

## The Evangelical Pastors Association of Hudson County, NJ

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From The Desk of Rev. Jose C. Lopez, President

Have not, nor would I ever endorse the press released issued under the name of that coalition, I am not a member of such coalition, neither is the Pastors Association that I preside.

With over three decades in ministry, I have never heard of that organization and have no idea how my name got on that list.

I have not endorsed a candidate for governor personally, neither has our Pastors Association as our organization obeys the rule of law which forbids non-profit tax exempt organizations from making political endorsement.

I saw the commercial which highlighted the Ambassador's inability to clearly articulate his feelings in his response to what was a simple question.

The press release allegedly organized and published by his campaign team, wrongfully including my name, organization and those of several colleagues is reprehensible and frankly meant to sow racial animosity in a society that is already too divided and hurt by hate fueled by instigators such as the author of this press release.

I call on Ambassador Murphy to hold those on his team that are responsible for this terrible act.