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N.J.'s 2nd-largest police union endorses Trump

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New Jersey's second-largest police union joined every other Fraternal Order of Police group in the country to endorse President Donald Trump for re-election Friday.

Trump had stood with officers during recent months of protests, said Robert Fox, president of the New Jersey State Fraternal Order of Police.

"He has our back, and we have his," Fox told NJ Advance Media.

The national organization also supported Trump in 2016, and Friday's announcement came weeks after New Jersey's largest union, the state Policemen's Benevolent Association, supported Trump in a rare presidential endorsement.

The two represent most of New Jersey's approximately 38,000 full-time officers.

While a few Fraternal Order of Police lodges in New Jersey did not vote, about 84% of those that did weigh in supported the Republican president, Fox said. About 4% supported Democratic challenger Joe Biden.

National President Patrick Yoes said both candidates responded to a questionnaire, but Trump was best suited to "keeping our communities and families safe."

"Our members know that he listens to the concerns of our brothers and sisters in uniform and is able to make tough decisions on the issues most important to law enforcement," Yoes said in a statement.

Trump thanked the union on Twitter.

"A GREAT HONOR," he wrote Friday.

A request for comment sent to Biden's campaign was not immediately returned.

New Jersey's union will endorse local Congressional candidates later in the month.