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**Run for Something endorses Dominique C. Smith for Jersey City School Board
Progressive wave builds momentum with new candidates in NJ**

October 11, 2018- **Dominique C. Smith** is proud to receive the endorsement of Run for Something (RFS), the groundbreaking organization that recruits and supports strong voices in the next generation of progressive leadership.

"I am humbled and grateful to receive the support of such a forward-thinking organization. Thank you for inspiring and empowering me as I journey alongside my team members Vidya Gangadin, & Neil Abadie to bring my passion and experience in student development, leadership, and community service to the board of education for Jersey City."

"RFS endorses candidates on two major criteria: heart and hustle. That's what defines viability to us," said **Ross Morales Rocketto**, RFS co-founder. "These are candidates who are going to work hard to run grassroots, community-led campaigns. We are at a critical time in history and the momentum these candidates generate will have a lasting impact for years to come."

By the numbers:

15 candidates endorsed this month

RFS has endorsed **646 candidates total, from 48 states**

Campaign budgets range from \$3000 to \$300,000

49.3% of our endorsed candidates are women

40.2% are people of color

The endorsement process includes an extensive internal review with background check, staff interview and insight from local state experts.

Amanda Litman and **Ross Morales Rocketto** launched RFS on Jan. 20, 2017 with a simple premise: help young diverse progressives to run for down-ballot races in order to build a bench for the future. RFS aims to lower the barriers to entry for these candidates by helping them with seed money, organization building, and access to trainings needed to be successful. So far, about 20,000 young people from across the country have signed up as candidates and gained access to RFS resources.

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Run for Something recruits and supports talented, passionate young people who advocate for progressive values now and for the next 30 years, with the ultimate goal of building a progressive bench.

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