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SUBJECT: New Jersey November 2018 Election Results

On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, New Jersey voters went to the polls for congressional and local races, as well as one ballot question. Voters selected in this expensive race by a majority 53% for U.S. Senator Bob Menendez to 44% for Republican Bob Hugin.[1]

Other than ten special legislative elections, there were no State legislative races since New Jersey is in an "off year" election cycle.[2] The entire 80-member General Assembly will be up for election in November 2019. The Governor and 40-member Senate will not be up for election until November 2021.

New Jersey voters elected at least three more Democrats to Congress. Congressman MacArthur's race in the Third District remains too close to call with MacArthur currently holding a narrow lead of over 2,000 votes but thousands of vote by mail and provisional ballots have not yet been counted. As a result, Democrats will hold a majority in New Jersey by at least 10 to 1 in the Congressional delegation.

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[1] The percentages reflected in this memo are unofficial and in several instances do not include provisional or vote by mail numbers.

[2] The special elections in the Legislature were for those incumbent Democrat state legislators who were sworn in the Legislature after the statewide races last November 2017. None of those incumbent legislators faced significant opposition and, as a result, won the election for the remainder of their respective legislative terms. As expected, the election included victories for Senator Joseph Lagana (D-Bergen) who ascended to the New Jersey Senate after Bob Gordon was nominated to the Board of Public Utilities; Assemblyman Bill Spearman (D-Camden); Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D-Trenton); Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli (D-Mercer); Assemblywoman Linda Carter (D-Middlesex); Assemblyman Pedro Mejia (D-Bergen); Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake (D-Essex); Assemblyman Clinton Calabrese (D-Bergen); Assemblyman Christopher Tully (D-Bergen); and Assemblywoman Lisa Swain (D-Bergen). As a result, the Democrats will retain control of both houses in the Senate (24 to 16) and in the General Assembly (52 to 28).

There were several significant Congressional races:

- Second Congressional District (parts of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties) this is an open seat with the announcement by incumbent Republican Congressman **Frank LoBiondo** that he was retiring. LoBiondo had served in this district since 1995. Democratic State Senator and dentist Jeff Van Drew successfully ran against and defeated Republican candidate Seth Grossman by a 52% to 46% margin.

- Third Congressional District (parts of Burlington and Ocean Counties) Congressman Republican **Tom MacArthur,** newly elected in 2015, was challenged by Democrat and former Obama White House staffer Andy Kim. The race has not yet been called and with 99% of the votes recorded, MacArthur holds a narrow lead by 2,315 votes. MacArthur currently sits on the House Committee of Financial Services, and the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Investments.

- Fourth Congressional District (parts of Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties) seventeen-term incumbent Republican **Chris Smith**, defeated Josh Welle, a Democrat. Smith secured 56% of the vote to 43% for **Welle**. Smith serves as the Senior member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- Seventh Congressional District (parts of Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Warren and Union Counties) incumbent Republican Congressman **Leonard Lance,** who has held his seat since 2009, lost in a very close race to Democrat and former Diplomat and Assistant Secretary of State Tom Malinowski by a 50% to 48% margin.

- Eleventh Congressional District (Morris and parts of Essex, Passaic and Sussex Counties) twelve-term incumbent Republican **Rodney Frelinghuysen** announced his retirement. Democrat and former Navy helicopter pilot and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mikie Sherrill defeated Republican State Assemblyman Jay Webber by a 56% to 43% margin.

New Jersey voters also approved by a 52% to 48% majority a statewide ballot question which asked voters whether they want $500 million in general-obligation bonds to be issued to pay for the expansion of career-training facilities at both the high school and county college level, and to also fund improvements to K-12 school security and drinking-water systems across the state.

A few notable local races include:

Bergen County Democrats swept the county's constitutional offices, including County Executive James Tedesco and County Sheriff Anthony Cureton. The two Bergen Democratic Freeholders also defeated their Republican challengers and Democrats will retain control of the Freeholder Board.

In Essex County, incumbent County Executive Joe DiVincenzo won his race against his Republican challenger.

In Burlington County, according to unofficial results, Democrats Felicia Hopson and George Youngkin, who had suspended his campaign, defeated Republican incumbents Kate Gibbs and Linda Hughes in the race to determine control of the Freeholder Board where Republicans have held control for four decades. Former Freeholder and Democrat Joanne Schwartz will take over the County Clerk's Office after defeating Republican incumbent Tim Tyler.

Based on unofficial results, Democrats Shanel Robinson and Sara Sooy won two seats on the Somerset County Freeholder Board, defeating Republican incumbents Patrick Scaglione and Mark Caliguire which is the first time Democrats have been elected to the Board since the early 1980s. Republicans retain control of the Board with a 3-2 margin.

In Salem County, the Republicans regained control of the Freeholder Board and the Republican Sheriff was also re-elected.

The Democrats also swept in Passaic County, including Democratic Clerk candidate Danielle Ireland-Imhof has defeated Republican candidate Ron Fava.

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