Paper nominating petitions are also available upon request to the PERS Board Office at the address above, or on the Division of Pensions and Benefits' Web site.

Nominations must be received online or arrive in the Board Office **on or before 4:00 p.m. Friday January 6, 2017.** If more than one candidate receives 500 or more nominations, an election will be required. Election ballots will be mailed to PERS employers for distribution on or about April 1, 2017.

PRESENT MEMBERS – TERM

State Representatives: Thomas Bruno – 2019; Carey Brown – 2018; William O'Brien – 2017;
County Representative: Tracy Smith – 2017; Municipal Representatives: Brian Currie – 2017;
Benjamin "Max" Hurst – 2019; Gubernatorial Appointments: Edward Thomson, III; Ronald Winthers; State Treasurer's Representative: Susanne Culliton, Ex-Officio Member

PERS BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Render decisions regarding disability retirement cases.
- Review appeals pertaining to the denial of certain pension benefits.
- Adopt rules and regulations to provide for the payment of benefits and collection of monies as required by statute.

- Establish rules and regulations within the limitations of statutes and opinions of the Courts and the Attorney General, designed to prevent injustices and inequities that may arise in the operation of the Retirement System.
- Resolve individual questions and appeals on the merits of each case in terms of statutes, opinions of the Attorney General, advice of the Actuary and cases cited by counsel as deliberated by the Courts.
- View monthly and annual reports setting forth data such as assets and liabilities, income and disbursements, and statistical summarization of membership as documented by the Actuary.