

## **South Orange Democratic Committee Statement**

The South Orange Democratic Committee endorses the office block ballot design and a secret ballot convention to decide the endorsements of the Essex County Democratic Committee. We are further committed to promoting democracy by ensuring all eligible voters are registered and are fully informed about candidates running for office.

The South Orange Democratic Committee believes in unity and creating a diverse environment of thought, beliefs, culture, race, religion, and age to represent the community it serves.

"As an elected district leader of the Democratic County Committee, this role is crucial in supporting and representing Democrats in your district. Responsibilities include but are limited to supporting all nominated and elected Democratic candidates, registering new Democratic voters, participating in Party work at the municipal and county levels, building a larger Democratic vote, advocating for residents' concerns, and actively participating in the formulation of Party rules and policies. Your commitment and engagement contribute to the Party's success and growth, strengthening its influence and effectiveness."

Right now, Maplewood and South Orange committees are partnering with other district leaders in Montclair, West Orange, and other towns to work toward getting a convention in Essex County. This is no small task, but we are committed to collaborating more as Essex County municipalities and leveraging best practices from each municipality. We stand together to create a more unified and inclusive society.

We would like to ask you to re-elect and elect the district leader candidates on our slate. These individuals have proven their willingness and commitment to the community. We are keen to ensure a solid victory for the Democrats in November 2024. Let's not lose sight of the real goal.