



## MEMORANDUM

FROM: Riker Danzig LLP  
DATE: November 9, 2022  
SUBJECT: New Jersey November 2022 Election Results

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On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, New Jersey voters went to the polls for the 12 Congressional and two special State legislative races. More than 725,000 New Jerseyans voted before Election Day.

Other than two special legislative elections in Essex and Ocean Counties, there were no State legislative races since New Jersey is in an “off year” election cycle.<sup>1</sup> Essex County Democratic incumbent Senator **Renee Burgess** (D-Newark) and former Irvington Council President defeated her Republican challenger Joy Bembry-Freeman. Ocean County Republican incumbent Assemblyman **Alex Sauickie** (R-Ocean) and former Jackson Councilman defeated Democrat Paul Sarti. The entire 120-member Legislature will be up for election in November 2023.

In the wake of the election, the current 10-2 Democratic majority in the Congressional delegation, New Jersey will move to 9 to 3 in January if Republican Tom Kean maintains his lead and wins the seat in the Seventh District over Democratic Congressman Tom Malinowski.

There were a few significant contests in the Congressional races this year:

- In a race still too close to call, in the Seventh Congressional District (Hunterdon and Warren, parts of Essex, Morris, Somerset, and Union Counties), it appears that incumbent Democratic Congressman Tom Malinowski was narrowly defeated by former Republican State Senator and Senate Minority Leader **Tom Kean** who is leading Malinowski by a 52.3% to 47.7% margin or 13,678 votes with 95% of

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<sup>1</sup> As a result of the special elections, Senator Burgess and Assemblyman Sauickie won the election for the remainder of their respective legislative terms in the wake of the retirement of Senator Ron Rice and death of Assemblyman Ron Dancer. As a result, the Democrats will retain control of both houses in the Senate (24 to 16) and in the General Assembly (46 to 34).



the votes counted. Local press has called the race for Tom Kean. See attached biography of Tom Kean.

- In the Eighth District (Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties), Democrat attorney and Port Authority Commissioner, and son of U.S. Senator Bob Menendez, **Robert Menendez, Jr.** defeated Republican Marcos Arroyo by a 73% to 24% margin to serve in the seat occupied by Congressman Albio Sires who announced his retirement in December 2021. See attached biography of Rob Menendez.
- Third Congressional District (parts of Burlington and Ocean Counties) Democratic Congressman **Andy Kim** was challenged by Republican Bob Healey. Despite a late push by Healey, Kim defeated Healey by a 55% to 44% margin. Kim serves on the House Armed Services, House Small Business and the House Foreign Affairs Committees.

Other races included:

- First Congressional District (parts of Camden, Burlington & Gloucester Counties) Democratic incumbent **Donald Norcross** defeated Republican Claire Gustafson by a 62% to 35% margin. Norcross currently sits on the House Armed Services, Education & Labor, Science, Space and Technology Committees.
- Second Congressional District (parts of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties) incumbent Republican Congressman **Jeff Van Drew** defeated Democratic candidate Tim Alexander by a 61% to 38% margin. Van Drew currently serves on the House Homeland Security and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committees.
- Fourth Congressional District (parts of Monmouth and Ocean Counties) Republican Congressman **Chris Smith** defeated Democratic Matthew Jenkins by a 67% to 31% margin. Smith was elected to a twenty-second term and is on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.
- Fifth Congressional District (parts of Warren, Sussex, Passaic and Bergen Counties) incumbent Democrat **Josh Gottheimer**, defeated Republican Frank Pallotta. Gottheimer secured 54% of the vote to 45% for Pallotta. Gottheimer serves on the House Financial Services and Homeland Security Committees.
- Sixth Congressional District (parts of Middlesex and Monmouth Counties) Democratic Congressman **Frank Pallone** defeated Republican Susan Kiley by a 57% to 42% margin. Pallone currently sits on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.
- Ninth Congressional District (parts of Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties) Democratic Congressman **Bill Pascrell, Jr.** defeated Republican Billy Prempeh by a 54% to 44% margin. Pascrell serves on the House Ways and Means

Oversight Subcommittee.

- Tenth Congressional District (parts of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties) Democratic incumbent Congressman **Donald Payne, Jr.** defeated Republican David Pinckney by a 75% to 22% margin. Payne currently sits on the House Homeland Security and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees.
- In the Eleventh District (Essex, Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties), Democratic Congresswoman **Mikie Sherrill** defeated Republican Paul DeGroot by a 58% to 43%. Sherrill serves on the House Armed Services, the House Science, Space, and Technology and the House Education and Labor Committees.
- Twelfth Congressional District (parts of Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties), Democratic incumbent Congresswoman **Bonnie Watson Coleman** defeated her Republican challenger Darius Mayfield by a 60% to 39% margin. Watson Coleman currently sits on the House Appropriations & Homeland Security Committees.

Local races included the Trenton mayoral race, where incumbent Mayor **Reed Gusciora** faced challengers Council President Kathy McBride, West Ward Councilwoman Robin Vaughn and Trenton Housing Authority Commissioner Cherie Garrette. Votes are still being counted in the race that was complicated due to issues with the voting machines in Mercer County. The County indicated that poll workers would be on hand to walk voters through the manual voting process.

Bergen County Executive **James Tedesco** defeated his Republican challenger, Todd Caliguire. Tedesco has served in the role since 2014.

Essex County Executive Democrat **Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr.** also handily defeated his Republican challenger, Adam Kraemer. DiVincenzo has held the post since 2002.

Five-term State Senator **Michael Doherty** (R-Warren) successfully ran for Warren County Surrogate and defeated his Democratic and Independent challengers, Maureen McCabe and John Massaro for a five-year term. Doherty announced his retirement from the State Senate in September 2022. Former Republican State Committee Chairman Doug Steinhardt announced that he would run in a special election convention for the vacated Senate seat within one to five weeks of Doherty taking office. The special election is anticipated in mid-December. The special election will allow Steinhardt to serve the remainder of Doherty's term and he has already indicated that he intends to run for a new four-year term in the Senate starting January 2024.

## Meet Tom



Tom's allegiance to public service has been inspired by the proud heritage of the Kean family. The grandson of former U.S. Representative Robert Kean and son of former Governor Thomas H. Kean, Sr., Tom is continuing a legacy of dedicated public service to New Jersey. From a young age, Tom understood and recognized the importance of civic engagement. As a student and young adult, he volunteered at a camp for diabetic children and also taught Sunday school at his church.

While studying history at Dartmouth College, Tom was motivated to broaden his understanding of the world and the international political economy. Dartmouth's Exchange Program granted the opportunity to transform classroom learning into practical experience. In 1988, Tom traveled to Budapest, Hungary, and the Soviet Union for four months. Through his expedition of Eastern Europe, he received an extraordinary firsthand perspective of the repercussions of government operating insufficiently by attempting to command and dictate the economy. Months after returning to the United States, the Berlin Wall was torn down. Tom embarked on his career in public service after graduating from university, when he received an appointment from President George H.W. Bush to work in the Environmental Protection Agency, where he met his wife, Rhonda. Following the Bush administration, he had the opportunity to serve in Congressman Bob Franks' office in Washington, DC. His core responsibility was to advise the congressman on commerce, energy resources, environmental and foreign affairs issues. In addition to his professional duties in Washington, DC, he was a vice president of a fire department where he volunteered as a firefighter and an emergency medical technician.

Following his time in America's capital, he attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. There, he received a master's degree in law and diplomacy, and was also employed as a graduate school instructor. Tom completed his doctoral studies ABD at Fletcher. Tom, determined to answer the call to public service again, believed he, personally, could turn ideas into action and make a lasting difference on people's lives. In 2001, Tom was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly, where he quickly developed a reputation as a leader in ethics reform. Two years later, Tom was named to the upper house of the state legislature.

Tom was nominated and selected for the inaugural class of the Rodel Fellowship program by The Aspen Institute, where he finished a fellowship program for young public officials focused on ethics and responsibilities of public leadership. In 2002, Tom was named one of only 40 state leaders from the entire nation to be recognized as a Toll Fellow by the Council of State Governments for high achievement and service to state government.

Then in 2008, his peers unanimously elected him Senate Republican Leader. Shortly thereafter, he unveiled his caucus' job creation package, "Common-Sense Plan for a More Affordable New Jersey," which ultimately reversed the course that previous administrations were quickly leading the state down. The package brings New Jersey back to the basics and is based on the following four pillars:

- Spending that reflects your priorities
- Better ways to govern
- Long-term strategies for an affordable state
- Growing our way to a better future

Tom served on the Senate Higher Education, Senate Commerce and Legislative Oversight committees. He was also the Senate appointee to the New Jersey Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Israel Commission and the New Jersey Amistad Commission. Additionally, Tom is an Honorary Member of the Board of Trustees of the Paper Mill Playhouse and the New Jersey Festival Orchestra. Tom, Rhonda and their two daughters reside in Westfield.

## Meet Rob



Rob Menendez was born and raised in Hudson County. He is running for Congress to represent this diverse district and the common values we share in our communities – respect and tolerance, hard work, New Jersey common sense and the unshakable idea that everyone should have the opportunity and tools to succeed.

Strengthening families is at the core of Rob’s purpose for running because he understands the pressures and challenges families face in these difficult times. Rob is running to create solutions to those challenges to make today better and tomorrow a place where we can all thrive and reach our full potential.

The grandson of brave Cuban immigrants and proud, hardworking Union members, the son of a dedicated public school educator and a trailblazing political leader, Rob grew up valuing public service that drives positive change in our communities. He was raised to believe in the importance of giving back and taking care of our neighbors.

Today, Rob is raising his family in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty and continues to take to heart all she represents- the welcoming place where the American journey begins and the promise of an America that works for everyone. These ideals guide Rob and they guide this campaign.

Rob is counsel at the national law firm Lowenstein Sandler where he uses his legal training to help clients grow their businesses, advising on a wide breadth of legal and regulatory issues. Rob has leveraged this experience by serving as outside counsel to a wide range of companies -many of which are led by traditionally underrepresented founders and executives – enabling them to drive American innovation and bring sustainable growth to a new generation of entrepreneurs and the communities they represent. Rob has extensive pro bono experience, including a case to advance voting rights, a cause he will champion in Congress.

In addition to his legal practice, Rob serves as a Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and as a Trustee of The Hudson School in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Rob earned an undergraduate degree from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School. He and his wife, young daughter, and son live in the Lafayette neighborhood of Jersey City.