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

The attached notice for the 2020 Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) election requires your cooperation and response. Because no County 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, February 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. The PERS-County representative will be elected for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Candidates for this position must qualify by nomination.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Every active PERS-County member must receive a copy of the attached amended *Notice of PERS 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-County 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-County 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-County employees, please send an email to: NJBOT.elect@treas.nj.gov

Thank you for your prompt assistance and cooperation.

Attachment: Election Notice

**PERS County Election
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please be advised that the current PERS-County position on the Board expires on June 30, 2020, and the seat is at risk of becoming vacant. The process to fill this seat began in October 2019. Currently there are eight nominees who have expressed interest in this position; however, to date, no nominee has obtained the requisite 500 nominations to proceed to an election.

Because none of the nominees listed below have obtained the requisite number of nominations, and to avoid PERS-County members from losing full representation on the Board, the NJDPB has extended the nomination period from January 3, 2020, until Friday, February 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

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

The candidates eligible to receive nominations are:

Bibi Taylor
Rhashonna Cosby
Darlene Nicks
Tracy Smith
Brittany Beard
Maria King
Robert Herbst
James Laurito

Only active County employees may petition for the PERS-County 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-County position are made primarily through a secure website. The process is very easy and only takes a few minutes.

- For County nominations, log on to: <https://vote.election-america.com/PERS-County>
- 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 the address above or for further information, please visit the 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. Friday, February 28, 2020. If more than one candidate receives 500 or more nominations, an election will be required. Election ballots will be mailed to PERS County employers for distribution on or about April 15, 2020.