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Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body, AFL-CIO Announces 2009 Candidate Endorsements

On Thursday, September 3, 2009, the Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body, which represents over 100,000 union members and their families made its public announcement of endorsements of candidates for public office in Westchester and Putnam Counties. The announcement was made at a press conference to which the endorsed candidates, union delegates and the press had been invited. Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body President Paul Ryan explained that endorsements are bi-partisan and before candidates are endorsed all the known candidates in the race are invited to participate. Candidates are required to fill out a questionnaire and come for an interview. "If there is no questionnaire, there is no interview, if there is no interview there is no endorsement." Affiliate locals send delegates to a monthly delegate meeting at which recommendations are presented. After discussion and debate, the candidate needs a 2/3 vote of the delegates present in order to be endorsed. The process ensures a democratic process in decision making. Before reading off the names of those endorsed, Mr. Ryan said, We feel these candidates will work hard for the working men and women of Westchester and Putnam County." The following candidates received the endorsement of the Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body, AFL-CIO.

Marc Pekowsky (D/W)
David McKay Wilson (D/W)
Paul Denault (R/C/I)
Ann C. Lindau (D/W)
Christine Doody Doherty (D/W)
Joseph Villanueva (D/W)
Joan B. Walsh (D)
Mark Jaffe (D)
Brendan Murphy (D/W)
Maureen Fleming (D/W)
Helen Blackwood
Patricia E. Ploeger (D)
Vincent Tamagna (R)
Mark Armon (D)
Kevin McConville (D)
Sam Davis (D)

Carmel Town Board
Carmel Town Supervisor
Cortlandt Town Council
Cortlandt Town Council
Eastchester Town Council
Eastchester Town Council
Harrison Mayor
Harrison Town Council
Harrison Town Council
Kent Town Justice
Mount Vernon City Judge
Patterson Town Council
Putnam County Legislator District 1
Putnam County Legislator District 4
Putnam County Sheriff
Putnam Valley Council

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