

Candidate Biographies



State Assembly

Richard H. Bagger



Name: Richard H. Bagger
Candidate For: State Assembly
Party: Republican
Professional Background: The incumbent is a Corporate Manager with New York City-based Pfizer, Inc. He served as a Legislative Aide to former Assemblyman Chuck Hardwick and later represented former Congressman Matthew J. Rinaldo on the House Select Committee on Aging.

Education: The candidate is a 1982 graduate of Princeton University where he received his bachelor's degree in public and international affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He received his law degree from Rutgers University.

Family Life: Assemblyman Bagger and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of three daughters, Katherine Bianca, Jennifer Anne and Meredith Skye. Mr. Bagger is a lifelong Westfield resident and was educated in the Westfield public schools.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Bagger served as a member of the Union County Republican Committee from 1980 to 1983, on the Westfield Town Council from 1984 to 1990 and as Westfield Mayor in 1991. He has been a State Assemblyman since 1993. He currently chairs the Assembly Appropriations Committee, is Co-Chairman of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee and is a member of the Joint Committee on the Public Schools.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate serves as a Trustee of the Westfield Foundation and was previously a Governor of the New Jersey Historical Society and a Trustee of the New Jersey Historic Trust.

Platform: The candidate vows to continue to push for government accountability, fiscal accountability and economic growth.

Alan M. Augustine



Name: Alan M. Augustine
Candidate For: State Assembly
Party: Republican
Professional Experience: State Assembly Candidate Alan M. Augustine is a marketing consultant with the Subaru Distributors Corporation. Prior to that, he was a Vice President with Subaru.

Education: The candidate holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Jeanne, have three children: Linda, Wendy and Alan, Jr., as well as three grandchildren.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Augustine has served in the State Assembly since 1992. He was a member of the Scotch Plains Township Council from 1971 to 1974, 1977 to 1984 and from 1989 to 1996. He served as Scotch Plains Mayor in 1979, 1991 and 1996. The candidate served on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1982 to 1987 and 1991 to

1992, and was Chairman in 1987. He currently chairs the Assembly State Government Committee and is a member of the Banking and Insurance Committee.

Clubs/Organizations: Mr. Augustine is a member of the Board of Governors of Union County College, an Honorary Member of the Union County Police Chiefs Association and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Visiting Health Services of Union County.

Platform: The candidate vows to work on the following issues: providing property tax relief, improving the affordability and accessibility of health care and making New Jersey more business friendly.

U.C. Surrogate

James S. LaCorte



Name: James S. LaCorte
Candidate For: Union County Surrogate
Party: Democrat
Professional Background: Mr. LaCorte is employed as a Senior Partner in the Elizabeth-based law firm of LaCorte, Bundy & Varady.

Education: The candidate has a bachelor's degree in finance from Fordham University in the Bronx and a law degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Pamela, have two grown children, Kristin and Meredith.

Gov. Experience: This is Mr. LaCorte's first attempt at elected office. His family, however, has a long record of public service. His father served as Mayor of Elizabeth from 1952 to 1956 and his cousins Nicholas and Paul LaCorte are former mayors of Cranford. The candidate is a former Deputy Counsel to the Union County Board of Social Services.

Clubs/Organizations: Mr. LaCorte is a former member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Eastern Union County, a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 3310 and the Fordham University President's Club.

Platform: Mr. LaCorte said he would maintain the "open door" policy for families needing help from the surrogate's office. He also believes his experience over 25 years in the practice of law on decisions regarding estates and wills would be an asset to the office.

Linda-Lee Kelly



Name: Linda-Lee Kelly
Candidate For: Union County Surrogate
Party: Republican
Professional Experience: Ms. Kelly is the School Administrator of the Hamilton Middle School in Elizabeth, the

largest public school in Elizabeth.

Education: The candidate has a bachelor's degree in biological studies, a master's degree in plant pathology and a law degree, all from Rutgers University.

Gov. Experience: Ms. Kelly is a former two-term member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, serving as Chairwoman in 1993. She served six years as an Assistant County Counsel.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Eastern Union County, which oversees the county's Battered Women's Shelter, sits on the board of the Saint Elizabeth Hospital Foundation and is a member of the Human Relations Commission of Union County.

Platform: Ms. Kelly believes her administrative and legal experience would be effective tools in the Surrogate's Office. She also hopes to reach out to county residents to educate them on the importance of having a last will and testament.

U.C. Freeholders

Angel Estrada



Name: Angel Estrada
Candidate For: Freeholder
Party: Democrat
Professional Experience: Mr. Estrada is employed as the Director of Operations for Tandem Distribution.

Education: Mr. Estrada holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Spanish from Kean College (now a university) in Union.

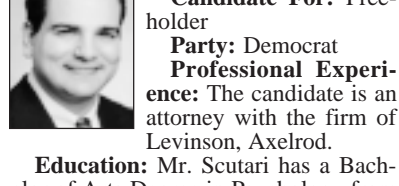
Family Life: The candidate is married and has three children.

Gov. Experience: The candidate has served as an elected member of the Elizabeth Board of Education since 1994.

Clubs/Organizations: Mr. Estrada has served on various Parent Teacher Organizations for 12 years, including terms as president.

Platform: If elected, Mr. Estrada said he will concentrate on the issues of quality of life and education; open space; parks and recreation; economic development and the continuation of tax cuts for the county's portion of property tax bills.

Nicholas P. Scutari



Name: Nicholas P. Scutari
Candidate For: Freeholder
Party: Democrat
Professional Experience: The candidate is an attorney with the firm of Levinson, Axelrod,

Education: Mr. Scutari has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Kean College (now a University), which he received in three years; a master's degree in psychology from Rutgers University and a law degree from the Thomas Cooley Law School.

Family Life: The candidate is single and has no children.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Scutari was first elected to the freeholder board in 1996 and currently serves as Chairman. He served on the Linden Board of Education from 1994 to 1997.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a member of the New Jersey, New York and Union County Bar Associations, the National Bar Association Council of School Attorneys and the Richard J. Hughes American Inn of Court.

Platform: Mr. Scutari has said he will continue to focus on giving Union County residents another cut in the county purpose tax and on the implementation of the county's Parks and Recreation Master

Plan that calls for \$46 million in improvements to the county's parks facilities. He additionally wants to work to preserve 100 acres of new parkland. Mr. Scutari additionally wants to continue to work on the issue of economic development, which he said is a top priority of the board.

Linda d. Stender



Name: Linda d. Stender
Candidate For: Freeholder
Party: Democrat
Professional Experience: Linda d. Stender is currently working as the Director of Women's Programs for the Jon Corzine for U.S. Senate Campaign.

Education: The candidate has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Communications from American University in Washington, D.C.

Family Life: Mrs. Stender and her husband, Richard, have three children.

Platform: If re-elected, Mrs. Stender said she will concentrate on expanding the board's economic development efforts and educational opportunities for every student in Union County such as the current Access 2000 grant program and the Freeholder Scholar Program. She said she will work to continue to find creative ways to reduce the tax burden on residents, such as the lease of the county's incinerator in the wake of the court order deregulating garbage disposal in the state.

Gov. Experience: The candidate was first elected to the freeholder board in 1993 and was re-elected in 1996. She served as Mayor of Fanwood from 1992 to 1995 and as a Borough Councilwoman from 1988 to 1990.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a member of the Fanwood Downtown Redevelopment Committee and the Union County Women's Political Caucus. She is also a past President of the Fanwood Junior Woman's Club.

Wally Shackell



Name: Wally Shackell
Candidate For: Freeholder
Party: Republican
Professional Experience: Wally Shackell is a math and science instructor for learning disabled students at the Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School.

Education: The candidate holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Ohio University and a Master of Arts Degree from Kean College (now university) in Union.

Family Life: The candidate is married and has two children.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Shackell was a member of the Cranford Township Committee from 1996 to 1998, serving as Mayor last year and Deputy Mayor in 1997. He is a former member of his town's Park and Recreation Board and the Municipal Alliance on drug and alcohol awareness. He is serving this year on

the Mayor's Task Force of Redevelopment for the Cranford business district, which was the first special improvement district in the state.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a member of the Rahway River Maintenance Committee and the Knights of Columbus Chapter No. 6226. He is a Past President of the Cranford Jaycees and a former President of the Cranford UNICO.

Platform: The candidate has said he would propose to cut the nine-member freeholder board by two seats, look for ways to cut the county payroll and to deliver tax cuts to all towns in the county.

also a former Commissioner on the Union County Utilities Authority, for which he chaired the Procurement Committee. He is also the former Vice Chairman of the Union County Parks and Recreation Board and is Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Joint Meeting of Union and Essex Counties.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is the Past President of the Summit Police Athletic League and a member of the Volunteer Division of the Summit Fire Department where he serves as a Trustee for the Captain Hose Company No. 2. Mr. Dill is a Past President of the Summit Area Jaycees. He is a member of the Summit Republican Committee.

Platform: Among the ideas Mr. Dill said he would look into if elected is the purchase of vacant land adjacent to county park land in order to expand the county's recreational facilities. He believes the Houdaille Quarry in Springfield should be considered for the site of county recreational facilities.

Al Dill



Name: Al Dill
Candidate For: Freeholder
Party: Republican
Professional Experience: The candidate is an account executive with EEI, Inc. of Elizabeth. Mr. Dill has over 20 years of experience in electronic technology.

Education: The candidate is a graduate of Oratory Prep in Summit. He attended St. Leo's College in Florida for two years before leaving to go to work.

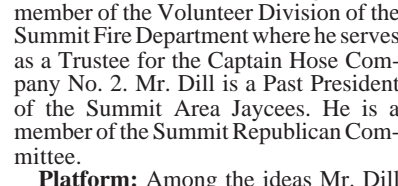
Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Phyllis, have two children, Alyson and Erin.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Dill served three terms on the City of Summit Common Council from 1988 to 1997. He is

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Richard Revilla



Name: Richard Revilla
Candidate For: Freeholder
Party: Republican
Professional Experience: Richard Revilla of Elizabeth is a private agent with the Elizabeth Motor Vehicle Agency. He is a



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