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## Courage to Connect NJ seeking to reduce the size of government in New Jersey

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Specifically she'd like to see [New Jersey's](#) 566 municipalities combined into roughly 125.

Genovese, of Long Hill, nine months ago founded Courage to Connect NJ, a [non-profit organization](#) dedicated to educating New Jerseyans about roles they can play in consolidating municipalities and restructuring administrative services to reduce the tax burden on the citizenry.

She held a workshop in Jefferson last week, and will hold another on Oct. 14 at the Morris County Library at 7 p.m. Genovese served on the Long Hill Township Committee and was mayor for a year. She's since left elected politics and makes it a point to keep politics out of her presentations.

"It's for the people to decide, I don't want to sit here and tell you what should happen," she said Tuesday during a phone interview regarding what municipalities she believes should be consolidated.

"The people cannot be blindsided by this — they have to be part of this process when it starts," she said.

The Courage to Connect NJ website points out the six-step process — made possible by the 2007 Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act — that residents can take to consolidate municipalities. The central feature to the law is called that "Municipal Consolidation Study [Commission](#)," which consists of five members from each of the participating towns along with

non-voting representatives from the state and county who are responsible for studying the proposed consolidation and recommending whether the merger should occur.

"It's a matter of petitioning," she said. Adding that Merchantville was one of the first municipalities where residents petitioned to study possibly merging with Cherry Hill.

Genovese said a Merchantville group of citizens petitioned enough people and presented the request for a merger study to Cherry Hill officials, who voted to create a study commission with the Merchantville residents.

"They're talking about the possibility," Genovese said. "That's the whole point."

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