CANDIDATE PROFILE:
ASHLEY BENNETT, ATLANTIC COUNTY FREEHOLDER

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Action Together New Jersey (ATNJ) is proud to continue its series of press publications introducing you to various ATNJ members who successfully ran for office this past fall. Today we introduce you to Ashley Bennett, a newly elected freeholder in Atlantic County.

Ashley is a member of the Atlantic/Cape May chapter of ATNJ and was inspired to run after John Carman, an Atlantic County freeholder posted a meme after the Women's march last January stating “I sure hope all these women will be home in time to cook dinner.” She went to a freeholders meeting, in which numerous women spoke, but instead of apologizing, Freeholder Carman stated that he had “strong women in his life that weren’t offended by that statement.” So Ashley decided to run for his seat – and she won! Ashley has received a lot of press attention surrounding her win, including spots on News Politics and Now Her, as well as on CNN, MSNBC, and the upcoming cover of Time Magazine.

"We all hear talk about wanting to see change happen, but Action Together New Jersey (ATNJ) members are more about "being" the change. As such, we are immensely proud that Ashley stepped up to run for office for the first time and our members canvassed and phone banked to get her elected. We know that Ashley will represent our community well and speak for those whose voices have not been heard.” Amie Maria, Director of ATNJ Facebook Group.

ATNJ directors and members have worked tirelessly both as candidates and as supporters in local elections across the state. ATNJ remains committed to working for change, and that change begins on the local level with each individual election.

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Action Together New Jersey (ATNJ), a non-profit 501(c)4 progressive Democratic group, is the largest grassroots group in New Jersey comprised of friends, family, neighbors and coworkers working in unison to build a brighter future for all New
Jerseyans. We function as a central command for statewide initiatives and legislative actions for New Jersey, with county chapters in every county. Our teams are working hard to serve the public by educating our electorate, providing a platform for progressive candidates, advancing legislative proposals with elected officials and working in concert with organizations and advocacy groups for human rights. We share a passion for equal rights, for progressive ideals, and for securing a more inclusive, fair and equitable future for our state and our country. Change is local: we invite you to join us and to be at the forefront of that change. For more information on what we do and to get involved, visit us at: www.ATNJ.org.