



GREETINGS

From the Women In Municipal Government Committee

We are a new group, recently established by the New Jersey League of Municipalities, whose purpose promotes the participation and representation of women in local government.

While we continue to chart our course, your suggestions on how we may be most effective in assisting you are encouraged and welcomed.

The highlight of our year is the League's Annual Conference in November, where select programs, such as the session on Women In Government and the acclaimed Women In Government Breakfast are oriented toward your issues and your goals.

Topical discussions on the impact of women as transformative leaders or the adversarial nature of politics as a barrier to involvement in local or state government are always engaging as well as informative.

We urge you to stay relevant on these and other events by bookmarking our webpage found at www.njslom.org and posted under "IN THE NEWS" column.

This is an exciting venture as all of us work towards increasing the capacity of women at all levels of government.

Warm Regards,

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WOMEN IN NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT

CONGRESS No woman has served in New Jersey's 15-member congressional delegation (two Senators, 13 Representatives) since 2003. New Jersey has sent a total of five women (2D, 3R) to the U.S. House of Representatives and no women to the U.S. Senate. The New Jersey congresswomen were:

Marge Roukema (R) , 1981-2003	Florence Price Dwyer (R) , 1957-1973
Millicent Fenwick (R) , 1975-1983	Mary Teresa Norton (D) , 1925-1951
Helen Stevenson Meyner (D) , 1975-1979	

STATEWIDE In New Jersey, the governor is the only statewide elected official, making the New Jersey governor one of the most powerful in the nation. **Christine Todd Whitman** was New Jersey's first woman governor; she was only the second Republican woman ever elected governor in any state. She won re-election in a close race in 1997, making her the first Republican woman governor in U.S. history to be re-elected. She resigned early in 2001 to serve in President Bush's cabinet as Environmental Protection Agency Administrator. Whitman resigned from the EPA in June 2003.

CABINET MEMBERS Governor Jon Corzine has ten women in his cabinet. This represents 43.5% of his 23-member cabinet.

Hope L. Cooper	Acting Commissioner, Dept. of Personnel	5/02/08-present
Kimberly Ricketts	Acting Commissioner, Dept. of Children and Families	6/13/08-present
Heather Howard	Commissioner of Health and Senior Services	1/07/08-present
Anne Milgram	Attorney General	7/02/07-present
Lisa Jackson	Commissioner of Environmental Protection	2/27/06-present
Jennifer Velez	Commissioner of Human Services	2/05/07-present
Sharon Anne Harrington	Chief Administrator, NJ Motor Vehicle Commission	1/30/06-present
Nina Mitchell Wells	Secretary of State	1/17/06-present
Lucille Davy	Commissioner of Education	9/12/05-present
Jeanne Fox	President, NJ Board of Public Utilities	1/15/02-present

Eileen Crummy	Acting Commissioner, Dept. of Children and Families	3/17/08-6/12/08
Susan Bass Levin	Commissioner of Community Affairs	1/30/06-7/05/07
Virginia Bauer	Secretary of Commerce, Economic Growth and Tourism	9/23/04-3/29/07
Anne Milgram	Acting Attorney General	9/01/06-9/26/06
Zulima Farber	Attorney General	1/30/06-8/31/06

STATE LEGISLATURE In 2008, 35 women serve in New Jersey's state legislature; they hold 29.2% of the 120 available seats. Nationally women hold 23.7% of all state legislative seats; New Jersey ranks 14th among the 50 states in the proportion of women serving in its legislature.

Senate In 2008, of the 40 (23D, 17R) seats in the New Jersey State Senate, nine are held by women (22.5%). Seven are Democrats and two are Republicans:

Diane Allen (R-7)	Sandra B. Cunningham (D-31)	M. Teresa Ruiz (D-29)
Jennifer Beck (R-12)	Nia Gill (D-34)	Shirley Turner (D-15)
Barbara Buono (D-18)	Dana Redd (D-5)	Loretta Weinberg (D-37)

Four African American women (Cunningham, Gill, Redd and Turner) and one Latina (Ruiz) currently serve in the New Jersey Senate.

Assembly In 2008, of the 80 (48D, 32R) members of the State Assembly, 26, or 32.5%, are women. Eighteen are Democrats and eight are Republicans:

Dawn Addiego (R-8)	Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D-37)	Annette Quijano (D-20)
Mary Pat Angelini (R-11)	Mila Jasey (D-27)	Caridad Rodriguez (D-33)
Caroline Casagrande (R-12)	Marcia Karrow (R-23)	L. Grace Spencer (D-29)
Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-15)	Pamela Rosen Lampitt (D-6)	Linda Stender (D-22)
Denise Coyle (R-16)	Sandra Love (D-4)	Cleopatra Tucker (D-28)
Nilsa Cruz-Perez (D-5)	Alison Littell McHose (R-24)	Charlotte Vandervalk (R-39)
Elease Evans (D-35)	Sheila Y. Oliver (D-34)	Joan Voss (D-38)
Linda Greenstein (D-14)	Nellie Pou (D-35)	Connie Wagner (D-38)
Amy Handlin (R-18)	Joan Quigley (D-32)	

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Assembly (cont.) Four Latinas (Cruz-Perez, Pou, Quijano and Rodriguez) and six African American women (Coleman, Evans, Jasey, Oliver, Spencer and Tucker) currently serve in the Assembly. One woman has served as speaker of the New Jersey Assembly. **Marion West Higgins** (R) became speaker in 1965, only the second woman in the nation to be speaker of a state house. She served as acting governor on occasion when Governor Richard Hughes traveled out of state.

WOMEN IN LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

Senate

President Pro Tempore	Shirley Turner (D-15)
Majority Whip	Sandra B. Cunningham (D-31)
Deputy Minority Leader	Diane B. Allen (R-7)

Assembly

Majority Leader	Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-15)
Majority Conference Leader	Joan M. Quigley (D-32)
Deputy Speakers:	Linda Greenstein (D-14); Linda Stender (D-22)
Deputy Majority Leader:	Nilsa Cruz-Perez (D-22)
Deputy Speakers Pro Tempore:	Sheila Y. Oliver (D-34)
Deputy Conference Leader:	Joan M. Voss (D-38)
Deputy Republican Leader:	Amy H. Handlin (R-13)
Deputy Conference Leader:	Alison Littell McHose (R-24)
Assistant Republican Whip:	Dawn Marie Addiego (R-8)

WOMEN COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Senate

Budget and Appropriations	Barbara Buono (D-18)
Commerce	Nia H. Gill (D-34)
Education	Shirley K. Turner (D-15)

Assembly

Appropriations	Nellie Pou (D-35)
Consumer Affairs	Nilsa Cruz-Perez (D-5)
Financial Institutions and Insurance	L. Grace Spencer (D-29)
Human Services	Sheila Y. Oliver (D-34)
Judiciary	Linda Greenstein (D-14)
State Government	Joan M. Quigley (D-32)

WOMEN COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

In 2008, **31**, or **22.6%**, of the 137 (81D, 56R) county freeholders in New Jersey are women; five women serve as freeholder directors or chairs. Women serve as freeholders in 17 of the state's 21 counties; 24 Democrats and 7 Republicans currently serve. The four counties with no women freeholders are Cape May, Hunterdon, Ocean and Warren.

Alisa Cooper (D-Atlantic)	Camille Fernicola (D-Middlesex)
Elizabeth Calabrese (D-Bergen)	Blanquita Valenti (D-Middlesex)
Bernadette McPherson (D-Bergen)	Lillian G. Burry (R-Monmouth), Director
Julie O'Brien (D-Bergen)	Barbara I. McMorrow (R-Monmouth)
Stacey F. Jordan (R-Burlington)	Margaret Nordstrom (R-Morris), Director
Riletta Cream (D-Camden)	Elise Evans (D-Passaic)
Carmen Rodriguez (D-Camden)	Sonia Rosado (D-Passaic), Director
Jane Yetman Christy (D-Cumberland)	Tahesha Way (D-Passaic)
Linda Cavanaugh (D-Essex)	Julie Acton (R-Salem)
Carol Y. Clark (D-Essex)	Beth Timberman (D-Salem)
Patricia Sebold (D-Essex)	Patricia Walsh (R-Somerset)
Blonnie Watson (D-Essex), President	Susan Zellman (R-Sussex)
Jean DuBois (D-Gloucester)	Bette Jane Kowalski (D-Union)
Doreen DiDomenico (D-Hudson)	Deborah Scanlon (D-Union)
Ann Cannon (D-Mercer)	Nancy Ward (D-Union)
Lucylle Walter (D-Mercer), Director	

Five African American women (Clark, Cream, Evans, Watson, and Way) and three Latinas (Rodriguez, Rosado, and Valenti) currently serve as freeholders.

COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

As of 2008, **27** women serve as elected constitutional officers in New Jersey's counties. They hold **41.5%** of the 65 available positions. These women officials include: 14 county clerks, 2 registers, 3 sheriffs and 8 surrogates.

County Clerks

Kathleen A. Donovan (R-Bergen)	M. Claire French (R-Monmouth)
Rita Marie Fulginiti (R-Cape May)	Joan Bramhall (R-Morris)
Gloria Noto (R-Cumberland)	Karen Brown (D-Passaic)
Barbara A. Netchert (D-Hudson)	Gilda T. Gill (D-Salem)
Mary Melfi (R-Hunterdon)	Erma Gormley (R-Sussex)
Paula Sollami-Covello (D-Mercer)	Joanne Rajoppi (D-Union)
Elaine Flynn (D-Middlesex)	Patricia J. Kolb (R-Warren)

COUNTY **Registers**
CONSTITUTIONAL Carole A. Graves (R-Essex)
OFFICERS Willie J. Flood (D-Hudson)
 (cont.)

Sheriffs
 Jean Stanfield (R-Burlington)
 Deborah Trout (R-Hunterdon)
 Kim Guadagno (R-Monmouth)

Surrogates
 Patricia Egan Jones (D-Camden)
 Helene Reed (D-Gloucester)
 Susan Hoffman (R-Hunterdon)
 Diane Gerofsky (D-Mercer)
 Rosemarie Peters (R-Monmouth)
 Nicki A. Burke (D-Salem)
 Nancy D. Fitzgibbons (R-Sussex)
 Susan Dickey (R-Warren)

Three African American women (Brown, Flood and Graves) currently serve in county constitutional offices.

**WOMEN
MAYORS**

As of July, 2008, there are 83 women mayors serving in New Jersey's 566 municipalities, holding 14.7% of the available positions. There are women mayors in all but one county (Hudson).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>County</u>
Carol Foster	Corbin City	Atlantic
Theresa Kelly	Ventnor City	Atlantic
Sophie Heymann	Closter Borough	Bergen
Nancy Merse	Edgewater Borough	Bergen
Maura R. DeNicola	Franklin Lakes Borough	Bergen
Rose Heck	Hasbrouck Heights Borough	Bergen
Mary Heveran	Leonia Borough	Bergen
Dianne Didio	Oradell Borough	Bergen
Margaret Falahee Watkins	River Edge Borough	Bergen
Rosina Romano	South Hackensack Township	Bergen
Deborah Buzby-Cope	Bass River Township	Burlington
Jean Wetherill	Beverly City	Burlington
Judith Hall	Edgewater Park Township	Burlington
Kimberly Brown	Tabernacle Township	Burlington
Jacqueline Jennings	Willingboro Township	Burlington
Phyllis A. Magazzu	Berlin Township	Camden
Gwendolyn A. Faison	Camden City	Camden
Cindy Rau-Hatton	Gloucester Township	Camden
Letitia G. Colombi	Haddonfield Borough	Camden
Meredith Dobbs	Hi-Nella Borough	Camden
BettyAnn Cowling-Carson	Magnolia Borough	Camden
Virginia Betteridge	Runnemede Borough	Camden
Sue Ann Metzner	Winslow Township	Camden
Suzanne M. Walters	Stone Harbor Borough	Cape May
Pamela Kaithern	West Cape May Borough	Cape May
Carol Musso	Deerfield Township	Cumberland
Renee Blizzard	Downe Township	Cumberland
Susan H. Gartland	Caldwell Borough Township	Essex
Sandra H. Haimoff	Millburn Township	Essex
Joanne Cocchiola	Nutley Township	Essex
Melissa Hoffman	Clayton Borough	Gloucester
Patricia M. Koloski	National Park Borough	Gloucester
Anna Docimo	West Deptford Township	Gloucester
Christine Schaumburg	Town of Clinton	Hunterdon
Susan D. Lockwood	Delaware Township	Hunterdon
Margaret E. Augustine	Kingwood Township	Hunterdon
Janice S. Mironov	East Windsor Township	Mercer
Vanessa Sandom	Hopewell Township	Mercer
Mildred T. Trotman	Princeton Borough	Mercer
Phyllis L. Marchand	Princeton Township	Mercer
Nancy Martin	Helmetta Borough	Middlesex
Meryl L. Frank	Highland Park Borough	Middlesex
Gloria M. Bradford	Milltown Borough	Middlesex
Wilda Diaz	Perth Amboy City	Middlesex
Julie Schreck	Bradley Beach Borough	Monmouth
Anna C. Little	Highlands Borough	Monmouth

**WOMEN
MAYORS** (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>County</u>
Serena DiMaso	Holmdel Township	Monmouth
Suzanne S. Castleman	Little Silver Borough	Monmouth
Betty McBain	Loch Arbour Village	Monmouth
Michelle Roth	Manalapan Township	Monmouth
Nancy A. Grbelja	Millstone Township	Monmouth
Susan Howard	Monmouth Beach Borough	Monmouth
Elsbeth Battel	Roosevelt Borough	Monmouth
Maria D. Fernandes	Sea Bright Borough	Monmouth
Emilia M. Siciliano	Shrewsbury Borough	Monmouth
Jennifer Naughton	Spring Lake Borough	Monmouth
Janet W. Tucci	West Long Branch Borough	Monmouth
Mary-Anna Holden	Madison Borough	Morris
Phyllis Florek	Mendham Township	Morris
Deborah Nielson	Montville Township	Morris
Kathyann M. Snyder	Rockaway Borough	Morris
Betty Simmons	Victory Gardens Borough	Morris
Bettina Bieri	West Milford Township	Passaic
Ellen Pompper	Lower Alloways Creek Township	Salem
Patricia Flannery	Bridgewater Township	Somerset
Lillian M. Zuza	Manville Borough	Somerset
Cecilia Xie Birge	Montgomery Township	Somerset
Janice G. Allen	North Plainfield Borough	Somerset
Jo-Ann Liptak	Raritan Borough	Somerset
Gail Phoebus	Andover Township	Sussex
Sandra Coltelli	Fredon Township	Sussex
Sylvia Petillo	Hopatcong Borough	Sussex
Thea Unhoch	Newton Township	Sussex
Diana Kuncken	Stanhope Borough	Sussex
Colleen Mahr	Fanwood Borough	Union
Karen McCoy-Oliver	Hillside Township	Union
Kathi Fiamingo	Kenilworth Borough	Union
Sharon Robinson-Briggs	Plainfield City	Union
Bonnie Butler	Franklin Township	Warren
Elaine Emiliani	Greenwich Township	Warren
Ellen Nerbak	Mansfield Township	Warren
Bonnie Riley	Oxford Township	Warren
Marianne Van Deursen	Washington Borough	Warren

STATE SUPREME COURT Three women currently serve on New Jersey's seven-member Supreme Court. Two were appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman: Justice Virginia Long, sworn in on September 14, 1999 and Justice Jaynee LaVecchia, sworn in on January 26, 2000. The third, Justice Helen E. Hoens, was appointed by Governor Jon Corzine and sworn in on October 26, 2006.

The first woman to head New Jersey's highest court was Chief Justice Deborah Poritz; appointed by Governor Whitman, she served from 1996 until she retired in 2006. The first woman member of New Jersey's Supreme Court was Justice Marie L. Garibaldi, who was appointed by Governor Thomas Kean and served from 1982 until 2000.

WOMEN IN THE STATE PARTIES **Democrats:** The chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee is a man (Joseph Cryan). In the 21 counties, four women serve as county chairs:
Lois Zarish (Hunterdon)
Megan Ward (Sussex)
Peg Schaffer (Somerset)
Charlotte DeFilippo (Union)

Republicans: The chair of the New Jersey Republican State Committee is a man (Tom Wilson). In the 21 counties, one woman serves as county chair:
Loran Oglesby (Gloucester)

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2008

In 2008, 87 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Sixteen women serve in the Senate and 71 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 75, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 23.7 percent.

CONGRESS In 2008, women hold **87**, or **16.3%**, of the 535 seats in the 110th U.S. Congress — **16**, or **16.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **71**, or **16.3**, of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) is Speaker of the House and second in the presidential line of succession. She is the first woman to hold the top House post.

Sixteen women serve in the Senate: Barbara Boxer (D-CA); Maria Cantwell (D-WA); Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY); Susan Collins (R-ME); Elizabeth Dole (R-NC); Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX); Amy Klobuchar (D-MN); Mary Landrieu (D-LA); Blanche Lincoln (D-AR); Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Patty Murray (D-WA); Olympia Snowe (R-ME); and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).

Seventy-one women from 30 states serve in the House of Representatives; 51 are Democrats and 20 are Republicans. In addition, three Democratic women serve as the Delegates to the House from Guam, the Virgin Islands and Washington, DC.

STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICES In 2008, **75** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **23.8%** of the 315 available positions. Among these women, **45** are Democrats, **27** are Republicans, and **3** were elected in nonpartisan races.

GOVERNORS — 8(5D, 3R)

Sarah Palin (R-AK)
Janet Napolitano (D-AZ)
Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE)
Linda Lingle (R-HI)
Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS)
Jennifer Granholm (D-MI)
M. Jodi Rell (R-CT)
Christine Gregoire (D-WA)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 10 (8D, 2R)

Barbara O'Brien (D-CO)
Patty Judge (D-IA)
Becky Skillman (R-IN)
Carol L. Molnau (R-MN)
Beverly Perdue (D-NC)
Diane D. Denish (D-NM)
Jari Askins (D-OK)
Catherine Baker Knoll (D-PA)
Elizabeth Roberts (D-RI)
Barbara Lawton (D-WI)

Attorney General - 5 (5D)

Secretary of State - 12 (7D, 5R)

State Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer - 11 (7D, 4R)

State Comptroller - 4 (2D, 2R)

State Auditor - 6 (3D, 3R)

Chief State Education Official — 8 (3D, 2R, 3NP*)

(title varies from state to state)

Commissioner of Insurance - 2 (1D, 1R)

Commissioner of Labor - 1R

Corporation Commissioner - 1R

Public Service Commissioner - 5 (3D, 2R)

Public Regulation Commissioner - 1D

Railroad Commissioner - 1R

* NP = election was nonpartisan.

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2008 (continued)

STATE LEGISLATURES In 2008, **1,749**, or **23.7%**, of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **424**, or **21.5%**, of the 1,971 state senate seats and **1,325**, or **24.5%**, of the 5,411 state house seats. Since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has more than quintupled.

The states with the highest percentages of women state legislators are:

<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>
Vermont	38.3	Minnesota	34.3
Colorado	36.0	Hawaii	32.9
Washington	35.4	Oregon	32.2
New Hampshire	35.4	Maryland	31.4
Arizona	34.4	Maine	31.2

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS As of July 2008, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **11** had women mayors. Three are African American (Shirley Franklin, Atlanta; Sheila Dixon, Baltimore; and Yvonne J. Johnson, Greensboro) and one is Latina (Heather Fargo, Sacramento). In order of city population,¹ the mayors are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Baltimore, MD	Sheila Dixon	21
Sacramento, CA	Heather Fargo	38
Virginia Beach, VA	Meyera E. Oberndorf	42
Atlanta, GA	Shirley Franklin	43
Tulsa, OK	Kathryn L. Taylor	46
Tampa, FL	Pam Iorio	60
Greensboro, NC	Yvonne J. Johnson	81
Plano, TX	Pat Evans	83
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	85
Chula Vista, CA	Cheryl Cox	93
Scottsdale, AZ	Mary Manross	94

As of July 2008, of the 243 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, **36**, or **15.2%**, were women, including five African Americans and one Latina. Of the 1121 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000, **182**, or **16.2%**, were women.²

PERCENTAGES OF WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICES

<u>Year</u>	<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>Statewide Elective</u>	<u>State Legislatures</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>Statewide Elective</u>	<u>State Legislatures</u>
1979	3%	11%	10%	1997	11.0%	25.4%	21.6%
1981	4%	11%	12%	1999	12.1%	27.6%	22.4%
1983	4%	11%	13%	2001	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%
1985	5%	14%	15%	2003	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%
1987	5%	14%	16%	2004	13.8%	26.0%	22.5%
1989	5%	14%	17%	2005	15.0%	25.7%	22.7%
1991	6%	18%	18%	2006	15.0%	25.1%	22.8%
1993	10.1%	22.2%	20.5%	2007	16.1%	24.1%	23.5%
1995	10.3%	25.9%	20.6%	2008	16.4%	23.8%	23.7%

¹ According to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

² Information was compiled using the United States Conference of Mayors' 2008 website directory, www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors, as the primary reference.