

The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-37, allows candidates for the office of Governor to provide a statement, not exceeding 500 words, to assist the voters of this State in making their determination among the candidates. Following are the statements submitted.

## **Kim Guadagno Republican**

Before casting your ballot, ask yourself a few simple questions:

Are you or members of your family paying too much in property taxes, which are the highest in the country?

Is the government taking too much out of your paycheck without any noticeable difference in the services you receive, making living in New Jersey unaffordable?

Do you believe that state government should be audited to ensure that your tax dollars are being spent efficiently and wisely?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, I ask you to consider voting for me.

With the highest property taxes in the country, New Jersey has reached a breaking point. Too many of our friends, family and neighbors are struggling to put food on their table, losing their homes or even moving to other states. As a working mom who raised her three boys in New Jersey, I know we have to make our state more affordable for families, and I firmly believe the best way to do it is become more efficient and cut property taxes for the middle class.

My comprehensive property tax cut program will save middle class families and seniors up to \$3,000 a year on their property tax bills by capping school taxes at 5 percent of household income. This will give families certainty and ensure that no family has to move out-of-state because of high property taxes. If similar programs can work in states like Illinois and Massachusetts, it can work in New Jersey.

If elected governor, I will also root out waste and make government run more efficiently by conducting a detailed performance audit of all aspects of state government. This includes cancelling the unnecessary \$300 million renovation of the State House in Trenton. My priority will always be to put New Jersey families first.

As a former sheriff and prosecutor, I know we cannot make New Jersey a "Sanctuary State," which would only protect violent criminals and make our state less safe. As governor, I will always support law enforcement and first responders. This includes negotiating a fair deal to our state's pension crisis to secure the retirement of thousands of public workers.

Other candidates for governor like Phil Murphy, who spent his career on Wall Street, have proposed billions in additional state government spending and admitted he would increase taxes by at least \$1.3 billion to pay for it. New Jersey tried that kind of Wall Street approach once before under Jon Corzine, and it would only make our state less affordable and send more of our families and businesses fleeing New Jersey for other states.

This campaign is bigger than 'Republican' or 'Democrat.' It is about the future – not the past – and making our state better for all New Jerseyans. Instead of yelling and shouting at each other, it is time to put the hardworking taxpayers of New Jersey first so that we can once again make New Jersey an affordable place to live, work and raise a family.