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State House Happenings

NJ Democrats pick up seats to gain largest Assembly majority in 36 years

With the pick-up of three seats in key legislative districts, New Jersey Democrats now have the largest Assembly Majority caucus since 1979. The biggest upset was in Monmouth County's District 11, where Democratic challengers **Joann Downey** and **Eric Houghtaling** ousted Republican **Assemblywomen Mary Pat Angelini** and **Caroline Casagrande**.



The District 1 Democrats picked up an extra seat with **Bruce Land** beating incumbent Republican **Assemblyman Sam Fiocchi**. In perhaps the most closely watched race this year, incumbent **Assemblymen Vince Mazzeo (D)** and **Chris Brown**



(R) both held their seats, keeping it a split district. In another surprise, Republican **Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli** is the only declared winner in District 16 at this time. **Republican Assemblywoman Donna Simon** is trailing Democratic challenger **Andrew Zwicker** by only 29 votes, almost certainly triggering a recount in this



CIG/ODM IN THE NEWS



Last night, CIG SVP **Jeanette Hoffman** was a featured correspondent for NJTV's live election night coverage.

Sabeen Kalyan-Masih has joined Capital Impact Group as Director of Public Affairs. A former intern with CIG,



Sabeen went on to be awarded the Eagleton Governors Governors Fellowship, providing her the opportunity to join the Legislative Affairs Unit at the New Jersey Department of Human Services, where she

analyzed and monitored legislative proposals affecting a variety of healthcare issues in the state.



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district which includes Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex and Mercer Counties.

Legislature returns for Lame-Duck session

The Legislature will be back in the Statehouse on Monday, November 9th to begin what is known as "lame-duck" session - the period of time after the elections and before the start of the new legislative session. A number of important issues are on the table, including funding the Transportation Trust Fund with a possible gas tax hike, addressing "out-of-network" healthcare legislation, and assessing Horizon's controversial OMNIA tiered healthcare plan.



Assemblyman Speaker Prieto

also plans to hold a vote to override Governor Christie's controversial veto of a mental health related gun control measure. Last month, the Senate successfully voted to override one of the Governor's vetoes for the first time since he took office in 2010.

Movers and Shakers



Governor Christie recently nominated two new Cabinet members to his Administration. He named **Ford M. Scudder** as State Treasurer, to replace Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, who left the administration in July. Scudder was previously the Chief Operating Officer of Laffer

Associates, the macroeconomic research firm, and was also the Senior Research Analyst of Laffer Investments, a privately-held equity management firm.

Governor Christie also appointed **Richard T. Hammer** as Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, following the recent resignation of Jamie Fox. Hammer has been with NJDOT for 33 years and previously served as the Assistant Commissioner.



U.S. Representative **Donald Norcross** was appointed Assistant Whip by House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, a position rarely assumed by a first-term member of Congress.

The board at the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) has appointed **Stephen Dougherty** to Executive Director. Steve previously served as SJTA's Chief of staff.

Sarah Jones has left her position as District Director for U.S. Representative Donald M. Payne, Jr., to become the Director of Government Affairs at Cablevision.

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ODM Spotlight



The Christina Seix Academy

(CSA) is an independent, year-round, Pre-K to 8th grade school for underserved children founded in 2012 by Christina Seix. Mrs. Seix developed a highly successful career and eventually founded her own company in New Jersey, Seix Investment Advisors. The firm grew to become one of the leading investment managers in the financial industry. In 2004, she sold it to SunTrust Banks in Atlanta. The proceeds from the sale enabled the realization of her life-long dream - the founding of the Seix Academy.

The Seix Academy provides extraordinary young children a strong education, critical core values, and a safe environment, enabling them to become future leaders in their communities and beyond. A scholarship is awarded to every child entering the academy to cover tuition, books, school uniforms, meals, door to door transportation, as well as room and board for students that choose to board in 4th-8th grade. The scholarship is renewable yearly, until graduation.

For more information on the unique work done by CSA, visit their website [here](#).

Who We Are



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Linda Schwimmer was named President of New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute (NJHQI). She replaces **David Knowlton**, who recently retired.

Jeff Brown was named Director of Policy of Hospital Alliance of New Jersey. Brown was previously the Executive Director of the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute (NJHQI).

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