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### **DEMOCRATS GO FOR MUD IN FIRST LD11 CAMPAIGN MAILER**

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP, N.J.** – Democrats are getting down and dirty early in the 11th Legislative District with a new attack mailer aimed at GOP newcomers Mike Amoroso and Matt Woolley.

Sent this week, the mailer attempts to depict the two Republican challengers as backed by “the Trenton GOP machine.” It was paid for by The General Majority PAC, a super PAC with ties to South Jersey Democratic powerbroker George Norcross.

“The irony is just how misleading it really is,” said Woolley, an Ocean Township resident. “Mike and I are running a local, grassroots campaign, but our opponents are backed by the biggest, most infamous state political machine today.”

The General Majority PAC spent over \$8.6 million on behalf of Democratic candidates in the 2017 legislative races, according to the state Election Law Enforcement Commission.

Amoroso and Woolley are hoping to unseat two-term Assembly members Eric Houghtaling and Joann Downey in what is expected to be a low-turnout election with the Assembly on the top of the ticket.

“Eric and Joann haven’t said much of anything so far,” continued Woolley. “It’s like they’re already being drowned out in their own re-election campaign by more powerful players within their party.”

Woolley said the attacks were a localization of national issues in state legislative races and suggested the mailer was political cover for controversial votes Houghtaling and Downey made in the legislature.

He pointed to a vote the two Democrats supported to block an amendment that would require groups like Planned Parenthood to disclose how it spent a \$7.45 million taxpayer-funded subsidy.

The group spent over \$3.5 million on political lobbying and more than \$120,000 on advertising, phone banks, and other campaign-related support in 2017.

“Women are cheated out of the health care they deserve if politicians just dole out money to politically active third-party groups without any accountability,” said Woolley. “I think you’d be hard-pressed to find anyone against funding women’s health care in New Jersey today. These are just scare tactics.”

Amoroso said the attacks also failed to mention that Houghtaling and Downey voted for a \$65 million school funding cut in 10 school districts they represent, including over \$25 million from Freehold Regional School District.

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