

Candidate Biographies

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former accounts payable supervisor with Christian Dior Parfums and previously worked in the area of inventory control for the Coca Cola Bottling Co. in New York.

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

Gov. Experience: The candidate ran as the GOP's candidate for the 20th District's Assembly seat in 1995 and 1997. He served as Chairman of the Elizabeth Housing Authority in 1998 and as Vice Chairman in 1997.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a member of the Hispanic Advisory Council to the state GOP.

Platform: The candidate supports holding town meetings of the board throughout the county so that the Freeholders gain first hand knowledge of the problems faced by county residents. Mr. Revilla said he and his running-mates believe the county should hold on to less surplus funds in order to cut taxes further.

Fanwood Mayor

William E. Populus, Jr.

Name: William E. Populus, Jr.
Candidate For: Fanwood Mayor
Party: Democrat
Professional Experience: Mr. Populus is the owner of Populus Real Estate and Populus & Associates Appraisers, both in Westfield.

Education: Mr. Populus is a licensed real estate broker and appraiser in New Jersey. He attended high school in New Orleans, La.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Marilyn, have three grown children.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Populus was appointed to the Borough Council in 1993 to fill a vacancy. He was elected to a full term in 1994 and was reelected in 1997. The candidate, who serves as Council President, chairs the Administrative and Finance Committee. He is the borough's representative on the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority. He also serves as Chairman of the Fanwood Recreation Commission.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is a veteran of the United States Navy and Air Force. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fanwood Community Foundation.

Platform: The candidate has pledged to continue pursuing grants for the borough so that taxes remain low in Fanwood, such as the \$1 million that has come into the borough's coffers the past five years. He wants to work to create a steady stream of commercial tax revenue and a vibrant downtown.

Louis C. Jung

Name: Louis C. Jung
Candidate For: Mayor of Fanwood
Party: Republican
Professional Experience: The candidate is employed as the Northeast Public Affairs Manager with Exxon Corporation.

Education: Mr. Jung holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Nancy, have two adult daughters.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Jung has served for six years on the Borough Council. For the past five years he has chaired the Public Works Committee. He previously chaired the Administration and Finance Committee and the Recreation and Community Services Committee. He served on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education from 1978 to 1990.

Clubs/Organizations: Mr. Jung is a member of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, where he sits on the governing body. He is also a player and officer in the Fanwood Men's Softball League.

Platform: The focus of the candidate's campaign has been the revitalization of the section of Second Street between South and LaGrande Avenues. At the center of the plan is the relocation of the Fanwood Post Office to the block between South and LaGrande Avenues.

Fanwood Council

Stuart S. Kline

Name: Stuart S. Kline
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Fanwood Borough Council
Professional Experience: The candidate is a real estate agent with Burgdorff ERA in Westfield. She was employed for 18 years with the Social Security Administration.

Education: The candidate attended Kean College (now a university).

Family Life: Mrs. Kline and her husband, Tom, have one child.

Gov. Experience: This is Mrs. Kline's second run for elective office. She ran for the governing body in 1997. Mrs. Kline is a member of the Fanwood Recreation Commission and the Union County Transportation Advisory Board.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate has served as a volunteer for the Bruner Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association and for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA's children's programs. She is chairing the borough's Millennium Celebration Committee and was a member of the borough's Centennial Committee, which organized Fanwood's 100th year celebration in 1995.

Platform: Mrs. Kline said keeping an eye on property taxes and bringing in outside grant money are areas she would address on council. She is also interested in downtown revitalization efforts underway in the borough.

Thomas P. Ryan, Jr.

Name: Thomas P. Ryan, Jr.
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Fanwood Borough Council
Professional Experience: Mr. Ryan is a partner in the law firm of DeMaggio & DeMaggio in New York City.

Education: Mr. Ryan holds bachelor of arts and law degrees from Fordham University in the Bronx.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Ann Marie Shipman, have a two-year-old daughter.

Gov. Experience: The candidate has never held elective office.

Clubs/Organizations: He is a member of the St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains and the Fanwood Republican Club.

Platform: Co-Chairman of the Fanwood Citizens for Responsible Development, a grass-roots organization which opposed the apartment complex application for the former Dean Oil site, he said he will continue to be interested in development of the property. In addition, Mr. Ryan has said he wants to help the borough remain fiscally conservative while ensuring the successful future of Fanwood.

Patricia Plante

Name: Patricia Plante
Party: Democrat
Candidate For: Fanwood Borough Council
Professional Experience: The candidate is a real estate agent with Burgdorff ERA in Westfield. She was employed for 18 years with the Social Security Administration.

Education: The candidate attended Kean College (now a university).

Family Life: Mrs. Plante and her husband, Tom, have one child.

Gov. Experience: This is Mrs. Plante's second run for elective office. She ran for the governing body in 1997. Mrs. Plante is a member of the Fanwood Recreation Commission and the Union County Transportation Advisory Board.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate has served as a volunteer for the Bruner Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association and for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA's children's programs. She is chairing the borough's Millennium Celebration Committee and was a member of the borough's Centennial Committee, which organized Fanwood's 100th year celebration in 1995.

Platform: Mrs. Plante said keeping an eye on property taxes and bringing in outside grant money are areas she would address on council. She is also interested in downtown revitalization efforts underway in the borough.

Adele Kenny

Name: Adele Kenny
Party: Democrat
Candidate For: Fanwood Borough Council
Professional Experience: Ms. Kenny is an author and poet. She is a former English, creative writing and gifted education teacher for the Rahway Public Schools and has taught at the College of New Rochelle and Middlesex County College. She serves as Cultural Arts Director and Director of the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center.

Education: Ms. Kenny has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Literature from Newark State College (now Kean University) and a master's degree in education from the College of New Rochelle.

Family Life: The candidate is not married and has no children.

Gov. Experience: The candidate is Fanwood's Liaison to the Union County Air Traffic Advisory Board.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate is the founder and Director of the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series and founder of the Scotch Plains Chapter of the Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order of St. Francis). Ms. Kenny is a volunteer for Children's Specialized Hospital's Very Special Arts Festivals. She also volunteers at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, where she teaches report writing.

Platform: Among the priorities Ms. Kenny said she would push for, if elected, are conservative fiscal management, stable taxes, downtown revitalization through a five-year plan, education, public safety and disposition of the Dean Oil site. She also wants to expand cultural and recreational program for Fanwood residents of all ages.

Mountainside Mayor

Robert F. Vigilanti

Name: Robert F. Vigilanti
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Mountainside Mayor
Professional Experience: Mr. Vigilanti is President and Founder of both Westfield Brace Company, Inc., and W.B.C. Industries, both located in Westfield.

Education: A 1958 graduate of Westfield High School, he has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government with a minor in business administration from Waynesburg College in Pennsylvania. He also holds a certificate in courses in orthotics from the Post Graduate Medical School of New York University.

Family Life: Mr. Vigilanti and his wife, Linda, have two grown children.

Gov. Experience: The candidate has served in elected office in Mountainside for the past 21 years. He was elected mayor in 1987 and re-elected in 1991 and 1995. Prior to that he served three terms on the Borough Council and held the post of Council President for several years. He ran unsuccessfully for Union County Freeholder in 1996.

Clubs/Organizations: Helped found the Union County League of Municipalities in 1989, serving as its Vice President and then President. He also served on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors in 1991. Mr. Vigilanti is President of the New Jersey Orthotic & Prosthetic Society.

Platform: Mayor Vigilanti wants to continue to deliver a "sensible tax rate" in the borough while maintaining borough services. He also wants to see to fruition projects such as the new commuter parking lot now under construction.

Mountainside Council

Paul N. Mirabelli

Name: Paul N. Mirabelli
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Mountainside Borough Council
Professional Experience: The candidate has his own law practice with offices in Cranford and Hazlet.

Education: After graduating from the Pingry School in Summit, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont and his law degree from the New England School of Law in Boston.

Family Life: Mr. Mirabelli and his wife, Laura, are the parents of three children.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Mirabelli was elected to the council in 1996. He has chaired the Public Works Committee.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate has coached soccer, basketball and baseball with the Mountainside Recreation Department. He was one of the founding directors of the Mountainside Police Athletic League and has served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board in Elizabeth.

Platform: If re-elected, Mr. Mirabelli will continue to work with the borough's fire department and rescue squad in maintaining their traditions of remaining volunteer organizations. He will also look to further expand programs offered by the Recreation Department.

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Keith C. Turner

Name: Keith C. Turner
Party: Republican
Candidate For: Mountainside Borough Council
Professional Experience: The candidate is the owner of a dental laboratory.

Education: Mr. Turner holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Science and Finance from Kean University in Union and an associate degree in dental prosthetics from Union County College.

Family Life: The candidate and his wife, Susan, have two children.

Gov. Experience: Mr. Turner is in his ninth year as a member of the Borough Council. He served as Council President in 1993 and 1998. He served as Fire Commissioner, Deputy Police Commissioner and Chairman of the Recreation Department.

Clubs/Organizations: The candidate serves as a Republican Committeeman in the borough. He has been a member of Mountainside's Honorary Policemen's Benevolent Association since 1984 and is Director of the Mountainside Police Athletic League. He also coaches Little League, soccer and basketball.

Platform: If re-elected, Mr. Turner vows to continue to see to it that Mountainside maintains one of the lowest tax rates, while maintaining one of the highest property values in Union County. He also wants to work, through the cooperation of the county freeholder board, to clean up those parks within Mountainside's border.

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