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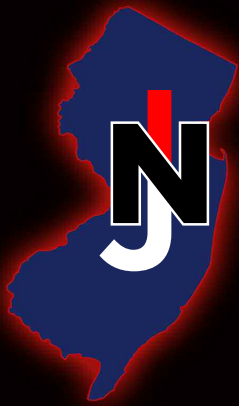
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“I’M GOING TO GO JERSEY”

When someone says “I’m going to go Jersey” on someone, you don’t think of policy. In fact, you usually don’t think of New Jersey and policy in the same sentence. Or the same state.

Maybe that’s why the state’s a wreck.

But each year we like to recognize those (mostly) lonely souls actually trying to do something for the state, and so here, humbly, is our 2020 Policymakers List.

If you’re looking for a narrative in these pages (and won’t the world be a better place when we dispense with narratives and actually

reacquaint ourselves with reality?), obviously COVID-19 stands in stark relief, and we’d imagine at least one of those key people on that battle-front doesn’t need an introduction. But we considered other areas as well, paying particular heed in these times to legislative reforms targeting law enforcement, the Garden State economy, and marijuana.

In the words of one source:

“Where have you gone, Fred Caraballo? West State Street turns its lonely eyes to you. Gone are the days of Lance, Watson Coleman, MacInnes, Bagger, Bob Gordon,

Roberts and Doria. That said, I'll nominate the entire Black Caucus for seizing the moment and making sure NJ's all Irish white male power structure is advancing racial justice issues. Credit IMO mostly to Singleton, Timberlake, & McKnight."

We agree with that assessment, and credit state Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-28) – chairman of the caucus – as a key policy driver. Rice's work touches nearly every key area of concern, as he leads New Jersey as the state's prime advocate for marijuana decriminalization and police reforms to minimize or eliminate instances of police brutality.

There are others out there diligently doing substantive work, and if their names don't appear here, hopefully we can double back and identify them next year. God willing, too, we'll be in a better position than we are now, no doubt defined by crisis, because nothing ever changes that in New Jersey, but not additionally beset by a pandemic.

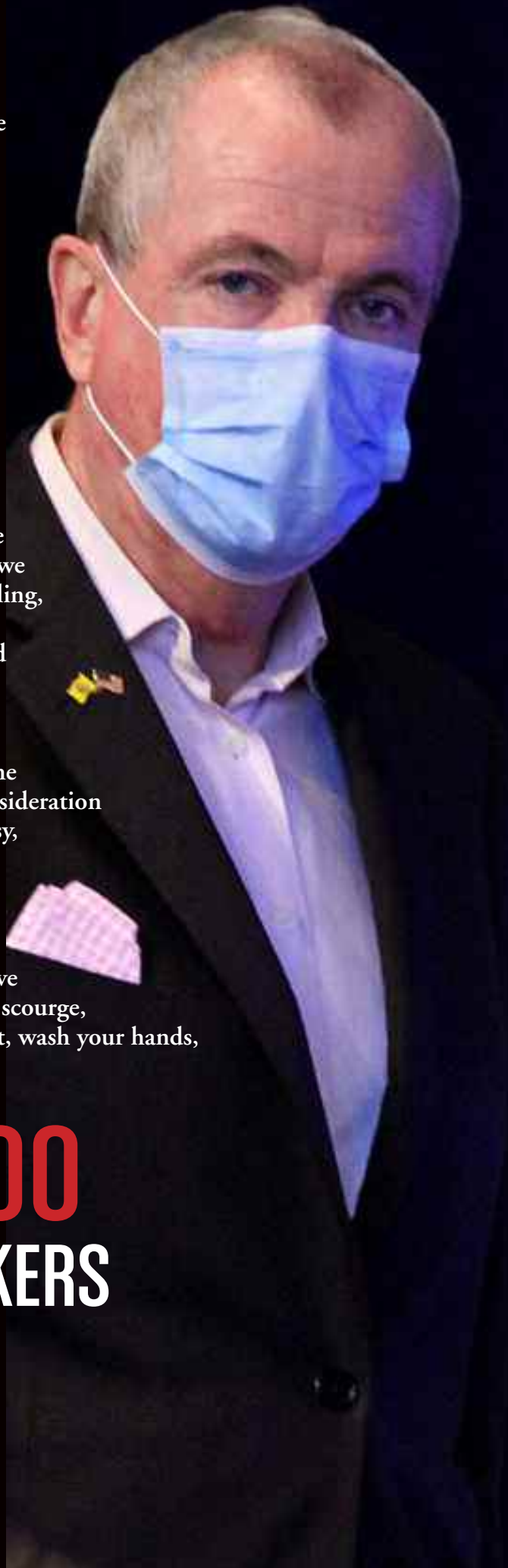
If this list gets you, even for just one day, to reassess the meaning of "going Jersey" and perhaps prompts a consideration of those residents among us who actually resist the easy, thoughtless tweet of anger or the emotional explosion and instead prioritize policy, then it will have served some useful purpose.

Herein find some of those fine New Jerseyans who have distinguished themselves in the midst of this dreadful scourge, reflect on the purpose of their work, mask up, dammit, wash your hands, and we'll see you on the other side of no man's land!

Max Pizarro

–Max Pizarro
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1 GLENN OSBORNE

An Army vet who heads the resident council at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park, Osborne put himself at risk in his own home when he highlighted the long-term care facility's lethal mismanagement of the COVID-19 crisis. A key driver in the development of policy to protect a coming wave of senior veterans, this was one old soldier who refused to fade away. Osborne said he lost more friends to the coronavirus this year than he did to combat. "I have lost more than half the residents in this facility alone," Osborne told lawmakers. "In mid-March, there were 309 residents [at the veterans home]. Now there are only 167 residents left. Officially there are a recorded 62 COVID deaths. The numbers do not add up. There were simply too many residents who died too fast. Many residents were written off as having died of pneumonia without having been tested. Many of these deaths were absolutely avoidable, in my humble opinion. In March, I asked the CEO whether there was any strategy to combat COVID. He received word that there was no need to be concerned, even as staff members did not wear PPE (personal protective equipment). I saw such hypocrisy at many levels," Osborne said. "We feel we are neglected here by the administration. I will never waver in my duty to my residents."





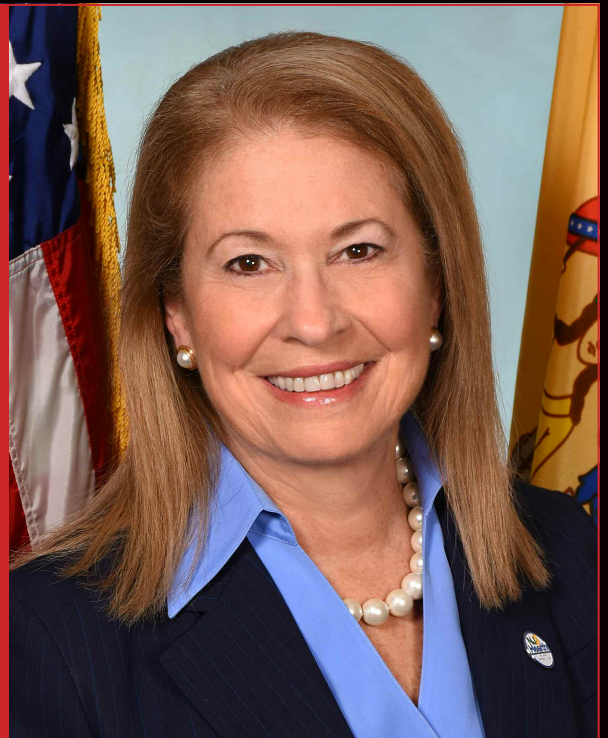
2 KEVIN DRENNAN

Get this. The leader of the Senate Democrats under Senate President Sweeney actually reads! As in, books. In fact, he recently knocked off the massive *The Powerbroker* in addition to shouldering his routine policy duties.



3 JUDITH PERSICHILLI

A nurse by trade, New Jersey's Commissioner of Health occupied the frontline of the COVID-19 crisis and throughout provided the state with a grounded and focused presence, convincingly handling every policy question at the briefings.





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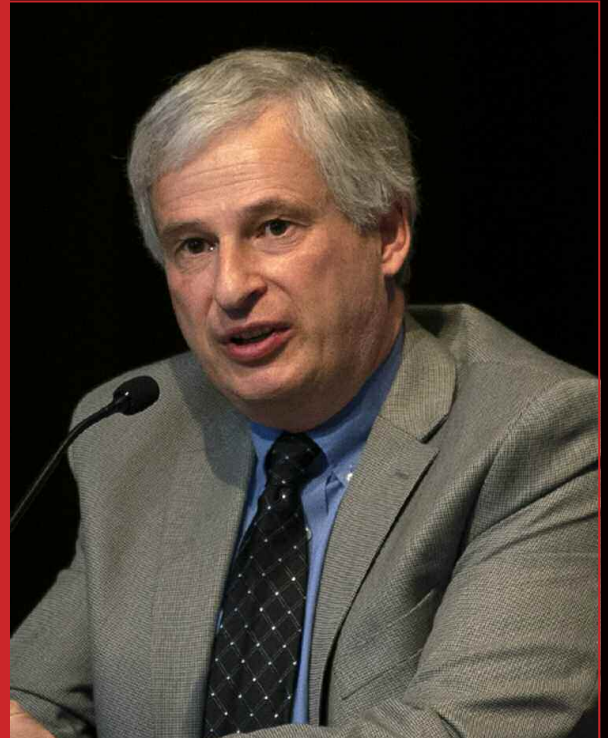
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4^{ED} LIFSHIFTZ

The private practice Rutgers University veteran serves as medical director of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Communicable Disease Service, a critical forward position player during the COVID-19 crisis.



5 GURBIR GREWAL

Among the busiest cabinet members in the administration of Governor Phil Murphy, the Attorney General for the State of New Jersey had his hands full routinely suing the Trump Administration. His name circulates as a potential replacement for U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) if New Jersey's junior senator heads to a Biden Administration.





6 CRISTINA TAN

The state's resident epidemiologist deserves an award for having to sit there and listen to Governor Murphy anoint Judy Persichilli as "the woman who needs no introduction," but like Persichilli, she's been critical on the frontline of the COVID-19 crisis.

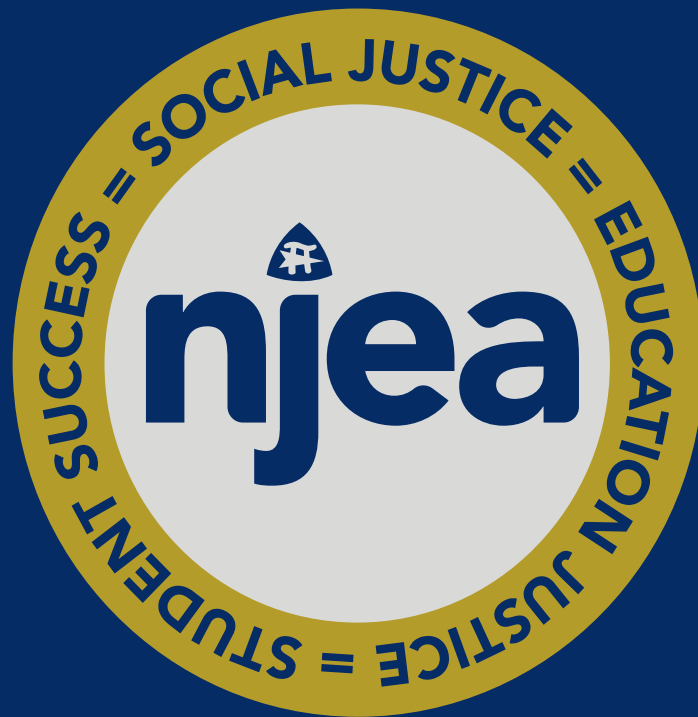


7 GEORGE HELMY

Governor Phil Murphy's chief of staff could thump his chest after the front office came to an agreement with legislative leadership to back Murphy's long-sought-after millionaire's tax, Sweeney softened by the COVID-19 crisis.



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8 SHIRLEY TILGHMAN

The Princeton Professor and former University President co-chairs Governor Phil Murphy's Restart and Recovery Commission.



9 JOE KRAKORA

The head of the state Office of the Public Defender has been stellar on moving important criminal justice reforms, clearly a hot topic of the day, by the reckoning of one frontline Trenton insider.





10 RONALD L. RICE

The veteran state Senator from Newark is in the midst of a monster run as the public advocate for the decriminalization of marijuana and law enforcement reform to meet the demands of the national anti-police brutality movement.



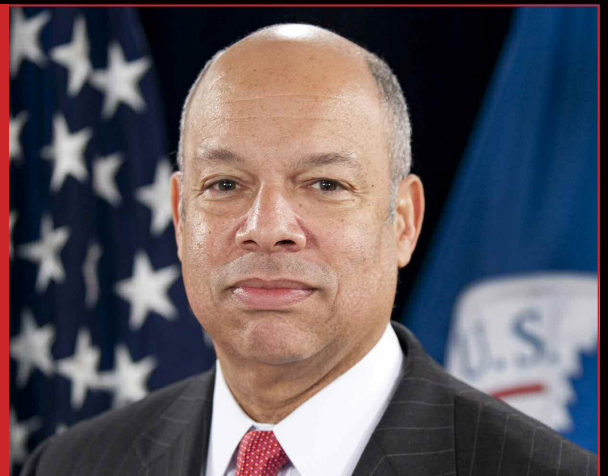
11 NATASHA ROGERS

The first COO of the largest city in New Jersey – Newark – the New Jersey New Leaders Council alum has a background in law, finance, and engineering, having joined local government at the request of Mayor Ras Baraka.



12 JEH JOHNSON

The former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and Partner at the law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP serves on the Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission.





13 JEFF BRINDLE

As Executive Director of the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), Brindle spearheaded the enforcement agency's reduction of outstanding cases and sped up enforcement efforts. A white paper beast.



14 PARIMAL GARG

The Deputy Chief Counsel for Governor Murphy stands in line to serve as his Chief Counsel with the departure of Matt Platkin. Formerly the Senior Policy Advisor during the 2017 gubernatorial campaign, Garg helped formulate the campaign's substantive positions. Prior to joining the campaign in August 2016, he clerked for New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice Stuart Rabner, and previously worked as an attorney at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in Washington, DC.



15 TERESA RUIZ

The Newark-based state Senator from LD29 – chair of the Education Committee – is driving a key bill that would enable local municipalities to require police officers and fire fighters to live in the towns they serve for at least five years.





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16 SUE ALTMAN

For progressive issues, and a shrewd political operator intent on advancing the CD2 candidacy of Democratic Party challenger Amy Kennedy.



17 KEVIN KELLEHER

The Deputy Executive Director of the New Jersey Education Association proved critical to the deal for the new health insurance plan in the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (*SEHBP*).



18 RYAN PETERS

The combat veteran, a former Navy SEAL, is one of the Legislature's most knowledgeable elected officials on veterans' affairs, and appears poised to relieve State Senator Dawn Addiego (D-8) of her seat next year.





19 MARK MAGYAR

The Steve Sweeney policy nerd remains the gold standard for Trenton policymakers; the kind of guy who prowls the halls of the Statehouse in seeming disconnectedness from reality – only to suddenly sit down and reel off a brilliant policy piece.



20 ROB ASARO- ANGELO

The commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development fought through criticism over his department's handling of massive unemployment claims at the height of the COVID-19 crisis, but had the public support of Governor Murphy.



21 STEVE ADUBATO

The host of State of Affairs on NJTV remains one of the most keyed-in policy minds in the state. A former member of the General Assembly, Adubato usually has more policy footing than his routinely well-prepared guests. The semi-retirement of veteran Michael Aron puts Adubato even more in-demand as a veteran television journalist of real substance.





22 NELLIE POU

The veteran senator from Passaic County exerted key influence in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis to introduce S2519, which creates a public health emergency credit expediting release for people in prisons who are due to complete their sentences within a year.



23 ZAKIYA SMITH-ELLIS

The Chief Policy Advisor to Governor Murphy – formerly New Jersey’s Secretary of Higher Education – develops and directs the Governor’s policy initiatives in coordination with the Cabinet.



24 KATE McDONNELL

The highly valued Deputy Chief Counsel for Governor Murphy served as General Counsel to the Assembly Majority Office for eight years, and before that worked as Associate General Counsel in the Majority Office.



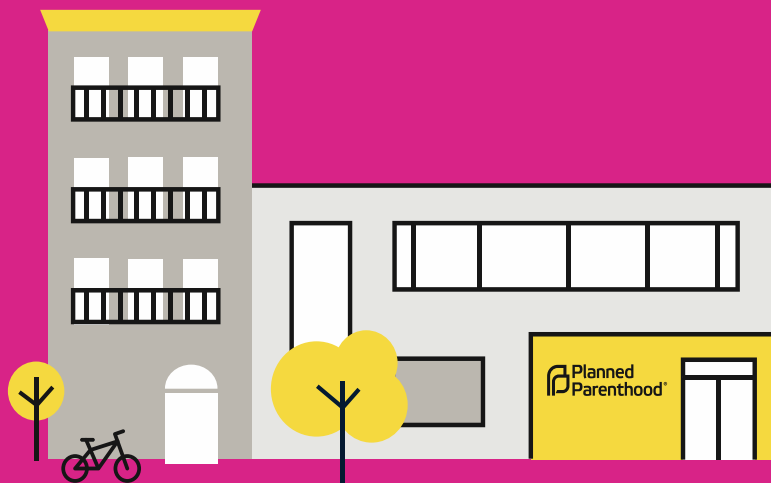


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25 GORDON MACINNES

A former state senator, the Senior Distinguished *Fellow* for the New Jersey Policy Perspective, who served as President of the organization from 2012 to 2018, specializes in state finances, sound investments in economic assets, education and immigration.



26 RAY LESNIAK

The former state senator from Elizabeth continues to command an influential perch as the namesake of the Lesniak Institute at Kean University.



27 MICHELE SIEKERKA

The President of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association serves the state's private sector employee and business sector base.





28 SKIP CIMINO

The Executive Director of the Assembly Majority Office knows where the policy bodies are buried, a key step up from the usual New Jersey expertise in Trenton.



29 JENNIFER TAYLOR

The lead Democratic aide for the Assembly Appropriations Committee is New Jersey's go-to person for all budget-related issues in Trenton.



30 STEVEN PERSKIE

The former Superior Court Judge – and former state Senator and architect of the law that allowed casinos, serves as adviser on policy to Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small.





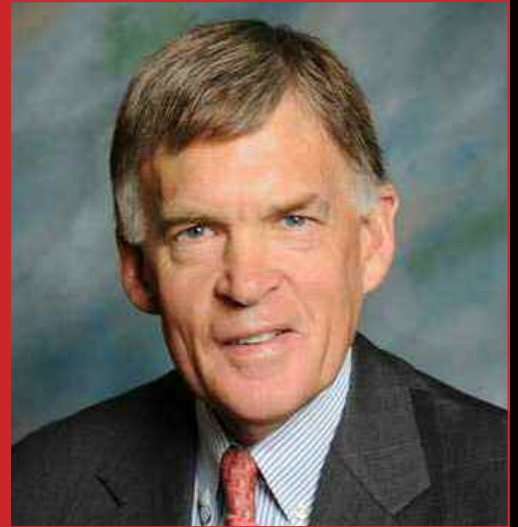
31 JOE FIORDALISO

The President of the Board of Public Utilities had a contender for line of the year when he said in the aftermath of Hurricane Isaias, “New Jersey got literally whacked.”



32 TOM BRACKEN

The President and CEO of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce has an edge on so many in this business, by virtue of welding knowledge with class.



33 LIZ MUOIO

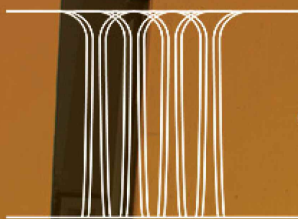
New Jersey’s Treasurer served as an LD15 assemblywoman from Pennington prior to going to the Murphy Administration.



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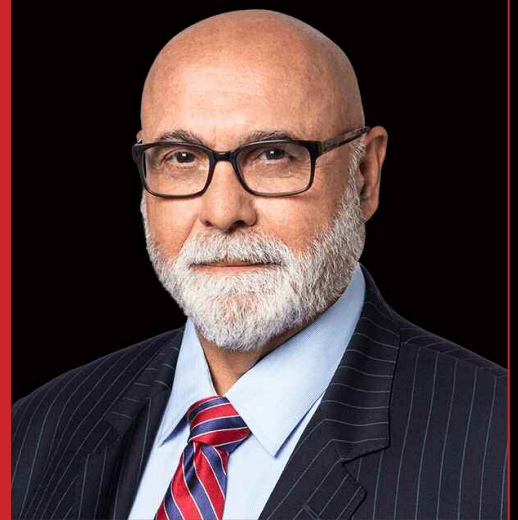


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34 ANGELO GENOVA

The state's foremost election law attorney, look for the veteran legal mind to engage as the crisis of the current elections intensify.



35 JEFF TITTEL

The Director of the New Jersey Sierra Club has more understanding than anyone about the environmental issues impacting New Jersey – and talk about them more exhaustively than anyone.



36 PATRICK BRENNAN

Senior Fiscal Analyst at the New Jersey Office of Legislative Services, Brennan has particular expertise in transportation policy and labor market analysis.





37 JOHN REITMEYER

The veteran reporter for NJ Spotlight is the state's fourth estate expert on all New Jersey budget issues.



38 KEN FRAZIER

The Chief Executive Officer of Merck and Co., Inc. co-chairs Governor Phil Murphy's Restart and Recovery Commission.



39 JANE COHEN

Governor Phil Murphy's Senior Policy Advisor has her roots in government, international affairs and humans rights, with expert focal points in energy, environment and climate policy, international relations, and investigative research. Proficient in Mandarin Chinese and French.





40 DIANE GUTTIERREZ SCACCETTI

Insiders regard Governor Murphy's Transportation Commissioner as one of his best and most knowledgeable picks.



41 BRANDON MCKOY

The *President and chief executive* of NJPP has emerged as the state's leading millennial voice in the shaping of progressive policy. NJPP is a go-to policy shop for the Murphy Administration, often standing alongside him during key policy initiative announcements..



42 JOE DORIA

Along with state senator Bernard "Bernie" Kenny, the former Speaker, former Department of Community Affairs Commissioner, and former Mayor of Bayonne is Hudson's leading intellectual light on policy matters.



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43 RYAN HAYGOOD

The president and CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (the “Institute”) seeks the empowerment of at-risk urban communities.



44 STACI BERGER

President and CEO of the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, matches her policy cred with real political leadership in her home county of Middlesex.



45 HETTY ROSENSTEIN

The New Jersey Director of the Communications Workers of America occupies the forward position in all state-level negotiations of public worker pensions and benefits.





46 SEAN SPILLER

The Vice President of the powerful New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) this year added Mayor of Montclair to his considerable body of political and government work.



47 PAT CALLAHAN

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis to this point and presumably into the future, the 14th Colonel of the New Jersey State Police serves as the governor's reference point for the implementation of all state police duties.



48 TIM SULLIVAN

The Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) comes from New York, where he served as Chief of Staff to the New York City Deputy Mayor for Economic Development.





49 ALISON ACCETTOLA

The Sweeney inner chamber policymaker was the brain behind criminal justice reforms, resentencing, prison credit, and now cannabis.



50 TAI COOPER

The Senior Vice President for Policy & Communications at the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) cut her teeth in Lautenberg world before getting grounded in local government in Orange and Newark respectively.



51 DENA MOTTOLA JABORSKA

The Associate Director of New Jersey Citizen Action played a key role this year in advocating the millionaire's tax as a way of making New Jersey's income tax more progressive.



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52 HENAL PATEL

The former clerk for Justice Stuart Rabner directs the Democracy and Justice Program at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice.



53 CECILIA ZALKIND

The President and Chief Executive Officer of Advocates for Children of New Jersey stands at the forefront of key policy advances in child welfare, early care and education and health care in New Jersey.



54 WILLIAM “BILL” BRUNO

Assistant Director of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, Bruno – himself a legendary high school coach – played a key leadership role in the development of state guidelines regulating youth sports during the COVID-19 era; in other words doing what he’s always done: prioritize the health, safety and sportsmanship of New Jersey’s youth.





55 AMANDA MELILLO

The Senate President Steve Sweeney policymaker worked hard on the Medicaid PBM bill and Long term care bill, both critical pieces of work in the COVID-19 era.



56 SONIA DELGADO

The Princeton Public Affairs team player has expertise in public sector legislative and regulatory issues, particularly in the area of healthcare.



57 STEPHANIE ALBANESE

The Legislative Director for Senator Joe Vitale (D-19), chair of the Senate Health Committee, stands in the legislative office at the policy forefront of the state's COVID-19 resistance.





AN OPPORTUNE YEAR FOR REFORMERS

In addition to Ryan Haygood and Sue Altman, here are some other key players in the area of reform policymaking:

NICO BOCOUR, STATE DIRECTOR FOR GIFFORDS: Any gun violence prevention measure that advances in New Jersey almost certainly has the fingerprints of this Montclair attorney on it. A right-hand adviser to both Gabby and (Jersey native and soon to be Senator) Mark Giffords.

ADAM GORDON, FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER: The Yale Law grad was a HUD consultant in his 20's, and at one point ran his own magazine, Next American City. What Gordon is doing at Fair Share is not happening anywhere else in the nation. Hundreds of NJ towns are voluntarily entering into settlements to build affordable housing — something unimaginable even 10 years ago and something desperately needed in one of the most segregated states in the nation.

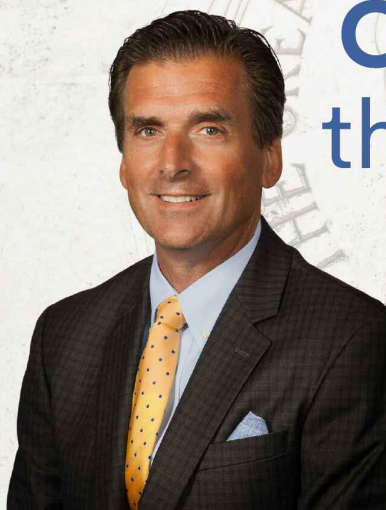
NANCY ERIKA SMITH: Not only did she take down Roger Ailes, Smith is the true intellectual architect behind the national movement to end NDA's. As we mourn former Rutgers Law professor Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Erika Smith continues to be champion of issues on equity and discrimination in NJ.



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58 PAT COLLIGAN

The NJ State Police Benevolent Association President is an in-the-trenches trained expert on public pensions and benefits, and continues to play a lead role for the PBA in trying to prevent Senator Ruiz's police and fire residency requirement bill from getting to the senate floor.



59 AMY MANSUE

Formerly the long-serving CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, Mansue this year became the CEO and president of Inspira Health, a charitable nonprofit health care organization and a regional leader in physician



60 DAVID BANDER

The bow-tied policy office Executive Director at the Department of Labor and Workforce Development – former chief of staff to Senator Linda Greenstein – offers the whole package of policy and political expertise. One of the brightest minds in the state.





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61 DR. PATRICIA CAMPOS MEDINA

Having earned her PhD in October 2019, she is a strong advocate for worker and immigrant rights' policy and a strong voice for Latinas in NJ. She's close to Progressives, Labor Unions, grassroots activists, Hispanic business leaders, and diverse political leaders across the state.



62 ARLENE QUINONES PEREZ

A longstanding veteran player, she is also one of the state's most powerful attorneys. Formerly of the Carpenters Union, the Hunterdon County Democratic Committee Chair this year made full partner at the prestigious DeCotiis Law Firm.



63 UPENDRA CHIVUKULA

An engineer by trade, the former Assemblyman from Franklin Twp. sits on the Board of Public Utilities and combines a rare knowledge base on issues relating to science and technology.





64 ELIANA PINTOR MARIN

The Ironbound-based Assemblywoman has earned universal, cross-the-aisle respect as the chair of the Budget Committee.



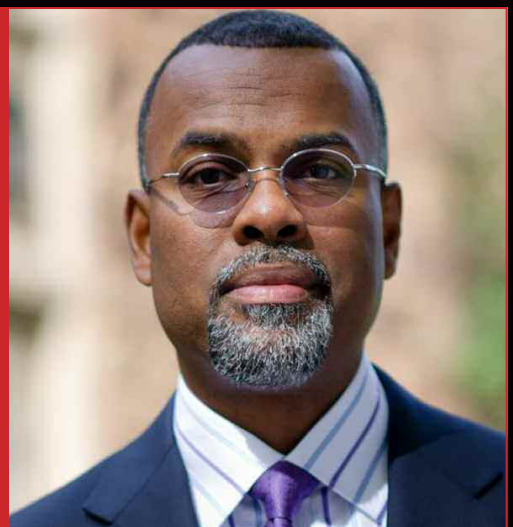
65 JOSEPH DONOHUE

The former storied Star-Ledger reporter serves as the deputy director of ELEC and a careful reader can detect his detail-oriented excellence on many – if not all – of the enforcement agency's work, in support of Director Brindle.



66 EDDIE GLAUDE

The James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American at Princeton University, Glaude serves as Chair of the Center for African American Studies and the Chair of the Department of African American Studies.





67 ERIC SHUFFLER

A public policy expert, the principal at River Crossing Strategies served as a member of Murphy's transition team and as a senior adviser for strategic communications. He's that veteran policy hand you're looking for; the all-purpose rodeo contestant come crunch-time.



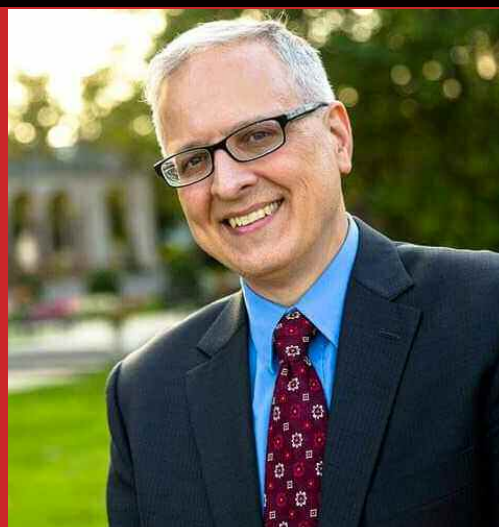
68 MICHAEL ARON

NJTV's Chief Political Correspondent moved to part-time and special in-depth coverage this year, but remains the most accomplished reporter in the state, and again proved valuable in his post-CD2 debate analysis.



69 PATRICK MURRAY

The founding Director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute muscled his way into the national bloodstream as one of the leading pollsters in the country, based right in West Long Branch.





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70 EDDIE DONNELLY

President of the NJ Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association, Donnelly can be found in the middle of any fight on behalf of the firefighters.



71 KEVIN SLAVIN

The President and CEO at St. Joseph's Health, an integrated multi-hospital major academic healthcare system based in Paterson, Slavin was at ground zero of the first wave of the COVID crisis.



72 JOE DEMARCO

The Hudson-bred human shark fin of Somerset County has his head under the hood of every significant policy initiative in the leafy Central Jersey haven.





73 HERB CONAWAY

Chair of the Assembly Health Committee and a medical doctor by profession, the Burlington County veteran lawmaker proved a tough advocate for mask-wearing and personal protection during the COVID-19 crisis. The lower house equivalent of Senator Joe Vitale, chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.



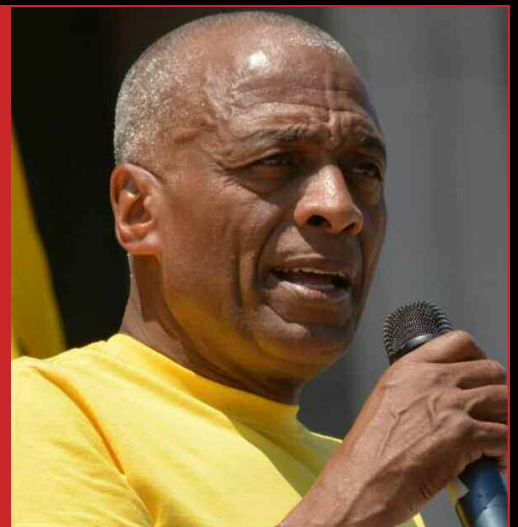
74 CATHERINE TUNG

A go-to policy analyst for the Assembly Majority Office.



75 LARRY HAMM

There's no better real-world educated policy wonk on the streets than the Princeton University-educated Hamm, who this year lost his bid for the United States Senate but gained as New Jersey's longstanding vocal advocate against police brutality.





76 MAURY LITWACK

The Executive Director of Teach Coalition, which operates in six states (NJ as Teach NJ and NY as Teach NY included) and Ontario and has spearheaded the efforts in NJ the last four years for non-public school funding for security, nursing, the new STEM teaching program in partnership with public school teachers (signed into law august 2019), and the new STEM loan reimbursement program for teachers in NJ (signed into law January 2020).



77 ANALILIA MEJIA


The Elizabeth-based National Political Director for the Bernie Sanders Campaign led his efforts on the Democratic Party platform, unity task force and likely on transition.



78 KEVIN L. LUING

Chairman of the Board of Berkeley College, a position which he has held since 2001, Luing was President of the New Jersey campuses for ten years. He began his career at Berkeley College in 1988 as Director of Computer Resources, where he built the department from scratch, before becoming the Director of Academic Affairs in 1990.





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79 JONATHAN SCHARFF

The Kivvit egghead is basically the Mark Magyar of the operation. He works behind the scenes, crunches numbers, LOVES looking at data. Was big on TTF and is doing a lot on energy and development related work right now.



80 SCOTT RUDDER

The former state legislator, mayor, veteran and current government affairs executive stands at the forefront of the marijuana legalization movement as President of the New Jersey Cannabusiness Association.



81 BILL CARUSO

Critical to the advancement of pro-marijuana legalization legislation, the Archer firm attorney served nearly five years as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Assembly Majority Office in Trenton.





82 SHEREEF ELNAHAL

The President/CEO of University Hospital in Newark is the former Health Commissioner in the Murphy Administration, the first Muslim-American to serve in the cabinet.



83 AMOL SINHA

The Executive Director of the ACLU-NJ, Sinha touts a background in journalism and law and is regarded by his peers as a constitutional rights expert.



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84 CHRISTIAN FUSCARINO

There's no legislation impacting the LGBTQ+ community in his home state that the Executive Director of Garden State Equality does not influence in a significant way.



85 CODY MCLAUGHLIN

The outdoorsman serves as the spokesman for the NJ Outdoor Alliance, which has been particularly engaged this year, leading the charge in support of the black bear hunt and rallying opposition to Governor Murphy's early April closure of state and county parks – which he ultimately reopened weeks later.



86 NICOLE SUTTERLEY

The veteran policy wonk from the Assembly Majority Office went to work at Princeton University, where she now serves as outreach and communications manager for the Office of Public Affairs.





87 JADE BECHELLI

The Assembly Majority Office-connected policy expert – director of policy for Majority Leader Greenwald – has a particular specialty in education.



88 AARON BINDER

The Deputy Executive Director of the Assembly Majority Office possesses a deep knowledge of state financial issues. He's at ground zero of the war, a political mash-up masquerading as a financial policy debate.



89 DAN HARRIS

Legislative Director for Speaker Craig Coughlin, with real world grounding as a member of the Woodbridge Board of Education.





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90 JEN LEHMAN

Senior adviser to the Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, Lehman is highly regarded in insider Trenton circles.



91 ANNETTE QUIJANO

In the aftermath of securing the governor's signing of her driver's license bill, the Assemblywoman from Elizabeth – an attorney by trade – played a critical role in the assembly this year in pressing for the need for immigrant protections during the COVID-19 pandemic.



92 BRITNEE TIMBERLAKE

The assemblywoman from East Orange scored with S-2340, which provides protections to homeowners, tenants, and landlords during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency period. Under the bill, "emergency period" means the period during which a public health emergency exists as declared by the Governor in Executive Order No. 103 of 2020, as extended, and the 60 days following the conclusion of this period.





93 PRISCILLA GARCES

Employed by the NJ Immigrants Alliance, Garces of the Ironbound holds a Master's Degree in nonprofit leadership from Fordham University and a translator certification from New York University and is a leading statewide advocate for the disabled.



94 MICHAEL EGENTON

The Executive Vice President, government relations for the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Egenton represents the business community on legislative and regulatory matters.



95 JENNIFER CREA AYDJIAN

The Chief of Staff to Senator Troy Singleton (D-7) serves one of the policy wonkier members of the legislature, hailing as he does from the office of former Speaker Joe Roberts.



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96 COLLEEN O'DEA

NJ Spotlight News in 2011 and now serves as its data reporter, as well as covering general assignment topics that include elections, politics, criminal justice, social issues and affordable housing.



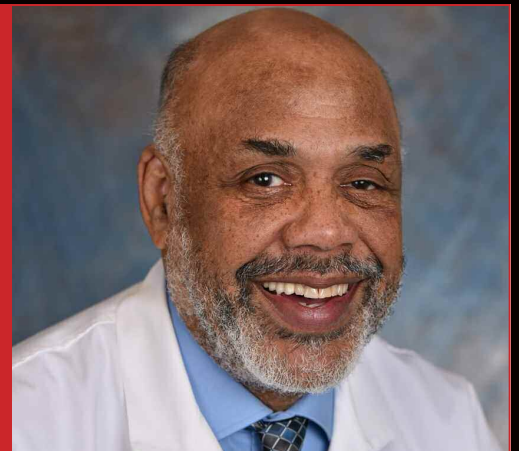
97 LAURIE FACCIAROSSA BREWER

The state Long-Term Care Ombudsman helped the legislature spearhead reform legislation that “will move New Jersey toward a more resilient long-term care system that can navigate future crises with much less tragic results.”



98 JIM PRUDEN

The emergency room doctor at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson became a symbol of strength for the city when he survived COVID-19 and got back in the saddle.



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99 GINA GENOVESE

The former mayor of Long Hill Twp. and good government advocate runs her own business and is founder of Courage to Connect NJ, a grassroots group that encourages New Jerseyans to participate in “connecting” municipalities to create an affordable future



100 CHRIS HEDGES

New Jersey almost had its first legitimate intellectual run for office when the Princeton resident and author of the brilliant *War is a Force that Gives us Meaning*, announced – and then retracted – his Green Party candidacy for Congress in CD12.



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