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CIG Insider: 2013 Election Wrap-Up



CHRISTIE RE-ELECTED BY OVERWELMING MAJORITY, DEMOCRATS RETAIN CONTROL OF THE NJ LEGISLATURE

Republican **Governor Chris Christie** yesterday handily defeated Democrat challenger **Senator Barbara Buono** by a margin of 22 points, at 60 to 38 percent. Winning the majority of women and Hispanic voters and receiving strong support from African Americans and young voters, Christie's groundbreaking victory makes him a leading contender for President in 2016.

Despite losing at the top of the ticket, Democrats retained their comfortable control of the state Legislature, losing only one seat in the state Assembly in District 1 where Republican **Cumberland County Freeholder Sam Fiocchi** was elected to replace **Assemblyman Nelson Albano**. In Bergen County's 38th district, the Assembly race between incumbent Democrat **Assemblyman Tim Eustace** and Republican challenger **Joe Scarpa** remains too close to call, with provisional ballots now being counted. In the Senate, both parties successfully held their seats, which means the Democrats will keep its 24-16 margin in the new legislative session.



Freeholder Sam Fiocchi

MINIMUM WAGE BALLOT INITIATIVE PASSES OVERWHELMINGLY

New Jersey voters yesterday approved a constitutional amendment to raise the minimum wage by \$1.00, to \$8.25 an hour, with automatic increases tied to changes in the Consumer Price Index. While business coalitions engaged in a multi-million dollar campaign to defeat the measure, voters approved the ballot question by an overwhelming margin. The new increased wage will go

into effect on January 1, 2014, with annual adjustments occurring on September 1st of each year.

LEGISLATORS RETURN TO TRENTON FOR "LAME DUCK" SESSION, PRIETO TAPPED AS SPEAKER



Assemblyman Vincent
Prieto

Beginning what is referred to as its "lame duck" session, New Jersey legislators this week will return to Trenton for committee hearings and to announce new leadership changes. Democrats in the Assembly are expected to elect **Assemblyman Vincent Prieto** as the Speaker for the 2014th session, while **Senate President Steve Sweeney** is expected to continue his leadership in the Senate Democrat caucus. Republican legislators have not announced their intention to reorganize at this time.

CONGRESSMAN JON RUNYAN WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION IN 2014

Congressman Jon Runyan(R-3) has announced he will not seek re-election in 2014. "After a great deal of thought and discussions with my family, I have decided not to seek re-election in 2014," Runyan said in a statement. "Politics shouldn't be a career and I never intended to make it one. While it has truly been an honor to serve the people of New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District, at this stage in my life, and more importantly, the lives of my three children, spending time with them is my top priority."



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