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District Seeking: 21
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Philippines
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Religion: Roman Catholic

Education:
BA, History, Excelsior College,
2001.

Professional Experience:
Manager, Brewed Awakening
Coffee and Tea, 1999-present
Media Volunteer, MOWELFUND Film
Institute, 1998
Graphics Designer, World Theater
Project, 1997
Data Encoder, Philippine Centennial
Commission, 1996.

Political Experience:
Member, International Committee
of the Green Party of the United
States, 2003-present
Co-Founder, New Jersey Lavender
Greens, 2000-present.

Organizations:
Member, American Society of
Notaries, 2003-present
Member, DIGNITY, 2003-present
Member, Leslie-Lohman Gay Art
Foundation, 2001-present.



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2003 New Jersey State Legislative National Political Awareness Test

Please Note

The National Political Awareness Test (NPAT) asks candidates which items they will **support** if elected. It does not ask them to indicate which items they will **oppose**. If a candidate does not select a response to any part or all of any question, it does not necessarily indicate that the candidate is opposed to that particular item. Through our extensive research of public polling data, we discovered that American voters were concerned with what candidates would support when elected to office, not what they were opposed to. That is why the NPAT is a **positive** questionnaire, asking only what a candidate supports, not what he or she is opposed to.

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Abortion Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) concerning abortion.

a) Abortions should always be illegal.

b) Abortions should always be legally available.

	c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.
X	d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.
X	e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
	f) Eliminate public funding for abortions and public funding of organizations that advocate or perform abortions.
	g) Other or expanded principles

Budgetary, Spending and Tax Issues

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State Budget: Indicate the funding levels you will support for the following general categories.	
Greatly Increase Funding	a) Education (Higher)
Slightly Increase Funding	b) Education (K-12)
Greatly Increase Funding	c) Environment
Greatly Increase Funding	d) Health care
Slightly Decrease Funding	e) Law enforcement
Slightly Decrease Funding	f) Transportation and Highway infrastructure
Slightly Increase Funding	g) Welfare
No Answer	h) Other or expanded categories
State Taxes: Indicate the tax levels you will support.	
Slightly Increase	a) Alcohol taxes
Slightly Increase	b) Capital gains taxes
Greatly Increase	c) Cigarette taxes
Greatly Increase	d) Corporate taxes
Slightly Increase	e) Gasoline taxes
Slightly Decrease	f) Income taxes (incomes below \$75,000)
Slightly Increase	g) Income taxes (incomes above \$75,000)
Maintain Status	h) Inheritance taxes
Slightly Decrease	i) Property taxes
Maintain Status	j) Sales taxes
Maintain Status	k) Vehicle taxes
No Answer	l) Other or expanded categories
No	m) Should Internet sales be taxed?
Yes	n) Other or expanded principles

Elimination of property tax to pay for public schools in favor of a progressive state income tax

Campaign Finance and Governmental Reform Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

Yes a) Do you support the current limit on terms for New Jersey governors?

Yes b) Do you support limiting the number of terms for New Jersey state senators and representatives?

c) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to state legislative and gubernatorial candidates?

Yes 1) Individual

Yes 2) PAC

Yes 3) Corporate

Yes 4) Political Parties

Yes d) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information?

Yes e) Do you support limiting campaign contributions by those seeking public contracts from municipal, county, or state governments?

Yes f) Do you support extending the Open Public Records Act to the New Jersey State Legislature?

Yes g) Do you support partial funding from state taxes for all state level political campaigns?

No h) Do you support voting on-line?

Yes i) Do you support adopting statewide standards for counting, verifying and ensuring accuracy of votes?

Yes j) Do you support prohibiting the reporting of media exit polling results until all polling locations in New Jersey are closed?

Yes k) Should New Jersey recognize civil unions between same-sex couples?

No l) Should New Jersey restrict marriage to a union only between a man and a woman?

How would you propose to reform New Jersey's automobile insurance laws? Please use forty (40) words or less.

Yes n) Other or expanded principles

Choice for Clean Money campaigns to eliminate political action committee (PAC) or corporate cash or contributions from personal wealth

Crime Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) to address crime.

a) Increase state funds for construction of state prisons and for hiring of additional prison staff.

b) Support contracting with private sector firms to build and/or manage state prisons.

c) Support the use of the death penalty in New Jersey.

X d) Support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.

e) End parole for repeat violent offenders.

X f) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.

X g) Decriminalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

h) Strengthen penalties and sentences for drug-related crimes.

i) Lower the blood-alcohol-content limit defining drunk driving.

j) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.

X k) Require that crimes based on gender, sexual orientation or disability be prosecuted as hate crimes.

X l) Increase state funding for community centers and other social agencies in areas with at-risk youth.

m) Increase state funding for additional security of critical infrastructure against terrorist attacks.

n) Other or expanded principles

Educational Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding education.

X a) Support national standards and testing of public school students.

b) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any participating school (public, private, religious).

X c) Increase state funds for school capital improvements (e.g. buildings and infrastructure).

X d) Increase state funds for hiring additional teachers.

e) Support teacher testing and reward teachers with merit pay.

f) Support displaying the Ten Commandments in public schools.

g) Endorse teacher-led voluntary prayer in public schools.

X h) Require public schools to administer high school exit exams.

X i) Provide state funding to increase teacher salaries.

X j) Increase state funding to expand Head Start programs.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	k) Provide state funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	l) Support age-appropriate sexual education programs that teach about abstinence, contraceptives and HIV/STD prevention methods.
	m) Support abstinence-only sexual education programs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	n) Other or expanded principles
<i>Require all school districts to have non-discrimination statements displayed prominently with all protected categories under NJ's Law Against Discrimination (NJ LAD)</i>	

Employment and Affirmative Action Issues

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Employment: Indicate which principles you support (if any) concerning employment.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Increase funding for state job-training programs that re-train displaced workers or teach skills needed in today's job market.
	b) Reduce state government regulations on the private sector to encourage investment and economic expansion.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Provide low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding or relocating businesses.
	d) Provide tax credits for businesses that provide child care for their employees.
	e) Increase state funds to provide child care for children of low-income working families.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f) Other or expanded principles
<i>Provide start-up grants and loans to aid in the creation of small businesses</i>	
Affirmative Action: Should race, ethnicity or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on:	
Yes	a) College and university admissions
<i>Provide start-up grants and loans to aid in the creation of small businesses</i>	
Yes	b) Public employment
Yes	c) State contracting
No Answer	d) Other or expanded principles

Environmental and Energy Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Use state funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused or abandoned.

	c) Create a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program.
X	d) Allow municipalities to impose a one-year moratorium on building.
X	e) Allow municipalities to adopt timed-growth ordinances.
X	f) Allow municipalities to impose impace fees on developers.
X	g) Create "transit villages" to take advantage of existing rail lines.
X	h) Increase funding for mass transit projects.
X	i) Provide funding for repairing city centers and other previously developed areas.
X	j) Increase user fees to finance infrastructure investment.
Yes	k) Do you support state funding for open space preservation?
Yes	l) Should state environmental regulations be stricter than federal law?
X	m) Other or expanded principles
<i>Close the nuclear reactors in New Jersey and establish an authority for wind and solar energy sources of energy as replacement</i>	

Gun Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) concerning gun issues.	
X	a) Ban the sale or transfer of semi-automatic guns, except those used for hunting.
X	b) Maintain and strengthen the enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
	c) Ease state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
	d) Repeal state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
	e) Allow citizens to carry concealed guns.
X	f) Require manufacturers to provide child-safety locks on guns.
	g) Require background checks on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows.
	h) Other or expanded principles

Health Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding health issues.	
X	a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms or state-funded care where necessary.
	b) Transfer more existing Medicaid recipients into managed care programs.

	c) Limit the amount of damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.
X	d) Support patients' right to sue their HMOs.
X	e) Support patients' right to appeal to an administrative board of specialists when services are denied by their HMO.
	f) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of state government.
	g) Legalize physician-assisted suicide in New Jersey.
	h) Increase state funding for training health workers to recognize and respond to the release of biological agents.
X	i) Legalize stem cell research in New Jersey.
X	j) Other or expanded principles
<i>Establish a single-payer universal health care system with Freedom of Medical Choice</i>	

Welfare and Poverty Issues

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Indicate which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare.	
	a) Support current time limits on welfare benefits.
X	b) Increase employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
X	c) Provide tax incentives to businesses that hire welfare recipients.
X	d) Provide child care for welfare recipients who work.
X	e) Increase access to public transportation for welfare recipients who work.
	f) Eliminate government-funded welfare programs.
	g) Redirect welfare funding to faith-based and community-based private organizations.
X	h) Use federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds to expand state services to include the working poor.
	i) Other or expanded principles

Legislative Priorities

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In a total of seventy-five (75) words or less, please explain what your two main legislative priorities will be if elected. Please explain how you would obtain any additional government funding needed to implement these priorities.

Clean Money Campaigns--Choice in eliminating PAC, corporate and personal wealth for elections Sound Barriers--Routes 78 and 24 Health Initiative--Single-payer universal health plan with protection for freedom of medical choice School Funding--End property tax to fund public schools in favor of progressive state income tax Voting Reforms--Instant Runoff Voting for all elections Social Justice--Abolition of the death penalty/Full and complete rights for all state residents Flooding--Restrict mini-development in established towns and sprawl statewide

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