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Corzine Announces Lieutenant Governor Pick

Over the weekend, Governor Jon Corzine announced his selection of State Senator Loretta Weinberg to run for Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket.

Weinberg was elected to the State Senate in 2005. She previously represented Bergen County in the Assembly since 1992 and prior to that served as Bergen County's Assistant Administrator and as a member of the Teaneck Township Council. Senator Weinberg is known for her championing of issues affecting women, children, families, health care, gun safety, and other quality-of-life concerns.

Loretta Weinberg was born February 6, 1935, in New York. She graduated from the University of California with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science and has completed all coursework for a Master of Arts degree in public administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She married her late husband, Irwin Weinberg, in 1961, and they had two children: Daniel, born in 1962, and Francine, born in 1963. Loretta now has two grandchildren: Shayna Iris, born in 2003, and Jonah Benjamin, born in 2005.

Daggett Announces Lieutenant Governor Pick

Yesterday, Independent gubernatorial candidate Christopher Daggett picked Dr. Frank Esposito, the interim dean at Kean University's College of Education to run for Lieutenant Governor on his Independent ticket. Esposito, a specialist in American Indian, Colonial, and recent American history, served as Interim President of Kean University in 2002 and 2003.

In the 1980s, Esposito helped craft school choice programs for former Republican Gov. Tom Kean, and later helped draft charter school laws under former Republican Gov. Christie Whitman. Additionally, Dr. Esposito has published numerous books and he is also the author of over 100 newspaper and journal articles. Approximately one-half of his academic career at Kean University has been as an administrator. He has served as Assistant Dean, Associate Dean and Acting Dean of the School of Education, Dean of The Graduate College, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim President since his appointment at Kean (then Newark State College) in 1970. Dr. Esposito is currently a Distinguished Service Professor of History.