

# Mobilizing to Fight Back

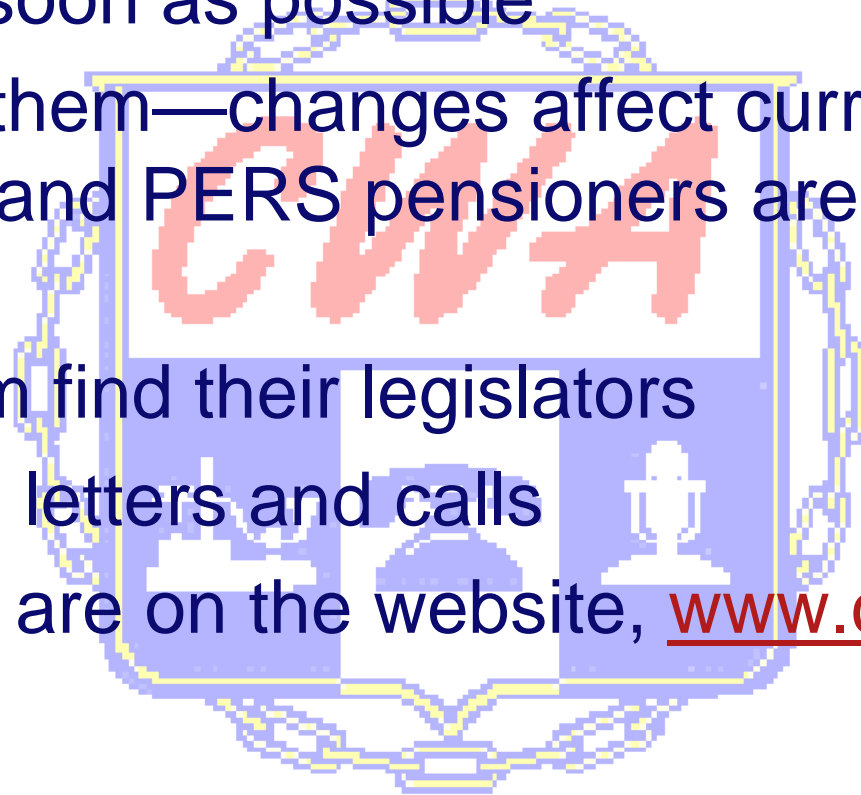


Public Worker  
Steward's Meeting

February 22, 2010

# Using the Materials in Your Packets for Worksite Meetings

- Meet as soon as possible
- Educate them—changes affect current workers, and PERS pensioners are not the problem
- Help them find their legislators
- Generate letters and calls
- Materials are on the website, [www.cwanj.org](http://www.cwanj.org)



# Writing to Your Legislators

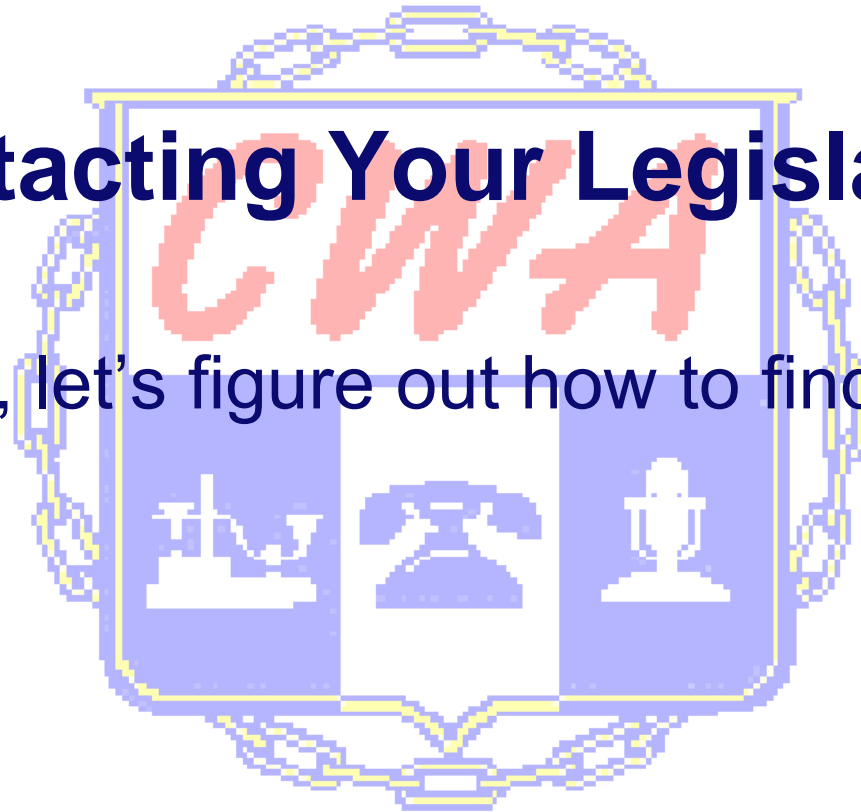
- Hand-written letters are one of the most effective ways to get your opinion heard.
  - It takes only a few minutes, but it amplifies your voice.
  - It's also a great way to start thinking about the issue you're calling about so you can make a good phone call to your Legislators next
- Use the guide we've prepared, but make sure to tell your own story

# Calling Your Legislators

- Phone calls flooding a Legislator's office are a very effective way to make sure you are being heard.
  - It takes just a few seconds
  - You don't need to know the specifics of an issue—in fact, most times you can just tell the person you're talking to what you want your legislator to do and why, and that's the end of the call. You don't need to worry about arguing your points or being an expert on the issues you're calling about.

# Contacting Your Legislators

First, let's figure out how to find them...



# Finding Your Legislator

- Go to [www.njleg.state.us](http://www.njleg.state.us)
- On the left hand side, click on “Find your Legislator”
- For residents of Newark or Jersey City, this site can be a little confusing, and we recommend using a different method to find your legislators. If you live in Newark or Jersey City, scroll down to slide 20.



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## Monday, February 22, 2010

the time at the State Capitol is 4:57:15 AM

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### Legislative Schedule

For changes in Legislative Schedule due to snow or other emergencies, call 800-792-8630 (toll-free in NJ) or 609-292-4840

Please check this page frequently as schedules may change.

#### Monday, February 22, 2010

<a href="#">Senate Session</a>	02:00 PM	Senate Chambers
<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	09:30 AM	Committee Room 4, 1st Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, NJ
<a href="#">Assembly Budget</a>	10:00 AM	Committee Room 11, 4th Floor, State House Annex, Trenton, NJ

### Bill Search

Search for NJ State Legislative Session Bills by:

Bill Number(s):   
 (ex - S196, A642)  
 Legislative Session: 2010-2011   
 Subject: [List of Bill Subject headings](#)  
 Sponsor:   
 Keyword:   
 Last Date Of Action:   
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### Legislative Process

# Finding Your Legislator

- On the right hand side, click on Search Legislative Members by “Municipality”





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Search Legislative Members by:

Alphabetical List of Members

Municipality



# Finding Your Legislator

- Scroll to find the name of the town where you live, and click on it.





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## Municipalities Index

The Municipalities Index lists the official New Jersey municipalities with links to respective legislative districts. Use the [Local Names Index](#) to find the official name of a municipality.

Click on the first letter of your Municipality:

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[Aberdeen](#) (District 13)

[Absecon](#) (District 2)

[Alexandria](#) (District 23)



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quick reference

Click on the New Jersey District Map below to view its enlarged version.



# Finding Your Legislator

- Your district will appear at the top of the page
- Make sure you've found the right district by checking to make sure your town is in the list shown for that district
- When you've found the right one, click "Legislators for District \_\_\_\_"
- The next page shows an example of someone living in District 17.

**District 17 - (Middlesex and Somerset)** Franklin (Somerset), Highland Park, Milltown, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Piscataway

Legislators for District 17



**District 18 - (Middlesex)** East Brunswick, Edison, Helmetta, Metuchen, South Plainfield, South River, Spotswood

Legislators for District 18

**District 19 - (Middlesex)** Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy, Woodbridge

Legislators for District 19

**District 20 - (Union)** Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Roselle, Union (Union)

Legislators for District 20

**District 21 - (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)** Berkeley Heights, Chatham Township, Cranford, Garwood, Harding, Long Hill, Madison, Millburn, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield (Union), Summit, Warren, Watchung, Westfield

Legislators for District 21

**District 22 - (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)** Clark, Dunellen, Fanwood, Green Brook, Linden, Middlesex, North Plainfield, Plainfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains, Winfield

Legislators for District 22

**District 23 - (Warren and Hunterdon)** Alexandria, Allamuchy, Alpha, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Blairstown, Bloomsbury, Clinton, Clinton Township, Delaware, East Amwell

# Finding Your Legislators

- This will show you who your State Senator and both of your State Assemblypersons are, as well as contact information for each.
- Make sure you know whether you want to call your State Senator, State Assemblypersons, or both.
- The following page shows an example for Legislative District 17.

## District 17



### Middlesex and Somerset:

Franklin (Somerset), Highland Park, Milltown, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Piscataway.

## Senate



(D)  
Senator  
Bob Smith

**BORN:** March 25, 1947

**EDUCATION:** B.A. University of Scranton (History) , M.S. University of Scranton (Chemistry), M.S. Rutgers University (Environmental Science), J.D. Seton Hall University School of Law

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney

**PUBLIC/PARTY SERVICE:** Township of Piscataway, Mayor 1981-86, Council 1977-80, Planning Board 1975-86, Chair 1976;

Piscataway Environmental Committee 1971-75, Chair

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Senate 2002-present; General Assembly 1988-2001, Deputy Minority Leader 1994-95,

Parliamentarian 1988-89

**COMMITTEES:** Environment and Energy - *Chair*, Judiciary

*216 Stelton Rd., Suite E-5, Piscataway, NJ 08854*

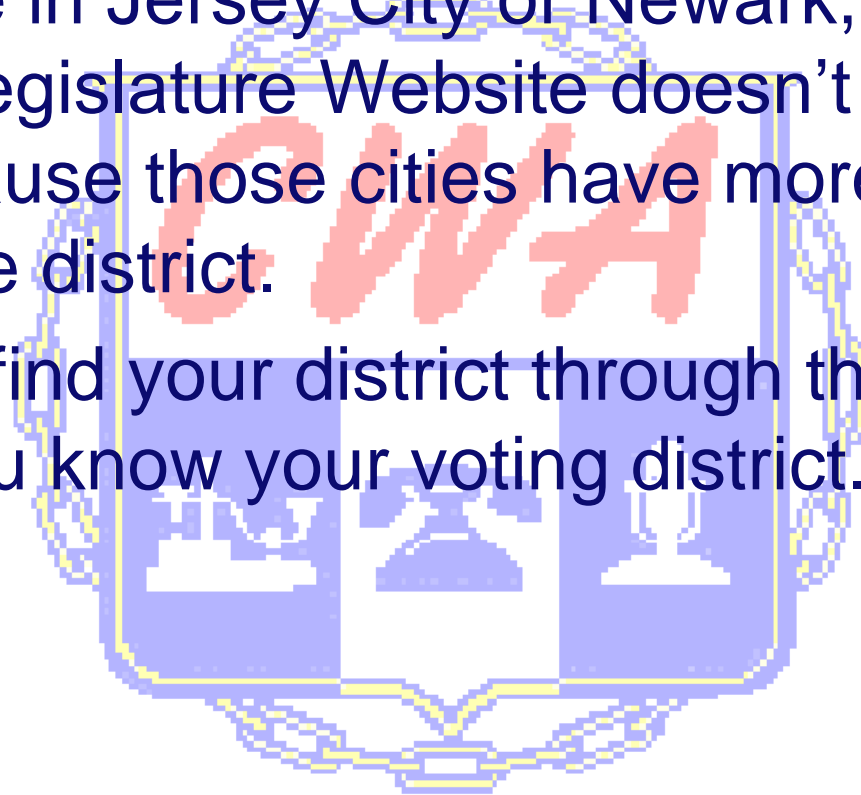
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# Finding Your Legislators

- If you live in Jersey City or Newark, the New Jersey Legislature Website doesn't work very well because those cities have more than one legislative district.
- You can find your district through that site, but only if you know your voting district.



**Jefferson** (District 25)

**Jersey City** (District 31) **See Wards**

**Ward A, Greenville,** Voting Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35

**Ward B, West Side,** Voting Districts: 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, 35

**Ward C, Journal Square,** Voting Districts: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28

**Ward E, Downtown,** Voting Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 21, 23

**Ward F, Bergen-Lafayette,** Voting Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35

**Jersey City** (District 32) **See Wards**

**Ward B, Westside,** Voting Districts: 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34

**Ward C, Journal Square,** Voting Districts: 1, 3, 17, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32

**Ward D, Hudson City,** Voting Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35

**Jersey City** (District 33) **See Wards**

**Ward C, Journal Square,** Voting Districts: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 29

**Ward E, Downtown,** Voting Districts: 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22

**Keansburg** (District 13)

**Kearny** (District 32)

**Kenilworth** (District 20)

**Keyport** (District 13)

**Kingwood** (District 23)

[New Providence \(District 27\)](#)

[Newark \(District 27\)](#) [See Wards](#)

**West Ward**, Voting Districts: 27, 28, 29, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45

[Newark \(District 28\)](#) [See Wards](#)

**Central Ward**, Voting Districts: 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 28, 34

**North Ward**, Voting Districts: 1, 26, 27, 29

**South Ward**, Voting Districts: 1, 2, 4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 33, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46

**West Ward**, Voting Districts: 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 34, 43, 44

[Newark \(District 29\)](#) [See Wards](#)

**Central Ward**, Voting Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 20, 22, 26, 29, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42

**East Ward**, Voting Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34

**North Ward**, Voting Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 31, 37, 38, 39, 40, 48, 49

**South Ward**, Voting Districts: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40

[Newfield \(District 4\)](#)

[Newton \(District 24\)](#)

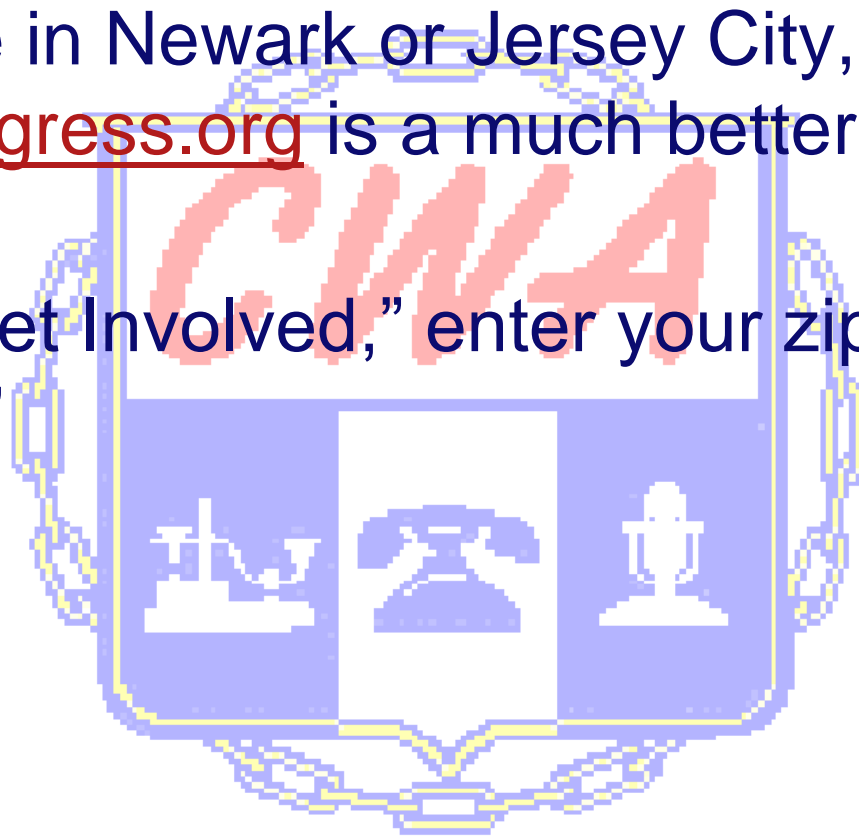
[North Arlington \(District 36\)](#)

[North Bergen \(District 32\)](#)

[North Brunswick \(District 17\)](#)

# Finding Your Legislators

- If you live in Newark or Jersey City, [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org) is a much better site for you.
- Under “Get Involved,” enter your zip code and click “Go”





Doug Graham, Roll Call

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# Finding Your Legislators

- You may have to enter your address on the next page as well



## Elected Officials-New Jersey (08904)

### Write Your Elected Officials

Write to your **Federal** or **State** elected officials with one click, or just go to the individual pages linked below.

ZIP Code 08904 splits legislative districts (represented by \*). Please enter your full 9-digit ZIP code (ZIP+4) below.

#### President & Congress

##### President

- [Barack Obama](#) (D)

##### Senators

- [Frank Lautenberg](#) (D)
- [Robert Menendez](#) (D)

##### Representatives

- [Frank Pallone](#) (D-6)

#### Governor & State Legislators

##### Governor

- [Chris Christie](#) (R)

##### Senate\*

- [Robert Smith](#) (D-17)
- [Barbara Buono](#) (D-18)

##### General Assembly\*

- [Upendra Chivukula](#) (D-17)
- [Joseph Egan](#) (D-17)
- [Peter Barnes](#) (D-18)
- [Patrick Diegnan](#) (D-18)

Eliminate split districts by entering your 9-digit ZIP+4

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ZIP Code:

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# Finding Your Legislators

- Right now we are dealing with pensions and benefits for public employees in New Jersey. These decisions are being made in the State Legislature, not Congress in Washington, DC. That means we want to contact State Legislators, not Congress.
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#### Key Votes Spotlight

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Senate Votes	Menendez (D)	Lautenberg (D)
Rejected	Voted	Voted
Thune Amdt. to end TARP 01/21/2010	N	N

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- Click on the Legislator's name you want to contact.
- Above the Legislator's picture, click on "Contact"
- The following page shows an example for the State Senator from Legislative District 17



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## Sen. Robert Smith (D-NJ 17th District)

3rd term Democrat from New Jersey 17th District.

- [Bio](#)
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**Residence:** Piscataway

**Marital Status:** Married (Ellen Foster)

**Prev. Occupation:** Attorney

**Prev. Political Exp.:** Mayor of Piscataway, 1981-86; Twp. Council, 1977-80; NJ Assembly 1986-01

**Education:** BA University of Scranton, 1969; MS University of Scranton, 1970; JD Seton Hall University, 1981

**Birthdate:** 03/25/1947

**Birthplace:** Scranton, PA

**Religion:** Catholic



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### Current Elected Office Contact Information

Contact Sen. Robert Smith via [Web Form](#).

Website: [www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=53](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=53)

### Trenton Office:

State House,  
New Jersey 08625-0099  
**Phone:** (609) 292-5388  
**Fax:** (732) 752-1590

[Dissemination Office: \(more district offices\)](#)

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# Questions or Problems

- If you have questions, the quickest way to get an answer is to call your Local
- You can also call CWA New Jersey at (732) 306-7729, or email [cwanjvolunteer@cwa-union.org](mailto:cwanjvolunteer@cwa-union.org)

