



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**INSTALLATION AND REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE 2017 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COURTROOM OF THE HONORABLE KAREN M. CASSIDY, ASSIGNMENT JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 AT TWELVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

The Honorable Karen M. Cassidy, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union, calls the meeting to order, makes welcoming comments and then introduces the Master of Ceremonies, the Honorable Jerry Green, Chairman of the Democratic Committee of Union County.

GREETINGS	Master of Ceremonies, the Honorable Jerry Green, New Jersey State Assemblyman, 22 nd District & Chairman, Democratic Committee of Union County
INVOCATION	Rev. Dollie S. Hamlin, Ruth Fellowship Ministries, Plainfield, New Jersey
CALL TO PRESENT THE COLORS	Honorable Joseph P. Cryan, Union County Sheriff
THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS	Union County Sheriff's Honor Guard
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Alfred J. Faella, County Manager
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Mrs. Marie Oakie
THE POSTING OF THE COLORS	Union County Sheriff's Honor Guard
HONORED GUESTS/GUEST SPEAKERS	

The Honorable Leonard Lance, U.S. Representative, 7th Congressional District

The Honorable Donald Payne, Jr., U.S. Representative, 10th Congressional District

The Honorable Raymond J. Lesniak, New Jersey Senator, 20th District

Fmr. U.S. Ambassador Phil Murphy



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CERTIFICATIONS OF ELECTION

Honorable Nicole DiRado,
Union County Deputy Clerk

Linda Carter, Union County Freeholder
Bette Jane Kowalski, Union County Freeholder
Sergio Granados, Union County Freeholder

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER LINDA CARTER

The Honorable New Jersey State Senator Nicholas P. Scutari will introduce Freeholder Linda Carter.

James E. Pellettiere, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will call upon Freeholder Linda Carter for the administration of her Oath of Office.

The Honorable Union County Democratic Chairman and 22nd Legislative District Assemblyman Jerry Green will administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder Linda Carter.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Carter is her brother, Herman R. Carter, Jr.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI

The Honorable New Jersey State Senator Nicholas P. Scutari will introduce Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski.

James E. Pellettiere, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will call upon Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski for the administration of her Oath of Office.

The Honorable Union County Democratic Chairman and 22nd Legislative District Assemblyman Jerry Green will administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski are her cousins Jonathan Kerman and Hannah Rose Kerman, joined by the Freeholder's husband, Andy Lanset, and her brother, John Kowalski.



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ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FREEHOLDER SERGIO GRANADOS

The Honorable New Jersey State Senator Nicholas P. Scutari will introduce Freeholder Sergio Granados.

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will call upon Freeholder Sergio Granados for the administration of his Oath of Office.

The Honorable Mayor J. Christian Bollwage will administer the Oath of Office to Freeholder Sergio Granados.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Granados is his girlfriend, Andreia Costa, joined by his Mother, Fernanda Correia, his Step-Father, Eusebio Correia, his Father, Manuel Granados.

PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- The Honorable New Jersey State Senator Nicholas P. Scutari, on behalf of the Union County Democratic Committee, will make gift presentations to Freeholder Linda Carter, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, and Freeholder Sergio Granados.
- Lenore Scurry, President and Michel Bitritto, Past President of the Union County Women's Political Caucus, will make gift presentations to Freeholders Linda Carter and Bette Jane Kowalski.
- The Honorable Elizabeth City Councilman Frank Cuesta will make a gift presentation to Freeholder Sergio Granados on behalf of the Elizabeth Democratic Committee and residents of the City of Elizabeth.



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ROLL CALL

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2017 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
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The first order of business will be the election of a Chairman.

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board, calls for nominations for the election of a Chairman Pro-Tem of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2017.

The Chairman Pro-Tem calls for nominations for the election of a Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2017.



The Honorable Union County Democratic Chairman and 22nd Legislative District Assemblyman Jerry Green, will administer the Oath of Office to Chairman Bruce H. Bergen.

Holding the Bible for Chairman Bruce H. Bergen are his wife, Jodi and their two children, Stefanie and Ross.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2017 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

The next order of business is the election of a Vice Chairman for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2017. Chairman Bergen calls for nominations for the election of a Vice Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2017.



The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey Senator, 22nd District will administer the Oath of Office to Vice Chairman Sergio Granados.

Holding the Bible for Vice Chairman Sergio Granados is his niece, Sofia Abuhamoud, and nephew, Amir Abuhamoud, who are joined by his sister, Vanessa Correia; brother, Dennis Correia; sister, Stephanie Abuhamoud; brother-in-law, Sharif Abuhamoud; nephew, and niece, Deanna Abuhamoud.



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ANNUAL MESSAGE

Chairman Bruce H. Bergen will deliver the Chairman's Annual Message.

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Rev. Dollie S. Hamlin,
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HONORED GUESTS

The Honorable Karen M. Cassidy, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union

The Honorable Cory Booker, United States Senate, New Jersey

The Honorable Leonard Lance, U.S. Representative, 7th Congressional District

The Honorable Albio Sires, U.S. Representative, 8th Congressional District

The Honorable Donald Payne, Jr., U.S. Representative, 10th Congressional District

The Honorable Raymond J. Lesniak, New Jersey Senator, 20th District

The Honorable Annette Quijano, New Jersey Assemblywoman, 20th District

The Honorable Jamel Holley, New Jersey Assemblyman, 20th District

The Honorable Jon Bramnick, New Jersey Assemblyman, 21st District

The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey Senator, 22nd District

The Honorable Jerry Green, New Jersey Assemblyman, 22nd District

The Honorable James S. LaCorte, Union County Surrogate

The Honorable Joseph P. Cryan, Union County Sheriff

The Honorable Nicole DiRado, Union County Deputy Clerk

The Honorable J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, City of Elizabeth

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