

THIS BALLOT CANNOT BE VOTED. IT IS A SAMPLE OF THE OFFICIAL GENERAL AND SCHOOL ELECTION BALLOT USED IN THE VOTING MACHINES ON ELECTION DAY.

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT

West Amwell Township • 15th Legislative District • Hunterdon County, New Jersey

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Mary H. Melfi
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Hunterdon County Clerk

OFFICE TITLE	GOVERNOR/ LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR <small>Four (4) Year Term Vote for One (1) State</small>	STATE SENATE <small>Four (4) Year Term Vote for One (1)</small>	GENERAL ASSEMBLY <small>Two (2) Year Term Vote for Two (2)</small>		BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS <small>Three (3) Year Term Vote for One (1)</small>	TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE <small>Three (3) Year Term Vote for One (1)</small>
DEMOCRATIC	PHILIP MURPHY SHEILA OLIVER <input type="checkbox"/>	SHIRLEY K. TURNER <input type="checkbox"/>	REED GUSCIORA <input type="checkbox"/>	ELIZABETH MAHER MUOIO <input type="checkbox"/>	PAIGE LIVINGSTON <input type="checkbox"/>	NO NOMINATION MADE
REPUBLICAN	KIM GUADAGNO CARLOS A. RENDO <input type="checkbox"/>	LEE ERIC NEWTON <input type="checkbox"/>	RIMMA YAKOBOVICH <input type="checkbox"/>	EMILY RICH <input type="checkbox"/>	SHAUN C. VAN DOREN <input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN C. DALE <input type="checkbox"/>
NOMINATION BY PETITION	GINA GENOVESE NO CANDIDATE FILED <small>Reduce Property Taxes</small> <input type="checkbox"/>					
NOMINATION BY PETITION	PETER J. ROHRMAN KARESE J. LAGUERRE <input type="checkbox"/>				DANIEL HEITKAMP <small>Libertarian Party</small> <input type="checkbox"/>	
NOMINATION BY PETITION	VINCENT ROSS APRIL A. JOHNSON <input type="checkbox"/>					
NOMINATION BY PETITION	MATTHEW RICCARDI NO CANDIDATE FILED <small>Constitution Party</small> <input type="checkbox"/>					
NOMINATION BY PETITION	SETH KAPER-DALE LISA DURDEN <input type="checkbox"/>					
WRITE-IN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STATE PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON

STATE PUBLIC QUESTION #1
NEW JERSEY LIBRARY
CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT

Do you approve the "New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act"? This bond act authorizes the State to issue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$125 million. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to provide grants to public libraries. The grants will be used to build, equip, and expand public libraries to increase capacity and serve the public. YES

NO

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

Approval of this bond act will allow the State to sell \$125 million in State general obligation bonds. Proceeds from the bonds will be used to provide grants to construct, expand, and equip public libraries. Municipalities or counties that fund public libraries will match the grant amount. The municipality or county may solicit private funding to support its match. The State Librarian, in consultation with the President of Thomas Edison State University, will set eligibility criteria for the grants.

STATE PUBLIC QUESTION #2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DEDICATING MONEYS FROM
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION CASES

Do you approve amending the Constitution to dedicate all moneys collected by the State relating to natural resource damages in cases of contamination of the environment? The moneys would have to be used to repair, restore, replace, or preserve the State's natural resources. The moneys may also be used to pay legal or other costs incurred by the State in pursuing its claims. YES

NO

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This amendment would dedicate moneys collected by the State relating to natural resource damages through settlements or awards for legal claims based on environmental contamination. These moneys would be dedicated to repair, replace, or restore damaged natural resources, or to preserve the State's natural resources. The moneys would be spent in an area as close as possible to the geographical area in which the damage occurred. The moneys could also be used to pay for the State's legal or other costs in pursuing the claims. Currently, these moneys may be used for any State purpose.

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC QUESTION TO BE VOTED UPON

Should the Township Committee pursue a Contract with neighboring municipalities to provide Police Services to West Amwell? YES

NO

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

Prior to 2009, 44% of our Township budget was funded through State Aid while local municipal taxes funded 25% of the budget. Beginning in 2009, annual State Aid has been reduced by \$551K and now only funds 25% of the budget while municipal taxes fund 37% of the budget. Through aggressive and diligent cost containment efforts by the Township Committee since the loss of State Aid, the budget has only increased by \$342K or 1% per year on average. Township services have been maintained but continuously evaluated and adjusted as necessary to minimize rising costs. As successful as cost savings measures have been, maintaining Township services as they currently are, has become unsustainable without additional revenue to cover the loss in State Aid. In addition, several much needed projects have been on hold for lack of funding that have now become critical to complete. They include for example, much needed repairs and improvements to our roads and municipal buildings.

As the Township Committee begins the process of developing a balanced 2018 budget later this year, they will be faced with two choices to address the revenue shortfall. Either further reduce the cost of services to compensate for both the loss of State Aid and fund needed projects OR significantly increase municipal taxes going forward.

Given that Police Department costs account for 31% of the operating budget, the Township Committee is proposing that Police Services could be contracted out to another municipality in order to avoid significantly increasing municipal taxes or avoid drastically reducing or eliminating other beneficial services.

A Yes vote means the Township should solicit proposals from neighboring municipalities for them to provide all Police coverage to West Amwell residents, similar to the coverage and services the Police currently provide. The anticipated cost savings, which must be significant in order to be considered, will be used to maintain a reasonable municipal tax as well as fund needed repairs and improvements to our roads and municipal buildings.

A No vote means, the West Amwell Police Department should remain intact in its present form. But the local municipal tax will need to be increased over the next several years resulting in an estimated average homeowner tax bill increase of approximately \$400 per year.






OFFICIAL SCHOOL ELECTION BALLOT

SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT—WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

	MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION <small>THREE (3) YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE (1)</small>
CANDIDATES	DIANA PURSELL <input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE IN	<input type="checkbox"/>

TO RECORD YOUR VOTE
DO NOT PRESS THE 'CAST VOTE' BUTTON
UNTIL YOU HAVE MADE
ALL DESIRED SELECTIONS
CAST VOTE BUTTON

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

- 1** PRESS THE  BUTTON TO THE RIGHT OF THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE; A **GREEN ARROW** WILL APPEAR SIGNIFYING YOUR SELECTION.
- 2** TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF A PROPOSITION OR PROPOSAL, PRESS THE  BUTTON TO THE RIGHT OF THE WORD "YES". TO VOTE AGAINST THE PROPOSITION OR PROPOSAL, PRESS THE  BUTTON TO THE RIGHT OF THE WORD "NO". A **GREEN ARROW** WILL APPEAR NEXT TO YOUR SELECTION.
- 3** **TO CHANGE ANY SELECTION,** PRESS THE  BUTTON AGAIN. THE **GREEN ARROW** WILL DISAPPEAR AND YOU MAY MAKE A NEW SELECTION.
- 4** AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL YOUR SELECTIONS, THEN PRESS THE  BUTTON LOCATED IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE MACHINE. THIS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDS ALL YOUR VOTES.
- 5** PART THE CURTAINS AND EXIT THE VOTING BOOTH.

WARNING that an improperly cast write-in vote will be void and not counted. When choosing a **personal choice (write-in)**, whatever **office** you choose to put in a personal choice for, that is the only office to which the vote will be counted. Any improperly cast vote will not be counted. Please read the face of the ballot carefully before taking this option. Should you have any questions regarding the personal choice, please ask the district board worker before entering the voting booth.

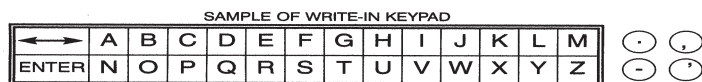
PERSONAL CHOICE (WRITE-IN) INSTRUCTIONS

- 1** UPON ENTERING THE VOTING BOOTH, LOCATE THE OFFICE YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR (OFFICES WILL BE LISTED AT THE TOP OF THE BALLOT) AND FOLLOW THIS COLUMN DOWN TO THE PERSONAL CHOICE COLUMN AND PRESS THE BUTTON.
- 2** A GREEN "←" ARROW WILL BEGIN TO FLASH. (NOTE: THE "←" WILL CONTINUE TO FLASH UNTIL THE WRITE-IN IS COMPLETED).
- 3** AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BALLOT IS THE MAROON WRITE-IN PAD, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WAIST HIGH. TYPE IN THE FIRST NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO VOTE, USE THE ARROW KEY FOR THE SPACE, AND THEN TYPE IN THE LAST NAME. NOW PRESS "ENTER" WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE PAD.

IF AN ERROR ON THE WRITE-IN IS MADE—BEFORE YOU PRESS ENTER ON THE WRITE-IN KEYPAD—PRESS THE ARROW KEY TO THE LEFT UNTIL THE ERROR IS CLEARED AND THEN RE-TYPE THE NAME. TO MAKE A SPACE—PRESS THE ARROW KEY TO THE RIGHT.

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING THE ENTIRE BALLOT, PRESS THE ORANGE "CAST VOTE" BUTTON LOCATED ON YOUR LOWER RIGHT-HAND SIDE.

DO NOT PRESS THE CAST VOTE BUTTON UNTIL YOU ARE SURE YOU ARE FINISHED VOTING.



VOTERS! ATTENTION!

Familiarize yourselves with this ballot and instructions. It will assist you in voting, and save you time on Election Day.

IMPORTANT!

All voters who can, should vote early in the day and thus avoid possibility of congestion and inconvenience to themselves and others near the close of the polls.

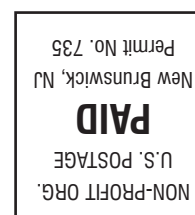
POLLS OPEN BETWEEN
6 A.M. AND 8 P.M.

Gubernatorial Statements are available upon request to the County Clerk, on the County Clerk's website www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm and the websites of the Division of Elections and the Election Law Enforcement Commission.

You may vote in person, via a Mail-in ballot, at the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office located at 71 Main Street, Flemington, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until the deadline of 3:00 p.m. on the Monday before the General Election Day. **Special hours on Thursday, November 2nd until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 5th from 10 a.m.-2p.m.**

You may authorize a messenger to appear at the County Clerk's Office with your completed Application for Vote by Mail Ballot.

Please call 908-788-1214 for more Mail-in Ballot information.



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SAMPLE BALLOT
If not delivered within
two days return to:
COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
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DO NOT FORWARD

