



## MEMORANDUM

FROM: Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP  
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SUBJECT: November 2012 Election Results

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On Tuesday, November 6, 2012, New Jersey voters selected by a 58 to 41 margin President Barack Obama over Republican Mitt Romney. The voters also selected incumbent U.S. Senator Democrat Bob Menendez over his Republican challenger, State Senator Joe Kyrillos by a 58 to 40 margin. Menendez will begin his second term in the Senate in January.

Voters also voted in special elections in the 4<sup>th</sup> (Camden/Gloucester), 16<sup>th</sup> (Hunterdon/Mercer/Middlesex/Somerset) and 26<sup>th</sup> (Morris/Essex/Passaic) State legislative districts in the General Assembly and it is not anticipated that any changes to the three incumbent seats will occur.<sup>1</sup>

**State elections for all 120 seats in the NJ Legislature and the Governor will be held in November of 2013. Governor Christie has not yet announced his intention to run in that race. Democrats rumored to challenge the Governor include Newark Mayor Cory Booker, State Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblyman John Wisniewski and Senator and former Governor Dick Codey. There are some indications that current Senate President Steve Sweeney may also be considering entering the race. The Democrats currently hold the majority in both houses (Senate: 23-17 and (Assembly: 48-32).**

At the federal level, all 12 incumbent Congressmen defeated their respective challengers. Democrats and Republicans are equally split in the State's

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<sup>1</sup>Democratic Assemblywoman Gabrielle Masquera (D-4) handily defeated (by a margin of 60 % to 40%) Republican challenger Shelley Lovett in Camden/Gloucester Counties. Republican incumbent Assemblywoman Donna Simon (R-16) has a 1500 vote lead over Democrat Marie Corfield for the Assembly seat in Hunterdon/Mercer/Middlesex/Somerset Counties by a vote of 51% to 49%. Corfield has indicated she may contest the results of this election. Republican Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCroce (R-26) defeated Democratic challenger Joseph Raich by a 61% to 39% margin. DeCroce was sworn in to take the Assembly seat previously held by Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce who passed away in January.

Congressional delegation. Some of the key Congressional races included:

- Third Congressional District, representing parts of Burlington, Camden and Ocean Counties, incumbent freshman Republican **John Runyan** defeated, by a 53% to 45% vote, Shelly Adler, wife of the late one term Democrat John Adler. Runyan sits on the House Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs and Natural Resources Committees.
- Seventh Congressional District, including parts of Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Warren and Union Counties, Republican two-term Congressman **Leonard Lance** defeated Democrat Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula by a 58% to 40% margin. Lance sits on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, including the Subcommittees on Health and Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- Ninth Congressional District, representing parts of Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties, eight-term incumbent **Bill Pascrell, Jr.**, Democrat and former Mayor of Paterson and five-term State Assemblyman, defeated, by a vote of 74% to 25%, Republican Shmuley Boteach. This was the most expensive House race in New Jersey this year. Pascrell currently serves on the Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health and Committee on the Budget.

Other Congressional races included:

- First Congressional District, representing parts of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties, eleven-time Democratic incumbent **Rob Andrews** defeated Republican Gregory Horton by a 68% to 30% vote margin. Andrews is a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, as well as the Armed Services Committee.
- Second Congressional District, serving parts of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Ocean and parts of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties, nine-term incumbent **Frank LoBiondo**, a Republican who previously served three terms in the State Assembly, defeated the Democratic candidate, Cassandra Shober, by 58% to 40%. LoBiondo serves on the Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the select Committee on the Intelligence.
- Fourth Congressional District, serving parts of Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, sixteen-term incumbent **Chris Smith**, Republican, defeated Brian Froelich, a Democrat. Smith secured 68% of the vote to 31% for Froelich. Smith serves as the Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- Fifth Congressional District serving parts of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and all of Warren Counties, Republican six-term incumbent **Scott Garrett** defeated Democratic challenger Teaneck Deputy Mayor Adam Gussen by 55% to 42%. Garrett sits on the House Financial Services Committee.

- Sixth Congressional District, serving parts of Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, twelve-term Democratic incumbent **Frank Pallone, Jr.** defeated his Republican Tea Party challenger, Highlands Mayor Anna Little, who received 35% of the vote to Pallone's 63%. He currently serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Subcommittee on Health.
- Eighth Congressional District, representing parts of Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties, four-term incumbent Democrat and former Assembly Speaker **Albio Sires** defeated Republican Councilwoman from Bayonne Maria Karczewski by a vote of 78% to 19%. Sires is a member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Transportation and Infrastructure.
- Tenth Congressional District, representing parts of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties, **Donald Payne, Jr.** defeated Republican Brian Kelemen by a 87% to 11% margin for the full term that starts in January. Payne also won the special election where he ran unopposed to fill the remainder of the term vacated as a result of the death of his father, who was an eleven term Congressman.
- Eleventh Congressional District, representing Morris and parts of Essex, Passaic and Sussex Counties, nine-term incumbent **Rodney Frelinghuysen**, defeated the Democratic challenger John Arvanites, by a vote of 59% to 40%. Frelinghuysen is a member of the House Defense Committee.
- Twelfth Congressional District, serving parts of Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties, six-term Democratic incumbent **Rush Holt**, defeated Eric Beck, the Republican challenger, by a vote of 69% to 30%. Holt is a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce and Committee on Natural Resources.

Voters solidly approved the two ballot questions:

Question 1 (Building Our Future Bond Act) authorizes the State to issues \$750 million in bonds for matching grants to NJ colleges and universities to build, equip and expand higher education facilities to increase academic capacity, by a 62% to 38% margin.

Question 2 to amend the State Constitution to allow contributions from the salaries of State judges for their employee benefits, by a 83% to 17% margin.

On the county level, Democrats regained control of the Bergen and Cumberland County Freeholder Boards. Democrats maintained control of the Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex and Passaic County Freehold Boards. Republicans retained control of the Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon County Freeholder Boards, but may have lost two seats on the Burlington County Freeholder Board where they are likely to hold a 5-2 majority in January.