

Patrick Heller
for
Hunterdon County Freeholder



facebook: [heller4freeholder](#)

email: heller4freeholder@yahoo.com

I am running for Hunterdon County Freeholder because I believe there is a need for diversity of thought among the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For too many years the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has had only one voice on stage. Good government isn't a one-sided government. Good government needs to represent the interests and ideals of ALL of its citizens, and so must be willing to engage in fruitful and meaningful debate of the issues, as opposed to simply "rubber stamping" the same old ideas.

I have lived in Hunterdon County for nearly twenty years. I work as an Insurance defense lawyer for a Fortune 1000 insurance company. I am very active in the legal community and serve as the Treasurer of the Hunterdon County Bar Association. I have volunteered for Hunterdon's Juvenile Conference Committee, and I'm very proud of my two seasons coaching two Readington Girls Softball Teams, the Purple Dragon and Pink Pandas.

My wife Jennifer has worked for Readington Township as a Special Education Teacher for over 20 years. We have two daughters, Madison (14) and Morgan (11) who attend Hunterdon County schools.

As a Hunterdon County Freeholder, I would work with Congressman Malinowski and our US Senators to increase federal money coming to Hunterdon County. Currently, New Jersey gets about 82 cents for every \$1.00 we send to Washington. We need a better return on our money we send to Washington, because this is money that we could invest in improving police protection, supporting our schools and in providing job training programs to help Hunterdon County residents.

I would also work to bring new employers to Hunterdon County and to make sure the existing ones stay. For instance, in my town of Readington we lost a major employer and tax provider when Merck & Co. Inc. decided to leave the county. If I am elected Freeholder I would work with local municipalities to keep a strong local employer in Hunterdon County.

Hunterdon County needs a new vision to help bring us forward through the 21st century. The people of Hunterdon County deserve a new voice with new ideas to balance the stale and entrenched establishment that is currently in place.