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**November 4, 2009**

## **Christie Defeats Corzine; Democrats Maintain Control of Assembly**

Republican Christopher J. Christie was elected Governor yesterday, defeating Governor Jon Corzine garnering 48.9% of the vote to Corzine's 44.5%. Independent candidate Christopher Daggett received 5.7% of the vote. Christie carried 13 of New Jersey's 21 counties and amassed enormous pluralities in the shore counties of Monmouth and Ocean. This election marked the introduction of the office of lieutenant governor and Christie's running mate, Monmouth County Sheriff Kim Guadagno, will become the state's first lieutenant governor. Christie and Guadagno will be sworn in on January 19, 2010. Jeff Chiesa, who worked for Christie at the U.S. Attorney's Office and is currently an attorney at the law firm of Wolf Samson will coordinate the transition effort. Christie is also expected to name a transition team, likely to be headed by his long-time friend, Bill Palatucci, and former Attorney General David Samson, in the coming days.

Democrats will continue to control the Assembly by a margin of 47-33. Before yesterday's election, Democrats held a 48-32 majority and they lost just one seat. In the 4<sup>th</sup> legislative, in Camden and Gloucester counties, Republican Dominick DeCicco defeated Democrat William Collins to succeed Democratic Assemblywoman Sandra Love, who did not seek re-election. The district's second incumbent, Democrat Paul Moriarty, was re-elected.

Other newly elected members of the Assembly Donald Norcross (D-5) and Angel Fuentes (D-5) who replace Speaker Joseph Roberts and Nilsa Cruz-Perez; DiAnne Gove (R-9), who will replace Daniel Van Pelt as soon as the Legislature returns; Craig Coughlin (D-19) who replaces Joseph Vas; Eric Peterson (R-23) who replaces Michael Doherty; Anthony Bucco (R-25) who replaces Richard Merkt; Charles Mainor (D-31) who replaces L. Harvey Smith; and Robert Schroeder (R-39) who replaces John Rooney.

In the two special Senate elections, Senator James Beach was elected to complete the term of Congressman John Adler and Assemblyman Michael Doherty, who defeated Senator Marcia Karrow in the Republican primary, was elected to complete the term of Congressman Leonard Lance. The Democrats continue to control the Senate with a 23-17 majority.

Yesterday's election was the last election held before legislative districts are redrawn, a process that occurs every 10 years based on the Census.

## **Open Space Bond Question Approved**

New Jersey voters narrowly approved the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009. Voters approved the state borrowing \$400 million to replenish the Garden State Preservation Trust. The bond issue will set aside \$218 million for open-space purchases, \$146 million for farmland preservation, \$24 million for wetlands protection and \$12 million to save historic sites.