



## November 2007 New Jersey Legislature Election

Assembly Candidate

[District 10](#)



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## Biography (provided by candidate)

Liz Arnone is a Co-Chair of the Green Party of the United States (gp.org) and serves on several GPUS committees including the Presidential Campaign Support Committee, Finance Committee and Fundraising Committee. She is the treasurer of the Green Party of New Jersey and is a 2007 candidate for state assembly, a seat she ran for in 2003. She joined the Green Party in 2000 and worked on Ralph Nader's 2000 and 2004 presidential campaigns.

Arnone worked for 14 years at AT&T where she was employed as a Technical Writer and Metrics Analyst. Prior to that, she worked as an assistant to a Campus Manager for Historically Black Universities and Colleges where she did administrative work and participated in recruiting efforts, visiting professor programs, equipment donations and curriculum development.

In addition to the work above, Arnone coordinated and provided leadership in Valuing Diversity activities along with facilitating diversity training sessions throughout the country for AT&T; participated in numerous employee councils and teams addressing issues of the work environment, i.e., people with disability, women, people of color, and GLBT; and worked for several years as a volunteer at a crises hotline center receiving calls from people in crises and connecting them to resources for help, or just listening.

Arnone is the single parent of three children and grandmother of two. She enjoys sharing her life's experience and the experiences she has gathered as a Green activist with others.

### **Views on Issues (provided by candidate)**

Being a member of the Green Party and the Green Movement is not about power, it's about passion. It's not about making deals with corporate interests and big money, it's about doing the right thing.

You can't do the right thing in politics when elections can be bought and sold. Corporations won't pay living wages, yet billions are poured into campaigns. I believe this money could be put to better use.

I believe this country is being held hostage by an illegal war on terror which is draining our economy, destroying our infrastructure, and health care, and eliminating much need programs for the needy.

1. Corporations are not people. We must tame the giant corporations. Corporations are legal entities, not human beings, as such they should be prohibited from contributing to campaigns, sponsoring PACS, or lobbying. Given how they concentrate power and wealth, you can never have equal justice under the law in this country between you, me and General Motors .... I would transform corporate law.

2. Besides implementing a progressive tax, where those who earn more, pay more, I would also, push for a tax system that would tax, first, things

we don't like — such as pollution, speculation, gambling, addiction products — before we tax work.

Why are we taxing things we like to do, instead of the things that aren't good for us? So, a tax on stock transactions would slow down speculation, but it would raise enormous amounts of money, simply because of the billions of dollars that turn over every week; a penny tax on each stock or bond sold would raise a huge amount of money. A tax on pollution would change the equation, so the polluter would start saying, 'Hey, it costs more to pollute than it costs not to pollute'.

3. I would work toward strengthening the facilities of our democracy. That would mean repealing Taft-Hartley (a 1947 law that severely limits labor unions) and passing laws that would facilitate the emancipation of tens of millions for workers. That would mean creating facilities that would make it easy for consumers to band together in dealing with banks, insurance companies, brokerage houses, landlords, electric and telephone utilities ... all the things now where they are powerless, totally powerless, because the facilities are not there. This can begin locally and move up.

#### ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

4. We must change our energy culture: by promoting and supporting advocacy actions, to reduce the perceived "need" for nuclear power, and expose its true costs. By closing down existing nuclear plants and transition to others sources of energy regeneration. By supporting local grassroots efforts to develop alternative energies. By supporting state legislative efforts to develop Renewable Portfolio Standards.

5. If elected, I would work toward instituting Initiative and Referendum. I&R is a process that allows citizens of states to vote directly on proposed legislation. It has been written into the state constitutions of several U.S. states, and I would seek to do this in New Jersey.

I am fed up with business as usual in a two party system that is failing us. Until we level the playing field by allowing more voices and more choices we will have more of the same, the rich will get richer and the poor poorer.

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Assembly Candidate

[District 26](#)



**Matthew Norton (Green Party)**

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## Biography (provided by candidate)

My name is Matthew Norton; I am twenty five years old and have lived in New Jersey for most of my life. I currently work as a driver for a national moving and storage company, and attend Thomas Edison State College at night. I have served as Morris County Coordinator for the New Jersey Green Party since January 2007, and look forward to continuing working with other Greens in reforming our democracy.

## Views on Issues (provided by candidate)

I am running for General Assembly in the 26th district because I can make a difference. I can be a part of the solution to the growing number of problems New Jerseyans face each and everyday. Our current representatives offer only lip service, irresponsible stop-gaps, or privatization to the most pressing issues of the day. The real problems of sky rocketing property taxes, discrimination, pollution, spiraling state debt, over development, failing public schools, and corruption can only be solved by real solutions created by real change. If I am elected to the New Jersey State Assembly, my top three priorities will revolve around property tax reform, state recognition of marriage rights for all individuals, and increased environmental stewardship.

Property taxes can be greatly reduced by removing the education portion from property taxes and funding public education through a progressive income tax. This tax and fund will be separate from the general revenues. Furthermore, by eliminating all local public school districts with the creation of a single, unified school district for the State of New Jersey state education spending will become more equitable and efficient. Administrative districts will be created and adjusted for practical administrative affairs under the Department of Education, the administrator.

Current legislation regarding recognizing only heterosexual couples as eligible for marriage rights is codified discrimination. I believe that all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation must be afforded the same rights in regards the issues of marriage, taxation, insurance coverage, social security benefits, and anti-discrimination legislation.

I want to take the appropriate, aggressive steps that are needed in order to preserve our natural resources for future generations. This includes funding for open space, responsible building and development legislation, and stricter restrictions on corporate and private pollution.

Thank you for taking the time to become involved in our political system, your participation is vital to the future of our great state.



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Senate Candidate

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## Biography (provided by candidate)

BA English-Journalism, Hofstra University, 1961

Elected positions: none

Appointments: none

Awards: 30 Years of Service Certificate from New York City Human Resources Admin.

Organizational Affiliations: Green Party

Living with wife and three children in Mt. Tabor, NJ, for 16 years. Retired analyst with New York City. Ran for mayor of Parsippany in 2005 under Green Party.

## Views on Issues (provided by candidate)

## Property Tax Relief & Education-A Real Solution

More than half of property taxes go to public education. I propose to pay for education through a separate, progressive state-wide tax, thus decreasing the tax burden on those who can least afford it, the elderly. I would save money by eliminating local school boards, or at the least combining the smaller ones, with an elected Education Commissioner.

## War in Iraq-End It

The illegal, immoral war has cost New Jersey more than 20 billion: money that could have repaired our infrastructure, prevented privatization of our roadways, secured the State pension system and assisted flood prone areas in our district. Too many American and Iraqi lives have been lost. We must bring the troops home now!

## Highlands Water Protection Act

Passed into law in 2004 in order to protect the drinking water of over 5.4 million state residents, as well as preserving dwindling open space. It is now under fire from building and development firms whose interests and profits are tied to exploitation of the Highlands region. I support the Highlands Act and the health and enjoyment of all who would benefit from it in the future.

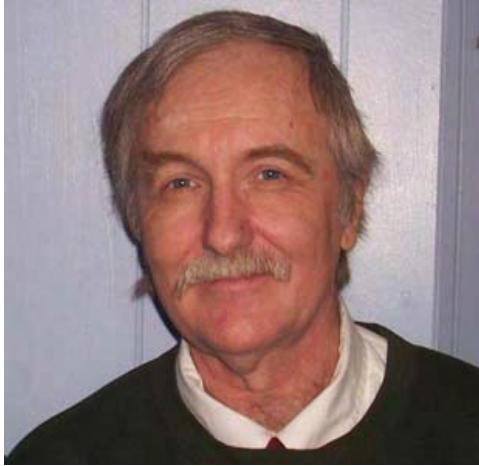




## November 2007 New Jersey Legislature Election

Assembly Candidate

District 4



**Charles Woodrow (Green Party)**

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## Biography (provided by candidate)

I am 58 years old. I am a graduate of Clearview HS in Mullica Hill, NJ. I hold a BA in Psychology from Rutgers Camden and an MSW from Marywood College in Scranton, PA. I have been married to Ann for 36 years.

I have been employed as a Programmer and Systems Analyst by a manufacturing and sales company in Mantua Township, NJ for the past 8 years and have been in the mid-range computer field for 28 years after 9 years as a social worker.

I have held no elected offices. I am a cofounder and past chairperson of the Gloucester County Green Party.

## Views on Issues (provided by candidate)

**Issue #1 Progressive Taxation**

We advocate a graduated state income tax with higher rates on the wealthiest citizens, to recoup a portion of the massive tax cuts enjoyed by the rich in recent years. We would assure that this change results in true property tax relief by having public education funded at the state level, using this new revenue, instead of at the municipal level.

### ***Issue #2 Universal Health Care***

Every American has a right to know that needed health care is always available to them, and that a catastrophic illness will not be compounded by a financial disaster.

### ***Issue #3: Corporate Welfare***

We will strive to end corporate welfare and legislate political ethics by all means possible, beginning with "Clean Money" which has long been a signature issue of the Green Party. For more information please see our website at [gcnjgp.org](http://gcnjgp.org).

