



Q. What methods do you support for reducing poverty and ensuring access to affordable housing?

Chris Christie (Republican) - *No Response Received*

Jon Corzine (Democratic) – Providing affordable housing and preventing families from losing their homes is critical to reducing poverty. That’s why, since 2006, we have created or preserved 30,000 affordable homes; increased State Rental Assistance funding 500%; provided rental vouchers to 4,900 homeless and low-income families; and, issued over 5,000 first-time homebuyer mortgages. To protect the most vulnerable, I funded transitional housing and emergency shelter projects, and awarded millions in Shelter Support Grants.

I also implemented a multifaceted foreclosure mitigation strategy, including: foreclosure outreach and education events, which have served 15,500 people through nearly 200 events; a foreclosure mediation program, which has provided over 2,500 families with housing counseling; and, a mortgage assistance program, which helps homeowners become current on their mortgage.

Jason Cullen (People Not Politics) – *No Response Received*

Christopher Daggett (Independent for New Jersey) – *No Response Received*

Kenneth Kaplan (Libertarian Party) – I offer the most innovative plan to achieve affordable housing, and at zero cost to taxpayers! The state must simply enact legislation to supersede local zoning ordinances, removing zoning barriers which currently prevent owners of single family homes from converting them to two family homes and the owners of two family homes from converting them to three families. Allowing these conversions will solve the affordable housing crisis not just for people renting the new units, but also for the original home owners, many of whom may be senior citizens, who will now be able to remain in houses that had become too large and too expensive for their needs. This will solve the affordable housing problem without the expenditure of any tax dollars.

Joshua Leinsdorf (Fair Election Party) – Forty percent of the high school senior aged children in New Jersey are unable to pass an eleventh grade test. Poverty reduction is a direct function of education. To raise academic standards in the schools, every middle and high school student must have a laptop computer.

There is plenty of affordable housing in New Jersey, it is just located in places no one wants to live because it is too dangerous. New Jersey needs a real public transportation system so that the affordable housing is accessible to jobs, and the police forces need to be redeployed to make the cities where the affordable housing is located into safe communities.

Alvin Lindsay (Lindsay for Governor) – The methods that should be used for reducing poverty and ensuring access to affordable housing to reduce poverty, the citizen is going to need help from the federal government until they are able to manage on their own. They are also going to need help in finding affordable housing from the government.

David Meiswinkle (Middle Class Empowerment) - *No Response Received*

Gregory Pason (Socialist Party USA) – I support a guaranteed income for all residents and a living wage of \$15 an hour, plus support the creation of community/worker cooperatives and community banks which will serve low income and working class neighborhoods. I would work to push legislation to end check-cashing and pay-day loan scams by providing these services for low-fees.

On housing I call for an end to home foreclosures and a vast increase in Section 8 housing subsidies as one element of major public investment in the construction of low cost, scattered site, community-based, high quality housing. I also call for rent control for all rental units, and the right of tenants to organize.

As a longer-term housing strategy, I support the formation of non-profit land trusts and of socially

Kostas Petris (For the People) – *No Response Received*

Gary Steele (Leadership, Independence, Vision) – *No Response Received*

Gary Stein (Independent, multiple slogans) – We'll reduce poverty in this state when we get out of control state spending and pensions fixed- that's when the business community comes back and fills the coffers once again. But then we'll repeat the vicious cycle of healthy budgets and greedy politicians, caving in to every special interests groups demand- leading to blow your mind deficits- all over again. The poor, including us with no adequate health insurance- but a nice house- will continue waiting forever for a healthy balance between government, and the private sector (if I'm not at the helm).....(In that article the big three, Corzine, Daggett, and Christie, got to give their 2 cents; the Hall Institute for Public Policy got their plug, and I got zippo. I answered questions very