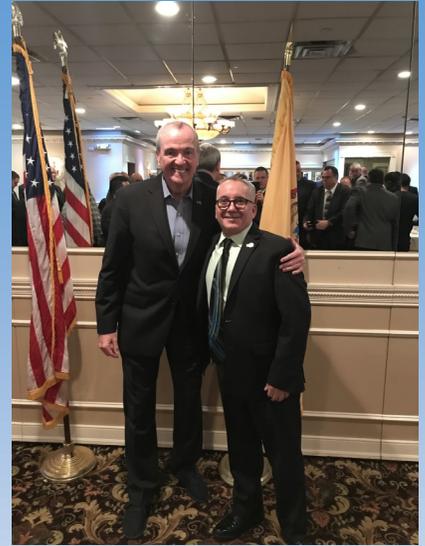


Brother *Mark Perez*, NJT Local Chairman of 14 different points and DL 19 Executive Board Member Meets with the 56th Governor of New Jersey, *Phil Murphy* for the future of New Jersey Transit



LL 1041 Local Chairman and DL 19 Executive Board Member, Brother Mark Perez, with 56th Governor of New Jersey, Phil Murphy

On February 27, 2019, **Mark Perez**, Local Lodge 1041 Local Chairman and District Lodge 19 Executive Board member, General Chairman Gary Naylor, Jr., and President/Directing General Chairman Mike Perry, along with the Coalition of Labor on the New Jersey Transit had the honor to meet with New Jersey’s newly Elected Governor, **Governor Phil Murphy**.

Governor Murphy started the meeting by first thanking all of Labor for the tremendous support that he received from Labor and acknowledged that Labor was instrumental in getting him elected. Governor Murphy also said he was extremely proud to have Labor on his side and to be the very first and only New Jersey Governor to hold a meeting with only Labor. He went on to say that NJ Transit was vital to people and the success of New Jersey, which is why it is one of his highest priorities. He has already started working to repair all the damage that was done to NJ Transit by the previous administration.

“As his FY2020 budget proposal makes clear, Governor Murphy is deeply committed to rebuilding NJ TRANSIT and putting the needs of New Jersey’s commuters first,” **said ATU State Chairman Ray Greaves**. “I applaud the Governor for the investments he has pledged, and for his support for the men and women who operate both trains and buses safely and efficiently.”

“New Jersey is a densely populated state situated between two major population and industry centers—New York City and Philadelphia. We need to get NJ TRANSIT right to make sure that people can get around our state and get to work without the constant

fear of delay or cancellation,” **said Governor Murphy**.

“This budget continues this administration’s commitment to getting NJ TRANSIT on the right track and to making New Jersey a national leader in transportation.” “Governor Murphy’s continued commitment to NJ TRANSIT has been crucial to our efforts to begin restoring the transit system into the world-class organization our customers deserve,” **said NJ TRANSIT Executive Director Kevin Corbett**. “With the resources the Governor has proposed, we will expand upon the successes we achieved last year with a continued focus on our core mission of providing safe and reliable transportation throughout New Jersey.”

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562019/approved/20190305c.shtml>

Governor Murphy tweeted on March 7, 2019 “Proud to announce a new tentative contract agreement with [CWA New Jersey](https://www.cwa-nj.org/). Together, we’re turning the page from the failed approaches of the past toward a new chapter of mutual respect and dialogue with our workforce.” <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562019/approved/20190307a.shtml>

Governor Phil Murphy is the 56th Governor of New Jersey and a member of the Democratic Party.



President/Directing General Chairman, Mike Perry Governor Phil Murphy, NJT General Chairman Gary Naylor and Local Chairman Mark Perez.