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Welcome to another edition of our annual PolitickerNJ Power List, a rigorous exercise of pure reason that would undoubtedly make Immanuel Kant proud.

Now as you try to figure out what Kant has to do with New Jersey politics, or do a quick Google search to find out who he was, we'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the individuals who made this year's Power List and explain the basic rationale behind their selection.

First of all, front-running Democratic gubernatorial contender Phil Murphy and his team all either went on to this year's list or went way up, as the number one slot demonstrates. Governor Chris Christie's people fell, as the once powerful Republican leader's influence wanes. Those players affiliated with doomed gubernatorial candidates Senate President Steve Sweeney and Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop either drop substantially or come completely off the list. Those two politicians remain powerful, but they

won't see governor come 2018.

As we went to press we added Kellyann Conway, the Jersey-born campaign manager of President-elect Donald J. Trump, and noted the diminished capacities of those diehard Hillary Clinton backers who lost the presidential contest.

As always, please note that this list does not include elected officials, judges, or former governors.

Finally, please do not be offended if you don't find your own name in this list, or rack your brain if you occupied the Power List last year but now do not. Chances are you'll be back, and so will we, come 2017. For now, please enjoy this year's Power List and remember the inspirational words of the late Oscar Levant, "The only difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is that the Democrats allow the poor to be corrupt, too."

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# The 2016 PolitickerNJ Power List

## 1 Phil Murphy *Democratic candidate for Governor*

The former Goldman Sachs executive and former U.S. ambassador to Germany wooed the northern county Democratic chairs as part of an aggressive pre-2017 campaign that made him the clear front-runner heading into next year's primary. A great retail politician with money to burn, Murphy has built real political muscle in those counties critical for a Democrat to win in New Jersey, starting with Middlesex, Essex, Passaic, Hudson and Bergen.



## 2 George Norcross *South Jersey Democratic Power Broker*

The boss of the bosses absorbed a loss when Murphy arrayed the northern counties against him, and by the time it's over his political power in the era post Gov. Chris Christie may wane significantly. But South Jersey still maintains the most unified Democratic Party caucus in the legislature and it may take a Democratic Primary to drop Norcross farther down this list.



## 3 Paul Fishman *U.S. Attorney*

New Jersey's top cop will go down in history as the man who presided over the prosecution of Bridgegate. His critics wanted Christie behind bars for the George Washington Bridge lane closures fiasco, and while that may or may not come to pass, the trial buried whatever was left of the ambitious Republican governor's reputation.





## 4 John Currie

*Democratic State Party Chairman*

The party leader delivered 90 delegate votes to winning candidate Hillary Clinton at the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia and is regarded by Democratic Party insiders as that key leader who put together the coalition to make Phil Murphy the front-runner for the Democratic nomination for Governor. A veteran from a politically charged county, Currie has the skills of an old football coach who knows how to put his ego on the side in order to win games.



## 5 Kevin McCabe

*Middlesex County Democratic Committee Chairman*

First elected to the position of Central Jersey power in 2013, McCabe proved capable this year when he held together the Middlesex legislative delegation and substantially influenced the direction of the gubernatorial election. Middlesex will fight Essex for legislative leadership, but stands in a good position to cut a deal with either Norcross or that jumble of northern party chairs who beat Norcross to cohere behind Murphy.

**Senator Cory Booker congratulates  
Mo Butler, George Helmy  
and all those recognized on the  
PolitickerNJ 2016 Power List!**

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## 6 Bill Mullen

*President, NJ Building Trades Council*

As long as Senate President Sweeney remains installed in the state senate, Mullen will always hold the keys to the kingdom. Mullen sits at the control panel of 15 interlocking building trades and 13 county councils representing 150,000 workers.



## 7 Leroy Jones

*Essex County Democratic Committee Chairman*

The man from East Orange proved the difference-maker in the gubernatorial sweepstakes when he assessed his county, found more support among rank and file members for Murphy than Sweeney, and threw his support behind the Goldman Sachs veteran along with his fellow northern chairs. Even when it seemed absurd, Jones always told PolitickerNJ that Essex would be united and that Essex would be with those other members of the Quad County Alliance: Hudson, Passaic and Bergen. He was right.



## 8 Chris Porrino

*New Jersey State Attorney General*

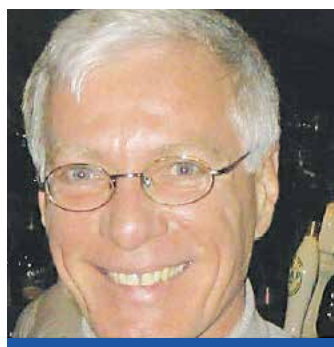
As Christie teeters toward the finish line of his term, the top lawyer in his administration has proved a strong voice in the administration. Early takedowns include the toppling of a heroin mill, a secured guilty plea from former Assemblyman Robert Schroeder of Bergen, and the arrest of the Dunellen School Board president for child porn. Don't mess with him.

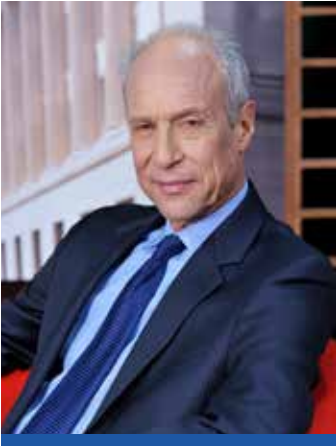


## 9 Brad Lawrence/ Steve DeMicco

*Campaign Consultants*

The veteran dynamic duo of Message and Media successfully piloted Phil Murphy into a very strong front-runner status to succeed Christie as governor of New Jersey. They made the most of a good product as they consistently defined Murphy as a vibrant, larger-than-life filler of that vacuum created by Christie's prolonged absences.





## **10** Michael Aron

*NJTV Chief Political Correspondent*

The dean of New Jersey political reporting and host of On the Record and Reporters Roundtable continues to wield tremendous influence as the most consistent voice of reason in a state otherwise routinely dedicated to myriad absurdities. He's really the only person left standing who can be trusted.



## **11** Michael Critchley

*Criminal Defense Attorney*

Even though ultimately found guilty, Bridget Kelly's lawyer from Critchley, Kinum and Denoia did a masterful job in defense of his client during the Bridgegate trial by showing rat's nest upheaval at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to divert from his own client's role in the mess.

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## 12 Patrick Murray

*Pollster and Political scientist*

Long the leading expert in polling and prognosticating New Jersey politics, Monmouth University's Murray took his career to another level this year with national campaign polls that everyone in the political universe routinely relied on for the most accurate campaigns and elections intel. He's also brilliant with the off-the-cuff quote.



## 13 Lou Stellato

*Bergen County Democratic Committee Chairman*

The party leader was the prime mover behind a movement by the northern Democratic chairs to back an alternative to Senate President Steve Sweeney, the preferred candidate of Norcross and South Jersey. Maybe Stellato didn't prove as compelling a figure as Currie, but he was that original battler who insisted on rallying the northern counties together to resist rule under Norcross.



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## 14 Ray Pocino

*Vice President and Eastern Regional Manager, LIUNA*

The Laborers leader has all-weather gear political preparation, overseeing the operations of 40,000 workers in the New Jersey area, and will pivot easily from Christie world to Murphy world, if such a shift occurs.



## 15 Thomas Scrivo

*Chief Counsel to Governor Christie*

Christie's influence has waned considerably since Bridgegate and Bridgegate revisited. The governor may be underwater politically. But the staunch-the-bleeding appearance on his staff last year of the highly regarded Scrivo was arguably the biggest bright spot.



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# 16 Charles Wowkanech

*President, New Jersey AFL-CIO*

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## 17 John Graham

*Principal, Fairview Insurance*

The North Jersey Democratic Party power-broker is one of Hillary Clinton's closest friends in New Jersey and a key mover behind shifting the fulcrum of New Jersey power back to the north from long dominant South Jersey.



## 18 Dale Florio

*Lobbyist*

The politically savvy former chairman of the Somerset County Republican Committee has built a professional profile as one of the most respected insiders in New Jersey politics, leading the high octane West State Street firm Princeton Public Affairs.



## 19 Mike Kempner

*CEO, MWW*

The genius CEO runs the most politically well-connected public relations firm in the state, with tentacles stretching around the world, and into the corridors of Washington, D.C. power.



## 20 George Gilmore

*Chairman, Ocean County Republican Committee*

The long-serving leader of the Ocean GOP is the linchpin of the Kim Guadagno for Governor Campaign and the most powerful Republican chairman in the state. He intimidates, both intellectually and in the catfish swamp climes that characterize New Jersey politics. Powerful.





## 21 Maggie Moran

*Managing Partner, Kivvit*

The Democratic Party power player made the transition to national-level issue advocacy and corporate communications, while always maintaining sizeable influence in her home state.



## 22 Michael DuHaime

*Partner, Mercury*

Christie's presidential campaign didn't get very far, but that wasn't the fault of DuHaime, who loyally did the best he could with a damaged brand. His public affairs firm is one of the best connected in the state.

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## 23 Bill Maer and Kelly Stewart Maer

*Democratic Party operatives*

The husband and wife team make their mark respectively at Public Impact Strategies and Capital Health Systems, and cast a broad net of influence. Both have close ties to Democratic State Party Chairman Currie, Stewart Maer as treasurer of the state party and a key Clinton world operative.





## 24 George Helmy

*State Director, U.S. Senator Cory Booker*

Likeable, accessible and effective, he's the go-to guy now for Cory Booker world on all statewide matters.



## 25 Michellene Davis

*Executive Vice President, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, RWJBarnabas Health*

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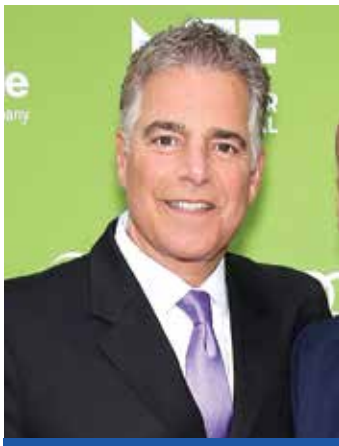
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## 26 Steve Adubato

*Host, NJ Capitol Report*

The NJTV broadcasting mainstay broadened his influence this year when Rutgers University Press published his book, *Lessons in Leadership*. The key to Adubato's success all these years is his insistence on making New Jersey - and Newark - the main story.



## 27 Bill Spadea

*Host, 101.5 FM*

The smart and energetic Spadea - who also hosts My9's Chasing - was a one-man radio band when he took on the gas tax hike. Once a challenger to then-Congressman Rush Holt, the Princeton Republican showed how to make use of the bully pulpit on an important issue.

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## 28 Julie Roginsky

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## 29 Mo Butler

*Managing Director,  
Mercury*

The Essex County-based Democratic Party insider - a former state director for U.S. Senator Cory Booker - works for DuHaime and remains an influential player in the North Jersey political bloodstream.



## 30 Mary Pat Christie

*First Lady of New Jersey*

She's managed to stay in the background and dignified as her husband has unravelled dismally.



## 31 Kevin Hagan

*Princeton Public Affairs*

Close to Senate President Steve Sweeney, Hagan has deep roots in New Jersey Democratic Party politics going back nearly two decades now and is a heavy hitter for one of the state's top firms.



## 32 Angelo Genova

*Attorney*

The senior partner and co-founder of Genova Burns remains one of the most lethal courtroom operators in the state of New Jersey. Here's a nightmare scenario: sitting on a witness stand with this guy coming around the corner of a table and bearing down on you with his first question.



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# 33 Al Gaburo

*Chairman, Somerset County  
Republican Committee*

The native of Raritan and longtime GOP operative has a dual role as a state street lobbyist with Princeton Public Affairs. Watch him. He'll be instrumental in jump-starting support beyond his home county for Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli's gubernatorial bid. He'll be motivated to see his legislator succeed, as Gaburo will want Ciattarelli to top the GOP ticket in Somerset as he tries to fend off the Democrats' challenge in LD16.



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## 34 Steven Goldstein

*Marriage Equality  
Activist*

There aren't many people out there in New Jersey politics who are played by actor Steve Carrell in a major motion picture, but Goldstein is, in the drama film *Freeheld*. He's the George Washington of New Jersey's LGBT community.



## 35 Kelly-Anne Conway

*Republican Party  
Operative*

A Camden native, Donald Trump's campaign manager proved a tough and capable ally for the President-elect.

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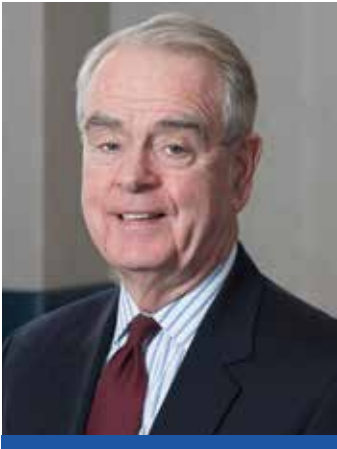
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## 36 Joe Hayden

*Defense Attorney*

Originally from Newark, a veteran of the Civil Rights movement, the veteran lawyer commands instantaneous respect as one of the state's foremost experts on legal defense, and proved a key commentator on the Bridgegate Trial. Here's a tip in this cruddy world called Jersey: keep Hayden's number handy in case of a legal jam.



## 37 Kevin Drennan

*Executive Director, NJ Senate Democrats*

The highly respected Drennan has the ear of Sweeney and did a good job - while it lasted - of helping to set a policy agenda for the Senate President in the lead up to Sweeney pulling the plug on his 2017 gubernatorial bid.



## 38 Tai Cooper

*Chief Policy Advisor for the City of Newark*

A veteran of the office of the late U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, Cooper has considerable reach at all levels of government and deep ties in her hometown. Substantive.



## 39 Chris Russell

*GOP Operative*

The founder of Chris Russell Consulting, LLC will play a significant behind the scenes role next year as a consultant to the Republican gubernatorial campaign of Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli and the campaigns of Donna Simon in LD16.



## 40 Wendell Steinbauer

*President, New Jersey Education Association*

Seeking to make a statewide statement, the organization jumped out early in the gubernatorial contest with a promise of delivering a 2017 endorsement. Part of Senate President Steve Sweeney's problem was the target he had on his back put there by this group. He didn't make it to filing day.



## 41 Roger Bodman

*Senior Partner Public Impact Strategies*

The veteran Republican insider has deep roots in the establishment, and is that seminally calm, reassuring voice on the Republican landscape. As a former commissioner of transportation, he goes back to the Kean administration, and bears that brand of gravitas and dignity.



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Sun-Tzu, *The Art of War*

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## 42 Bill Pascrell III

*Princeton Public Affairs*

Straddling both sides of the state in Trenton and Norrth Jersey, the Passaic County corporation counsel wields extra heft as the son of U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-Paterson).



## 43 Middy Baraka

*Chief of Staff, Newark Mayor Ras Baraka*

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## **44** Brigid Harrison

*Professor of Political Science, Montclair University*

Harrison wrote one of the most-read pieces of the year: a column on the prospects of the legislature impeaching Governor Chris Christie at the height of the Bridgegate trial. She's everywhere.



## **45** David Cruz

*Correspondent, NJTV News*

There are not many people who could play back-up quarterback to Michael Aron, but Cruz is one of the most skillful reporters in the state, who takes snaps under center the way Steve Young filled in for Joe Montana. Excellent on urban issues, particularly up north, and equally sure-footed in the halls of Trenton.

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## 46 Bill Stepien

*GOP Operative*

Bounced out of Christie's administration, Stepien shook off Bridgegate to reemerge as a top flight Republican campaign strategist who will play a critical role behind the scenes for 2017 gubernatorial prospect Kim Guadagno.



## 47 Elnardo Webster

*Attorney, IWWT*

His power derives from deep New Jersey roots and from inner circle status in the world of U.S. Senator Cory Booker. Partnered with the savvy John Inglesino, a former Morris County Republican freeholder and Christie confidant.



## 48 Hetty Rosenstein

*NJ State Director*

What appears will be the absence of a bloody 2017 Democratic Primary probably narrows somewhat the coming influence of public sector unions on upcoming elections, but Sweeney never found a way out of a statewide gate in part because of leaders like Rosenstein.



## 49 Pat Colligan

*President, NJ Police Benevolent Association*

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*Monmouth County Democratic Chairman*

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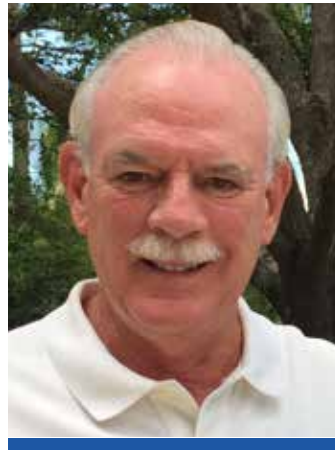
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*Chief of Staff, Essex County Executive Joe DiVincenzo*

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## 58 Adam Silverstein

*CEO, Silver Strategies and Communications*

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## 59 Ed Farmer

*CEO and President, Millenium Strategies*

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## 60 Keith Furlong

*Democratic Party Operative*

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## 61 Michele Siekerka

*President and CEO of the NJ Business and Industry Association*

The savvy Siekerka always finds a way into the most controversial debates subjects in the state.



## 62 Assad Akhter

*Deputy Chief, U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell*

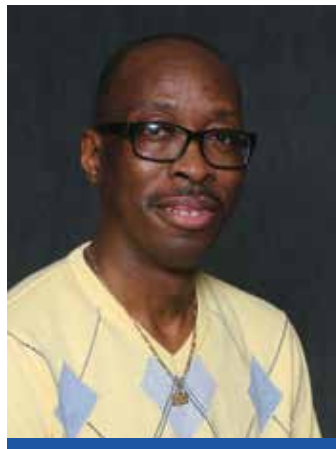
He's the Derek Jeter of North Jersey politics: the guy who shows up for work everyday and consistently gets on base and makes dazzling plays that no one ever talks about because they've grown accustomed to his work.



## 63 Bill Cortese

*Executive Director, Trenton's Bad Bet*

The veteran New York operative put together the battle plan that exploited the fears of voters, which killed North Jersey casinos on Election Day.



## 64 Kenneth Clayton

*Pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church*

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## 68 Kevin Brown/ Julie Diaz

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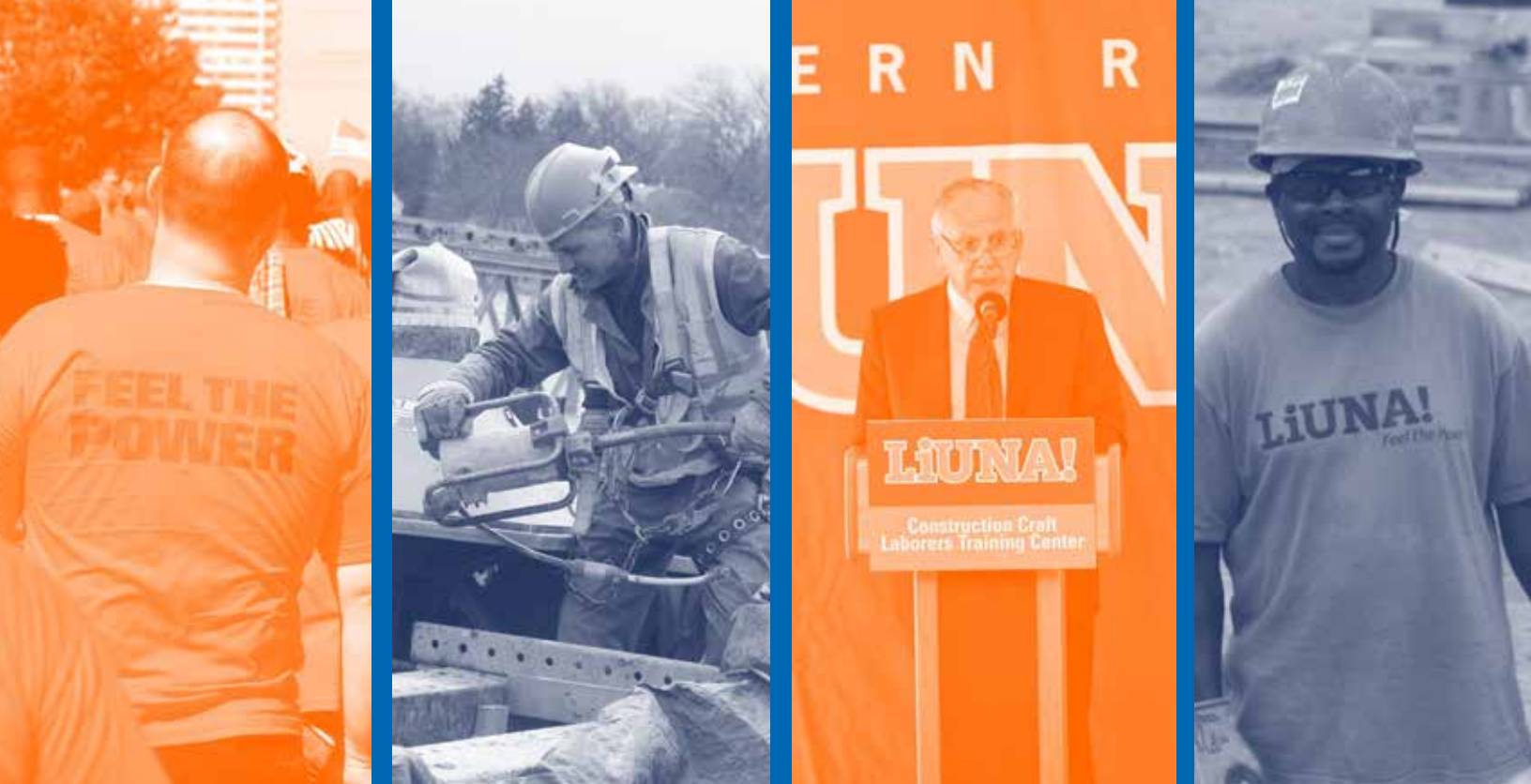
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*President, (Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association) FMBA*

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## 71 Donald Scarinci

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## 72 Marcia Marley

*President, BlueWave NJ*

The Montclair resident leads one of the most respected progressive organizations in the state and has the dual advantage of living in the same town as Essex County Freeholder Brendan Gill, a close adviser to number one on this list.





## 73 Mike Soliman

*Partner, Mercury*

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## 74 Ginger Gold Schnitzer

*Director of Government Relations, New Jersey Education Association*

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## **75** Mark Albiez

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## **76** Erica Daughtrey

*Communications Director for U.S. Rep. Albio Sires (D-Hudson)*

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*South Jersey Democratic Party Operative*

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## 78 Trish Mueller

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**80 Idida Rodriguez**

*Partner, 1868 Public Affairs*

The Paterson native is one of the most battle-tested operatives in New Jersey, and can usually be found in the long shadows of tough North Jersey campaigns. Very close to her business partner, Leroy Jones, and to state Senator Nellie Pou of Passaic.



**81 Marie Blistan**

*Vice President, New Jersey Education Association*

Blistan has a strong hand within the powerful organization, which in 2015 contributed the cash that cleared the Legislature of several swing district Republican lawmakers.



## 82 Tom Bracken

*President and CEO,  
New Jersey Chamber of  
Commerce*

The business leader backed the controversial Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) replenishment package that included a 23 cent gas tax hike, which passed out of the legislature.



## 83 Steffie Bartley

*Pastor, New Hope  
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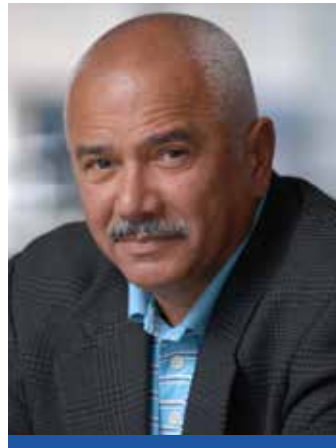




## 85 Al Alvarez

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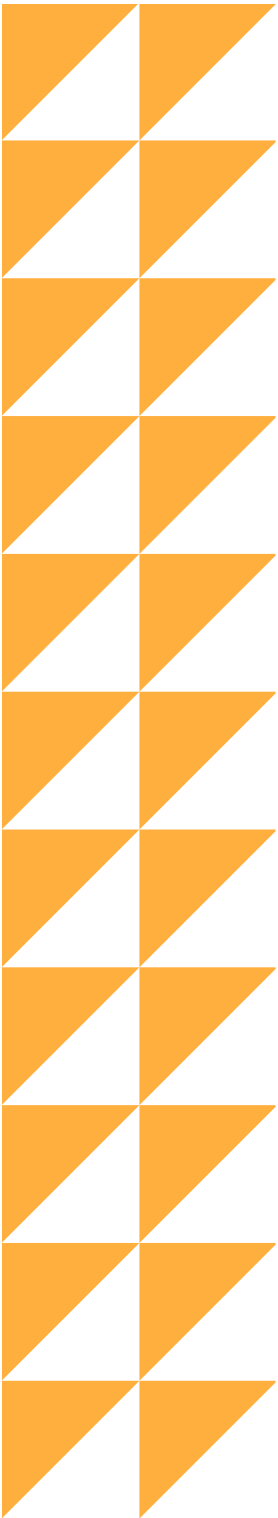
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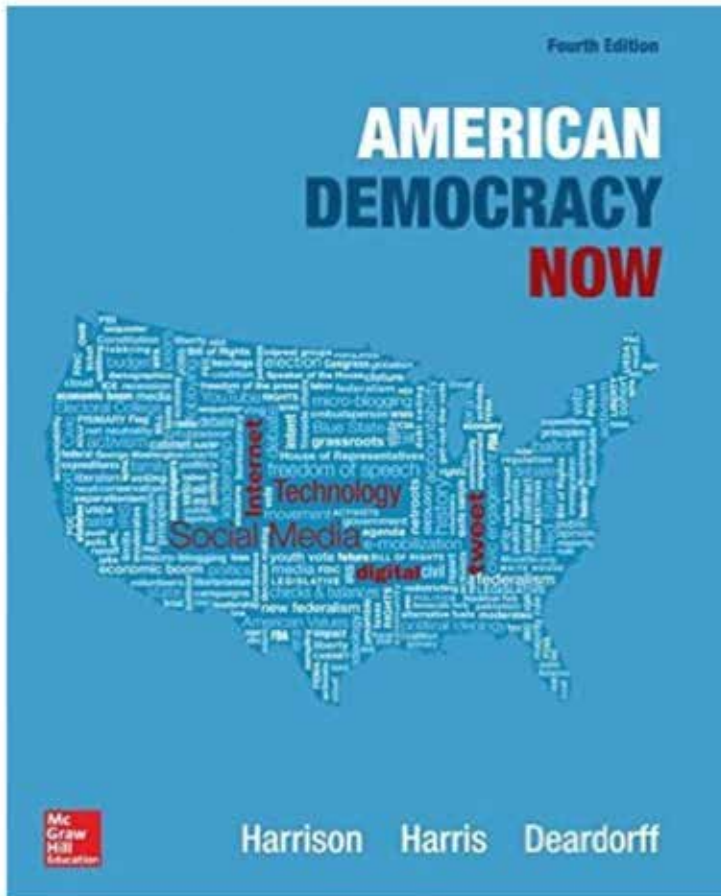
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## 95 Al Abdel-aziz *Democratic Party operative*

He lost his 2016 bid in Paterson's Ward 6, but Abdel-aziz expanded his political universe and given his closeness to Democratic State Party chairman John Currie, must be considered a favorite for an open assembly seat in Paterson.

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## 96 Christian Fuscarino

*Executive Director,  
Garden State Equality*

The organization still has a lot of clout in this state based on the groundwork laid by pioneer Goldstein.



## 97 Braxton Plummer

*Murphy for Governor*

A veteran from Cory Booker world, Plummer did an outstanding job of organizing African-Americans for Phil Murphy, which proved a big plus for the candidate, particularly in Newark and Trenton.

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## 98 Dave Parano

*Founder, Parano and Associates*

Don't mess with Parano in Bergen County. That was the message coming out of Murphy world when whole sections of the county began making the exodus to the former Goldman Sachs banker, who had the veteran Parano on the payroll.



## 99 Sarah Jones

*Manager, Government Affairs at Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield*

A veteran of the office of U.S. Rep. Donald Payne, Jr. (D-Newark), attorney Jones has a deep base of political contacts and wields considerable influence, particularly in North Jersey.

# Congratulations to all On the 2016 Power List!



## Joseph N. DiVincenzo Essex County Executive

## **100** Patricia Campos-Medina

*President, Latinas United for Political Empowerment (LUPEPAC)*

Campos has the street cred and respect both within and outside the Hispanic community, and a considerable academic background to match.

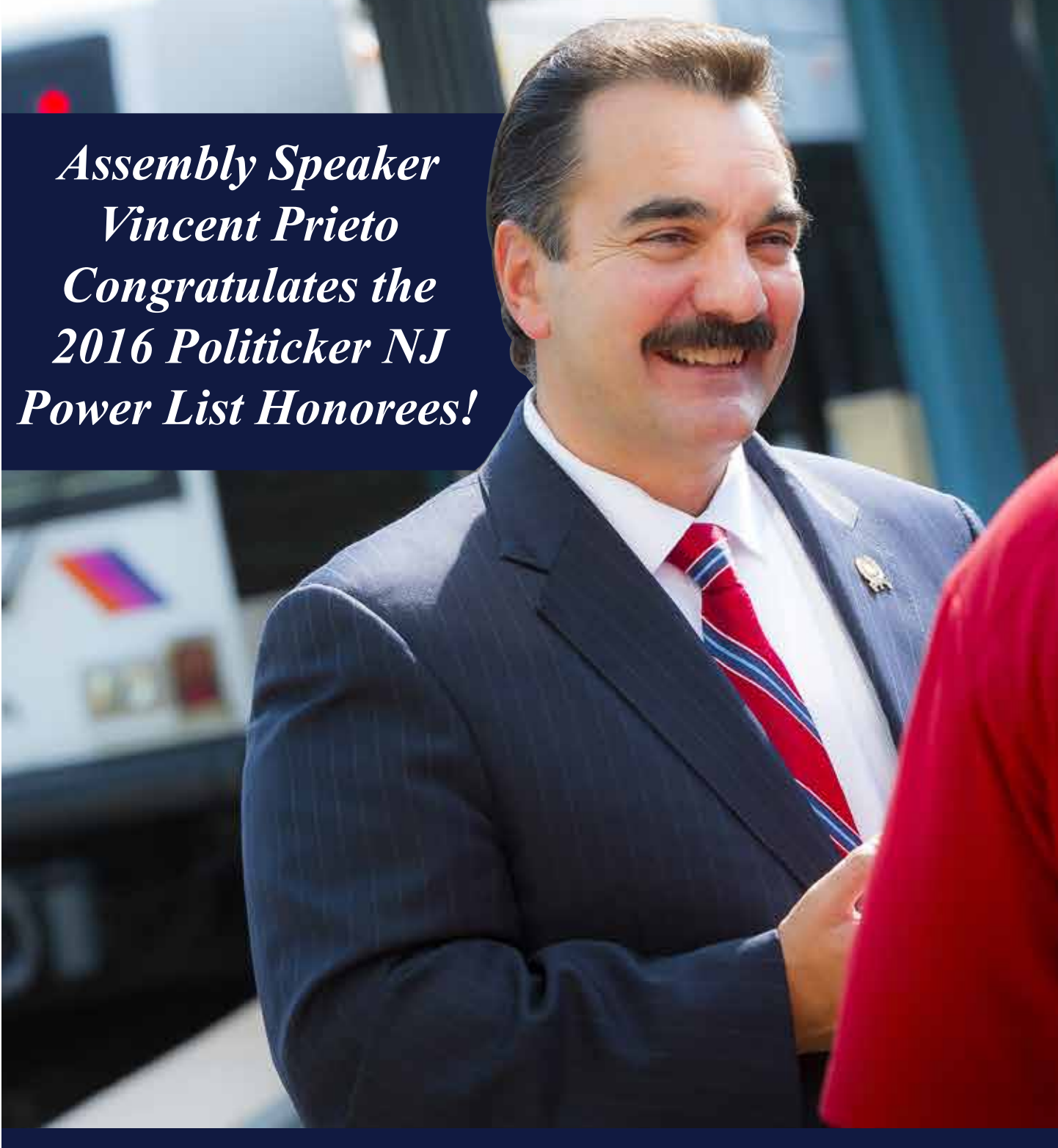


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