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DOSSIER NOTES

In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of active and archived web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various federal, state, and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

Typographical Note: There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

TOP HITS

Police

Domestic Dispute

- In January 2011, Moriarty's wife appears to have called the Washington Township Police Department regarding a verbal argument between herself and Moriarty.
 - The police noted Moriarty's wife refused to sign a victim notification form and did not want to have a copy of her rights; there was no report of physical violence.
 - (Note: Moriarty's wife's maiden name is DiRocco, which is the name listed on the report. The incident took place at Moriarty's property, which he has owned since 1996).

Criminal

Driving While Intoxicated

- In July 2012, Moriarty also charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor or drugs, refusal to submit to chemical tests, unsafe change on marked lanes.
 - All three charges were dismissed after it was revealed that Moriarty passed the field sobriety tests through video footage.

Ethical And Governance Issues

Ethics And Personal Issues

- Moriarty was involved in a bizarre drama with a police officer that accused him of driving while intoxicated.
- A Township employee once accused Moriarty of using Township gas to fill his personal car.
- In 2005, a local business owner filed a police report against Moriarty over harassment.

- Moriarty is known to have several controversial associates.
 - In 2004, Moriarty was accused of being favorable to developers, especially developer Frank Lauletta.
 - In 2005, Moriarty's friend and aide Sal Chillemi was known to be tied to an FBI review of how the renaissance room banquet hall was using its liquor license.
- Moriarty was known to take advantage of dual office holding.
- Moriarty is known to use controversial campaign tactics.

Governance Shortcomings

- As Mayor of Washington Township, Moriarty was involved in several personnel issue cases.
 - In 2005, Moriarty was criticized for appointing James McKeever as Public Workers Director in Washington Township; McKeever previously had "sued the Township for wrongful termination and won a settlement outside of court in excess of \$500,000".
 - In 2006, "a former Washington Township Public Works Director contends in a lawsuit that Mayor Paul Moriarty retaliated against him for reporting possible illegal activity by the Mayor's Administration".
 - In 2007, "a terminated Washington Township Police Officer filed charges ... in U.S. District Court claiming the Mayor, Police Chief and four other officers violated his civil rights by firing him on the basis of 'political retaliation'".
- Moriarty's Washington Township Administration faced additional legal issues.
- In 2006, Moriarty faced a recall effort.
- In 2007, Moriarty voiced hesitancy about restricting the amount of money contractors could donate to campaigns.

Fiscally Irresponsible, Anti-Growth

Fiscal, Taxes, Economic

- Moriarty has a record of supporting "fiscally irresponsible" budget bills.
- Moriarty supported weakening the tax cap to make it easier for municipalities to raise property taxes.
- Moriarty supported a scheme to "pressure certain school districts to raise local taxes".
- Moriarty voted to increase the tax burden on New Jersey's higher-earners.

- In 2010, Moriarty noted his support for the Millionaire’s Tax – a proposal to increase the state income tax rate on those earning over \$1 million.
- In 2014, Moriarty supported legislation that ““raises the gross income tax rate on taxable income exceeding \$1,000,000 to 10.75 percent...”
- In 2018, Moriarty supported legislation that significantly increased the top marginal tax rate.
- Moriarty voted to maintain the tax burden on New Jersey businesses.
- Moriarty voted to double the state the payroll tax.
- Moriarty supports the imposition of a new local payroll tax.
- Moriarty supported additional tax hikes on New Jersey residents.
 - In 2006, Moriarty supported legislation that imposed a tax on fur clothing.
 - In 2018, Moriarty supported legislation that “further drives up the state's ballooning transportation costs by imposing a new tax on rides through transportation network companies such as uber and Lyft.”
- Moriarty has voted to expand the welfare state in New Jersey.
- Moriarty supports increasing wage mandates (minimum wage).
 - In 2016, Moriarty supported legislation that “increases the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2021 and increases it automatically each year without Legislative approval”.
 - In 2019, Moriarty supported legislation that increased the state minimum wage.
- Moriarty supported a scheme to “pressure certain school districts to raise local taxes”.
- Moriarty supports the imposition of a new tax on vaping.
- Moriarty has supported expanding New Jersey’s debt burden.
- Moriarty supports increasing wage mandates (minimum wage).
- While serving Washington Township, Moriarty oversaw increases to the local tax rate.
 - In March 2005, Moriarty pledged a budget that did not increase taxes from 2004 and possibly lowered taxes.
 - However, in August 2005, Moriarty failed to keep taxes level with the Washington Township Council ultimately adopting a budget with a 4.8 cent tax rate increase; Moriarty claimed the Council was “defeatist... overly pessimistic”.
 - In 2008, Moriarty proposed a budget with a 7.8 cent tax rate increase.

- While serving Washington Township, Moriarty supported increase local fees and taxes.
 - In 2005, Moriarty is known to have proposed a business licensing fee.
 - The Courier Post Editorial Board criticized the proposal to “to start collecting \$100 from every business every year to renew its business license. This comes after nearly a decade of neglecting to collect a \$30 fee”.
- While Moriarty was serving Washington Township, the size of local government ballooned.
- While serving Washington Township, Moriarty was criticized for various spending matters.
- Moriarty enjoys the support of prominent local unions and supports union priorities.
 - In 2018, Moriarty supported legislation that “provides public employer labor union bosses a shocking list of new powers and rights, expanding their ability to harass employees and forcefully increase membership”.
 - In 2019, Moriarty supported legislation that “would stifle efforts to direct more state education dollars to the classroom by holding school districts and local schools hostage to the demands of unions when educators attempt to subcontract for services”.
 - In 2023, Moriarty was backed by the NJEA.
 - On social media, Moriarty was pictured posing with SEIU members, stating he “had a great time” meeting with the members.

Environment, Energy, Regulations

- Moriarty has supported the left’s anti-growth environmental agenda.
 - In 2011, Moriarty supported legislation that imposed a moratorium on hydraulic fracking.
 - In 2017, Moriarty supported legislation that “creates a new bureaucracy, the New Jersey Solar Energy Commission, to develop new mandates...”
 - In 2018, Moriarty supported legislation that “implements numerous new mandates and regulations concerning ‘renewable’ energy which will drive up energy costs”.
 - In 2020, Moriarty supported legislation that “infringes property rights and reduces economic growth by preventing the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits in ‘overburdened communities’”.
 - In 2023, Moriarty’s joint campaign profile supported federal tax credits for offshore wind production.

- In 2023, Moriarty’s joint campaign profile supported the creation of “a new green energy industry”.
- Moriarty has promoted the left’s climate change alarmism.
- Moriarty has supported increasing the State’s burdensome regulatory regime.
- Moriarty has voted to reduce property rights in New Jersey.

Healthcare

- As a Legislator, Moriarty has worked to protect Obamacare.
- Moriarty supported the left’s big-government reaction to Covid.
 - In 2020, Moriarty voted to table a bill that “ places a critical check on executive power by limiting the Governor’s ability to declare an emergency to 14 days unless a longer period is approved by the legislature through concurrent resolution”.
 - In 2021, Moriarty supported a bill that ACU described as “preserving Gov. Murphy’s overreaching Covid-19 executive orders including mask mandates and the eviction moratorium”.
 - In 2020, Moriarty supported legislation that “enacts a partial furlough program that disincentivizes employment at a time when the country is starting to reopen following the Covid-19 pandemic”.

Woke Agenda And Radical Social Politics

Public Safety

- Moriarty appears to support New Jersey’s status as a sanctuary state for illegal immigrants.
- Moriarty pushed for burdensome oversight of law enforcement.

DEI, Woke Ideology, Race

- Moriarty supports the promotion of DEI and other aspects of woke ideology.
 - In 2023, Moriarty would not commit to whether he would use Senatorial Courtesy to block the renomination of NJ Board of Education Member Elaine Bobrove who voted to segregate sex ed classes on gender identity and eliminate multiple instances of gendered language.
 - In 2014, Moriarty supported legislation that “creates a new bureaucracy to review middle and high school lunch menus to see that they reflect ‘cultural, traditional, and overall dietary preferences’”.

- In 2016, Moriarty supported legislation that “creates a new bureaucracy, the Division of Minority and Women Business Development, to ‘monitor’ efforts to promote participation in state contracting”.
- In 2021, Moriarty supported legislation that “expands powers and duties of State Chief Diversity Officer to promote diversity in state government and public contracting”.
- On social media, Moriarty promoted an article titled “felons not as able to benefit,” which appears to express support for providing/restoring certain benefits to felons.
- Moriarty supports the politicization of sexuality and race.
 - In 2021, Moriarty was endorsed by the Garden State Equality Action Fund.
 - In 2023, Moriarty’s joint campaign profile posted that “there is much work to do in the battle for justice and equality” in defending the rights of black Americans.

Traditional Social Issues

- Moriarty is unapologetically pro-abortion.
 - In 2022, Moriarty supported legislation that establishes protections for individuals related to abortions.
 - In 2022, Moriarty supported legislation that “prohibits extradition of individual from another state back to that state for actions related to conduct concerning [abortion]”.
 - In 2023, Moriarty’s joint campaign profile posted support for the idea that “reproductive health care decisions are between woman and their doctors”.
- Moriarty has worked to undermine the Second Amendment.
 - Moriarty supported background checks for private gun sales.
 - In 2018, Moriarty supported legislation that “restricts Second Amendment rights unless citizens prove ‘specific threats’ against them”.
 - In 2019, Moriarty supported legislation that “imposes a series of draconian mandates on which ‘smart guns’ may be available for purchase and how firearms retailers must stock the product”.
 - In 2022, Moriarty supported legislation that “requires firearm owners who become New Jersey residents to obtain firearm purchaser identification card and register handguns acquired out-of-state”.

Political Power

- Moriarty has supported the left’s electioneering power-grab.

- Moriarty supports the National Popular Vote Act.
- In 2020, Moriarty supported the “the Ballot Cure Act” – which “makes a number of changes to the procedure of the certification of mail-in ballots that weaken election integrity”.
- Separately, in 2020, Moriarty supported legislation that “contains numerous provisions that weaken election integrity”.
- Moriarty supported the 2020 election be “conducted primarily by mail and mandating ballots be mailed to every registered voter even if they do not request one”.

Possible Vulnerabilities From The Left

- Moriarty was previously registered as a Republican.
- Moriarty was known to call on state workers to accept less pay and benefits.
 - In 2006, Moriarty was among the Legislators to call on state workers to accept less pay and benefits.
 - Public union members are known to have heckled Moriarty for his position.
 - Moriarty was accused of hypocrisy on the state workers compensation issue after a report noted that “Moriarty's and Green's Democratic Leadership handed out big bonuses to the staff, supposedly for working late, even though their staff isn't entitled to overtime or bonuses”.
- Moriarty once sponsored “legislation to create a permanent public school choice program”.
- Moriarty supported the criminalization of marijuana.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION: PAUL MORIARTY

Full Name: Paul David Moriarty

DOB: September 25, 1956 (66)

Social Security: 030-44-XXXX

Home Address: 59 Berkshire Drive
Sewell, NJ 08080
Gloucester County
(1996-Pres.)



Marital Status: Married

Spouse: Eliabeth “Lisa” Maureth Moriarty (née DiRocco)
DOB: November 2, 1957 (65)

Children: One

Voter Registration: Registered Democrat – Gloucester County, New Jersey

Education: 1975 – 1981 B.A., Communications, Temple University

Employment: 2006 – Pres. Assemblyman, New Jersey General Assembly , LD-04)
2001 – Pres. Consultant, Scout Media
2005 – 2009 Mayor, Washington Township
2006 – 2008 Adjunct Faculty Member, Rutgers College
1987 – 2004 Reporter, CBS3
1981 – 1987 Producer, NBC10

Associations: Member, Planning Board of Washington Township
Former Member, America Federation of Television and Radio Artists

Military Service: N/A

Election Results: 2021 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)
2019 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)
2017 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)
2015 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)
2013 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)
2011 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)

2009 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)
2007 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)
2005 New Jersey General Assembly, LD-04 (General, Won)

Web Sites: <https://servingsouthjersey.com/>
<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>
<https://www.assemblydems.com/>
<https://justfacts.votesmart.org/>
<https://ballotpedia.org/>

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ELECTION RESULTS

Paul Moriarty has been serving in the New Jersey General Assembly for District 4 since winning his 2005 election. Moriarty was re-elected in 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2021.

2021 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)**General Election Results (November 2, 2021)**

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	36,480
Gabriela M. Mosquera	DEM	35,561
Patricia Kline	REP	32,403
Denise Gonzalez	REP	32,025
Nicholas Magner	LIB	1,218

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/2/21)

2019 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)**General Election Results (November 5, 2019)**

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	23,179
Gabriela M. Mosquera	DEM	22,739
Paul Dilks	REP	16,227
Stephen Pakradooni Jr.	REP	15,250

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/5/19)

2017 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)**General Election Results (November 7, 2017)**

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	32,892
Gabriela M. Mosquera	DEM	31,800
Patricia Jefferson Kline	REP	18,386
Eduardo J. Maldonado	REP	17,761
William McCauley Jr.	OTHER	1,194

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/7/17)

2015 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)**General Election Results (November 3, 2015)**

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	17,454
Gabriela M. Mosquera	DEM	17,147

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Kevin P. Murphy	REP	11,592
Jack Nicholson	REP	11,131

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/3/15)

2013 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)

General Election Results (November 5, 2013)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	28,527
Gabriela M. Mosquera	DEM	27,095
Philip Dieser	REP	21,702
Theodore M. Liddell	REP	20,998

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/5/13)

2011 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)

General Election Results (November 8, 2011)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	22,734
Gabriela M. Mosquera	DEM	21,461
Shelley Lovett	REP	15,106
Patricia Fratticcioli	REP	14,725
Tony Celeste	IND	1,843

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/8/11)

2009 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)

General Election Results (November 3, 2009)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	28,680
Domenick DiCicco	REP	27,408
William Collins	DEM	26,807
Eugene E.T. Lawrence	REP	26,027

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/3/09)

2007 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)

General Election Results (November 6, 2007)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Sandra Love	DEM	19,429
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	19,357
Patricia Fratticcol	REP	15,656
Agnes Gardiner	REP	15,238

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/6/07)

2005 General Election, New Jersey General Assembly, District 4 (2 Seats)

General Election Results (November 8, 2005)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Paul D. Moriarty	DEM	31,976
David R. Mayer	DEM	31,948
Frank Winters	REP	18,908
Corey Ahart	REP	17,597

(Official Election Results, [New Jersey Secretary Of State](#), 11/8/05)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Thus far, Paul Moriarty has received an aggregate of \$227,409.81 in total contributions for his 2023 campaign for the New Jersey State Senate for District 4. Moriarty has received tens of thousands of dollars from various New Jersey various labor and public sector unions such as IBEW, the Plumbers & Pipefitters Union, and the Sheet Metal Workers Union. Additionally, Moriarty has received hundreds of dollars from the New Jersey Education Association, who is known to have pushed for mandatory vaccines, masking, and remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic; the group also advocated for the cancelation of standardized testing. Moriarty has also received thousands of dollars from other New Jersey Democratic Party campaign committees, including from several leadership officials in the New Jersey legislature such as Senate President Nicholas Scutari, General Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate Assistant Majority Leader Jim Beach, and former Assembly Speaker Joe Roberts.

Between 2005 and 2021, Moriarty received an aggregate of \$1,880,903 for his campaigns for the New Jersey General Assembly. Moriarty has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from various New Jersey various labor and public sector unions such as Operating Engineers, Electrical Workers, and Plumbers & Pipefitters. Additionally, Moriarty received more than \$20,000 from the New Jersey Education Association.

Individually, Moriarty has never contributed to any federal or New Jersey state campaign committees.

Moriarty For New Jersey Senate (2023)

Notable Contributions

Thus Far, Moriarty Has Received An Aggregate Of Has Received An Aggregate Of \$227,409.81 In Total Contributions For His Campaign For The New Jersey Senate. (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)

- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From New Jersey Association For Justice PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From Greater NJ Carpenters PEC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)

- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From Scutari For Senate, The Campaign Committee For New Jersey Senate President Nicholas Scutari.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From EFO Craig J. Coughlin, The Campaign Committee For New Jersey General Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From Madden For Senate.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From EFO Jim Beach For Senate, The Campaign Committee For New Jersey Senate Assistant Majority Leader Jim Beach.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 322 PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From EFO Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From EFO Troy E. Singleton For Senate.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$8,200 From IBEW Local 351 State PAC Fund.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received Realtors PAC Election Fund Of RPAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received Sheet Metal Workers Union #19 NJ LPE Acct.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union NO 9 Political Action Acct.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received Roofers Local Union 30 PA & ED Fund.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$2,800 From The Friends Of Assembly Speaker Joe Roberts Campaign Committee.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$2,000 From Johnson & Johnson.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$1,300 From The Verizon Good Government Club Of New Jersey.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$500 From Pfizer.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)

- **In 2023, Moriarty Received \$400 From NJEA PAC.** (New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, Accessed 7/28/23)
 - **In August 2021, The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) Supported Governor Phil Murphy’s Proposed “Vaccine Or Testing” Mandate For All Educators Across The Garden State.** “The New Jersey Education Association said it would support a mandate from the state requiring educators be vaccinated or tested regularly for COVID-19. ‘We believe that a ‘vaccine or testing’ requirement like we saw in Gov. Murphy’s EO covering healthcare workers is appropriate and responsible,’ NJEA spokesman Steven Baker said. ‘If the Governor’s executive order requiring vaccination or regular testing in certain other sectors is extended to schools, we will work to ensure that it is implemented in a way that protects the health and welfare of everyone involved. In any case, we will continue to encourage and promote vaccination for school employees and all eligible New Jersey residents.’” (Claire Lowe, “NJEA Supports Covid-19 ‘Vaccine Or Testing’ Mandate For Educators,” [Press Of Atlantic City](#), 8/20/21)
 - **In May 2021, The NJEA Aggressively Supported Mask Mandates For All School Workers And Students.** “A spokesperson for the New Jersey Education Association urged against taking ‘any risks or shortcuts’ in restating the union’s support of Gov. Phil Murphy’s executive order, in place since schools reopened in September, requiring face coverings for everyone in school buildings due to the coronavirus pandemic. ‘NJEA continues to advocate for taking all necessary measures to protect the health and safety of all students and staff. Current medical guidance continues to recommend masking for all unvaccinated individuals, a group that includes the vast majority of the students in our public schools,’ the union’s spokesperson, Steven Baker, told NJ Advance Media on Wednesday... Baker said the NJEA’s position on masks is unchanged, despite sharply declining coronavirus cases in New Jersey. ‘We should not take any risks or shortcuts as we work to emerge from this pandemic,’ Baker said.” (Rob Jennings, “N.J.’s Largest Teachers’ Union Still Wants Masks In Schools,” [NJ.com](#), 5/20/21)
 - **The NJEA Also Pushed For The Cancellation Of All State Standardized Testing In February 2021.** “Not even a pandemic has slowed the debate over state standardized testing in New Jersey, and in fact it may have only heightened it. It was most recently touched off when the Murphy administration last week quietly sent out a memo to districts to continue to prepare for this spring’s Student Learning Assessments (SLA) testing, even if it has to be done remotely due to the pandemic. The annual testing had been suspended last spring due to the shuttering of all schools, but the state Department of Education last week said it was proceeding with the testing for this year, starting in March, in the absence of the federal government permitting otherwise. Yet later in the week, the caveat in that decision got bigger, as the federal Department of Education provided new guidance on what states could request around the accountability piece of the testing. The directive did not include waivers for the testing itself, but it did invite

alternatives to how the testing is used. A Feb. 1 deadline for applications was extended to an undetermined date, and several states — including New York and Michigan — have already said they will seek the waiver for the testing as a whole. And today, leaders of three of the state’s top education groups got on a call with Acting state Education Commissioner Angelica Allen-McMillan to implore her to seek that waiver from the federal government, saying this is no time to add a state test to the mix when districts are scrambling to meet students’ academic, social and emotional needs. ‘We were very adamant,’ said Marie Blistan, president of the New Jersey Education Association, the powerful teachers union and an otherwise-close ally of Gov. Phil Murphy. ‘At this time, the testing will not meet the needs of anyone, not the least of all the kids,’ Blistan said she told the commissioner.” (John Mooney, “Pushback On NJ School Testing Requirements.” [NJ Spotlight News](#), 2/3/21)

- **In January 2021, The NJEA Sponsored An Online Letter-Writing Campaign Resulting In Over 800 People Urging The Montclair School District To Keep Remote Learning In Place.** “More than 800 people had taken part in an online letter-writing campaign urging Montclair’s school district to leave its buildings closed by Monday, even as the district expected to start returning teachers to buildings the next day. The campaign, sponsored by the New Jersey Education Association and run via actionnetwork.org, was up to 839 participants around 5 p.m. Monday. It’s unclear from the campaign’s page how many of those participants are parents, teachers or other members of the school community. It urges schools Superintendent Jonathan Ponds to delay his plan to end all-remote learning and begin a hybrid schedule of remote and in-person education in the coming days.” (Louis C. Hochman, “800-Plus People Urge Montclair To Delay Reopening Schools,” [Montclair Local](#), 1/19/2021)

Moriarty For Assembly (2005-2021)

Notable Contributions

Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Has Received An Aggregate Of \$1,880,903 In Total Contributions For His Campaigns For The New Jersey General Assembly. ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)

- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$93,050 From The Northeast Regional Council Of Carpenters.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)
- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$52,200 From The New Jersey Association For Justice.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)
- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$41,000 From Operating Engineers Local 825.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)
- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$34,250 From Electrical Workers Local 351.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)

- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$31,039 From The New Jersey Democratic Party.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)
- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$29,950 From Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 322.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)
- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$29,592 From Friends Of Assembly Speaker Joe Roberts.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)
- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$22,050 From The New Jersey Education Association.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)
- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$7,800 From Johnson & Johnson.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)
- **Between 2004 And 2021, Moriarty Received \$6,400 From Pfizer.** ([Open Secrets](#), Accessed 7/28/23)

Individual Contributions

Federal Election Commission

NOTE: Moriarty has never contributed to a federal campaign committee.

New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission

NOTE: Moriarty has never contributed to a New Jersey state campaign committee.

VOTING RECORDS

Paul Moriarty has been an actively-registered voter in Gloucester County, New Jersey since August 26, 1996; Moriarty has been a registered Democratic Party voter since June 17, 2002. Since 1996, Moriarty has failed to vote in at least nine elections, including the 1997 and 2001 New Jersey gubernatorial elections. Of note, Moriarty voted as a Republican Party voter in the 2002 primary election; Moriarty has not voted as a Republican since 2002.

Gloucester County, NJ

According To The Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Moriarty Has Been An Actively-Registered Voter In Gloucester County, New Jersey Since August 26, 1996. (Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 9/24/96, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/6/23)

Voter Profile

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Voter Information:

Voter Name: PAUL D MORIARTY

Residence Address:

County: Gloucester
Street Number: [REDACTED]
Street Name: [REDACTED]
Address Line 2:
Municipality: Washington Township
City: Sewell
State: NJ
Zipcode: 080803105

Party Information:

Current Party: Democratic
Party Privilege Date: 09/24/1996

Miscellaneous:

Gender: Male
Registration Date: 08/26/1996
Registration Type: Agency

Status Information:

Voting Privilege Date: 09/24/1996
Date Last Voted: 06/06/2023
Current Status: Active
Poll Worker Status:

Mailing Address:

Address:

Inactive Confirmation Address:

Address:

Districts:

Ward: 00 District: 09 Congressional: 01 Legislative: 04
County Commissioner: 00 School: 00 Fire: 01

Previous Residence Addresses:

Change Date	Street Number	Street Name	Address Line 2	Municipality	State	Zipcode
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Previous Voter Names:

Change Date	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
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Party History:

Change Date	Party Privilege Date	Party
06/17/2002		Democratic

(Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 9/24/96, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/6/23)

- **Moriarty Has Been A Registered Democratic Party Voter Since June 17, 2002.** (Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 6/17/02, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/6/23)

Party History:

Change Date	Party Privilege Date	Party
06/17/2002		Democratic

(Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 6/17/02, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/6/23)

Since 1996, Moriarty Has Failed To Vote In The Following Elections: The 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, And 2003 Primary Elections; As Well As The 1996, 1997, 2001, And 2003 General Elections. (Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 9/24/96, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/6/23)

Registration History:

Change Date	County	Status	Reason
09/23/2021			Voter Requested

Election History:

Election Name	Election Date	Election Type	Election Code	Ballot Type	County Voted In	Municipality Voted In	Party Affiliation	Memo User	Scanned Date	Date Scanned	Date Counted	Ballot Status
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/06/2023	Primary	STATE PE	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	glboemchel001	06/15/2023	06/15/2023		Accepted
GENERAL ELECTION	11/08/2022	General	STATE GE	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	glboejfran004	11/21/2022	11/21/2022		Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/07/2022	Primary	STATE PE	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	glboemchel001	06/20/2022	06/20/2022		Accepted
GENERAL ELECTION	11/02/2021	General	STATE GE	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	glboemchel001	11/15/2021	11/15/2021		Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/08/2021	Primary	STATE PE	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	glboedouel002	06/21/2021	06/21/2021		Accepted
GENERAL ELECTION	11/03/2020	General	STATE GE	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	glboemchel001	11/18/2020	11/18/2020		Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	07/07/2020	Primary	STATE PE	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	glboemchel001	07/20/2020	07/15/2020		Accepted
GENERAL ELECTION	11/05/2019	General	STATE GE 2019	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township		DENBOE	11/12/2019	11/12/2019		Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/04/2019	Primary	STATE PE 2019	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	DENISESE	06/13/2019		06/04/2019	
GENERAL ELECTION	11/06/2018	General	STATE GE 2018	Mail In	Gloucester	Washington Township		JUDIBOE	11/13/2018	11/13/2018		Accepted
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/05/2018	Primary	STATE PE 2018	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	DENISESE	06/13/2018		06/05/2018	
GENERAL ELECTION	11/07/2017	General	STATE GE 2017	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		DENISESE	11/28/2017		11/07/2017	
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/06/2017	Primary	STATE PE 2017	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	DENISESE	06/14/2017		06/06/2017	
GENERAL ELECTION	11/08/2016	General	STATE GENERAL 2016	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		DENISESE	12/02/2016		11/08/2016	
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/07/2016	Primary	STATE PE 2016	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	TEMP12	06/16/2016		06/07/2016	
GENERAL ELECTION	11/03/2015	General	STATE GE 2015	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		BIRGSOE	11/17/2015		11/03/2015	
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/02/2015	Primary	STATE PE 2015	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	TEMP12	06/08/2015		06/02/2015	

GENERAL ELECTION	11/04/2014	General	STATE GE 2014	Emergency	Gloucester	Washington Township		TEMP12	12/01/2014	11/04/2014
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/03/2014	Primary	STATE PE 2014	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	TEMP12	06/10/2014	06/03/2014
GENERAL ELECTION	11/05/2013	General	STATE GE 2013	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		TEMP12	11/07/2013	11/05/2013
SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR US SENATE	10/16/2013	General	STATE SPECIAL GE 2013	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		TEMP12	10/22/2013	10/16/2013
SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR US SENATE	08/13/2013	Primary	STATE SPECIAL PE 2013	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	TEMP12	08/19/2013	08/13/2013
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/04/2013	Primary	STATE PE 2013	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	TEMP12	06/12/2013	06/04/2013
GENERAL ELECTION	11/06/2012	General	GE 2012	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		TEMP12	11/27/2012	11/06/2012
PRIMARY ELECTION	06/05/2012	Primary	STATE PE 2012	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	KASOE	06/18/2012	06/05/2012
STATE GENERAL ELECTION	11/08/2011	General	STATE GE 110811	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		KASOE	11/21/2011	11/08/2011
STATE PRIMARY	06/07/2011	Primary	STATE PE 2011	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	KASOE	06/23/2011	06/07/2011
STATE SCHOOL ELECTION	04/27/2011	Annual School	STATESCHOOL11	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		KASOE	05/09/2011	04/27/2011
STATE GENERAL 2010	11/02/2010	General	STATE GE 110210	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		GLBOEBF	11/17/2010	11/02/2010
STATE PRIMARY 2010	06/08/2010	Primary	STATE PE 060810	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	GLBOEBF	06/16/2010	06/08/2010
STATE-SCHOOL ELECTION	04/20/2010	Annual School	STATESCHOOL10	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		JENNIE	05/03/2010	04/20/2010
STATE GENERAL ELECTION	11/03/2009	General	STATE GE 110309	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		KASOE	11/23/2009	11/03/2009
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION	06/02/2009	Primary	STATE PE 060209	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township	Democratic	JENNIE	06/15/2009	06/02/2009
STATE-SCHOOL ELECTION	04/21/2009	Annual School	STATE04212009	Machine	Gloucester	Washington Township		KASOE	04/28/2009	04/21/2009

GENERAL ELECTION	11/04/2008	General	00004	Machine	Gloucester Washington Township		KAREN	12/09/2008	11/04/2008
STATE-PRIMARY ELECTION	06/03/2008	Primary	STATEPRIMARY	Machine		Democratic	GLBOEBF	06/03/2008	06/03/2008
SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION	03/11/2008	Special School	08 03-11-2008	Machine			GLBOERH	03/11/2008	03/11/2008
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY	02/05/2008	Primary	PRESIDENTIALPRIMARY	Machine		Democratic	GLBOEBF	02/05/2008	02/05/2008
STATE-GENERAL ELECTION	11/06/2007	General	STATE11062007	Machine			GLBOERH	11/06/2007	11/06/2007
STATE-PRIMARY ELECTION	06/05/2007	Primary	STATE06052007	Machine		Democratic	GLBOECH	06/18/2007	06/05/2007
STATE-ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION	04/17/2007	Annual School	STATE04172007	Machine			GLBOECH	04/24/2007	04/17/2007
GENERAL 11/07/2006	11/07/2006	General	00040	Machine			GLBOEJT	01/19/2007	11/07/2006
PRIMARY 06/06/2006	06/06/2006	Primary	00040	Machine		Democratic	GLBOECH	08/29/2006	06/06/2006
STATEWIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION	04/18/2006	Annual School	00001	Machine			SUMMER	08/17/2006	04/18/2006
GENERAL 11/08/2005	11/08/2005	General	00040	Machine			CONV	11/08/2005	11/08/2005
PRIMARY 06/07/2005	06/07/2005	Primary	00040	Machine		Democratic	CONV	06/07/2005	06/07/2005
SPECIAL 2005	04/19/2005	Special School	00002	Machine			CONV	04/19/2005	04/19/2005
GENERAL 11/02/2004	11/02/2004	General	00040	Machine			CONV	11/02/2004	11/02/2004
PRIMARY 06/08/2004	06/08/2004	Primary	00040	Machine		Democratic	CONV	06/08/2004	06/08/2004
SPECIAL 2004	04/20/2004	Special School	00002	Machine			CONV	04/20/2004	04/20/2004
GENERAL 11/05/2002	11/05/2002	General	00040	Machine			CONV	11/05/2002	11/05/2002
PRIMARY 06/04/2002	06/04/2002	Primary	00040	Machine		Republican	CONV	06/04/2002	06/04/2002
GENERAL 11/07/2000	11/07/2000	General	00040	Machine			CONV	11/07/2000	11/07/2000

GENERAL 11/03/1998	11/03/1998	General	00040	Machine			CONV	11/03/1998	11/03/1998
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(Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 9/24/96, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filed 7/6/23)

- Moriarty Voted In The 2002 Republican Party Primary Election.** (Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 9/24/96, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filed 7/6/23)

PRIMARY 06/08/2004	06/08/2004	Primary	00040	Machine		Democratic	CONV	06/08/2004	06/08/2004
SPECIAL 2004	04/20/2004	Special School	00002	Machine			CONV	04/20/2004	04/20/2004
GENERAL 11/05/2002	11/05/2002	General	00040	Machine			CONV	11/05/2002	11/05/2002
PRIMARY 06/04/2002	06/04/2002	Primary	00040	Machine		Republican	CONV	06/04/2002	06/04/2002
GENERAL 11/07/2000	11/07/2000	General	00040	Machine			CONV	11/07/2000	11/07/2000

GENERAL 11/03/1998	11/03/1998	General	00040	Machine			CONV	11/03/1998	11/03/1998
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(Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Gloucester County Superintendent Of Elections, Filed 9/24/96, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filed 7/6/23)

Philadelphia County, PA

According To The Philadelphia County Board Of Elections, Moriarty Was A Registered Democratic Party Voter In Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania From October 1988 To January 2001. (Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Philadelphia County Board Of Elections, Filed 10/11/1988, Pennsylvania Right To Know Law Request, Filled 7/6/23)

The screenshot shows a web-based voter profile report for Paul Moriarty. The window title is "Voters: Find/Modify Voter". The profile includes the following information:

- Name:** MORIARTY, PAUL D
- ID Number:** 015898748-51
- Security:** Not Restricted
- Last Changed:** 1/14/2001 12:00:00 A
- Registered:** 10/11/1988
- Status-Reason:** Cancel
- Application Source:** UNK
- Verify Addr.:** Cancelled
- Voter Hall of Fame:**
- Federal Voter:**
- Birth Date:** 09/25/1956
- Sex:** M
- Race:** WHIT
- Party:** DEMOCRATIC
- Other Party:**
- Must Vote In Person:**
- Poll Worker:**
- Poll Worker Interest:**
- Address:** 2449 PEROT ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19130
- Precinct Split:** 1514-1 (PHILA WD 15 DI)

(Voter Profile Report: Paul Moriarty, Philadelphia County Board Of Elections, Filed 10/11/1988, Pennsylvania Right To Know Law Request, Filled 7/6/23)

PUBLIC COMPENSATION

Since 2010, Paul Moriarty has received an aggregate of \$661,500 in taxpayer-funded compensation while serving in the New Jersey General Assembly.

New Jersey General Assembly (2010-Pres.)

Since 2010, Moriarty Has Received An Aggregate Of \$661,500 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation While Serving In The New Jersey General Assembly. ([NJ Open Data Center](#), Accessed 8/7/23)

Full Name	Year	Qtr	Department	Section	Title	Employee Relations Group (ERG)	Annual Salary	YTD Regular Payments	YTD Overtime Payments	YTD Other Payments	YTD Total Payments
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2023	2	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,499.99	\$24,499.99
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2022	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2021	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2020	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2019	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2018	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2017	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2016	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2015	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2014	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2013	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2012	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2011	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
MORIARTY, PAUL D	2010	4	LEGISLATURE	LEGISLATIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ASSEMBLY MEMBER	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00

([NJ Open Data Center](#), Accessed 8/7/23)

NOTE: Compensation prior to 2010 is no longer available, per record retention schedule.

CRIMINAL RECORDS

Paul Moriarty has received at least seven parking citations and one traffic citation for speeding. In July 2012, Moriarty was also charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor or drugs, refusal to submit to chemical tests, unsafe change on marked lanes; however, all three charges were dismissed after it was revealed that Moriarty passed the field sobriety tests through video footage.

Parking And Traffic Citations

Moriarty Has Been Issued At Least Seven Parking Citations And One Traffic Citations For Speeding In The State Of New Jersey. (New Jersey Municipal Court Case Search, Accessed 8/7/23)

Court Name	Case Number	Offense	Offense Description	Offense Date	Court Date/ Pay by Date	Case Status
CAMDEN CITY MUNICIPAL COURT	P01 61557	MC-38	OVERTIME METER PARKING	08/18/2006	10/27/2006	Disposed
CAMDEN CITY MUNICIPAL COURT	P01 62006	MC-38	OVERTIME METER PARKING	10/12/2006	01/05/2007	Disposed
CAMDEN CITY MUNICIPAL COURT	P03 50076	MC-38	OVERTIME METER PARKING	11/17/2005	02/03/2006	Disposed
CAMDEN CITY MUNICIPAL COURT	P04 60099	MC-38	OVERTIME METER PARKING	01/13/2006	02/16/2006	Disposed
CAMDEN CITY MUNICIPAL COURT	P05 60428	MC-38	OVERTIME METER PARKING	02/09/2006	04/21/2006	Disposed
CAMDEN CITY MUNICIPAL COURT	P08 60399	MC-38	OVERTIME METER PARKING	01/27/2006	03/02/2006	Disposed
GLOUCESTER CITY MUNICIPAL CT	E22 4667	87-6B	RESTRICTED AREA	07/08/2022	08/30/2022	Disposed
WINSLOW TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CT	SPR 162610	39:4-98 .20	SPEEDING (.20 INDICATES EXCEEDING BY 16-20 MILES/HR)	01/05/1990	03/28/1990	Disposed

(New Jersey Municipal Court Case Search, Accessed 8/7/23)

Driving While Intoxicated

In July 2012, Moriarty Was Charged With Operating A Vehicle Under The Influence Of Liquor Or Drugs, Refusal To Submit To Chemical Tests, Unsafe Change On Marked Lanes. (New Jersey Municipal Court Case Search, Accessed 8/7/23)

WASHINGTON TWP MUNICIPAL CT	W 82093	39:4-50	OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR OR DRUGS	07/31/2012	08/08/2012	Disposed
WASHINGTON TWP MUNICIPAL CT	W 82094	39:4-50.4A	REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST,PENALTIES	07/31/2012	08/08/2012	Disposed
WASHINGTON TWP MUNICIPAL CT	W 82095	39:4-88B	TRAFFIC ON MARKED LANES - UNSAFE LANE CHANGE	07/31/2012	08/08/2012	Disposed

(New Jersey Municipal Court Case Search, Accessed 8/7/23)

- **All Three Charges Were Dismissed After It Was Revealed That Moriarty Passed The Field Sobriety Tests Through Video Footage.** (New Jersey Municipal Court Case Search, Accessed 8/7/23)

POLICE RECORDS

In January 2011, Paul Moriarty’s wife appears to have called the Washington Township Police Department regarding a verbal argument between herself and Moriarty. The police noted Moriarty’s wife refused to sign a victim notification form and did not want to have a copy of her rights; there was no report of physical violence. (Note: Moriarty’s wife’s maiden name is DiRocco, which is the name listed on the report. The incident took place at Moriarty’s property, which he has owned since 1996).

Domestic Disturbance

In January 2011, Moriarty’s Wife Appears To Have Called The Washington Township Police Department Regarding A Verbal Argument Between Herself And Moriarty. (Incident No. 11-003147, Washington Township Police Department, Filed 1/22/11, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/17/23)

CAD Activity Detail Report

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Washington Township

11-003147	59 Berkshire Dr;R	911 Hang Up (911H)
Reported	: 01/22/2011 09:37:20	Prime Unit : 0129
Priority	: 2	Call Taker : System, Admin
Stacked	: 09:37:20	Dispatcher :
Dispatched	: 09:38:49	Case# : 11-003147
Arrived	: 09:41:32	Finished : 10:26:55
Disposition	: NORMAL CLEARANCE	

Notes

Date	Unit	Notes	PF
01/22/2011 00:00:03		Type: CALL Last Name: DI First Name: ROCCO Address: Phone: [REDACTED]	
01/22/2011 00:00:32		CALLED BACK SPOKE TO A FEMALE WHO STATED THER	
01/22/2011 00:00:33		E WASN'T REALLY A PROBLEM AND HUNG UP	
01/22/2011 00:00:38		Information on the units assigned to the call follows.	
01/22/2011 00:00:39		Unit: P1071 Radio: Ofcr 1: 1071 Ofcr 2:	
01/22/2011 00:00:40		DSP: 01/22/11 09:38 ARV: 01/22/11 09:42 CLR: 01/22/11 10:26	
01/22/2011 00:00:41		Unit: P10129 Radio: Ofcr 1: Ofcr 2:	
01/22/2011 00:00:42		DSP: 01/22/11 09:38 ARV: 01/22/11 09:46 CLR: 01/22/11 10:26	
01/22/2011 00:00:43		Unit: P1057 Radio: Ofcr 1: 1057 Ofcr 2:	
01/22/2011 00:00:44		DSP: 01/22/11 09:40 ARV: 01/22/11 09:41 CLR: 01/22/11 09:54	
01/22/2011 00:00:45		Unit: P10141 Radio: Ofcr 1: JH10141 Ofcr 2:	
01/22/2011 00:00:46		DSP: : ARV: 01/22/11 09:46 CLR: 01/22/11 09:49	
01/22/2011 00:00:47		Information on the units assigned to the call follows.	
01/22/2011 00:00:48		Unit: P1071 Radio: Ofcr 1: 1071 Ofcr 2:	
01/22/2011 00:00:49		DSP: 01/22/11 09:38 ARV: 01/22/11 09:42 CLR: 01/22/11 09:54	
01/22/2011 00:00:50		Unit: P10129 Radio: Ofcr 1: Ofcr 2:	
01/22/2011 00:00:51		DSP: 01/22/11 09:38 ARV: 01/22/11 09:46 CLR: 01/22/11 09:54	
01/22/2011 00:00:52		Unit: P1057 Radio: Ofcr 1: 1057 Ofcr 2:	
01/22/2011 00:00:53		DSP: 01/22/11 09:40 ARV: 01/22/11 09:41 CLR: 01/22/11 09:54	
01/22/2011 00:00:54		Unit: P10141 Radio: Ofcr 1: JH10141 Ofcr 2:	
01/22/2011 00:00:55		DSP: : ARV: 01/22/11 09:46 CLR: 01/22/11 09:49	
01/22/2011 00:00:56		VERBAL ARGUMENT BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE NO KLFRANCO 9:51:56	
01/22/2011 00:00:57		PHYSICAL VIOLENCE NO DOMESTIC PER 1071 KLFRANCO 9:52:06	
01/22/2011 00:00:58		VICTIM REFUSED TO SIGN VICTIM NOTIFICATION FORM KLFRANCO 10:24:53	
01/22/2011 00:00:59		AND DID NOT WANT TO HAVE A COPY OF HER RIGHTS KLFRANCO 10:26:43	
01/22/2011 00:01:00		-----	
01/22/2011 00:01:01		Incident Recalled From: 2011-00003147 NJ0081800 on 01/22/11 @ 9:56:10	

(Incident No. 11-003147, Washington Township Police Department, Filed 1/22/11, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/17/23)

- **The Police Noted Moriarty’s Wife Refused To Sign A Victim Notification Form And Did Not Want To Have A Copy Of Her Rights.** (Incident No. 11-003147, Washington Township Police Department, Filed 1/22/11, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/17/23)
- **There Was No Report Of Physical Violence.** (Incident No. 11-003147, Washington Township Police Department, Filed 1/22/11, New Jersey Open Public Records Act Request, Filled 7/17/23)

NOTE: Moriarty’s wife’s maiden name is DiRocco, which is the name listed on the report. The incident took place at Moriarty’s property, which he has owned since 1996.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS

59 Berkshire Drive Sewell, NJ, Gloucester County

This is the primary residence of Paul and Elizabeth Moriarty. This single-family residence comprises five bedrooms and six bathrooms and has a 2023 assessed value of \$493,100. Moriarty has owned the property since April 1996.



([Gloucester County GIS](#), Accessed 7/3/23)

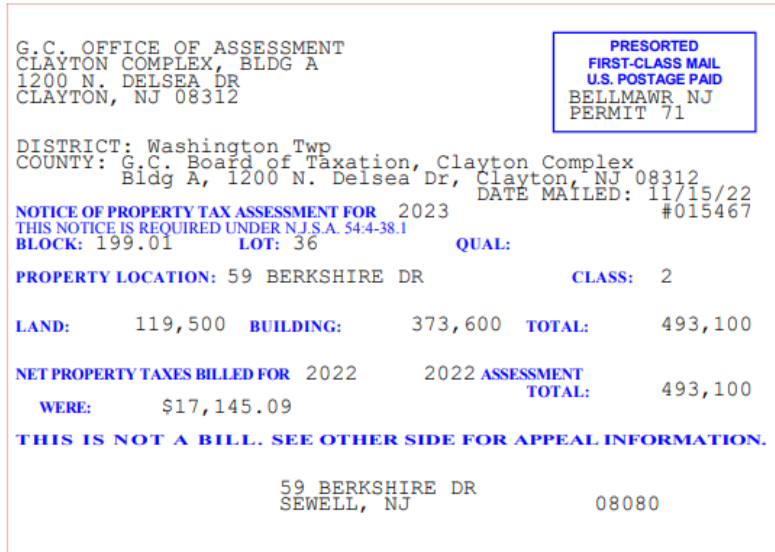
Property Information

Full Address:	59 Berkshire Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080
Township:	Washington Township
County:	Gloucester County
Parcel ID:	18-00199-01-00036
Property Type:	Single-Family Residential
Owner:	MORIARTY, PAUL DAVID & ELIZABETH
Sale Date:	04/12/1996
Sale Price:	\$355,000
Year Built:	1990
Total Bedrooms:	5
Total Bathrooms:	6
Total Square Footage:	4,350
2023 Assessed Value:	\$493,100

([Gloucester County Assessor And Zillow](#), Accessed 7/28/23)

Tax Information

In 2023, Moriarty Paid \$17,145 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. ([Gloucester Tax Collector](#), Accessed 7/17/23)



([Gloucester Tax Collector](#), Accessed 7/17/23)

BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS

NOTE: No bankruptcies, judgments, or lien records could be found for Paul Moriarty.

LEGAL ISSUES

Paul Moriarty has been involved in two legal issues of note, both of which revolve around his arrest for driving while intoxicated. In 2014, Moriarty filed complaints against the Washington Township Police Department and the officer who arrested him, as well as the dealership he left from prior to his arrest and several employees of the business, claiming he was unlawfully arrested for driving while intoxicated. Moriarty claimed employees were stating he was inebriated while at the event which added to the false allegations. Moriarty stated he passed the field sobriety tests conducted, but was still arrested for allegedly cutting the officer off while driving. After reviewing the footage of the incident, Moriarty's claims were proven true and his charges were dismissed. Both lawsuits settled and were dismissed with prejudice.

Paul Moriarty V. Joseph DiBuonaventura, Et Al.

In April 2014, Moriarty Filed A Complaint Against Officer Joseph Dibuonaventura And The Washington Township Police Department. (Case No. 14-CV-02492-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Joseph Dibuonaventura, Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 4/18/14)

<p>PAUL D. MORIARTY 59 Berkshire Drive Sewell, New Jersey 08080</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>PTL. JOSEPH DIBUONAVENTURA c/o WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY 1 McClure Drive Sewell, New Jersey 08080</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And</p> <p>WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT 1 McClure Drive Sewell, New Jersey 08080</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And</p> <p>JOHN DOES 1 TO 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendants</p>	<p>Civil Action:</p> <p>TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED</p>
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CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

CIVIL RIGHTS

Plaintiff, Paul D. Moriarty, by and through his undersigned attorneys, hereby alleges the following:

(Case No. 14-CV-02492-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Joseph Dibuonaventura, Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 4/18/14)

Moriarty Alleged He Was Stopped By Officer Dibuonaventura After He Left A Car Dealership And Was Accused By The Officer Of “Cutting Him Off” And Driving While Intoxicated. (Case No. 14-CV-02492-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Joseph Dibuonaventura, Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 4/18/14)

12. On July 31, 2012, Plaintiff Paul D. Moriarty was lawfully operating his car, a Nissan with license plate number "PM1" and a designation that he is a member of the N.J. General Assembly, on the Black Horse Pike in Washington Township, New Jersey.

13. Prior to the motor vehicle stop at issue in this civil complaint, Plaintiff had been at the United Auto Group business premises in a meeting with a salesman, the general manager John LaSala, and sales manager Ernest Calvello.

14. Upon his departure from the United Auto Group business premises, Plaintiff traveled to a Chik-Fil-A restaurant. At the restaurant, Plaintiff's vehicle was stopped by police Officer Joseph DiBuonaventura who asked the Plaintiff for his driving documents and accused him of violating traffic regulations by "cutting him off" and driving while intoxicated.

15. Officer DiBuonaventura conducted a "field sobriety test" at the scene. Although Plaintiff Moriarty satisfactorily completed the "test" he was nonetheless taken into custody by officer DiBuonaventura. Plaintiff was placed under arrested and transported to police headquarters in a police vehicle.

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- **The Officer Conducted A Field Sobriety Test And Even Though He Satisfactorily Completed The Test, Moriarty Was Arrested And Taken To Police Headquarters.**

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Moriarty Alleged The Officer Filed False Reports And The Body Camera Footage Showed Moriarty Did Not Fail The Sobriety Tests. (Case No. 14-CV-02492-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Joseph Dibuonaventura, Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 4/18/14)

17. Following the arrest, detention and filing of charges against Plaintiff, Officer DiBuonaventura authored and caused to file multiple official reports with the Washington Township Police Department concerning the stop, seizure, arrest, processing and filing of charges against Plaintiff.

18. Apparently unknown to Officer DiBuonaventura at the time of the stop, seizure and arrest of Plaintiff, was the fact that his patrol vehicle captured certain video images of the pursuit, stop, seizure and arrest of Plaintiff at a point earlier than at time when Officer DiBuonaventura believed would have been captured. The patrol vehicle video demonstrated that Officer DiBuonaventura's claims of any impropriety in Plaintiff's operation of his vehicle were false and that there was no basis for the stop, seizure and therefore ultimately arrest of Mr. Moriarty.

19. All charges filed against Plaintiff were ultimately dismissed by administrative action taken by the Office of the Gloucester County, New Jersey Prosecutor. The dash cam video evidenced that Officer DiBuonaventura's written and verbal descriptions as to the basis of the stop, seizure, arrest and subsequent filing of charges against Plaintiff were false.

20. At no time did Plaintiff operate his vehicle in a manner which would have caused Officer DiBuonaventura or any reasonable law enforcement officer to effectuate a legal stop and seizure, nor did Plaintiff commit any violations of the motor vehicle laws of the State of New

(Case No. 14-CV-02492-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Joseph Dibuonaventura, Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 4/18/14)

- **In October 2016, The Parties Agreed To Settle And The Case Was Dismissed With Prejudice.** (Case No. 14-CV-02492-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Joseph Dibuonaventura, Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 10/7/16)

PAUL D. MORIARTY, Plaintiff,	Civil Action: 1:14-cv-2492-JBS-AMD
v.	
PTL. JOSEPH DIBUONAVENTURA, individually and in his official capacity; WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT, Defendants.	

STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER having been amicably resolved and settled by and between the undersigned parties, it is hereby agreed that all claims against defendant Ptl. Joseph DiBuonaventura are hereby dismissed with prejudice.

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Paul Moriarty V. Classic Auto Group, Inc., Et Al.

In August 2013, Moriarty Filed A Complaint Against Classic Auto Group, A Nissan Dealership, And Several Others, Alleging They “Embarked On A Course Of Action To Harm, Embarrass, Humiliate, And Tarnish [His] Reputation And Set Into Motion The Events That Ultimately Led To His Illegal Stop And Arrest.” (Case no. 13-CV-05222-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Classic Auto Group, Inc., Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 8/30/13)

<p>Paul Moriarty Plaintiff,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>Classic Auto Group, Inc., t/a Nissan of Turnersville; Classic Nissan of Turnersville, LLC, t/a Nissan of Turnersville; Penske Automotive Group, Inc.; John Lasala; Ernest Calvello; John Does 1-10, fictitiously named persons; and John Does 11-20, fictitiously named business entities, jointly severally, and/or in the alternative Defendants.</p>	<p>SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY GLOUCESTER COUNTY LAW DIVISION</p> <p>Docket No. <i>GLD-L-1045-13</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED & FILED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUL 25 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">SUPERIOR COURT OF NJ GLO. COUNTY CIVIL PART</p> </div> <p>CIVIL COMPLAINT</p> <p>(Jury Trial Demanded)</p>
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Plaintiff Paul Moriarty residing at 59 Berkshire Drive, Township of Washington, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, by way of Complaint says:

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff, Paul Moriarty, was a loyal customer of the business known as Nissan of Turnersville, located at 3400 Route 42, Turnersville, New Jersey for over a decade. He had leased and/or purchased numerous vehicles from the dealership. On July 31, 2012, Mr. Moriarty visited the dealership for the purpose of discussing with members of the dealership staff his options since his lease of a 2009 Nissan Murano was approaching its end. Rather than assisting a longtime loyal customer with his needs, staff members, including supervisors embarked on a course of action to harm, embarrass, humiliate and tarnish the reputation of Mr. Moriarty and set into motion the events that ultimately led to his illegal stop and arrest.

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- **Moriarty Alleged The Defendants Stated That Moriarty Was “Smashed” And Used Other Words To Describe Him As Intoxicated Despite Knowing It Was False.** (Case no. 13-CV-05222-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Classic Auto Group, Inc., Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 8/30/13)

4. On July 31, 2012, Plaintiff was a business-invitee at the business location of Nissan of Turnersville, 3400 Route 42, Turnersville, Gloucester County, New Jersey.

5. When Plaintiff was at the Nissan of Turnersville facility, he interacted with a number of individuals, among them Defendant Lasala, Defendant Calvello and/or John Does 1-10.

6. On the same date, and at or about the same time that Defendant Lasala had met and interacted with Plaintiff, Defendant Lasala stated to Defendant Calvello, and/or to other third parties, that Plaintiff was "smashed" and/or otherwise utilized words that described Plaintiff as intoxicated, drunk and/or inebriated by way of alcoholic beverages.

7. At the time that Defendant Lasala uttered the words set forth above, he knew the same to be false.

8. The statement by Defendant Lasala, which he knew to be false, was stated with malice, was stated intentionally, willfully, wantonly and/or in reckless disregard of the truth, and otherwise in reckless disregard of the rights of the Plaintiff.

9. The words stated by Defendant Lasala slandered and defamed Plaintiff.

10. Defendant Lasala directed, encouraged or otherwise allowed Defendant Calvello and/or John Does 1-10, to repeat the slanderous and defamatory statements made regarding Plaintiff to third parties with the intent and purpose that third parties believe in the truth of his slanderous and defamatory statements made regarding Plaintiff, and/or in careless and reckless disregard that third parties would hear and believe the same.

11. As a direct and proximate result of the false, slanderous and defamatory statements made by Defendant Lasala, Plaintiff was caused to suffer loss of reputation, emotional distress, anxiety, and otherwise was damaged in both his body and his mind, and which continues through to and including the present.

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In March 2015, The Parties Agreed To Settle And The Case Was Dismissed With Prejudice. (Case No. 13-CV-05222-JBS-AMD, *Paul Moriarty V. Classic Auto Group, Inc., Et Al.*, U.S. District Court District Of New Jersey, Filed 3/11/15)

PAUL MORIARTY,

Plaintiff,

v.

CLASSIC AUTO GROUP, INC., t/a
NISSAN OF TURNERSVILLE; CLASSIC
NISSAN OF TURNERSVILLE, LLC t/a
NISSAN OF TURNERSVILLE; PENSKE
AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.; JOHN
LASALA; ERNEST CALVELLO; JOHN
DOES 1-10, fictitiously named persons; and
JOHN DOES 11-20, fictitiously named
business, entities, jointly, severally and/or in
the alternative,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 1:13-cv-05222(JBS)(AMD)

**STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL OF
COMPLAINT WITH PREJUDICE**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, on this 9th day of March, 2015, by
and between all parties in this lawsuit, through their respective attorneys, pursuant to Federal
Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), that all claims asserted in the lawsuit against all
Defendants by Plaintiff are hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** and without costs or

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Of New Jersey, Filed 3/11/15)

BUSINESS RECORDS

*Paul Moriarty's wife Elizabeth is a current member of the New Jersey- domiciled business Scout
Enterprises LLC, which Elizabeth Moriarty has operated since January 2001. The company is
currently active to date.*

Scout Enterprises LLC

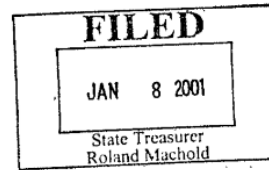
**In January 2001, Moriarty's Wife Incorporated Scout Enterprises LLC As A Domestic
Limited Liability Company With The New Jersey Department Of The Treasury.** (New Jersey
Department Of The Treasury, Filed 1/8/01)

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CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY



LLC

1. Name of Limited Liability Company:
Scout Enterprises LLC
2. Registered Agent: Business Filings Incorporated
3. Registered Office: 14 Scenic Dr., Dayton, New Jersey 08810. Located in the County of Middlesex.
4. The latest date on which the limited liability company is to be dissolved and its affairs up is 12/31/2041.
5. The name and address of the initial manager is Elizabeth Moriarty, 59 Berkshire Drive, Sewell, New Jersey 08080

The undersigned represents that this Limited Liability has one or more members, and that this filing complies with requirements detailed in NJSA 42. The undersigned hereby attests that they are authorized to sign this certificate on behalf of the Limited Liability Company.

Richard Oster
Richard Oster, Organizer

Dated: January 5, 2001

(New Jersey Department Of The Treasury, Filed 1/8/01)

NON-PROFIT RECORDS

NOTE: No non-profit records could be found for Paul Moriarty.

PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES

NOTE: No professional or recreational licenses could be found for Paul Moriarty.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

On his 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement, Paul Moriarty declared he and his spouse received \$50,000 or more in total income from Scout Enterprises, along with Moriarty's wife receiving more than \$50,000 in additional income from Cooper University Hospital. Moriarty then declared he received tens of thousands of dollars more in unearned income from dividends and capital gains, notably from Vanguard Group and Fidelity Investments. Moriarty and his wife disclosed they held business interests in Scout Enterprises; Moriarty's wife disclosed she held a fiduciary position as president of the business. Moriarty also declared a single mortgage liability.

Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022

Earned Income

In 2022, Moriarty Declared He And His Spouse Received \$50,000 Or More In Earned Income From Scout Enterprises. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

In 2022, Moriarty Declared His Spouse Received \$50,000 Or More In Earned Income From Cooper University Hospital. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

Provide the following information for yourself, your spouse and minor children (unless otherwise indicated) for calendar year 2022. Please note that a minor child is a child under the age of 18. For each entry, mark the box of the appropriate recipient. When an amount is requested, use the following numerical code: 1=less than \$10,000; 2=\$10,000 - \$24,999.99; 3=\$25,000 - \$49,999.99; 4=\$50,000 or more.

I. **EARNED INCOME:** List the name, address and amount for each source of earned income. (Earned income includes salaries, bonuses, royalties, commissions, profit sharing, fees, pensions and Social Security.)

	Name of Employer	Address of Employer	Amount Code				Self	Spouse	Child
			1	2	3	4			
1)	SCOUT ENTERPRISES	SEWELL, NJ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2)	COOPER UNIV. HOSPITAL	CAMDEN, NJ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

Unearned Income

In 2022, Moriarty Declared He And His Spouse Received Between \$10,000 And \$24,999 In Unearned Income In The Form Of Dividends From Vanguard Group. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

In 2022, Moriarty Declared His Spouse Received Less Than \$10,000 In Unearned Income In The Form Of Dividends From Fidelity Investments. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

When an amount is requested, use the following numerical code: 1=less than \$10,000; 2=\$10,000-\$24,999.99; 3=\$25,000-\$49,999.99; 4=\$50,000 or more.

B. DIVIDENDS

	Name	Address	Amount Code				Self	Spouse	Child
			1	2	3	4			
1)	VANGUARD GROUP	VALLEY Forge, PA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2)	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	BOSTON, MA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ADD Click button on left to add additional UNEARNED INCOME (DIVIDENDS).

(Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

In 2022, Moriarty Declared He And His Spouse Received Between \$10,000 And \$24,999 In Unearned Income In The Form Of Capital Gains From Vanguard Group. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

In 2022, Moriarty Declared His Spouse Received Less Than \$10,000 In Unearned Income In The Form Of Capital Gains From Fidelity Investments. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

In 2022, Moriarty Declared He And His Spouse Received Less Than \$10,000 In Unearned Income In The Form Of Capital Gains From Republic Bank. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

C. INCOME from investments, trusts and estates (including capital gains).

	Name	Address	Amount Code				Self	Spouse	Child
			1	2	3	4			
1)	VANGUARD GROUP	VALLEY Forge, PA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2)	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	BOSTON, MA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	REPUBLIC BANK	PHILA, PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

Gifts

In 2022, Moriarty Declared He Received No Gifts. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

V. GIFTS: List the name, address, nature and amount for each source of gift to you, your spouse or minor child from a named donor connected to the legislative process.

	Name & Nature of Gift	Address	Amount Code				Self	Spouse	Child
			1	2	3	4			
1)	N/A		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

Liabilities

In 2022, Moriarty And His Spouse Listed A Liability Valued Less Than \$10,000 In A Mortgage From Mr. Cooper. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

VI. LIABILITIES: List the name and address of each creditor for you or your spouse and the nature and amount of each liability except for liabilities which are: (a) less than \$15,000 and owed to a relative; (b) less than \$3,000 and owed to any other person; (c) loans secured by a personal motor vehicle or household furniture or appliances; or (d) revolving charge accounts.

	Name & Nature of Liability	Address	Amount Code				Self	Spouse
			1	2	3	4		
1)	MR. COOPER (MORTGAGE)	COPELL, TX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

Business Interests

In 2022, Moriarty And His Spouse Declared A Business Interest In Scout Enterprises. (Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

VIII. BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS: List the name and address of all business organizations in which you or your spouse held an interest.

	Name	Address	Self	Spouse
1)	<u>SCOUT ENTERPRISES</u>	<u>SEWELL, NJ</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

Positions

In 2022, Moriarty's Spouse Declared A Position As President Of Scout Enterprises.

(Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

IX. OFFICES, TRUSTEESHIPS, OR DIRECTORSHIPS: List the title of each position held by you or your spouse in any firm, corporation, association, partnership or business and the name and address of the entity in which the position was held.

	Position Held	Name & Address of Entity	Self	Spouse
1)	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SCOUT ENTERPRISES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Legislator's Financial Disclosure Statement For Calendar Year 2022, [New Jersey Legislature](#), Filed 4/17/23)

MORIARTY’S SUPPORT FOR FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, ANTI-GROWTH POLICIES

MORIARTY HAS A RECORD OF SUPPORTING “FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE” BUDGET BILLS

In 2023, Moriarty Supported Passage Of The State’s FY 2023-24 Budget, Which Critics Described As A “Feeding Frenzy Of Unexplained Pork”

In 2023, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 5669, The New Jersey FY 2023-2024 State Budget. ([A 5669](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/30/23, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Appropriates \$54,357,547,000 in State funds and \$26,144,171,463 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.” ([A 5669](#))

According To The New York Times, New Jersey’s 2023 State Budget Is “7 Percent Higher Than Last Year’s”

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Gov. Murphy Looks to Burnish Legacy With a \$54.3 Billion Budget

New Jersey’s election-year spending plan is 7 percent higher than last year’s.

(“Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget,” [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

The New York Times Appears To Claim The State’s Budget Does Not Lose Sight Of Social Justice Initiatives

The New York Times Appears To Claim The State’s Budget Does Not Lose Sight Of Social Justice Initiatives. “On Friday night, he signed the state’s \$54.3 billion budget, a spending plan that is 7 percent higher than last year’s and was passed hours ahead of a constitutional deadline. In the coming weeks Mr. Murphy will meet with companies that grade the state’s credit, hoping to use the new budget, among other measures, to burnish his legacy as a prudent money manager who paid down the state’s costly debts without losing sight of social justice initiatives.” (“Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget,” [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

State Senator, Declan O’Scanlon Jr., Noted The Passed Budget Is “\$1.2 Billion Larger Than The Draft Mr. Murphy Proposed In February” And Was A “Feeding Frenzy Of Unexplained Pork”

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Unexplained Pork". "Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon Jr., a Republican on the budget committee, said that the budget, which is \$1.2 billion larger than the draft Mr. Murphy proposed in February, was a missed opportunity filled with a "feeding frenzy of unexplained pork." He called it a "failure to seize what may have been a unique opportunity to set New Jersey on a path to long-term, sustainable fiscal stability." The adopted budget, which comes four months before the state legislative elections in November, is 45 percent greater than the first budget Mr. Murphy signed in 2018, which was \$37.4 billion. By comparison, during Mr. Christie's eight years in office, New Jersey's budget grew by 18 percent." ("Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget," [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

- **Declan O'Scanlon Jr.: "[The Budget Is A] Failure To Seize What May Have Been A Unique Opportunity To Set New Jersey On A Path To Long-Term, Sustainable Fiscal Stability."** ("Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget," [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)
- **"The Adopted Budget, Which Comes Four Months Before The State Legislative Elections In November, Is 45 Percent Greater Than The First Budget Mr. Murphy Signed In 2018"**. ("Gov. Murphy Looks To Burnish Legacy With A \$54.3 Billion Budget," [New York Times](#), 7/1/23)

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between revenues and expenditures could grow to over \$18 billion cumulatively through the end of the 2028 fiscal year. That would come as the impact of potential weaknesses in real estate lending and a slowdown in federal spending stemming from the recent deal related to the federal debt ceiling take their toll on the economy, according to the report, which foresees a 30% chance of the worst of the three scenarios coming to fruition. ” (“Sobering Fiscal News For NJ Now And Long-Term,” [NJ Spotlight News](#), 6/16/23)

In 2020, Moriarty Supported Passage Of The State’s FY 2020-21 Budget, Which Critics Described As A “Fiscally Irresponsible Budget”

ACU: This “Fiscally Irresponsible Budget Bill Spends \$32.7 Billion Over Nine Months And Places State Solvency At Risk By Taking On \$4.5 Billion In New Debt Through Bonds”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 2021, The State’s FY 2020-21 Budget. ([S 2021](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/24/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Appropriates \$32,711,205,000 in State funds and \$13,856,161,239 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.” ([S 2021](#))

ACU: S 2021 A “Fiscally Irresponsible Budget Bill Spends \$32.7 Billion Over Nine Months And Places State Solvency At Risk By Taking On \$4.5 Billion In New Debt Through Bonds.” “This fiscally irresponsible budget bill spends \$32.7 billion over nine months and places state solvency at risk by taking on \$4.5 billion in new debt through bonds. Furthermore, the bill exemplifies insider corruption in the budgetary process with ridiculous pork projects including funding for youth golf programs in Essex County and shade tree management in Metuchen.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Runaway Government Spending And Paving The Way For Even Greater Tax Burdens And Hikes, Opposes Indebting New Jersians At A Time Of Declining Tax Revenue Projections Due To COVID-19 And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes runaway government spending and paving the way for even greater tax burdens and hikes, opposes indebting New Jersians at a time of declining tax revenue projections due to COVID-19 and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 51-27 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTED WEAKENING THE TAX CAP TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES

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In 2010, Moriarty Was Known To Propose A Soft Property Tax Cap To Allow For Certain Automatic Exclusions Like Inflation And Health Care Premiums As Opposed To A Hard Cap Of 2.5 Percent. “Newark's Democratic mayor may be a fan of Gov. Chris Christie's plan to cap property tax increases through a constitutional amendment, but to get it on the ballot, the Republican governor will need support from more than Democratic mayors. He'll need support

from Democratic legislators, as well, something he didn't have yesterday. Assembly Democrats twice refused to take action on motions offered by Republicans to move the governor's constitutional cap out of committee. Democrats, who control both houses of the Legislature, have offered their own versions of bills to enact a lower cap on annual property tax increases. The difference between the Republican governor's plan and that of Democratic lawmakers centers around who can override the cap, if needed. Christie's proposed constitutional amendment would ban towns from raising property taxes by more than 2.5 percent without voter approval, while plans put forth by Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assemblyman Paul Moriarty would allow for automatic exclusions to the cap, taking into account the cost of things like inflation and health care premiums. "A hard cap would just destroy local governments and make it impossible to provide public safety, which then the state will be forced to fund," Sweeney said. "This is a very attainable goal without going to the constitution, where if we make a mistake, we can never correct the problem." (The Times, 6/22/10)

- Ultimately, The Cap Agreed To By Christie And Legislative Leaders Did Include Exceptions.** "The New Jersey Assembly overwhelmingly approved legislation capping local spending and property tax increases at 2 percent Monday, a week after Gov. Chris Christie and Democratic Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney announced a deal to tame the nation's highest property taxes. The Assembly vote was 73-4. The Senate approved the measure 35-3 last week. Gov. Chris Christie plans to sign the bill today. Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, who said she wasn't involved in the compromise brokered by Sweeney, D-Gloucester, described the bill as a flawed but necessary first step toward reining in runaway property tax growth. The bill allows exceptions to the cap for certain costs towns, school districts and counties can't control, like pension and health care costs, which have been rising by double digits. Otherwise, only voters would be able to override the cap. Tri-county Democratic legislators voted for the measure under extreme pressure from municipalities and counties to provide more wiggle room in the bill, including exceptions for current contracts and future state aid cuts. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, called the measure a good start, but added, "We need to find ways to reduce taxes, not merely cap the increases." Moriarty pointed out that many of the reforms in separate bills known as the governor's "tool kit" for towns came from Democrats, including himself. Those bills will be considered this summer. Assemblyman Gilbert "Whip" Wilson, D-Camden, echoed Moriarty." (Courier Post, 7/13/10)

In 2015, Moriarty Supported Legislation That "Allows Municipalities To Circumvent The Property Tax Cap By Excluding From The Cap A Charge That Will Be Used To Participate In Matching Funds Programs Run By Other Agencies"

In 2015, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3929, Which Allows The Property Tax Cap To Be Circumvented. ([A 3929](#), Passed (47 - 31), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/25/15, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "Creates exclusion from municipal property tax levy cap for amounts necessary to provide required matching funds to qualify for grants and other funds." ([A 3929](#))

ACU: A 3929 "Allows Municipalities To Circumvent The Property Tax Cap By Excluding From The Cap A Charge That Will Be Used To Participate In Matching Funds Programs

Run By Other Agencies.” “This bill allows municipalities to circumvent the property tax cap by excluding from the cap a charge that will be used to participate in matching funds programs run by other agencies.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Gimmicks To Get Around Tax Caps And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes gimmicks to get around tax caps and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 25, 2015 by a vote of 47-31.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTED A SCHEME TO “PRESSURE CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RAISE LOCAL TAXES”

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Modifies School Funding Law To Eliminate Adjustment Aid ... Allows Adjustment To Tax Levy Growth Limitation For Certain School Districts”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 2, Which Allowed For The Imposition Of New Taxes And Redistributed School Aid. ([S 2](#), Passed (54 - 17), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Modifies school funding law to eliminate adjustment aid and State aid growth limit; allows adjustment to tax levy growth limitation for certain school districts.” ([S 2](#))

ACU: This Legislation “Is Designed To Pressure Certain School Districts To Raise Local Taxes By Reducing Their Portion Of State School Aid Funding And Transferring The Money To Schools Considered ‘Underfunded’”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Scheme To Increase Spending And Raise Taxes And Opposed This Bill”

ACU: S 2 “Is Designed To Pressure Certain School Districts To Raise Local Taxes By Reducing Their Portion Of State School Aid Funding And Transferring The Money To Schools Considered ‘Underfunded.’” “This bill is designed to pressure certain school districts to raise local taxes by reducing their portion of state school aid funding and transferring the money to schools considered "underfunded." Additionally, any municipality whose school loses aid and "underspends" is forced under the bill to increase local taxes.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Scheme To Increase Spending And Raise Taxes And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this scheme to increase spending and raise taxes and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 54-17.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY VOTED TO INCREASE THE TAX BURDEN ON NEW JERSEY'S HIGHER-EARNERS

In 2010, Moriarty Noted His Support For The Millionaire's Tax – A Proposal To Increase The State Income Tax Rate On Those Earning Over \$1 Million

In 2010, Moriarty Noted His Support For The Millionaire's Tax – A Proposal To Increase The State Income Tax Rate On Those Earning Over \$1 Million. “Legislation that would restore New Jersey's so-called "millionaire's tax" has advanced in both houses of the state Legislature. Democrats said Thursday that reinstating the increased tax for those making \$1 million or more would provide funds needed to restore property tax rebate checks for senior citizens and eliminate a new \$310 deductible and prescription copay increases for seniors and disabled citizens. The respective bills, approved Thursday by key Assembly and Senate committees, will now head to votes in both chambers of the Democratic-controlled Legislature, though specific dates have not yet been scheduled. If they pass, the measures would head to the desk of Republican Gov. Chris Christie, who has vowed not to sign a budget that includes the higher tax. According to the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Services, increasing the tax for those making \$1 million or more - an estimated 16,000 taxpayers - from 8.9 to 10.8 percent would raise \$637 million next year. Those making \$2 million would pay nearly \$18,000 more a year as a result, and would pay \$18,000 more in taxes for each million they make. "Let's face it, the Christie budget plan means a tax increase for many senior citizens and a tax cut for the rich," said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Turnersville. "That's not fairness. That's putting a brutal burden on the backs of our most vulnerable elderly residents while the rich get richer. This is really a question of priorities." Republicans, though, accused Democrats of political grandstanding. They argued the tax would chase wealthy residents and businesses out of the state, along with the jobs they provide. "I believe this bill is a job-killer," said Assemblyman John DiMaio, R-Hackettstown.” (*Daily Record*, 5/13/10)

In 2014, Moriarty Supported Legislation That ““Raises The Gross Income Tax Rate On Taxable Income Exceeding \$1,000,000 To 10.75 Percent...”

In 2014, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3485, Which Increased Income Taxes. ([A 3485](#), Passed (48 - 31), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/26/14, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Raises the gross income tax rate on taxable income exceeding \$1,000,000 to 10.75 percent for a temporary three-year-period and restores the State earned income tax credit to 25 percent of the federal credit.” ([A 3485](#))

ACU: A 3485 “Will Increase Taxes By 20 Percent For Those Individuals And Businesses Making Over \$1 Million Per Year For Three Years And Increase The Earned Income Tax Credit.” “This bill will increase taxes by 20 percent for those individuals and businesses making over \$1 million per year for three years and increase the Earned Income Tax Credit.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Punitive Tax Increases And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes punitive tax increases and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 26, 2014 by a vote of 48-31.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2015, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Raises The Gross Income Tax Rate On Taxable Income Exceeding \$1,000,000...”

In 2015, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4602, Which Increased Taxes. ([A 4602](#), Passed (47 - 31), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/25/15, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Raising the gross income tax rate on taxable income exceeding \$1,000,000 temporarily” ([A 4602](#))

ACU: A 4602 ‘Imposes A Four Year “Temporary’ Increase In The State Income Tax To 10.75 Percent For Those With Taxable Incomes Of \$1 Million Or More And Increases The Earned Income Tax Credit To 25 Percent Of The Federal Credit.” “This bill imposes a four year “temporary” increase in the state income tax to 10.75 percent for those with taxable incomes of \$1 million or more and increases the Earned Income Tax Credit to 25 percent of the federal credit.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Tax Increases To Redistribute Wealth Rather Than For Revenue Purposes And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes tax increases to redistribute wealth rather than for revenue purposes and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 25, 2015 by a vote of 47-31.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2012, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3201, Which Increased The Income Tax Rate On Incomes Over \$1 Million. ([A 3201](#), Passed (47 - 31), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/25/12, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Increases the gross income tax rate on taxable income exceeding \$1 million contingent on enactment of certain homestead benefit enhancement legislation.” ([A 3201](#))

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That Significantly Increased The Top Marginal Tax Rate

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3088, Which Significantly Increased The Top Marginal Tax Rate. ([A 3088](#), Passed (51 - 20), New Jersey State Assembly, 7/1/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

<u>Over \$500,000.00</u> <u>but not over</u> <u>\$5,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$27,807.50 plus</u> <u>8.970% of the</u> <u>excess over</u> <u>\$500,000.00.</u>
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[\(A 3088\)](#)

ACU: A 3088 “Discourages Economic Growth And Innovation By Increasing The Marginal Gross Income Tax Rate On Income Above \$5 Million From 8.97 Percent To 10.75 Percent And Mandates Employers Withhold 15.6 Percent Of Income Over \$5 Million.”

“This bill discourages economic growth and innovation by increasing the marginal gross income tax rate on income above \$5 million from 8.97 percent to 10.75 percent and mandates employers withhold 15.6 percent of income over \$5 million. Additionally, the bill imposes an additional 17 percent tax on "investment management services income." Finally, the bill encourages dependence on government by increasing the state Earned Income Tax Credit, which awards cash subsidies to those whose incomes exceed qualifications for other welfare programs.”

[\(American Conservative Union\)](#)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Efforts To Discourage Innovation And Siphon Even More Resources Out Of The Private Sector To Fund Wasteful And Out-Of-Control Government Spending And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes efforts to discourage innovation and siphon even more resources out of the private sector to fund wasteful and out-of-control government spending and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 51-20.” [\(American Conservative Union\)](#)

In 2020, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Further Soaks The Rich In Taxation By Imposing The State’s Top Income Tax Rate Of 10.75% Onto All Earnings Over \$1 Million”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Direct Wealth Redistribution Which Harms Economic Growth And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 10, Which Expanded The ‘Millionaires Tax’. [\(A 10,](#) Passed (52 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/24/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Increases gross income tax rate from 8.97 percent to 10.75 percent on income between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000, and provides up to \$500 tax rebate to eligible taxpayers.” ([A 10](#))

ACU: A 10 “Further Soaks The Rich In Taxation By Imposing The State’s Top Income Tax Rate Of 10.75% Onto All Earnings Over \$1 Million.” “This bill further soaks the rich in taxation by imposing the state’s top income tax rate of 10.75% onto all earnings over \$1 million. Under existing law, earnings between \$1 million and \$5 million were taxed at a rate of 8.97%. Part of the new revenue will then be redistributed to those making under \$75,000 via a \$500 rebate check.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Direct Wealth Redistribution Which Harms Economic Growth And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes the state already punishes the “rich” with one of the highest income tax rates in the country, opposes this direct wealth redistribution which harms economic growth and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 52-27 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY VOTED TO MAINTAIN THE TAX BURDEN ON NEW JERSEY BUSINESSES

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Harms Business Growth And Reduces Employment Opportunities By Making Numerous Changes To The Corporate Business Tax, Resulting In Higher Taxation Of Businesses”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4202, Which Increased Tax Rates And Reduced Tax Deductions. ([A 4202](#), Passed (41 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 7/1/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Imposes surtax on corporation business tax liability; decouples certain provisions from Internal Revenue Code; imposes tax on certain dividends.” ([A 4202](#))

ACU: A 4202 “Harms Business Growth And Reduces Employment Opportunities By Making Numerous Changes To The Corporate Business Tax, Resulting In Higher Taxation Of Businesses.” “This bill harms business growth and reduces employment opportunities by making numerous changes to the corporate business tax, resulting in higher taxation of businesses. Under the bill, a 2.5 percent tax surcharge is imposed on corporations with incomes above \$1 million. Additionally, the bill subjects more dividend income to taxation and uncouples a portion of the state tax code from the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which will result in higher tax liabilities.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Anti-Growth, ‘Soak The Rich’ Tax Increase To Pay For Increased Spending Which Results In The Highest Corporate Tax Rate In The Country And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this anti-growth, “soak the rich” tax increase to pay for increased spending which results in the highest corporate tax rate in the country and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 41-23.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2018, Moriarty Sponsored Legislation To “Require The Collection Of Sales Tax From Certain Remote Sellers”

In 2018, “The Assembly Approved Legislation Saturday Assemblymen John Burzichelli And Paul Moriarty Sponsored To Require The Collection Of Sales Tax From Certain Remote Sellers.” “The Assembly approved legislation Saturday Assemblymen John Burzichelli and Paul Moriarty sponsored to require the collection of sales tax from certain remote sellers. The bill requires marketplace facilitators, such as the third party sellers at Amazon.com, to collect sales and use tax. If the bill is enacted, it would be effective on October 1, 2018. “Online marketplaces have made it easier for interstate and international commerce, allowing many businesses to circumvent state sales tax requirements,” said Burzichelli (D-Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem). “New Jersey based businesses have to abide by the sales and use tax law, so should any company who does substantial business in the state.” New Jersey could gain between \$216 million and \$351 million as a result of this legislation—about 2 to 4 percent of total 2016 state and local government general sales and gross receipts tax revenues— according to the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) study in November 2017. “The fact that they are not physically located in New Jersey should not exempt a business from sales tax and use requirements,” said Moriarty (D- Camden, Gloucester). “These businesses should play by the same rules as other NJ businesses who pay property taxes, local taxes and make an investment in the communities they’re in.” ([NJ Globe](#), 7/1/18)

MORIARTY VOTED TO DOUBLE THE STATE THE PAYROLL TAX

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Reduces Employee Take-Home Pay Even Further In Order To Expand The State’s Existing Family Leave Insurance (FLI) Program”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3975, Which Doubled The State’s Payroll Tax For Paid Leave. ([A 3975](#), Passed (53 - 21), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/31/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

13. (New section) a. The division shall implement disability insurance goals for the timely determination and payment of temporary disability benefits and family temporary disability benefits under the State plan, as follows:

(1) for temporary disability benefits, in each calendar year:

(a) not less than 40 percent of the original benefit determinations shall be completed within seven days after the commencement of the disability, or the receipt of the benefit claims by the division, whichever is later;

(b) not less than 75 percent of the original benefit determinations shall be completed within 14 days after the commencement of the disability, or the receipt of the benefit claims by the division, whichever is later;

(c) not less than 85 percent of the original benefit determinations shall be completed within 21 days after the commencement of the disability, or the receipt of the benefit claims by the division, whichever is later; and

(d) not less than 90 percent of the original benefit determinations shall be completed within 28 days after the commencement of the disability, or the receipt of the benefit claims by the division, whichever is later; and

[\(A 3976\)](#)

ACU: A 3976 “Reduces Employee Take-Home Pay Even Further In Order To Expand The State’s Existing Family Leave Insurance (FLI) Program.” “This bill reduces employee take-home pay even further in order to expand the state’s existing Family Leave Insurance (FLI) program. This program, which is mandatory, is funded through an additional payroll tax on employee wages. This bill will result in an additional \$365 million in annual tax burdens by doubling the employee payroll deduction rate (from 0.08% to 0.16%) and applying the tax on all wages earned up to \$131,500 (previously \$34,400) representing a 684% increase. With this massive influx of new revenue, the duration of benefits is doubled from six weeks to 12 weeks and the maximum weekly payout is increased to \$860 (up from \$650) or 85% of an individual’s wage rate (previously 66%). Furthermore, employees are no longer required to first use their employer-provided paid time off or benefits before receiving the benefits under this program.” [\(American Conservative Union\)](#)

- **“This Program, Which Is Mandatory, Is Funded Through An Additional Payroll Tax On Employee Wages.”** [\(American Conservative Union\)](#)

“This Bill Will Result In An Additional \$365 Million In Annual Tax Burdens By Doubling The Employee Payroll Deduction Rate (From 0.08% To 0.16%)...”

“This Bill Will Result In An Additional \$365 Million In Annual Tax Burdens By Doubling The Employee Payroll Deduction Rate (From 0.08% To 0.16%) And Applying The Tax On All Wages Earned Up To \$131,500 (Previously \$34,400) Representing A 684% Increase.” [\(American Conservative Union\)](#)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Government Paid Leave Mandates, Opposes Socializing Program Costs On The Backs Of Employees Who Do Not Wish To Utilize Benefits Or Participate In Such A Program And Opposed This Bill”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Government Paid Leave Mandates, Opposes Socializing Program Costs On The Backs Of Employees Who Do Not Wish To Utilize Benefits Or Participate In Such A Program And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that this bill represents an enormous new tax burden for working New Jerseyans while expanding a program that less than 1% of workers in the state utilize. ACU opposes government paid leave mandates, opposes socializing program costs on the backs of employees who do not wish to utilize benefits or participate in such a program and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on January 31, 2019 by a vote of 53-21 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTS THE IMPOSITION OF A NEW LOCAL PAYROLL TAX

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation Which Permitted Certain Municipalities To Impose A New Payroll Tax

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4163, Which Permitted Certain Municipalities To Impose A New Payroll Tax. ([A 4163](#), Passed (46 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Allows municipality with population over 200,000 to impose employer payroll tax; requires employer payroll tax revenues to be paid to school district in certain circumstances.” ([A 4163](#))

ACU: This Legislation “Reduces Employment Opportunities And Places Further Burdens On Taxpayers By Permitting Jersey City To Impose An Employee Payroll Tax In Addition To The State's Countless Other Imposed Taxes”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This New Payroll Tax Which Reduces Employment Opportunities And Imposes Unnecessary Burdens On Taxpayers And Opposed This Bill”

ACU: A 4163 “Reduces Employment Opportunities And Places Further Burdens On Taxpayers By Permitting Jersey City To Impose An Employee Payroll Tax In Addition To The State's Countless Other Imposed Taxes.” “This bill reduces employment opportunities and places further burdens on taxpayers by permitting Jersey City to impose an employee payroll tax in addition to the state's countless other imposed taxes. This employer payroll tax, in conjunction with S 2, is a scheme to extract additional funding from communities and direct them to school districts. Higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This New Payroll Tax Which Reduces Employment Opportunities And Imposes Unnecessary Burdens On Taxpayers And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this new payroll tax which reduces employment opportunities and imposes unnecessary burdens on taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 46-28.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTED AN ONLINE SALES TAX

In 2018, Moriarty Sponsored Legislation To Require The Collection Of Sales Tax From Certain Remote Sellers

In 2018, “The Assembly Approved Legislation Saturday Assemblymen John Burzichelli And Paul Moriarty Sponsored To Require The Collection Of Sales Tax From Certain Remote Sellers.” “The Assembly approved legislation Saturday Assemblymen John Burzichelli and Paul Moriarty sponsored to require the collection of sales tax from certain remote sellers. The bill requires marketplace facilitators, such as the third party sellers at Amazon.com, to collect sales and use tax. If the bill is enacted, it would be effective on October 1, 2018. “Online marketplaces have made it easier for interstate and international commerce, allowing many businesses to circumvent state sales tax requirements,” said Burzichelli (D-Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem). “New Jersey based businesses have to abide by the sales and use tax law, so should any company who does substantial business in the state.” New Jersey could gain between \$216 million and \$351 million as a result of this legislation—about 2 to 4 percent of total 2016 state and local government general sales and gross receipts tax revenues— according to the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) study in November 2017. “The fact that they are not physically located in New Jersey should not exempt a business from sales tax and use requirements,” said Moriarty (D- Camden, Gloucester). “These businesses should play by the same rules as other NJ businesses who pay property taxes, local taxes and make an investment in the communities they’re in.” ([NJ Globe](#), 7/1/18)

MORIARTY SUPPORTED ADDITIONAL TAX HIKES ON NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS

In 2006, Moriarty Supported Legislation That Imposed A Tax On Fur Clothing

In 2006, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4714, Which Imposed A Tax On Fur Clothing. ([A 4714](#), Passed (44 - 32), New Jersey State Assembly, 7/8/06, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Imposes gross receipts tax on retail sales of fur clothing in this State and use tax on use of certain fur clothing in this State for which tax has not been paid.” ([A 4714](#))

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Further Drives Up The State's Ballooning Transportation Costs By Imposing A New Tax On Rides Through Transportation Network Companies Such As Uber And Lyft.”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4061, Which Imposed New Taxes On Ridesharing And Increased Fees Related To Motor Vehicle Violations. ([A 4061](#), Passed (41 - 29), New Jersey State Assembly, 7/1/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Imposes surcharge on prearranged rides and increases certain fee associated with motor vehicle violations.” ([A 4061](#))

ACU: A 4061 “Further Drives Up The State's Ballooning Transportation Costs By Imposing A New Tax On Rides Through Transportation Network Companies Such As Uber And Lyft.” “This bill further drives up the state's ballooning transportation costs by imposing a new tax on rides through transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft. Under the bill, a 50 cent fee is imposed on each ride, as well as a 25 cent fee for each additional rider. Furthermore, the bill imposes a tax ranging between \$1 and \$3 on traffic and motor vehicle violations.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes These New Taxes, Especially Considering The State Already Has One Of The Highest Gas Taxes In The Country... And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes these new taxes, especially considering the state already has one of the highest gas taxes in the country, and we find it absurd that Governor Murphy vetoed the bill for its failure to impose even more burdensome taxes and fees and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 41-29.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2012, Moriarty Supported Legislation That Increased Administrative Fees

In 2012, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 763, Which Increased Fees In Order To Fund The State’s E-Court Information System. ([A 763](#), Passed (48 - 30), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/25/12, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Authorizes Judiciary to revise or fees and other statutory fees, subject to limitations, to fund e-court information system and Legal Services of New Jersey; provides for review of such fees by Judiciary.” ([A 763](#))

MORIARTY HAS VOTED TO EXPAND THE WELFARE STATE IN NEW JERSEY

In 2016, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Increases Cash Welfare Benefits By Ten Percent Per Year For Three Years And Then Automatically Increases Them Each Year Without Legislative Approval”

In 2016, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 30, Which Increased Welfare Benefits. ([A 30](#), Passed (51 - 22), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/14/16, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Increases amount of benefits under Work First New Jersey program.” ([A 30](#))

ACU: A 30 “Increases Cash Welfare Benefits By Ten Percent Per Year For Three Years And Then Automatically Increases Them Each Year Without Legislative Approval.” “This bill increases cash welfare benefits by ten percent per year for three years and then automatically increases them each year without legislative approval. An overreliance on welfare diminishes recipients’ employment prospects, keeping families out of the workforce and unable to prosper, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Such Fiscally Irresponsible Proposals, Which Increases Spending Separately From The State Budget And Provide No Funding Offsets, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes such fiscally irresponsible proposals, which increases spending separately from the state budget and provide no funding offsets, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 14, 2016 by a vote of 51-22.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2017, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Repeals What Is Known As The ‘Family Cap On Welfare Benefits’ That Prevents Increased Cash Benefits For A Child Born Within Ten Months Of A Welfare Application”

In 2017, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 33, Which Repealed The Cap On Certain Welfare Benefits. ([A 33](#), Passed (51 - 20), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/22/17, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Repeals family cap in Work First New Jersey program.” ([A 33](#))

ACU: A 33 “Repeals What Is Known As The ‘Family Cap On Welfare Benefits’ That Prevents Increased Cash Benefits For A Child Born Within Ten Months Of A Welfare Application.” “This bill repeals what is known as the "family cap on welfare benefits" that prevents increased cash benefits for a child born within ten months of a welfare application. An overreliance on welfare diminishes recipients’ employment prospects, keeping families out of the workforce and unable to prosper, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports Reasonable Restrictions On Welfare Benefits And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports reasonable restrictions on welfare benefits and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 22, 2017 by a vote of 51-20 but it was vetoed by the governor.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Harms The Ability Of New Jersey Residents To Become Self-Sufficient By Eliminating Previously Established Limits On The Amount Of Public Assistance An Individual May Receive”

The American Conservative Union “Believes Welfare Programs Should Be Temporary And Designed To Help And Encourage Individuals To Become Self-Sufficient And Opposed This Bill”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 3586, Which Eliminated Certain Welfare Limits. ([S 3586](#), Passed (66 - 10), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/25/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Allows individual to receive additional lifetime emergency assistance under certain circumstances, subject to annual allocation limits.” ([S 3586](#))

ACU: S 3586 “Harms The Ability Of New Jersey Residents To Become Self-Sufficient By Eliminating Previously Established Limits On The Amount Of Public Assistance An Individual May Receive.” “This bill harms the ability of New Jersey residents to become self-sufficient by eliminating previously established limits on the amount of public assistance an individual may receive. Under previous law, there was a 12- to 18-month cap on the amount of welfare benefits an individual was permitted to receive during their lifetime through the

WorkFirst NJ Program. This bill permits an individual to receive another 12 months of benefits if they have not received benefits within the past seven years.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Believes Welfare Programs Should Be Temporary And Designed To Help And Encourage Individuals To Become Self-Sufficient And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, believes welfare programs should be temporary and designed to help and encourage individuals to become self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 25, 2019 by a vote of 66-10 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2020, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Removes A Provision In The State’s Welfare Programs Which Encourages Individuals To Become Self-Sufficient Before Deciding To Have More Children”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which May Proliferate Intergenerational Poverty By Discouraging Individuals From Becoming Self-Sufficient And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 2178, Which Removed A Cap On Certain Welfare Benefits. ([S 2178](#), Passed (56 - 18), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/24/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Repeals family cap in Work First New Jersey program.” ([S 2178](#))

ACU: S 2178 “Removes A Provision In The State’s Welfare Programs Which Encourages Individuals To Become Self-Sufficient Before Deciding To Have More Children.” “This bill removes a provision in the state’s welfare programs which encourages individuals to become self-sufficient before deciding to have more children. Under the bill, welfare benefits are no longer based on the number of children a recipient has at time of application. Instead, beneficiaries may receive even greater welfare benefits if they conceive more children.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which May Proliferate Intergenerational Poverty By Discouraging Individuals From Becoming Self-Sufficient And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become self-sufficient, opposes this measure which may proliferate intergenerational poverty by discouraging individuals from becoming self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 56-18 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTS INCREASING WAGE MANDATES (MINIMUM WAGE)

In 2016, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Increases The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour By 2021 And Increases It Automatically Each Year Without Legislative Approval”

In 2016, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 15, Which Increased The Minimum Wage. ([A 15](#), Passed (42 - 31), New Jersey State Assembly, 5/26/16, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Raises minimum wage rate to \$10.10, makes further increases over a four-year period, and maintains annual cost of living increases.” ([A 15](#))

ACU: A 15 “Increases The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour By 2021 And Increases It Automatically Each Year Without Legislative Approval.” “This bill increases the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2021 and increases it automatically each year without legislative approval. An increase in the minimum wage results in higher unemployment. High rates of unemployment hinder family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Such Artificial Wages, Which Hurt People Who Need Help The Most, Such As Students And Inexperienced Workers, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes such artificial wages, which hurt people who need help the most, such as students and inexperienced workers, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 26, 2016 by a vote of 42-31.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2017, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Gives A Special Minimum Wage Of \$18 An Hour For Subcontractor Workers At The State’s Airport, Train And Ferry Terminals Along With Special Benefits”

In 2017, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4870, Which Raised The Minimum Wage To \$18 Per Hour For Certain Workers. ([A 4870](#), Passed (51 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/22/17, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Without any supportable justification, this bill would require the payment of the prevailing wage rate for a “Guard 1” -- \$17.98 per hour -- to a group of privately subcontracted individuals, including ticketing agents, concession service workers, and cleaning service workers, at Newark Liberty International Airport, Newark Penn Station, and Hoboken Terminal. Similarly, this bill would mandate benefits and paid time off.” ([A 4870](#))

ACU: A 4870 “Gives A Special Minimum Wage Of \$18 An Hour For Subcontractor Workers At The State’s Airport, Train And Ferry Terminals Along With Special Benefits.” “This bill gives a special minimum wage of \$18 an hour for subcontractor workers at the state’s airport, train and ferry terminals along with special benefits. Studies by the Congressional Budget Office have found increases in the minimum wage results in higher unemployment. High

rates of unemployment hinder family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes These Artificial Wages That Hurt Those Who Need Employment The Most, Such As Inexperienced Workers, And Opposed This Bill.”

“ACU opposes these artificial wages that hurt those who need employment the most, such as inexperienced workers, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 22, 2017 by a vote of 51-23 but it was vetoed by the governor.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That Increased The State Minimum Wage

The American Conservative Union “Opposes These Artificial Wages That Hurt Those Who Particularly Need Help With Employment, Such As Students And Inexperienced Workers, And Opposed This Bill”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 15, Which Increased The Minimum Wage. ([A 15](#), Passed (52 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/31/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Raises, over time, hourly minimum wage to \$15.00.” ([A 15](#))

ACU: A 15 “Diminishes Job Opportunities By Incrementally Hiking The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour By 2024.” “This bill diminishes job opportunities by incrementally hiking the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2024. Under the bill, the state’s \$7.15 hourly minimum wage for nearly all employment opportunities is increased by 109% in five years. Specifically, the bill requires \$8.85 per hour (24% increase) by January 2019, \$10 per hour (40% increase) by July 2019 and \$1 per hour increases until the minimum wage reaches \$15 per hour by 2024. The bill mandates that after 2024 the minimum wage must be increased by the difference in the Consumer Price Index. Furthermore, the bill establishes a new bureaucracy, the Task Force on Wages and State Benefits, to advocate for further labor mandates. Most egregiously, the bill mandates that a position on the task force is statutorily required to include an individual nominated by the AFL-CIO.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

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“ACU opposes these artificial wages that hurt those who particularly need help with employment, such as students and inexperienced workers, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on January 31, 2019 by a vote of 52-23 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Moriarty Sponsored Legislation Raising The Minimum Wage To \$15. “Setting gradual minimum wage thresholds to reach \$15 in five years, the bill (A-15), sponsored by Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, and members Cleopatra Tucker, Britnee Timberlake, Gabriela Mosquera, Angela McKnight, Joseph Egan, Daniel Benson, Paul Moriarty, and Thomas Giblin, was signed into law Monday. The bill establishes an oversight panel and takes into account concerns of New Jersey businesses. “New Jerseyans deserve a livable wage. I thank my Assembly colleagues for joining me in moving our state forward against inequality and boosting low wages for hard-working men and women. Raising the minimum wage makes New Jersey

more affordable and improves the quality of life for over a million residents,” said Speaker Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “This is not only good for workers, but for businesses and our economy.” A study by the United Way ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) project found that through 2016, out of New Jersey’s over 3 million households, 10.5 percent earn below the Federal Poverty Level (334,182 households) and 28 (895,879 households) percent qualify as ALICE households. The total number of New Jersey households that cannot afford basic needs increased 15 percent between 2010 and 2016. “If a New Jersey resident making the current minimum wage works 40 hours every week of the year, their income would equal \$18,408,” said Tucker (D-Essex). “This amount makes it tremendously difficult to support yourself and a family in New Jersey. I am proud of the efforts of the Assembly Speaker and our caucus to create a more economically fair New Jersey for working families.” The cost of basic household expenses—which United Way calls the “Household Survival Budget”—in New Jersey increased steadily to \$74,748 for a family of four and \$26,640 for a single adult. The cost of a family budget saw an increase of 28 percent from 2010 to 2016.” ([Insider NJ](#), 2/4/19)

In 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Posted Support Of Increasing The Minimum Wage

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(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/13/23)

MORIARTY IS SUPPORTER OF TAX-PAYER FUNDED MEDICAID EXPANSION

In 2013, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Would Utilize A Provision Of Obamacare That Allows The Expansion Of Medicaid Coverage For Family Planning Services For Families With Incomes At 200 Percent Of The Poverty Level”

In 2013, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4171, Which Expanded Medicaid. ([A 4171](#), Passed (49 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/20/13, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Provides Medicaid coverage for family planning services to individuals with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.” ([A 4171](#))

ACU: A 4171 “Would Utilize A Provision Of Obamacare That Allows The Expansion Of Medicaid Coverage For Family Planning Services For Families With Incomes At 200 Percent Of The Poverty Level.” “This bill would utilize a provision of Obamacare that allows the expansion of Medicaid coverage for family planning services for families with incomes at 200 percent of the poverty level.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes These Programs That Go Around The Regular Budget Process And Allow Taxpayer Payments To Organizations That Provide Abortion Procedures And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes these programs that go around the regular budget process and allow taxpayer payments to organizations that provide abortion procedures and opposed this bill. The bill passed the Assembly on June 20, 2013 by a vote of 49-27, but was vetoed by the Governor.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2016, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Authorizes The Expansion Of Medicaid Under Obamacare”

In 2016, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 1017, Which Expanded Medicaid. ([S 1017](#), Passed (52 - 24), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/27/16, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Provides Medicaid coverage for family planning services to individuals with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.” ([S 1017](#))

ACU: S 1017 “Authorizes The Expansion Of Medicaid Under Obamacare.” “This bill authorizes the expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare. Expanding Medicaid has a negative impact on the economy and family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Expanding A Program Rife With Waste And Fraud With No New Reforms, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes expanding a program rife with waste and fraud with no new reforms, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 27, 2016 by a vote of 52-24.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTED A SCHEME TO “PRESSURE CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RAISE LOCAL TAXES”

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Modifies School Funding Law To Eliminate Adjustment Aid ... Allows Adjustment To Tax Levy Growth Limitation For Certain School Districts”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 2, Which Allowed For The Imposition Of New Taxes And Redistributed School Aid. ([S 2](#), Passed (54 - 17), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Modifies school funding law to eliminate adjustment aid and State aid growth limit; allows adjustment to tax levy growth limitation for certain school districts.” ([S 2](#))

ACU: This Legislation “Is Designed To Pressure Certain School Districts To Raise Local Taxes By Reducing Their Portion Of State School Aid Funding And Transferring The Money To Schools Considered ‘Underfunded’”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Scheme To Increase Spending And Raise Taxes And Opposed This Bill”

ACU: S 2 “Is Designed To Pressure Certain School Districts To Raise Local Taxes By Reducing Their Portion Of State School Aid Funding And Transferring The Money To Schools Considered ‘Underfunded.’” “This bill is designed to pressure certain school districts to raise local taxes by reducing their portion of state school aid funding and transferring the money to schools considered "underfunded." Additionally, any municipality whose school loses aid and "underspends" is forced under the bill to increase local taxes.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Scheme To Increase Spending And Raise Taxes And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this scheme to increase spending and raise taxes and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 54-17.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Would Allow Certain School Districts To Raise Property Taxes Above The State’s 2% Cap On Increases Without Voter Approval”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Driving Up Property Tax Burdens Which Have Already Increased Significantly In Recent Years And Opposed This Bill”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 4289, Which Allowed School Districts To Increase Property Taxes. ([S 4289](#), Passed (41 - 26), New Jersey State Assembly, 12/16/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Provides tax levy cap adjustment in 2020-2021 through 2024-2025 school years for school districts that are spending below adequacy and losing State aid.” ([S 4289](#))

ACU: S 4289 “Would Allow Certain School Districts To Raise Property Taxes Above The State’s 2% Cap On Increases Without Voter Approval.” “This bill would allow certain school districts to raise property taxes above the state’s 2% cap on increases without voter approval. The bill is in response to last session’s School Funding Reform Act (SFRA, or S 2, which ACU scored) which pressured certain school districts to raise local taxes by reducing their portion of state school aid funding and transferring the money to schools considered “underfunded.” Additionally, SFRA forced the school districts to increase taxes if they received less school aid and therefore “underspent.” This bill (S 4289) would permit school districts to even further raise property taxes by permitting them to exceed the 2% cap included in SFRA without voter approval.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Driving Up Property Tax Burdens Which Have Already Increased Significantly In Recent Years And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes voters are the most important voice in any fiscal issue, supports maintaining the utmost

level of government transparency and fiscal responsibility, opposes driving up property tax burdens which have already increased significantly in recent years and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 16, 2019 by a vote of 41-26 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTS THE IMPOSITION OF A NEW TAX ON VAPING

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Imposes A New Tax, In Addition To Existing Taxes, On Liquid Nicotine Which Is Used In Vaping Devices And E-Cigarettes”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes All ‘Sin Taxes’ Which Disproportionately Harm Certain Groups Of The Population, Especially Individuals Earning Low Incomes, And Opposed This Bill”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4132, Which Imposed A New Tax On Vaping. ([A 4132](#), Passed (51 - 24), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Imposes \$0.10 per fluid milliliter tax related to sales of liquid nicotine.” ([A 4132](#))

ACU: A 4132 “Imposes A New Tax, In Addition To Existing Taxes, On Liquid Nicotine Which Is Used In Vaping Devices And E-Cigarettes.” “This bill imposes a new tax, in addition to existing taxes, on liquid nicotine which is used in vaping devices and e-cigarettes. The tax rate is set at 10 cents per fluid milliliter.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes All ‘Sin Taxes’ Which Disproportionately Harm Certain Groups Of The Population, Especially Individuals Earning Low Incomes, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes all "sin taxes" which disproportionately harm certain groups of the population, especially individuals earning low incomes, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 51-24” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY HAS SUPPORTED EXPANDING NEW JERSEY’S DEBT BURDEN

In 2020, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Authorizes The State To Issue \$9.9 Billion In New Bonds (Debt) Instead Of Cutting Spending In Order To Make Up For Loss Revenue Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic”

The American Conservative Union “Supports Prudent Fiscal Policy To Protect The State During Financial Downturn, Believes The State Should Cut Spending And Streamline Operations As Opposed To Taking On Further Debt And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4175, Which Authorized The State To Issue New Debt. ([A 4175](#), Passed (45 - 26), New Jersey State Assembly, 7/16/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: ““New Jersey COVID-19 Emergency Bond Act," authorizes issuance of State bonds totaling up to \$9.9 billion.” ([A 4175](#))

ACU: A 4175 “Authorizes The State To Issue \$9.9 Billion In New Bonds (Debt) Instead Of Cutting Spending In Order To Make Up For Loss Revenue Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic.” “This fiscally reckless bill authorizes the state to issue \$9.9 billion in new bonds (debt) instead of cutting spending in order to make up for loss revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$2.7 billion to be issued in FY 2020 and \$7.2 billion in FY 2021.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports Prudent Fiscal Policy To Protect The State During Financial Downturn, Believes The State Should Cut Spending And Streamline Operations As Opposed To Taking On Further Debt And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports prudent fiscal policy to protect the state during financial downturn, believes the state should cut spending and streamline operations as opposed to taking on further debt and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 16, 2020 by a vote of 45-26 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTS INCREASING WAGE MANDATES (MINIMUM WAGE)

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The American Conservative Union “Opposes These Artificial Wages That Hurt Those Who Particularly Need Help With Employment, Such As Students And Inexperienced Workers, And Opposed This Bill”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 15, Which Increased The Minimum Wage. ([A 15](#), Passed (52 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/31/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Raises, over time, hourly minimum wage to \$15.00.” ([A 15](#))

ACU: A 15 “Diminishes Job Opportunities By Incrementally Hiking The Minimum Wage To \$15 Per Hour By 2024.” “This bill diminishes job opportunities by incrementally hiking the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2024. Under the bill, the state’s \$7.15 hourly minimum wage for nearly all employment opportunities is increased by 109% in five years. Specifically, the bill requires \$8.85 per hour (24% increase) by January 2019, \$10 per hour (40% increase) by July 2019 and \$1 per hour increases until the minimum wage reaches \$15 per hour by 2024. The bill mandates that after 2024 the minimum wage must be increased by the difference in the Consumer Price Index. Furthermore, the bill establishes a new bureaucracy, the Task Force on Wages and State Benefits, to advocate for further labor mandates. Most egregiously, the bill mandates that a position on the task force is statutorily required to include an individual nominated by the AFL-CIO.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

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WHILE SERVING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MORIARTY OVERSAW INCREASES TO THE LOCAL TAX RATE

In March 2005, Moriarty Pledged A Budget That Did Not Increase Taxes From 2004 And Possibly Lowered Taxes

In March 2005, Moriarty Pledged A Budget That Did Not Increase Taxes From 2004 And Possibly Lowered Taxes. “Township council accepted a preliminary \$35 million municipal budget Thursday and committed itself to doing what it can to whittle down the proposed 8 cent tax rate increase that comes with it. The 2005 spending plan represents an increase of about \$2.3 million, or 7.3 percent, over last year's budget. Half of those costs are coming from contractual salary increases and the remainder is a result of hikes in health and liability insurance, utilities and trash collection, said Business Administrator Debra Fourre in brief prepared remarks. Council now has about three months to review the budget and try to lessen its tax impact on township property owners, Council President Frank Scarpato said. Mayor Paul Moriarty's letter to council set an ambitious goal. "By the time the budget process is completed and a budget is adopted in July, we will have a 2005 budget document that reflects no tax increase over 2004, and perhaps a tax rate lower than in prior years," Moriarty wrote.” (*Courier Post*, 3/25/05)

“The Mayor Wants A 2005 Budget That Reflects No Increase Over The 2004 Tax Rate Of 77 Cents For Every \$100 Of Assessed Property Value”

“The Mayor Wants A 2005 Budget That Reflects No Increase Over The 2004 Tax Rate Of 77 Cents For Every \$100 Of Assessed Property Value.” “Three cents down, 5 cents to go. Township council on Thursday lopped nearly 3 cents off the township's proposed 8-cent property tax increase for the preliminary 2005 budget. Council, though, still must shave about \$1.2 million, or 5 cents, from the spending plan to reach Mayor Paul Moriarty's target. The mayor wants a 2005 budget that reflects no increase over the 2004 tax rate of 77 cents for every \$100 of assessed property value. With Thursday's cuts, property owners face a tax rate of 82 cents per \$100. The owner of a home assessed at the township average of \$128,391 would see a \$68 increase in municipal taxes.” (*Courier Post*, 3/25/05)

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However, In August 2005, Moriarty Failed To Keep Taxes Level With The Washington Township Council Ultimately Adopting A Budget With A 4.8 Cent Tax Rate Increase; Moriarty Claimed The Council Was “Defeatist... Overly Pessimistic.” “Unlike regular property tax bills that show exactly how taxes are distributed to schools, the county and municipal government, the estimated bills showed only a combined dollar amount that was significantly higher than last quarter's, said township business administrator Debra Fourre. Compounding the confusion was an attached letter signed by Mayor Paul Moriarty, noting the estimated bills reflected no municipal property tax increase over the past year. Council has not adopted its municipal budget yet and has not determined whether there will be a tax increase. Residents, however, mistook Moriarty's letter to mean there were no tax increases at all. That didn't jibe with the fact their bill showed a higher quarterly amount. The estimated bills did

include tax increases for the county, county open space fund and township school district. They did not include increases for the municipal government, the local open space fund or the fire district. The township was forced to send out estimated bills because, even though the \$36 million municipal budget for 2005 isn't finalized, the municipality needs tax revenue to pay its bills. The budget Moriarty introduced in March called for a roughly 8-cent increase in the tax rate, but Moriarty and township council are still trying to make cuts and find other revenue sources so they can keep property taxes stable. Council will again discuss the budget at its meeting Thursday, but it's unclear if the five-member board will adopt it. Moriarty will be out of town on business and has requested that council postpone any action until his return. Moriarty said he wants to make sure the township does all it can to get as much revenue as it can for property tax relief." (*Courier Post*, 8/4/05)

In 2008, Moriarty Proposed A Budget With A 7.8 Cent Tax Rate Increase

In 2008, Moriarty Proposed A Budget With A 7.8 Cent Tax Rate Increase. "Township officials are set to continue discussion of an expected two years' worth of tax hikes for residents on Thursday. The dilemma for some council members is that accepting mayor Paul D. Moriarty's proposal of a 7.8-cent tax rate increase this year could leave tax payers paying much more in 2009. Councilman Frank Scarpatto said the smaller increase this year could amount to an increase of around 21-cents the following year. "The only way to handle this situation is to go at it head on," he said, about lowering the overall budget. At \$36.1 million, the proposed fiscal 2008 budget is \$1.4 million less than in 2007. The average homeowner paid about \$1,066 in local purpose taxes in 2007. An increase of 7.8-cents per \$100 of a home's assessed value would equate to \$101.40 more for the average tax payer in the township. The proposed mitigated tax increase for fiscal 2008 is based on changing the township's tax collection method so back taxes owed to the township in 2007 would be collected this year, and another tax sale would be held in December for the delinquent taxes owed in 2008. From this year on, the township would only collect the delinquent tax in December as opposed to the past practice of collecting it in June. Moriarty said the current practice sometimes lets delinquent taxes go uncollected for more than a year." (*Courier Post*, 7/9/08)

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The Washington Township Council Introduced Its Own Budget With A 17.8 Cent Tax Rate Increase Contending That Moriarty's Proposal Would Require A Major Tax Rate Increase In 2009. "Township residents could see a 17.8-cent increase in the local tax rate this year if the 2008 budget introduced by council on Wednesday is ultimately approved. The increase would mean the owner of home assessed at the township's average of \$130,000 would pay about \$231 more in municipal taxes. This figure does not include school, fire and county taxes, which are assessed separately. The proposed municipal tax rate increase is more than double the 7.8-cent increase Mayor Paul Moriarty originally proposed to the council. Moriarty was not at Wednesday's meeting because of a prior engagement and could not be reached for comment late Wednesday. Council balked at Moriarty's proposed \$36.1 million budget and raised concerns at workshops earlier this month that the lower tax increase this year could leave them a gaping financial hole to fill in 2009. "Doing this was a very difficult decision for

council," said Council President Michelle Martin. "We thought long and hard about how we wanted to do this and I believe this is the most fiscal responsible thing to do." The council's \$38.7 million budget is \$1.2 million more than what was spent in 2007, when the average taxpayer paid about \$1,066 in municipal taxes." (*Courier Post*, 7/24/08)

In September 2008, The Washington Township Council Approved A Compromise Budget That Included A 11 Cent Tax Rate Increase And Used Moriarty's Suggestion For An Accelerated Tax Plan

In September 2008, The Washington Township Council Approved A Compromise Budget That Included A 11 Cent Tax Rate Increase And Used Moriarty's Suggestion For An Accelerated Tax Plan. "Members of township council on Thursday narrowly -- and reluctantly -- approved an accelerated tax plan meant to balance the municipal budget. "We don't have the option of doing anything else," said Council President Michelle Martin before casting the decisive vote for the plan's 3-2 approval. Martin said she "absolutely" agreed with the measure's critics but added, "I have to vote yes in order to be responsible for the township." Council members also voted 3-2 to approve the 2008 budget, which boosts the municipal tax rate by 11 cents. That means an annual increase of about \$143 for the owner of an average home assessed at \$130,000. The council previously had resisted the accelerated tax plan, which was proposed by Mayor Paul Moriarty earlier this year as a way to boost 2008 revenue. Council members hoped instead that a state agency would allow the township to exceed a cap on municipal property taxes by \$2.2 million. But the state granted a waiver of only \$751,000, leaving a \$1.5 million hole in a \$38.7 million budget. Officials expect the tax sale, to be held Dec. 23 rather than in June 2009, will plug that gap." (*Courier Post*, 9/26/08)

WHILE SERVING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MORIARTY SUPPORTED INCREASE LOCAL FEES AND TAXES

In 2005, Moriarty Is Known To Have Proposed A Business Licensing Fee

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A Decade Of Neglecting To Collect A \$30 Fee. “Before more than tripling a business fee, maybe Washington Township should try enforcing the law that's on the books. The township council last week considered a proposal to start collecting \$100 from every business every year to renew its business license. This comes after nearly a decade of neglecting to collect a \$30 fee. First off, we wish governments would stop with the doublespeak and admit that an annual fee that does little beyond increasing government income is a tax, not a 'fee.' Calling it a fee implies businesses receive something in return. And the fact is, businesses will receive little more than Jersey motorists get for paying an annual fee to re-register their vehicles. Sure, Washington Township Mayor Paul Moriarty says that businesses renewing every year will give the township details about owners, operators and emergency contact numbers. That information would be useful, but why charge \$100 per year to collect it? Odds are, the businesses would be willing to turn over that information for free. And if the township wanted to take control and charge for the work involved, it certainly could do so with the \$30 fee that's already codified. Increasing the cost to \$100 will only create one more hurdle for establishments trying to make do in the township. "I know the township has a budget deficit that they have to deal with, and they are trying to ease people's tax burden, so I appreciate the effort," said Gregory Wood, director of the township Chamber of Commerce. "But anything that is a detriment to getting or keeping businesses in town is a bad thing." Wood is right. It won't help the community to balance the budget on the backs of local businesses. Those businesses should be ready to live up to the law on the books, but there's no reason to go beyond that.” (Editorial, *Courier Post*, 3/4/05)

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- **In September 2007, Washington Township Ultimately Passed The Hotel Tax.** “In an effort to raise revenue for the township while not causing a tax burden for residents, township council on Thursday unanimously approved an ordinance to establish a hotel-motel tax for hotel lodgers. Only Councilwoman Anita LaPierre questioned how the measure would affect low-income residents or homeless people placed in the motels by the county. "I know that we have motels in town where the county sends them because they don't have a place to stay," she said. "I'm concerned about this." Despite the concerns she raised and the lack of answers, LaPierre voted in favor of the ordinance. Overnight visitors to local motels and to any future hotels planned for the township, will be required to pay an additional 3 percent tax. The proposed tax would be added to the current 7 percent sales tax, officials said. The tax is intended to increase revenue for the township, Mayor Paul Moriarty has said. "I think it's a great idea," Council President Frank Scarpato III said. When asked if it might have an adverse effect on those who stay at the motels out of necessity, he shrugged his shoulders.” (*Courier Post*, 9/14/07)

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MORIARTY ENJOYS THE SUPPORT OF PROMINENT LOCAL UNIONS AND SUPPORTS UNION PRIORITIES

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In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3686, Which Increased Union Powers. ([A 3686](#), Passed (50 - 22), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/12/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “the right to meet with individual employees on the premises of the public employer during the work day to investigate and discuss grievances, workplace-related complaints, and other workplace issues” ([A 3686](#))
- NOTE: “the right to conduct worksite meetings during lunch and other non-work breaks, and before and after the workday, on the employer’s premises to discuss workplace issues, collective negotiations, the administration of collective negotiations agreements, other matters related to the duties of an exclusive representative employee organization, and internal union matters involving the governance or business of the exclusive representative employee organization” ([A 3686](#))
- NOTE: “the right to meet with newly hired employees, without charge to the pay or leave time of the employees, for a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 120 minutes, within 30 calendar days from the date of hire, during new employee orientations, or if the employer does not conduct new employee orientations, at individual or group meetings.” ([A 3686](#))

ACU: A 3686 “Provides Public Employer Labor Union Bosses A Shocking List Of New Powers And Rights, Expanding Their Ability To Harass Employees And Forcefully Increase Membership.” “This bill provides public employer labor union bosses a shocking list of new powers and rights, expanding their ability to harass employees and forcefully increase membership. Under the bill, union bosses have the right to meet with newly hired government employees for up to two hours (on the taxpayer dime) and the right to obtain a wide range of employees' personal contact information, including home addresses, work and personal emails, and work, home and cellphone numbers. Additionally, union bosses are entitled to receive updated personal contact information every 120 days, and any communication is exempted from public record disclosure requirements. Furthermore, union bosses are granted the right to use government property, including buildings and email systems, to communicate with members. Finally, the bill significantly increases the difficulty for employees to revoke their union membership, and declares unlawful any attempt by a public employer to discourage union membership.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

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Employees And Opposed This Bill. “ACU is aware of the rampant abuse associated with this type of scheme and believes it is absurd to provide these powers and taxpayer-funded privileges, opposes enriching greedy union bosses and harassing employees and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 50-22.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Would Stifle Efforts To Direct More State Education Dollars To The Classroom By Holding School Districts And Local Schools Hostage To The Demands Of Unions When Educators Attempt To Subcontract For Services”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Efforts To Further Empower Unions To Stifle School Efficiency And Enrich Greedy Union Bosses And Opposed This Bill”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3395, Which Imposed Union Barriers For Schools To Subcontract. ([A 3395](#), Passed (70 - 6), New Jersey State Assembly, 5/23/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “No employer shall enter into a subcontracting agreement which affects the employment of any employees in a collective bargaining unit represented by a majority representative during the term that an existing collective bargaining agreement with the majority representative is in effect.” ([A 3395](#))

ACU: A 3395 “Would Stifle Efforts To Direct More State Education Dollars To The Classroom By Holding School Districts And Local Schools Hostage To The Demands Of Unions” “This bill would stifle efforts to direct more state education dollars to the classroom by holding school districts and local schools hostage to the demands of unions when educators attempt to subcontract for services. Under the bill, school districts and local schools would be required to seek approval for subcontracting agreements from unions during the term of an existing collective bargaining agreement. Furthermore, once the agreement expires, all subcontracting decisions would be considered “mandatory subjects of negotiation,” thus providing unions greater bargaining power to siphon even more taxpayer education resources away from classrooms.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

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The American Conservative Union “Opposes Efforts To Further Empower Unions To Stifle School Efficiency And Enrich Greedy Union Bosses And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports improving educational outcomes by ensuring responsible and efficient use of education funding, opposes efforts to further empower unions to stifle school efficiency and enrich greedy union bosses and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 70-6. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2023, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The CWA

NOTE: *Additional union affiliation can be provided upon request.*

In 2023, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The CWA. “Today, the Communications Workers of America (CWA) enthusiastically announced the latest round of endorsements for several legislative races throughout New Jersey. “Everyone deserves the opportunity to work in a safe, respectful environment with fair wages and benefits,” said Dennis Trainor, Vice President for CWA District 1. “We are extremely proud to back these Assembly and Senate candidates, because we know they’ll be steadfast, strong supporters of working families and the labor movement here in New Jersey.” “Now more than ever, New Jersey needs pro-union leaders in Trenton who will fight alongside us on the issues that matter to middle-class and working families,” said Fran Ehret, CWA NJ State Director. “Over the next several months, CWA members look forward to being out there in force – knocking on doors, making phone calls and talking with our neighbors – all the way through the last hour of Election Day this November.” Below please find a list of the latest round of CWA’s 2023 New Jersey legislative endorsements announced today: Vince Polistina (Incumbent) – State Senate LD-2 John Burzichelli (Challenger) – State Senate LD-3 Paul Moriarty (Incumbent) – State Senate LD-4...” ([Insider NJ](#), 6/15/23)

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In August 2009, Moriarty Posted To Facebook Expressing His Support For The NJEA.

(Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/11/09)



(Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/11/09)

MORIARTY HAS SUPPORTED THE LEFT'S ANTI-GROWTH ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA

In 2011, Moriarty Supported Legislation That Imposed A Moratorium On Hydraulic Fracking

In 2011, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 2576, Which Imposed A One-Year Moratorium On Fracking. ([S 2576](#), Passed (58 - 11), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/29/11, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "Prohibits drilling technique of hydraulic fracturing." ([S 2576](#))

In 2015, Moriarty Supported Legislation That "Requires Renewable Energy Sources To Be Used In New Government Buildings Regardless Of The Cost To The Taxpayer"

In 2015, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4261, Which Imposed Renewable Energy Mandates On Buildings. ([A 4261](#), Passed (56 - 14), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/11/15, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "Requires State to include distributed energy resource in certain new State buildings and consider retrofitting certain existing State buildings with distributed energy resource." ([A 4261](#))

ACU: A 4261 "Requires Renewable Energy Sources To Be Used In New Government Buildings Regardless Of The Cost To The Taxpayer." "This bill requires renewable energy sources to be used in new government buildings regardless of the cost to the taxpayer." ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union "Believes That All Forms Of Energy Should Compete Within The Free Market, That Government Should Refrain From Helping Favored Energy Sources, And Opposed This Bill." "ACU believes that all forms of energy should compete within the free market, that government should refrain from helping favored energy sources, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 11, 2015 by a vote of 56-14." ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2017, Moriarty Supported Legislation That "Creates A New Bureaucracy, The New Jersey Solar Energy Commission, To Develop New Mandates ..."

In 2017, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 2276, Which Increased Mandates For Solar Energy. ([S 2276](#), Passed (51 - 21), New Jersey State Assembly, 12/7/17, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "The bill eliminates increased solar energy requirements for energy years 2022 through 2027. Further, the commission is to study and make recommendations concerning any modifications or extensions to New Jersey's solar renewable energy portfolio standards through at least energy year 2031." ([S 2276](#))

ACU: S 2276 "Changes The Mandate Deadline For Requiring 4 Percent Of Solar Energy Use By Electric Power Providers From 2027 To 2022." "This bill changes the mandate deadline for requiring 4 percent of solar energy use by electric power providers from 2027 to 2022. The bill also creates a new bureaucracy, The New Jersey Solar Energy Commission, to develop new mandates that will run through 2031." ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports All Forms Of Energy, Believes Government Should Not Favor One Form Of Energy Over Another, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports all forms of energy, believes government should not favor one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 7, 2017 by a vote of 51-21.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Implements Numerous New Mandates And Regulations Concerning ‘Renewable’ Energy Which Will Drive Up Energy Costs”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3723, Which Increased Renewable Energy Mandates. ([A 3723](#), Passed (51 - 20), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/12/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The board shall increase the required percentage for Class I renewable energy sources so that by January 1, 2025, 35 percent of the kilowatt hours sold in this State by each electric power supplier and each basic generation service provider shall be from Class I renewable energy sources, and by January 1, 2030, 50 percent of the kilowatt hours sold in this State by each electric power supplier and each basic generation service provider shall be from Class I renewable energy sources.” ([A 3723](#))

ACU: A 3723 “Implements Numerous New Mandates And Regulations Concerning ‘Renewable’ Energy Which Will Drive Up Energy Costs.” “This bill implements numerous new mandates and regulations concerning "renewable" energy which will drive up energy costs. Under the bill, the state's Renewable Portfolio standard is increased, forcing the state to obtain at least 50 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. The bill also increases subsidies to the renewable energy sector through the expansion of net metering, energy storage, and tax credits for wind energy. Finally, the bill imposes new energy efficiency regulations on commercial buildings.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Energy Mandates Which Drive Up Energy Costs For Everyone, Supports All Sources Of Energy And Believes Government Should Not Favor One Source Of Energy Over Another And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes energy mandates which drive up energy costs for everyone, supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 51-20” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That Banned Offshore Drilling

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 839, Which Prohibited Offshore Drilling. ([A 839](#), Passed (72 - 1), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/12/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Prohibits offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and production in State waters, and issuance of DEP permits and approvals for activities associated with offshore oil and gas activities.” ([A 839](#))

ACU: A 839 “Is Designed To Hinder Oil And Gas Production In Federal Waters And Will Result In Higher Energy Costs For All Americans.” “This bill is designed to hinder oil and gas production in federal waters and will result in higher energy costs for all Americans. Under the bill, the state Department of Environmental Protection and other state agencies are prohibited

from leasing or conveying any portion of state coastal lands if the action would result in an increase in oil or natural gas production in federal waters. Furthermore, the bill bolsters the prohibition of drilling in state coastal lands.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports All Sources Of Energy And Opposes This Attack On The Trump Administration's Efforts To Reduce Energy Costs And Expand Economic Growth And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports all sources of energy and opposes this attack on the Trump administration's efforts to reduce energy costs and expand economic growth and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 72-1.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2020, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Infringes Property Rights And Reduces Economic Growth By Preventing The Department Of Environmental Protection From Issuing Permits In ‘Overburdened Communities’”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 232, Which Allowed The Review Of Permits To Advance Environmental Justice In Certain Communities. ([S 232](#), Passed (49 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 8/27/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires DEP to evaluate environmental and public health stressors of certain facilities on overburdened communities when reviewing certain permit applications.” ([S 232](#))

ACU: S 232 “Infringes Property Rights And Reduces Economic Growth By Preventing The Department Of Environmental Protection From Issuing Permits In ‘Overburdened Communities’.” “This bill infringes property rights and reduces economic growth by preventing the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits in “overburdened communities”. The bill defines overburdened communities as those where at least 35% of the households qualify as low-income or at least 40% of residents identify as minority. As a result, manufacturers and other job creators would be prevented from obtaining permits for facilities such as power plants, incinerators, solid waste, or for anything defined as a major source of air pollution under the federal Clean Air Act.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Reduces Economic Growth And Further Impoverishes Communities That Need Investment And Jobs The Most And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes state and federal laws already place stringent requirements on air pollution and this bill infringes the property rights of landowners and corporations in these regions. ACU opposes this measure which reduces economic growth and further impoverishes communities that need investment and jobs the most and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 49-28 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

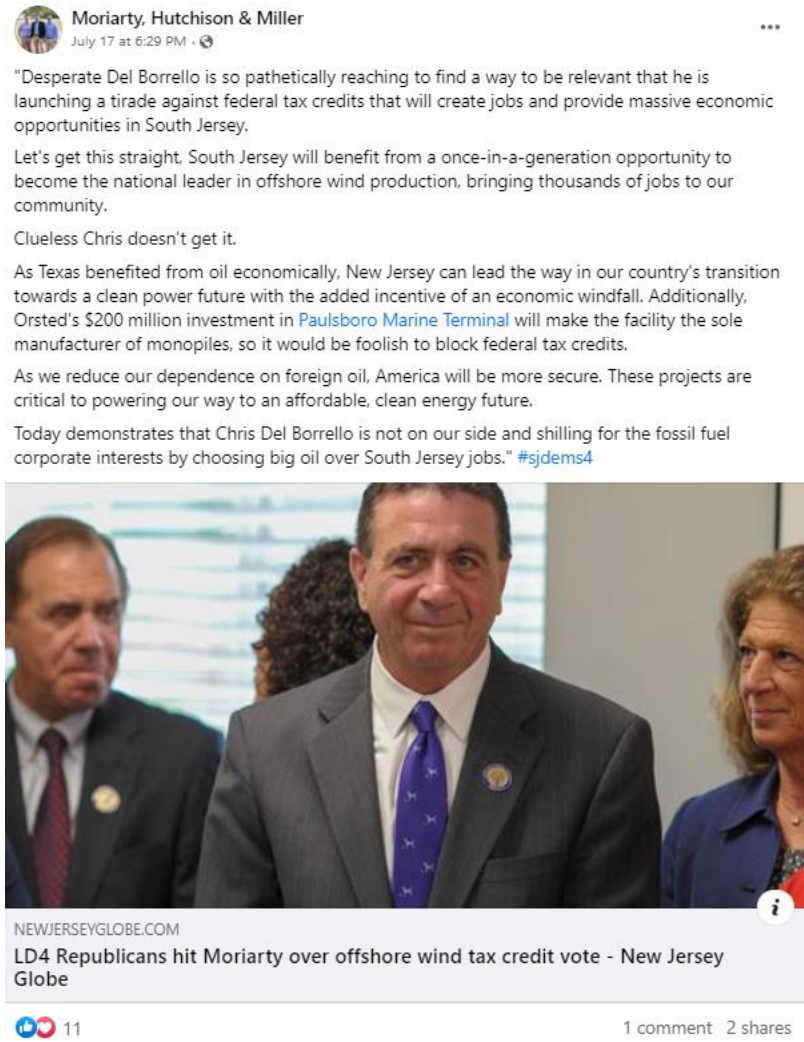
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ratepayers should not be forced to subsidize a foreign corporation; Call on Moriarty and running mates to explain their indefensible position Fourth Legislative District, July 17, 2023 – Republican legislative challengers Chris Del Borrello, Matt Walker and Amanda Esposito today slammed Democrat Assemblyman and State Senate candidate Paul Moriarty today for voting to bail out Danish corporation, Orsted, at the expense of NJ ratepayers. Del Borrello, Walker and Esposito said Moriarty’s decision to vote for a law that takes \$1 billion in money that was supposed to provide New Jersey ratepayer relief, and instead turn it in to corporate welfare for a foreign company, with a largely foreign workforce, that is potentially killing whales and dolphins in record numbers – is offensive on every level. “This is a classic ‘Robinhood in Reverse’ scheme that screws local ratepayers to bail out a multi-billion-dollar company,” said Del Borrello, a local small businessman. “The fact that it’s a foreign company who is under scrutiny for a record number of whale and dolphin deaths up and down our coast only makes it worse. What was Paul Moriarty thinking? Or better yet, follow the money.” According to reports, Brian Lipman, director of the state’s Division of Rate Counsel, wrote “there should be no doubt that this bill will increase the amount the developer earns on this project and will result in higher ... prices being paid by ratepayers.” ([Insider NJ](#), 7/17/23)

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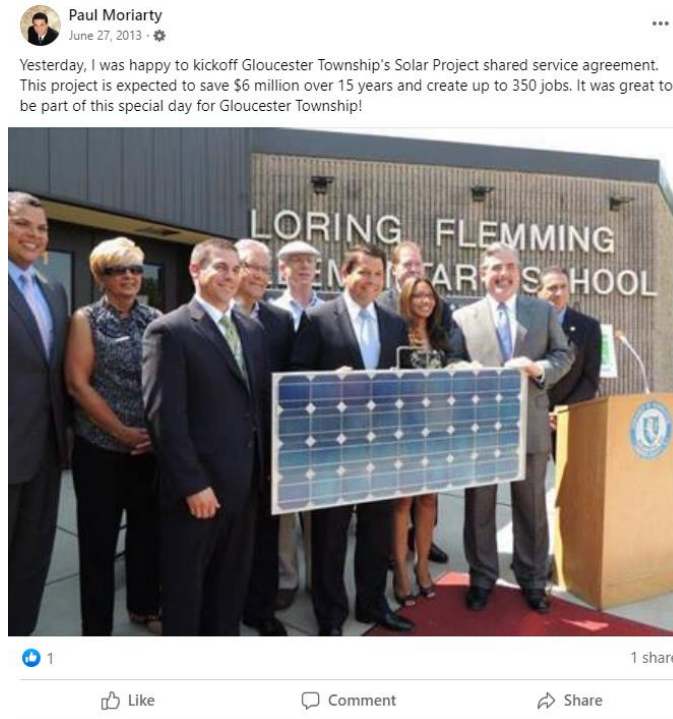
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MORIARTY HAS PROMOTED THE LEFT’S CLIMATE CHANGE ALARMISM

Moriarty Supported New Jersey Joining A Climate Change Initiative

In 2014, Moriarty Supported Legislation Which Urged The Governor To Rejoin The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

In 2014, Moriarty Voted Yea On AR 48, Which Urged The Governor To Rejoin The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. ([AR 48](#), Passed (42 - 36), New Jersey State Assembly, 5/22/14, Moriarty Voted Yea)

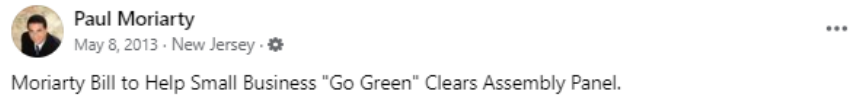
- NOTE: “Urges Governor to rejoin Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative because of its importance to national security and energy independence.” ([AR 48](#))

ACU: AR 48 “Urges The Governor To Rejoin The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative For Reasons Of National Security And Energy Independence.” “This resolution urges the Governor to rejoin the regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative for reasons of national security and energy independence.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes These Regional Versions Of The National Cap And Trade Bill That Gives Government Control Over The Energy Sector And Drive Up Prices For All Consumers And Opposed This Resolution.” “ACU opposes these regional versions of the national Cap and Trade Bill that gives government control over the energy sector and drive up prices for all consumers and opposed this resolution. The Assembly passed the resolution on May 22, 2014 by a vote of 42-36.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

On Social Media, Moriarty Expressed His Support For Small Businesses To “Go Green”

In May 2013, Moriarty Posted To Facebook Expressing His Support For Small Businesses To “Go Green”. (Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/8/13)



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In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Expands A Draconian Law Known As The Global Warming Response Act (GWRA) Which Was Passed In 2007 And Is Expected To Send Heating, Cooling And Electricity Costs Skyrocketing For Years To Come”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 3207, Which Expanded The Global Warming Response Act. ([S 3207](#), Passed (65 - 9), New Jersey State Assembly, 5/23/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Establishes new timeframes for implementation of, and revises, certain requirements in "Global Warming Response Act."” ([S 3207](#))

ACU: S 3207 “Expands A Draconian Law Known As The Global Warming Response Act (GWRA) Which Was Passed In 2007 And Is Expected To Send Heating, Cooling And Electricity Costs Skyrocketing For Years To Come.” “This bill expands a draconian law known as the Global Warming Response Act (GWRA) which was passed in 2007 and is expected to send heating, cooling and electricity costs skyrocketing for years to come. Under the bill, the state Department of Environmental Protection is directed to expand monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions and propose benchmarks to ensure the state reaches the GWRA’s

mandate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 2006 levels by 2050.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Politicized Energy Agendas That Favor Special Interests And Drive Up Energy Costs For Consumers And Opposed This Bill.”

“ACU supports all sources of energy, does not believe government should favor one source of energy over another, opposes politicized energy agendas that favor special interests and drive up energy costs for consumers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 65-9 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

Moriarty Has The Support Of Several Environmentalist Organizations

In 2023, Moriarty Was Endorsed By Environment NJ. “The New Jersey League of Conservation Voters has endorsed Democrats in four competitive legislative districts but skipped over 22 Democratic incumbents and all but one Republican lawmaker. The 53,000-member grassroots environmental group is backing John Burzichelli against State Sen. Edward Durr (R-Logan) in the 3rd district, Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township) for the open Senate seat in the 4th, and State Sens. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) and Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick) in the 11th and 16th districts, respectively. In addition to Durr, the organization endorsed challengers against six Assembly incumbents: Bethanne McCarthy-Patrick (R-Mannington) in District 3; Michael Torrissi (R-Hammonton) and Brandon Umba (R-Medford) in District 8; Brian Rumpf (R-Little Egg Harbor) in District 9; and Marilyn Piperno (R-Colts Neck) and Kim Eulner (R-Shrewsbury) in District 11. The LCV is backing Christine Clarke for Senate in the 25th against Senate Minority Leader Anthony Bucco (R-Boonton), and Evesham Councilwoman Heather Cooper, a Democrat, for the open GOP Senate seat in the 8th. The lone Republican statewide to capture a League of Conservation Voters endorsement is Assemblyman Rob Clifton (R-Matawan) in District 12.” ([NJ Globe](#), 7/6/23)

In 2023, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The NJ LCV. “New Jersey League of Conservation Voters (New Jersey LCV), the political voice for the environment, announced their slate of endorsements for the 2023 New Jersey legislative elections, encompassing 56 candidates across 24 districts of which 40% are women and 26% are candidates of color. New Jersey LCV works to elect viable candidates, without regard to party affiliation, who have demonstrated an active or affirmative willingness and capacity to advance New Jersey LCV’s pro-environment priorities. “We could not be prouder of the dedicated, pro-environment leaders in this round of legislative endorsements, and we look forward to electing them to office and working together to build a more equitable and sustainable clean energy future for our children and grandchildren,” said Allison McLeod, Senior Policy Director, New Jersey LCV. “Codifying 100% clean energy by 2035, advancing offshore wind, and strengthening our democracy are all on the ballot. That’s why it’s important that every registered voter participate and support these environmental champions.”” ([Insider NJ](#), 7/6/23)

- **NOTE:** *Moriarty’s name is mentioned later in the release.*

MORIARTY HAS SUPPORTED INCREASING THE STATE'S BURDENSOME REGULATORY REGIME

In 2016, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Creates A New Bureaucracy, The Music Therapy Advisory Committee, To Administer Licensing For Music Therapists”

In 2016, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 783, Which Required Licensure To Practice Music Therapy. ([A 783](#), Passed (59 - 13), New Jersey State Assembly, 11/21/16, Moriarty Voted Yea)

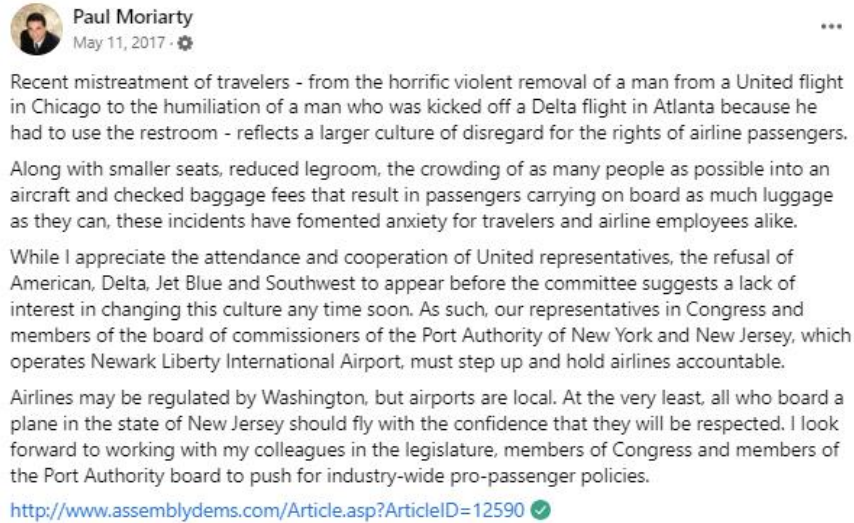
- NOTE: ““Music Therapist Licensing Act.”” ([A 783](#))

ACU: A 783 “Creates A New Bureaucracy, The Music Therapy Advisory Committee, To Administer Licensing For Music Therapists.” “This bill creates a new bureaucracy, the Music Therapy Advisory Committee, to administer licensing for music therapists. Licensees must complete education requirements established by the American Music Therapy Association and pass certified examinations. When entrepreneurship is suppressed, the resulting decline in economic growth leads to a reduction in family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Such Licenses, Which Is Primarily Designed To Restrict Competition, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes the proliferation of such licenses, which is primarily designed to restrict competition, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on November 21, 2016 by a vote of 59-13.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

On Social Media, Moriarty Expressed His Support For Imposing Greater Regulations On The Airline Industry

In May 2017, Moriarty Posted To Facebook Expressing His Support For Imposing Greater Regulations On The Airline Industry. (Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/11/17)



(Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/11/17)

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Forces Hair Braiders To Become Licensed In The State...”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Licensing Which Is Primarily Designed To Reduce Competition, Believes It Is Absurd That The Governor Thinks An Individual Must Be Licensed To Braid Hair And Opposed This Concurrence Vote”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3754, Which Created A License To Braid Hair. ([A 3754](#), Passed (70 - 5), New Jersey State Assembly, 9/27/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires registration of hair braiding establishments.” ([A 3754](#))

ACU: A 3754 “Forces Hair Braiders To Become Licensed In The State By Concurring With The Governor's Conditional Veto Of The Bill.” “This vote forces hair braiders to become licensed in the state by concurring with the governor's conditional veto of the bill. Prior to the governor's veto, the original bill (which ACU supported) exempted hair braiders from the licensing requirement. Under the conditional veto, aspiring hair braiders must complete up to 50

hours of coursework and only those who have been licensed for three or more years may operate their own shops.” ([American Conservative Union](#))


The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Licensing Which Is Primarily Designed To Reduce Competition, Believes It Is Absurd That The Governor Thinks An Individual Must Be Licensed To Braid Hair And Opposed This Concurrence Vote.” “ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing which is primarily designed to reduce competition, believes it is absurd that the governor thinks an individual must be licensed to braid hair and opposed this concurrence vote. The Assembly concurred with the governor's conditional veto of the bill on September 27, 2018 by a vote of 70-5” ([American Conservative Union](#))

Moriarty Has Working To Reduce Opportunities For Smoking

In 2007, Moriarty Expressed Support For A Smoking Ban At Washington Township Publicly Owned Properties. “Smokers beware. The township recently banned smokers from lighting up on publicly owned properties, including Washington Lake Park, in front of the municipal building or near the municipal court on McClure Drive. In a growing trend, municipalities across Gloucester County are taking a stance against second-hand smoke and abandoned butts resulting from smoking cigarettes and tobacco products. Doris Pennell, a Mullica Hill mom, said she is adamantly against smokers in parks, especially areas where her children are playing ball or riding skateboards. "I'm against smoking because it's offensive," she said, standing in the shade of a tree at Washington Lake Park, watching her son skateboard. "Here's a skate park. What if there's a teenager that comes here smoking? My son looks up to the teenagers and it's a really bad example to see them smoking at the park." Mayor Paul Moriarty suggested council consider a smoking ban earlier this summer. "I think this is important because I don't think we should have people smoking at our outdoor recreational facilities," he said. "I think it sets a bad example for our kids. It's a nuisance to people who are trying to sit in folding chairs to watch youth sports and it creates litter." Some argue the measure infringes on personal freedoms and is a case for excessive regulation.” (*Courier Post*, 9/3/07)

In 2019, Moriarty Sponsored Legislation Banning Smoking On New Jersey Beaches. “New Jersey's beaches will soon be smoke free. A state law banning smoking on beaches will go into effect this month, with the onus on towns to figure out how to enforce the rule. Gov. Phil Murphy signed a measure in July prohibiting smoking on public beaches and parks, though municipalities can create small sections for smokers. The goal is to keep cigarettes off the sand and out of the ocean, where marine life could ingest them. "We can now breathe easier because the new ban on smoking in beaches and parks will go into effect," said New Jersey Sierra Club Director Jeff Tittel. Those who violate the law are subject to a \$250 fine for their first offense, \$500 for a second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. The bill doesn't specify which government body is responsible for enforcing the ban, leaving it up to towns to decide. State legislators Steve Sweeney, Vin Gopal, Bob Smith, Vincent Mazzeo, Clinton Calabrese, Valerie Vainieri Huttel and Paul Moriarty were primary sponsors of the bill.” (*Press Of Atlantic City*, 1/7/19)

In May 2016, Moriarty Posted Support For A Bill That Bans Smoking At Parks And Beaches. (Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/27/16)

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In 2021, Moriarty Backed Banning Smoking In Atlantic City Casinos. “Steps to end smoking in Atlantic City's casinos were endorsed by the state Assembly's deputy speaker Tuesday. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, Camden, issued a statement supporting legislation to end smoking in the casinos. The proposed bill also has support from other lawmakers as casino workers continue to pressure Trenton into enacting the law they say will protect their health. "It is unconscionable that any workers in New Jersey would knowingly be subjected to carcinogens in the workplace," said Moriarty, who also Tuesday announced himself as the bill's fourth sponsor. "It is time for New Jersey to treat casino employees as equal to other service industry workers and prohibit smoking in casinos." New Jersey banned casino smoking temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but workers and unions have campaigned for a permanent ban to the practice. Casinos in surrounding states have already banned smoking in their buildings.” (*Press Of Atlantic City*, 12/15/21)

MORIARTY HAS VOTED TO REDUCE PROPERTY RIGHTS IN NEW JERSEY

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Weakens Property Rights And Ultimately Drives Up Housing Costs By Preventing Landlords From Reclaiming Their Properties From Nonpaying Tenants”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Infringing Property Rights, Opposes Measures Which Subject Landlords To Additional Risk, Further Drive Up Housing Costs And Reduce Available Rental Housing And Opposed This Bill”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 3124, Which Prevented Landlord From Reclaiming Their Properties From Nonpaying Tenants. ([S 3124](#), Passed (69 - 6), New Jersey State Assembly, 12/16/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires landlords to allow tenants to pay rent up to three business days after eviction order or lockout is executed and accept rent payments by any means.” ([S 3124](#))

ACU: S 3124 “Weakens Property Rights And Ultimately Drives Up Housing Costs By Preventing Landlords From Reclaiming Their Properties From Nonpaying Tenants.” “This bill weakens property rights and ultimately drives up housing costs by preventing landlords from reclaiming their properties from nonpaying tenants. Under existing law, a landlord must follow a stringent legal process that takes many weeks or months to obtain an eviction order or lockout against a nonpaying tenant. Under this bill, a landlord is forced to relinquish control of their property back to the tenant if a tenant submits a rent payment within three days after a lockout. Furthermore, when relinquishing the property, a landlord is now forced to accept nearly any type of payment from a tenant, including certified checks which may bounce if the tenant removes the funds from their account before a landlord cashes the check. Finally, the bill imposes a \$500 fine for every offense a landlord allegedly commits in failing to comply with the eviction process. ACUF’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of both property owners and tenants.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Infringing Property Rights, Opposes Measures Which Subject Landlords To Additional Risk, Further Drive Up Housing Costs And Reduce Available Rental Housing And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes infringing property rights, opposes measures which subject landlords to additional risk, further drive up housing costs and reduce available rental housing and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 16, 2019 by a vote of 69-6 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

AS A LEGISLATOR, MORIARTY HAS WORKED TO PROTECT OBAMACARE

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Prevents A Significant Reduction In Health Care Costs By Mandating Under State Law That Nearly All Health Insurance Policies Offered In The State Provide Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 626, Which Preserved Obamacare’s Pre-Existing Conditions Mandate. ([S 626](#), Passed (73 - 0), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/13/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Clarifies prohibition on preexisting condition exclusions in health insurance policies.” ([S 626](#))

ACU: S 626 “Prevents A Significant Reduction In Health Care Costs By Mandating Under State Law That Nearly All Health Insurance Policies Offered In The State Provide Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions.” “This bill prevents a significant reduction in health care costs by mandating under state law that nearly all health insurance policies offered in the state provide coverage for pre-existing conditions. Obamacare currently imposes this mandate on pre-existing conditions which has sent insurance premiums skyrocketing. This measure is in response to the possibility of the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Oppose Health Insurance Mandates Which Drive Up The Cost Of Insurance For Everyone By Preventing Individuals From Obtaining Policies That Best Suit Their Needs And Opposed This Bill.” “While ACU sympathizes with people who rely on this coverage, we oppose health insurance mandates which drive up the cost of insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on January 13, 2020 by a vote of 73-0 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Preserves The Harmful Health Insurance Regulations And Enormous Costs Of Obamacare By Forcing All Individual Health Plans And Small Employer Plans To Provide Coverage For The ‘Essential Health Benefits’ That Are Mandated Under The Affordable Care Act”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 5248, Which Preserved Obamacare’s Essential Health Benefits Mandates. ([A 5248](#), Passed (55 - 19), New Jersey State Assembly, 1/13/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Preserves certain requirements that health insurance plans cover essential health benefits.” ([A 5248](#))

ACU: A 5248 “Preserves The Harmful Health Insurance Regulations And Enormous Costs Of Obamacare”. “This bill preserves the harmful health insurance regulations and enormous costs of Obamacare by forcing all individual health plans and small employer plans to provide coverage for the “essential health benefits” that are mandated under the Affordable Care Act. The bill is in response to efforts by the Trump administration to reduce insurance costs through the repeal of Obamacare. Under the bill, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance is directed to define essential health benefits by a standard that is at least as restrictive as those under

Obamacare. Additionally, these health plans are prohibited from including any lifetime or annual limits on the value of coverage. Furthermore, insurers are required to provide coverage for out-of-network services at the same or more favorable rates as the insurer offers for in-network services if the services are sought on a basis government deems “urgent.”” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Health Insurance Mandates Which Harm The Ability Of Individuals To Purchase The Health Insurance Policies Which Best Suit Their Needs And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU has long opposed Obamacare and its costly mandates that have sent insurance costs skyrocketing and did not allow Americans to “keep their doctor.” ACU opposes health insurance mandates which harm the ability of individuals to purchase the health insurance policies which best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on January 13, 2020 by a vote of 55-19 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY SUPPORTED THE LEFT’S BIG-GOVERNMENT REACTION TO COVID

In 2020, Moriarty Voted To Table A Bill That “ Places A Critical Check On Executive Power By Limiting The Governor’s Ability To Declare An Emergency To 14 Days Unless A Longer Period Is Approved By The Legislature Through Concurrent Resolution”

The American Conservative Union “Support Strengthening Government Integrity Through This Check On Executive Branch Power And Supported This Bill”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On A Motion To Table A 4147, Which Placed A Check On The Governor’s Emergency Power. ([A 4147](#), Passed (47 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 11/16/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Limits to 14 days effective period of certain emergency orders, rules, or regulations.” ([A 4147](#))

ACU: A 4147 “Places A Critical Check On Executive Power By Limiting The Governor’s Ability To Declare An Emergency To 14 Days Unless A Longer Period Is Approved By The Legislature Through Concurrent Resolution.” “This bill places a critical check on executive power by limiting the Governor’s ability to declare an emergency to 14 days unless a longer period is approved by the legislature through concurrent resolution.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Support Strengthening Government Integrity Through This Check On Executive Branch Power And Supported This Bill.” “ACU support strengthening government integrity through this check on executive branch power and supported this bill. The Assembly voted to table (kill) the bill on November 16, 2020 by a vote of 47-27. (A “No” vote supports the ACU position.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2021, Moriarty Supported A Bill That ACU Described As “Preserving Gov. Murphy’s Overreaching COVID-19 Executive Orders Including Mask Mandates And The Eviction Moratorium”

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Opposed This Bill”

In 2021, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 5820, Which Preserved The Governor’s COVID-19 Executive Orders. ([A 5820](#), Passed (44 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/3/21, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Provides for termination of public health emergency declared by Governor to address COVID-19 pandemic, except certain executive orders, directives, and powers will remain in effect temporarily.” ([A 5820](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 44-28 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2020, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Enacts A Partial Furlough Program That Disincentivizes Employment At A Time When The Country Is Starting To Reopen Following The COVID-19 Pandemic”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Hinders The Reopening Of The Economy And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4132, Which Imposed A Furlough Program In The Wake Of COVID-19. ([A 4132](#), Passed (51 - 25), New Jersey State Assembly, 7/2/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Any time, up to a maximum of 90 calendar days, during which a person is laid off or furloughed by an employer due to that employer curtailing operations because of a state of emergency declared after October 22, 2012, shall be regarded as time in which the person is employed for the purpose of determining eligibility for leave time under this act. In making the determination, the base hours per week during the layoff or furlough shall be deemed to be the same as the average number of hours worked per week during the rest of the 12-month period.” ([A 4132](#))

ACU: A 4132 “Enacts A Partial Furlough Program That Disincentivizes Employment At A Time When The Country Is Starting To Reopen Following The COVID-19 Pandemic.” “his bill enacts a partial furlough program that disincentivizes employment at a time when the country is starting to reopen following the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the bill, numerous individuals earning under \$89,000 a year earn more through the bill’s provisions than they would through their full-time work.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Hinders The Reopening Of The Economy And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes many of the government’s responses to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, supports the right of Americans to manage their own risks related to illnesses, opposes this measure which hinders the reopening of the economy and opposed this bill. The bill with the governors’ changes encouraging furlough programs passed the Assembly on July 2, 2020 by a vote of 51-25 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2021, Moriarty Supported Legislation That Provided Death Benefits To Dependents Of Any ‘Essential Employee’ Who Contracted COVID-19

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Driving Up Employment Costs By Abusing The Workers Compensation System And Opposed This Bill”

In 2021, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 2476, Which Provided Death Benefits To Dependents Of Any ‘Essential Employee’ Who Contracted COVID-19. ([S 2476](#), Passed (55 - 12), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/1/21, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerns certain workers' compensation supplemental benefits for surviving dependents of essential employees who die in course of employment.” ([S 2476](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Driving Up Employment Costs By Abusing The Workers Compensation System And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes the workers compensation system is funded through payroll taxes imposed on all employers. ACU opposes driving up employment costs by abusing the workers compensation system and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 1, 2021 by a vote of 55-12. (The Senate passed the bill in 2020.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY’S EMBRACE OF THE WOKE AGENDA AND RADICAL SOCIAL POLITICS

MORIARTY APPEARS TO SUPPORT NEW JERSEY’S STATUS AS A SANCTUARY STATE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

In 2021, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Prohibits State And Local Entities And Private Detention Facilities From Entering Into Agreement To Detain Noncitizens”

In 2021, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 5207, Which Prohibited State And Local Detention Agreements With ICE. ([A 5207](#), Passed (46 - 24), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/21, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Prohibits State and local entities and private detention facilities from entering into agreement to detain noncitizens.” ([A 5207](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports Assisting The Federal Government In Its Constitutional Role To Enforce Our Nation’s Immigration Laws And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role to enforce our nation’s immigration laws and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2021 by a vote of 46-24 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

MORIARTY PUSHED FOR BURDENSOME OVERSIGHT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

In 2016, A Court Ruling Found Moriarty’s Bill Mandating Body Cameras Or Dash Cameras For Police To Be Unconstitutional Because It Did Not Adequately Cover The Cost Of The Equipment

In 2016, A Court Ruling Found Moriarty’s Bill Mandating Body Cameras Or Dash Cameras For Police To Be Unconstitutional Because It Did Not Adequately Cover The Cost Of The Equipment. “Several Republican lawmakers said Thursday that they were glad to see a law that required towns to purchase and install police body or dashboard cameras get knocked down this week because it did not adequately cover the cost of the equipment. They said that was the same argument they made unsuccessfully two years ago, when the measure passed the Assembly and Senate and was signed by Governor Christie. “I do support the use of cameras. I think it’s beneficial both to law enforcement and the civilian community,” said Assemblyman David Rible, R-Monmouth, a former Wall police officer. “But I do think it’s something that you can’t demand that the municipalities be paying.” The law’s prime sponsor countered that the ruling Wednesday by the Council on Local Mandates exceeded the panel’s authority and set a dangerous precedent for other legislation. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, said the law that created the panel in 1996 specifically prohibits it from weighing whether a bill provides enough revenue to carry out the measure. “I think it’s a very slippery slope if there is some council that nobody knows about, that no one has elected, can now by this precedent weigh in on anything that is passed,” Moriarty said. The law did provide a revenue source from a \$25 surcharge from convictions for driving while intoxicated, Moriarty said. He is urging the

Attorney General's Office to contest the council's decision that favors a complaint filed by Deptford Township officials.” (*The Record*, 4/22/16)

MORIARTY SUPPORTS THE PROMOTION OF DEI AND OTHER ASPECTS OF WOKE IDEOLOGY

In 2023, Moriarty Would Not Commit To Whether He Would Use Senatorial Courtesy To Block The Renomination Of NJ Board Of Education Member Elaine Bobrove Who Voted To Segregate Sex Ed Classes On Gender Identity And Eliminate Multiple Instances Of Gendered Language

In August 2023, Moriarty Would Not Commit To Whether He Would Use Senatorial Courtesy To Block The Renomination Of NJ Board Of Education Member Elaine Bobrove Who Voted To Segregate Sex Ed Classes On Gender Identity And Eliminate Multiple Instances Of Gendered Language. “The Republican candidate for State Senate in the 4th district is using a state Board of Education member from South Jersey to highlight his opposition to controversial new gender identity rules – and to remind voters that he would become the first Republican in two decades to exercise senatorial courtesy in Camden County. Christopher Del Borrello pledged to block the renomination of Elaine Bobrove, a retired educator and union leader from Haddon Township who voted to segregate sex education classes based on gender identity and eliminate multiple instances of gendered language from the state’s education code if Gov. Phil Murphy seeks to renominate her to a second term. The proposal, which passed on a narrow 6-5 vote, could be a politically hot issue that Republicans can capitalize on before the November midterm election. “The six members of the State Board of Education, including Ms. Bobrove from Camden County, who voted ‘yes’ for this nonsense should never be reappointed, and any Republican senator who can prevent that should,” Del Borrello said. “If I am elected to the State Senate in November, I can promise 4th legislative district residents today that any attempt to reappoint Ms. Bobrove to the State Board of Education when her term expires will fail.” The move may be simply symbolic, since Bobrove is 85 years old and can remain on the state board as a holdover. Del Borrello’s opponent, nine-term Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township), told the *New Jersey Globe* that he opposes the Board’s equity code. “Four days ago, I demanded the BOE go back to the drawing board and stop mandating policy to the entire state without getting input from parents and educators, who are the most important actors in a student’s education,” Moriarty said in a statement. “I’m happy Del Borrello agrees with me that the BOE got it wrong and that they need to correct their course. As an assemblyman or a senator, I will always hold boards and individual members of government accountable to the people of this state and especially to the parents of school children.” “I’m glad Chris is reading my Facebook posts, so he knows what issues to weigh in on,” he added. Although he has been forceful in denouncing the State Board of Education’s policy, Moriarty did not comment on whether he would use senatorial courtesy to block Bobrove.” ([NJ Globe](#), 8/9/23)

In 2014, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Creates A New Bureaucracy To Review Middle And High School Lunch Menus To See That They Reflect ‘Cultural, Traditional, And Overall Dietary Preferences’”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Diversion Of Funds That Could Go Towards Improvements In Educating Students And Opposed This Bill”

In 2014, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3360, Which Expanded School Bureaucracy. ([A 3360](#), Passed (58 - 16), New Jersey State Assembly, 12/18/14, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires each school district with middle school or high school to establish food services advisory committee to consider menu options that reflect students' cultural, traditional, and dietary preferences.” ([A 3360](#))

ACU: A 3360 “Creates A New Bureaucracy To Review Middle And High School Lunch Menus To See That They Reflect ‘Cultural, Traditional, And Overall Dietary Preferences.’” “This bill creates a new bureaucracy to review middle and high school lunch menus to see that they reflect “cultural, traditional, and overall dietary preferences.”” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Diversion Of Funds That Could Go Towards Improvements In Educating Students And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this diversion of funds that could go towards improvements in educating students and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 18, 2014 by a vote of 58-16.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2016, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Creates A New Bureaucracy, The Division Of Minority And Women Business Development, To ‘Monitor’ Efforts To Promote Participation In State Contracting”

In 2016, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 1869, Which Furthered The State’s Focus On Minority And Women Business Development. ([A 1869](#), Passed (47 - 22), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/7/16, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Establishes Chief Diversity Officer to monitor participation by minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State contracting.” ([A 1869](#))

ACU: A 1869 “Creates A New Bureaucracy, The Division Of Minority And Women Business Development, To ‘Monitor’ Efforts To Promote Participation In State Contracting.” “This bill creates a new bureaucracy, the Division of Minority and Women Business Development, to “monitor” efforts to promote participation in state contracting.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Such Programs Which In The Past Have Been Rife With Corruption And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes such programs which in the past have been rife with corruption and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 7, 2016 by a vote of 47-22.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2021, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Expands Powers And Duties Of State Chief Diversity Officer To Promote Diversity In State Government And Public Contracting”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Unnecessarily Driving Up Taxpayer Costs By Awarding Projects Based On Racial And Sexual Discrimination And Opposed This Bill”

In 2021, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 2525, Which Empowered The State’s Chief Diversity Officer. ([S 2525](#), Passed (66 - 5), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/21/21, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Expands powers and duties of State Chief Diversity Officer to promote diversity in State government and public contracting.” ([S 2525](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Unnecessarily Driving Up Taxpayer Costs By Awarding Projects Based On Racial And Sexual Discrimination And Opposed This Bill.”

“ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all and that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally. ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs by awarding projects based on racial and sexual discrimination and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2021 by a vote of 66-5 but the bill was vetoed by the governor. (The Senate passed the bill in 2020.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2021, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Requires Certain Health Care Professionals To Undergo Explicit And Implicit Bias Training”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Designed To Enrich Radical Leftists Consultants At The Expense Of Patients And Opposed This Bill”

In 2021, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 703, Which Required Hospitals To Provide Implicit Bias Training. ([S 703](#), Passed (53 - 20), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/25/21, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires certain health care professionals to undergo explicit and implicit bias training.” ([S 703](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Designed To Enrich Radical Leftists Consultants At The Expense Of Patients And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports equal rights under the law for all, believes all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect. ACU opposes this measure designed to enrich radical leftists consultants at the expense of patients and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 25, 2021 by a vote of 53-20 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2022, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Requires Cultural Diversity And Implicit Bias Training Be Included In Police Basic Training Curriculum”

In 2022, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 1720, Which Required Cultural Diversity, Implicit Bias Training For Police. ([A 1720](#), Passed (61 - 11), New Jersey State Assembly, 2/28/22, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires cultural diversity and implicit bias training be included in police basic training curriculum.” ([A 1720](#))

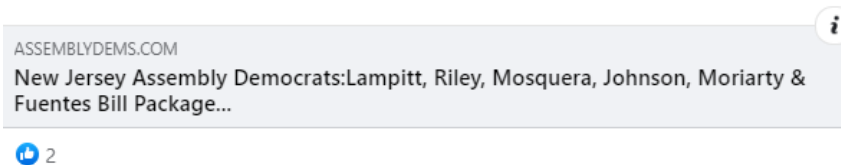
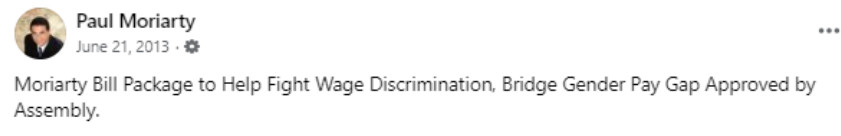
In 2022, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Directs Department Of Agriculture To Establish New Jersey Minority, Women, And Underserved Farmer Registry”

In 2022, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 772, Which Established The New Jersey Minority, Women, And Under-Served Farmer Registry. ([S 772](#), Passed (74 - 4), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/29/22, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Directs Department of Agriculture to establish New Jersey Minority, Women, and Underserved Farmer Registry.” ([S 772](#))

On Social Media, Moriarty Called For A Closing Of The “Gender Pay Gap”

In June 2013, Moriarty Posted To Facebook Appearing To Call For The End Of The “Gender Pay Gap”. (Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/21/13)



(Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/21/13)

On Social Media, Moriarty Promoted An Article Titled “Felons Not As Able To Benefit,” Which Appears To Express Support For Providing/Restoring Certain Benefits To Felons

In April 2009, Moriarty Posted An Article To Facebook Titled “Felons Not As Able To Benefit,” Which Appears To Be An Example Of Moriarty Expressing His Support For Providing/Restoring Certain Benefits To Felons. (Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/21/09)



(Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/21/09)

MORIARTY IS UNAPOLOGETICALLY PRO-ABORTION

In 2022, Moriarty Supported Legislation That Establishes Protections For Individuals Related To Abortions

In 2022, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3975, Which Establishes Protections For Individuals Related To Abortions. ([A 3975](#), Passed (49 - 16), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/29/22, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerns protections with respect to nondisclosure of certain patient information relating to reproductive healthcare services, and protecting access to services and procedures related to abortion for certain out-of-State persons.” ([A 3975](#))

In 2022, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Prohibits Extradition Of Individual From Another State Back To That State For Actions Related To Conduct Concerning [Abortion]”

In 2022, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 3974, Which Prohibits Extradition For Abortion Services. ([A 3974](#), Passed (47 - 16), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/29/22, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Prohibits extradition of individual from another state back to that state for actions related to conduct concerning reproductive health care services lawful in this State.” ([A 3974](#))

In 2022, Moriarty Noted His Support For Initiatives To Protect Abortion Rights In New Jersey

In 2022, Moriarty Noted His Support For Initiatives To Protect Abortion Rights In New Jersey. ““Bolstering access to reproductive care in New Jersey is a matter of equity,” said Assemblywoman Angela McKnight. “With women of color facing greater barriers to access, New Jersey must work to make it possible for every woman to receive the reproductive care they need.” “I do not promote abortions; I promote a woman’s right to make decisions about her own body. My great aunt died during a back-alley abortion,” said Assemblywoman Britnee N. Timberlake. “Reversing Roe v. Wade is only going to result in our country’s daughters risking hemorrhage, partially born babies, and sterilization just to keep her autonomy. That is why I was a co-sponsor of the NJ Reproductive Freedom Act.” “In New Jersey, we are proud that all people are guaranteed equal protection under the law and that extends to a woman’s right to choose,”

said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty. “As women’s health is under attack, we must create a pathway to affordable and accessible health care for all New Jerseyans.” ([Insider NJ](#), 5/11/22)

In 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Posted Support For The Idea That “Reproductive Health Care Decisions Are Between Woman And Their Doctors”

In June 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Posted Support For The Idea That “Reproductive Health Care Decisions Are Between Woman And Their Doctors”. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/23)



(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/23)

MORIARTY SUPPORTS THE POLITICIZATION OF SEXUALITY AND RACE

In 2021, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The Garden State Equality Action Fund

In 2021, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The Garden State Equality Action Fund. “On Friday, Garden State Equality Action Fund announced their list of endorsed candidates for the 2021 general election. Each election cycle, Garden State Equality Action Fund chooses to endorse candidates based on their support for their mission of lifting up the diverse voices of LGBTQ+ communities through education and advocacy to advance the movement for equality in New Jersey and nationally. “On behalf of our 150,000 members across the Garden State, we work

closely with leaders in Trenton to ensure the communities we serve experience lived equality. Throughout our endorsement process, we carefully consider what each candidate will do to help marginalized communities across our state, through schools, healthcare, and much more. We are proud to support these candidates for office in 2021 and look forward to working with them to ensure equality for New Jersey’s marginalized communities,” said Garden State Equality Action Fund Executive Director Christian Fuscarino.” ([Insider NJ](#), 10/21/21)

In 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Posted That “There Is Much Work To Do In The Battle For Justice And Equality” In Defending The Rights Of Black Americans.

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(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/23)

MORIARTY HAS WORKED TO UNDERMINE THE SECOND AMENDMENT

Moriarty Supported Background Checks For Private Gun Sales

Moriarty Supported Background Checks For Private Gun Sales. “Legislation sponsored by Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald and Assemblymen Jamel Holley and Paul Moriarty to improve gun safety by requiring background checks for private gun sales was signed into law today by Gov. Murphy. “Requiring a licensee to complete a National Instant Criminal Background Check on the recipient of a handgun, rifle or shotgun is just plain common sense,” said Greenwald (D-Camden/Burlington). “It’s shocking that we don’t do this already, but we are fixing this gaping loophole with this law to make us all safer.” “This is an idea everyone should support,” said Holley (D-Union). “We can fix this and both protect the public and the rights of law-abiding citizens who have nothing to fear from a background check. This will make for a safer New Jersey.” The law (A-2757) requires all sales or other transfers of a handgun, rifle, or shotgun to be conducted through a retail dealer licensed under state law or a federal firearms licensee. The licensee is required to complete a National Instant Criminal Background Check on the recipient of the handgun, rifle or shotgun. Exceptions under the law include transactions between members of an immediate family, between law enforcement officers, between licensed collectors of firearms or ammunition as curios or relics, and temporary transfers to participate in certain training courses.” ([Insider NJ](#), 6/13/18)

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Restricts Second Amendment Rights Unless Citizens Prove ‘Specific Threats’ Against Them”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 2758, Which Restricted Second Amendment Rights. ([A 2758](#), Passed (48 - 26), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/26/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Codifies regulations defining justifiable need to carry handgun.” ([A 2758](#))

ACU: A 2758 “Restricts Second Amendment Rights Unless Citizens Prove ‘Specific Threats’ Against Them.” “This bill restricts Second Amendment rights unless citizens prove “specific threats” against them. The bill rolls back a reform implemented during the Christie administration which slightly eased the process to lawfully obtain a handgun under the state’s draconian gun control. Under previous law, individuals could only obtain permits for handguns if they demonstrated a “justifiable need,” including “serious threat.” This bill imposes an even greater restriction by requiring evidence of a “specific threat.”” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Believes This Legislation Sets A Dangerous Precedent By Requiring Citizens To Earn Their Constitutional Rights, Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes this legislation sets a dangerous precedent by requiring citizens to earn their constitutional rights, supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 48-26.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2018, “Legislation Assembly Democrats Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, Annette Quijano, Gordon Johnson, Jamel Holley And Paul Moriarty Sponsored To Limit Gun

Magazine Capacity To 10 Rounds Was Ok'd 48-25-3 Monday By The Assembly."

"Legislation Assembly Democrats Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, Annette Quijano, Gordon Johnson, Jamel Holley and Paul Moriarty sponsored to limit gun magazine capacity to 10 rounds was Ok'd 48-25-3 Monday by the Assembly. "Our nation is in the midst of a gun violence epidemic," said Greenwald (D-Camden/Burlington). "Now, as we move into this new term with a new governor, we have a real chance to reduce the number of deaths by gun violence and protect our neighborhoods." The bill (A-2761) bans firearm magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Magazines capable of holding up to 15 rounds of ammunition currently are legal in New Jersey. California, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and the District of Columbia all have 10-round limits on ammunition magazines for use with any firearm. "The data show that a 10-round limit will reduce high-capacity magazines in the hands of criminals, and the time it takes to reload can help people escape or subdue the gunman, as happened in the Gabby Giffords shooting in Tuscan," said Quijano (D-Union). "Moreover, these limits can save the lives of innocent victims and law enforcement officers confronted by someone wielding a gun. This is just good common sense." "During the Gabby Giffords shooting in Arizona, witnesses were able to subdue the gunman when he paused to reload," said Johnson (D-Bergen). "Anything we can do make it more difficult to fire dozens of bullets in a short period of time is a good thing. This is a highly effective step we can take to save lives." "Law enforcement leaders from across the country have supported 10-round limits on magazine capacity," said Holley (D-Union). "If law enforcement backs it, and it can improve public safety and save lives, then we should do it. This is gun safety." "This is quite simple – it can and will save lives," said Moriarty (D-Gloucester/Camden). "If we can do something reasonable that can save lives, then we should do it.'" ([NJ Globe](#), 3/26/18)

In 2018, Moriarty Sponsored ERPO Legislation. "Strict new gun restrictions against people deemed a threat to themselves or to others passed the New Jersey Assembly on Monday, on the heels of the March for Our Lives protests, which drew thousands to anti-gun demonstrations in cities nationwide. The measure, dubbed the Extreme Risk Protective Order Act of 2018, calls for protective orders against people who pose a significant danger when in possession of firearms. The bill, backed largely by Democrats, passed in a 59-13-5 vote. "We've seen too many 'what ifs' when it comes to these mass shootings, often centered around the question of why didn't somebody do something to take guns away from someone who poses a danger," the bill's sponsor Assemblyman John McKeon, D-Essex/Morris, said in a statement. "This bill makes it easier to accomplish that goal and, ultimately, protect our communities and our children." Assembly Democrats Lou Greenwald, Mila Jasey, Tim Eustace, Andrew Zwicker, Carol Murphy and Paul Moriarty are co-sponsors of the bill. A matching bill was introduced to the Senate earlier this month. The measure establishes procedures for obtaining a protective order against people who are deemed a threat if given access to a firearm. Those people would be prohibited from possessing or purchasing a firearm or ammunition, and from holding a firearms purchaser identification card, a permit to purchase a handgun and a permit to carry a firearm." (*Home News Tribune*, 3/27/18)

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Imposes A Series Of Draconian Mandates On Which ‘Smart Guns’ May Be Available For Purchase And How Firearms Retailers Must Stock The Product”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 101, Which Imposed Additional Restriction On The Second Amendment. ([S 101](#), Passed (49 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/20/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Establishes commission to approve personalized handguns; requires firearm retailers to sell personalized handguns.” ([S 101](#))

ACU: S 101 “Imposes A Series Of Draconian Mandates On Which ‘Smart Guns’ May Be Available For Purchase And How Firearms Retailers Must Stock The Product.” “This bill imposes a series of draconian mandates on which “smart guns” may be available for purchase and how firearms retailers must stock the product. “Smart guns” are firearms which will only fire when in possession by its authorized user and typically use biometrics of the user or require the user to wear a special watch or other accessory to activate the firearm. Under the bill, the Personalized Handgun Authorization Commission (PHAC) is established to exploit the regulatory process to prevent any smart guns not deemed sufficient by government from being made available to consumers. Additionally, all firearms retailers in the state are required to advertise in their stores smart guns approved by PHAC and are also required to keep at least one smart gun in stock at all times. Furthermore, the New Jersey State Police is directed to conduct regular inventory audits of firearms retailers to ensure they are carrying the products mandated by government and issue penalties for violations up to \$1,000 and six-month license suspensions. ” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Role Of The Private Sector To Provide Innovative Products Such As Smart Guns To Consumers, Opposes Measures To Excessively Restrict Consumer Choice In Self-Defense Devices And Opposed This Bill.”

“ACU recognizes this measure also repeals an abusive 2002 law which would have outlawed traditional handguns in New Jersey if smart guns were ever offered for sale in the U.S., but further recognizes that S 101 is a replacement that significantly infringes the rights of law-abiding individuals and business owners. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, supports the role of the private sector to provide innovative products such as smart guns to consumers, opposes measures to excessively restrict consumer choice in self-defense devices and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 20, 2019 by a vote of 49-23 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Would Significantly Infringe The Privacy Rights Of Law-Abiding New Jersey Residents By Establishing A Government Database To Track The Ammunition Purchases Of Individuals”

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 5455, Which Created A State Database Of Ammunition Sales. ([A 5455](#), Passed (51 - 18), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/20/19, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Regulates sale of handgun ammunition and develops system for electronic reporting of firearm information.” ([A 5455](#))

ACU: A 5455 “Would Significantly Infringe The Privacy Rights Of Law-Abiding New Jersey Residents By Establishing A Government Database To Track The Ammunition Purchases Of Individuals.” “This bill would significantly infringe the privacy rights of law-abiding New Jersey residents by establishing a government database to track the ammunition purchases of individuals. Under the bill, all manufacturers, wholesale dealers, and any retail businesses which sell ammunition would be required to submit to the superintendent of State Police reports detailing any information deemed necessary by the superintendent. The bill would specifically mandate that the following information must be included: the type, caliber, gauge and quantity of ammunition and the name, date of birth, government-issued ID, and home address of the purchaser.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Violates Privacy Rights And Is Designed To Impose A Creeping Firearm Registry And Outright Ban Of Firearms, Opposes Costly Mandates On Businesses Which Do Not Improve Public Safety And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this measure which violates privacy rights and is designed to impose a creeping firearm registry and outright ban of firearms, opposes costly mandates on businesses which do not improve public safety and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 20, 2019 by a vote of 51-18. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2022, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Requires Firearm Owners Who Become New Jersey Residents To Obtain Firearm Purchaser Identification Card And Register Handguns Acquired Out-Of-State”

In 2022, Moriarty Voted Yea On S 1204, Which Expands Requirements For Firearm Registration. ([S 1204](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/29/22, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires firearm owners who become New Jersey residents to obtain firearm purchaser identification card and register handguns acquired out-of-State.” ([S 1204](#))

In 2022, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Requires Training Prior To Issuance Of Firearms Purchaser Identification Card And Permit To Purchase Handgun Under Certain Circumstances; Provides That Firearms Purchaser Identification Card Is Valid For Ten Years”

In 2022, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4370, Which “Requires Training Prior To Issuance Of Firearms Purchaser Identification Card And Permit To Purchase Handgun Under Certain Circumstances; Provides That Firearms Purchaser Identification Card Is Valid For Ten Years”. ([A 4370](#), Passed (48 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 6/29/22, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires training prior to issuance of firearms purchaser identification card and permit to purchase handgun under certain circumstances; provides that firearms purchaser identification card is valid for ten years.” ([A 4370](#))

In 2022, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Makes Various Revisions To Requirements For Obtaining A Firearm Purchaser Identification Card, Permit To Purchase A Handgun, And Permit To Carry A Handgun; Codifies Sensitive Places In Which Firearms And Destructive Devices Are Prohibited”

In 2022, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4769, Which “Makes Various Revisions To Requirements For Obtaining A Firearm Purchaser Identification Card, Permit To Purchase A Handgun, And Permit To Carry A Handgun; Codifies Sensitive Places In Which Firearms And Destructive Devices Are Prohibited”. ([A 4769](#), Passed (43 - 29), New Jersey State Assembly, 11/21/22, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Makes various revisions to requirements for obtaining a firearm purchaser identification card, permit to purchase a handgun, and permit to carry a handgun; codifies sensitive places in which firearms and destructive devices are prohibited.” ([A 4769](#))

In December 2022, Moriarty Voted In Favor Of A 4769, Which Restricted Conceal Carry. “A heavily debated proposal that would rework and strictly limit the concealed carry of handguns in New Jersey is one step away from becoming law. Both houses of the Democratic-controlled state Legislature have now passed the bill over strong objections from Republicans, and Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy said Monday he plans to “swiftly” sign it into law. But state leaders and gun-rights advocates expect the measure to be challenged in court. The legislation (A4769) comes after the U.S. Supreme Court in June effectively invalidated tough concealed-carry restrictions in states like New York and New Jersey and made it easier to obtain carry permits there. Democrats introduced this bill in response to the decision. It would require gun owners in New Jersey seeking to get a carry permit to purchase liability insurance and take training courses, while increasing permit fees and prohibiting people from carrying firearms in a wide range of “sensitive places” in the state -- including schools, public parks, courthouses, and bars. It would also prohibit carrying guns on private property unless the property owner allows it. Supporters say the measure would help protect residents if the court ruling leads to more guns being carried in public. Critics counter that it's unconstitutional and unfair, essentially barring law-abiding gun owners from carrying in most public places once they leave home, while criminals would simply ignore the rules. The state Assembly voted narrowly along party lines, 42-29, last month to pass the measure. The state Senate voted narrowly largely along party lines, 21-16, on Monday.” (*Star Ledger*, 12/20/22)

- NOTE: *Moriarty’s support is noted later in the article.*

**MORIARTY HAS SUPPORTED THE LEFT’S ELECTIONEERING
POWER-GRAB**

Moriarty Supports The National Popular Vote Act

In 2007, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4225, The National Popular Vote Act. ([A 4225](#), Passed (43 - 32), New Jersey State Assembly, 12/13/07, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Enacts the “Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.”” ([A 4225](#))

In 2020, Moriarty Supported The “The Ballot Cure Act” – Which “Makes A Number Of Changes To The Procedure Of The Certification Of Mail-In Ballots That Weaken Election Integrity”

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Measures Which Weaken Ballot Integrity And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4276, The Ballot Cure Act. ([A 4276](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 8/27/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Establishes “The Ballot Cure Act” to modify and establish various voting procedures.” ([A 4276](#))
- NOTE: “Secretary of State shall establish a free-access system, such as a toll-free telephone number, an Internet website or any combination thereof, that any individual who casts a provisional ballot, mail-in ballot, or overseas ballot in all elections where they are qualified to vote” ([A 4276](#))
- NOTE: “The county board of elections shall conduct the determination of qualification of each voter in accordance with the requirements of the Certificate of Mail-in Voter” ([A 4276](#))

ACU: A 4276 “Makes A Number Of Changes To The Procedure Of The Certification Of Mail-In Ballots That Weaken Election Integrity.” “This bill, known as “The Ballot Cure Act,” makes a number of changes to the procedure of the certification of mail-in ballots that weaken election integrity. For example, the bill lowers standards for verifying signature matching, and weakens safeguards concerning the counting of ballots that have been tampered with, among other provisions.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Measures Which Weaken Ballot Integrity And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 51-27 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

Separately, In 2020, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Contains Numerous Provisions That Weaken Election Integrity”

The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Strengthen Election Integrity And Ensure That All Legal Ballots Are Counted, And That No Illegal Ballot Is Counted, Which Disenfranchises Eligible Voters, And Opposed This Bill”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4320, Which Authorized Ballots To Be Counted Six Days After An Election. ([A 4320](#), Passed (51 - 27), New Jersey State Assembly, 8/27/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Every mail-in ballot that bears a postmark date before or of the day of the election and that is received by the county board within 144 hours after the time of the closing of the polls for the election that the ballot was prepared shall be considered valid and shall be canvassed. Every mail-in ballot that does not bear a postmark date but that is received by the county board by delivery of the United States Postal Service before, or within 48 hours after, the time of the closing of the polls for the election for which the ballot was prepared shall be considered valid and shall be canvassed.” ([A 4320](#))

ACU: A 4320 “Contains Numerous Provisions That Weaken Election Integrity.” “This bill contains numerous provisions that weaken election integrity. Firstly, the bill allows ballots postmarked on the day of the election to be counted up to 6 days after the election, and bills that contain no postmark, up to 2 days after the election. Secondly, the bill increases the number of ballots to 5 that a single voter may return to a poll. Additionally, the bill weakens safeguards concerning the counting of ballots that have been tampered with. Finally, the bill mandates that posters be distributed by the secretary of state promoting mail-in voting.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

- **“Firstly, The Bill Allows Ballots Postmarked On The Day Of The Election To Be Counted Up To 6 Days After The Election, And Bills That Contain No Postmark, Up To 2 Days After The Election.”** ([American Conservative Union](#))
- **“Secondly, The Bill Increases The Number Of Ballots To 5 That A Single Voter May Return To A Poll.”** ([American Conservative Union](#))
- **“Additionally, The Bill Weakens Safeguards Concerning The Counting Of Ballots That Have Been Tampered With. Finally, The Bill Mandates That Posters Be Distributed By The Secretary Of State Promoting Mail-In Voting.”** ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Strengthen Election Integrity And Ensure That All Legal Ballots Are Counted, And That No Illegal Ballot Is Counted, Which Disenfranchises Eligible Voters, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which

disenfranchises eligible voters, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 51-27 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

Moriarty Supported The 2020 Election Be “Conducted Primarily By Mail And Mandating Ballots Be Mailed To Every Registered Voter Even If They Do Not Request One”

In 2020, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 4475, Which Implemented A Vote By Mail Scheme. ([A 4475](#), Passed (48 - 28), New Jersey State Assembly, 8/27/20, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires county boards of election to establish ballot drop boxes in each county at least 45 days before election: revises procedures concerning mail-in ballots for 2020 general election.” ([A 4475](#))

ACU: A 4475 “Weakens Election Integrity By Declaring The November 2020 Election Be Conducted Primarily By Mail And Mandating Ballots Be Mailed To Every Registered Voter Even If They Do Not Request One.” “This bill weakens election integrity by declaring the November 2020 election be conducted primarily by mail and mandating ballots be mailed to every registered voter even if they do not request one. Furthermore, the bill mandates the deployment of unsecured ballot drop boxes which may be accessible 24 hours a day for 45 days up to election day.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Measures Which Weaken Ballot Integrity And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 48-28 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2021, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Allows County Board Of Elections To Determine Location Of Certain Ballot Drop Boxes Under Certain Circumstances” – Critics Suggest This Policy Can Enable Corruption

In 2021, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 5373, Which Authorized Local Officials To Determine The Location Of Ballot Drop Boxes. ([A 5373](#), Passed (50 - 21), New Jersey State Assembly, 3/25/21, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Allows county board of elections to determine location of certain ballot drop boxes under certain circumstances.” ([A 5373](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Enables Corruption In The Electoral Process And Provides Benefits To Select Candidates And Political Parties And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes all elections should be conducted in a non-partisan manner and with strong safeguards to prevent vote fraud. ACU opposes this measure which enables corruption in the electoral process and provides benefits to select candidates and political

parties and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 25, 2021 by a vote of 50-21 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

Moriarty Has Consistently Supported Bills That Implement Automatic Voter Registration

In 2018, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Completely Flips The Voter Registration Process At Voter Registration Agencies By Automatically Registering An Individual To Vote And Requiring Them To Opt Out”

In 2018, Moriarty Voted Yea On A 2014, Which Implements Automatic Voter Registration. ([A 2014](#), Passed (50 - 23), New Jersey State Assembly, 4/12/18, Moriarty Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Automatically registers to vote and updates voter registration for eligible person when applying for motor vehicle driver's license, or non-driver identification card.” ([A 2014](#))

ACU: A 2014 “Completely Flips The Voter Registration Process At Voter Registration Agencies By Automatically Registering An Individual To Vote And Requiring Them To Opt Out.” “This bill completely flips the voter registration process at voter registration agencies by automatically registering an individual to vote and requiring them to opt out.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Weakens Ballot Integrity And Makes It Easier To Commit Vote Fraud, Which Suppresses Legal Votes, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes this measure which weakens ballot integrity and makes it easier to commit vote fraud, which suppresses legal votes, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 50-23.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

In 2019, Moriarty Supported Legislation That “Creates A New Avenue For Vote Fraud And Weakens Election Integrity By Establishing An Online Voter Registration Website And Allowing Individuals To Register To Vote Online...”

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interference in the state election system by explicitly allowing support services for the new website to be performed outside the U.S.” ([American Conservative Union](#))

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POSSIBLE VULNERABILITIES FROM THE LEFT

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Moriarty Was Previously Registered As A Republican In 2003 Before Switching To Democrat Ahead Of His 2004 Campaign. “Moriarty, a former television news reporter, handed the local and county Democratic parties a stunning defeat in the June primary by easily beating their endorsed candidate, incumbent Mayor Randee Davidson. Moriarty and his slate are running on the platform, 'Democrats for Lower Taxes, Better Services.' If elected, Moriarty said he'll improve municipal services such as leaf and snow removal. However, his opponents question how he can expand services without raising taxes. 'We're going to find money that's been misspent in terms of overtime,' Moriarty said. 'The efficiency is not there. We're going to reapportion that money.' Moriarty said he wants to create a 'coalition' form of government that includes people from all political parties, as well as more women and minorities. His opponents say that's just a ruse to allow Moriarty, who switched from Republican to Democrat last year, to give municipal appointments to GOP members who support his campaign. Morris, who ran unsuccessfully for Gloucester County freeholder last year, said he wants to restore integrity to township government.” (*Courier Post*, 10/28/04)

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In 2006, Moriarty Was Among The Legislators To Call On State Workers To Accept Less Pay And Benefits. “Three Democrats in the Legislature today said they want to introduce state workers to the "real world," asking them to take less pay and benefits to help with the state's troubled fiscal situation. At a Statehouse news conference, Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, and Assemblymen Jerry Green, D-Union, and Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, unleashed a series of proposals aimed at curbing spending on state workers. Immediately, they asked Gov. Jon S. Corzine and labor unions to agree to cut 15 percent from the \$4.6 billion spent on employee salaries and benefits. Long-term, the proposals include having new state workers work 40 hours a week, instead of 35, and take fewer paid holidays. The plan also calls for raising the retirement age from 55 to 60. The surprise announcement sparked a heated exchange between the lawmakers and union leaders who said they just happened on the news conference. "A contract is a contract, and some of the proposals I saw up there are in violation of our contract," said Robert Regan, treasurer for Communications Workers of America Local 1037, which represents 6,000 state workers. "We've done our share." Some unions have recently begun running ads in support of Corzine's proposed budget, which calls for the largest -- and legally required -- contribution to the employee pension system in a decade but also would hike and expand the sales tax. The lawmakers compared the state to a failing company and asked labor to volunteer some givebacks

to avoid tax hikes. "We have to shrink the government, instead of continuing to expand it," Moriarty said. "We have to go on a diet. We have to call in Jenny Craig and NutriSystem, and we got to put this government on a diet." (Daily Record, 6/1/06)

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Public Union Members Are Known To Have Heckled Moriarty And Sweeney For Their Position. "Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, walked through a crowd of jeering state and local government workers on Thursday to defend his plan to roll back their pay and benefits in order to avoid a proposed sales tax hike. Members of the Communications Workers of America, wearing black and purple shirts in a show of strength and shouting "traitor" at Sweeney, himself a labor leader, warned that the senator and Assemblymen Gerald Green, D-Union, and Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, were risking their political careers by calling for worker givebacks. "Isolated guys" "This is three isolated guys that are making the biggest mistakes of their political careers," said Carla Katz, president of CWA Local 1034. "It's balancing the budget on the backs of middle-class state workers." More than 100 union members crowded into a Statehouse hallway chanting "Shame! Shame!" as Sweeney, Green and Moriarty attempted to speak." (Daily Record, 6/9/06)

- **“Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, And Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, Said They Will Introduce 15 Bills Aimed At Cutting Benefits For New Public Workers And For Some Already On The Payroll.”** “Two lawmakers renewed their push Thursday to cut the cost of health benefits and pensions for state workers, one day before the Legislature is scheduled to begin a special set of meetings on how to reduce property taxes. Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, and Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, said they will introduce 15 bills aimed at cutting benefits for new public workers and for some already on the payroll. Their proposals include raising public employees' retirement age to 60, from 55, requiring all state workers to pay a piece of their health care premium, eliminating lifetime health benefits and tightening laws to prevent pension abuses. Some of the changes would apply to all state workers, while others would be imposed on new hires. "We'd like these to be part of the discussion," Moriarty said. "We think this brings serious reforms and real savings." The Legislature is scheduled to begin a special session on property taxes today. The cost of public employee pensions and benefits will be a major focus of the session. Public employee union leaders have argued that any changes to benefits need to be made at the bargaining table. The current contracts for the largest unions expire next summer." (Daily Record, 7/28/06)

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Or do Democrats finally realize we have had a bellyful of empty tax reform promises and can clearly see that only Sen. Steve Sweeney is suggesting alternatives at www.stopspendingmymoney.com? Probably the post-budget summer effort will produce minor changes and a call for a constitutional convention from which reforms won't take effect until 2009. That's not relief. But then, sincerity is not every politician's strong suit. Take Assemblymen Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, and Jerry Green, D-Union. They joined Sweeney, D-Gloucester, in asking public employees to return to taxpayers 15 percent in pay and benefits. Green and Moriarty looked silly a few days later when our Greg Volpe's investigation disclosed Moriarty's and Green's Democratic leadership handed out big bonuses to the staff, supposedly for working late, even though their staff isn't entitled to overtime or bonuses. From 2003 to 2005, full-time Assembly Democratic staffers received nearly \$400,000 on the taxpayers, thanks to the Assembly run by then-Speaker Albio Sires and then-Majority Leader Joe Roberts, who was speaker-in-waiting and running things behind the scenes." (*Asbury Park Press*, 6/11/06)

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In 2010, Moriarty Proposed Limiting Pensions For Public Union Officials That Did Not Return To Their Civil Service Jobs. "Employees of some of New Jersey's most influential labor unions - all technically on leave from their government jobs -- still qualify for taxpayer-funded pensions and could collect monthly checks even if they never return to civil service. One of those union officials -- Rae Roeder, president of the 7,000-member CWA Local 1033 -- hasn't worked for the state in 13 years. Barbara Keshishian, president of the New Jersey Education Association, took leave from the New Milford school board in September 2001. They and nine other employees of the teachers and office workers' unions had pensionable incomes totaling \$793,208 in 2009, state records show. Union members' dues paid those salaries. But New Jersey taxpayers will underwrite their retirements from a public-pension system that is \$30 billion short of its target funding level. "They're not working for the state anymore, are they?" said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Gloucester). "Why should we give them pension benefits and health benefits if they've chosen to work for some other group?" State law allows the workers to take leave to do union business. The same law counts time with the union toward getting a state pension. Moriarty yesterday introduced a bill that would end the arrangement for future union leaders." (*Star Ledger*, 2/9/10)

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Under the proposal - whose sponsors include Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Washington Township - schools seeking to participate in the program would apply to the Commissioner of Education, detailing the services available to students and an accounting of the fiscal impacts of being a choice district. If an approved district has available space, pupils who wish to transfer to that school would submit an application. Though a receiving district cannot discriminate against a prospective student, the district would be able to review the application based on the student's interests in the school's offerings. Schools also would be permitted to start a lottery should demand outpace the supply of available seats. Sending districts would be responsible for providing or paying for transportation for any elementary school pupil who lives more than two miles from the receiving district and any secondary school student who lives more than two and one-half miles from their new school. Sending districts would not have to pay if the student's new school is more than 20 miles from their home. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.” (*Gloucester County Times*, 3/24/10)

MORIARTY SUPPORTED THE CRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

On Social Media, Moriarty Expressed His Support For Criminalizing Marijuana

In March 2013, Moriarty Posted To Facebook Expressing His Support For Criminalizing Marijuana. (Moriarty Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/19/13)



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In 2019, Moriarty Voted Against Placing Marijuana Legalization On The 2020 Ballot. “If New Jersey voters legalize weed, the CRC will oversee the recreational marijuana market, as well. Municipalities will still have the option to pass ordinances banning recreational marijuana sales, but those with such businesses will be allowed to levy a 2% tax. Seventy-five municipalities have already passed ordinances banning marijuana businesses, said Point Pleasant Beach Mayor Stephen Reid, executive director of New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy, SAM's state chapter. "I think it's the wrong move. I think it's bad for New Jersey," Reid said. "You're going to have millions of dollars spent in advertising and marketing to talk about how great marijuana is." The ballot resolution won support from legislators who were - and remain - against the very concept of marijuana legalization. Sen. Ronald Rice has led much of the Senate Black Caucus, which he chairs, against the move, but said Monday that "if we cannot stop it in (the Senate), the public should at least have the opportunity to vote on it." The only Democrats to vote against the bill were Sens. Fred Madden, Shirley Turner and Assembly members John Armato and Paul Moriarty. Sen. Declan O'Scanlon, R-Monmouth, also

voted in favor of the ballot bill. A moderate Republican, legal weed activists saw as a swing vote during the initial push to legalize marijuana.” (*Asbury Park Press*, 12/19/19)

MORIARTY'S ETHICAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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“Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, said Tuesday he received a summons for driving while intoxicated, but that a dispute with a police officer was the real reason for the ticket. "This entire episode was an abuse of power," Moriarty, 55, said in a statement issued in the wake of the incident at Route 42 and Greentree Road. He denied drinking any alcoholic beverages before the incident. A representative of Washington Township police could not be reached for comment. Moriarty, a former mayor of Washington Township, said he was driving to lunch when he was pulled over by a township officer "who claimed I had cut him off at an intersection." Moriarty said he disputed that claim, and then was ordered to submit to a field sobriety test.” (Courier Post, 8/1/12)

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“According to records obtained from Washington Township's municipal court, Moriarty was ticketed for refusal to take the sobriety test and for driving while intoxicated. The officer also issued a summons for failing to stay in a traffic lane. Moriarty did not identify the officer, but said he was previously dismissed from the police force "for allegedly being untruthful in an Internal Affairs investigation." A judge later ordered the officer's reinstatement, Moriarty said. Moriarty has served in the Assembly since 2006, and was mayor of Washington Township from 2004 to 2008. Moriarty, who said he was at a car dealership in the hour preceding the incident, vowed to "vigorously defend these allegations." He said that "may include filing charges" with the department's Internal Affairs unit.” (Courier Post, 8/1/12)

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breath test and failure to maintain a lane after he was pulled over by DiBuonaventura on Tuesday afternoon at 3:53 p.m. Moriarty said that he was crossing the Black Horse Pike on his way to Chick-fil-A for lunch when DiBuonaventura stopped Moriarty and accused him of "cutting off" DiBuonaventura when the lanes merged into one on Greentree Road. After Moriarty disputed the officer's statement that he failed to maintain his lane, DiBuonaventura asked Moriarty if he had been drinking and issued a field sobriety test. Micucci confirmed that DiBuonaventura's field camera did record the field test, and added that DiBuonaventura said he smelled alcohol on Moriarty's breath. He was then brought back to the station, where he refused an alco breath test. Moriarty, however, maintains that he was entirely sober and did not consume any alcohol prior to the arrest. He said he was leaving United Auto Group after looking over end-of-lease options before he was stopped by DiBuonaventura and felt he was "harassed and singled out." He said he refused a breath test after feeling the process was "compromised." (*Gloucester County Times*, 8/2/12)

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In October 2012, “Assemblyman Paul Moriarty Has Filed A 27-Count Complaint Against A Washington Township Police Officer Who Ticketed The Legislator In A July 31 Incident. Moriarty, A Democrat From Washington Township, Accused The Officer Of Perjury, Official Misconduct, And Falsifying And Tampering With Public Records, Among Others Allegations.” “Assemblyman Paul Moriarty has filed a 27-count complaint against a Washington Township police officer who ticketed the legislator in a July 31 incident. Moriarty, a Democrat from Washington Township, accused the officer of perjury, official misconduct, and falsifying and tampering with public records, among others allegations. He called his complaint "a first step to getting my reputation back." Moriarty was ticketed by a police officer who said the Assemblyman cut him off in traffic and was under the influence of alcohol. Moriarty, a former Washington Township mayor, was charged after he refused to take a Breathalyzer test. He awaits a hearing. According to John C. Eastlack, Jr., the attorney representing Moriarty, of the Cherry Hill law firm Weir & Partners, the next step in the process will be for the charges to be placed in front of a municipal court judge or court administrator to evaluate the complaint made and whether or not charges will be issued.” (*Courier Post*, 10/17/12)

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In December 2012, “The Washington Township, Gloucester County, Police Officer Who Arrested Assemblyman Paul Moriarty On Charged Of Driving Under The Influence Has Been Suspended Without Pay After An Official Hearing, According To Capt. Richard Leonard.” “The Washington Township, Gloucester County, police officer who arrested Assemblyman Paul Moriarty on charged of driving under the influence has been suspended without pay after an official hearing, according to Capt. Richard Leonard. Joseph DiBuonaventura is facing 13 criminal charges in connection with the July 31 arrest in Washington Township, including official misconduct, submitting a false report, harassment, tampering with public records and more. He was suspended with pay immediately following a

Loudermill hearing -- part of the due process for government employees facing serious discipline -- pending the results of the hearing. DiBuonaventura was processed, fingerprinted and served with the charges at the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office on Nov. 9. Moriarty (D-Gloucester) filed the criminal complaints in October, alleging DiBuonaventura "hunted him down," falsely arrested him for DUI and lied on official police reports to cover his tracks. Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office spokesman Bernie Weisenfeld said the office is investigating the charges against DiBuonaventura. Moriarty's DUI case is on hold pending the outcome of DiBuonaventura's case." (*The Star-Ledger*, 12/12/12)

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In May 2013, A Gloucester County Grand Jury Agreed That The Officer Had Made A Bogus Arrest Of Moriarty And Indicted Him. "It sounded like an excuse from a politician who had been caught doing something wrong: When Assemblyman Paul Moriarty was accused of driving drunk last summer, he said he had been the victim of a set-up by a rogue police officer. A Gloucester County grand jury believed him, and now it's the officer who's facing charges. On Wednesday, the Washington Township officer, Joseph DiBuonaventura, was indicted on 14 counts, all accusing him of making a bogus arrest of Moriarty (D-Gloucester) on July 31 and lying to support his claims. If convicted on all charges, DiBuonaventura could face decades in prison. Moriarty, who says people had been whispering about him for 10 months, said he felt vindicated. "I've said from the very first day that I did nothing wrong, that this was an abuse of power, that I was hunted down, targeted and deprived of my civil rights," he said. "I think that today the grand jury has validated what I've been saying all along." DiBuonaventura's lawyer, James Lynch, declined to comment after the indictment was made public yesterday. The officer was suspended without pay last year after Moriarty took the unusual step of filing charges against him as a citizen. Moriarty says he did not have anything to drink the day he was arrested. Last year, he showed reporters a squad-car video of his arrest he said showed he had done nothing wrong and that he was completely sober during a sobriety test. He refused to take a blood-alcohol test, he said, largely out of fear an officer who had been lying about other things could manipulate the results. Moriarty's drunken-driving case has been put on hold while the case against DiBuonaventura moves ahead. Moriarty's lawyer, John Eastlack, said he hopes prosecutors will drop those charges in light of the indictment." (*Star Ledger*, 5/3/13)

- **As A Result, The Charges Against Moriarty Were Dropped.** "Authorities have dropped charges of drunken driving and other offenses against Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, saying a police officer's alleged misconduct during a traffic stop last summer made it impossible to try the legislator. The Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office said Tuesday it was "legally compelled to move for dismissal" of all charges brought against Moriarty by Washington Township Patrolman Joseph DiBuonaventura. The officer was indicted May 1 on charges he filed false reports in connection with his July 31 stop of Moriarty on Route 42 in Washington Township. The officer is suspended without pay. DiBuonaventura said he stopped Moriarty because the Democratic legislator made an illegal lane change and cut him off at a jughandle. But a patrol car video showed no illegal lane change, "rendering the ensuing stop a violation of Mr. Moriarty's

constitutional rights," according to First Assistant Prosecutor Michael Curwin. Curwin said any evidence "gathered after the illegal stop would be inadmissible at a trial, including the undisputed fact that Mr. Moriarty purposely refused to take the chemical breath test." A lawyer for Moriarty said the Prosecutor's Office "has done the right thing." The attorney, John Eastlack Jr., said Moriarty "knew he had taken no drinks" and passed sobriety tests, but refused to take the breath test due to his mistrust of DiBuonaventura. "He'd been lied to," Eastlack noted of Moriarty, referring to the alleged lane change. "The average person doesn't have an understanding as to whether the test can be manipulated by somebody who obviously has an intent to get a driver." At the prosecutor's request, the Superior Court judge dismissed charges of DWI, refusing to submit to a breath test." (Daily Journal, 5/15/13)

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However, In March 2015, A Jury Acquitted The Officer Who Arrested Moriarty Of 14 Criminal Charges. "Washington Township police officer Joseph DiBuonaventura was acquitted of 14 criminal charges following a monthlong trial stemming from his July 31, 2012, arrest of Assemblyman Paul Moriarty on DWI charges. While the criminal case stemming from the arrest is over, DiBuonaventura still faces administrative charges regarding his employment with the township. At least three civil lawsuits regarding the case have been on hold pending the trial

outcome, and NJ.com readers have asked why the DWI charges against Moriarty, dismissed in May 2013, can't be brought back. Here are the answers we have so far, and what's coming next for the parties involved. His job: DiBuonaventura has been suspended without pay from the Washington Township Police Department since a November 2012 administrative hearing, when he was ordered to turn in his badge and gun and to not identify himself as a law enforcement officer. Tuesday's not-guilty verdict doesn't automatically mean he's back on the job. Police Chief Rafael Muniz - who fired DiBuonaventura in 2009 for lying during an internal affairs investigation, a decision eventually overturned by a judge with DiBuonaventura returning to work with back pay - said Tuesday he reviewed the verdict and respects the decision. He did not comment on DiBuonaventura's employment, and stated that officials are "in the process of reviewing all legal options." "Since criminal proceedings are separate from administrative employment hearings, the department does have the option of pursuing administrative charges to dismiss the officer." (*South Jersey Times*, 3/4/15)

- **“One Member Of The Jury Said That After Reviewing The State Statutes Barbone Said Moriarty Violated With The Turn Into The Jughandle, All 12 Jurors Agreed On Dibonaventura's Innocence.”** “Barbone, who launched a vigorous defense throughout the trial, said after the verdict that it was a perfect defense, because it was the truth. "It was easy to defend because Joe (DiBuonaventura) didn't do anything wrong," said Barbone. One member of the jury said that after reviewing the state statutes Barbone said Moriarty violated with the turn into the jughandle, all 12 jurors agreed on DiBuonaventura's innocence. "It was a joint collaboration between all of us, that's really it," said juror Lisa Essing of West Deptford. "There weren't any real sticking points." Just before the jurors left the courtroom after announcing their verdict, DiBuonaventura yelled "Thank you" to them and added outside of the courtroom that they were 12 normal people who realized he was just doing his job that day. "The citizens of New Jersey did the right thing today," said DiBuonaventura, who also hugged and thanked one member of the jury as she left the courthouse." (*South Jersey Times*, 3/4/15)
- **Moriarty Criticized The Verdict.** “Moriarty released a statement Tuesday morning, stating he was not happy with the verdict and believes the video "speaks for itself." "I respect the verdict of the jury, today, but I am obviously disappointed with the results. I know that I did nothing that day but operate my car safely and lawfully at all times," said Moriarty. "The video evidence speaks for itself and requires no interpretation. My hope is that eventually video cameras in all police vehicles will prevent these types of situations in the future. I would like to thank the Gloucester County Prosecutor's office for their efforts and their support throughout this difficult ordeal." Curwin's comment was brief: "We respect the jury's verdict.”” (*South Jersey Times*, 3/4/15)

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In 2017, “Assemblyman Paul Moriarty Has Settled A Lawsuit Against A Former Washington Township Police Officer For \$50,000, Court Records Show.” “Assemblyman Paul Moriarty has settled a lawsuit against a former Washington Township police officer for \$50,000, court records show. Moriarty, a Washington Township Democrat, sued Patrolman Joseph DiBuonaventura and the township police department in 2014, alleging his rights were violated during a traffic stop on July 31, 2012. Moriarty contended DiBuonaventura improperly charged him with drunk driving and falsely claimed the legislator cut off his patrol car during an incident on the Black Horse Pike in Washington Township. The charges against Moriarty were later dropped; a jury acquitted DiBuonaventura of official misconduct and other charges after a

March 2015 trial. Under the settlement, Moriarty dropped all claims against DiBuonaventura. A federal judge previously dismissed the claims against Washington Township's police department. Attorneys for Moriarty and DiBuonaventura could not be reached for comment Thursday. The settlement, reached in September 2016, was provided to the Courier-Post Thursday by John Paff, an open records advocate from Somerset County. Moriarty, a former Washington Township mayor, reached a confidential settlement of a separate lawsuit against Classic Nissan of Turnersville in March 2015. That suit alleged a dealership employee falsely told police Moriarty was "smashed" when he left the business shortly before his arrest." (*Courier Post*, 1/13/17)

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A TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE ONCE ACCUSED MORIARTY OF USING TOWNSHIP GAS TO FILL HIS PERSONAL CAR

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afternoon. Township Police Chief Rafael Muniz said he forwarded the matter and the police report to the prosecutor's office because of an apparent conflict. No charges have been filed. Since the matter is under investigation, prosecutor's office spokesman Bernie Weisenfeld said he could not comment." (*Courier Post*, 7/26/07)

- **“Moriarty Did Not Return Phone Calls Seeking Comment, But He Wrote In An E-Mail He Does Use The Township Gas Pumps On McClure Drive To Fill His Personal Car And Wrote He Has Authorization To Use The Pumps.”** “Moriarty did not return phone calls seeking comment, but he wrote in an e-mail he does use the township gas pumps on McClure Drive to fill his personal car and wrote he has authorization to use the pumps. He wrote that he stopped using a township vehicle to conduct official township business following the hike in gas prices about 18 months ago as a way to save the township money. He later wrote in an e-mail he has logged between 250 and 300 miles each month for a year on his personal vehicle, totaling, he said, about 44 gallons of gas. "Under township policy, I have been eligible to be reimbursed for all of those miles while on township business, the same as other employees who use their personal vehicles on official business," he wrote in the e-mailed statement. Moriarty also wrote in an e-mailed response if he were to submit reimbursement for the millage accrued on his vehicle, the township would owe him an estimated \$1,400 to \$1,700. Municipal Services Director James McKeever, who oversees the township public works department, said he could not comment on the matter Wednesday and declined to say if Moriarty was authorized to use the township pumps. Neither Muniz nor the prosecutor's office disclosed which public works employee filed the report." (*Courier Post*, 7/26/07)

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“Mellace alleges that around noon Friday, Moriarty threatened to have the township's zoning officer cite him for the sign if it wasn't changed. Mellace said the mayor taunted him and wouldn't leave his property until he called the police. Police Chief Charles Billingham said Mellace had filed a report accusing the mayor of harassment and trespassing. Billingham noted it was up to Mellace to press charges on the minor offenses when municipal court reopens on Monday. Moriarty said that, under the township's zoning ordinance, any sign erected for the purposes of identification or advertising must be used in that capacity. He denied harassing Mellace and said he promptly left the property when asked.” (*Courier Post*, 6/11/05)

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Mellace Ultimately Decided To Not Press Charges Against Moriarty. “A local business owner who alleges Mayor Paul Moriarty harassed him and trespassed on his property has decided not to press charges. Michael Mellace said his attorney advised him not to file a harassment complaint in the Friday incident because Moriarty was at his accounting business for a short time and left before police arrived. Mellace said he couldn't pursue a trespassing charge because he never told the mayor he couldn't come on his property before the incident. Mellace made his allegations in a police report. Moriarty has denied all the allegations and said he promptly left when asked. “The whole thing has been made much too much of nothing,” Moriarty said Monday. The charges, if Mellace had pursued them, would have been handled in municipal court.” (*Courier Post*, 6/14/05)

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In 2004, Moriarty Was Accused Of Being Favorable To Developers, Especially Developer Frank Lauletta. ‘Prominent local developer Frank Lauletta has never run for public office. But he's in the middle of a battle for the mayor's seat for the second time in four years. Lauletta, a neighbor and supporter of mayoral candidate Paul Moriarty, is the one pulling the strings behind his candidacy, says Moriarty's opponent, Mayor Randee Davidson. The two face each other in the June 8 Democratic primary. If Moriarty gets elected, developers such as Lauletta will be able to operate with few restrictions, as they did during the tenure of Republican Mayor Jerry Luongo, Davidson said. Davidson, who is seeking a second term, ran in 2000 on a platform of controlling residential development in this sprawling township of roughly 50,000 people. “Those who don't have the insider trading anymore want to get back into the game,” said Davidson, who has the backing of the powerful Democratic parties in Camden and Gloucester counties. “If

you're backed by a developer, I think that speaks volumes as to what you're trying to accomplish.” (Courier Post, 5/12/04)

- **“Lauletta, Who Is Moriarty's Neighbor In The Upscale Windsor Forest Development, Said He'll Vote For Moriarty, But That's As Far As His Involvement Goes.”** “Lauletta, who is Moriarty's neighbor in the upscale Windsor Forest development, said he'll vote for Moriarty, but that's as far as his involvement goes. "I think (Davidson's campaign) doesn't know what shots to take at Paul, so they have to make something up and this is the only thing they can come up with,' he said. Lauletta and his wife, Jacqui, recently switched their party affiliation from Republican to Democrat so they could vote for Moriarty, Jacqui Lauletta said.” (Courier Post, 5/12/04)

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In 2005, Moriarty's Friend And Aide Sal Chillemi Was Known To Be Tied To An FBI Review Of How The Renaissance Room Banquet Hall Was Using Its Liquor License. “The Renaissance Room, a popular banquet hall, is at the center of township debate because of the over-21 dance parties the business began hosting this summer. Also, the liquor license the hall is using is under FBI review -- not an official investigation -- because of a complaint the federal agency received, said Jerri Williams, an FBI spokeswoman. The FBI is looking at how the license changed ownership from one business to another, she said. The two men affected by the activity are Walter McBride, the hall's owner, and Sal Chillemi, who is a friend of and paid aide to Mayor Paul Moriarty. Chillemi and McBride are the co-owners of S&W Renaissance Corp., the company that bought the liquor license now in use at the Renaissance Room for \$400,000 earlier this year from Deptford Liquors LLC. They split liquor sale profits at the hall, 50-50. They're also the men who run the Thursday and Sunday night parties, which have a \$10 cover charge that includes dancing and a buffet. Chillemi, who is paid \$24,000 a year with health benefits, wouldn't comment, but McBride said the FBI hasn't contacted him about the review. He also said the Renaissance Room's new dance parties aren't breaking any township code.” (Courier Post, 10/12/05)

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Moriarty Defended Chillemi. “Moriarty appointed East-lack township solicitor in January and promoted Krwawecz to construction official in March. The mayor said the men are by no means rubber stamps. "These are professionals with careers and licenses on the line," Moriarty said. "They tell me what's right. They don't tell me what I want to hear." "Sal (Chillemi) has been treated and scrutinized more unfairly than anyone and no one in government should be treated better nor worse than the average person," added Moriarty, who said the FBI hasn't contacted him about its review. But to avoid the "appearance or suggestion of impropriety", Moriarty said he's asking McBride to voluntarily submit an application to the planning board. The township will also provide the public any and all documents that it has pertaining to the sale and transfer of the liquor license, the mayor said.” (Courier Post, 10/12/05)

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“The State Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control Wants To Revoke A Liquor License Owned By A Former Aide To Mayor Paul Moriarty Because Of 13 Violations It Uncovered During An Investigation Begun Last Year.” “The state Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control wants to revoke a liquor license owned by a former aide to Mayor Paul Moriarty because of 13 violations it uncovered during an investigation begun last year. The ABC contends S&W Renaissance Corp., a company owned by Salvatore Chillemi, kept incomplete records, inaccurately responded to questions about the license, failed to conspicuously display the liquor license, conducted business without having the license on premises and failed to have an employee list available for inspection. The agency, which issued the notice Friday, also found the company failed to disclose that a business named Sir Enterprises Inc. had an interest in the liquor license. Chillemi, who worked as Moriarty's aide from January 2005 to mid-October 2005, has 30 days to respond to the charges. The agency is not seeking a penalty or fine, according to a copy of the notice. Chillemi did not respond to messages left with people who answered his cellular phone. "I said all along, let the authorities do what they need to do," said Moriarty, a Democrat who is also a state Assemblyman representing the 4th Legislative District.” (*Courier Post*, 2/2/06)

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"Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarty, D-4, Who Also Is Mayor Of Washington Township, Said Banning All Dual Officeholding Immediately Would Be A Mistake." "Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarty, D-4, who also is mayor of Washington Township, said banning all dual officeholding immediately would be a mistake. "To disenfranchise voters, and say that people that have overwhelming elected people to two positions, I don't think anyone wants to take away someone's vote," Moriarty said. Yet Moriarty said he voted for the ban because he heard from constituents "who have been stoked by editorial writers." "I don't believe that it's a terrible, terrible thing," he said. "I don't think there is anything evil about dual officeholders. I hold two jobs like millions of Americans, and they're both part-time jobs, and I work seven days a week. I'm constantly working on the public's business." Moriarty argues that he brings a "municipal government viewpoint to Trenton, which I think in some cases is sorely lacking." Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, R-Ocean, who has been mayor of Plumsted in Ocean County since 1990, said he's a "volunteer" mayor who doesn't accept a salary or pension benefits for his municipal job." (*Daily Journal*, 10/5/07)

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Mayor Paul Moriarty, who is also a state assemblyman in the 4th Legislative District, has decided not to seek re-election to his mayoral post in Washington Township. "I do not believe it is appropriate to engage in partisan township politics during a time when critical fiscal decisions must be made in regards to this year's budget," he said, referring to the state budget, in a written statement. He could not immediately be reached for comment. He also said that over the past few weeks, his family has lost three family members. "Whenever one is faced with personal hardships, it is incumbent upon him or her to reflect upon goals and priorities," he wrote in the letter. "I have concluded that, at the present time, family and friends must be the overarching priority." The township Democratic party endorsed former Councilman Matt Lyons for mayor in March, along with two newcomers, Scott Newman and Ray MacDowell, for council." (*Courier Post*, 4/7/08)

MORIARTY IS KNOWN TO USE CONTROVERSIAL CAMPAIGN TACTICS

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- **The Lawsuit Was Dropped In December 2006.** "A former Democratic township council candidate who is a vocal critic of the current administration has dropped his defamation lawsuit against Mayor Paul Moriarty. Ron Lucarini sued Moriarty and the Democratic council slate in May. He said he was defamed by a campaign flier distributed by the slate of Councilwoman Michelle Martin, Albert Fratalli and Robert Timmons during the primary election. He said the flier questioned his integrity and hindered his ability to teach at Orchard Valley Middle School in the township. The Superior Court lawsuit was quietly dismissed last month at Lucarini's request without costs to either party. Lucarini said Friay he dropped the suit because he believed defamation would have been difficult to prove. He also said his students didn't take the slate's comments seriously. "After my eighth-grade kids came in and said they thought it was utterly ridiculous, I figured (the slate) had no credibility," he said. "My only concern was

whether the kids would believe it, anyway. "It was a frivolous lawsuit to start with and I really believe it was (filed) just to get his name out before the primary election because he had no other means," Martin said Friday. "It is clear that this lawsuit was only filed to garner headlines during Lucarini's ill-fated attempt to win the local primary," Moriarty in a prepared statement Friday." (*Courier Post*, 12/2/06)

AS MAYOR OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MORIARTY WAS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL PERSONNEL ISSUE CASES

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- **"Records Show That, Before McKeever Sued, He Wrote A Resignation Letter To Davidson In Which He Requested The Township Pay Him The Equivalent Of 54 Months Of Work So He Could Retire Fully Vested In The State Pension Plan."** "Records show that, before McKeever sued, he wrote a resignation letter to Davidson in which he requested the township pay him the equivalent of 54 months of work so he could retire fully vested in the state pension plan. Those documents also showed McKeever accepted a severance package in the gross amount of \$56,264.99. McKeever admits he received the severance check, but denies he submitted such a letter to Davidson. Altamuro said he was bothered with bringing McKeever back at a \$79,000 annual salary -- more than \$8,000 more than the public works director got in 2004 -- when the township is facing financial strain. Both he and Lyons asked council to

postpone the vote until the township's legal department could determine the ramifications of McKeever's contract.” (*Courier Post*, 1/3/05)

- **“Moriarty Defended His Nomination, Saying McKeever Was Unfairly Dismissed In 2000 Despite A Proven Track Record Of Public Works Service.”** “Moriarty defended his nomination, saying McKeever was unfairly dismissed in 2000 despite a proven track record of public works service. He also said the salary was in line with other communities in Gloucester and Camden counties and noted McKeever would earn less than what he was paid in 2000. Moriarty added that Eastlack would earn a base salary of \$88,942 -- \$10,000 less than the solicitor's base salary in 2004 -- while Fourre would be paid \$89,500, or \$9,860 less than her predecessor. Altamuro and Lyons had issues with those contracts despite the apparent cost savings.” (*Courier Post*, 1/3/05)
- **“Newly Elected Mayor Paul Moriarty Made The Appointment Even Though McKeever Agreed To "Permanently And Irrevocably" Sever His Employment, The Philadelphia Inquirer Reported For Sunday.”** “A worker who was paid a \$600,000 settlement after being fired by the Gloucester County township was rehired this month and allowed to keep the money. James McKeever was reinstated to his \$79,900 job as director of public works 20 months after being fired. Newly elected Mayor Paul Moriarty made the appointment even though McKeever agreed to "permanently and irrevocably" sever his employment, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported for Sunday. Township Solicitor John Eastlack said the language in the settlement agreement did not prevent the township from reinstating McKeever. "The agreement in no way bars the township from rehiring him," said Eastlack, who interpreted the "permanently and irrevocably" clause to mean past employment, not future. McKeever was public works director for 11 years under Mayor Gerald Luongo, who left office in December 2000 after losing a bid for reelection. The mayor's successor, Randee Davidson, fired McKeever in January 2001, saying the public works director served at the discretion of the mayor.” (*The Record*, 1/24/05)

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them better assignments. Required him to perform work in "unfavorable conditions." "Unreasonably monitored" him while he worked and took disciplinary action against him. Moriarty did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday." (*Courier Post*, 1/5/06)

- **“Patrone Contends In His Lawsuit That He Reported Several Instances Of Possible Illegal Activity By Moriarty And His Administration, Including The Sale Last Year Of A Liquor License Involving A Former Aide To The Mayor.”** (*Courier Post*, 1/5/06)
- **“Patrone Also Reported His Concerns About Possible Violations Of The State's Public Bidding Laws By The Township When It Awarded A Contract For Snow Removal Last Year, According To The Lawsuit.”** (*Courier Post*, 1/5/06)

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The Target Of A Narcotics Investigation And Fired For Political Reasons. “A terminated Washington Township police officer filed charges Wednesday in U.S. District Court claiming the mayor, police chief and four other officers violated his civil rights by firing him on the basis of "political retaliation." Ernest M. D'Orazio III, 25, claims he was falsely accused of leaking confidential information to the target of a narcotics investigation and fired for political reasons. His attorney, Jacqueline Vigilante, declined to disclose his political affiliation. The suit was filed after a hearing officer, retired Superior Court Judge Donald Smith Jr., ruled Friday the township lacked the evidence to support its allegations. Smith recommended the township pay D'Orazio for 10 days, from his Dec. 21, 2006, firing until his appointment as a special police officer expired on Dec. 31. "This is a pretty clear-cut case of civil rights violation," said Vigilante, of The Vigilante Firm in Mullica Hill. "We're prepared to try it and I would expect to do what is in my client's best interest." The suit names Mayor Paul Moriarty, Police Chief Rafael Muniz and four officers, Detective Stephen Rolando, Detective Jason Player, Sgt. Richard Sumek and Cpl. Dennis Sims, and claims they each individually violated D'Orazio's constitutional rights. D'Orazio is seeking the 10 days' back pay and reimbursement for all attorney fees. He also seeks punitive damages from each of the defendants. The lawsuit alleges Muniz, who was appointed by Moriarty in June 2006, refused to hire D'Orazio as a full-time police officer and instead hired a "less qualified and less senior candidate." D'Orazio, according to the suit, was allegedly told by Sims that "the chief would not appoint him to a full-time position for political reasons." The allegations were not substantiated, according to the hearing officer.” (*Courier Post*, 10/25/07)

- **In 2011, D'Orazio Was Awarded A \$75,000 Settlement.** “A former special law enforcement officer here has been awarded a \$75,000 settlement in his lawsuit against the township and the Washington Township Police Department. Now, his attorneys are asking the township and its insurance carrier, the municipal joint insurance fund, to pay the legal fees, which amount to about \$400,000. In the lawsuit, which was filed in October 2007, Ernest M. D'Orazio II claimed he wasn't promoted to a full-time police officer because of his political affiliations and that his civil rights were violated when the department investigated him for allegedly revealing confidential information about an undercover drug investigation. During the course of the legal battle, "more than 5,000 pages of documents were produced, 29 witness and party depositions were taken," according to court papers filed by D'Orazio's lawyer, Jacqueline M. Vigilante. They were set to begin a four- to five-week trial in April, but the defendants settled in March, Vigilante said in court documents. Vigilante is asking the court to order the defendants - which include the township, a few members of the police department and former Mayor Paul Moriarty - to pay the bill for attorneys' fees and costs, which they claim totals \$398,621. Washington Township Solicitor Tim Chell said the motion has not yet been decided. Attorneys for the JIF are handling the case. If the fees are awarded in full, Chell said the JIF would be responsible for the cost since the township has already exceeded its \$35,000 deductible.” (*Gloucester County Times*, 7/1/11)

MORIARTY'S WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION FACED ADDITIONAL LEGAL ISSUES

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“Moriarty's Administration Has Been Faulted For Failing To File Paperwork Last Year To Prevent A Builder's Remedy Lawsuit To Construct Affordable Housing On A 130-Acre Site On Fish Pond Road.” “Most recently, Moriarty's administration has been faulted for failing to file paperwork last year to prevent a builder's remedy lawsuit to construct affordable housing on a 130-acre site on Fish Pond Road. Moriarty says he was not informed of the deadline. Supporters of the mayor, such as resident Tony Tavalario, said Moriarty's skill at finding corporate sponsors and alternate sources of revenue for some projects benefits residents. "I worked to get him elected. I believed that he would make a good mayor and it's held true. He always tries to hold taxes down," Tavalario said. One critic, outgoing Republican Councilman Steve Altamuro, said the grants and donations save money, but worries conflicts can arise when they come from contractors who do business with the township. The lone Republican on the council, Altamuro lost his November bid for re-election and leaves office Dec. 31.” (*Courier Post*, 12/9/06)

- **Former Democratic Mayor Randee Davidson Contended Moriarty Had All The Information Needed To Prevent The Litigation.** “Most recently, former Democratic Mayor Randee Davidson became a vocal critic when Moriarty's administration said a suit filed in May 2005 to force the construction of hundreds of affordable homes on 130 acres along Fish Pond Road should have been prevented by her administration. The suit by developer Smith-Garrison alleges the township was not complying with state-mandated affordable housing quotas. It is in litigation. Davidson said the township should have asked for an extension of its protection from so-called builders remedy suits between Dec. 23, 2004 and May 2005. Paperwork had been forwarded to Moriarty at the end of December, she said. The township also received a letter about affordable housing in April 2005, Davidson said. "He had the affordable housing file in his office," she said.” (*Courier Post*, 12/9/06)
- **“Moriarty Said He Did Not See Those Letters And Davidson Did Not Inform Him About The Affordable Housing Situation. Davidson Countered That The Mayor Failed To Attend Four Scheduled Transition Meetings Before Taking Office.”** (*Courier Post*, 12/9/06)

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municipality, citing its failure to adequately light and mark the sharp corner where the crash occurred. Less than three months after returning home from serving in Iraq, Anthony LaSelva, 21, died on a township road when he lost control of his new Kawasaki ZX 10 motorcycle. According to the lawsuit, LaSelva died on the night of Sept. 12, 2007, after he lost control of the bike on a sharp corner on Salina Road, struck a curb in the opposite lane and was propelled into an unlit street light. The lawsuit blames LaSelva's death on the township for its "negligence, carelessness, unreasonableness and/or recklessness" for permitting the "dangerous" and "hazardous" conditions of the road caused by the lack of working street lights and signs alerting drivers to the curve. It also cites Atlantic City Electric for the company's failure to maintain the upkeep of the two lighting poles on the street. Company spokeswoman Sandra May declined to comment, citing the pending litigation. Township Mayor Paul Moriarty referred all comment to township solicitor John Eastlack." (*Courier Post*, 11/13/08)

IN 2006, MORIARTY FACED A RECALL EFFORT

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- **NOTE:** *The effort was ultimately unsuccessful.*

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In 2007, Moriarty Was Skeptical Of Proposed Ordinances To Restrict The Amount Of Money Contractors Were Allowed To Donate To Campaigns. "Washington Township Mayor Paul Moriarty questioned the proposal at a recent township council meeting. The township currently has an ordinance in place that restricts the amount of money a contractor can contribute directly to a candidate. "The ordinance he put forward does nothing to curb the special interest groups," Moriarty said at the meeting. "This ordinance that you put forward, however honorable, is just as flawed as the one we have." The proposal, Moriarty said, does nothing to curb contracts

for and contributions from large unions, like the Fraternal Order of Police and the New Jersey Education Association. For Walker and Aronovitch alike, however, the goal of the proposed ordinance is not perfection, but progress. Both consulted the Center for Civic Responsibility, a Metuchen-based nonprofit dedicated to banning pay-to-play practices statewide, before drafting the ordinance proposed to each township's council. Deptford Mayor Paul Medany said there is no pay-to-play ban in the township, but local elected officials follow state regulations when considering bids from contractors.” (*Courier Post*, 7/3/07)

- **NOTE:** *Moriarty was known to have ultimately supported the pay to play restriction later in 2007.*

APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Paul Moriarty's issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

Taxes

Millionaire's Tax

In 2010, Moriarty Noted His Support For The Millionaire's Tax – A Proposal To Increase The State Income Tax Rate On Those Earning Over \$1 Million. “Legislation that would restore New Jersey's so-called "millionaire's tax" has advanced in both houses of the state Legislature. Democrats said Thursday that reinstating the increased tax for those making \$1 million or more would provide funds needed to restore property tax rebate checks for senior citizens and eliminate a new \$310 deductible and prescription copay increases for seniors and disabled citizens. The respective bills, approved Thursday by key Assembly and Senate committees, will now head to votes in both chambers of the Democratic-controlled Legislature, though specific dates have not yet been scheduled. If they pass, the measures would head to the desk of Republican Gov. Chris Christie, who has vowed not to sign a budget that includes the higher tax. According to the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Services, increasing the tax for those making \$1 million or more - an estimated 16,000 taxpayers - from 8.9 to 10.8 percent would raise \$637 million next year. Those making \$2 million would pay nearly \$18,000 more a year as a result, and would pay \$18,000 more in taxes for each million they make. "Let's face it, the Christie budget plan means a tax increase for many senior citizens and a tax cut for the rich," said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Turnersville. "That's not fairness. That's putting a brutal burden on the backs of our most vulnerable elderly residents while the rich get richer. This is really a question of priorities." Republicans, though, accused Democrats of political grandstanding. They argued the tax would chase wealthy residents and businesses out of the state, along with the jobs they provide. "I believe this bill is a job-killer," said Assemblyman John DiMaio, R-Hackettstown.” (*Daily Record*, 5/13/10)

Property Tax Cap

In 2010, Moriarty Was Known To Propose A Soft Property Tax Cap To Allow For Certain Automatic Exclusions Like Inflation And Health Care Premiums As Opposed To A Hard Cap Of 2.5 Percent. “Newark's Democratic mayor may be a fan of Gov. Chris Christie's plan to cap property tax increases through a constitutional amendment, but to get it on the ballot, the Republican governor will need support from more than Democratic mayors. He'll need support from Democratic legislators, as well, something he didn't have yesterday. Assembly Democrats twice refused to take action on motions offered by Republicans to move the governor's constitutional cap out of committee. Democrats, who control both houses of the Legislature, have offered their own versions of bills to enact a lower cap on annual property tax increases. The difference between the Republican governor's plan and that of Democratic lawmakers centers

around who can override the cap, if needed. Christie's proposed constitutional amendment would ban towns from raising property taxes by more than 2.5 percent without voter approval, while plans put forth by Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Assemblyman Paul Moriarty would allow for automatic exclusions to the cap, taking into account the cost of things like inflation and health care premiums. "A hard cap would just destroy local governments and make it impossible to provide public safety, which then the state will be forced to fund," Sweeney said. "This is a very attainable goal without going to the constitution, where if we make a mistake, we can never correct the problem." (The Times, 6/22/10)

- **Ultimately, The Cap Agreed To By Christie And Legislative Leaders Did Include Exceptions.** "The New Jersey Assembly overwhelmingly approved legislation capping local spending and property tax increases at 2 percent Monday, a week after Gov. Chris Christie and Democratic Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney announced a deal to tame the nation's highest property taxes. The Assembly vote was 73-4. The Senate approved the measure 35-3 last week. Gov. Chris Christie plans to sign the bill today. Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, who said she wasn't involved in the compromise brokered by Sweeney, D-Gloucester, described the bill as a flawed but necessary first step toward reining in runaway property tax growth. The bill allows exceptions to the cap for certain costs towns, school districts and counties can't control, like pension and health care costs, which have been rising by double digits. Otherwise, only voters would be able to override the cap. Tri-county Democratic legislators voted for the measure under extreme pressure from municipalities and counties to provide more wiggle room in the bill, including exceptions for current contracts and future state aid cuts. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, called the measure a good start, but added, "We need to find ways to reduce taxes, not merely cap the increases." Moriarty pointed out that many of the reforms in separate bills known as the governor's "tool kit" for towns came from Democrats, including himself. Those bills will be considered this summer. Assemblyman Gilbert "Whip" Wilson, D-Camden, echoed Moriarty." (Courier Post, 7/13/10)

Sales Tax

In 2018, "The Assembly Approved Legislation Saturday Assemblymen John Burzichelli And Paul Moriarty Sponsored To Require The Collection Of Sales Tax From Certain Remote Sellers." "The Assembly approved legislation Saturday Assemblymen John Burzichelli and Paul Moriarty sponsored to require the collection of sales tax from certain remote sellers. The bill requires marketplace facilitators, such as the third party sellers at Amazon.com, to collect sales and use tax. If the bill is enacted, it would be effective on October 1, 2018. "Online marketplaces have made it easier for interstate and international commerce, allowing many businesses to circumvent state sales tax requirements," said Burzichelli (D-Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem). "New Jersey based businesses have to abide by the sales and use tax law, so should any company who does substantial business in the state." New Jersey could gain between \$216 million and \$351 million as a result of this legislation—about 2 to 4 percent of total 2016 state and local government general sales and gross receipts tax revenues— according to the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) study in November 2017. "The fact that they are not physically located in New Jersey should not exempt a business from sales

tax and use requirements,” said Moriarty (D- Camden, Gloucester). “These businesses should play by the same rules as other NJ businesses who pay property taxes, local taxes and make an investment in the communities they’re in.” ([NJ Globe](#), 7/1/18)

Consolidation

In April 2011, Moriarty Backed Legislation To Penalize Municipalities That Rejected Shared Services Proved By A State Commission To Save Money. “Municipalities may soon have no choice but to share services. Under a bill proposed recently by State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, towns and counties would face a monetary penalty if voters reject shared services proved by a state commission to save money. The legislation -- backed by Assembly members Pamela Lampitt, D-Camden, and Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester -- would put the issue to vote during a general election. If voters reject the measure, they could lose state aid, Sweeney said. "We tried the carrot approach, where we give towns money, we give counties money, to do shared services," Sweeney said. "We tried the carrot and it didn't work. So here's the stick." The legislation comes on the heels of a Camden County effort to explore countywide police and fire services, a plan announced in the wake of massive layoffs in Camden city. Camden County freeholders insist they are acting as facilitators and will not force any municipalities to join in the countywide services, but Freeholder-Director Louis Cappelli Jr. said the Sweeney legislation may force municipalities to do just that. "Public safety is one of the biggest expenses at the municipal level," Cappelli said.” (*Courier Post*, 4/25/11)

Labor

State Workers (Hit From The Left)

In 2006, Moriarty Was Among The Legislators To Call On State Workers To Accept Less Pay And Benefits. “Three Democrats in the Legislature today said they want to introduce state workers to the "real world," asking them to take less pay and benefits to help with the state's troubled fiscal situation. At a Statehouse news conference, Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, and Assemblymen Jerry Green, D-Union, and Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, unleashed a series of proposals aimed at curbing spending on state workers. Immediately, they asked Gov. Jon S. Corzine and labor unions to agree to cut 15 percent from the \$4.6 billion spent on employee salaries and benefits. Long-term, the proposals include having new state workers work 40 hours a week, instead of 35, and take fewer paid holidays. The plan also calls for raising the retirement age from 55 to 60. The surprise announcement sparked a heated exchange between the lawmakers and union leaders who said they just happened on the news conference. "A contract is a contract, and some of the proposals I saw up there are in violation of our contract," said Robert Regan, treasurer for Communications Workers of America Local 1037, which represents 6,000 state workers. "We've done our share." Some unions have recently begun running ads in support of Corzine's proposed budget, which calls for the largest -- and legally required -- contribution to the employee pension system in a decade but also would hike and expand the sales tax. The lawmakers compared the state to a failing company and asked labor to volunteer some givebacks to avoid tax hikes. "We have to shrink the government, instead of continuing to expand it," Moriarty said. "We have to go on a diet. We have to call in Jenny Craig and NutriSystem, and we got to put this government on a diet.”” (*Daily Record*, 6/1/06)

- Public Union Members Are Known To Have Heckled Moriarty And Sweeney For Their Position.** “Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, walked through a crowd of jeering state and local government workers on Thursday to defend his plan to roll back their pay and benefits in order to avoid a proposed sales tax hike. Members of the Communications Workers of America, wearing black and purple shirts in a show of strength and shouting "traitor" at Sweeney, himself a labor leader, warned that the senator and Assemblymen Gerald Green, D-Union, and Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, were risking their political careers by calling for worker givebacks. 'Isolated guys' "This is three isolated guys that are making the biggest mistakes of their political careers," said Carla Katz, president of CWA Local 1034. "It's balancing the budget on the backs of middle-class state workers." More than 100 union members crowded into a Statehouse hallway chanting "Shame! Shame!" as Sweeney, Green and Moriarty attempted to speak.” (Daily Record, 6/9/06)
- “Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, And Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, Said They Will Introduce 15 Bills Aimed At Cutting Benefits For New Public Workers And For Some Already On The Payroll.”** “Two lawmakers renewed their push Thursday to cut the cost of health benefits and pensions for state workers, one day before the Legislature is scheduled to begin a special set of meetings on how to reduce property taxes. Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, and Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, said they will introduce 15 bills aimed at cutting benefits for new public workers and for some already on the payroll. Their proposals include raising public employees' retirement age to 60, from 55, requiring all state workers to pay a piece of their health care premium, eliminating lifetime health benefits and tightening laws to prevent pension abuses. Some of the changes would apply to all state workers, while others would be imposed on new hires. "We'd like these to be part of the discussion," Moriarty said. "We think this brings serious reforms and real savings." The Legislature is scheduled to begin a special session on property taxes today. The cost of public employee pensions and benefits will be a major focus of the session. Public employee union leaders have argued that any changes to benefits need to be made at the bargaining table. The current contracts for the largest unions expire next summer.” (Daily Record, 7/28/06)

Moriarty Was Accused Of Hypocrisy On The State Workers Compensation Issue After A Report Noted That “Moriarty's And Green's Democratic Leadership Handed Out Big Bonuses To The Staff, Supposedly For Working Late, Even Though Their Staff Isn't Entitled To Overtime Or Bonuses.” “Consider the proposed special summer legislative session on property taxes: Is it a magician's diversion so we won't notice this month's pending tax hikes? Or do Democrats finally realize we have had a bellyful of empty tax reform promises and can clearly see that only Sen. Steve Sweeney is suggesting alternatives at www.stopspendingmymoney.com? Probably the post-budget summer effort will produce minor changes and a call for a constitutional convention from which reforms won't take effect until 2009. That's not relief. But then, sincerity is not every politician's strong suit. Take Assemblymen Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, and Jerry Green, D-Union. They joined Sweeney, D-Gloucester, in asking public employees to return to taxpayers 15 percent in pay and benefits. Green and Moriarty looked silly a few days later when our Greg Volpe's investigation disclosed Moriarty's and Green's Democratic leadership handed out big bonuses to the staff, supposedly for

working late, even though their staff isn't entitled to overtime or bonuses. From 2003 to 2005, full-time Assembly Democratic staffers received nearly \$400,000 on the taxpayers, thanks to the Assembly run by then-Speaker Albio Sires and then-Majority Leader Joe Roberts, who was speaker-in-waiting and running things behind the scenes.” (*Asbury Park Press*, 6/11/06)

In 2010, Moriarty Proposed Limiting Pensions For Public Union Officials That Did Not Return To Their Civil Service Jobs. “Employees of some of New Jersey's most influential labor unions - all technically on leave from their government jobs -- still qualify for taxpayer-funded pensions and could collect monthly checks even if they never return to civil service. One of those union officials -- Rae Roeder, president of the 7,000-member CWA Local 1033 -- hasn't worked for the state in 13 years. Barbara Keshishian, president of the New Jersey Education Association, took leave from the New Milford school board in September 2001. They and nine other employees of the teachers and office workers' unions had pensionable incomes totaling \$793,208 in 2009, state records show. Union members' dues paid those salaries. But New Jersey taxpayers will underwrite their retirements from a public-pension system that is \$30 billion short of its target funding level. "They're not working for the state anymore, are they?" said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Gloucester). "Why should we give them pension benefits and health benefits if they've chosen to work for some other group?" State law allows the workers to take leave to do union business. The same law counts time with the union toward getting a state pension. Moriarty yesterday introduced a bill that would end the arrangement for future union leaders.” (*Star Ledger*, 2/9/10)

Minimum Wage

In 2019, Moriarty Sponsored Legislation Raising The Minimum Wage To \$15. “Setting gradual minimum wage thresholds to reach \$15 in five years, the bill (A-15), sponsored by Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, and members Cleopatra Tucker, Britnee Timberlake, Gabriela Mosquera, Angela McKnight, Joseph Egan, Daniel Benson, Paul Moriarty, and Thomas Giblin, was signed into law Monday. The bill establishes an oversight panel and takes into account concerns of New Jersey businesses. “New Jerseyans deserve a livable wage. I thank my Assembly colleagues for joining me in moving our state forward against inequality and boosting low wages for hard-working men and women. Raising the minimum wage makes New Jersey more affordable and improves the quality of life for over a million residents,” said Speaker Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “This is not only good for workers, but for businesses and our economy.” A study by the United Way ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) project found that through 2016, out of New Jersey’s over 3 million households, 10.5 percent earn below the Federal Poverty Level (334,182 households) and 28 (895,879 households) percent qualify as ALICE households. The total number of New Jersey households that cannot afford basic needs increased 15 percent between 2010 and 2016. “If a New Jersey resident making the current minimum wage works 40 hours every week of the year, their income would equal \$18,408,” said Tucker (D-Essex). “This amount makes it tremendously difficult to support yourself and a family in New Jersey. I am proud of the efforts of the Assembly Speaker and our caucus to create a more economically fair New Jersey for working families.” The cost of basic household expenses—which United Way calls the “Household Survival Budget”—in New Jersey

increased steadily to \$74,748 for a family of four and \$26,640 for a single adult. The cost of a family budget saw an increase of 28 percent from 2010 to 2016.” ([Insider NJ](#), 2/4/19)

In June 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Posted Support Of Increasing The Minimum Wage. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/13/23)



(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/13/23)

Union Associations

NOTE: *Additional union affiliation can be provided upon request.*

In 2023, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The CWA. ‘Today, the Communications Workers of America (CWA) enthusiastically announced the latest round of endorsements for several legislative races throughout New Jersey. “Everyone deserves the opportunity to work in a safe, respectful environment with fair wages and benefits,” said Dennis Trainor, Vice President for CWA District 1. “We are extremely proud to back these Assembly and Senate candidates, because we know they’ll be steadfast, strong supporters of working families and the labor movement here in New Jersey.” “Now more than ever, New Jersey needs pro-union leaders in Trenton who will fight alongside us on the issues that matter to middle-class and working

families,” said Fran Ehret, CWA NJ State Director. “Over the next several months, CWA members look forward to being out there in force – knocking on doors, making phone calls and talking with our neighbors – all the way through the last hour of Election Day this November.” Below please find a list of the latest round of CWA’s 2023 New Jersey legislative endorsements announced today: Vince Polistina (Incumbent) – State Senate LD-2 John Burzichelli (Challenger) – State Senate LD-3 Paul Moriarty (Incumbent) – State Senate LD-4...” ([Insider NJ](#), 6/15/23)

In 2011, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The AFL-CIO. “The Southern New Jersey AFL-CIO’s Committee On Political Education only endorses candidates in Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland counties. Two of the tightest South Jersey match-ups this fall - the 2nd and 7th legislative districts - will see nods at the state AFL-CIO conference on Aug. 4, where endorsements for all districts will be announced. Assemblyman Vincent Polistina, R-Atlantic, is challenging longtime Sen. Jim Whelan in the 2nd. Democrats Alisa Cooper, a county freeholder, and attorney Damon Tyner are facing incumbent Republican John Amodeo and attorney Chris Brown for the Assembly. In the 7th, Republican Sen. Diane Allen faces a challenge by Beverly Mayor Gail Cook. The real battle there is for an open Assembly seat: Democratic incumbent Herb Conaway and newcomer Troy Singleton are running against Mount Laurel Mayor Jim Keenan and small-business owner Chris Halgas. The AFL-CIO committee also chose to endorse 8th district Democratic Senate hopeful Carl Lewis, even though his place on the ballot is still awaiting a final decision by the courts. Sen. Dawn Marie Addiego has voted virtually in lock-step with the GOP minority. The full list of endorsed candidates, all Democrats, are as follows: 1st Legislative District: Sen. Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman Nelson Albano, Assemblyman Matthew Milam; 3rd Legislative District: Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assemblyman John Burzichelli, Assemblywoman Celeste Riley; 4th Legislative District: Sen. Fred Madden, Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, Gabriela Mosquera...” (*Courier Post*, 7/25/11)

- **NOTE:** *Moriarty was also backed by the AFL-CIO in 2023.*

“The New Jersey State Building & Construction Trades Council Has Endorsed Democrats In Most Of The State’s Competitive Legislative Races, But Is Not Taking Sides In The 11th District State Assembly Race, Where Two Freshman Republicans Are Seeking Re-Election. The Labor Group Is Backing Democrat John Burzichelli (D-Paulsboro) In The 3rd District Against State Sen. Ed Durr (R-Logan) And Democrat Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township) Against Republican Christopher Del Borrello For The Open Senate Seat In The 4th District.” “The New Jersey State Building & Construction Trades Council has endorsed Democrats in most of the state’s competitive legislative races, but is not taking sides in the 11th district State Assembly race, where two freshman Republicans are seeking re-election. The labor group is backing Democrat John Burzichelli (D-Paulsboro) in the 3rd district against State Sen. Ed Durr (R-Logan) and Democrat Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township) against Republican Christopher Del Borrello for the open Senate seat in the 4th district. But in the contest for two open Assembly seats in the 4th, the building trades council passed over Republican Matt Walker, an Operating Engineers Local 825 board member, and is backing Democrats Dan Hutchison and Codey Miller. In the 11th, the group endorsed State Sen. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) for re-election but passed on his two running mates. That’s good news for Republican

Assemblywomen Marilyn Piperno (R-Colts Neck) and Kim Eulner (R-Shrewsbury), who want to return to Trenton for second terms. The state building trades, which has strong ties to South Jersey Democrats, are staying out of the 1st and 2nd districts, where six Republican incumbents are seeing re-election, but are supporting Republican Latham Tiver, an Operating Engineers Local 825 official, for the open 8th district Senate seat; Republican Assemblymen Michael Torrissi (R-Hammonton) and Brandon Umba (R-Medford) were also endorsed. The endorsements largely favor sitting legislators, regardless of ideology: the building trades are backing some of the state's most liberal Democrats, like Britnee Timberlake (D-East Orange) and Shavonda Sumter (D-Paterson), and the most conservative Republicans, like Parker Space (R-Wantage), Joseph Pennacchio (R-Montville), and Doug Steinhardt (R-Lopatcong)." ([NJ Globe](#), 6/8/23)

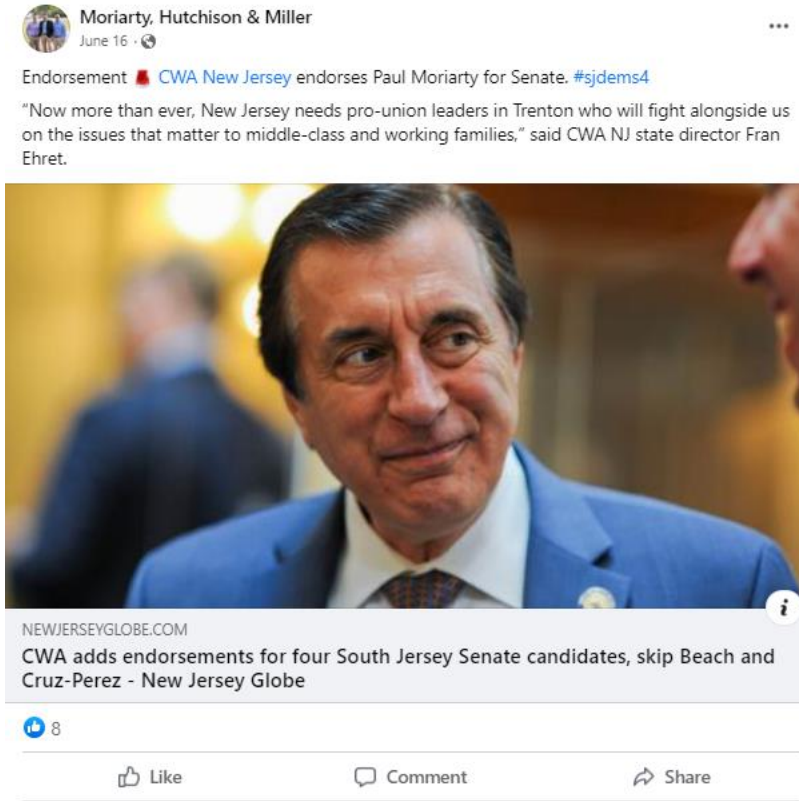
In 2023, Moriarty Was Backed By The NJEA. "The state's largest teacher's union is taking sides in two competitive South Jersey Senate races, backing Republican incumbent Vince Polistina (R-Egg Harbor Township) in the 2nd district and Democrat Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township) in the 4th. This is part of the third round of endorsements made by the influential New Jersey Education Association. More announcements of support could come before the November general election. The endorsements come with the financial and grassroots support of the NJEA. "An endorsement is just the first step. Our members are also committed to supporting these endorsed advocates of public education by making phone calls, knocking on doors, speaking to friends and colleagues and, most importantly, by voting for them," said NJEA President Sean M. Spiller, Vice President Steve Beatty, and Secretary-Treasurer, Petal Robertson. "We are determined to once again elect a pro-public education majority in the New Jersey Legislature so we can continue to progress we are making and address the challenges we face." In the 2nd district Assembly race, the NJEA is supporting just Assemblyman Don Guardian (R-Atlantic City) for re-election to a second term; the union skipped another incumbent, Assemblywoman Claire Swift (R-Margate and her challenger, Alphonso Harrell, a public school teacher and U.S. Army veteran. NJEA endorsements also went to Moriarty's two Assembly running mates, Dan Hutchison and Cody Miller." ([NJ Globe](#), 8/5/23)

In July 2023, Moriarty's Joint Campaign Account Posted Support For The Screen Actors Guild – American Federation Of Television And Radio Artists Union And Their Stike. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/14/23)



(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/14/23)

In June 2023, Moriarty's Joint Campaign Account Praised The Communications Workers Of America New Jersey's Endorsement Of Moriarty. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/16/23)



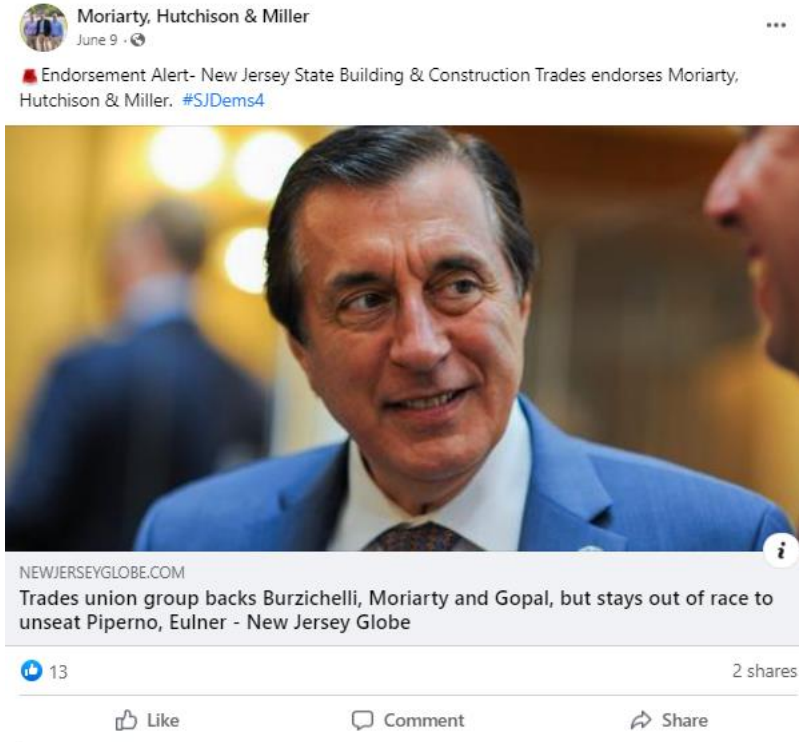
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In June 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Praised The New Jersey State AFL-CIO’s Endorsement Of Moriarty. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/14/23)



(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/14/23)

In June 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Praised The Endorsement From The New Jersey State Building & Construction Trades. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/9/23)



(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/9/23)

In June 2013, Moriarty Posted A Photo Meeting With The 1199 SEIU. (Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/14/13)



(Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/14/13)

In August 2009, Moriarty Posted That He Was Endorsed By The NJEA. (Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/3/09)



(Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/3/09)

Local

Overall

During His 2004 Campaign, Moriarty Pledged To Lower Taxes And Improve Services.

“Moriarty's slate is running under the slogan 'Democrats for Lower Taxes, Better Services.' 'My taxes are very high and the services are very poor,' LaPierre said. 'I believe the people deserve more.' Davidson's running mates are Councilman Mike Sauter and Albert Frattali, an ironworkers union representative. On the Republican side, Councilwoman Michelle Martin faces a primary challenge from Jeff Morris, the owner of a Woodbury printing company. Martin's running mates are Raymond C. DiNovi Jr., an elementary school principal; and Jim Donahue, a member of a local civic group.” (Courier-Post, 4/3/04)

Budgets And Property Taxes

In March 2005, Moriarty Pledged A Budget That Did Not Increase Taxes From 2004 And Possibly Lowered Taxes.

“Township council accepted a preliminary \$35 million municipal budget Thursday and committed itself to doing what it can to whittle down the proposed 8 cent tax rate increase that comes with it. The 2005 spending plan represents an increase of about \$2.3 million, or 7.3 percent, over last year's budget. Half of those costs are coming from contractual salary increases and the remainder is a result of hikes in health and liability insurance, utilities and trash collection, said Business Administrator Debra Fourre in brief prepared remarks. Council now has about three months to review the budget and try to lessen its tax impact on township property owners, Council President Frank Scarpato said. Mayor Paul Moriarty's letter to council set an ambitious goal. "By the time the budget process is completed and a budget is adopted in July, we will have a 2005 budget document that reflects no tax increase over 2004, and perhaps a tax rate lower than in prior years,' Moriarty wrote.” (Courier Post, 3/25/05)

- **“The Mayor Wants A 2005 Budget That Reflects No Increase Over The 2004 Tax Rate Of 77 Cents For Every \$100 Of Assessed Property Value.”** “Three cents down, 5 cents to go. Township council on Thursday lopped nearly 3 cents off the township's proposed 8-cent property tax increase for the preliminary 2005 budget. Council, though, still must shave about \$1.2 million, or 5 cents, from the spending plan to reach Mayor Paul Moriarty's target. The mayor wants a 2005 budget that reflects no increase over the 2004 tax rate of 77 cents for every \$100 of assessed property value. With Thursday's cuts,

property owners face a tax rate of 82 cents per \$100. The owner of a home assessed at the township average of \$128,391 would see a \$68 increase in municipal taxes.” (*Courier Post*, 3/25/05)

- However, In August 2005, Moriarty Failed To Keep Taxes Level With The Washington Township Council Ultimately Adopting A Budget With A 4.8 Cent Tax Rate Increase; Moriarty Claimed The Council Was “Defeatist... Overly Pessimistic.”** “Unlike regular property tax bills that show exactly how taxes are distributed to schools, the county and municipal government, the estimated bills showed only a combined dollar amount that was significantly higher than last quarter's, said township business administrator Debra Fourre. Compounding the confusion was an attached letter signed by Mayor Paul Moriarty, noting the estimated bills reflected no municipal property tax increase over the past year. Council has not adopted its municipal budget yet and has not determined whether there will be a tax increase. Residents, however, mistook Moriarty's letter to mean there were no tax increases at all. That didn't jibe with the fact their bill showed a higher quarterly amount. The estimated bills did include tax increases for the county, county open space fund and township school district. They did not include increases for the municipal government, the local open space fund or the fire district. The township was forced to send out estimated bills because, even though the \$36 million municipal budget for 2005 isn't finalized, the municipality needs tax revenue to pay its bills. The budget Moriarty introduced in March called for a roughly 8-cent increase in the tax rate, but Moriarty and township council are still trying to make cuts and find other revenue sources so they can keep property taxes stable. Council will again discuss the budget at its meeting Thursday, but it's unclear if the five-member board will adopt it. Moriarty will be out of town on business and has requested that council postpone any action until his return. Moriarty said he wants to make sure the township does all it can to get as much revenue as it can for property tax relief.” (*Courier Post*, 8/4/05)

In 2006, Critics “Say Moriarty May Be Taking Too Much Credit. They Also Say His Steadfast Refusal To Incrementally Raise Taxes In 2006 And 2007 May Have A Negative Effect On Taxpayers In The Future.” “Democratic Mayor Paul Moriarty, nearly at the halfway point of his first term in office, said he has held the line on spending while improving services. Critics, however, say Moriarty may be taking too much credit. They also say his steadfast refusal to incrementally raise taxes in 2006 and 2007 may have a negative effect on taxpayers in the future. The mayor, who also is serving his first term in the state Assembly, said his efforts at the local level mirrored his priorities as a state legislator. He was one of a number of South Jersey Democrats who tried unsuccessfully last summer to get state employees to accept a 15 percent reduction in compensation to avoid a sales tax increase. "I'm walking the walk, and talking the talk in the township," Moriarty said. "Not only was I championing bills, I was taking the slings and arrows of the unions."” (*Courier Post*, 12/9/06)

In 2007, Moriarty Claimed He Felt Uncomfortable That Washington Township Had Such A Large Surplus. “Township council voted Thursday to adopt a flat rate budget. Councilwoman Anita LaPierre was the sole dissenting vote against the budget; she claimed it depended on too many one-time revenues. Council President Frank Scarpato III, who voted in favor of the budget, said it needs to be a priority this year to replenish the township's surplus. Mayor Paul Moriarty

said he feels uncomfortable having a large township surplus. A public hearing was held for residents to ask questions and challenge the \$37.3 million spending plan, which offers taxpayers a no increase tax rate for the second year in a row. The tax rate -- about 81 cents per \$100 of assessed property -- means the average home owner of a house assessed at \$130,000 will pay about \$1,050 this year. Many residents who spoke at the meeting on Thursday said they were grateful for the tax relief offered by the budget. Tax bills are expected to be mailed out in about a week, Councilwoman Michelle Martin said. Significant savings were found through reductions in insurance premiums and savings in the public works department, Moriarty said previously. The budget also uses about \$297,000 from the Municipal Utility Authority.” (*Courier Post*, 7/27/07)

In 2008, Moriarty Proposed A Budget With A 7.8 Cent Tax Rate Increase. “Township officials are set to continue discussion of an expected two years' worth of tax hikes for residents on Thursday. The dilemma for some council members is that accepting mayor Paul D. Moriarty's proposal of a 7.8-cent tax rate increase this year could leave tax payers paying much more in 2009. Councilman Frank Scarpato said the smaller increase this year could amount to an increase of around 21-cents the following year. "The only way to handle this situation is to go at it head on," he said, about lowering the overall budget. At \$36.1 million, the proposed fiscal 2008 budget is \$1.4 million less than in 2007. The average homeowner paid about \$1,066 in local purpose taxes in 2007. An increase of 7.8-cents per \$100 of a home's assessed value would equate to \$101.40 more for the average tax payer in the township. The proposed mitigated tax increase for fiscal 2008 is based on changing the township's tax collection method so back taxes owed to the township in 2007 would be collected this year, and another tax sale would be held in December for the delinquent taxes owed in 2008. From this year on, the township would only collect the delinquent tax in December as opposed to the past practice of collecting it in June. Moriarty said the current practice sometimes lets delinquent taxes go uncollected for more than a year.” (*Courier Post*, 7/9/08)

- **The Washington Township Council Introduced Its Own Budget With A 17.8 Cent Tax Rate Increase Contending That Moriarty’s Proposal Would Require A Major Tax Rate Increase In 2009.** “Township residents could see a 17.8-cent increase in the local tax rate this year if the 2008 budget introduced by council on Wednesday is ultimately approved. The increase would mean the owner of home assessed at the township's average of \$130,000 would pay about \$231 more in municipal taxes. This figure does not include school, fire and county taxes, which are assessed separately. The proposed municipal tax rate increase is more than double the 7.8-cent increase Mayor Paul Moriarty originally proposed to the council. Moriarty was not at Wednesday's meeting because of a prior engagement and could not be reached for comment late Wednesday. Council balked at Moriarty's proposed \$36.1 million budget and raised concerns at workshops earlier this month that the lower tax increase this year could leave them a gaping financial hole to fill in 2009. "Doing this was a very difficult decision for council," said Council President Michelle Martin. "We thought long and hard about how we wanted to do this and I believe this is the most fiscal responsible thing to do." The council's \$38.7 million budget is \$1.2 million more than what was spent in 2007, when the average taxpayer paid about \$1,066 in municipal taxes.” (*Courier Post*, 7/24/08)

- In September 2008, The Washington Township Council Approved A Compromise Budget That Included A 11 Cent Tax Rate Increase And Used Moriarty's Suggestion For An Accelerated Tax Plan.** "Members of township council on Thursday narrowly -- and reluctantly -- approved an accelerated tax plan meant to balance the municipal budget. "We don't have the option of doing anything else," said Council President Michelle Martin before casting the decisive vote for the plan's 3-2 approval. Martin said she "absolutely" agreed with the measure's critics but added, "I have to vote yes in order to be responsible for the township." Council members also voted 3-2 to approve the 2008 budget, which boosts the municipal tax rate by 11 cents. That means an annual increase of about \$143 for the owner of an average home assessed at \$130,000. The council previously had resisted the accelerated tax plan, which was proposed by Mayor Paul Moriarty earlier this year as a way to boost 2008 revenue. Council members hoped instead that a state agency would allow the township to exceed a cap on municipal property taxes by \$2.2 million. But the state granted a waiver of only \$751,000, leaving a \$1.5 million hole in a \$38.7 million budget. Officials expect the tax sale, to be held Dec. 23 rather than in June 2009, will plug that gap." (*Courier Post*, 9/26/08)

Other Taxes And Fees

In 2005, Moriarty Is Known To Have Proposed A Business Licensing Fee. "A local business owner filed a police report against Mayor Paul Moriarty on Friday, asserting he was harassed over a roadside sign that disparaged the mayor. But Moriarty said he was trying to explain to the man that business signs, by township ordinance, can be used only to advertise a firm, not to embarrass people. The sign outside Michael Mellace's accounting firm in the 600 block of Delsea Drive read: "Hey Moriarty, you stink, you chicken." Similar messages have appeared on the sign over the past several months. Mellace said he's unhappy with the mayor's proposed business licensing fee and the township's handling of a request he made under the Open Public Records Act. "I believe that he's bad for the township and I'd like to display my disgust with him with my signs," said Mellace, 32, of Williamstown." (*Courier Post*, 6/11/05)

- The *Courier Post* Editorial Board Criticized The Proposal To "To Start Collecting \$100 From Every Business Every Year To Renew Its Business License. This Comes After Nearly A Decade Of Neglecting To Collect A \$30 Fee."** "Before more than tripling a business fee, maybe Washington Township should try enforcing the law that's on the books. The township council last week considered a proposal to start collecting \$100 from every business every year to renew its business license. This comes after nearly a decade of neglecting to collect a \$30 fee. First off, we wish governments would stop with the doublespeak and admit that an annual fee that does little beyond increasing government income is a tax, not a "fee." Calling it a fee implies businesses receive something in return. And the fact is, businesses will receive little more than Jersey motorists get for paying an annual fee to re-register their vehicles. Sure, Washington Township Mayor Paul Moriarty says that businesses renewing every year will give the township details about owners, operators and emergency contact numbers. That information would be useful, but why charge \$100 per year to collect it? Odds are, the businesses would be willing to turn over that information for free. And if the township wanted to take control and charge for the work involved, it certainly could do so with the \$30 fee that's already codified. Increasing the cost to \$100 will only create one more

hurdle for establishments trying to make do in the township. "I know the township has a budget deficit that they have to deal with, and they are trying to ease people's tax burden, so I appreciate the effort," said Gregory Wood, director of the township Chamber of Commerce. "But anything that is a detriment to getting or keeping businesses in town is a bad thing." Wood is right. It won't help the community to balance the budget on the backs of local businesses. Those businesses should be ready to live up to the law on the books, but there's no reason to go beyond that." (Editorial, *Courier Post*, 3/4/05)

In 2007, Moriarty Is Known To Have Proposed A 3 Percent Hotel Tax. "Township council approved the first reading of an ordinance to allow the township to enact a local hotel/motel tax that would require lodgers to pay a 3 percent tax. The proposed tax would be added to the current 7 percent sales tax. The tax is intended to increase revenue for the township, Mayor Paul Moriarty has previously said. There are no hotels in town, but at least one company is in the planning stages. There are several motels along the Black Horse Pike. The second reading of the ordinance and a public hearing are scheduled at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at the municipal building on Egg Harbor Road." (*Courier Post*, 8/27/07)

- **In September 2007, Washington Township Ultimately Passed The Hotel Tax.** "In an effort to raise revenue for the township while not causing a tax burden for residents, township council on Thursday unanimously approved an ordinance to establish a hotel-motel tax for hotel lodgers. Only Councilwoman Anita LaPierre questioned how the measure would affect low-income residents or homeless people placed in the motels by the county. "I know that we have motels in town where the county sends them because they don't have a place to stay," she said. "I'm concerned about this." Despite the concerns she raised and the lack of answers, LaPierre voted in favor of the ordinance. Overnight visitors to local motels and to any future hotels planned for the township, will be required to pay an additional 3 percent tax. The proposed tax would be added to the current 7 percent sales tax, officials said. The tax is intended to increase revenue for the township, Mayor Paul Moriarty has said. "I think it's a great idea," Council President Frank Scarpato III said. When asked if it might have an adverse effect on those who stay at the motels out of necessity, he shrugged his shoulders." (*Courier Post*, 9/14/07)

Spending Matters Of Note

“Current And Former Township Officials Criticize Him For Decisions Such As Spending \$75,000 In A Capital-Improvement Fund For Cosmetic Upgrades At The Municipal Building...” “Current and former township officials criticize him for decisions such as spending \$75,000 in a capital-improvement fund for cosmetic upgrades at the municipal building and for the conduct of one of his aides who misrepresented the facts in his application for a township liquor license. The aide resigned in 2005.” (*Courier Post*, 12/9/06)

In 2005, Moriarty Defended Money “Being Spent On Items Such As Furniture, Decorative Wall Murals And Picture Frames For Historical Photos During A Tight Budget Year” – Including A \$296 Desk Lamp For Himself. “New furniture for the township building: \$8,400. Framed historical photographs for the building's walls: \$5,607. New carpeting for the building: \$3,199. Township resident Vincent Grosso ticked off the above items and several others -- including a \$296 desk lamp for the mayor's office -- one by one until they totaled \$21,400. Then

he asked Mayor Paul Moriarty why money was being spent on items such as furniture, decorative wall murals and picture frames for historical photos during a tight budget year. Township council earlier this month approved a 4.8-cent increase in the municipal tax rate, which will cost the average homeowner an additional \$62 a year. "People have been screaming and hollering about taxes in this township," said Grosso, who obtained the numbers he presented at council's Thursday meeting from the township's July 21 bill list. "I think we're spending more money than we need to spend." Money for all the items listed came either from donations or from a fund the township can only use to make improvements to the municipal building and other township property, Moriarty responded. "We're trying to maintain and upgrade our facilities. We don't want to go back to the days when we were embarrassed of our town hall," the mayor said after the meeting." (*Courier Post*, 8/26/05)

In 2006, The *Courier Post* Criticized Moriarty's Rhetoric On Fiscal Responsibility At The State Level As Hypocritical Given His Spending On Thousands Of Dollars Of Non-Essential Equipment And Furniture In Washington Township. "The Washington Township mayor must exercise fiscal restraint at home as well as in Trenton. Surely, Paul Moriarty, the Washington Township mayor and state assemblyman, must see the irony. It's likely many of his constituents do. On one hand, he's part of a small group of Democratic state legislators who wisely called for 15 percent cuts in compensation for state government workers to help New Jersey erase its budget deficit. But then, as Washington Township mayor, Moriarty has spent freely on furniture, picture frames and other nonessentials in the municipal building. While the municipal tax rate wasn't raised this year, it was last year, and is likely to be next year, the township auditor has said. So Washington Township residents must ask their mayor: Is he there to fight for fiscal prudence and save taxpayer dollars, as he talked about when running for mayor? Or is Moriarty just saying one thing and doing another? Some of what Moriarty's administration has spent in the last three months: \$3,035.59 for office furniture for the mayor's assistant, Margie Love. \$2,707.38 to frame pictures of former mayors and a township map that hang in the municipal building. \$1,456.11 to plant flowers and landscape outside the municipal building. \$783.91 for an oak conference table and chairs for the public works director's office. \$271 for speakers in Moriarty's office at the municipal building. Also, \$1,897 was spent on a new computer for Love's office and to configure and install it, although that part of the cost was covered by a Comcast technology grant, Moriarty said. The mayor also said some, but not all, of the other costs were covered by donations from area businesses. It's understandable that upgrades in any workplace must be made. And Moriarty is right that residents ought to be able to take pride in their municipal building by having it look good. But it's disturbing to see the mayor spend money on nonessentials and then downplay concerns from elected council members." (*Courier Post*, 7/18/06)

MUNICIPAL ANALYSIS – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Budget Table

Fiscal Year	Total Appropriations	Police Department	Mayor
FY 2004	\$32,318,185.76	\$7,811,883	No
FY 2005	\$34,993,388	\$8,349,662.46	Yes
FY 2006	\$36,216,791.80	\$8,113,310	Yes
FY 2007	\$37,320,427.03	\$8,379,504	Yes
FY 2008	\$38,702,827.92	\$8,741,824	Yes

(Washington Township, FY 2004 – FY 2008; Independent Analysis)

NOTE: Moriarty was not the Mayor during the passage of the FY 2004 Washington Township budget; the numbers are included as a benchmark from which to compare budget figures.

Total Appropriations

From FY 2004 To FY 2008, The Washington Township’s Budgets Increased Total Appropriations From \$32,318,185.76 To \$38,702,827.92 Or By 20 Percent. (FY 2004; FY 2008)

- **The FY 2004 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$32,318,185.76.** (FY 2004)
- **The FY 2008 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$38,702,827.92.** (FY 2008)

FY 2004

Total Appropriations

The FY 2004 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$32,318,185.76. (FY 2004)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET

	YEAR 2004
General Appropriations For: (Reference to item and sheet number should be omitted in advertised budget)	xx
1. Appropriations within "CAPS"	xx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-1, Sheet 19) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.2))	19,098,174.26
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	xx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-2, Sheet 28) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.3 as amended))	10,502,386.15
(b) Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29)	
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (Item O, Sheet 29)	10,502,386.15
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) - Based on Estimated 97.25% Percent of Tax Collections	2,717,625.35
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	32,318,185.76
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	

(FY 2004)

Police

The FY 2004 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$7,811,883 For The Police Department. (FY 2004)

PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS		
Division of Police		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	7,261,801.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	550,082.00

(FY 2004)

Office Of The Mayor

The FY 2004 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$83,480 For The Office Of The Mayor. (FY 2004)

Office of Township Mayor		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	67,480.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	16,000.00

(FY 2004)

FY 2005

Total Appropriations

The FY 2005 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$34,993,388. (FY 2005)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET

	YEAR 2005
General Appropriations For: (Reference to item and sheet number should be omitted in advertised budget)	xx
1. Appropriations within "CAPS"	xx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-1, Sheet 19) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.2))	20,938,990.80
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	xx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-2, Sheet 28) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.3 as amended))	11,408,135.25
(b) Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29)	
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (Item O, Sheet 29)	11,408,135.25
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) - Based on Estimated 97.50% Percent of Tax Collections	2,646,261.95
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	Building Aid Allowance 2005 - \$ _____ for Schools - State Aid 2004 - \$ _____
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	34,993,388.00

(FY 2005)

Police

The FY 2005 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$8,349,662.46 For The Police Department. (FY 2005)

Division of Police		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	7,783,078.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	566,584.46

(FY 2005)

Office Of The Mayor

The FY 2005 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$131,076 For The Office Of The Mayor. (FY 2005)

Office of Township Mayor		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	115,626.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	15,450.00

(FY 2005)

FY 2006

Total Appropriations

The FY 2006 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$36,216,791.80. (FY 2006)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET

		YEAR 2006
General Appropriations For: (Reference to item and sheet number should be omitted in advertised budget)		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
1. Appropriations within "CAPS"		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-1, Sheet 19) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.2))		22,003,664.31
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-2, Sheet 28) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.3 as amended))		11,844,069.71
(b) Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29)		
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (Item O, Sheet 29)		11,844,069.71
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) - Based on Estimated	97.75% Percent of Tax Collections	2,369,057.78
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)		36,216,791.80
5. Total Anticipated Revenue Other Than Current Property Tax (Item 8, Sheet 24)		

(FY 2006)

Police

The FY 2006 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$8,113,310 For The Police Department. (FY 2006)

Division of Police		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	7,613,445.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	499,865.00

(FY 2006)

Office Of The Mayor

The FY 2006 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$139,826 For The Office Of The Mayor. (FY 2006)

Office of Township Mayor		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	124,026.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	15,800.00

(FY 2006)

FY 2007

Total Appropriations

The FY 2007 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$37,320,427.03. (FY 2007)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET

	YEAR 2007
General Appropriations For: (Reference to item and sheet number should be omitted in advertised budget)	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
1. Appropriations within "CAPS"	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-1, Sheet 19) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.2))	27,930,790.00
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-2, Sheet 28) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.3 as amended))	7,036,140.79
(b) Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29)	
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (Item O, Sheet 29)	7,036,140.79
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) - Based on Estimated 98.00% Percent of Tax Collections	2,353,496.24
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	37,320,427.03

(FY 2007)

Police

The FY 2007 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$8,379,504 For The Police Department. (FY 2007)

Division of Police		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	7,887,254.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	492,250.00

(FY 2007)

Office Of The Mayor

The FY 2007 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$113,241 For The Office Of The Mayor. (FY 2007)

Office of Township Mayor		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	100,441.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	12,800.00

(FY 2007)

FY 2008

Total Appropriations

The FY 2008 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$38,702,827.92. (FY 2008)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET

		YEAR 2008
General Appropriations For: (Reference to item and sheet number should be omitted in advertised budget)		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
1. Appropriations within "CAPS"		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes {(Item H-1, Sheet 19) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.2)}		27,958,281.00
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes {(Item H-2, Sheet 28) (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.3 as amended)}		8,052,334.12
(b) Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29)		
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (Item O, Sheet 29)		8,052,334.12
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) - Based on Estimated 97.90% Percent of Tax Collections		2,692,212.80
Building Aid Allowance 2008 - \$ _____		
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29) for Schools - State Aid 2007 - \$ _____		38,702,827.92

(FY 2008)

Police

The FY 2008 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$8,741,824 For The Police Department. (FY 2008)

Division of Police		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	8,323,574.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	418,250.00

(FY 2008)

Office Of The Mayor

The FY 2008 Washington Township Budget Appropriated A Total Of \$101,566 For The Office Of The Mayor. (FY 2008)

Office of Township Mayor		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	100,566.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	1,000.00

(FY 2008)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Clean Energy

In July 2023, Moriarty Was Criticized By Republicans For His Vote In Favor Of A \$1 Billion Giveaway For An Offshore Wind Farm. “Del Borrello, Walker & Esposito say NJ ratepayers should not be forced to subsidize a foreign corporation; Call on Moriarty and running mates to explain their indefensible position Fourth Legislative District, July 17, 2023 – Republican legislative challengers Chris Del Borrello, Matt Walker and Amanda Esposito today slammed Democrat Assemblyman and State Senate candidate Paul Moriarty today for voting to bail out Danish corporation, Orsted, at the expense of NJ ratepayers. Del Borrello, Walker and Esposito said Moriarty’s decision to vote for a law that takes \$1 billion in money that was supposed to provide New Jersey ratepayer relief, and instead turn it in to corporate welfare for a foreign company, with a largely foreign workforce, that is potentially killing whales and dolphins in record numbers – is offensive on every level. “This is a classic ‘Robinhood in Reverse’ scheme that screws local ratepayers to bail out a multi-billion-dollar company,” said Del Borrello, a local small businessman. “The fact that it’s a foreign company who is under scrutiny for a record number of whale and dolphin deaths up and down our coast only makes it worse. What was Paul Moriarty thinking? Or better yet, follow the money.” According to reports, Brian Lipman, director of the state’s Division of Rate Counsel, wrote “there should be no doubt that this bill will increase the amount the developer earns on this project and will result in higher ... prices being paid by ratepayers.” ([Insider NJ](#), 7/17/23)

In July 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Supported Federal Tax Credits For Offshore Wind Production. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/17/23)

Moriarty, Hutchison & Miller
July 17 at 6:29 PM · 🌐

"Desperate Del Borrello is so pathetically reaching to find a way to be relevant that he is launching a tirade against federal tax credits that will create jobs and provide massive economic opportunities in South Jersey.

Let's get this straight, South Jersey will benefit from a once-in-a-generation opportunity to become the national leader in offshore wind production, bringing thousands of jobs to our community.

Clueless Chris doesn't get it.

As Texas benefited from oil economically, New Jersey can lead the way in our country's transition towards a clean power future with the added incentive of an economic windfall. Additionally, Orsted's \$200 million investment in [Paulsboro Marine Terminal](#) will make the facility the sole manufacturer of monopiles, so it would be foolish to block federal tax credits.

As we reduce our dependence on foreign oil, America will be more secure. These projects are critical to powering our way to an affordable, clean energy future.

Today demonstrates that Chris Del Borrello is not on our side and shilling for the fossil fuel corporate interests by choosing big oil over South Jersey jobs." [#sjdems4](#)

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LD4 Republicans hit Moriarty over offshore wind tax credit vote - New Jersey Globe

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(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/17/23)

In July 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Supported The Creation Of “A New Green Energy Industry”. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/6/23)

 **Moriarty, Hutchison & Miller**
July 6 at 9:39 PM · 🌐

Bringing good-paying manufacturing jobs and creating a new Green energy industry in our State!
Today, I joined the governor as he signed a package of bills that catalyzes continued job generation and the expansion of Offshore Wind, Film Production, and Residential and Commercial Real Estate Industries in New Jersey.

A5651/S4019 will enable New Jersey's first offshore wind project, Ocean Wind 1, to access federal tax credits and commit to supporting our state's growing offshore wind supply chain.

This was a critical step to achieving this once-in-a-generation opportunity to make South Jersey a national leader in offshore wind. The monopile in this video was manufactured at [Paulsboro Marine Terminal](#).

A5393/S3748 appropriates \$30 million and bolsters the State's film and digital media tax credit program. In the last five years, New Jersey has increased our investments in the film industry tenfold.

A5644/S4023 makes critical changes to the Aspire Program, which brings new residential and commercial developments to under-resourced communities by helping to finance projects that would otherwise not be economically feasible for developers.- PM #sjdems4

Read more at the link --<https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562023/20230706b.shtml> ✓



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(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/6/23)

In June 2013, Moriarty Posted In Support Of The Creation Of Gloucester Township's Solar Project. (Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/27/13)



(Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/27/13)

Environmentalist Associations

In 2023, Moriarty Was Endorsed By Environment NJ. “The New Jersey League of Conservation Voters has endorsed Democrats in four competitive legislative districts but skipped over 22 Democratic incumbents and all but one Republican lawmaker. The 53,000-member grassroots environmental group is backing John Burzichelli against State Sen. Edward Durr (R-Logan) in the 3rd district, Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township) for the open Senate seat in the 4th, and State Sens. Vin Gopal (D-Long Branch) and Andrew Zwicker (D-South Brunswick) in the 11th and 16th districts, respectively. In addition to Durr, the organization endorsed challengers against six Assembly incumbents: Bethanne McCarthy-Patrick (R-Mannington) in District 3; Michael Torrissi (R-Hammonton) and Brandon Umba (R-Medford) in District 8; Brian Rumpf (R-Little Egg Harbor) in District 9; and Marilyn Piperno (R-Colts Neck) and Kim Eulner (R-Shrewsbury) in District 11. The LCV is backing Christine Clarke for Senate in the 25th against Senate Minority Leader Anthony Bucco (R-Boonton), and Evesham Councilwoman Heather Cooper, a Democrat, for the open GOP Senate seat in the 8th. The lone Republican statewide to capture a League of Conservation Voters endorsement is Assemblyman Rob Clifton (R-Matawan) in District 12.” ([NJ Globe](#), 7/6/23)

In 2023, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The NJ LCV. “New Jersey League of Conservation Voters (New Jersey LCV), the political voice for the environment, announced their slate of endorsements for the 2023 New Jersey legislative elections, encompassing 56 candidates across 24 districts of which 40% are women and 26% are candidates of color. New Jersey LCV works to elect viable candidates, without regard to party affiliation, who have demonstrated an active or affirmative willingness and capacity to advance New Jersey LCV’s pro-environment priorities.

“We could not be prouder of the dedicated, pro-environment leaders in this round of legislative endorsements, and we look forward to electing them to office and working together to build a more equitable and sustainable clean energy future for our children and grandchildren,” said Allison McLeod, Senior Policy Director, New Jersey LCV. “Codifying 100% clean energy by 2035, advancing offshore wind, and strengthening our democracy are all on the ballot. That’s why it’s important that every registered voter participate and support these environmental champions.” ([Insider NJ](#), 7/6/23)

- **NOTE:** *Moriarty’s name is mentioned later in the release.*

Miscellaneous

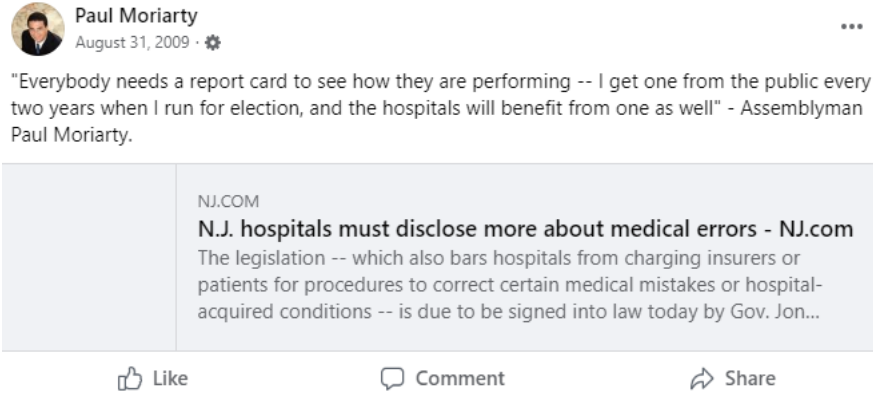
In September 2005, Some Washington Township Council Members Were Critical Of Moriarty’s Proposal To Use Some Of The Township’s Tree Fund To Develop Sports Fields.

“The purpose behind two proposed ordinances tabled by township council seemed harmless enough. Protect healthy trees and replace those lost to development. But one of the proposals, tabled Thursday night, has some members of the township's environmental commission seeing shades of red instead of shade trees' green. Their big concern is with use of the township's tree fund. Developers give money to the fund when they don't want to replace trees they removed from their property during construction. In one proposal, the fund -- it now has about \$51,000 -- is only for buying, planting and caring for trees. In the other, the township can also use it for developing sports fields. The second proposal, which Mayor Paul Moriarty introduced, shouldn't be an option, according to some commission members. "We're very concerned that the purpose of the ordinance and the proper uses of the tree fund be preserved," said Vicki Binetti, the commission's vice chairwoman. She noted the township already has a recreation fund and an open space trust fund that can be used to buy land for athletic fields. A fund solely for reforestation benefits the community because trees control soil erosion, flooding and air pollution, she said.” (*Courier Post*, 9/24/05)

HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Hospital Reporting

In August 2009, Moriarty Posted Support For Requiring Hospitals To Disclose Medical Errors. (Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/31/09)



(Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/31/09)

Smoking

In 2007, Moriarty Expressed Support For A Smoking Ban At Washington Township Publicly Owned Properties. “Smokers beware. The township recently banned smokers from lighting up on publicly owned properties, including Washington Lake Park, in front of the municipal building or near the municipal court on McClure Drive. In a growing trend, municipalities across Gloucester County are taking a stance against second-hand smoke and abandoned butts resulting from smoking cigarettes and tobacco products. Doris Pennell, a Mullica Hill mom, said she is adamantly against smokers in parks, especially areas where her children are playing ball or riding skateboards. "I'm against smoking because it's offensive," she said, standing in the shade of a tree at Washington Lake Park, watching her son skateboard. "Here's a skate park. What if there's a teenager that comes here smoking? My son looks up to the teenagers and it's a really bad example to see them smoking at the park." Mayor Paul Moriarty suggested council consider a smoking ban earlier this summer. "I think this is important because I don't think we should have people smoking at our outdoor recreational facilities," he said. "I think it sets a bad example for our kids. It's a nuisance to people who are trying to sit in folding chairs to watch youth sports and it creates litter." Some argue the measure infringes on personal freedoms and is a case for excessive regulation.” (*Courier Post*, 9/3/07)

In 2019, Moriarty Sponsored Legislation Banning Smoking On New Jersey Beaches. “New Jersey's beaches will soon be smoke free. A state law banning smoking on beaches will go into effect this month, with the onus on towns to figure out how to enforce the rule. Gov. Phil Murphy signed a measure in July prohibiting smoking on public beaches and parks, though municipalities can create small sections for smokers. The goal is to keep cigarettes off the sand and out of the ocean, where marine life could ingest them. "We can now breathe easier because the new ban on smoking in beaches and parks will go into effect," said New Jersey Sierra Club Director Jeff Tittel. Those who violate the law are subject to a \$250 fine for their first offense, \$500 for a second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. The bill doesn't specify which government body is responsible for enforcing the ban, leaving it up to towns to decide. State legislators Steve Sweeney, Vin Gopal, Bob Smith, Vincent Mazzeo, Clinton Calabrese, Valerie Vainieri Huttel and Paul Moriarty were primary sponsors of the bill.” (*Press Of Atlantic City*, 1/7/19)

In May 2016, Moriarty Posted Support For A Bill That Bans Smoking At Parks And Beaches. (Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/27/16)



(Official Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/27/16)

In 2021, Moriarty Backed Banning Smoking In Atlantic City Casinos. “Steps to end smoking in Atlantic City's casinos were endorsed by the state Assembly's deputy speaker Tuesday. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, Camden, issued a statement supporting legislation to end smoking in the casinos. The proposed bill also has support from other lawmakers as casino workers continue to pressure Trenton into enacting the law they say will protect their health. "It is unconscionable that any workers in New Jersey would knowingly be subjected to carcinogens in the workplace," said Moriarty, who also Tuesday announced himself as the bill's fourth sponsor. "It is time for New Jersey to treat casino employees as equal to other service industry workers and prohibit smoking in casinos." New Jersey banned casino smoking temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but workers and unions have campaigned for a permanent ban to the practice. Casinos in surrounding states have already banned smoking in their buildings.” (*Press Of Atlantic City*, 12/15/21)

EDUCATION

Curriculum And Content

In August 2023, Moriarty Would Not Commit To Whether He Would Use Senatorial Courtesy To Block The Renomination OF NJ Board Of Education Member Elaine Bobrove Who Voted To Segregate Sex Ed Classes On Gender Identity And Eliminate Multiple

Instances Of Gendered Language. “The Republican candidate for State Senate in the 4th district is using a state Board of Education member from South Jersey to highlight his opposition to controversial new gender identity rules – and to remind voters that he would become the first Republican in two decades to exercise senatorial courtesy in Camden County. Christopher Del Borrello pledged to block the renomination of Elaine Bobrove, a retired educator and union leader from Haddon Township who voted to segregate sex education classes based on gender identity and eliminate multiple instances of gendered language from the state’s education code if Gov. Phil Murphy seeks to renominate her to a second term. The proposal, which passed on a narrow 6-5 vote, could be a politically hot issue that Republicans can capitalize on before the November midterm election. “The six members of the State Board of Education, including Ms. Bobrove from Camden County, who voted ‘yes’ for this nonsense should never be reappointed, and any Republican senator who can prevent that should,” Del Borrello said. “If I am elected to the State Senate in November, I can promise 4th legislative district residents today that any attempt to reappoint Ms. Bobrove to the State Board of Education when her term expires will fail.” The move may be simply symbolic, since Bobrove is 85 years old and can remain on the state board as a holdover. Del Borrello’s opponent, nine-term Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Washington Township), told the New Jersey Globe that he opposes the Board’s equity code. “Four days ago, I demanded the BOE go back to the drawing board and stop mandating policy to the entire state without getting input from parents and educators, who are the most important actors in a student’s education,” Moriarty said in a statement. “I’m happy Del Borrello agrees with me that the BOE got it wrong and that they need to correct their course. As an assemblyman or a senator, I will always hold boards and individual members of government accountable to the people of this state and especially to the parents of school children.” “I’m glad Chris is reading my Facebook posts, so he knows what issues to weigh in on,” he added. Although he has been forceful in denouncing the State Board of Education’s policy, Moriarty did not comment on whether he would use senatorial courtesy to block Bobrove.” ([NJ Globe](#), 8/9/23)

Consolidation

In 2007, Moriarty Flip-Flopped And Ultimately Withdrew His Support For A Plan That Critics Alleged Would Consolidate All Gloucester County Schools Into A Single School District After A Widespread Outcry. “A plan to create a county-wide school district as a pilot project aimed at cutting property taxes appeared dead Thursday, after Senate Democrats could not agree to changes that might have made the plan more palatable to residents who feared losing control of their schools. The proposal lost support after 3,000 people, many prompted by the teachers union and school boards, berated lawmakers Tuesday night at a meeting in Gloucester County's Washington Township, fearing that their schools would be hurt if the county went along with the program. Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, initially backed the plan but said it became a victim of disinformation. "There was so much information all over the map and parents were truly scared," said Sweeney, who is also Gloucester County Freeholder Director. The plan's sponsor, Sen. Robert Smith, D-Middlesex, agreed to the changes, but they did not win enough support among Democrats, who control the Senate, Sweeney said. Sweeney had considered using his county for the pilot program, which he said would create a county-wide administration that he hoped would cut bureaucracy and reduce the cost of running local schools.

Eleven of the 21 counties would have been eligible. The plan was crushed by an avalanche of criticism. Parents, warned by fliers decrying the plan, worried that their children would be shipped to other schools. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, said Gloucester County lawmakers "would never have allowed" those provisions into the law and were assured amendments would clarify the issue. When the amendments didn't materialize, he withdrew support for the plan." (*Asbury Park Press*, 1/19/07)

School Choice

Public School Choice (Hit From The Left)

In 2010, Moriarty Sponsored "Legislation To Create A Permanent Public School Choice Program To Allow Parents To Move Their Children To Schools Located Across District Lines." "Legislation to create a permanent public school choice program to allow parents to move their children to schools located across district lines has been approved by the Assembly. Under the proposal - whose sponsors include Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Washington Township - schools seeking to participate in the program would apply to the Commissioner of Education, detailing the services available to students and an accounting of the fiscal impacts of being a choice district. If an approved district has available space, pupils who wish to transfer to that school would submit an application. Though a receiving district cannot discriminate against a prospective student, the district would be able to review the application based on the student's interests in the school's offerings. Schools also would be permitted to start a lottery should demand outpace the supply of available seats. Sending districts would be responsible for providing or paying for transportation for any elementary school pupil who lives more than two miles from the receiving district and any secondary school student who lives more than two and one-half miles from their new school. Sending districts would not have to pay if the student's new school is more than 20 miles from their home. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration." (*Gloucester County Times*, 3/24/10)

Charter Schools

In 2011, Moriarty Was Critical Of Charter Schools. "¥ Paul Moriarty, a Democrat from Washington Township, said: "Gov. Christie's idea of education reform is taking funding from public schools and increasing funding to charter schools. I believe in the quality education that New Jersey public schools provide. That is why I sponsored legislation creating the New Jersey Inter-district Public School Choice Program that became law this year, which allows for real school choice within public schools and does not funnel taxpayer dollars to private schools." (*Gloucester County Times*, 10/16/11)

LAW AND ORDER

Law Enforcement

Camera Mandate

In 2016, A Court Ruling Found Moriarty's Bill Mandating Body Cameras Or Dash Cameras For Police To Be Unconstitutional Because It Did Not Adequately Cover The Cost Of The Equipment. "Several Republican lawmakers said Thursday that they were glad to see a

law that required towns to purchase and install police body or dashboard cameras get knocked down this week because it did not adequately cover the cost of the equipment. They said that was the same argument they made unsuccessfully two years ago, when the measure passed the Assembly and Senate and was signed by Governor Christie. "I do support the use of cameras. I think it's beneficial both to law enforcement and the civilian community," said Assemblyman David Rible, R-Monmouth, a former Wall police officer. "But I do think it's something that you can't demand that the municipalities be paying." The law's prime sponsor countered that the ruling Wednesday by the Council on Local Mandates exceeded the panel's authority and set a dangerous precedent for other legislation. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, said the law that created the panel in 1996 specifically prohibits it from weighing whether a bill provides enough revenue to carry out the measure. "I think it's a very slippery slope if there is some council that nobody knows about, that no one has elected, can now by this precedent weigh in on anything that is passed," Moriarty said. The law did provide a revenue source from a \$25 surcharge from convictions for driving while intoxicated, Moriarty said. He is urging the Attorney General's Office to contest the council's decision that favors a complaint filed by Deptford Township officials." (*The Record*, 4/22/16)

Drugs

Marijuana (Hit From The Left)

In 2019, Moriarty Voted Against Placing Marijuana Legalization On The 2020 Ballot. "If New Jersey voters legalize weed, the CRC will oversee the recreational marijuana market, as well. Municipalities will still have the option to pass ordinances banning recreational marijuana sales, but those with such businesses will be allowed to levy a 2% tax. Seventy-five municipalities have already passed ordinances banning marijuana businesses, said Point Pleasant Beach Mayor Stephen Reid, executive director of New Jersey Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy, SAM's state chapter. "I think it's the wrong move. I think it's bad for New Jersey," Reid said. "You're going to have millions of dollars spent in advertising and marketing to talk about how great marijuana is." The ballot resolution won support from legislators who were - and remain - against the very concept of marijuana legalization. Sen. Ronald Rice has led much of the Senate Black Caucus, which he chairs, against the move, but said Monday that "if we cannot stop it in (the Senate), the public should at least have the opportunity to vote on it." The only Democrats to vote against the bill were Sens. Fred Madden, Shirley Turner and Assembly members John Armato and Paul Moriarty. Sen. Declan O'Scanlon, R-Monmouth, also voted in favor of the ballot bill. A moderate Republican, legal weed activists saw as a swing vote during the initial push to legalize marijuana." (*Asbury Park Press*, 12/19/19)

SOCIAL ISSUES

Abortion

In 2022, Moriarty Noted His Support For Initiatives To Protect Abortion Rights In New Jersey. "Bolstering access to reproductive care in New Jersey is a matter of equity," said Assemblywoman Angela McKnight. "With women of color facing greater barriers to access, New Jersey must work to make it possible for every woman to receive the reproductive care they

need.” “I do not promote abortions; I promote a woman’s right to make decisions about her own body. My great aunt died during a back-alley abortion,” said Assemblywoman Britnee N. Timberlake. “Reversing Roe v. Wade is only going to result in our country’s daughters risking hemorrhage, partially born babies, and sterilization just to keep her autonomy. That is why I was a co-sponsor of the NJ Reproductive Freedom Act.” “In New Jersey, we are proud that all people are guaranteed equal protection under the law and that extends to a woman’s right to choose,” said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty. “As women’s health is under attack, we must create a pathway to affordable and accessible health care for all New Jerseyans.” ([Insider NJ](#), 5/11/22)

In June 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Posted Support For The Idea That “Reproductive Health Care Decisions Are Between Woman And Their Doctors”. (Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/23)



(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/23)

LGBTQ Issues

In 2021, Moriarty Was Endorsed By The Garden State Equality Action Fund. “On Friday, Garden State Equality Action Fund announced their list of endorsed candidates for the 2021 general election. Each election cycle, Garden State Equality Action Fund chooses to endorse candidates based on their support for their mission of lifting up the diverse voices of LGBTQ+ communities through education and advocacy to advance the movement for equality in New

Jersey and nationally. “On behalf of our 150,000 members across the Garden State, we work closely with leaders in Trenton to ensure the communities we serve experience lived equality. Throughout our endorsement process, we carefully consider what each candidate will do to help marginalized communities across our state, through schools, healthcare, and much more. We are proud to support these candidates for office in 2021 and look forward to working with them to ensure equality for New Jersey’s marginalized communities,” said Garden State Equality Action Fund Executive Director Christian Fuscarino.” ([Insider NJ](#), 10/21/21)

Second Amendment

Moriarty Supported Background Checks For Private Gun Sales. “Legislation sponsored by Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald and Assemblymen Jamel Holley and Paul Moriarty to improve gun safety by requiring background checks for private gun sales was signed into law today by Gov. Murphy. “Requiring a licensee to complete a National Instant Criminal Background Check on the recipient of a handgun, rifle or shotgun is just plain common sense,” said Greenwald (D-Camden/Burlington). “It’s shocking that we don’t do this already, but we are fixing this gaping loophole with this law to make us all safer.” “This is an idea everyone should support,” said Holley (D-Union). “We can fix this and both protect the public and the rights of law-abiding citizens who have nothing to fear from a background check. This will make for a safer New Jersey.” The law (A-2757) requires all sales or other transfers of a handgun, rifle, or shotgun to be conducted through a retail dealer licensed under state law or a federal firearms licensee. The licensee is required to complete a National Instant Criminal Background Check on the recipient of the handgun, rifle or shotgun. Exceptions under the law include transactions between members of an immediate family, between law enforcement officers, between licensed collectors of firearms or ammunition as curios or relics, and temporary transfers to participate in certain training courses.” ([Insider NJ](#), 6/13/18)

In 2018, “Legislation Assembly Democrats Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, Annette Quijano, Gordon Johnson, Jamel Holley And Paul Moriarty Sponsored To Limit Gun Magazine Capacity To 10 Rounds Was Ok’d 48-25-3 Monday By The Assembly.”

“Legislation Assembly Democrats Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, Annette Quijano, Gordon Johnson, Jamel Holley and Paul Moriarty sponsored to limit gun magazine capacity to 10 rounds was Ok’d 48-25-3 Monday by the Assembly. “Our nation is in the midst of a gun violence epidemic,” said Greenwald (D-Camden/Burlington). “Now, as we move into this new term with a new governor, we have a real chance to reduce the number of deaths by gun violence and protect our neighborhoods.” The bill (A-2761) bans firearm magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Magazines capable of holding up to 15 rounds of ammunition currently are legal in New Jersey. California, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and the District of Columbia all have 10-round limits on ammunition magazines for use with any firearm. “The data show that a 10-round limit will reduce high-capacity magazines in the hands of criminals, and the time it takes to reload can help people escape or subdue the gunman, as happened in the Gabby Giffords shooting in Tuscan,” said Quijano (D-Union). “Moreover, these limits can save the lives of innocent victims and law enforcement officers confronted by someone wielding a gun. This is just good common sense.” “During the Gabby Giffords shooting in Arizona, witnesses were able to subdue the gunman when he paused to reload,” said Johnson

(D-Bergen). “Anything we can do make it more difficult to fire dozens of bullets in a short period of time is a good thing. This is a highly effective step we can take to save lives.” “Law enforcement leaders from across the country have supported 10-round limits on magazine capacity,” said Holley (D-Union). “If law enforcement backs it, and it can improve public safety and save lives, then we should do it. This is gun safety.” “This is quite simple – it can and will save lives,” said Moriarty (D-Gloucester/Camden). “If we can do something reasonable that can save lives, then we should do it.”” ([NJ Globe](#), 3/26/18)

In 2018, Moriarty Sponsored ERPO Legislation. “Strict new gun restrictions against people deemed a threat to themselves or to others passed the New Jersey Assembly on Monday, on the heels of the March for Our Lives protests, which drew thousands to anti-gun demonstrations in cities nationwide. The measure, dubbed the Extreme Risk Protective Order Act of 2018, calls for protective orders against people who pose a significant danger when in possession of firearms. The bill, backed largely by Democrats, passed in a 59-13-5 vote. “We’ve seen too many ‘what ifs’ when it comes to these mass shootings, often centered around the question of why didn’t somebody do something to take guns away from someone who poses a danger,” the bill’s sponsor Assemblyman John McKeon, D-Essex/Morris, said in a statement. “This bill makes it easier to accomplish that goal and, ultimately, protect our communities and our children.” Assembly Democrats Lou Greenwald, Mila Jasey, Tim Eustace, Andrew Zwicker, Carol Murphy and Paul Moriarty are co-sponsors of the bill. A matching bill was introduced to the Senate earlier this month. The measure establishes procedures for obtaining a protective order against people who are deemed a threat if given access to a firearm. Those people would be prohibited from possessing or purchasing a firearm or ammunition, and from holding a firearms purchaser identification card, a permit to purchase a handgun and a permit to carry a firearm.” (*Home News Tribune*, 3/27/18)

In December 2022, Moriarty Voted In Favor Of A 4769, Which Restricted Conceal Carry. “A heavily debated proposal that would rework and strictly limit the concealed carry of handguns in New Jersey is one step away from becoming law. Both houses of the Democratic-controlled state Legislature have now passed the bill over strong objections from Republicans, and Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy said Monday he plans to “swiftly” sign it into law. But state leaders and gun-rights advocates expect the measure to be challenged in court. The legislation (A4769) comes after the U.S. Supreme Court in June effectively invalidated tough concealed-carry restrictions in states like New York and New Jersey and made it easier to obtain carry permits there. Democrats introduced this bill in response to the decision. It would require gun owners in New Jersey seeking to get a carry permit to purchase liability insurance and take training courses, while increasing permit fees and prohibiting people from carrying firearms in a wide range of “sensitive places” in the state -- including schools, public parks, courthouses, and bars. It would also prohibit carrying guns on private property unless the property owner allows it. Supporters say the measure would help protect residents if the court ruling leads to more guns being carried in public. Critics counter that it’s unconstitutional and unfair, essentially barring law-abiding gun owners from carrying in most public places once they leave home, while criminals would simply ignore the rules. The state Assembly voted narrowly along party lines, 42-29, last month to pass the measure. The state Senate voted narrowly largely along party lines, 21-16, on Monday.” (*Star Ledger*, 12/20/22)

- **NOTE:** *Moriarty’s support is noted later in the article.*

Race

“Battle For Justice”

In June 2023, Moriarty’s Joint Campaign Profile Posted That “There Is Much Work To Do In The Battle For Justice And Equality” In Defending The Rights Of Black Americans.
(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/23)



(Joint Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/19/23)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNANCE

Ideology

Party Shift

Moriarty Was Previously Registered As A Republican In 2003 Before Switching To Democrat Ahead Of His 2004 Campaign. “Moriarty, a former television news reporter, handed the local and county Democratic parties a stunning defeat in the June primary by easily beating their endorsed candidate, incumbent Mayor Randee Davidson. Moriarty and his slate are running on the platform, 'Democrats for Lower Taxes, Better Services.' If elected, Moriarty said he'll improve municipal services such as leaf and snow removal. However, his opponents question how he can expand services without raising taxes. 'We're going to find money that's been misspent in terms of overtime,' Moriarty said. 'The efficiency is not there. We're going to reapportion that money.' Moriarty said he wants to create a 'coalition' form of government that includes people from all political parties, as well as more women and minorities. His opponents say that's just a ruse to allow Moriarty, who switched from Republican to Democrat last year, to give municipal appointments to GOP members who support his campaign. Morris, who ran unsuccessfully for Gloucester County freeholder last year, said he wants to restore integrity to township government.” (*Courier Post*, 10/28/04)

Ethics And Personal Legal Issues

DWI Allegations

In 2012, Moriarty Noted “He Received A Summons For Driving While Intoxicated, But That A Dispute With A Police Officer Was The Real Reason For The Ticket.”

“Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester, said Tuesday he received a summons for driving while intoxicated, but that a dispute with a police officer was the real reason for the ticket. "This entire episode was an abuse of power," Moriarty, 55, said in a statement issued in the wake of the incident at Route 42 and Greentree Road. He denied drinking any alcoholic beverages before the incident. A representative of Washington Township police could not be reached for comment. Moriarty, a former mayor of Washington Township, said he was driving to lunch when he was pulled over by a township officer "who claimed I had cut him off at an intersection." Moriarty said he disputed that claim, and then was ordered to submit to a field sobriety test.” (*Courier Post*, 8/1/12)

“According To Records Obtained From Washington Township's Municipal Court, Moriarty Was Ticketed For Refusal To Take The Sobriety Test And For Driving While Intoxicated. The Officer Also Issued A Summons For Failing To Stay In A Traffic Lane.”

“According to records obtained from Washington Township's municipal court, Moriarty was ticketed for refusal to take the sobriety test and for driving while intoxicated. The officer also issued a summons for failing to stay in a traffic lane. Moriarty did not identify the officer, but said he was previously dismissed from the police force "for allegedly being untruthful in an Internal Affairs investigation." A judge later ordered the officer's reinstatement, Moriarty said. Moriarty has served in the Assembly since 2006, and was mayor of Washington Township from 2004 to 2008. Moriarty, who said he was at a car dealership in the hour preceding the incident,

vowed to "vigorously defend these allegations." He said that "may include filing charges" with the department's Internal Affairs unit." (*Courier Post*, 8/1/12)

“Micucci Confirmed That DiBuonaventura's Field Camera Did Record The Field Test, And Added That DiBuonaventura Said He Smelled Alcohol On Moriarty's Breath. He Was Then Brought Back To The Station, Where He Refused An Alco Breath Test.” “Moriarty, D-4, of Washington Township was charged with driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to a breath test and failure to maintain a lane after he was pulled over by DiBuonaventura on Tuesday afternoon at 3:53 p.m. Moriarty said that he was crossing the Black Horse Pike on his way to Chick-fil-A for lunch when DiBuonaventura stopped Moriarty and accused him of "cutting off" DiBuonaventura when the lanes merged into one on Greentree Road. After Moriarty disputed the officer's statement that he failed to maintain his lane, DiBuonaventura asked Moriarty if he had been drinking and issued a field sobriety test. Micucci confirmed that DiBuonaventura's field camera did record the field test, and added that DiBuonaventura said he smelled alcohol on Moriarty's breath. He was then brought back to the station, where he refused an alco breath test. Moriarty, however, maintains that he was entirely sober and did not consume any alcohol prior to the arrest. He said he was leaving United Auto Group after looking over end-of-lease options before he was stopped by DiBuonaventura and felt he was "harassed and singled out." He said he refused a breath test after feeling the process was "compromised.” (*Gloucester County Times*, 8/2/12)

In October 2012, “Assemblyman Paul Moriarty Has Filed A 27-Count Complaint Against A Washington Township Police Officer Who Ticketed The Legislator In A July 31 Incident. Moriarty, A Democrat From Washington Township, Accused The Officer Of Perjury, Official Misconduct, And Falsifying And Tampering With Public Records, Among Others Allegations.” “Assemblyman Paul Moriarty has filed a 27-count complaint against a Washington Township police officer who ticketed the legislator in a July 31 incident. Moriarty, a Democrat from Washington Township, accused the officer of perjury, official misconduct, and falsifying and tampering with public records, among others allegations. He called his complaint "a first step to getting my reputation back." Moriarty was ticketed by a police officer who said the Assemblyman cut him off in traffic and was under the influence of alcohol. Moriarty, a former Washington Township mayor, was charged after he refused to take a Breathalyzer test. He awaits a hearing. According to John C. Eastlack, Jr., the attorney representing Moriarty, of the Cherry Hill law firm Weir & Partners, the next step in the process will be for the charges to be placed in front of a municipal court judge or court administrator to evaluate the complaint made and whether or not charges will be issued.” (*Courier Post*, 10/17/12)

In December 2012, “The Washington Township, Gloucester County, Police Officer Who Arrested Assemblyman Paul Moriarty On Charged Of Driving Under The Influence Has Been Suspended Without Pay After An Official Hearing, According To Capt. Richard Leonard.” “The Washington Township, Gloucester County, police officer who arrested Assemblyman Paul Moriarty on charged of driving under the influence has been suspended without pay after an official hearing, according to Capt. Richard Leonard. Joseph DiBuonaventura is facing 13 criminal charges in connection with the July 31 arrest in Washington Township, including official misconduct, submitting a false report, harassment, tampering with public records and more. He was suspended with pay immediately following a

Loudermill hearing -- part of the due process for government employees facing serious discipline -- pending the results of the hearing. DiBuonaventura was processed, fingerprinted and served with the charges at the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office on Nov. 9. Moriarty (D-Gloucester) filed the criminal complaints in October, alleging DiBuonaventura "hunted him down," falsely arrested him for DUI and lied on official police reports to cover his tracks. Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office spokesman Bernie Weisenfeld said the office is investigating the charges against DiBuonaventura. Moriarty's DUI case is on hold pending the outcome of DiBuonaventura's case." (*The Star-Ledger*, 12/12/12)

In May 2013, A Gloucester County Grand Jury Agreed That The Officer Had Made A Bogus Arrest Of Moriarty And Indicted Him. "It sounded like an excuse from a politician who had been caught doing something wrong: When Assemblyman Paul Moriarty was accused of driving drunk last summer, he said he had been the victim of a set-up by a rogue police officer. A Gloucester County grand jury believed him, and now it's the officer who's facing charges. On Wednesday, the Washington Township officer, Joseph DiBuonaventura, was indicted on 14 counts, all accusing him of making a bogus arrest of Moriarty (D-Gloucester) on July 31 and lying to support his claims. If convicted on all charges, DiBuonaventura could face decades in prison. Moriarty, who says people had been whispering about him for 10 months, said he felt vindicated. "I've said from the very first day that I did nothing wrong, that this was an abuse of power, that I was hunted down, targeted and deprived of my civil rights," he said. "I think that today the grand jury has validated what I've been saying all along." DiBuonaventura's lawyer, James Lynch, declined to comment after the indictment was made public yesterday. The officer was suspended without pay last year after Moriarty took the unusual step of filing charges against him as a citizen. Moriarty says he did not have anything to drink the day he was arrested. Last year, he showed reporters a squad-car video of his arrest he said showed he had done nothing wrong and that he was completely sober during a sobriety test. He refused to take a blood-alcohol test, he said, largely out of fear an officer who had been lying about other things could manipulate the results. Moriarty's drunken-driving case has been put on hold while the case against DiBuonaventura moves ahead. Moriarty's lawyer, John Eastlack, said he hopes prosecutors will drop those charges in light of the indictment." (*Star Ledger*, 5/3/13)

- **As A Result, The Charges Against Moriarty Were Dropped.** "Authorities have dropped charges of drunken driving and other offenses against Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, saying a police officer's alleged misconduct during a traffic stop last summer made it impossible to try the legislator. The Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office said Tuesday it was "legally compelled to move for dismissal" of all charges brought against Moriarty by Washington Township Patrolman Joseph DiBuonaventura. The officer was indicted May 1 on charges he filed false reports in connection with his July 31 stop of Moriarty on Route 42 in Washington Township. The officer is suspended without pay. DiBuonaventura said he stopped Moriarty because the Democratic legislator made an illegal lane change and cut him off at a jughandle. But a patrol car video showed no illegal lane change, "rendering the ensuing stop a violation of Mr. Moriarty's constitutional rights," according to First Assistant Prosecutor Michael Curwin. Curwin said any evidence "gathered after the illegal stop would be inadmissible at a trial, including the undisputed fact that Mr. Moriarty purposely refused to take the chemical

breath test." A lawyer for Moriarty said the Prosecutor's Office "has done the right thing." The attorney, John Eastlack Jr., said Moriarty "knew he had taken no drinks" and passed sobriety tests, but refused to take the breath test due to his mistrust of DiBuonaventura. "He'd been lied to," Eastlack noted of Moriarty, referring to the alleged lane change. "The average person doesn't have an understanding as to whether the test can be manipulated by somebody who obviously has an intent to get a driver." At the prosecutor's request, the Superior Court judge dismissed charges of DWI, refusing to submit to a breath test." (*Daily Journal*, 5/15/13)

During The Officer's 2015 Trial, "Defense Witness John LaSala, Then General Manager Of The Nissan Dealership, Testified That Moriarty Was "Belligerent," Loud And Had Alcohol On His Breath During An Exchange The Two Had."

"The man whose interaction with Assemblyman Paul Moriarty at a Nissan dealership triggered events leading to Moriarty's arrest on drunken driving charges testified as the arresting officer's trial continued Wednesday. Washington Township police officer Joseph DiBuonaventura faces charges including official misconduct and falsifying a police report in connection with his arrest of Moriarty on July 31, 2012. Charges against Moriarty were dropped by the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office in 2013, after DiBuonaventura was indicted. Defense witness John LaSala, then general manager of the Nissan dealership, testified that Moriarty was "belligerent," loud and had alcohol on his breath during an exchange the two had. LaSala, a witness for the defense, testified that he greeted Moriarty and, as he went to shake his hand, Moriarty used a "death grip," pulling LaSala about 6 to 7 inches from Moriarty's face. LaSala said Moriarty then told him he didn't like him, the dealership or the auto mall because workers there signed an employee's petition to run for office against Moriarty. "(Moriarty) said, 'Do you understand you could make me lose my job?' " said LaSala, who added that he "told (Moriarty) off, professionally." In contradiction to a statement sales manager Ernie Calvello gave police, LaSala testified that he never told any employee, including Calvello, to call anyone about Moriarty." (*South Jersey Times*, 2/26/15)

However, In March 2015, A Jury Acquitted The Officer Who Arrested Moriarty Of 14 Criminal Charges. "Washington Township police officer Joseph DiBuonaventura was acquitted of 14 criminal charges following a monthlong trial stemming from his July 31, 2012, arrest of Assemblyman Paul Moriarty on DWI charges. While the criminal case stemming from the arrest is over, DiBuonaventura still faces administrative charges regarding his employment with the township. At least three civil lawsuits regarding the case have been on hold pending the trial outcome, and NJ.com readers have asked why the DWI charges against Moriarty, dismissed in May 2013, can't be brought back. Here are the answers we have so far, and what's coming next for the parties involved. His job: DiBuonaventura has been suspended without pay from the Washington Township Police Department since a November 2012 administrative hearing, when he was ordered to turn in his badge and gun and to not identify himself as a law enforcement officer. Tuesday's not-guilty verdict doesn't automatically mean he's back on the job. Police Chief Rafael Muniz - who fired DiBuonaventura in 2009 for lying during an internal affairs investigation, a decision eventually overturned by a judge with DiBuonaventura returning to work with back pay - said Tuesday he reviewed the verdict and respects the decision. He did not comment on DiBuonaventura's employment, and stated that officials are "in the process of reviewing all legal options." Since criminal proceedings are separate from administrative

employment hearings, the department does have the option of pursuing administrative charges to dismiss the officer.” (*South Jersey Times*, 3/4/15)

- **“One Member Of The Jury Said That After Reviewing The State Statutes Barbone Said Moriarty Violated With The Turn Into The Jughandle, All 12 Jurors Agreed On DiBuonaventura's Innocence.”** “Barbone, who launched a vigorous defense throughout the trial, said after the verdict that it was a perfect defense, because it was the truth. “It was easy to defend because Joe (DiBuonaventura) didn't do anything wrong,” said Barbone. One member of the jury said that after reviewing the state statutes Barbone said Moriarty violated with the turn into the jughandle, all 12 jurors agreed on DiBuonaventura's innocence. “It was a joint collaboration between all of us, that's really it,” said juror Lisa Essing of West Deptford. “There weren't any real sticking points.” Just before the jurors left the courtroom after announcing their verdict, DiBuonaventura yelled “Thank you” to them and added outside of the courtroom that they were 12 normal people who realized he was just doing his job that day. “The citizens of New Jersey did the right thing today,” said DiBuonaventura, who also hugged and thanked one member of the jury as she left the courthouse.” (*South Jersey Times*, 3/4/15)
- **Moriarty Criticized The Verdict.** “Moriarty released a statement Tuesday morning, stating he was not happy with the verdict and believes the video “speaks for itself.” “I respect the verdict of the jury, today, but I am obviously disappointed with the results. I know that I did nothing that day but operate my car safely and lawfully at all times,” said Moriarty. “The video evidence speaks for itself and requires no interpretation. My hope is that eventually video cameras in all police vehicles will prevent these types of situations in the future. I would like to thank the Gloucester County Prosecutor's office for their efforts and their support throughout this difficult ordeal.” Curwin's comment was brief: “We respect the jury's verdict.”” (*South Jersey Times*, 3/4/15)

In April 2015, “U.S. District Court Judge Jerome Simandle Ruled There Was Nothing To Show That The Force Was Responsible For The Assemblyman's 2012 Drunken-Driving Arrest. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty's Lawsuit Against Washington Township's Police Department Was Dismissed By A Federal Judge, Who Ruled There's No Proof The Department Was At Fault For The Events That Led To Moriarty's 2012 Arrest On Drunken-Driving Charges.” “U.S. District Court Judge Jerome Simandle ruled there was nothing to show that the force was responsible for the assemblyman's 2012 drunken-driving arrest. Assemblyman Paul Moriarty's lawsuit against Washington Township's police department was dismissed by a federal judge, who ruled there's no proof the department was at fault for the events that led to Moriarty's 2012 arrest on drunken-driving charges. While the charges against Moriarty were dismissed in 2013 after the Gloucester County Prosecutor's office deemed the motor vehicle stop was illegal, arresting officer Joseph DiBuonaventura was later charged with 14 criminal counts, including official misconduct and falsifying a police report. DiBuonaventura was acquitted of all charges on March 3 following a month-long trial. In his suit against the township, Moriarty claimed that the department was responsible for DiBuonaventura's actions that day - which he said violated his civil rights - and were a result of inadequate procedures, policies and training for protocol surrounding motor vehicle stops. In an additional complaint, Moriarty also alleged the township knew DiBuonaventura had a history of making illegal vehicle

stops and did nothing to stop the practice. U.S. District Court Judge Jerome Simandle, however, rejected those claims when he granted the township's motion to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice on March 30. "(Moriarty) has failed to allege any facts to support that a decision-maker at the (Washington Township Police Department) had knowledge of the unconstitutional acts," wrote Simandle." (*South Jersey Times*, 4/14/15)

In 2017, "Assemblyman Paul Moriarty Has Settled A Lawsuit Against A Former Washington Township Police Officer For \$50,000, Court Records Show." "Assemblyman Paul Moriarty has settled a lawsuit against a former Washington Township police officer for \$50,000, court records show. Moriarty, a Washington Township Democrat, sued Patrolman Joseph DiBuonaventura and the township police department in 2014, alleging his rights were violated during a traffic stop on July 31, 2012. Moriarty contended DiBuonaventura improperly charged him with drunk driving and falsely claimed the legislator cut off his patrol car during an incident on the Black Horse Pike in Washington Township. The charges against Moriarty were later dropped; a jury acquitted DiBuonaventura of official misconduct and other charges after a March 2015 trial. Under the settlement, Moriarty dropped all claims against DiBuonaventura. A federal judge previously dismissed the claims against Washington Township's police department. Attorneys for Moriarty and DiBuonaventura could not be reached for comment Thursday. The settlement, reached in September 2016, was provided to the Courier-Post Thursday by John Paff, an open records advocate from Somerset County. Moriarty, a former Washington Township mayor, reached a confidential settlement of a separate lawsuit against Classic Nissan of Turnersville in March 2015. That suit alleged a dealership employee falsely told police Moriarty was "smashed" when he left the business shortly before his arrest." (*Courier Post*, 1/13/17)

An Internal Affairs Investigation Found "The Officer Fabricated His Reason For Stopping Moriarty, Omitted The Real Reason For Pursuing Him In His Report And Only Came Clean After Realizing The Entire Matter Was Captured On His In-Car Camera, Morgan Found In Supporting The Hearing Officer's Original Conclusion In The Internal Affairs Probe." "The officer fabricated his reason for stopping Moriarty, omitted the real reason for pursuing him in his report and only came clean after realizing the entire matter was captured on his in-car camera, Morgan found in supporting the hearing officer's original conclusion in the internal affairs probe. "The case reveals an officer with demonstrated animosity and dislike for Moriarty effectively targeting him ..." Morgan wrote. "The warnings case demonstrates that plaintiff's potential for fabrication was more pervasive and longer-lived." The warnings case involved claims that DiBuonaventura filled out motor vehicle warnings for seven drivers, but did not serve those motorists with the warnings as part of an effort to artificially inflate his productivity. The ruling includes sworn statements DiBuonaventura gave as part of the original investigation of the ticket cases. DiBuonaventura said he didn't recall ever doing as the department alleged and noted he had little memory of the individual stops, given that they had occurred three years earlier. In that exchange, he described how he viewed the warnings." (*South Jersey Times*, 11/1/17)

Gas Investigation

In 2007, The Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office Investigated "A Police Report Filed By A Township Public Works Employee Who Claims Mayor Paul Moriarty Illegally Used

Township Gas To Fill His Personal Car, Police Said. “The Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office is investigating a police report filed by a township public works employee who claims Mayor Paul Moriarty illegally used township gas to fill his personal car, police said Wednesday afternoon. Township Police Chief Rafael Muniz said he forwarded the matter and the police report to the prosecutor's office because of an apparent conflict. No charges have been filed. Since the matter is under investigation, prosecutor's office spokesman Bernie Weisenfeld said he could not comment.” (*Courier Post*, 7/26/07)

- **“Moriarty Did Not Return Phone Calls Seeking Comment, But He Wrote In An E-Mail He Does Use The Township Gas Pumps On McClure Drive To Fill His Personal Car And Wrote He Has Authorization To Use The Pumps.”** “Moriarty did not return phone calls seeking comment, but he wrote in an e-mail he does use the township gas pumps on McClure Drive to fill his personal car and wrote he has authorization to use the pumps. He wrote that he stopped using a township vehicle to conduct official township business following the hike in gas prices about 18 months ago as a way to save the township money. He later wrote in an e-mail he has logged between 250 and 300 miles each month for a year on his personal vehicle, totaling, he said, about 44 gallons of gas. "Under township policy, I have been eligible to be reimbursed for all of those miles while on township business, the same as other employees who use their personal vehicles on official business," he wrote in the e-mailed statement. Moriarty also wrote in an e-mailed response if he were to submit reimbursement for the millage accrued on his vehicle, the township would owe him an estimated \$1,400 to \$1,700. Municipal Services Director James McKeever, who oversees the township public works department, said he could not comment on the matter Wednesday and declined to say if Moriarty was authorized to use the township pumps. Neither Muniz nor the prosecutor's office disclosed which public works employee filed the report.” (*Courier Post*, 7/26/07)

Harassment Complaint

In 2005, “A Local Business Owner Filed A Police Report Against Mayor Paul Moriarty On Friday, Asserting He Was Harassed Over A Roadside Sign That Disparaged The Mayor.”

“A local business owner filed a police report against Mayor Paul Moriarty on Friday, asserting he was harassed over a roadside sign that disparaged the mayor. But Moriarty said he was trying to explain to the man that business signs, by township ordinance, can be used only to advertise a firm, not to embarrass people. The sign outside Michael Mellace's accounting firm in the 600 block of Delsea Drive read: "Hey Moriarty, you stink, you chicken." Similar messages have appeared on the sign over the past several months. Mellace said he's unhappy with the mayor's proposed business licensing fee and the township's handling of a request he made under the Open Public Records Act. "I believe that he's bad for the township and I'd like to display my disgust with him with my signs," said Mellace, 32, of Williamstown.” (*Courier Post*, 6/11/05)

- **“Mellace Alleges That Around Noon Friday, Moriarty Threatened To Have The Township's Zoning Officer Cite Him For The Sign If It Wasn't Changed. Mellace Said The Mayor Taunted Him And Wouldn't Leave His Property Until He Called The Police.”** “Mellace alleges that around noon Friday, Moriarty threatened to have the township's zoning officer cite him for the sign if it wasn't changed. Mellace said the mayor taunted him and wouldn't leave his property until he called the police. Police Chief

Charles Billingham said Mellace had filed a report accusing the mayor of harassment and trespassing. Billingham noted it was up to Mellace to press charges on the minor offenses when municipal court reopens on Monday. Moriarty said that, under the township's zoning ordinance, any sign erected for the purposes of identification or advertising must be used in that capacity. He denied harassing Mellace and said he promptly left the property when asked.” (*Courier Post*, 6/11/05)

- **Mellace Ultimately Decided To Not Press Charges Against Moriarty.** “A local business owner who alleges Mayor Paul Moriarty harassed him and trespassed on his property has decided not to press charges. Michael Mellace said his attorney advised him not to file a harassment complaint in the Friday incident because Moriarty was at his accounting business for a short time and left before police arrived. Mellace said he couldn't pursue a trespassing charge because he never told the mayor he couldn't come on his property before the incident. Mellace made his allegations in a police report. Moriarty has denied all the allegations and said he promptly left when asked. "The whole thing has been made much too much of nothing," Moriarty said Monday. The charges, if Mellace had pursued them, would have been handled in municipal court.” (*Courier Post*, 6/14/05)

Controversial Associations

In 2004, Moriarty Was Accused Of Being Favorable To Developers, Especially Developer Frank Lauletta. ‘Prominent local developer Frank Lauletta has never run for public office. But he's in the middle of a battle for the mayor's seat for the second time in four years. Lauletta, a neighbor and supporter of mayoral candidate Paul Moriarty, is the one pulling the strings behind his candidacy, says Moriarty's opponent, Mayor Randee Davidson. The two face each other in the June 8 Democratic primary. If Moriarty gets elected, developers such as Lauletta will be able to operate with few restrictions, as they did during the tenure of Republican Mayor Jerry Luongo, Davidson said. Davidson, who is seeking a second term, ran in 2000 on a platform of controlling residential development in this sprawling township of roughly 50,000 people. "Those who don't have the insider trading anymore want to get back into the game," said Davidson, who has the backing of the powerful Democratic parties in Camden and Gloucester counties. "If you're backed by a developer, I think that speaks volumes as to what you're trying to accomplish.” (*Courier Post*, 5/12/04)

- **“Lauletta, Who Is Moriarty's Neighbor In The Upscale Windsor Forest Development, Said He'll Vote For Moriarty, But That's As Far As His Involvement Goes.”** “Lauletta, who is Moriarty's neighbor in the upscale Windsor Forest development, said he'll vote for Moriarty, but that's as far as his involvement goes. "I think (Davidson's campaign) doesn't know what shots to take at Paul, so they have to make something up and this is the only thing they can come up with," he said. Lauletta and his wife, Jacqui, recently switched their party affiliation from Republican to Democrat so they could vote for Moriarty, Jacqui Lauletta said.” (*Courier Post*, 5/12/04)

In 2005, Moriarty's Friend And Aide Sal Chillemi Was Known To Be Tied To An FBI Review Of How The Renaissance Room Banquet Hall Was Using Its Liquor License. “The Renaissance Room, a popular banquet hall, is at the center of township debate because of the over-21 dance parties the business began hosting this summer. Also, the liquor license the hall is

using is under FBI review -- not an official investigation -- because of a complaint the federal agency received, said Jerri Williams, an FBI spokeswoman. The FBI is looking at how the license changed ownership from one business to another, she said. The two men affected by the activity are Walter McBride, the hall's owner, and Sal Chillemi, who is a friend of and paid aide to Mayor Paul Moriarty. Chillemi and McBride are the co-owners of S&W Renaissance Corp., the company that bought the liquor license now in use at the Renaissance Room for \$400,000 earlier this year from Deptford Liquors LLC. They split liquor sale profits at the hall, 50-50. They're also the men who run the Thursday and Sunday night parties, which have a \$10 cover charge that includes dancing and a buffet. Chillemi, who is paid \$24,000 a year with health benefits, wouldn't comment, but McBride said the FBI hasn't contacted him about the review. He also said the Renaissance Room's new dance parties aren't breaking any township code." (*Courier Post*, 10/12/05)

- **Moriarty Defended Chillemi.** "Moriarty appointed East-lack township solicitor in January and promoted Krwawecz to construction official in March. The mayor said the men are by no means rubber stamps. "These are professionals with careers and licenses on the line," Moriarty said. "They tell me what's right. They don't tell me what I want to hear." "Sal (Chillemi) has been treated and scrutinized more unfairly than anyone and no one in government should be treated better nor worse than the average person," added Moriarty, who said the FBI hasn't contacted him about its review. But to avoid the "appearance or suggestion of impropriety", Moriarty said he's asking McBride to voluntarily submit an application to the planning board. The township will also provide the public any and all documents that it has pertaining to the sale and transfer of the liquor license, the mayor said." (*Courier Post*, 10/12/05)
- **However, Later In October 2005, "Moriarty Said He Asked Chillemi To Resign And That He Has Asked The Township Police Department And Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office To Conduct Independent Investigations Into Whether Chillemi Broke The Law While A Township Employee."** "Sal Chillemi, an aide and a friend to Mayor Paul Moriarty, has resigned in the wake of media reports that the FBI is reviewing the purchase of a liquor license Chillemi helped negotiate earlier this year. In a news release Thursday, Moriarty said he ask Chillemi to resign and that he has asked the township police department and Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office to conduct independent investigations into whether Chillemi broke the law while a township employee. The matter has been referred to the state Attorney General's office, said Bernie Weisenfeld, spokesman for the prosecutor's office. But Chillemi, whose salary was \$24,000 a year plus benefits, said he was the one who decided to quit and maintains he has done nothing wrong. "I wish to be a private citizen," said Chillemi, who resigned Wednesday. "I don't want any more scrutiny or criticism from the media and from inquiring minds." At the heart of the controversy is a business deal Chillemi helped orchestrate that allowed the Renaissance Room, a banquet and wedding hall on Fries Mill Road, use of a liquor license. Previously, people had to provide their own liquor for events and parties." (*Courier Post*, 10/14/05)
- **"The State Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control Wants To Revoke A Liquor License Owned By A Former Aide To Mayor Paul Moriarty Because Of 13 Violations It Uncovered During An Investigation Begun Last Year."** "The state

Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control wants to revoke a liquor license owned by a former aide to Mayor Paul Moriarty because of 13 violations it uncovered during an investigation begun last year. The ABC contends S&W Renaissance Corp., a company owned by Salvatore Chillemi, kept incomplete records, inaccurately responded to questions about the license, failed to conspicuously display the liquor license, conducted business without having the license on premises and failed to have an employee list available for inspection. The agency, which issued the notice Friday, also found the company failed to disclose that a business named Sir Enterprises Inc. had an interest in the liquor license. Chillemi, who worked as Moriarty's aide from January 2005 to mid-October 2005, has 30 days to respond to the charges. The agency is not seeking a penalty or fine, according to a copy of the notice. Chillemi did not respond to messages left with people who answered his cellular phone. "I said all along, let the authorities do what they need to do," said Moriarty, a Democrat who is also a state Assemblyman representing the 4th Legislative District." (*Courier Post*, 2/2/06)

Dual Office Holding

2006: "Elected Mayor Of Washington Township, Gloucester County, Moriarty, Was Recruited Almost Immediately To Run For The Legislative Seat After Assemblyman Robert Smith (D-Gloucester) Retired Last Year." "Paul Moriarty's path wasn't as clear. A longtime consumer affairs reporter at a Philadelphia TV station, he quit to run his own media consulting firm. He got involved in politics a year ago, after opening his \$15,000 property tax bill. Elected mayor of Washington Township, Gloucester County, Moriarty, was recruited almost immediately to run for the legislative seat after Assemblyman Robert Smith (D-Gloucester) retired last year. Moriarty's only previous political experience involved a campaign he ran shortly after graduating from college to get a buddy elected to a town council in Massachusetts. "We stood on the median, held up signs and waved at people," Moriarty said. "That's basically what I did here. People thought I was crazy, but only for the first week." At the heart of virtually every campaign, if each legislator honestly weighs motive, is an ego-driven notion he or she can affect change. How else to explain why a lawmaker surrenders privacy, time with family and even personal wealth for the singular gain of public office? Gary Schaer, the Passaic city councilman, is candid about his motives." (*Star Ledger*, 1/15/06)

"Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarty, D-4, Who Also Is Mayor Of Washington Township, Said Banning All Dual Officeholding Immediately Would Be A Mistake." "Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarty, D-4, who also is mayor of Washington Township, said banning all dual officeholding immediately would be a mistake. "To disenfranchise voters, and say that people that have overwhelming elected people to two positions, I don't think anyone wants to take away someone's vote," Moriarty said. Yet Moriarty said he voted for the ban because he heard from constituents "who have been stoked by editorial writers." "I don't believe that it's a terrible, terrible thing," he said. "I don't think there is anything evil about dual officeholders. I hold two jobs like millions of Americans, and they're both part-time jobs, and I work seven days a week. I'm constantly working on the public's business." Moriarty argues that he brings a "municipal government viewpoint to Trenton, which I think in some cases is sorely lacking." Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, R-Ocean, who has been mayor of Plumsted in Ocean County since 1990, said

he's a "volunteer" mayor who doesn't accept a salary or pension benefits for his municipal job.”
(*Daily Journal*, 10/5/07)

In April 2008, Moriarty Noted He Would Not Stand For Reelection As Washington Township Mayor. “Citing state budget woes and the recent loss of three family members, Mayor Paul Moriarty, who is also a state assemblyman in the 4th Legislative District, has decided not to seek re-election to his mayoral post in Washington Township. "I do not believe it is appropriate to engage in partisan township politics during a time when critical fiscal decisions must be made in regards to this year's budget," he said, referring to the state budget, in a written statement. He could not immediately be reached for comment. He also said that over the past few weeks, his family has lost three family members. "Whenever one is faced with personal hardships, it is incumbent upon him or her to reflect upon goals and priorities," he wrote in the letter. "I have concluded that, at the present time, family and friends must be the overarching priority." The township Democratic party endorsed former Councilman Matt Lyons for mayor in March, along with two newcomers, Scott Newman and Ray MacDowell, for council.” (*Courier Post*, 4/7/08)

Campaign Tactics

In 2006, “Democratic Council Candidate Ron Lucarini Filed A Lawsuit This Week Charging The Opposing Slate And Mayor Paul Moriarty With Defamation In A Campaign Ad Sent Out To Homes Last Week.” “Democratic council candidate Ron Lucarini filed a lawsuit this week charging the opposing slate and Mayor Paul Moriarty with defamation in a campaign ad sent out to homes last week. Lucarini contends the ad interrupted his ability to teach at Orchard Valley Middle School and he had to take Thursday and Friday off last week because of it. He said many students wrongly believed he did something wrong based on a quote that was taken out of context. "If you want to go negative, that's fine, but not inside my classroom," he said. Attorney Raymond Rapposelli, a former Democratic township councilman, filed the suit on Lucarini's behalf. Lucarini is running for three council seats with Mark Baratti and Bob Abbott. Incumbent Michelle Martin said she and running mates Robert Timmons and Albert Fratalli are within their rights to publish the opinions of others about Lucarini. "It's not like we made up the quotes and I stand behind that. They were from past newspaper articles," Martin said. The election fund of Martin, Timmons and Fratalli paid for the flier.” (*Courier Post*, 6/1/06)

- **The Lawsuit Was Dropped In December 2006.** “A former Democratic township council candidate who is a vocal critic of the current administration has dropped his defamation lawsuit against Mayor Paul Moriarty. Ron Lucarini sued Moriarty and the Democratic council slate in May. He said he was defamed by a campaign flier distributed by the slate of Councilwoman Michelle Martin, Albert Frattali and Robert Timmons during the primary election. He said the flier questioned his integrity and hindered his ability to teach at Orchard Valley Middle School in the township. The Superior Court lawsuit was quietly dismissed last month at Lucarini's request without costs to either party. Lucarini said Friay he dropped the suit because he believed defamation would have been difficult to prove. He also said his students didn't take the slate's comments seriously. "After my eighth-grade kids came in and said they thought it was utterly ridiculous, I figured (the slate) had no credibility," he said. "My only concern was

whether the kids would believe it, anyway. "It was a frivolous lawsuit to start with and I really believe it was (filed) just to get his name out before the primary election because he had no other means," Martin said Friday. "It is clear that this lawsuit was only filed to garner headlines during Lucarini's ill-fated attempt to win the local primary," Moriarty in a prepared statement Friday." (*Courier Post*, 12/2/06)

Governance Issues

Personnel Issues

In 2005, Moriarty Was Criticized For Appointing James McKeever As Public Workers Director In Washington Township; McKeever Previously Had "Sued The Township For Wrongful Termination And Won A Settlement Outside Of Court In Excess Of \$500,000."

"Vigorous debate punctuated the township's reorganization meeting Sunday, as the council's lone Republican and a veteran Democrat teamed up to question contracts extended to several of incoming Mayor Paul Moriarty's appointments. Moriarty, a Democrat, nominated John C. Eastlack Jr. as solicitor, Debra Fourre as business administrator and James McKeever as public works department director. Stephen Altamuro, the only Republican on the five-person council, and Matt Lyons, a Democrat elected to council in 1998, said they didn't have any problems with the nominees themselves, just their proposed contracts. All three appointments and their contracts ultimately were approved, but not before fiery dialogue overshadowed the swearing-in ceremonies for Moriarty and Democratic council newcomers Frank Scarpato III and Anita La-Pierre. Scarpato was sworn in as council president, replacing Lyons. Michelle Martin -- a former Republican who officially switched to the Democratic Party on Friday -- became council vice president. The contract involving McKeever sparked the meeting's fiercest exchange, with Altamuro criticizing Moriarty for selecting a candidate who likely will get tenure the first day on the job, as well as lifetime health benefits and pension plan within three years. McKeever, 54, previously served as public works director from 1989 until 2000, when Randee Davidson, who became mayor in 2001, fired him. McKeever sued the township for wrongful termination and won a settlement outside of court in excess of \$500,000." (*Courier Post*, 1/3/05)

- **"Records Show That, Before McKeever Sued, He Wrote A Resignation Letter To Davidson In Which He Requested The Township Pay Him The Equivalent Of 54 Months Of Work So He Could Retire Fully Vested In The State Pension Plan."**
 "Records show that, before McKeever sued, he wrote a resignation letter to Davidson in which he requested the township pay him the equivalent of 54 months of work so he could retire fully vested in the state pension plan. Those documents also showed McKeever accepted a severance package in the gross amount of \$56,264.99. McKeever admits he received the severance check, but denies he submitted such a letter to Davidson. Altamuro said he was bothered with bringing McKeever back at a \$79,000 annual salary -- more than \$8,000 more than the public works director got in 2004 -- when the township is facing financial strain. Both he and Lyons asked council to postpone the vote until the township's legal department could determine the ramifications of McKeever's contract." (*Courier Post*, 1/3/05)
- **"Moriarty Defended His Nomination, Saying McKeever Was Unfairly Dismissed In 2000 Despite A Proven Track Record Of Public Works Service."** "Moriarty defended

his nomination, saying McKeever was unfairly dismissed in 2000 despite a proven track record of public works service. He also said the salary was in line with other communities in Gloucester and Camden counties and noted McKeever would earn less than what he was paid in 2000. Moriarty added that Eastlack would earn a base salary of \$88,942 -- \$10,000 less than the solicitor's base salary in 2004 -- while Fourre would be paid \$89,500, or \$9,860 less than her predecessor. Altamuro and Lyons had issues with those contracts despite the apparent cost savings.” (*Courier Post*, 1/3/05)

- **“Newly Elected Mayor Paul Moriarty Made The Appointment Even Though McKeever Agreed To "Permanently And Irrevocably" Sever His Employment, The Philadelphia Inquirer Reported For Sunday.”** “A worker who was paid a \$600,000 settlement after being fired by the Gloucester County township was rehired this month - and allowed to keep the money. James McKeever was reinstated to his \$79,900 job as director of public works 20 months after being fired. Newly elected Mayor Paul Moriarty made the appointment even though McKeever agreed to "permanently and irrevocably" sever his employment, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported for Sunday. Township Solicitor John Eastlack said the language in the settlement agreement did not prevent the township from reinstating McKeever. "The agreement in no way bars the township from rehiring him," said Eastlack, who interpreted the "permanently and irrevocably" clause to mean past employment, not future. McKeever was public works director for 11 years under Mayor Gerald Luongo, who left office in December 2000 after losing a bid for reelection. The mayor's successor, Randee Davidson, fired McKeever in January 2001, saying the public works director served at the discretion of the mayor.” (*The Record*, 1/24/05)

In 2006, “A Former Washington Township Public Works Director Contends In A Lawsuit That Mayor Paul Moriarty Retaliated Against Him For Reporting Possible Illegal Activity By The Mayor's Administration.” “A former Washington Township public works director contends in a lawsuit that Mayor Paul Moriarty retaliated against him for reporting possible illegal activity by the mayor's administration. Ken Patrone, who was removed as department head when Moriarty took office in January 2005, has remained an employee in the public works department. He alleges in a Superior Court lawsuit filed Dec. 29 that he was wrongly removed from the post, for which he was paid \$74,682 in 2004, based on his political affiliation. Patrone was a close ally of former Mayor Randee Davidson, a Democrat who appointed him public works director when she took office in January 2001. James McKeever, Patrone's successor, supported Moriarty, also a Democrat, in his bid to unseat Davidson in the primary election. After Patrone was demoted, according to his lawsuit, Moriarty's administration: Failed to promote him to a supervisory position as promised while promoting others with less seniority and providing them better assignments. Required him to perform work in "unfavorable conditions." "Unreasonably monitored" him while he worked and took disciplinary action against him. Moriarty did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday.” (*Courier Post*, 1/5/06)

- **“Patrone Contends In His Lawsuit That He Reported Several Instances Of Possible Illegal Activity By Moriarty And His Administration, Including The Sale Last Year Of A Liquor License Involving A Former Aide To The Mayor.”** (*Courier Post*, 1/5/06)

- **“Patrone Also Reported His Concerns About Possible Violations Of The State's Public Bidding Laws By The Township When It Awarded A Contract For Snow Removal Last Year, According To The Lawsuit.”** (*Courier Post*, 1/5/06)

In 2006, “A Township Police Officer Alleges In A Federal Lawsuit That Mayor Paul Moriarty And His Administration Reneged On A Promise To Promote Him Then Retaliated When He Tried To Have The Agreement Enforced Through Arbitration.” “A township police officer alleges in a federal lawsuit that Mayor Paul Moriarty and his administration reneged on a promise to promote him then retaliated when he tried to have the agreement enforced through arbitration. The mayor, contacted by telephone Thursday night, said he made no promises to officer Thomas DiTullio, a 10-year department veteran and a union official. "I never, ever, ever, ever promised Officer DiTullio any job," Moriarty said. "If he believes that, either he's lost his memory or lost his mind." DiTullio, who is vice president of Fraternal Order of Police Regional Lodge 86, contends in his lawsuit he met with Moriarty and two other officers over dinner in December 2004 and discussed grievances the officers had against the township. DiTullio says in the lawsuit that Moriarty, who was then mayor-elect, said he wanted to settle the grievances without costing taxpayers money in legal fees. DiTullio had filed a grievance in July 2003 alleging he was unfairly passed over for a promotion to corporal. At dinner, Moriarty and DiTullio reached an oral agreement in which DiTullio would be promoted retroactively and appointed school resource officer, according to the lawsuit. Moriarty, however, said Thursday that as mayor-elect he was in no position to offer a job to anyone.” (*Courier Post*, 12/22/06)

In 2007, “A Terminated Washington Township Police Officer Filed Charges Wednesday In U.S. District Court Claiming The Mayor, Police Chief And Four Other Officers Violated His Civil Rights By Firing Him On The Basis Of "Political Retaliation." Ernest M. D'Orazio III, 25, Claims He Was Falsely Accused Of Leaking Confidential Information To The Target Of A Narcotics Investigation And Fired For Political Reasons.” “A terminated Washington Township police officer filed charges Wednesday in U.S. District Court claiming the mayor, police chief and four other officers violated his civil rights by firing him on the basis of "political retaliation." Ernest M. D'Orazio III, 25, claims he was falsely accused of leaking confidential information to the target of a narcotics investigation and fired for political reasons. His attorney, Jacqueline Vigilante, declined to disclose his political affiliation. The suit was filed after a hearing officer, retired Superior Court Judge Donald Smith Jr., ruled Friday the township lacked the evidence to support its allegations. Smith recommended the township pay D'Orazio for 10 days, from his Dec. 21, 2006, firing until his appointment as a special police officer expired on Dec. 31. "This is a pretty clear-cut case of civil rights violation," said Vigilante, of The Vigilante Firm in Mullica Hill. "We're prepared to try it and I would expect to do what is in my client's best interest." The suit names Mayor Paul Moriarty, Police Chief Rafael Muniz and four officers, Detective Stephen Rolando, Detective Jason Player, Sgt. Richard Sumek and Cpl. Dennis Sims, and claims they each individually violated D'Orazio's constitutional rights. D'Orazio is seeking the 10 days' back pay and reimbursement for all attorney fees. He also seeks punitive damages from each of the defendants. The lawsuit alleges Muniz, who was appointed by Moriarty in June 2006, refused to hire D'Orazio as a full-time police officer and instead hired a "less qualified and less senior candidate." D'Orazio, according to the suit, was allegedly told by

Sims that "the chief would not appoint him to a full-time position for political reasons." The allegations were not substantiated, according to the hearing officer." (*Courier Post*, 10/25/07)

- In 2011, D’Orazio Was Awarded A \$75,000 Settlement.** “A former special law enforcement officer here has been awarded a \$75,000 settlement in his lawsuit against the township and the Washington Township Police Department. Now, his attorneys are asking the township and its insurance carrier, the municipal joint insurance fund, to pay the legal fees, which amount to about \$400,000. In the lawsuit, which was filed in October 2007, Ernest M. D’Orazio II claimed he wasn’t promoted to a full-time police officer because of his political affiliations and that his civil rights were violated when the department investigated him for allegedly revealing confidential information about an undercover drug investigation. During the course of the legal battle, "more than 5,000 pages of documents were produced, 29 witness and party depositions were taken," according to court papers filed by D’Orazio’s lawyer, Jacqueline M. Vigilante. They were set to begin a four- to five-week trial in April, but the defendants settled in March, Vigilante said in court documents. Vigilante is asking the court to order the defendants - which include the township, a few members of the police department and former Mayor Paul Moriarty - to pay the bill for attorneys’ fees and costs, which they claim totals \$398,621. Washington Township Solicitor Tim Chell said the motion has not yet been decided. Attorneys for the JIF are handling the case. If the fees are awarded in full, Chell said the JIF would be responsible for the cost since the township has already exceeded its \$35,000 deductible.” (*Gloucester County Times*, 7/1/11)

Other Legal Issues

“Moriarty’s Administration Has Been Faulted For Failing To File Paperwork Last Year To Prevent A Builder’s Remedy Lawsuit To Construct Affordable Housing On A 130-Acre Site On Fish Pond Road.” “Most recently, Moriarty’s administration has been faulted for failing to file paperwork last year to prevent a builder’s remedy lawsuit to construct affordable housing on a 130-acre site on Fish Pond Road. Moriarty says he was not informed of the deadline. Supporters of the mayor, such as resident Tony Tavalario, said Moriarty’s skill at finding corporate sponsors and alternate sources of revenue for some projects benefits residents. "I worked to get him elected. I believed that he would make a good mayor and it’s held true. He always tries to hold taxes down," Tavalario said. One critic, outgoing Republican Councilman Steve Altamuro, said the grants and donations save money, but worries conflicts can arise when they come from contractors who do business with the township. The lone Republican on the council, Altamuro lost his November bid for re-election and leaves office Dec. 31.” (*Courier Post*, 12/9/06)

- Former Democratic Mayor Randee Davidson Contended Moriarty Had All The Information Needed To Prevent The Litigation.** “Most recently, former Democratic Mayor Randee Davidson became a vocal critic when Moriarty’s administration said a suit filed in May 2005 to force the construction of hundreds of affordable homes on 130 acres along Fish Pond Road should have been prevented by her administration. The suit by developer Smith-Garrison alleges the township was not complying with state-mandated affordable housing quotas. It is in litigation. Davidson said the township should have asked for an extension of its protection from so-called builders remedy suits between

Dec. 23, 2004 and May 2005. Paperwork had been forwarded to Moriarty at the end of December, she said. The township also received a letter about affordable housing in April 2005, Davidson said. "He had the affordable housing file in his office," she said." (*Courier Post*, 12/9/06)

- **“Moriarty Said He Did Not See Those Letters And Davidson Did Not Inform Him About The Affordable Housing Situation. Davidson Countered That The Mayor Failed To Attend Four Scheduled Transition Meetings Before Taking Office.”**
(*Courier Post*, 12/9/06)

In November 2008, “The Family Of A Township Man Killed Here Last Year In A Motorcycle Accident Has Filed A Lawsuit Against The Municipality, Citing Its Failure To Adequately Light And Mark The Sharp Corner Where The Crash Occurred.” “The family of a township man killed here last year in a motorcycle accident has filed a lawsuit against the municipality, citing its failure to adequately light and mark the sharp corner where the crash occurred. Less than three months after returning home from serving in Iraq, Anthony LaSelva, 21, died on a township road when he lost control of his new Kawasaki ZX 10 motorcycle. According to the lawsuit, LaSelva died on the night of Sept. 12, 2007, after he lost control of the bike on a sharp corner on Salina Road, struck a curb in the opposite lane and was propelled into an unlit street light. The lawsuit blames LaSelva's death on the township for its "negligence, carelessness, unreasonableness and/or recklessness" for permitting the "dangerous" and "hazardous" conditions of the road caused by the lack of working street lights and signs alerting drivers to the curve. It also cites Atlantic City Electric for the company's failure to maintain the upkeep of the two lighting poles on the street. Company spokeswoman Sandra May declined to comment, citing the pending litigation. Township Mayor Paul Moriarty referred all comment to township solicitor John Eastlack.” (*Courier Post*, 11/13/08)

Recall Effort

In 2006, “Township Resident Steve Mordente Has Formed A Four-Member Recall Committee And Filed A Request On Friday To The Township Clerk For Approval To Begin Circulating A Petition To Recall Mayor Paul Moriarty.” “Township resident Steve Mordente has formed a four-member recall committee and filed a request on Friday to the township clerk for approval to begin circulating a petition to recall Mayor Paul Moriarty. The clerk is expected to rule on the request by Wednesday. After this, Moriarty would have the opportunity to respond to the recall committee in a written statement Mordente would need to gather about 7,000 signatures to recall the mayor. Moriarty declined comment on the committee. Republican councilman Stephen Altamuro and Democrat Ron Lucarini, both vocal opponents of the Democratic mayor, said they are not involved with the recall.” (*Courier Post*, 6/13/06)

- **NOTE:** *The effort was ultimately unsuccessful.*

Miscellaneous

In July 2005, Moriarty Is Known To Have Created Confusion In Washington Township By Claiming There Were No Tax Increase In Residential Estimated Property Tax Bills. “Unlike regular property tax bills that show exactly how taxes are distributed to schools, the county and municipal government, the estimated bills showed only a combined dollar amount

that was significantly higher than last quarter's, said township business administrator Debra Fourre. Compounding the confusion was an attached letter signed by Mayor Paul Moriarty, noting the estimated bills reflected no municipal property tax increase over the past year. Council has not adopted its municipal budget yet and has not determined whether there will be a tax increase. Residents, however, mistook Moriarty's letter to mean there were no tax increases at all. That didn't jibe with the fact their bill showed a higher quarterly amount. The estimated bills did include tax increases for the county, county open space fund and township school district. They did not include increases for the municipal government, the local open space fund or the fire district. The township was forced to send out estimated bills because, even though the \$36 million municipal budget for 2005 isn't finalized, the municipality needs tax revenue to pay its bills. The budget Moriarty introduced in March called for a roughly 8-cent increase in the tax rate, but Moriarty and township council are still trying to make cuts and find other revenue sources so they can keep property taxes stable. Council will again discuss the budget at its meeting Thursday, but it's unclear if the five-member board will adopt it. Moriarty will be out of town on business and has requested that council postpone any action until his return. Moriarty said he wants to make sure the township does all it can to get as much revenue as it can for property tax relief." (*Courier Post*, 7/27/05)

Political Reforms

Pay To Play

In 2007, Moriarty Was Skeptical Of Proposed Ordinances To Restrict The Amount Of Money Contractors Were Allowed To Donate To Campaigns. "Washington Township Mayor Paul Moriarty questioned the proposal at a recent township council meeting. The township currently has an ordinance in place that restricts the amount of money a contractor can contribute directly to a candidate. "The ordinance he put forward does nothing to curb the special interest groups," Moriarty said at the meeting. "This ordinance that you put forward, however honorable, is just as flawed as the one we have." The proposal, Moriarty said, does nothing to curb contracts for and contributions from large unions, like the Fraternal Order of Police and the New Jersey Education Association. For Walker and Aronovitch alike, however, the goal of the proposed ordinance is not perfection, but progress. Both consulted the Center for Civic Responsibility, a Metuchen-based nonprofit dedicated to banning pay-to-play practices statewide, before drafting the ordinance proposed to each township's council. Deptford Mayor Paul Medany said there is no pay-to-play ban in the township, but local elected officials follow state regulations when considering bids from contractors." (*Courier Post*, 7/3/07)

- **NOTE:** *Moriarty was known to have ultimately supported the pay to play restriction later in 2007.*

Minor Voting

In 2023, Moriarty Sponsored Legislation Allowing Some 17 Year Olds To Vote In Primaries. "Bills that would allow some 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections and change the way elections are run and reported passed the Assembly last week and now head to the state Senate. Bill A3690 would create the New Voter Empowerment Act, which would allow a

registered voter who is 17 years old to vote in a primary election provided they will be 18 at the time of the succeeding general election. That bill advanced last week, 50-24. It is sponsored by Assemblymen Bill Moen, D-Camden, Gloucester; Anthony Verrelli, D-Mercer, Hunterdon; and Paul Moriarty, D-Camden, Gloucester. "If someone is able to cast their vote in the November general election, they should be able to participate in the preceding primary election," Moen said in a news release from Assembly Democrats. "It's important to get young people involved in the political process so that our democracy can continue to thrive." Currently, 19 states allow 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the general election to vote in primaries, according to Assembly Democrats, citing data from the National Conference of State Legislatures." (*Press Of Atlantic City*, 5/30/23)

Democratic Associations

In 2008, Moriarty Is Known To Have Backed Obama Over Clinton. "Clinton, once considered the Democratic favorite, won New Jersey's Feb. 5 primary. But she's lost in 10 straight states to Obama, who now holds a lead in elected delegates. Harris said Clinton's campaign is counting on superdelegates -- party leaders chosen outside the primaries and caucuses -- as an "ace in the hole." The superdelegates -- about 800 nationwide and 20 from New Jersey -- can vote for any candidate at the Democratic nominating convention in Denver in August. The Clinton campaign declined to comment on the shift in South Jersey support. Other local Democrats to back Obama included three Gloucester County legislators -- state Sens. Stephen M. Sweeney of West Deptford and Fred H. Madden of Washington Township and Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, who also is mayor of Washington Township -- as well as Camden Mayor Gwendolyn Faison." (*Courier Post*, 2/21/08)

Miscellaneous

In 2011, Moriarty Was Criticized For His Suggestion That Christie Should Have To Reimburse Taxpayers For The Cost Of His Town Halls. "Gov. Chris Christie has feuded with teachers. He has been flirted with. And he has ordered constituents escorted away by state troopers. All of this has taken place in front of thousands of residents and millions of YouTube viewers. The governor's town hall meetings - usually held at least once a week - have catapulted him into the national spotlight and put him into the conversation as a possible Republican presidential candidate. But closer to home, a Democratic assemblyman is calling on Christie to reimburse taxpayers for what he says is political campaigning on their dime. "These are taxpayer-funded events organized and promoted by the taxpayer-funded governor's office," said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-4, of Washington Township. "If the governor sticks to public policy, that's fine. But if the governor wants to campaign, he must dip into his own wallet." At town hall meetings the governor, accompanied by a videographer whose work is often posted on the Internet, says he won't be able to change state government unless a Republican Legislature is elected in November, an assertion that isn't part of his prepared remarks and typically comes up during the question-and-answer portion. Christie dismissed Moriarty's claim at a press conference Wednesday, calling it "ridiculous." A spokesman for the governor said Christie focuses on public policy and not political rhetoric at the meetings, and is often questioned by audience members about why his suggested changes are taking so long to be enacted." (*Gloucester County Times*, 3/17/11)

PERSONAL

Career Notes

“From 1986 To 2003, Moriarty Was An Investigative Reporter For KYW. During His Twice-Weekly Segment, 'Can You Believe It?', Moriarty Tested Products And Their Manufacturers' Sometimes Outlandish Claims.” (*Courier Post*, 3/21/04)

- **“He Left KYW In December During A Dispute With Management Over His Role At The Station, He Said. Since Then, He's Been Working As A Media Consultant And Mulling His First Run For Political Office.”** “He left KYW in December during a dispute with management over his role at the station, he said. Since then, he's been working as a media consultant and mulling his first run for political office. Moriarty said he wants to 'get rid of the circus atmosphere' surrounding township politics, "and try to get people working together.' He is unsure whether he'll run with a council slate. In the June 8 primary, Moriarty faces Mayor Randee Davidson and Frank Scarpato III, a plumber and township fire commissioner.” (*Courier Post*, 3/21/04)

Miscellaneous

In 2003, Moriarty Was Known To Have Struck The Vehicle Of Asm. Douglas Fisher. “To Assemblyman Douglas Fisher, it's plain common sense to keep your eyes on the road while driving. That's why the 3rd District Democrat of Bridgeton is one of several assemblymen who introduced a bill allowing police to ticket distracted drivers. The need for the new law literally hit him in the back end Thursday while traveling in the township to an Assembly session in Trenton. As Fisher slowed down for heavy traffic at the intersection of routes 55 and 42, he was struck by a car driven by Paul Moriarty, 46, of Sewell, police said. Moriarty had taken his eyes off the road to reach for an orange, according to police reports. Neither Fisher, 56, nor Moriarty, a television newscaster, was injured in the crash. Fisher's proposal only applies to drivers who are driving erratically - not those involved in an accident. It would have had no effect on his accidental meeting with Moriarty. Moriarty was not ticketed but could face a careless or unsafe driving summons because his actions resulted in an accident, Fisher said.” (*Daily Journal*, 5/17/03)