

GOP Names Members To Redistricting Panel

TRENTON - New Jersey Republican State Committee Chairman Jay Webber has announced the composition of the Republican members of the 2011 Legislative Apportionment Commission.

The members are Asm. Webber, of Morris Plains, who will serve as chairman of the GOP delegation to the commission; New Jersey Republican State Committeewoman Irene Kim Asbury of Jersey City, who will serve as the vice-chairwoman; Senator Kevin O'Toole of Cedar Grove; Ocean County Republican Chairman George Gilmore of Toms River and Republican National Committeeman Bill Palatucci of Westfield.

Democrats on the commission are New Jersey State Democratic Chairman and State Assemblyman John Wisniewski of Sayreville; Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver of East Orange; Assembly Majority Leader Joe Cryan of Union; State Senator Paul Sarlo of Wood-Ridge and former Assemblywoman Nilsa Cruz-Perez of Camden.

Mr. Webber called on Democrats to join the GOP by "immediately setting a schedule for public hearings to encourage and receive those vital contributions from the public" on a new legislative map.

The commission is to produce an apportionment plan by February 1, 2011, following the census, or within one month after receipt of the official figures, whichever date is later.

If the commission fails to meet its deadline, or declares itself hopelessly deadlocked before then, the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, Stuart Rabner, appoints a tie-breaking 11th member. The commission must then produce a plan within one month of that appointment.

Dems Call for Palatucci To Resign From Panel

TRENTON - New Jersey Democrats have called for Reform Jersey Now board member Bill Palatucci to resign his position from the New Jersey Apportionment Commission "until information is disclosed on the secretive slush fund of Chris Christie - Reform Jersey Now - which could be financing the Republican redistricting efforts."

"The presence of an architect and current board member for a shadow organization that circumvents fundraising limits and reporting requirements completely undermines an exercise that is intended to be in the public's best interest," said former Commissioner on the NJ Apportionment Commission, Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (LD-15, Trenton). "If Republican members are really interested in transparency, public input and accountability, they will have Bill Palatucci resign his appointment unless all contributions and expenditures of Reform Jersey Now are made public immediately. Until that happens, the public will not know who is subsidizing the Republican mapmaking efforts and what their hidden agenda is."

Seminar to Discuss

Open Public Records Act

CRANFORD - Union County citizens are invited to free training on using the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) to obtain public documents from their local government on Tuesday, December 7, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

The event is being sponsored by the Union County Watchdog Association (UCWA) in response to requests from local residents seeking information on how to utilize the OPRA. The New Jersey Foundation for Open Government (NJFOG), a state advocacy organization dedicated to open government, will provide the training and materials.

Topics will include an overview of the OPRA, enforcement policies and how to make an effective OPRA request to avoid common mistakes. The Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) will also be discussed.

The speakers are long-time open-government advocates Attorney Walter Luers and John Paff, chairman of the Open Government Task Force of the Libertarian Party.

"Hosting these events in Union County gives us the opportunity to educate the public on their rights and give them the necessary tools to watch over their government," explained Tina Renna, UCWA president.

Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited. To reserve a seat early, e-mail info@UnionCountyWatchdog.org or call (908) 709-0530.

Lijoi Named Dir. of Enterprise Zone Auth.

TRENTON - New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Commissioner Lori Grifa, Tuesday, announced that the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Board has appointed Peter Lijoi as the authority's new executive director.

Mr. Lijoi was most recently partner and legal counsel to Fairfield Residential LLC in Summit. He also worked as an acquisition advisor and legal consultant to several national homebuilders.

He served as president and commissioner of the Union County Board of Taxation and has run several times for Union County sheriff, including this year.

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