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Out in Jersey Election Issue Survey

By Mario Brescio

It's that time again. The air is getting cooler, the sun is going down earlier, leaves are bursting forth with color, and soon ghouls, goblins, and ghosts will roam the streets in search of the elusive trick or treat. It is election season. We know how excited you are waiting for the barrage of campaign mailings, lawn signs, and those wonderful political TV commercials. Every N.J. Senate and Assembly seat is up for grabs this November. With many major pieces of legislation coming up in the Senate and Assembly that will directly affect the gay community, it is imperative that we take this election seriously.

Your responsibility is to get out and register today. Then go out and vote on Tuesday, November 4. *Out in Jersey* has gathered some information about the candidates so that you can be an educated and informed gay voter. We mailed a short four question survey to all 296 candidates for the N.J. Senate and Assembly. The four questions pertained to gay concerns. Three questions relate to specific legislation that has been introduced in at least one house of

the legislature.

Question One asked candidates how they would vote on A3743, the Family Equality Act, which establishes legal domestic partnership for those who live together, but are not married. A yes vote on A3743 would provide for the issuance of a "Certificate of Domestic Partnership" between two unmarried people. This would give an unmarried couple, gay or straight, many of the same legal rights as married couples. The passage of A3743 would also make valid, in New Jersey, any domestic partnership or civil union entered into outside of the state.

Question Two asked how they would vote on A1765/S1047 that would void same-sex marriages in New Jersey and would provide for non-recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions. Sometimes Called DOMA, a No vote would make it possible for New Jersey to recognize same-sex marriages.

Question Three asked how the candidates would vote on A3645 that would revise some state drug paraphernalia laws and allow for the sale of hypodermic needles and syringes from licensed

New Jersey pharmacies to people over the age of 18, without a prescription. It also provides that possession of a syringe or needle shall not be a violation of N.J. State Law. A Yes vote on A3645 would allow for easier access to clean needles and syringes, thus helping to reduce the spread of blood-borne diseases such as HIV/AIDS.

Question Four asked if they would support amendments to New Jersey's anti-discrimination laws to include protections for people having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness. A Yes response would allow for the transgendered community, and others who are non-traditional in their gender identity or expression, to be protected under anti-discrimination laws.

Very few candidates took the time needed to fill out the four question answer sheet – all of five minutes. Which makes the answers from the candidates that *did* respond all the more important. When you vote on Tuesday, November 4, please consider how the candidates responded, if at all, to these very important questions. For more information on the proposed bills, visit the New Jersey legislative website at www.njleg.state.nj.us/. ▼

Senate District 1

Steven Fenichel (Ind) 1) Yes 2) No 3) No 4) Yes
 Nicholas Asselta (Rep) -No response
 George Cecola (Ind) -No response

Assembly District 1

Constantin Rozzo (Ind) 1) Yes 2) No 3) No 4) Yes
 Jeff Van Drew* (Dem), Maria LaBoy (Dem), John C. Gibson (Rep), Andrew J McCrosson, Jr. (Rep), Mary A. Snyder (Ind), and Carly Massey (Grn) -No Response

Senate District 2

William L. Gromley* (Rep), Tom Swift (Dem), and Robert "Gabe" Gabielsky (Grn) -No response

Assembly District 2

Meredith Slotoroff (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
 Frank Blee* (Rep), Kirk Conover* (Rep), Stephen P. Swift (Dem), Ronald S. Ruff (Dem), Ray Higbee, Jr. (Grn) and Joseph T. Hicks (Ind) -No response

Senate District 3

Stephen M. Sweeney* (Dem) No Response
 Raymond J. Zane (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 3

Charles Woodrow (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
 John J. Burzichelli* (Dem), Douglas H Fisher* (Dem), Douglas Sorantino (Rep), Susan Bestwick (Rep), and Peggy Murphy (Grn) -No response

Senate District 4

George F. Geist (Rep) -No response
 Fred Madden (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 4

Robert Smith * (Dem), David R. Mayer (Dem), Stephen Altamuro* (Rep), and Patrick M. Dougherty (Rep) -No response

Senate District 5

Anthony DeMasi (Rep) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
 Wayne R. Bryant* (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 5

Joe Roberts* (Dem), Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez* (Dem), Keith Carver (Rep), and Elia Hilton (Rep) -No response

Senate District 6

John H. Adler* (Dem) -No response
 Joseph A. Adolf (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 6

Martin Nolan (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Kevin Madden (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
 Louis D Greenwald* (Dem), Mary T. Previte* (Dem), Mark Otto (Rep), and JoannR. Gurenlian (Rep) -No response

Senate District 7

Diane Allen* (Rep) -No response
 Diane F. Gabriel (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 7

Herb Conaway* (Dem), Jack Conners* (Dem), Vincent R. Farias (Rep), and Theresa D. Brown (Rep) -No response

Senate District 8

Martha W. Bark* (Rep) -No response
 Thomas J. Price (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 8

Francis L. Bodine* (Rep), Larry Chatzidakis* (Rep), Donald Hartman (Dem), and Kenneth Solarz (Dem) -No response

Senate District 9

Leonard T. Conners, Jr.* (Rep) -No response
Aviva Twersky-Glasner (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 9

Christopher J. Conners* (Rep), Brian E. Rumpf* (Rep), Dolores J. Coulter (Dem), and Peter A. Erranova (Dem) -No response

Senate District 10

Andrew R. Ciesla* (Rep) -No response
Paul Brush (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 10

Elizabeth Arnone (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) No 4) Yes
David W. Wolfe* (Rep), Jim Holzapfel* (Rep), Desmond Abazia (Dem), Mark Troncone (Dem)

Senate District 11

Brian Unger (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) ? 4) Yes
Joseph A. Palaia* (Rep), Paul X. Escandon (Dem), and Emerson Ellett (Ind) -No response

Assembly District 11

John Loffredo (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) No 4) Yes
Charles "Chuck" Davis (Dem) 1) Yes 2) Yes 3) Yes 4) Yes
Lynn Surgalla (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Steve Corodemus* (Rep), Sean Kean* (Rep), and Thomas Auletta (Grn) -No response

Senate District 12

John O'Bennett (Rep), Ellen Karcher (Dem), and Earl Gray (Grn) -No response

Assembly District 12

Claire M Farragher* (Rep), Michael J. Arnone* (Rep), Michael Panter (Dem), and Robert Morgan (Dem) -No response

Senate District 13

Joe Kyrillos, Jr.* (Rep), William E. Flynn (Dem), Greg Orr (Grn), and Mac Dara Lyden (Ind) -No response

Assembly District 13

Joseph Azzolina* (Rep) 1) ? 2) ? 3) ? 4) Yes
Samuel D. Thompson* (Rep), Thomas Perry (Dem), Leonard Inzerillo (Dem), Mike W. Hall (Grn), and Jaime Donnelly (Grn) -No response

Senate District 14

Peter Inverso* (Rep), Anthony J. "Skip" Cimino (Dem), and Ray Cragle (Ind) -No response

Assembly District 14

Linda R. Greenstein* (Dem), Gary L. Guear Sr.* (Dem), Bill Baroni (Rep), and Sidna B. Mitchell (Rep) -No response

Senate District 15

Shirley K. Turner* (Dem) -No response
Calvin O. Iszard (Rep) No response

Assembly District 15

Reed Gusciora* (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Bonnie Watson Coleman* (Dem), Donald Addison (Rep), Brian McKeon (Rep), Jill Penn (Grn), and Russell Cullen (Grn) -No response

Senate District 16

Walter J. Kavanaugh*(Rep) -No response
Bill O'Brien (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 16

Jane Hunter (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Christopher "Kip" Bateman* (Rep), Pete Biondi* (Rep), Amadeo D'Adamo, Jr. (Dem), and Robert Mack (Dem) -No response

Senate District 17

Bob Smith* (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Jeffrey M. Orbach (Rep) 1) Yes 2) Yes 3) Yes 4) Yes

Assembly District 17

Upendra Chivukula* (Dem) 1) ? 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
David Hochfelder (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Joseph V Egan* (Dem), Catherine J. Barrier (Rep), Scott Johnkins (Rep), Josephine M. Giaimo (Grn)

Senate District 18

Barbara Buono* (Dem) -No response
Richard F. Plechner (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 18

Peter J. Barnes, Jr.* (Dem), Patrick J Diegan, Jr.* (Dem), Robert D. Thuring (Rep), and Jasal Amin (Rep) -No response

Senate District 19

Joseph F. Vitale* (Dem) -No response
Paul "Daniels" Danielczyk (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 19

John S Wisniewski* (Dem), Joseph Vas (Dem), Jeffrey A. Pino (Rep), Robert A. Mauro (Rep), and Kenneth Goley (Ind) -No response

Senate District 20

Raymond J Lesniak* (Dem), Daniel M. Nozza (Rep), and Shawn P. Gianella (Ind) -No response

Assembly District 20

Neil M. Cohen* (Dem), Joseph Cryan* (Dem), Tony Monteiro (Rep), and Aristo Carranza (Rep) -No response

Senate District 21

Thomas H. Kean, Jr.* (Rep), Francis D. McIntyre (Dem), and Teresa Migliore-DiMatteo (Grn) -No response

Assembly District 21

Norman W. Albert (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) No 4) Yes
Ryan Reyes (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
George DeCarlo (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Eric Munoz* (Rep), Jon Bramnick* (Rep), Ellen Steinberg (Dem), and Joshua Jacobs (Ind) -No response

Senate District 22

Joseph S. Suliga* (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) No 4) Yes
Martin Marks (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 22

Rosalie Donatelli (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Harold Relkin (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Jerry Green* (Dem), Linda Stender* (Dem), George B. Gore (Rep), and Kevin Retcho (Rep) -No response

Senate District 23

Leonard Lance* (Rep) -No response
Frederick P. Cook (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 23

Cynthia L. Ege (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes
Michael J. Doherty* (Rep), Connie Myers* (Rep), and Brian D. Smith (Dem) -No response

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Senate District 24

James D. Morrison (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes

Robert E. Littell* (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 24

Thomas B. Boyle (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) No 4) Yes

Guy R. Gregg* (Rep) -No response

Alison Littell McHose* (Rep) -No response

Senate District 25

Anthony R. Bucco* (Rep) -No response

Blair B. Mac Innes (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 25

Rick Merkt* (Rep), Michael P. Carroll* (Rep), and Thomas A. Zelante (Dem) - No response

Senate District 26

Robert J. Martin* (Rep) -No response

Daniel L. Grant (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 26

Laurie Fierro (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes

Alex DeCrose* (Rep), Joe Pennacchio* (Rep), and

Patrick J. Caserta (Dem) -No response

Senate District 27

Richard J. Codey* (Dem) -No response

Bobbi Joan Bennett (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 27

Jany Sabins (Ind) 1) No 2) Yes 3) Yes 4) Yes

John F. Mceon* (Dem), Mims Hackett, Jr.* (Dem), and

Tod Theise (Rep) -No response

Senate District 28

Ronald L. Rice* (Dem), Jean LaMothe (Rep), and

Beresford Jones (Grn) -No response

Assembly District 28

Nicholas F. DeAngeluis (Rep) 1) No 2) Yes 3) No 4) Yes

Donald Tucker* (Dem), Craig A. Stanley* (Dem), and

Barbara Dennis (Rep) -No response

Senate District 29

Sharpe James* (Dem), Abigail D. Tilsner (Ind), and Toy-Ling Washington (Grn) -No response

Assembly District 29

William D. Payne* (Dem), Wilfredo Caraballo* (Dem), Elaine L. Guarino (Rep), and Miguel A. Negron (Rep) -No response

Senate District 30

Robert W. Singer* (Rep) - No response

Steven Morlino (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 30

Ronald S. Dancer* (Rep), Joseph R. Malone* (Rep), Joseph D. Grisanti (Dem), and Mitchel Dolobowsky (Dem) -No response

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Senate District 31

Glenn D. Cunningham (Dem), Carmen E. Mendiola (Rep), and Eric Olsen (Grn) -No response

Assembly District 31

Jobathab J. Oriole (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes

Louis Manzo (Dem) 1) Yes 2) Yes 3) Yes 4) Yes

Anthony Chiappone (Dem), Donna Marie James (Rep), Stephen Schulz (Rep), and Pamela Olsen (Grn) -No response

Senate District 32

Louis Vernotico (Ind) 1) No 2) Yes 3) Yes 4) Yes

Nicholas J. Sacco* (Dem), Louis S Lusquinos, Jr. (Rep), and Denis Jaslow (Ind) -No response

Assembly District 32

Joan Quigley* (Dem), Anthony Impreveduto* (Dem), Della Kelly (Rep), Anna Crespo-Hernandez (Rep), Eric Dixon (Ind), and Eugene McCrohan (Ind) -No response

Senate District 33

Bernard F Kenny, Jr.* (Dem) -No response

Rafael Fraguera (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 33

Albio Sires* (Dem), Brian P. Stack (Dem), Jose C. Munoz (Rep), Elise DiNardo (Rep), and Maria M. Rios (Grn) -No response

Senate District 34

Nia H. Gill* (Dem) -No response

Frank C. Fusco (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 34

Keith E. Krebs (Rep) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes

Thomas Robert Gregg (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) No 4) Yes

Peter C. Eagler* (Dem), Sheila Y. Oliver (Dem), Kenneth Kurson (Rep), and Timothy A Gaylord, Jr. (Grn) -No response

Senate District 35

John A. Girgenti* (Dem) -No response

David R. Troast (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 35

Alfred Steele* (Dem), Nellie Pou* (Dem), Kenneth N. Del Vecchio, Jr. (Rep), and Thomas, F.X. Magura (Rep) -No response

Senate District 36

Paul A. Sarlo* (Dem), John V. Kelly (Rep), Maximo Moscoso (Ind), and Richard DelaRosa (Ind) -No response

Assembly District 36

Geovanni Regalado (Ind) 1) ? 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes

Frederick Scalerta* (Dem), Imre Karaszegi, Jr. (Dem), Paul DiGaetano* (Rep), Richard J. DiLascio (Rep), Rafal Sanchez (Ind), Crystal Delarosa (Ind), and John Zazanis (Ind) -No response

Senate District 37

Byron M. Baer* (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes

Barry S. Honig (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 37

Loretta Weinberg* (Dem), Gordon M. Johnson* (Dem), John M. Long (Rep), Sanford Steinfield (Rep), Patricia Alessandrini (Grn), Ruth Bauer Neustadter (Grn) -No response

Senate District 38

Joseph Coniglio* (Dem) -No response

Rose Marie Heck (Rep) No response

Assembly District 38

Joan Voss (Dem), Robert M. Gordon (Dem), Louis A Tedesco, Jr. (Rep), Ed Trawinski (Rep), Matt Aheam (Grn) -No response

Senate District 39

Richard Muti (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) ? 4) ?

Gerald Cardinale* (Rep) -No response

Assembly District 39

Phillip Peredo (Dem) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes

John E. Rooney* (Rep), Charlotte Vandervalk* (Rep), and John Dean DeRienzo (Dem) -No response

Senate District 40

Henry P. McNamara* (Rep) -No response

Matt Rogers (Dem) -No response

Assembly District 40

Jane Bidwell Gaunt (Dem) 1) Yes 2) ? 3) Yes 4) Yes

Phillip A. Passantino (Grn) 1) Yes 2) No 3) Yes 4) Yes

David C. Russo* (Rep), Kevin J. O'Toole* (Rep), and Michael Bradley (Dem) -No response