NEW JERSEY 2016 VOTER GUIDE

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This November, Arab Americans in New Jersey will not only be faced with a vote for President, but also for their representatives in Congress. The Arab American population in New Jersey is the sixth largest in the country. The number of New Jerseyans who claim an Arab ancestry has more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980. Arab Americans in New Jersey reside in all of the 21 counties in the state, with the greatest number of Arab Americans living in Hudson County. The largest component of the Arab American community in the state has Egyptian or Lebanese roots and the largest number of new Arab immigrants to New Jersey came from Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon.

Of New Jersey’s 12 congressional districts, six are Democratic held and six are Republican held. All congressman currently in office are running for reelection, and all are facing challengers. Both of New Jersey’s Senators, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, will not be up for reelection until 2018 and 2020, respectively. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie will be facing reelection next year in 2017.

**ARAB AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS**

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**POPULATION BY COUNTY (2013)**

- **HUDSON COUNTY**  21,540
- **BERGEN COUNTY**  20,670
- **PASSIAC COUNTY**  15,729
- **MIDDLESEX COUNTY**  11,345
- **MONMOUTH COUNTY**  5,735

*Research by AAI and Zogby International suggest that the number above is likely significantly lower than the actual number of Arab Americans in the state. The American Community Survey identifies only a portion of the Arab population through a question on “ancestry.” Reasons for the undercount include the placement of and limit of the ancestry question (as distinct from race and ethnicity); the effect of the sample methodology on small, unevenly distributed ethnic groups; high levels of out-marriage among the third and fourth generations; and distrust/misunderstanding of government surveys among recent immigrants.

GENERAL ELECTION

General Election **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**
Polls OPEN at 6 AM and CLOSE at 8 PM

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DEADLINES

Voter Registration: **October 18, 2016**
Absentee Application: **November 1, 2016**
Absentee Ballot: **November 7, 2016**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

To register to vote in the state of New Jersey, you must be:

• A United States citizen
• At least 18-years old
• A resident of the country for 30 days before the election
• Not currently serving a sentence, probation, or parole because of a felony conviction

REGISTER TO VOTE

In-Person
Registration application forms can be completed at your county Commissioners of Registration or Division of Elections office. The application is also available at your local Division of Motor Vehicles office.

Other offices in which the application may be completed:

• NJ Medical Assistance & Health Services Program
• WIC (Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infant & Children)
• Work First NJ Programs

Online
You can check if you are already registered to vote on the New Jersey Division of Elections website. However, the voter registration process cannot be done online.

VOTE BY MAIL

A Vote by Mail application is available online and must be printed and returned to your local County Clerk’s office by **Tuesday, November 1, 2016**.

EARLY VOTING

The state of New Jersey only allows for in-person absentee voting, not early polling. Early absentee voting is available from 45 days before Election Day to 3:00 PM on the day before the election.

VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

The state of New Jersey requires voters to show identification when they arrive to their respective polling places to vote **IF** such information was not provided upon initial registration.
Identification may include:

- NJ Driver’s License (non-photo version also accepted)
- Military or other Government ID
- Student or Job ID
- Store Membership Card
- U.S. Passport
- Bank Statement
- Pay Check
- Car Registration
- Rent receipt
- Government check or document
- Sample ballot
- Utility Bill

REGISTRATION FOR GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If a voter is blind, physically disabled, cannot read the ballot on the machine, or is a non-English speaker, he or she will be allowed to have someone of their choice in the voting machine to assist them. Under federal law, the voter cannot get assistance from a representative of their employer or union for federal elections.

If a voter is alone and is entitled to assistance, two board members of opposite political parties may help him or her. The voter has a right to have one or both workers assist them— it is their choice.

The district board workers must fill out a disability certificate for a voter before they go into the voting machine. An online form is available in order for the voter or another individual to detail any difficulties the voter may face while at his/her polling location.

GENERAL RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL COUNTIES

- Each district board of election is comprised of two Republicans and two Democrats appointed by the county board of elections.
- Training is required and will be provided.
- Salary for any election is $200. The district board member responsible for obtaining and signing for the poll books shall receive an additional $12.50 per election. The sum will be split equally if two members share this responsibility. For school elections, workers are paid by the hour in an amount determined by the local school board.
- Board workers must arrive at their assigned polling place no later than 45 minutes before the polls officially open, which generally means 5:15AM.

POLL WATCHERS

Any citizen may go to a polling place and observe. The poll watcher watches to see if any violations of the election laws occur. If such a violation occurs, the poll watcher is to inform the election board of the violation. The election board consists of the poll workers. Uniformed law enforcement officers are not allowed to be poll watchers.

Poll watchers cannot use the poll workers’ supplies. The poll watcher may not interfere with or impede the conduct of any election. He/she should come no closer to the official table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary. Unless there is an observation of questionable nature, the poll watcher is not permitted to speak to the election board or voter.

Things poll watchers may do:

1. The first poll watcher of the Election Day has the right to see that the ballot box is empty before the first ballot is cast.

2. A poll watcher may observe the distribution of the ballot to the voter and after the voter has voted the depositing of ballot into the ballot box.

For those who want to work at the polls, they must contact their county’s Board of Elections to receive the specific details. Each county is different so it’s important that you contact your county’s Board of Election. Below are brief descriptions of each county’s Board of Elections and some of the rules and requirements to be a poll worker.
3. If the poll watcher observes what he thinks might be a violation, he/she may question a voter’s privilege by stating his/her case to the election board. Remember, the election board consists of the poll workers at that precinct.

4. The poll watcher may observe the closing procedures when the polls close. A poll watcher is not allowed to talk to any person in the polling place except when questioning a procedure.

No poll watcher may wear anything advertising a candidacy or promoting for or against an issue. Poll watchers are official observers only. They may observe the conduct of the election before, during and after the polls close. The election board is the sole authority in the polling place on Election Day. No person, except the board, may handle or touch election supplies and materials. If the poll watcher feels that a violation has taken place during an election, the poll watcher must notify the election board. Electioneering, campaigning or solicitation within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling room is prohibited.

POLL WORKER

The law requires that everyone who works in a polling place on Election Day receive training, including instruction on the rights of voters with disabilities. Also, a poll worker shall be a voter of the state and the poll worker may serve only in the precinct for which his or her appointment is received. Furthermore, a student may be appointed as a poll worker. However, an elections official may appoint not more than five students per precinct to serve under the direct supervision of precinct board members designated by the elections official.

Poll workers also learn about issues confronting voters who have disabilities, including access barriers and the need to make reasonable modification of policies and procedures to allow equal access to vote.

On the day of any primary or election, no person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the election or referendum within a radius 75 feet of any outside entrance. The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the 75 foot distance from any entrance.

CAMPAIGNING & THE POLLS

It is a crime under state law to electioneer within 100 feet from the outside entrance to the polling place up to and including the polling room. There can be no campaign signs or material in this area and no one can campaign on behalf of any candidate or public question to be voted upon.

Representatives of the news media shall be allowed to enter, remain within and leave any polling place or restricted area surrounding any polling place to observe the election, provided any such representative who in any way interferes with the orderly process of voting shall be evicted by the moderator. Any person who violates any provision of this section or, while the polls are open for voting, removes or injures any such distance marker, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than three months or both.
Democratic Presidential Challenger

**Hillary Clinton**, a graduate of Yale Law School, began her career working for the Children’s Defense Fund, and later acting as an advisor to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate scandal. She served as First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1992, during which she became a partner at Rose Law Firm and led several business ventures. In 1993, Hillary Clinton became First Lady of the United States when Bill Clinton was elected as President. As First Lady, she chaired the Task Force on National Healthcare Reform. In 2000, Clinton was elected to the U.S. Senate from New York, where she served two terms. During her time in the Senate, Clinton served on the Committee on Budget, Armed Services, Environment and Public Works, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Special Committee on Aging. Additionally, she was a member of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In the 2008 Presidential election she ran unsuccessfully against President Barack Obama. President Obama appointed Clinton U.S. Secretary of State, where she served from 2009 to 2013. She announced her campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination on Twitter in April 2015.

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Democratic Vice Presidential Challenger

**Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)** graduated from the University of Missouri, and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School during which he interrupted his studies to work for nine months at a Jesuit mission in Honduras. Upon completion of Harvard Law, Kaine entered private practice and became a lecturer at the University of Richmond School of Law. He was first elected to public office in 1994, when he won a seat on the Richmond, Virginia City Council. He was then elected Mayor of Richmond in 1998, serving in that position until 2001 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Kaine was elected Governor of Virginia in 2005, serving until 2010. He served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2009 to 2011, and then decided to run for the vacant U.S. Senate seat, an election he won. Senator Kaine is presently serving in the Senate and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Budget Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Senator Kaine was selected by Hillary Clinton as her Vice Presidential running mate on July 22nd. On July 27, 2016 Senator Kaine officially accepted the Democratic nomination.
Republican Presidential Challenger

**Donald Trump** is a real estate mogul and television personality best known for the eponymous Trump Organization and his reality TV program “The Apprentice.” Born and raised in New York City, Trump earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1968. In 1973, Trump inherited his father’s real estate and construction firm, and renamed it “The Trump Organization.” Trump is a politically active member of the Tea Party movement and had discussed the idea of running for President of the United States in five previous election cycles. In June 2015, Trump announced his campaign for the 2016 Republican nomination in front of Trump Tower in New York City. Trump officially accepted the Republican National Committee’s nomination for President at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

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Republican Vice Presidential Challenger

Following graduation from law school, **Governor Mike Pence** unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990, losing both times to Democratic incumbent Phil Sharp. In 1991, Pence was named President of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pence was elected to Congress in November 2000 and served for six terms. In November 2008, his fellow GOP members elected him to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Conference. During his tenure in Congress, Pence served on multiple House committees including, Agriculture, Judiciary, Small Business, and Foreign Affairs. In May 2011, Pence announced that he would not run for re-election in Congress, and instead successfully ran for Governor of Indiana in the 2012 election. As Governor, Pence made national headlines when he signed Indiana’s controversial “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” into law. This action brought about widespread criticism alleging that the bill would permit discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

On July 15, 2016, Donald Trump announced that he had selected Pence as his Vice Presidential running mate in the 2016 Presidential election.
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