

2009 NJCP State Platform

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Initiative and Referendum

Position Statement:

The New Jersey Conservative Party strongly supports the enactment of legislation permitting direct Initiative and Referendum (California style) in New Jersey.

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Right Of Recall

Position Statement:

The New Jersey Conservative Party believes that citizens must have the right to recall all elected officials with reasonable signature requirements.

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Term Limits For The New Jersey Legislature

Position Statement:

We support a limit on the number of consecutive terms served by elected officials: three terms (six years) in the General Assembly, and three terms (ten years) in the State Senate. A legislator may run again after stepping down for a minimum of one term.

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Fiscal Responsibility

Position Statement:

We propose a 20% cut of all state government spending over the next 4 years. All state debt should be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection. We favor reducing the number of departments in the state bureaucracy from 16 to 12. We support enacting laws that will scrap our state's "progressive" income tax and replace it with a 2.9% flat tax rate on all income that will go down to 2.5, then 2.1% once all state spending has been cut.

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Crime

Position Statement:

Law enforcement agencies should be permitted to use profiling for identifying detecting and preventing criminal activity. We believe that those who violated the public trust while participating in the sub-prime mortgage crisis should be prosecuted to the fullest extent that the law allows.

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Open Meetings For Legislature

Position Statement:

The New Jersey Conservative Party believes that the current "Sunshine Law" should be strictly

enforced and applied to all levels of state and local government.

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End Dual Office Holding

Position Statement:

The New Jersey Conservative Party proposes legislation to prohibit dual office holding by elected and/or appointed officials, as well as employees on state or local payroll. We also favor the enactment of laws prohibiting elected officials from being appointed to positions paid for by public funds during their elected terms, and for a minimum of five years after their elected terms expire.

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Restriction of Incumbent Pay Raises

Position Statement:

There shall be no pay raises(or perks or benefits) for the Governor and the Legislature until the fiscal mess in Trenton is cleaned up.

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Reducing The Influence of Special Interests

Position Statement:

We endorse laws which prohibit elected and/or appointed officials from accepting gifts, contributions, or fees in excess of \$100.00 from groups, individuals, PACs or corporations. We support strict enforcement of all election laws, especially those that deal with campaign financing.

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Education

Position Statement:

The New Jersey Conservative Party supports enacting laws that will overturn the Abbott funding decision by an amendment to the state constitution and force any districts who fail to provide quality education at the current level of funding to automatically provide vouchers for parents to send their children to the school of their choice.

We favor incentives which encourage **voluntary** regionalization of school districts.

We endorse eliminating tenure in school employees contracts.

We propose the use of state-wide purchasing contracts to use the state's purchasing power.

We suggest the use of existing "models" for new school construction to eliminate time-consuming and costly architectural design.

We endorse the taxpayers' right to veto unnecessary expenditures in the school district budgets.

We favor incorporating School Board elections into the general elections.

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Health Care Reform

Position Statement:

The New Jersey Conservative Party favors reforms which foster competition among providers.
We favor allowing an individual who is paying directly for his/her health insurance premiums to deduct 100% of the premiums cost from their state income tax returns.
We favor the continuance of necessary health care for the poor and disabled with an emphasis on preventive health care.
We support reform which preserves the individual's choice of physician and treatment.
We support standardization of medical insurance claim forms.

12 **COAH**

Position Statement:

We support the abolition by executive order of all unfunded mandates, such as COAH(Coalition on Affordable Housing) on the grounds that they are too costly a drain on the financial system.

13 **Sanctity Of Life**

Position Statement:

The NJ Conservative Party recognizes the sanctity of human life and personhood for all people from the moment of conception until natural death.

We call for a ban on partial-birth abortions.

Taxpayer money must not be used to fund abortions or support abortion advocacy groups.

We oppose human cloning

We support recent developments in *Adult* stem cell research and resulting medical progress in the treatment of various diseases.

We oppose the State Of New Jersey's support of embryonic stem cell research.

14 **Right To Bear Arms**

Position Statement:

We oppose any legislation that will infringe on the citizen's Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

15 **Language**

Position Statement:

We endorse "English" as the official language of New Jersey.

All legal and business documents should be in English.

16 **Veterans Preference**

Position Statement:

We support extending Veterans Preference to temporary state employment

We believe that any taxes that the state has earmarked for veterans should be distributed to veterans and their widows and children.

Abolish Public Pensions and Benefits for Part-Time Elected Officials

Position Statement:

We favor the abolishment of taxpayer financed pensions and benefits for part-time elected officials as an effective way to end widespread abuses and deal with a public pension system which is out of control.

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