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Christie Announces Transition Leadership Team

Governor-Elect Chris Christie announced his Transition New Jersey Leadership Team, which is being led by former Attorney General David Samson. The Transition Team includes bi-partisan leaders in both the public and private sector. The members of the team are:

David Samson, Esq. – Chairman
Former New Jersey Attorney General
Senior Partner, Wolff & Samson PC

Dr. Susan A. Cole
President of Montclair State University

Senator Sandra B. Cunningham
State Senator (31st Legislative District)

Debra P. DiLorenzo
President / CEO of the Chamber Of Commerce Southern New Jersey

Michael DuHaime
Managing Director, Mercury Public Affairs, LLC

George Gilmore, Esq.
Partner, Gilmore & Monahan

Jon Hanson
Chairman and Founder of the Hampshire Real Estate Companies

Alfred C. Koeppe
Executive Director of the Newark Alliance, former President and COO of PSE&G

Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr.
State Senator (13th Legislative District)

Mayor John McCormac
Mayor of Woodbridge, former State Treasurer

Christie Announces Chairs of Transition Task Force on Budget and Taxes

Governor-Elect Chris Christie named Richard H. Bagger of Westfield, an executive at Pfizer Inc and a former Chairman of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and Robert E. Grady, a Livingston native, former aide to Governor Thomas H. Kean and former top official at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as Co-Chairmen of a special Transition Task Force on Budget and Taxes.

The Task Force Co-Chairmen will help develop recommendations to address the fiscal deficit estimated at over \$8 billion for the 2011 fiscal year and to respond to the shortfall in projected state revenues in the current fiscal year. They will recruit additional Task Force members and staff experts to address various components of the State's fiscal emergency.

Bagger served in the New Jersey Assembly from 1993 to 2002 and in the State Senate from 2002 to 2003. He was Chairman of the Assembly Appropriations Committee from 1998 to 2002. He was a former Councilman and Mayor of Westfield. Currently, he serves as Senior Vice President for Worldwide Public Affairs at Pfizer Inc. Earlier in his career, Bagger served as Assistant General Counsel of Blue Cross / Blue Shield and was an attorney with the law firm of McCarter and English.

Grady served as Chief of Staff to former U.S. Representative Millicent Fenwick, as Director of Communications for former Governor Thomas H. Kean, and as Deputy Assistant to the President and Executive Associate Director of OMB in the Administration of former President George H.W. Bush. For the last decade, he had been the partner in charge of venture capital investing at The Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest private equity firms. Before retiring this summer and joining Cheyenne Capital Fund, a private equity firm, he served as Chairman of the National Venture Capital Association (NVCA) in 2006-2007 and as a professor at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business from 1994-2004.

Assembly Republicans Reelect DeCroce Assembly Republican Leader

The Assembly Republican caucus reelected Assemblyman Alex DeCroce as their leader for his fourth consecutive term. Caucus members who were elected last week unanimously selected DeCroce, who represents the 26th Legislative District.

In addition to DeCroce, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick was chosen as conference leader. Bramnick was most recently the caucus' whip, and will be replaced by Assemblyman Dave Rible, who was previously deputy conference leader.

Senate Schedule for Remainder of Session Announced

The Senate will meet on the following dates:

November 23 Group 1 and 2 Committees
Swearing in of Senators Beach and Doherty

December 3 Group 3 and 4 Committees

December 7 Group 2 and 1 Committees

December 10 Voting Session

December 14 Group 4 and 3 Committees

January 4 Committees at the call of the Senate President
January 7 Voting Session
January 11 Voting Session
January 12 Organization of the 214th Legislature

Assembly Schedule for Remainder of Session Announced

November 23 Group A and B Committees
November 30 Group C and D Committees
December 3 Committees at the call of the Speaker
December 7 Voting Session
January 4 Committees at the call of the Speaker
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