Comments from the Chairman
Eric H. Jaso

If you wait until the last minute to do something, it only takes one minute. -- Anonymous

During the year, and leading up to the November election, I have highlighted various provisions in the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act.

Here, I will discuss the 48-hour notice rule.

Besides the requirement for campaign treasurers to file reports 29 and 11 days before an election, filings are required when contributions are received or expenditures made immediately before an election.

A campaign that receives a contribution or a loan of more than $1,900 between the 13th day before an election and Election Day is required to report that contribution to the Commission within 48 hours.

The time period includes the 13th day prior to election and Election Day itself.

Filed on a Form C-1, the report must contain the following information:

1. the name of the candidate committee or joint candidates committee receiving the contribution;
2. the date the contribution was received;
3. the amount of the contribution;
4. the name and mailing address of the contributor; and,
5. in the case of an individual, his or her occupation and the mailing address of his or her employer.

Likewise, when an expenditure is made amounting to more than $1,900 by a candidate or joint candidates committee between the 13th day prior to an election and up to and including Election Day, the candidate committee must report the expenditure to the Commission within 48 hours.

The 48-hour notice rule applies to public questions as well.

Filed on a Form E-1, the following information is required:

1. the name of the candidates or joint candidates making the expenditure;
2. the name of the person, firm, or organization to whom or which the expenditure was paid; and,
3. the amount and purpose of the expenditure.

The C-1 and E-1 forms can be obtained on the Commission’s website at www.elec.nj.gov and must be electronically filed with the Commission.

New Jersey’s disclosure requirement during the days immediately before the election ensures the transparency of campaign financing – right up until the last minute.
Executive Director’s Thoughts
Jeff Brindle

Steps to Strengthen Political Parties Remain Necessary Despite Deep-Seated Distrust

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When a major campaign finance bill was introduced during the previous legislative session in 2019, it contained provisions that would have financially strengthened party organizations in New Jersey.

The bill’s main purpose was to require independent spending committees that often operate with little or no disclosure- so-called “dark money” groups- to abide by the same disclosure standards as candidates, parties and traditional political action committees.

The bill also contained a big boost for political party committees. It would have let them accept larger checks from political donors. Another section would have given county parties more influence over primary elections by freeing them to make unlimited transfers between their committees.

Both changes were dropped from the bill, which became law but was struck down by a federal judge because of other provisions he deemed unconstitutional.

ELEC continues to believe that disclosure by dark money groups and stronger political parties remain urgent priorities to help correct a major imbalance in the financing of New Jersey elections.

Party contribution limits have not been raised since 2005.

County-to-county transfers during primaries were banned as part of a 2004 reform package entitled “Restoring the Public Trust.”

Jersey elections had increased 12,495 percent to $52.4 million. During the same period, the collective spending of the “Big Six” and counties dropped 29 percent to $27.5 million.

As a result, independent groups in 2017 spent nearly twice as much as the 48 state and county party committees in New Jersey combined.

Spending on Gubernatorial and Legislative Elections

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Additional data shows “dark money” also is growing in New Jersey federal elections. In the 2018 congressional election, independent groups spent 600 percent more than the parties, $50 million to $8.1 million, respectively.

While legitimate concerns about past abuses involving party bossism and corruption spurred efforts to rein in party officials, the fact remains that political parties are more transparent and accountable than many of the independent groups that are flourishing in recent elections.

Letting these increasingly powerful and often secretive entities dominate elections may create even more potential for corruption.

Just ask citizens of Ohio.
A scandal involving $60 million in dark money erupted in Ohio over a year ago with a major federal indictment. So far, it has led to the indictment and ouster of the state’s House Speaker (though he insists he is not guilty), a utility paying $230 million in fines, guilty pleas by two individuals involved in the alleged conspiracy, an 162-count complaint filed by the state’s campaign finance agency, and multiple reform bills.

New Jersey shouldn’t wait for such a scandal to enact its own reforms.

Unfortunately, distrust of political parties is deeply ingrained and dates back hundreds of years.

This skepticism toward political parties can perhaps be traced to 17th century England and the reign of King Charles II.

As was characteristic of the Stuart Era in England (1603-1689), a dispute emerged regarding the Anglican faith as the official religion of England.

Thomas Osborne, principal minister to King Charles II and Earl of Derby, identified the King as favoring the Anglican cause. Osborne and his followers were opposed by Anthony Ashley Cooper, the First Earl of Shaftesbury. As a versatile politician, the Earl of Shaftesbury cooperated with the effort to restore the monarchy, but at the same time favored religious toleration.

Stuart Era historians point to the factions that emerged over this religious divide - the (royal) "court" and the “country" – as the first modern examples of political parties.

Despite the emergence of party loyalty, individuals belonging to each faction refused to call themselves a party because they feared it might foster disunity. Thus skepticism toward political parties began soon after their birth.

These factional differences became all the more apparent during the reign of Queen Anne (1702-1714). Though Anne attempted to remain above party strife, Peter Ackroyd, author of ‘Revolution’ quotes her saying “if I should be so unfortunate as to fall into the hands of either (Tory on Whig parties), I shall look upon myself . . . to be in reality their slave.”

Ackroyd, referring to Queen Anne, comments: “She disliked and distrusted the violent partisans on both sides.”

A few years later, this distrust of parties was advanced by satirist Jonathan Swift in Gullivers Travels, published in 1726. Swift wrote: “They (Tory and Whig) will neither eat nor drink, nor talk with each other.”

This early reluctance about party, as with many traditions and customs, was adopted by Americans.

President George Washington in his farewell address to the nation in 1796 said “the common and continual mischief of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of wise people to discourage and restrain it.”

Upon writing to Thomas Jefferson he said: “I was no party man myself, and the first wish of my heart was, if parties did exist, to reconcile them.”

In 1838, at the Young Men’s Lyceum in Springfield, Illinois, Abraham Lincoln said “party passion has helped us; but can do no more, it will in the future be our enemy.”

During the Progressive Era, reforms were enacted to blunt the influence of corrupt party machines. These reforms included government regulation of elections, voter registration, civil service, as well as constitutional amendments that gave women the vote and established direct election of U.S. Senators. Interestingly, the constitutional amendments had the support of the political parties of the day.

These reforms, while diminishing political parties, nevertheless were necessary at the time because they made parties more accountable and subject to statutory law. They did, however, help further instill skepticism toward parties in the public mind.

Further diminishment of political parties is no longer necessary and, in fact, may be counter-productive because of the emerging dominance of less accountable, less transparent “dark money” groups over the electoral process.

Political parties represent a broad coalition of people, organize government, and in this social media age of information overload they provide a guide to the individual voter who can look to the party label for help in understanding where candidates stand on the issues. On the other hand, independent groups provide no link to the candidates and therefore only contribute to overall confusion and lack of information on the part of voters.
Further, political parties disclose their financial activities, help to organize majorities in government and through so doing can bring compromise to an often-polarized governmental process.

There are numerous other reasons why modern-day political parties are good for government, not the least of which is that they get voters to the polls, something needed as voter turnout trends downward.

The Election Law Enforcement Commission has put forth the proposals for strengthening political parties and bringing transparency to independent groups involved in electioneering activity. It is hoped that the Legislature will consider the need to strengthen the parties as a way to further good government in New Jersey.

The recommendations include: remove parties from pay-to-play, include PACs under pay-to-play, disclosure by independent groups of contributions and expenditures in the context of electioneering, allow parties to participate in gubernatorial elections, increase contribution limits to parties, allow county to county transfers.

Former ELEC Commissioner Lynnan “Lynn” Ware has Passed

Lynn “Lynn” B. Ware, who served on the N.J. Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) from 1997 through 2002, died Sept. 5, 2021. She was 88.

A resident of Moorestown for 40 years, she was one of four ELEC commissioners from Southern New Jersey who served on the commission.

Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director, expressed the agency’s condolences to Ware’s survivors.

“On behalf of the Commission and staff, our thoughts and prayers go out to former Commissioner Ware’s family. Lynn Ware brought a practical approach toward her duties at ELEC, rooted in her experience in electoral politics and common sense. She will be missed.”

Frederick Herrmann, ELEC’s former Executive Director, also praised the former Commissioner.

"Lynn brought a strong political and community service background to her work at the Commission and served with great diligence and in a nonpartisan spirit," he said.

“Her fellow commissioners and the entire ELEC staff will long remember her husband Ridge and her, who were always supportive and kind to everyone, as special members of the Commission family,” he added.

Condolences may be left at www.Lewisfuneralhomemoorestown.com.

According to her obituary, Ware is survived by three sons, a brother and six grandchildren.

For 25 years the Wares owned a commercial real estate finance, sales and consulting business in Moorestown. Earlier, Ridge was president and she vice-president for the advisor to a real estate investment trust in Cherry Hill.

Mrs. Ware was an active volunteer for 35 years, including her service on ELEC; as a NJ State Republican Committee woman; as Chair of the Moorestown Zoning Board; and as a member of the Moorestown Planning Board.

She also was Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 7500; treasurer and director of Rotary Club of Moorestown; and chaired the Moorestown Community Calendar Committee for 13 years.

She was chosen 2001 Co-Citizen of the Year by the Inter-Service Clubs Council. Her favorite charitable activity was donating graphic art designs to non-profits and community groups.
Gubernatorial Candidate Statements

Position statements by five general election 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 also will be posted on the websites of 21 county clerks.

Under the law, gubernatorial candidates in the November 2 general election can post statements up to 500 words about their candidacies to guide voters. The statements are available in English, Spanish, Korean and Gujarati.

This year, statements have been submitted to ELEC by Democratic Governor and candidate Phil Murphy, Republican candidate Jack Ciattarelli, Libertarian Candidate Gregg Mele, Green Party of New Jersey candidate Madelyn Hoffman, and Socialist Workers Party candidate Joanne Kuniansky.

These are available at: https://www.elec.nj.gov/publicinformation/gub_candidate_statements2021.htm.

The website of the state Division of Elections also displays them at: https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/index.shtml.

PHILIP MURPHY DEMOCRAT

In New Jersey, we’re used to doing big things and facing the challenges that come our way. There’s no question that the last year has tested us in ways we never imagined. Our next big challenge is where we go from here.

The answer is to do what we do best — move forward. I know that together, we can build a stronger and fairer New Jersey that works for every family.

We have accomplished so much over the past three and a half years.

We raised the minimum wage so that working families don’t have to choose between keeping a roof over their heads or putting food on the table.

We made sure millionaires pay their fair share in taxes so the middle class gets a break.

We expanded pre-K, made historic investments in schools, and launched tuition-free community college to ensure that every child has access to the education they need for a lifetime of success.

We reduced the cost of health care, and we expanded paid family leave — workers can now take time off to care for a loved one in their time of need.

We restored funding for Planned Parenthood to protect women’s health and reproductive rights after eight years of willful neglect by the previous administration.

We took bold steps to address environmental injustice. We put New Jersey on a path to replace every lead service line in the state over the next ten years, ensuring all New Jerseyans have safe and clean drinking water.

We made New Jersey a model of pandemic response by investing hundreds of millions in small businesses, providing assistance for renters, homeowners, and landlords, and closing the digital divide for 231,000 students. We are a national leader in vaccination, and we know that public health creates economic health.

We put a new emphasis on restoring New Jersey’s dominance in the innovation economy by reinvesting in job training and supporting clean energy jobs, preparing our workforce for the future while protecting our environment and combating climate change.

We’ve done exactly what we said we would do from day one: fight to make New Jersey stronger and fairer for everyone.

Growing up in a working-class family, my parents instilled in me the value of public service and the importance of giving back. Their beliefs in working hard, having your neighbor’s back, and that we all do better when each of us does better guide me. But the main lesson I took away is how action and working together can change people’s lives for the better.

That’s why I decided to run for Governor, and why I’m running again. Our work isn’t finished — and we can’t go back to when New Jersey only worked for the wealthy and well-connected. We need to combat longstanding disparities that this pandemic has laid bare and ensure a strong, equitable recovery for everyone.

I hope to earn your vote so that we can move forward together and keep building on that progress.
JACK CIATTARELLI
REPUBLICAN

Today, New Jersey is #1 in all the WRONG things.

*Highest property taxes in the nation
*Worst business climate in the country
*More people moving out than any other state

In fact, the average New Jersey resident pays nearly $1 million in taxes over the course of their lifetime. No other state is even close.

Governor Murphy’s response to this mess was to arrogantly tell people that: "If tax rate is your issue...we're probably not your state."

Not your state? Who says that?! I will tell you who - an out-of-touch Wall Street banker from Goldman Sachs who doesn't get it and is too rich to care.

Unlike Phil Murphy, I was born and raised in New Jersey. Went to school here; earned my undergraduate degree and MBA from Seton Hall University; became a CPA; and built two successful Main Street businesses. Best of all, my wife Melinda and I raised our four children here, spending our summers down the Jersey Shore.

Now, I'm running to be your Governor with a plan to make New Jersey more affordable so that young people can get started here and retirees can afford to stay. My plan will make New Jersey attractive to business and entrepreneurs again, helping to create jobs and make us economically competitive with our neighbors. Last, but not least, I will proudly defend - NOT defund - our police while always standing with our brave men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line each day to keep us safe.

When you cast your vote this year, ask yourself one question: Are you better off after four years of Phil Murphy’s extreme policies?

New Jersey, we can do better. When I'm Governor, we will.

GREGG MELE
LIBERTARIAN

The overly burdensome government of New Jersey, from the Governor’s executive order power grab and its numerous and onerous departments, makes life in the Garden State unnecessarily oppressive. Nothing has been done in decades to reduce the massive tax burden on the citizens of this great state. We’ve tried with candidates from the two major parties. They are owned by special interests. Moreover, Ms. Brownstein asserts that the lockdown-style executive orders can be abused and are destined to leave minorities and the voiceless without a way to be heard. There is only one party and one slate for Governor and Lt. Governor, this November, that will be un-hypocritical in protecting the rights of women, minorities and the unheard in this state. Only one ticket is committed to reducing the tax burdens that drive young families and retirees out of the state, while maintaining a functioning executive office. The New Jersey Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in New Jersey. It is the only party that calls for the reduction in the size of government and in government spending and an end to the war on drugs. If you’re tired of not being heard by your state legislators and executive office and tired of carrying the yoke of an ever-increasing state budget and a constant grab of funds from your paycheck, vote Mele/Brownstein.

MADELYN HOFFMAN
GREEN PARTY OF NEW JERSEY

As the Green Party of New Jersey’s candidate for governor in 2021, I will take NO MONEY from Political Action Committees and no money from major corporations. I will be beholden to no one but the people of New Jersey!

I am running because there is NO TIME TO WAIT for the incrementalism of either the Democrats or the Republicans. Whether the issue is over-development, climate change gentrification or single-payer health care system (NOT the Affordable Health Care Act) granting all New Jersey residents access to quality health care, especially during the continued pandemic, or the expiration of the eviction moratorium or the termination of unemployment benefits, the state of New Jersey needs to take swift and decisive action to enact a real, ECO-SOCIALIST GREEN NEW DEAL. Hurricane IDA showed us how much New Jersey needs a Green New Deal. We don’t have time to wait until 2030 for 50% of New Jersey’s energy to come from renewable sources. We certainly don’t have time to wait until 2050 for 100% of New Jersey’s energy to come from renewable sources. It’s already too late!! We must stop granting permits NOW for oil and gas pipelines or power plants burning fossil fuels.

HEALTH CARE: Tweaking the Affordable Care Act is NOT a solution to this state’s and this country’s health care crisis. As Governor, I will advocate for a single-payer, improved and expanded Medicare for All. Recent experience during the pandemic showed how seriously flawed our healthcare system is when 14 million people nation-wide lost their health insurance coverage when they lost their jobs. No one should have to worry about being treated for whatever ailment they have, be it...
COVID-19, cancer, hypertension, diabetes and more. No one should have to worry that they can’t afford the medications or treatments needed to keep their illnesses at bay.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: The legalization of Cannabis was supposed to help address decades of discrimination through restorative justice, but has failed. No black, brown or women-owned companies have been granted licenses as dispensaries or cultivators. Instead, NJ favors a Canadian company. We need permission to home-grow in New Jersey and automatic expungement of possession violations. We need reparations and a defunding and demilitarization of the police. ICE needs to be abolished and current contracts ended NOW.

EDUCATION: We need to reverse the trend toward charter schools and concentrate on improving public schools. We must keep remote learning an option during these uncertain times, continue to teach Critical Race Theory and restructure funding for education. Let’s make college tuition-free and forgive student loan debt.

JOANNE S. KUNIANSKY SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

Joanne Kuniansky is a union fighter who has worked in oil refineries, railroads, meat packing. She currently is a Walmart deli-worker.

The Socialist Workers Party builds solidarity with today’s labor battles, from striking Alabama coalminers to Nabisco workers. Workers face defending themselves from bosses demanding we give up hard won gains. Kuniansky travelled to Alabama to join a miners’ support rally and got messages of support and contributions from her co-workers to their strike fund.

Unions must lead workers to get vaccinated and get back to work, putting us in the best position to fight bosses’ attacks and build solidarity with union struggles, fights against cop brutality.

With millions unemployed and rising inflation, unions need to fight for a federally funded public works program to put millions to work at union-scale wages building hospitals, schools, housing that workers need. Shorten the workweek with no cut in pay to stop layoffs! Cost-of-living clauses in every contract that raise pay and retirement benefits to offset every price rise!

Workers must break from the bosses’ Democratic and Republican parties and build a political party of our own, a labor party, based on our unions. The SWP aims to be part of building the leadership we need to unify all those exploited by the capitalist class and replace their rule with a workers and farmers government.

Deaths in the wake of Hurricane Ida are an indictment of capitalist rule and all the parties that defend it. Workers were swept away in their cars, drowned in basement apartments. Thousands left to fend for themselves, homeless and without power. The deadly lack of preparedness and belated government response turned a “natural” disaster into a social catastrophe.

The government in Cuba organizes workers and farmers to confront these deadly forces of nature with minimal loss of life. That is only possible because workers and farmers were organized by their communist leadership to make a socialist revolution – to take political power into their own hands and take control of the factories, land and banks from the capitalists, transforming themselves in the process. My campaign points to the necessity of working people in the U.S. emulating that example and building a party here that can lead millions to make a socialist revolution.

Along that road working people need to fight for the right of women to family planning, including safe and secure birth control and abortion, essential for winning women’s emancipation. Protest ongoing attacks on the right to choose abortion.

The working class needs our own foreign policy, we share common class interests with working people worldwide. We oppose all Washington’s wars and demand an immediate end to its embargo of Cuba and the sanctions it inflicts on the peoples of Iran, Venezuela and North Korea.

The SWP calls for unconditional recognition of Israel as a refuge for Jews. We urge unions to protest Jew hatred - a deadly danger to advancing the class interests and solidarity of all workers and toiling farmers.

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**A candidate committee or joint candidates committee that is filing in a 2021 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 April 15, 2021 for the Primary Election Candidates and June 21, 2021 for the Independent General Election Candidates.

Note: A fourth quarter 2020 filing is needed for the Primary 2021 candidates if they started their campaign prior to December 10, 2020.

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