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**TO:** Certifying Officers, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)  
**FROM:** Jeff S. Ignatowitz, PERS Board Secretary  
**SUBJECT: AMENDED – PERS Notice of Election**

The attached **AMENDED** notice for the 2019 Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) election requires your cooperation.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:2-1.4(d)(3)(ii), a member seeking the PERS-Municipal nomination for election to the PERS Board must receive **300** nominations from active municipal members. The nomination period expired on Friday, January 4, 2019. As of the closing date, no candidate had received the requisite number of votes. Rather than allow the seat to remain vacant, the nomination period has been extended until **March 1, 2019**. This will allow the PERS-Municipal candidates who have already declared their interest in the position additional time to secure the requisite number of nominations.

### EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Please distribute the attached **AMENDED** election notice electronically, or, if you are not able to accommodate electronic distribution, please provide a paper notice to every PERS-Municipal 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 municipal 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 location's intranet site and/or in any other appropriate public area.

Thank you for your prompt assistance and cooperation.

Attachment: **AMENDED** Election Notice

## AMENDED Notice of PERS Election

Please be advised that a total of seven candidates expressed interest in the PERS Municipal position; however, as of the closing date of January 4, 2019, no candidate had received the number of nominations (300) required to qualify for the election. Rather than allow the seat to remain vacant, the nomination period has been extended until March 1, 2019. This will allow the seven PERS-Municipal candidates additional time to secure the requisite number of nominations.

We urge each active Municipal employee who has not already done so, to nominate a candidate for the PERS-Municipal representative. The process to nominate a candidate is very easy and only takes a few minutes.

- For Municipal nominations, log on to: <https://vote.election-america.com/PERS-Municipal>
- You will 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 for further information, please visit NJDPB website [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/board-meetings18.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/board-meetings18.shtml)

Nominations must be filed online or arrive in the Board Office **on or before 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2019**. If more than one candidate receives 300 or more nominations, an election will be required.

### **PRESENT MEMBERS – TERM**

**State Representatives:** Thomas Bruno – 2019; Carey Brown – 2021; William O'Brien – 2020;  
**County Representative:** Tracy Smith – 2020; **Municipal Representatives:** Brian Currie – 2020; Benjamin "Max" Hurst – 2019; **Gubernatorial Appointments:** Ronald Winthers, One vacant; **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.