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

The attached notice for the 2019 Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) election requires your cooperation and response. Because no nominee has received the required number of votes to qualify for the election, the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) **has extended the nomination period until Friday, April 12, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.**

We require your assistance in servicing the election of one PERS-Municipal representative position for the PERS Board of Trustees. The PERS-Municipal representative will be elected for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2019. Candidates for this position must qualify by nomination.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Every active PERS-Municipal member must receive a copy of the attached amended *Notice of PERS Municipal Election*, which details the pre-election procedures. Please distribute the attached 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.

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-Municipal employees, please send an email to: NJBOT.elect@treas.nj.gov

Thank you for your prompt assistance and cooperation.

Attachment: Election Notice

**PERS Municipal Election
IMPORTANT AMENDED NOTICE**

Please be advised that the current PERS-Municipal position expires on June 30, 2019, and the seat is at risk of becoming vacant. The process to fill this seat began in October of 2018. Currently there are seven (7) nominees who have expressed interest in this position; however, to date, no nominee has obtained the requisite 300 nominations to proceed to an election.

In an effort to avoid PERS-Municipal members from losing full representation on the Board, the NJDPB has already extended the nomination period from January 4, 2019, through March 1, 2019. Because none of the nominees listed below have obtained the requisite number of nominations, the NJDPB has extended the nomination period until **Friday, April 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

Note: This extension only applies to the candidates who have already expressed interest in the position.

The nominees eligible to receive nominations are:

Theresa Ann Villani
Julie Kupilik
Jacob Nieman
Loris Young
Raheem Shabazz
Gary Stramandino
Benhamin M. Hurst

Only active municipal employees may petition for the PERS-Municipal representative. Instructions for the nominating process are available upon receipt of a written request to the Secretary of the PERS Board of Trustees. Nominations for the PERS-Municipal position are made primarily through a secure website. The process 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 4 digits of your Social Security number, the first 4 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: New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits, Attention: PERS Board of Trustees, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295. For further information, please visit NJDPB website at: www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions

Nominations must be received online or arrive in the Board Office on or before **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019**. If more than one candidate receives 300 or more nominations, an election will be required. Election ballots will be mailed to PERS Municipal employers for distribution on or about May 15, 2019. **Note:** The closing date for the nominations period was Friday, March 1, 2019; however, because no candidate received the requisite 300 active PERS-Municipal employee nominations, the deadline has been extended until **April 12, 2019**.