

Election Campaign 2007



Gina Genovese (D)



Tom Kean Jr. (R)

Senate Candidate Bios

Gina Genovese
Democrat

Hometown: Long Hill
Professional Background: For the past 36 years, Ms. Genovese has lived and worked in the 21st District. After graduating high school, she spent three years refining her tennis game and teaching students at the Warren Racquet Club. In 1978, Gina won the National Lipton Mixed Doubles Classic in Houston and two years later, played professional tennis, attaining a world ranking of 150. After an injury forced her to retire, she opened Gina's Tennis World in 1983 at the age of 24. She built the Berkeley Heights-based business from 10 clients to a roster of thousands, coaching nationally-ranked players, full-scholarship athletes and top high-school players. For years, she also ran an inner-city tennis program for children in Jersey City.

Education: The candidate graduated from the Kent Place School in Summit in 1977.

Experience: In 2003, Ms. Genovese ran as a last minute fill-in candidate for Long Hill Township Committee and came within 52 votes of victory. The following year, she ran again and defeated a four-time Republican incumbent to become the lone Democrat on the committee. In 2005, the Republican majority on the committee unanimously selected her to become the first Democratic mayor in the history of Long Hill Township. While serving as Long Hill's mayor, Ms. Genovese developed and taught civics lessons to students in both Millington and Gillette about the election and budgeting processes.

Tom Kean Jr.
Republican

Hometown: Westfield
Professional Background: The candidate worked as a special assistant to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the George H. W. Bush administration and also worked as an assistant to former Congressman Bob Franks. He additionally served as a volunteer firefighter and volunteer EMT.

Education: Mr. Kean graduated from Dartmouth College in Dartmouth, New Hampshire, with a degree in history. He holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy degree from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston. Currently, he is completing his doctorate in international relations at Tufts.

Experience: In 2003, the candidate was appointed to replace former senator Rich Bagger in the New Jersey Senate. That November, he was formally elected to the State Senate as a representative of the 21st legislative district. He currently holds the position of Senate minority whip. He also is a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. Mr. Kean served in the New Jersey General Assembly from 2001 to 2003. During that time, he chaired the Republican Policy Committee and served as vice chairman for the State Government Committee. He currently serves on the New Jersey Network (NJN) Community Advisory Board and is an honorary board member of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

District 21 Senate, Assembly Races

New Jersey's 21st legislative district includes Westfield, Garwood, Mountainside, Cranford, Berkeley Heights and Springfield. Democrat Gina Genovese seeks to unseat incumbent Tom Kean Jr. in the race for the district's State Senate seat. Incumbent Republican Assemblymen Jon Bramnick and Eric Munoz seek re-election to the district's two General Assembly seats; Democrats Norman Albert and Bruce Bergen and Green Party candidates Ryan Reyes and George DeCarlo challenge them.

Assembly Candidate Bios

Norman Albert
Democrat

Hometown: Cranford
Professional Background: Mr. Albert, a lawyer, is currently the first deputy county counsel of the County of Union and is in private practice at Goodman and Albert in Cranford.

Education: Mr. Albert graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1985 and Rutgers College in 1982.

Experience: Mr. Albert was a member of the Cranford Township Committee from 1993 to 1995, serving as mayor in 1995. He is the chairman of the Cranford Democratic Committee and previously served on the borough's planning board. Mr. Albert has served on a variety of local boards, including the Cranford Housing Board, Cranford baseball and softball leagues, Clean Communities Committee and the United Way.

Bruce Bergen
Democrat

Hometown: Cranford
Professional Background: Mr. Bergen is an attorney with Krevsky, Silber and Bergen in Cranford. He is serving his 14th year as township attorney of Springfield.

Education: Mr. Bergen is a 1973 graduate of Cranford High School. He earned his B.A. in Psychology and Sociology from Case Western Reserve University in 1977 and his J.D. from Seton Hall School of Law in 1980. In 2005, he was awarded a Diplomate in Local Government Law by Rutgers University and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys.

Experience: In addition to serving as Springfield's attorney, Mr. Bergen previously served as attorney to the township's board of health and rent-leveling board. He is a longtime member and twice past-president of the Cranford Rotary Club. He served for years as the president of the Union County Legal Services Corp. and currently is vice president of Central Jersey Legal Services (combined from Union, Mercer and Middlesex counties). Mr. Bergen serves as an associate editor of the *Municipal Law Review*, published by the ILGA.

Jon Bramnick
Republican

Hometown: Westfield
Professional Background: Mr. Bramnick is an attorney with Bramnick, Rodriguez, Mitterhoff, Grabas & Woodruff, L.L.C. He is a former assistant professor at Rider University and a former adjunct fac-

ulty member of Rutgers University, where he garnered the "Inspirational Professor Award."

Education: Mr. Bramnick graduated from Plainfield High School in 1971. He earned his B.A. from Syracuse University with honors in Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law.

Experience: From 1984 to 1991, Mr. Bramnick was a Plainfield city councilman. He has been a state assemblyman since 2003; he is a member of the Law and Public Safety Committee and the Consumer Affairs Committee. This year, he is the third-ranking Republican in the Assembly, holding the Minority Whip position. Mr. Bramnick formerly served on the board of trustees of the United Fund of Westfield and on the board of Muhlenberg Hospital Foundation. He is a comedian/auctioneer/fundraiser for Diabetes Foundation of N.J., American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Aids Benefit Committee, New Jersey State Symphony, Westfield Symphony, Plainfield Symphony, Legal Women Voters, Healing Hearts Foundation, Friends of the Shelter and Children's Specialized Hospital.

Eric Munoz
Republican

Hometown: Summit
Professional Background: Mr. Munoz is a trauma surgeon and professor of surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (Newark) University Hospital.

Education: Mr. Munoz received his B.A. from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He graduated from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, N.Y., and completed his internship and residency at Yale-New Haven Medical Center in New Haven, Conn. He later received his M.B.A. in finance from Columbia University.

Experience: Mr. Munoz has been a member of the General Assembly since May 2001, when he was appointed to replace Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole; he was formally elected in November of that year. He holds the position of Republican Deputy Conference Leader. He is a member of the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee and the Human Services Committee. He was a councilman on the Summit Common Council from 1996-2001. Mr. Munoz was appointed to serve on the National Institutes of Health Committee from 2000-2006 and was a member of the New Jersey Medical Practitioner Review Panel from 1990-2001. He is a member of the New Jersey Medical Society, the New Jersey Ballet Board of Directors, the American Surgical Association, the Society of University Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons. He is an executive board member of the National Puerto Rican Coalition.



Norman Albert (D)



Bruce Bergen (D)



Jon Bramnick (R)



Eric Munoz (R)



Ryan Reyes (Green)



George DeCarlo (Green)

Ryan Reyes
Green

Hometown: Berkeley Heights
Professional Background: Mr. Reyes is a court interpreter and translator. He is registered with the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and the New Jersey Federal Courts.

Education: Mr. Reyes graduated from Ateneo de Manila High School in the Philippines. He received his B.A. from Excelsior College in 2001. He pursued a Certificate in Interpreting a Spoken Language from Union County College in 2006.

Experience: This is Mr. Reyes's second campaign for State Assembly. He belongs to the American Translators Association, is a sustainer of the Leslie-

Lohman Gay Art Foundation and belongs to religious groups like DIG-NITY and the Order of Saint Aelred.

George DeCarlo
Green

Hometown: Berkeley Heights
Professional Background: Mr. DeCarlo is a consulting hypnotist.

Education: Mr. DeCarlo graduated from Thomas Edison State College with an AA, BA and Certificate of Hypnotism.

Experience: This is the candidate's second campaign for State Assembly. Mr. DeCarlo is the secretary of the Union County Watchdog Association, a member of the National Guild of Hypnotists (2005-present) and a member of the Order of Saint Aelred.

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