

September 12, 2025

Dear Members of the Nassau Retiree's Legal Fund:

Thank you. Your years, and careers, in public service deserve our many thanks. Those many years of service and dedication are deserving of respect. I support your efforts to secure your healthcare benefits.

I stand with you in affirming:

- 1. Retirees are no longer part of a union or any bargaining unit once they leave public service, and, to this end, retirees should not have been included in the 2023 agreement between the County and any unions that represent active employees;
- 2. The collective bargaining agreement that was in place when your members left public service is what determines your retirement benefits;
- 3. Any negotiations between the County and any unions that represent active employees should have no impact on the benefits of retirees.

Your healthcare benefits are of vital importance. And promises must not be broken. We must stand with our retirees.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Gionesi

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Candidate for

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