



Q. The state Constitution does not clearly define the role and responsibilities of the lieutenant governor. What exact responsibilities will your running mate have if you are elected?

Chris Christie (Republican) - I have outlined an ambitious program for Sheriff Kim Guadagno that will utilize her experience and energy to help lead my administration. As Lt. Governor, she will chair a number of key initiatives such as my “Red Tape Review Group” and the “New Jersey Partnership for Action,” both of which are dedicated to removing the barriers to economic recovery. The Lt. Governor will lead these efforts to restore our economy and make the state government a partner with our communities, citizens and businesses rather than an out of touch obstacle. There will be no more important role in this state than to ensure that we reverse the history of blocking our state’s economic growth and become a true partner in our revitalization. Sheriff Guadagno has

Jon Corzine (Democratic) - I selected Loretta Weinberg to be my running mate because I see her as an ideal partner in helping us advance our agenda. Her breadth of experience makes her someone I want in the room when I make all decisions on major policy issues.

I envision her role being analogous to that of Vice President Biden in the Obama Administration: someone that can help us get things done, and someone whose legislative experience and contacts can help us move our agenda.

Moreover, her expertise on health care issues, as well as issues affecting women, children, and seniors makes her an invaluable contributor in those areas, all of which have been a top priority for my Administration, and will continue to be in my second term.

Jason Cullen (People Not Politics) – The Lieutenant Governor should lead inquiries and investigations on corruption and other criminal matters within our government. Gloria Leustek must be groomed and ready to take the responsibilities of the Governorship should anything happen to me. Gloria Leustek would play a major role in decision-making and cabinet meetings. I would have to say my biggest needs from her would be leading job creation initiatives while keeping legislators in line to ensure a more honest state government.

Christopher Daggett (Independent for New Jersey) – Dr. Frank Esposito, a distinguished professor of history and education at Kean University, has been in the forefront of the movement to afford students more choice, having been one of the architects of the charter school law during the Whitman administration. As a lieutenant governor, Frank will lead the policy effort on education and higher education. He will help us to expand charter schools in New Jersey and encourage innovation in those schools. He will be instrumental in our push to improve

accountability and performance in our public school system. Finally, he will assist us in the budget process, utilizing his experience as acting president of Kean University for two academic school years where he absorbed a 20% funding cut without eliminating any faculty positions.

Kenneth Kaplan (Libertarian Party) – John Paff, my highly qualified running mate, has been a long time guardian of the public’s right to know under the state’s Open Public Records Act (OPRA). He has extensive knowledge about municipal government, and I will appoint him to head the Department of Community Affairs. He will be kept in the loop regarding all my actions and goals as Governor, and will be ready to perform my duties when I am out of state or if I become unable to perform my duties for any reason.

Joshua Leinsdorf (Fair Election Party) – The purpose of the office of Lieutenant Governor is to provide a smooth transition in the event the Governor is unable to perform his duties. Therefore, the Lieutenant Governor needs to be completely informed of all matters before the Governor at all times. I envision the role of Lieutenant Governor as an assistant Governor, an integral part of the Governor’s office, but with no independent functions. Mr. Figliola’s role will be to help me run the state. As a successful small business owner and employer, he will bring that badly needed perspective and expertise to the highest decision-making councils in the state.

Alvin Lindsay (Lindsay for Governor) - The lieutenant governor should have “almost” the exact responsibilities as Governor.

David Meiswinkle (Middle Class Empowerment) – If I am ill or unavailable the Lt. Governor would stand in for me as if I were there, with the same powers that the Governor would have. When I am healthy and available, the position would be largely ceremonial in that the Lt. Governor would be attending many events on behalf of the State of New Jersey and its Governor. I may establish a special function for the Lt. Governor to address, eg. A special committee of oversight to monitor all bond issues in the State which would be chaired by the Lt. Governor. Or a special committee to facilitate the coordination between the private and public sector in creating jobs which would be chaired by the Lt. Governor. The Lt. Governor’s position would evolve as the term of office evolves. The definition for now should be flexible.

Gregory Pason (Socialist Party USA) - I understand the need for Lieutenant Governor after the McGreevy resignation. My Lt. Governor, Costantino Rozzo will serve as an adviser and liaison with community groups while supporting and promoting our vision for a democratic socialist New Jersey.

Kostas Petris (For the People) – First I would like to add that the running mate I have chosen, Kevin Davies, is a true believer in how a government should work and is standing behind all issues at hand not because he has too, but that he possesses the same quality I possess, common sense. When I am elected we will ask the people if they are okay with this new position or if it should be eliminated. If they are okay with the new position, we will work side by side implementing the changes we promised the people in our campaign.

Gary Steele (Leadership, Independence, Vision) – My Lieutenant Governor will work closely with me on slashing State spending and reducing the size of government. My Lieutenant Governor will be our budget slasher. My Lieutenant Governor will have direct responsibility to review county spending and reduce said spending. The Lieutenant Governor shall have as the ultimate goal to reduce spending at every level of government beginning on Day 1 when we take office.

Gary Stein (Independent, multiple slogans) – Mrs. Stein did me a big favor running for the position of NJ's- first- lieutenant governor. If we win, she can either submit her resignation on Nov. 4th, the day after, or she can focus on animal rights and health care. The former being her passion, the latter her new cause because she's so grateful to finally have excellent coverage, and remembers those that don't.