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Middle Class Empowerment

As a soldier in the U.S. military and as a police officer for 23 years, I swore to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. Today, as an attorney, I continue the work of protecting people's Constitutional rights.

The most horrific event in our Nation's history occurred on 9/11/2001. Yet the 911 Commission was thwarted by lack of resources and subpoena power. Even the Commission co-chairs said it "was set up for failure." The 679 New Jerseyans who died that day deserve better. We will conduct a complete, thorough and objective investigation of what happened.

Our Founding Fathers fervently believed government should serve the needs of the people. But in New Jersey, we have been betrayed by self-serving politicians and powerful commercial interests. As a result, New Jersey tax rates are the highest in the Nation.

As Governor, I will vigilantly defend your rights. I will empower the middle class and protect our standard of living. I will reduce the tax burden on hard-working citizens and we will regain the public's control of government by:

- 1) Enforcing honest government and controlling quasi-government agencies;
- 2) Creating jobs and protecting small businesses;
- 3) Promoting democracy through Initiative, Referendum, and Recall.

My running mate for Lt. Governor, Noelani Musicaro, and I are ordinary middle class folks. We desire only to serve the Public Good and return control of government back to the people.

As a police officer in New Brunswick, I uncovered extensive corruption in a city run by John Lynch, who was also a State Senator and the most powerful political boss in New Jersey. Lynch's brother-in-law is an organized crime mobster and convicted murderer serving time in federal prison. As a result of my investigations, the City Police Director, City Attorney and others were convicted of crimes. Recently, Lynch was sentenced to three years in federal prison for corruption.

Every year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are squandered and stolen by crooked politicians who channel money through hundreds of secretive quasi-governmental agencies that operate without public oversight. By eliminating corruption and enforcing public control of these agencies, we will save billions of taxpayers dollars.

As Governor, I will launch major investigations into corruption. We will institute the most powerful ethical standards in the country, end dual office holding, prohibit pensions for part-time politicians, and end influence peddling and "pay to play."

We will enable the public to by-pass our dysfunctional legislature by making it easier to adopt laws by petition (Initiative), repeal bad laws (Referendum), or remove politicians from office (Recall). Once our legislators know that they can be overruled by the people, they will be more responsive to the Public Good.

We will boost the economy of New Jersey by turning the state into a center for solar and other "green" technologies similar to the way California spawned the computer revolution with its "Silicon Valley." We will protect small businesses by alleviating tax burdens and reducing compliance paperwork.

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