



From the desk of Reverend Dr. Leonard Hampton

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Re: Endorsement for Bill Irwin for Mayor and Kamuela Tillman, Ralph Johnson, and Laura Leibowitz for Council At-Large

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure and honor that I write to express my strong personal support and endorsement of Bill Irwin for Mayor of Piscataway Township in this year's Democratic Primary election, and of Kamuela Tillman, Ralph Johnson, and Laura Leibowitz for Council At-Large. As we all endure the challenges of today's environment, it is evident that "now" is the time for change in leadership. We need a leader who will not only get things done, but one who governs with compassion and integrity. Bill leads by example working alongside his team and supporters for a better community. He is committed to the promise and potential of public education, and while on the Piscataway Board of Education worked together with his fellow Board members to ensure that Piscataway's schools deliver the best education possible.

I first met Bill during his successful campaign for the Piscataway Board of Education in 2013. As President of the Piscataway Board of Education, he worked with other members to ensure that the school community demonstrates an enduring commitment to progress, justice, and equality. Their contributions included the first in the state to adopt protections for undocumented students, as well as the first to establish a food justice program so that no child goes hungry or feels ashamed about needing food assistance. Bill oversaw unprecedented success in the District's fiscal responsibility, labor relations and student achievement, with the District receiving three Magna Awards from the National School Board Association including the national Grand Prize for the "*You, I, We, Inspire*" campaign. Bill has demonstrated a strong effort in working to make local government more inclusive, open, and responsive to the shared values of the entire community.

Bill vows to bring new voices and new leadership to Piscataway. His belief is that Piscataway's government should be for the benefit of all people who live here, not for the political insiders conducting business and making deals behind closed doors. For this reason I give my full support to endorse Bill Irwin for Mayor, and Kamuela Tillman, Ralph Johnson, and Laura Leibowitz for Council At-Large. We need their leadership skills and vision for long overdue change in Piscataway to make local government a more comprehensive, open and approachable body to the entire community. Elections are only a month away. You deserve a say in who runs our township by voting in Bill Irwin along with the rest of his team in Column "A". Remember a vote for Bill Irwin is a vote for change in Piscataway.

Sincerely,

Leonard Hampton