

HPAE Local 5094 2017 Election Candidate Statements

Nominees for officer were allowed to provide a campaign statement of 500 words or less to be placed on the local's website in accordance with election rules.

Alexis Rean-Walker

Candidate for HPAE Local 5094 Co-President, Central and South Jersey

It would be an honor to serve as the Co-President for the Central and South Jersey. I have been at the University for 28 years and developed great relationships with colleagues but my greatest joy has been my participation in serving the HPAE members. I am fueled by my love of being a union activist. I have served in multiple capacities of the union and would definitely be honored if you choose me to be **YOUR VOICE**.

As I seek the position of Co-President, I commit to being more meaningfully involved in helping to shape the direction of the union for all members. If chosen, my tenure would be advancing us better than the first. Anyone that has worked with me over the years can attest to both my drive and passion for the rights of others. My interest in serving as the Co-President is fueled by my compassion of working with people and being sure that the HPAE membership has a complete understanding of their rights and ability to make a change.

Through my experience of being on the local board, serving on church committees and being on several councils, has given me the ability to lead our union family into another dimension. I am an advocacy for human rights and safety in the work place and a voice for those who desire change. I am the **VOICE** for the voiceless.

I believe that **NOW** is the time to have a leader that would serve you and your family through commitment and loyalty. (A person that would withhold your matters with clear confidence.) I am committed to learning more about the ways of the union in order to serve you better and with dignity. I have learned a great deal over the last several years of my serving on the LEB. I have learned how things work, how to get things done and how to promote the matters of your wellbeing. Please allow me to be the light in the future of HPAE 5094. I will be committed to serving you through the very best of my ability.

More importantly, I believe you need a representative with the drive to keep us moving past our present circumstances and up in the direction of growth and recognition. I look forward to serving you and ask that you give me the opportunity to use my experience to take us to new levels. I am asking you to vote for me (Alexis) as I would push **OUR** agenda with leadership of both HPAE and Rutgers. I believe that I have a good sense of where we would like to be and ask that you grant me the opportunity to show you.

FOR YOUR VOICE - ALEXIS IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

Mendes Toussaint

Candidate for HPAE Local 5094 Grievance Co-Chair, RBHS Newark Campus, University Hospital

My name is Mendes Toussaint. I am married and have two sons. I work for Rutgers University School of Medicine – George F. Smith Library as a Media Specialist. I studied at Columbia University, Foreign Language Specialist. Currently I am serving as the Grievance Chair for University Hospital, Rutgers Newark. It is with genuine pleasure, great passion and enthusiasm, that I respectfully submit my application to continuing serving as your Grievance Chair of HPAE Local 5094.

HPAE has a long history four decades plus of serving its members and the community where we operate. Over the past three years during my tenure, I have learned everything I could possibly learn to keep up with the mission of HPAE. I believe my many years dedicated to union affairs make me a strong candidate for reelection.

For the past 25 years, as an educator/activist, I have dedicated my career in educating, and to the advancement of workers and immigrants. During the past three years, as a member of the board of our Local 5094, I have supported and participated in numerous discussions and planning for the future of our HPAE. I have also gained insight and a deep understanding of the many challenges and opportunities we are facing as a Union.

In my current position, I enjoy serving our members, and working closely with the HPAE staff. I have gained substantial knowledge on defending our members, and keeping up with the important traditions of our Local. It is known to those that I have worked with over the past three years, I believe our members will attest to my passion and dedication to our Union HPAE.

I believe these many years dedicated to Union Affairs make me a strong candidate for reelection. If reelected, I am absolutely ready to serve and it would be an honor to continue my work as your Grievance Chair.