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#### **CREDENTIALS AND DOCUMENTATION DUE APRIL 30, 2020!**

# NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT NATIONAL FAIR PRACTICES AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COORDINATOR NATIONAL WOMEN'S ADVISORY COORDINATOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Caucus will be held on Saturday May 30, 2020 at 10:00AM in the **Derby West** room at the Hilton Meadowlands Hotel, 2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford, NJ 07073.

Check-in will be open on Friday, May 29, 2020, from 4:00PM to 9:00PM and on Saturday, May 30, from 7:00AM – 9:00AM.

The caucus meeting/nominations will commence at 10:00AM on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Nominations for the offices of National Vice President, National Fair Practices Affirmative Action Coordinator, and National Women's Advisory Coordinator will be accepted from the delegates by the Election Committee during the Caucus on Saturday, May 30, 2020, following the election of the Election Committee Chair and the selection of other Committee members. The nomination acceptance speeches will follow.

The nominations and election will be held, in accordance with the Caucus Rules, with the polls opening at 12:00PM and closing at 3:00PM, in the **Aqueduct/Churchill** room. A runoff election, if necessary, will be held on the same day in the same location from 6:00PM – 8:00PM.

Hotel Information
Hilton Meadowlands
2 Meadowlands Plaza
East Rutherford, NJ 07073

Room Rate: \$149.00 plus tax, Single or Double

Room accommodations <u>must be made directly</u> with the hotel by calling 866-295-8986, or online by clicking the following <a href="http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/E/EWRSMHF-AFE05A-20170504/index.jhtml">http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/E/EWRSMHF-AFE05A-20170504/index.jhtml</a>. If making reservations by phone, tell the Reservations Clerk that you will be attending <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/jhtml">The AFGE 2<sup>nd</sup> District Caucus</a>.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 28, 2020

District 2 - Standing Strong for You!



Please be advised that there will be <u>no onsite registration</u> at the Caucus and that all credentials must be postmarked, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Office, no later than <u>April 30, 2020</u>.

\*IMPORTANT\* Constitutional changes enacted at the 2006 and 2009 National Conventions now require that a Local must be current on their per capita taxes, due to AFGE, 60 Days prior to the convening of a District Caucus in order for the Local to vote. The 60 Day Cutoff Date, to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Caucus, is March 30, 2020.

It is important that every Local, in the District, participate either by sending one or more delegates, or by proxy.

I am enclosing the 2020 Caucus Rules that must be followed as your Local prepares to participate in the Caucus. The full slate of Rules are also found in the February/March edition of *The Government Standard*. There will be copies in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District office, therefore if you need a copy, please contact the District office.

Sincerely and in solidarity,

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Vincent R. Castellano, Sr. National Vice President

AFGE 2<sup>nd</sup> District

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT 2020 CAUCUS

#### **Hilton Meadowlands**

2 Meadowlands Plaza East Rutherford, NJ 07073 (201) 896-0500

#### **Delegate Check-In**

Friday, May 29, 4:00pm – 9:00pm Saturday, May 30, 7:00am – 9:00am

#### **Caucus Begins**

Saturday, May 30, 10:00AM

#### **Information on Hotel Reservations**

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If making reservations by phone, tell the Reservations Clerk that you will be attending
The AFGE 2<sup>nd</sup> District Caucus.

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#### **Caucus Rules:**

Caucus Rules are contained in the February/March issue of *The Government Standard*.

Please review and abide by all Caucus Rules.

#### **CREDENTIALS DEADLINE**

April 30, 2020

#### Any Questions, Problems?

Please call the District Office.

## 2020 AFGE SECOND DISTRICT CAUCUS AGENDA

Friday, May 29, 2020

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Registration – Conference Room E

**Saturday, May 30, 2020** 

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration – Conference Room E

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Nominations – Derby West Room

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Election – Aqueduct/Churchill Room

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Ballot tally

4:00 p.m. Announcement of Results – Derby West

Room

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Run-off (if necessary) –

Aqueduct/Churchill Room

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Ballot tally

9:00 p.m. Announcement of run-off results

Derby West Room

9:30 p.m. -10:30p.m  $2^{nd}$  Run-off (if necessary)

Aqueduct/Churchill Room

10:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Ballot tally

11:30 p.m. Announcement of 2<sup>nd</sup> run-off result

Derby West Room

### AFGE 2<sup>nd</sup> District Caucus Important Dates to follow

2<sup>nd</sup> District Caucus May 29-30, 2020 Hilton Meadowlands East Rutherford, NJ

#### **Caucus Check-In**

Friday, May 29 4:00PM - 9:00PM Saturday, May 30 7:00AM - 9:00AM

Caucus

Saturday, May 30 10:00AM

**February 1** Local Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers are notified, by

the National Secretary-Treasurer's office, of the number of delegates allotted, and voting strength, for the 2020 2<sup>nd</sup>

District Caucus. Local Presidents receive a packet

containing the credential forms to be used.

**February 21** The Caucus call will be sent, by the District Office, to all

**Presidents** 

**February 24** Caucus Call sent to all Secretary-Treasurers.

March 30 60 Day Deadline for Locals to be current in their per

capita, and other accounts, to be eligible to vote at the Caucus. NST's office will notify Locals of their eligibility.

**April 30** Credentials must be received, or postmarked, by the 2<sup>nd</sup>

District Office.

#### SAMPLE NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE FOR DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CAUCUS

Local_	Date
In accordance with the AFGE National Constitution, unless it already has done so, every local must hold a meeting with 15 days advance notice to every member at his/her last known home address to vote on the following matters:	
	(1) Whether the local will participate in the District Caucus on May 29-30, 2020, where the delegates will elect the National Vice President, National Fair Practices Affirmative Action Coordinator, and National Women's Advisory Coordinator;
	(2) Whether the local will be represented by delegate(s), alternate delegate(s), <u>OR</u> a proxy delegate (all of whom must be elected by name by a secret manual or mail ballot election and by plurality vote);
	(3) Whether the local will: (a) authorize only its existing delegate(s) to cast the local's full membership strength at the District Caucus; OR (b) elect delegates up to its full complement, in addition to the existing delegates.
At this meeting, the members also will vote on the whether to fund expenses of the delegate(s) and/or alternate delegate(s) participating in the District Caucus.	
[USE ONE OF THE THREE BELOW]	
1.	FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS AT THE SAME MEETING: A combined meeting for nominations and election will take place on (time, date, location) for the office of delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) to the District Caucus in May 2020. Qualifications: be a member in good standing; be a member for one year of an AFGE local, immediately preceding the closing of the nomination process; and must not be a member in any labor organization not affiliated with the AFL-CIO. Each candidate may have a reasonable number of observers, who are members, present throughout the election process. Members who unavoidably are absent from the nomination/election meeting may make and accept nominations by way of a letter to the Election Committee at PO BOX We urge all members to participate. Elections are governed by the AFGE Rules of Conduct for an Election, Appendix A of the AFGE National Constitution.
	<u>OR</u>
2	FOR NOMINATIONS AND SUCCIONS AT SERABATE MEETINGS. Nominations will take

2. FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS AT SEPARATE MEETINGS: <u>Nominations</u> will take place on \_\_\_\_(date, time, location), with the <u>election</u> held on (date, time, location) for the office of delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) to the District Caucus in May 2020. Qualifications: be a member in good standing; be a member for one year of an AFGE

local, immediately preceding the closing of the nomination process; and must not be a member in any labor organization not affiliated with the AFL-CIO. Each candidate may have a reasonable number of observers, who are members, present throughout the election process. Members who unavoidably are absent from the nomination/election meeting may make and accept nominations by way of a letter to the Election Committed at PO BOX We urge all members to participate. Elections are governed by the AFGE Rules of Conduct for an Election, Appendix A of the AFGE National Constitution.
3. FOR NOMINATIONS AT A MEETING WITH SUBSEQUENT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION:  Nominations will take place on(date, time, location) with a mail ballot election for the office of delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) to the District Caucus in May 2020. Qualifications: be a member in good standing; be a member for one year of an AFGE local, immediately preceding the closing of the nomination process; and must not be a member in any labor organization not affiliated with the AFL-CIO. Each candidate may have a reasonable number of observers, who are members, present throughout the election process. Members who unavoidably are absent from the nomination/election meeting may make and accept nominations by way of a letter to the Election Committed to PO BOX We urge all members to participate. Elections are governed by the AFGE Rules of Conduct for an Election, Appendix A of the AFGE National Constitution.
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