



## MEMORANDUM

FROM: Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP  
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SUBJECT: November 2010 Election Results

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On Tuesday, November 2, 2010, New Jersey voters went to the polls in special elections in the 5th, 14<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> State legislative districts.<sup>1</sup> The one race of note was a special election in the 14th legislative district (Mercer/Middlesex) for the State Senate seat previously held by Bill Baroni who resigned in February to take a position as the Deputy Executive Director at the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey. Former Hamilton Township Council member Republican **Thomas Goodwin** has held the Senate seat since March, but was defeated by incumbent Assemblywoman **Linda Greenstein** by a 54% to 46% margin. Greenstein, a lawyer, has been in the General Assembly since 2000 and is chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. She is expected to be sworn in next week and her replacement in the Assembly will be chosen within 35 days.<sup>2</sup>

**State elections for all 120 seats in the NJ Legislature will be held in November of 2011 after an anticipated redistricting battle next spring. The Democrats currently hold the majority in both houses (Senate: 23-17<sup>3</sup> and (Assembly: 47-33).**

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<sup>1</sup>Democratic State Senator Donald Norcross handily defeated (by a margin of 62% to 34%) Republican Woodbury councilman Harry Trout for the Senate seat and Democratic Assemblyman Whip Wilson defeated Republican Barbara Gallagher both for seats in the 5th District in Camden/Gloucester Counties. Democratic incumbent Assemblyman Jason O'Donnell defeated Republican Joseph Turula for the Assembly seat in the 31st district in Hudson County by a vote of 60% to 20%. O'Donnell was recently appointed in July to fill the Assembly seat following former Assemblyman Anthony Chiappone's resignation after pleading guilty to falsifying his campaign finance reports. O'Donnell, 39, is the director of Bayonne's Municipal Services Department.

<sup>2</sup>There are several individuals interested in the Assembly seat, including Mercer County Freeholders Dan Benson and John Cimino, former Democratic County Chair Rich McClellan and West Windsor Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh.

<sup>3</sup>The Democratic majority in the Senate will be 24-16 with the election of Linda Greenstein and anticipated selection of a Republican to fill the seat recently vacated by Senator Phil Haines who was recently confirmed as a Superior Court judge. Possible Republican replacements include 8th District Assembly members Dawn Marie Addiego and Scott Rudder, Freeholder Christopher Brown, Medford Councilman Chris Myers and Evesham Mayor Randy Brown.

All but one of the 13 incumbent Congressmen defeated their respective challengers. Democrats retained a slim majority of the State's Congressional delegation as a result of Tuesday's wins to hold 7 of the 13 seats. Some of the key Congressional races included:

The Third Congressional District, representing parts of Burlington, Camden and Ocean Counties, one term Democrat **John Adler** was narrowly defeated by Republican Jon Runyan by a 50% to 47% vote. Runyan is a former NFL football player and a broadcast analyst. See attached biography.

Sixth Congressional District, serving parts of Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union Counties, eleven-term Democratic incumbent **Frank Pallone, Jr.** defeated his Republican Tea Party challenger, Highlands Mayor Anna Little who received 44% of the vote to Pallone's 54%. Pallone in recent past races has typically won by 65-70% of the vote in this district and was one of the key sponsors of the federal health care reform law. He currently chairs the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Twelfth Congressional District, serving Hunterdon, and parts of Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset Counties, six-term Democratic incumbent **Rush Holt**, defeated Princeton venture capitalist Scott Sippelle, the Republican challenger, by a vote of 52% to 47%. Holt is a member of the Committee on Education and Labor, Committee on Natural Resources and the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Other Congressional races included:

- First Congressional District, representing parts of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties, ten-time Democratic incumbent **Rob Andrews** defeated Republican Dale Glading by a 63% to 35% vote margin. Andrews is a member of the Committee on Education and Labor, as well as the Budget and Armed Services Committees.
- Second Congressional District, serving Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem and parts of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties, eight-term incumbent **Frank LoBiondo**, a Republican who previously served three terms in the State Assembly, defeated the Democratic candidate Gary Stein by 66% to 31%. LoBiondo serves on the Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and is the Top Ranking Republican on the Subcommittee for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- Fourth Congressional District, serving parts of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, fifteen-term incumbent **Chris Smith**, Republican, defeated Howard Kleinhendler, a Democrat. Smith secured 69% of the vote to 28% for Kleinhendler. Smith serves as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (more commonly known as

the Helsinki Commission).

- Fifth Congressional District serving parts of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and all of Warren Counties, Republican five-term incumbent **Scott Garrett** defeated Democratic challenger Todd Theise by 65% to 33%. Garrett sits on the House Financial Services Committee and serves as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government-Sponsored Entities.
- Seventh Congressional District, including parts of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties, Republican one term Congressman **Leonard Lance** defeated Democrat Ed Potosnak by a 59% to 41% margin. Lance sits on the House Financial Services Committee.
- Eighth Congressional District, representing parts of Essex and Passaic Counties, seven-term incumbent **Bill Pascrell, Jr.**, Democrat and former Mayor of Paterson and five-term State Assemblyman, defeated, by a vote of 63% to 36%, Republican Roland Straten. Pascrell serves on the Committee on Ways and Means and the Homeland Security Committee.
- Ninth Congressional District, serving parts of Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties, seven-term incumbent **Steve Rothman**, a Democrat, defeated, by a vote of 60% to 38% Republican challenger Michael Agosta. Rothman is a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Committee on Science and Technology.
- Tenth Congressional District, representing parts of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties, New Jersey's first black Congressman, eleven-term incumbent Democrat, **Donald Payne**, defeated Democratic Michael Alonso by an 86% to 12% margin. Payne is the senior member of the House Education and Labor Committee, member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.
- Eleventh Congressional District, representing Morris and parts of Essex, Passaic, Somerset and Sussex Counties, eight-term incumbent **Rodney Frelinghuysen**, defeated the Democratic challenger, Douglas Herbert by a vote of 67% to 31%. Frelinghuysen is a member of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.
- Thirteenth Congressional District, representing parts of Essex, Hudson, Middlesex and Union Counties, three-term incumbent Democrat and former Assembly Speaker **Albio Sires** defeated Republican Henrietta Dwyer by a vote of 74% to 23%. Sires is a member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Transportation and Infrastructure.

On the county level, Democrats maintained control of the Camden, Mercer, Middlesex and Passaic County Freeholder Boards. Republicans retained control of Monmouth, Somerset, Atlantic and Hunterdon Counties and picked up seats in Gloucester and Cumberland Counties. In Bergen County, Republican Kathe

Donovan defeated incumbent Democrat Dennis McNerney by 54 to 46% for the Bergen County Executive spot and Republicans now hold a 4-3 majority on the Freeholder Board there. In Essex County, incumbent County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo defeated Republican Chairman of Newark Herb Glenn.

Voters solidly approved by a 4 to 1 margin (80% to 20%) one ballot question to amend the State Constitution to prohibit collection by the State of assessments based solely on employee wages and salaries for any purpose, except for payment of employee benefits. The amendment dedicates all contributions to the unemployment compensation, disability or employee benefit funds, and all returns on investments of those contributions for any other purpose of that fund. Lastly, it would prohibit any transfer, borrowing, appropriation or use of those contributions or returns for any other purpose.

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