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November 4, 2008 will be remembered as a historic day for working families in New Jersey, and it is all because of your hard work and dedication. Together, we met our goal: To elect Barack Obama and candidates at all levels who are committed to putting our nation back on track after eight years of failed Bush policies.

In New Jersey, we reached an unprecedented and unmatched milestone: Union members have been elected to public office in New Jersey, over 500 times under the auspices of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO Labor Candidates Program. Our state's labor movement is leading the way to making sure that working families' voices are heard at all levels of government. Forty-two rank and file union members were elected to office at the county and local level on November 4, 2008.

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO, today, launched its largest, most targeted Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) effort in history, deploying an army of 10,000 volunteers to educate and mobilize their fellow union members. The New Jersey State AFL-CIO GOTV program is the largest independent turnout program in the State, aimed at electing candidates who will champion working families' priorities.

The effort – focused on turning out nearly one million union voters to the polls, with emphasis on Congressional races in the Third and Seventh district, in addition to the Presidential and Senate race – combined advanced, new targeting techniques and technologies, with unprecedented grassroots energy. Additionally, Working America, the AFL-CIO's community affiliate for non-union workers, reached out to its members, and counts for nearly 25,000 members in New Jersey.

This year, the New Jersey State COPE Program completed more member-to-member contacts than ever before. To date, union voters in New Jersey have received 360,000 phone calls, 359,000 house visits, 464,780 pieces of mail and 2,103,818 worksite fliers focusing on economic issues, health care and the Employee Free Choice Act.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication, and for fully participating in this successful Get-Out-the-Vote operation!

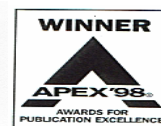
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VICTORY 500

This historic class of labor candidates included our 500th election victory by a union member elected to public office in New Jersey through the Labor Candidates Program! We are so proud to share this achievement with you. Labor Candidates claimed victory in the following 34 races thanks to union members' votes:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>
Rich DeLucia	AFSCME 1199C	Monroe Twp. Committee
Carol Barrett	AFSCME 3440	South Brunswick Council
Pete Elco	AFT/CTU	Absecon Mayor
Darrell Booker	CWA 1034	Edgewater Park Council
Jay Springer	CWA 1034	Eastampton Council
Cecilia Dallis Ricks	CWA 1080	Roselle Council
Gwendolyn Brown	CWA 1085	Woodbury Council
Hugh Garrison	CWA 1085	West Deptford Council
Robert Solari	IAFF 198	Brigantine Council
Vincenzo Petti	IBEW 102	Bound Brook Council
Alvin Barr	IBEW 164	Clark Council
Bert Steinmann	IBEW 269	Ewing Council
Tim Carew	IBEW 351	Northfield City Council
Joseph Chila	IBEW 351	Woolwich Twp. Committee
James Fletcher	IBEW 351	Maple Shade Council
Charles Spicuzzo	IBEW 456	Spotswood Council
Patrick Donofrio	IBEW 827	Dover Alderman
Craig Conti	IBEW 98	Clayton Council
Robert Ruane	Ironworkers 11	Bloomfield Council
Steve Sweeney	Ironworkers 399	Gloucester Freeholder
Marvin Dilks	IUOE 825	Monroe Council Ward 1
William Dougherty	IUOE 825	Clementon Boro Council
Carol Mincey	LIUNA 172	Penns Grove
Ronald Rios	TCU- IAM	Middlesex Freeholder
James Pennington	TWU 201	Westville Council
Shawn Donahue	UA 322	National Park Council
Ray MacDowell	UA 322	Washington Council
Frank Sutton	UA 322	Atlantic County Freeholder
Kenneth Utter	UA 475	Somerville Council
Don Holland	UA 9	Manalapan Committee
Ed Voyles	UAW Region 8	Carney's Point Council
Claire Volpe	UFCW 1360	Maple Shade Council
Sue Barber	UFCW 152	Buena Vista Twp. Committee
Doug Dickinson	UFCW 152	Egg Harbor City Council

With 2 elections still close to call the total number of rank-and-file labor candidates elected since 1997 stands at a proud 533!



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APEX Award

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO wishes to thank all of the union members that generously gave their time, talent, energy and enthusiasm to the Labor 2008 Program over the past year towards the elections of our endorsed candidates. Congratulations to these election winners to both Federal and State offices. We look forward to working together to benefit New Jersey's working families.

President of the United States

Barack Obama *

Vice President of the United States

Joseph Biden *

U.S. Senate

Frank Lautenberg (D) +*

United States House of Representatives

District 1

Robert Andrews (D) +*

District 2

Frank A. LoBiondo (R) +*

District 3

John Adler (D) *

District 4

Christopher H. Smith (R) +*

District 5

Scott Garrett (R) +

District 6

Frank Pallone, Jr. (D) +*

District 7

Leonard Lance (R)

District 8

Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D) +*

District 9

Steven R. Rothman (D) +*

District 10

Donald M. Payne (D) +*

District 11

Rodney Frelinghuysen

District 12

Rush Holt (D) +*

District 13

Albio Sires (D) +*

New Jersey State Assembly

District 20

Annette Quijano (D) *

+ Incumbent

* Endorsed by the New Jersey State AFL-CIO

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