



# ELEC *tronic*

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## Comments from the Chairman

**Eric H. Jaso**

Those who violate New Jersey’s campaign finance disclosure rules attract most of the publicity about the Commission and its work. However, the vast majority of candidates, political party entities, and PACs comply with the law, voluntarily and fully.

Indeed, over the years, the Commission has succeeded in maintaining an over 90 percent compliance rate for campaign finance and lobbyist reporting requirements.

But this exceptional compliance rate hasn’t been achieved overnight or by magic. It results from a significant amount of effort on the part of the Commission and its professional staff.

Every year (including years without legislative or gubernatorial elections), we process over 30,000 reports from all manner of filers. In addition to candidates, party entities and PACs, the

Commission receives multiple reports from lobbyists, public contractors, and political fundraisers.

We scan these reports onto the Commission’s website almost immediately, and within 48 hours they are available to the public for viewing.

Our data entry staff then goes to work to provide detailed contributor reports on Statewide and local candidates, all levels of political parties, and legislative leadership committees. Soon, we will implement fully electronic filing, which will streamline and speed the process further.

For lobbyist activities, we issue quarterly reports and annual financial reports. Pay-to-play reports are also published annually.

In short, the Commission and its staff try to make reporting simple, and make the resulting public information quickly and easily accessible, but none of these efforts would matter if most filers were not voluntarily compliant.

The Commission believes that an informed filer is usually a compliant filer. Our investigators find that many of our enforcement actions result from filers who were simply unaware of the rules.

For that reason, we have made outreach to the filer community a top priority. Commission staff gives numerous training and educational seminars, both at the Commission’s offices in Trenton and at locations throughout the State.

We advertise these seminars on the Commission’s website and in this electronic monthly newsletter, seeking to draw candidates and campaign treasurers, party and PAC treasurers, lobbyists, and business people engaged in public contracting.

The Commission’s website ([www.elec.state.nj.us](http://www.elec.state.nj.us)) also contains a vast amount of information, including a training video for the filing community.

We hope that our efforts will continue to maintain New Jersey’s admirable rate of reporting compliance.

## “Furthering the Interest of an Informed Citizenry”

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Beyond this, compliance officers are available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday to discuss filing issues either in person or on the telephone.

These individualized sessions are unseen but have been very useful in helping filers comply with a thicket of campaign finance rules and regulations that can sometimes be dizzying.

Efforts in compliance and enforcement have worked hand-in-hand to help the Commission maintain this high compliance rate of 90 percent and to fulfill its mission of disclosure.

By taking a measured approach, balancing strong compliance with enforcement, the Commission is able to accomplish the twin goals of ensuring compliance with the laws while creating an environment that encourages people to involve themselves in politics.

## Long Tenure of Ronald DeFilippis Saluted by Commission

By Joseph Donohue

Ronald DeFilippis, who served as Chairman of the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) for almost seven years, was honored for his service by the Commission at its September 26 meeting.

Eric Jaso, who was recently named Chairman by Governor Chris Christie, said he was “personally honored” to succeed DeFilippis, who stepped down July 21.



A joint proclamation issued by Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto credited his “uncommon measure of public-spiritedness.”

Joined at the ceremony by his longtime wife Patti, DeFilippis said his years of service on the Commission have “truly been an overwhelming experience.”

As a certified public accountant who lives in Succasunna, he said he regularly interacts with government officials and has never

encountered a better staff than the one at ELEC.

“There is no experience I ever had in government that will match the people in ELEC,” he said. “This group here is just absolutely phenomenal.”

After being nominated by Governor Chris Christie and confirmed by the Legislature on June 24, 2010, DeFilippis later was named by the governor as chairman and served from November 2010 to July 2017. He tenure as chairman was the second longest behind Ralph Martin.

DeFilippis, partner in the firm of Mills & DeFilippis CPAs LLP, was one of the few campaign treasurers to serve on the Commission. After leaving ELEC, he was named finance chairman of the Morris County Republican Committee.

“His influence on the Commission has been profound and that legacy we will honor and continue,” said Jaso.

The new Chairman said he would miss his forerunner’s wit, wisdom and the fact that he is a non-lawyer (all three current Commissioners are attorneys).

A letter from Governor Christie called DeFilippis “a role model for public servants across the State by displaying dignity, integrity and fairness in all aspects of your work, and have set a standard of professionalism that will be difficult to parallel.”

Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s executive director, read a proclamation noting that DeFilippis “was a strong advocate for the agency and its mission of disclosure.”

## Executive Director's Thoughts

### Jeff Brindle

## ALASKA CASE COULD SPELL TROUBLE FOR CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

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An obscure legal challenge in the Land of the Midnight Sun may join a recent line of U.S. Supreme Court cases that have shaken up the status quo in campaign finance law.

The case is *Thompson v. Hebdon*. David Thompson and District 18 of the Alaska Republican Party are challenging a section of the state constitution imposing a \$500 cap on contributions to candidates, and a \$5,000 cap on donations to political parties.

Although a limit on contributions by out-of-state residents to candidates and political parties is drawing the most attention, restrictions on contributions made by in-state residents also will face scrutiny — and possible changes — if the case reaches the nation's highest court.

In addition to the caps, Alaska's law places various aggregate limits on the amount a candidate or a political party can collect from out-of-state individuals.

For example, a candidate for the state's House of Representatives can accept only \$3,000 in total contributions from non-residents of Alaska. Out-of-state individuals may contribute up to \$500 to a candidate, as long as the candidate has not reached the \$3,000 threshold.

The case dates to 2015, when David Thompson, a resident of Wisconsin, tried to donate \$500 to the campaign of his brother-in-law, state Rep. Wes Keller of Alaska.

Keller was unable to accept the contribution because he had already received the maximum in contributions from out-of-state donors. Thompson and District 18 of the Alaska Republican Party brought suit, challenging provisions of Alaska's campaign finance laws as violative of the First and 14th amendments.

Thompson and the state Republican Party sought a declaratory judgment that Alaska's provisions were unconstitutional, a permanent injunction stopping the state from enforcing the provisions, and court costs. The U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska denied those requests and found Alaska's campaign finance laws to be constitutional.

The case is now before the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, where the District Court's rulings are likely to be upheld.

If the case is then taken up by the U.S. Supreme Court, however, things may be different.

While *Thompson v. Hebdon* involves Alaskan campaign finance laws that apply to state and municipal elections, such state laws still must conform to the U.S. Constitution. If the Supreme Court justices suspect this isn't the case, they may decide to review the case.

Reform-minded organizations such as the Campaign Legal Center are concerned about the precedent the

Thompson's case could set. The group says if the judges accept Thompson's argument, it could be the beginning of the end for all contribution limits.

In a summary of the case, the Campaign Legal Center wrote: "Courts have long recognized that these laws are effective tools at preventing corruption and its appearance. If the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals adopts Thompson's proposed rigorous standard of review, contribution limits across the country will be opened up to new scrutiny and decades of settled law will be called into question."

The likelihood of the U.S. Supreme Court finding contribution limits unconstitutional is doubtful.

However, since 2006, the Supreme Court has issued rulings in six major cases involving campaign finance law. The most sweeping was *Citizens United v. FEC* in 2010, which permitted unlimited independent spending by corporations and unions.

If the court looks to some of these recent rulings, it may be tempted to intervene in the Alaskan case.

For instance, would it deem Alaska's annual contribution limits as unconstitutionally too low based on its 2006 decision in *Randall v. Sorrell*? In *Sorrell*, the justices held that Vermont's \$200 to \$400 contribution limits were "disproportionate to the public purposes they were enacted to advance."

The court also may look to its more recent decision, *McCutcheon v. FEC*, decided in 2014. That ruling struck down a law that limited the overall

amount an individual could give during each two-year election cycle to federal candidates, parties and political committees.

Even though Alaska's aggregate restrictions are imposed on candidates and parties, not donors, the case raises similar issues. If the high court looks to *McCutcheon* as its precedent, it could find Alaska's limits in violation of the First Amendment.

Certainly, it is not clear whether the case will make it to the Supreme Court. If it does, the court will again be dealing with interesting issues stemming from campaign finance law.

As for New Jersey's campaign finance law, the case does not seem to hold the potential for affecting state statutes.

New Jersey does not restrict donations from non-residents. Between 2009 and the present, about 10 percent of contributions to gubernatorial candidates came from people outside of New Jersey.

Moreover, New Jersey's contribution limits are high enough to fall under the reasonableness standard and are in no danger of being in violation of free speech rights under the Constitution. That is, unless the court makes an unexpected ruling that all limits are unconstitutional.

Nevertheless, this case from Alaska warrants serious attention because of its potential impact on campaign finance law.

## ELEC-Tronic Newsletter Reaches 100<sup>th</sup> Issue

By Joe Donohue

It has been more than eight years since the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) began publishing its monthly newsletter named ELEC-Tronic.

When Executive Director Jeff Brindle penned his first newsletter column in July 2009, he noted:

"The goal of the newsletter is to acquaint the State's residents with important information in the areas of campaign finance, gubernatorial public financing, lobbying, and pay-to-play."

The timing couldn't have been better.

Particularly in the area of campaign finance law, monumental events have taken place since that time, both nationally and in New Jersey:

- In its landmark January 2010 ruling *Citizens United v. FEC*, the US Supreme Court declared that corporations and unions could independently spend unlimited sums on elections. This intensified an upward trend for independent spending that began after the McCain-Feingold bill of 2002 banned national parties from accepting unlimited "soft money" contributions.
- A federal appeals court ruling later that year called *SpeechNow.org v. FEC* along with two advisory decisions by the Federal Election Commission

(FEC) led to the creation of federal Super PACs. Super PACs can accept unlimited contributions but must disclose them.

- In 2011, lobbying in New Jersey exploded to a record \$74 million.
- By 2012, non-party independent spending topped \$1 million in federal elections.
- In New Jersey alone, nearly \$39 million was spent independently on the 2013 gubernatorial and legislative elections. It was nearly double the amount of independent spending in all previous state elections dating back to 1977.
- In 2014, Governor Chris Christie signed legislation providing \$2 million for ELEC to overhaul its computer system and website.

ELEC-Tronic has sought to inform policy-makers, the media and the general public about these and other important developments in the fields of campaign finance and lobbying.

At the same time, the newsletter, which features regular columns by the Commission chair-person and the executive director, has been a vehicle for helping candidates and treasurers understand the laws that our 44-year-old agency carries out.

James Madison, one of our Founding Fathers, once commented:

"If men were angels, no government would be necessary."

But he also said the laws created by government to maintain order in a democracy must be as clear as possible to citizens.

“It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood.”

ELEC is committed to the principle of trying to keep its regulations as simple as possible and to work closely through its staff to help candidates, treasurers and lobbyists comprehend and follow the law.

In this regard, the newsletter regularly provides basic information about its rules for the regulated community and reminders of key deadlines.

It also has kept the public informed of Commission efforts to work with the Legislature to simplify key areas of the law, particularly those that govern contributions by public contractors. Both parties have pending legislation that would accomplish agency recommendations.

In his original column, Brindle explained that one important goal of the newsletter was to help build trust in the Commission and its staff.

One-hundred issues later, it hopefully has accomplished this mission.

## GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Position statements by six candidates for governor are now available for review on the website of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) and the New Jersey Division of Elections.

The statements are also posted on the websites of 21 county clerks.

Under the law, gubernatorial candidates in the general election can post statements up to 500 words about their candidacies to guide voters.

This year, Republican nominee Kimberly Guadagno, Democratic nominee Phil Murphy, Libertarian candidate Peter Rohrman, Green Party candidate Seth Kaper-Dale and independent candidates Gina Genovese and Vincent Ross all have submitted statements to ELEC.

These are available at [http://www.elec.state.nj.us/publicinformation/gub\\_candidate\\_statements2017.htm](http://www.elec.state.nj.us/publicinformation/gub_candidate_statements2017.htm).

The website of the state Division of Elections at <http://www.nj.gov/state/elections/election-information-archive-2017.html#general> also displays them.

The statements are available in English, Spanish, Korean and Gujarati.

Under legislation (A-4875/ S-1996) recommended by ELEC and the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey, hundreds of thousands of

dollars now will be saved each gubernatorial election year because the statements no longer are being printed on paper and mailed to voters. During the 2013 election, the printed statements and mailing costs totaled \$600,000. Governor Chris Christie signed the new law July 21, 2017.

“In the era of the Internet, it simply made no financial sense to keep mailing these statements out each year,” said Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director. “Moreover, the statements are now available to the voting public much sooner than in the past when the public would receive them just days before the election on the sample ballot.”

“I want to offer particular thanks to Hunterdon County Clerk Mary Melfi, who led the way in bringing about this important change,” Brindle said. “I would further like to thank Governor Christie for signing the legislation, and Assembly members Elizabeth Maher Muoio and Reed Gusciora (both D-15) and Senators Jeffrey Van Drew (D-1<sup>st</sup>) and James Beach (D-6<sup>th</sup>) for co-sponsoring bills in the Assembly and Senate, respectively.”

**KIM GUADAGNO - REPUBLICAN**

Before casting your ballot, ask yourself a few simple questions:

Are you or members of your family paying too much in property taxes, which are the highest in the country?

Is the government taking too much out of your paycheck without any noticeable difference in the services you receive, making living in New Jersey unaffordable?

Do you believe that state government should be audited to ensure that your tax dollars are being spent efficiently and wisely?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, I ask you to consider voting for me.

With the highest property taxes in the country, New Jersey has reached a breaking point. Too many of our friends, family and neighbors are struggling to put food on their table, losing their homes or even moving to other states. As a working mom who raised her three boys in New Jersey, I know we have to make our state more affordable for families, and I firmly believe the best way to do it is become more efficient and cut property taxes for the middle class.

My comprehensive property tax cut program will save middle class families and seniors up to \$3,000 a year on their property tax bills by capping school taxes at 5 percent of household income. This will give families certainty and ensure that no family has to move out-of-state because of high property taxes. If similar programs can work in states like Illinois and Massachusetts, it can work in New Jersey.

If elected governor, I will also root out waste and make government run more efficiently by conducting a detailed performance audit of all aspects of state government. This includes cancelling the unnecessary \$300 million renovation of the State House in Trenton. My priority will always be to put New Jersey families first.

As a former sheriff and prosecutor, I know we cannot make New Jersey a "Sanctuary State," which would only protect violent criminals and make our state less safe. As governor, I will always support law enforcement and first responders. This includes negotiating a fair deal to our state's pension crisis to secure the retirement of thousands of public workers.

Other candidates for governor like Phil Murphy, who spent his career on Wall Street, have proposed billions in additional state government spending and admitted he would increase taxes by at least \$1.3 billion to pay for it. New Jersey tried that kind of Wall Street approach once before under Jon Corzine, and it would only make our state less affordable and send more of our families and businesses fleeing New Jersey for other states.

This campaign is bigger than 'Republican' or 'Democrat.' It is about the future – not the past – and making our state better for all New Jerseyans. Instead of yelling and shouting at each other, it is time to put the hardworking taxpayers of New Jersey first so that we can once again make New Jersey an affordable place to live, work and raise a family.

**PHIL MURPHY - DEMOCRAT**

If we get our economy right, we get New Jersey right. Yet for eight painful years Chris Christie and Kim Guadagno have gotten it wrong. I am running for governor because New Jersey needs a stronger, fairer economy and I have a plan to get us there.

Let's start with the facts. Today, families in New Jersey are paying more and getting less. That is not by accident, nor is the rest of America in the same shape. While median household incomes across the country grew from 2010 to 2015 New Jersey families saw their incomes fall. People are working harder yet making less money; that is simply unacceptable.

Parkway and Turnpike tolls increased 50%. NJ Transit fares are up 36% while service, safety, and reliability declined. College tuition at state schools is approximately 20% higher than eight years ago. And property taxes have risen 17%.

We need to be very clear about something — it wasn't a question of whether our state had the money, it was a choice about how that money was used, such as giving out \$8 billion in corporate tax breaks, underfunding public schools by nearly \$9 billion. It's no coincidence that property taxes have gone up for middle and working class families while millionaires got tax cuts.

We've seen 11 straight credit rating downgrades, and our fiscal condition is the worst in the country. None of our problems have been solved. They've only gotten worse.

But I am an optimist, and we can put things right.

It starts by reclaiming our dominance in the innovation economy and investing in infrastructure to create new jobs at good wages. It's making college more affordable, and standing up for the right things, like funding Planned Parenthood and women's health programs.

It's property tax relief that starts by fully funding our public schools. It's asking the wealthiest New Jerseyans to pay their fair share, and revamping ineffective tax breaks that have only benefitted big corporations. It's ending the practice of overpriced hedge funds managing state pensions.

It's reforming our criminal justice system, including the legalization and taxation of marijuana to bring in hundreds of millions in new revenues.

It's creating an innovative Public Bank to invest in New Jersey's small businesses, not Wall Street's profit centers. It's equal pay and a stronger minimum wage. It's building a Green Economy with good jobs.

New Jersey needs bolder and more visionary leadership. This state is blessed with an unmatched location, a talented work force, and great institutions of learning. We need to put those to work instead of neglecting them.

I don't come from Trenton's failed special interest politics. And I don't owe the special interests anything. I spent my career learning how economies grow and create jobs.

We need to make New Jersey's economy stronger and fairer, to make this a state that works for every family. We need to move beyond small politics dominated by the special interests. We need a governor who will have your back. I will.

## **GINA GENOVESE - INDEPENDENT**

On November 7th you have an opportunity to cast a powerful vote for the future of New Jersey. My goal is to reduce property taxes across the state by at least 15% by 2022, which will return \$4 Billion to our economy and to the pockets of every New Jersey homeowner.

Should you take a risk and vote for an independent candidate? Perhaps a better question is, should you award your vote to either the Democrats or Republicans? Neither party has moved our state forward, particularly with regard to reducing our highest in the nation property taxes. A vote outside the two major parties is your chance to steer New Jersey in a new direction, turning our state away from insider politics and the fiscal disaster that big money, political machines and purchased elections have given us.

As the ONLY candidate who has served as a Mayor, I have seen Trenton's inaction and incompetence. As a result, I founded the non-partisan, non-profit Courage to Connect NJ. For ten years, as Executive Director, I have been a fierce and tireless advocate working with taxpayers, local and county officials, school boards and fire commissioners who have realized our current administration system is redundant, inefficient and far too costly. This inefficiency can only be addressed by consolidating municipalities and services. This is why I am running for Governor.

My work with Courage to Connect NJ has been challenging, largely because of the absence of any support from Trenton. I worked with a retired Scotch Plains resident who formed a commission to study the

consolidation of Scotch Plains with Fanwood. His three years of intensive effort, and his dream of reducing property taxes for residents of both municipalities, screeched to a halt when the State refused to fund the study.

I also worked with the visionary leaders in Princeton who, after an arduous effort, consolidated Princeton Borough and Princeton Township into a single entity, one that now saves its residents approximately \$3 million annually. Our state leadership has never acknowledged this success, much less built on it.

In South Hunterdon, I worked with the school boards to combine its four school districts into a single unified district, one that would better serve the faculty, parents and students. South Hunterdon's taxpayers were disappointed by the lack of leadership and support from Trenton and funded the study themselves.

I now work with the residents of Mt. Arlington and Roxbury, who are making history by studying the merger of their municipalities and school districts. Our state government will not provide \$7,500 for a consolidation study. This is shameful!

I am running for Governor to provide the missing state leadership to finally reduce our unbearable property tax burden and improve the quality of life or all of us who love New Jersey. We can make our state a great place to live, work and retire.

Voting for Independent Gina Genovese on November 7th can lead us to a sustainable future for you and New Jersey.

**SETH KAPER-DALE - GREEN**

Do you have a choice this November 7th? Yes!!

In New Jersey, the political bosses of both major parties eat from the same banquet table and only throw crumbs to the rest of us. We're left struggling to get by.

In sixteen years as a central Jersey pastor and social justice activist, I've launched and administered non-profit organizations running programs to improve lives. This work includes providing a) affordable housing for homeless veterans, young women aging out of foster homes and people exiting prison; b) mental health services; and c) after-school programs. Our work resettling refugees and defending immigrant rights gained notoriety in 2012, when my church provided sanctuary to nine Indonesians.

My running mate, Lisa Durden of Newark, is a film producer, social media presence and expert commentator. Essex County College fired her after she defended a Black Lives Matter event on national television. Lisa and I believe **our state is only as healthy as those with the least**. Everyone deserves the chance to thrive. **Our "Last Are First" platform creates a well-spring of opportunities surging up from below**, including:

- **Increased funding for affordable housing while combatting apartheid neighborhoods** to promote school de-segregation.
- **Reforming our criminal justice system to eliminate racial disparity** in policing and sentencing, ending mandatory minimums and **starting prisoner re-entry on Day One of a prison term**. The imprisoned should keep their right to vote. And prison labor must be paid decent wages!
- **Protecting the environment** by halting fossil fuel pipeline expansion and eliminating carbon emissions by 5% annually. We will **confront polluters harming poor communities. We'll promote renewable energy that will drive new jobs.**
- **Defending undocumented immigrants** in our communities **against the Trump policies of ethnic cleansing**. We will promote Sanctuary and extend drivers licenses to immigrants.
- Supporting **union organizing, the right to collective bargaining, equal pay for women, prevailing wages and a minimum wage of \$15/hour.**
- **Enacting Single-payer Medicare for All**. Healthcare is a right from cradle to grave! Eliminating the profit motive from healthcare **saves money**. This will **decrease property and rental taxes, lower college costs and help save state pensions.**
- Creating a **public bank** which will empower NJ to extend credit to **re-build our failing water and transportation infrastructure, halt residential foreclosures** and provide low-interest **student loans**.
- Ending corporate welfare and adding **new income tax brackets, so that those making millions significantly increase their contributions** for the common good.
- Legalizing **marijuana with a focus on job creation for communities confronting discrimination** including people with disabilities, transgender persons and urban youth.
- **Combating violence against women and children** and defending a woman's **right to control her own body.**

The Green Party's Seth Kaper-Dale and Lisa Durden are the **Only Progressives Running** for the statehouse. Make us **your choice** November 7; we will be **your voice** in Trenton.

Visit our campaign website:  
[www.KaperDaleForGovernor.com](http://www.KaperDaleForGovernor.com)

**PETER J. ROHRMAN -  
LIBERTARIAN**

LIBERTARIAN PHILOSOPHY: Freedom, Limited Government, Peace, Tolerance, and Free Markets

**YOU**

Excited for a virtual 3rd term of Corzine or Christie? How about 4 more years of failed policy? Clearly, there will be no change if you elect a Democrat or Republican. It's time for a real change. I'm here to give you the Libertarian choice.

**ME**

Born in Passaic. Raised in Carlstadt/E. Rutherford. Single father raising 2 boys in Bergen County. I'm struggling to make ends meet raising my family in NJ. I've spent a lifetime in service to you – U.S. Marine Corps Rifleman, Volunteer Firefighter, Youth Athletic Couch, and working with the youth of Newark implementing outreach educational programs. I ask you to allow me to serve you further by electing me, Peter J. Rohrman, as Governor.

**FISCAL DEMOCRACY**

The average NJ family is forced to pay approximately 30% of their income to the state, county, and municipal governments. My "Fiscal Democracy" plan will limit this to 10% and allow you, the individual, to choose which government programs your tax payments will fund. This moves the power of appropriations out of irresponsible legislators' hands, and places that power directly into yours. YOU WILL CHOOSE WHAT TO FUND OR DE-FUND. "Fiscal Democracy" will eliminate property tax, gas tax, sales tax, and even vehicle registration fees. "Fiscal Democracy" creates massive incentive for companies to re-locate to NJ and will eliminate

unemployment. More info:  
[www.Pete4NJ.com/tax-plan](http://www.Pete4NJ.com/tax-plan)

**SCHOOL CHOICE**

Your child's education shouldn't be dictated by your zipcode. I am advocating for voucher programs that will allow municipalities to cut their educational costs in half, improve their education, and give parents a choice of where their child attends school. We'll give local school boards the power to hand parents a check for their child's education. This could be as much as \$18,000 per child for tuition to attend a school that best meets your child's needs.

**WEAPONS**

The right to defend your person, property, and home is non-existent in NJ. A restraining order will do nothing to protect you from harm. Police are minutes away when seconds count in an assault or carjacking. On Inauguration Day, I will sign a mass pardon from most of NJ's draconian gun laws. We'll follow Vermont's lead, and revert to federal gun law only.

**MARIJUANA**

I oppose the "War on Drugs" as it prosecutes people with medical problems and endangers our police officers at the benefit of blustering politicians. As a first step in ending this war, I intend to legalize marijuana and refuse to inhibit its accessibility with government permits or additional taxes that would force it back underground.

**AGE OF MAJORITY**

I will also use executive power to reduce drinking, smoking, and gambling age in NJ to 18. If you are old enough to die for your country, you should be able to have a drink or play cards in Atlantic City.

Semper Fi,

**PETER J. ROHRMAN**

Libertarian for Governor

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[www.facebook.com/RohrmanForGovernor](http://www.facebook.com/RohrmanForGovernor)

**VINCENT ROSS - INDEPENDENT**

We The People of New Jersey need to be represented. As far as memory serve's The working People of New Jersey has not been represented by no Governor to Date. Our dollar value has gotten smaller, but our taxes and Fines AKA (which is another form of raising Taxe's) has gone up to the point of working poor: it's driving people to leave our wonderful state in droves and by the dozen's: I'm Looking to stop the bleeding and do what our constitution says; and represent the working Person of our state it's time we can not wait any longer. Vote Vincent Ross for Governor of the State of New Jersey and be apart of the representation This is Vincent Ross and I approve this message

## General 2017 Public Funds Disbursed As of September 28, 2017

Candidate Name	Date Received	Contributions Submitted
Kim Guadagno	July 28, 2017	\$708,144.00
Kim Guadagno	August 09, 2017	\$90,734.00
Kim Guadagno	August 24, 2017	\$89,800.00
Kim Guadagno	September 08, 2017	\$216,957.00
Kim Guadagno	September 14, 2017	\$129,687.00
Kim Guadagno	September 21, 2017	\$120,189.00
Kim Guadagno	September 28, 2017	\$157,486.00
<b>Total - Guadagno \$1,512,997</b>		
Candidate Name	Date Received	Contributions Submitted
Phil Murphy	July 19, 2017	\$1,174,939.00
Phil Murphy	July 28, 2017	\$667,132.00
Phil Murphy	August 09, 2017	\$725,456.00
Phil Murphy	August 24, 2017	\$718,836.00
Phil Murphy	September 08, 2017	\$765,690.00
Phil Murphy	September 14, 2017	\$415,942.00
Phil Murphy	September 21, 2017	\$519,238.00
Phil Murphy	September 28, 2017	\$559,832.00
<b>Total - Murphy \$5,547,065</b>		
<b>TOTAL - BOTH CANDIDATES: \$7,060,062</b>		

## Training Seminars

The seminars listed below will be held at the Offices of the Commission, located at 28 West State St., Trenton, NJ. Since space is limited, you must reserve a seat in order to attend. Please visit ELEC’s website at <http://www.elec.state.nj.us> for more information on training seminar registration.

<b>TREASURER TRAINING FOR CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES</b>	
Tuesday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 a.m.
<b>TREASURER TRAINING FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND PACS</b>	
Tuesday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> *	10:00 a.m.
<b>R-1 ELECTRONIC FILING SOFTWARE (REFS) TRAINING</b>	
Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.

## Lobbying Reporting Dates

INCLUSION DATES	ELEC DUE DATE	
<b>Lobbying Quarterly Filing</b>		
1st Quarter	1/1/17 – 3/31/17	4/10/17
2nd Quarter	4/1/17 – 6/30/17	7/10/17
3rd Quarter	7/1/17 – 9/30/17	10/10/17
4th Quarter	10/1/17 – 12/31/17	1/10/18

\*Updated 10.20.17

## Reporting Dates

ELECTION	48-HOUR START DATE	INCLUSION DATES	REPORT DUE DATE
<b>FIRE COMMISSIONER -2/18/2017</b>	2/5/2017- through 2/18/2017		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date		Inception of campaign* - 1/17/17	1/20/2017
11-day Preelection Reporting Date		1/18/17 - 2/4/17	2/7/2017
20-day Postelection Reporting Date		2/5/17 - 3/7/17	3/10/2017
<b>APRIL SCHOOL BOARD- 4/25/2017</b>	4/12/2017 through 4/25/2017		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date		Inception of campaign* - 3/24/17	3/27/2017
11-day Preelection Reporting Date		3/25/17 - 4/11/17	4/17/2017
20-day Postelection Reporting Date		4/12/17 - 5/12/17	5/15/2017
<b>MAY MUNICIPAL – 5/9/2017</b>	4/26/2017 through 5/9/2017		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date		Inception of campaign* - 4/7/17	4/10/2017
11-day Preelection Reporting Date		4/8/17 - 4/25/17	4/28/2017
20-day Postelection Reporting Date		4/26/17 - 5/26/17	5/30/2017
<b>RUNOFF (JUNE)**- 6/13/2017</b>	5/31/2017 through 6/13/2017		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date		No Report Required for this Period	
11-day Preelection Reporting Date		4/26/17 - 5/30/17	6/2/2017
20-day Postelection Reporting Date		5/31/17 - 6/30/17	7/3/2017
<b>PRIMARY (90 DAY START DATE: 3/8/2017)***</b>	5/24/2017 through 6/6/2017		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date		Inception of campaign* - 5/5/17	5/8/2017
11-day Preelection Reporting Date		5/6/17 - 5/23/17	5/26/2017
20-day Postelection Reporting Date		5/24/17 - 6/23/17	6/26/2017
<b>GENERAL (90 DAY START DATE: 8/9/2017)***</b>	10/25/2017 through 11/7/2017		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date		6/24/17 - 10/6/17	10/10/2017
11-day Preelection Reporting Date		10/7/17 - 10/24/17	10/27/2017
20-day Postelection Reporting Date		10/25/17 - 11/24/17	11/27/2017
<b>RUNOFF (DECEMBER)**- 12/5/2017</b>	11/22/2017 through 12/5/2017		
29-day Preelection Reporting Date		No Report Required for this Period	
11-day Preelection Reporting Date		10/25/17 - 11/21/17	11/24/2017
20-day Postelection Reporting Date		11/22/17 - 12/22/17	12/26/2017
<b>PACs, PCFRs &amp; CAMPAIGN QUARTERLY FILERS</b>			
1st Quarter		1/1/17 - 3/31/17	4/17/2017
2nd Quarter		4/1/17 - 6/30/17	7/17/2017
3rd Quarter		7/1/17 - 9/30/17	10/16/2017
4th Quarter		10/1/17 - 12/31/17	1/16/2018

\* Inception Date of Campaign (first time filers) or from January 1, 2017 (Quarterly filers).

\*\* A candidate committee or joint candidates' committee that is filing in a 2017 Runoff election is not required to file a 20-day postelection report for the corresponding prior election (May Municipal or General).

\*\*\* Form PFD-1 is due on April 13, 2017 for Primary Election Candidates and June 16, 2017 for Independent General Election Candidates.

Note: A fourth quarter 2016 filing is needed for Primary 2017 candidates if they started their campaign prior to December 8, 2016. A second quarter 2017 filing is needed by Independent/Non-Partisan General Election candidates if they started their campaign prior to May 10, 2017.

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