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Memo To: Candidates for Municipal Office  
From: Mike Petosa, President  
Subject: Labor Federation Endorsement Process

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The Greater Bristol Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, a federation of unions representing over 5,000 union members, invites municipal candidates to apply for our endorsement. Our federation process is as follows:

1. Please complete the attached questionnaire and return to our office by **August 25, 2021**. Background information on the questions is also included. Please **mail** your questionnaire to the address above. Do **NOT** email it.
2. Once we receive a copy of your questionnaire, we will schedule an interview with you. Our interviews will take place on **September 2, 2021**. The sooner that you return your questionnaire, the better we can accommodate your schedule.

We will notify you of our endorsement as soon as it is voted on by our delegate body.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns at the address above.

GREATER BRISTOL LABOR FEDERATION, AFL-CIO  
2021 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Office Sought:</b>	<b>Party:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Committee Name:</b>	
<b>Campaign Manager:</b>	<b>Manager's Cell:</b>
<b>Campaign Treasurer:</b>	
<b>Treasurer's Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>Union Member?</b>	<b>If yes, international &amp; local:</b>

Please answer the questions that apply to the office that you are seeking and return by August 25, 2021. Background information on each question is also included in this packet.

1. Would you publicly support workers who are attempting to form a union by reaffirming the important role unions play in combatting poverty, protecting workers' rights and supporting our communities and by taking actions that support organizing such as issuing public statements, attending rallies, sponsoring public forums and other activities?
  
2. Do you support or oppose the privatization of municipal or board of education services? If support, would you require a cost-benefit and other analyses to be done before privatizing?

3. Would you speak out and actively oppose the creation of private school vouchers in your community?
4. Do you support the requirement that any municipal or board of education commission, committee, task force, advisory or oversight board that directly affects employee issues has employee representation?
5. Will you do everything in your power to ensure the collective bargaining for municipal and board of education employees is fair and balanced? Will you respect negotiated collective bargaining agreements?
6. Do you support and will you speak in favor of the existing binding arbitration law for municipal and board of education employees?
7. Do you support or oppose a municipal property tax cap?
8. Do you support and would you actively work to pass an ordinance that ensures companies that contract with municipalities and/or boards of education pay a living wage?
9. Prevailing Rate:
  - a. Will you commit to requiring the payment of prevailing wages to service and construction workers employed on public contracts and subsidized projects and support the continuation and effective enforcement of such requirements?
  - b. Will you publicly support maintaining the current prevailing rate threshold locally and before the General Assembly?
10. Do you support a responsible contractor ordinance for public projects?
11. Will you commit to promoting the inclusion of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) into contracts for construction and renovation to ensure that a diverse local workforce is represented on the job site, and that they have access to good family-sustaining wages and benefits?
12. Do you support and would you advocate for defined benefit pension plans for municipal and board of education employees?

13. Will you advocate for your municipality and board of education to reduce costs and improve healthcare benefits by joining the Connecticut Partnership Plan? If not, why not?

14. Will you support and advocate for community benefit agreements to help ensure the rights of consumers and workers are protected when corporations receive local tax breaks?

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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