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Joint Endorsement of Bruce Blakeman for Governor of New York

- The Court Officers Benevolent Association of Nassau County
- The Suffolk County Court Employees Association
- The New York State Supreme Court Officers Association
- The New York State Court Officers Association

We are proud to jointly endorse Nassau County Executive **Bruce Blakeman for Governor of New York State.**

This endorsement matters to more than 7,500 public employees represented by our unions. Mr. Blakeman offers a genuine opportunity for change in a state that has become less safe, less affordable, and among the most heavily taxed in the nation.

Bruce Blakeman's record as Nassau County Executive speaks for itself. He has achieved labor peace by negotiating collective bargaining agreements with all the county's unions while maintaining a consistent commitment to hiring and supporting public employees. His administration has also added more than 900 law enforcement professionals, contributing to Nassau County's reputation as one of the safest communities in America.

These accomplishments demonstrate a commitment to putting constituents first, and New York State desperately needs that same approach on a much larger scale.

Bruce Blakeman is the candidate who can deliver that change. He has demonstrated a proven ability to achieve results and the leadership necessary to begin the turnaround New York State so desperately needs.

Mr. Blakeman is a man of his word, and we believe his commitment to making New York more affordable deserves the support of our members and their families. He has proposed significant changes to the state's tax structure, including eliminating state income taxes on the first \$50,000 of income for individuals and the first \$100,000 for married couples. Making New York more affordable is essential to keeping working families here, and we believe this proposal is an important step in the right direction.

Mr. Blakeman is also the strongest candidate to address the **Tier 6 pension issues** that continue to harm recruitment, retention, and morale among court employees. His position stands in stark contrast to that of his opponent, who has vetoed legislation that was unanimously passed and repeatedly supported by our employer.

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Mr. Blakeman understands the Tier 6 issues contributing to recruitment and retention challenges within the Unified Court System, and we believe he will support and sign critical legislation to address them. He states that "As Governor, I will use the powers of the office to make frontline staffing a priority and work with the Judiciary and the Office of Court Administration to ensure that resources are going where they are needed most."

When asked if he would sign a Bill to reduce the retirement age of Tier 6 employees, Mr. Blakeman stated:

"Give Me A Pen"

Our members are personally familiar with the importance of proper staffing. Every day, we operate the world's largest and busiest court complex while working well below acceptable staffing levels. Adequate staffing is not simply a workplace issue, it is essential to public safety, the efficient administration of justice, and protecting the public and the employees who serve them.

Our unions and our members have grown tired of the same policies from the same people that have failed working New Yorkers. The time has come for a new voice and a new direction—one focused on making New York safer, more affordable, and more responsive to the needs of its citizens and public employees.

That voice belongs to Bruce Blakeman.

We urge our members and their families to support Bruce Blakeman for Governor this November. New York needs a change in direction, and we believe Bruce Blakeman is the leader who can deliver the comeback our state so desperately needs.

We proudly stand with Bruce Blakeman for Governor of New York State.

In Unity,



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