

NEW JERSEY'S POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

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2017 STATE-LEVEL RACES

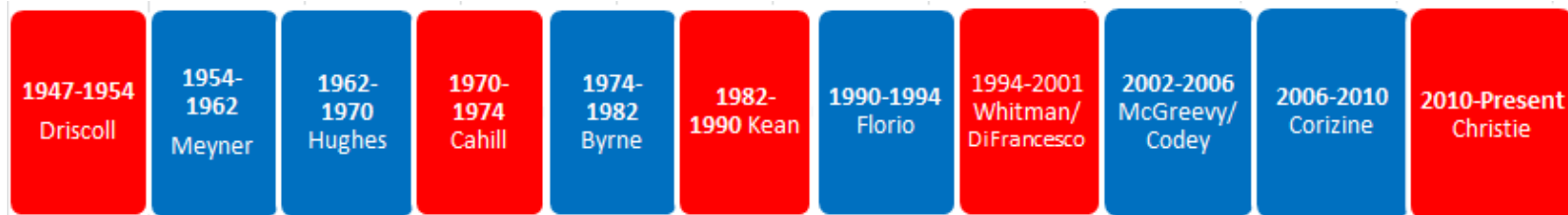
- **Governor**
- **Senate**
- **Assembly**



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HISTORY OF THE GOVERNORSHIP

New Jersey's Governors Political Party 1947-Present



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GOVERNOR'S ELECTION

- Ambassador Phil Murphy (D) v.
Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno (R)



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GOVERNOR'S ELECTION

- **Margin of Victory:**
 - **56%** Murphy v. **43%** Guadagno
- **Turnout:35%**



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GOVERNOR'S ELECTION

- **Public Polling Leading Up to the Election:**
 - **50% Murphy v. 35% Guadagno**
 - Quinnipiac University Poll (11/05//2017)
 - **53% Murphy v. 39% Guadagno**
 - Monmouth University Poll (10/31/2017/2017)
 - **49% Murphy v. 33% Guadagno**
 - Suffolk Poll (10/28/2017)
 - **51% Murphy v. 37% Guadagno**
 - Stockton University Poll (10/24/2017)



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TRANSITION TEAM

- **Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Affairs – Sheila Oliver, Lieutenant Governor**
- **Chief of Staff – Pete Cammarano, Partner at Cammarano, Layton and Bombardieri**
- **Chief Counsel – Matt Platkin, Policy Advisor on the Campaign**
- **Transition Executive Director – Jose Lozano, Chief of Staff at Hackensack Meridian Health**



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MURPHY ADMINISTRATION'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Millionaire's Tax**
- **Planned Parenthood Funding**
- **Closing Corporate Loopholes**
- **\$15 Minimum Wage**
- **Increased funding for Schools**
- **Legalizing Marijuana**



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POST ELECTION PARTISAN BREAKDOWN OF THE LEGISLATURE

- **State Senate:**
 - *25 Democrats v. 15 Republicans*
- **State Assembly:**
 - *54 Democrats v. 26 Republicans*



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LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

- **Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney (D-Gloucester)**
- **Assembly Speaker ???**
- **Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean, Jr. (R-Union)**
- **Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick (R-Union)**



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KEY LEGISLATIVE RACES

- **Legislative District 2:**
 - *Brown (R) – 54% - v. Bell (D) - 46%*
- **Legislative District 11:**
 - *Beck (R) – 46% v. Gopal (D) – 54%*
- **Legislative District 16:**
 - *Bateman (R) – 51% v. Poppe (D) – 49%*
 - *Simon and Caliguire (R) 47% v. Zwicker and Freiman (D) – 53%*
- **Legislative District 38:**
 - *Langschultz (R) – 43% v. Gordon (D) – 57%*
 - *Wolf and Leonard (R) – 41% v. Eustace and Lagana (D) – 58%*

SURPRISINGLY CLOSE LEGISLATIVE RACES

- **Legislative District 8:**
 - *Addiego – 52% (R) v. Youngkin – 48% (D)*
 - *Howarth and Peters (R) – 51% v. Schwartz and Merlino (D) – 49%*
- **Legislative District 21:**
 - *Bramnick and Munoz (R) 52% v. Rzeszowski and Bergen (D) – 48%*
- **Legislative District 25:**
 - *Bucco (R) – 52% v. Bhimani (D) – 48%*
 - *Bucco, Jr. and Patrick Carroll (R) – 52% v. Moran and Corcoran (D) – 48%*
- **Legislative District 39:**
 - *Schepisi and Auth (R) – 53% v. Chung and Hausmann (D) – 47%*
- **Legislative District 40:**
 - *Rooney and DePhillips (R) – 53% v. Ordway and Vagianos (D) – 47%*

MAYORAL CONTESTS

- **Jersey City:**
 - *Fulop* – 78% v. *Masikoudis* 22%
- **Atlantic City:**
 - *Guardian (R)* – 47% v. *Gilliam (D)* – 48%
- **Edison:**
 - *Hahn (R)* – 43% v. *Lankey (D)* – 57%
- **Hoboken:**
 - *Bhalla* – 34% v. *DeFusco* – 29%

BALLOT QUESTIONS

- **Question #1 \$125 m in bonds for Public Libraries: Passed – 59% to 41%**
- **Question #2 Lockbox Measure for Environmental Lawsuits: Passed – 68% to 32%**



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LAME DUCK PRIORITIES

- **S3499 (Rice/Kean, Jr.)** – Authorizes certain local government utilities to impose additional connection fees; requires certain new credits and reduction for these fees.
 - Expecting an Assembly companion
- **Playing Defense**



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POST-SANDY RECOVERY

- **Improvement of Electric Distribution Companies' Storm Planning and Response**
- **Utility Infrastructure Hardening and Resilience Investments**
- **New Jersey Energy Resilience Bank**
- **Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure**
- **Flood Hazard Risk Reduction**



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