






Murray Center Voter Education Guide 2018








"Voting isn't the most we can do. But it is the least." -- Gloria Steinem









Your vote is your voice. If you want to be heard on the issues that affect your life, you need to vote on Election Day, November 6. It's barely a week away, and if you haven't registered by now, it's too late. If you have already registered, you can still apply to vote by mail, but you need to do it now! Your application to vote by mail must be received by the County Clerk in your district 7 days prior to the election. That's this Wednesday, October 31 (Halloween)! (You can also apply to vote by mail in person to the County Clerk in your district until 3:00 p.m., the day before the election.) To find out if you're registered, what district you vote in, where your polling place is, and/or to apply to vote by mail, go to <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information.html> If you're voting in person on November 6, it's a good idea to plan a specific time to vote and make sure you have transportation to your polling place. (The Dean of Students Office will provide transportation to the polls for students registered to vote in Newark.)







You're a lot more likely to take the time to vote if you know what you're voting for (or against); so NJIT's Murray Center for Women in Technology has created a non-partisan NJ VOTER EDUCATION GUIDE around three core issues: IMMIGRATION, WOMEN'S & LGBTQ RIGHTS, and GUN CONTROL. You can use the Guide to find out what position the Democratic Party and Republican Party congressional candidates in your district have taken on these issues—and the positions of the NJ Republican and Democratic party Senatorial candidates as well.

Remember, your vote is your voice. Make it loud!

U. S. Senate Candidates	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Bob Hugin www.bobhugin.com 	No official statement available.	"Bob agrees with former President Ronald Reagan, who said: "A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation." We need to fix our immigration system in a comprehensive and compassionate way. That means securing our borders, opposing so-called Sanctuary Cities, and supporting law enforcement as they keep our communities safe. It also means creating a path to citizenship for Dreamers and immigrants who may not have come here legally, but are building productive and constructive lives in America. We are a nation of immigrants. A nation that is made better, fuller, and stronger by the diversity and talents of our people." Source: Candidate's Website	WOMEN: No official statement available. LGBTQ: "Bob believes that any American who is qualified and able to serve in our nation's armed forces should be given the opportunity to serve their country. That must include all members of the LGBTQ community and Bob opposes any attempt to ban transgender Americans from our nation's armed forces. Bob is pro-marriage equality and he will work to protect the freedoms and equality of all Americans. As Senator, he will be a proactive leader who will work to ensure that the rights of the LGBTQ community are protected and he'll work to remove any barriers that threaten full equality." Source: Candidate's Website
Bob Menendez * https://www.menendez.senate.gov https://www.menendezfornj.com info@menendezfornj.com 	"An average of 50 women across America are shot to death by intimate partners each month, according to FBI data. Bob believes that reducing domestic violence requires more stringent gun safety laws. That's why he has sponsored measures to close background check loopholes, restore the assault weapons ban, and limit high capacity magazines used in mass shootings such as Las Vegas, Parkland, and Newtown." Source: Candidate's Senate Website	"...The Trump Administration's immigration policies prioritize for deportation ALL undocumented immigrants, seek to expand family detention capabilities, and have created a climate of fear in immigrant communities. Now more than ever we must fight for smart reforms that respect America's diversity, that allow immigrants to lawfully come forward, go through background checks and earn a path to citizenship. We must continue to fight for immigration policies that keep families together, permanently protect Dreamers and TPS holders, and preserve our asylum laws." Source: League of Women https://www.vote411.org/ballot (More content on candidate's website)	WOMEN: "I will continue to fight for all women until America realizes true equality. Bob's Focus: Securing economic independence for women; guaranteeing equal pay for equal work; supporting working mothers and caregivers; eliminating threats to reproductive rights; promoting health insurance that works for women; preventing violence against women."...Bob is a lead sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment, which would make women's equality a fundamental right under the Constitution." LGBTQ: "Bob cosponsored multiple pieces of legislation that would end discrimination based on sexual orientation including the Respect for Marriage Act the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the Student Non-Discrimination Act." Source: Candidate's Senate Website.
Congressional District 1	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Paul Dilks https://www.pauldilks.com 	"Paul was hounded by a stalker for 12 years, so he believes that people should always have the right to defend themselves with a gun if necessary. Paul himself does not own a gun, but it is a right granted by this country, and he feels it always should be preserved. Paul's biggest fear regarding "assault weapons" and rifles would be that if they were banned, criminals who have them would have a lethal advantage. Restricting ownership to people over 21 doesn't make sense. After all, we have plenty of military service members under 21....heavy emphasis should be placed on teaching the principles and practices of responsible gun ownership." Source: Candidate's website	"10-year path to citizenship. DACA immigrants pay for the wall. If the 1.8 million pay an up-front application fee of \$1,000, and \$500 per year thereafter, more than \$10 billion will be raised, according to recent estimates. Require 50 hours of community service each year to help immigrants get involved in American life....You'll be put in the back of the line, but you can continue to live here. You'll pay taxes on your wages and also pay an annual fee, to be determined, while you wait for citizenship...." Source: Candidate's website (More content available)	No official statement available.
Donald Norcross * https://www.donaldnorcrossforcongress.com https://norcross.house.gov/ 	"Simply offering thoughts and prayers after each tragic mass shooting – then doing nothing – means nothing and Americans know it. We need to have open conversations about gun violence in our communities and resolve to take action," said Congressman Norcross. "President Trump and the NRA are suggesting we arm teachers. That's lunacy – our teachers already have hard enough jobs, and having more guns in schools will only put our children at greater risk. It's time for Congress to listen to our children and vote on sensible gun safety measures." Source: Press release (2/28/18) on Candidate's House Website	DACA: "Since 2012, DACA has provided security for 800,000 young men and women who were brought to America as children. Without the program, New Jersey stands to lose nearly \$1.6 billion per year. DACA improves the lives of young people who know no other country than America and it helps grow the American economy....We need comprehensive immigration reform – like the plan that passed the Senate in 2015 – that provides a pathway to citizenship and enhances our security. I stand ready to work with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle on this...." Source: Press release (9/5/17) on Candidate's House Website	WOMEN: "Women have made great strides in history, but it's time they receive equal pay for equal work and the opportunity to maintain a work and family balance." Source: Candidate House Website LGBTQ: "With a monumental year for marriage equality behind us, no one should have to live in fear because they are with the one they love. As a member of the LGBT Equality Caucus, I am working toward the extension of equal rights for everyone." Source: Candidate's Website
Congressional District 2	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Seth Grossman https://grossmanforcongress.com/ 	"...Until now, federal laws have made it difficult for school officials and ordinary citizens to take common sense action to protect our children. If elected, I will support laws to encourage local officials to do what they find necessary to protect them. Those measures include allowing qualified, trained, law abiding school employees to carry weapons. They would also include allowing counselors, psychologists, and teachers to legally share information with each other and law enforcement officials on deadly threats they learn from students." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)	"...Reduce legal immigration to sustainable levels. Immigration laws were strictly enforced From 1917 to 1966. Legal immigration was limited to roughly 300,000 per year. This allowed immigrants and their children to quickly learn English and become mainstream Americans.... The new 1965 immigration law, and changes made by Carter, Bush, Clinton, and Obama brought more than one million legal immigrants to America each year. Far too many of these immigrants are not assimilating. Many actually hate our American culture and constitutional government and want to change us. This also makes it difficult, if not impossible to enforce immigration laws...." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)	No official statement available.

<p>Jeff Van Drew</p> <p>https://www.vandrewforcongress.com/</p> 	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>[The American] "...dream has become increasingly harder to reach because of our broken immigration system, and we need new approaches that are tough, practical, and fair. We need comprehensive reform that must start by strengthening border security and cracking down on employers that knowingly circumvent the law. Additionally, by requiring employers to verify workers we will reduce the hiring of unauthorized workers, increase the accessibility of visas for high-skilled workers, and allow law-abiding immigrant families to come out of the shadows, pay taxes, play by the rules, and earn their citizenship. We need realistic approaches to protect children that came here as minors and grew up identifying as American, and policies that treat them fairly." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p>	<p>WOMEN: "I'm proud of the work we have done in New Jersey to tackle income inequality by passing laws to ensure equal pay for equal work. Now, I want to champion that policy in Washington and require equal pay for every woman in America! The time is now."</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available</p>
<p>Congressional District 3</p>	<p>Gun Control</p>	<p>Immigration</p>	<p>Women's Rights/LGBTQIA</p>
<p>Andy Kim</p> <p>https://andykimforcongress.com/</p> 	<p>"...I've seen the violence of these weapons of war up front, first hand when I worked out of Afghanistan, and I was devastated to see these weapons murdering children here at home. Americans, parents, students, grandparents alike, we overwhelmingly agree about the need to put in place universal background checks." Source: http://www.burlingtoncountytimes.com/news/20180507/democrat-andy-kim-says-hes-open-to-another-federal-assault-weapons-ban</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>WOMEN: "End Gender and Workplace Discrimination. The gender pay gap is unfair and must end. Everyone must get equal pay for equal work. Discrimination and harassment in the workplace are unacceptable. There needs to be dignity in our work and fairness and equality in our paychecks." Source: Candidate's Website.</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available</p>
<p>Tom MacArthur *</p> <p>https://macarthur.house.gov/ http://www.tmac4congress.com</p> 	<p>"Tom believes in the constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families, to hunt, to collect, and to shoot competitively or recreationally. To many people in Burlington and Ocean Counties, that right is sacrosanct and should be respected. Tom has also fought for new laws that stiffen penalties for those who commit violent crimes with guns, and recently broke with the NRA to call for universal criminal and mental health background checks for all gun purchases." Source: Candidate's Website.</p>	<p>"Tom believes we need comprehensive federal immigration reform that begins with strong and secure borders – and that any illegal immigrant who has committed a crime must be immediately returned to their country of origin. Tom supports a compassionate legislative fix that for young children who were brought here by their parents through no fault of their own, and have known no other home than America." Source: Candidate's Website.</p>	<p>WOMEN: "Tom supports parental notification for minors and a ban on late-term abortions, and he opposes using taxpayer dollars to fund abortion." Source: Candidate's Website</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available</p>
<p>Congressional District 4</p>	<p>Gun Control</p>	<p>Immigration</p>	<p>Women's Rights/LGBTQIA</p>
<p>Chris Smith *</p> <p>https://chrissmith.house.gov http://smithfornj.org/</p> 	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>
<p>Josh Welle</p> <p>https://welleforcongress.com</p> 	<p>"America leads the world in gun violence and we must take sensible action to address it. As a post 9/11 veteran who served in Afghanistan, I know the importance of responsibility and safety when it comes to these powerful weapons. I think we as a country can protect the Second Amendment and the rights of responsible gun owners but also keep our children safe in schools and on the streets. I support universal background checks to close dangerous loopholes that put guns in the hands of criminals and domestic abusers. I support a ban of assault weapons, high capacity magazines, and bump stock-like accessories to keep weapons of war off our streets." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p>	<p>"...I believe that it is past time that we pass comprehensive immigration reform that provides a clear pathway to legal and equal citizenship, treats immigrants with dignity while upholding the law and protecting our border and national security. We need to embrace and defend DACA to ensure that the bright young people who want to contribute to our economy have the right to do so." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p>	<p>WOMEN: "...[I] will without question, stand up for a woman's right to choose...[and]... will work to fully fund Planned Parenthood.... We have to confront the physical and sexual abuse of women head on because women have the right to a safe work environment, period. Committing to equal pay is also a major investment in our economic future as a country...."</p> <p>LGBTQ: "...I support full federal equality for LGBTQ Americans.... And that means overturning the efforts of this Congress and administration to ban transgender soldiers from the military. In Washington, I will lead efforts to preserve the Marriage Equality and defends LGBTQ rights against legislation that attempts to legalize discrimination based on sexual orientation...." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)</p>
<p>Congressional District 5</p>	<p>Gun Control</p>	<p>Immigration</p>	<p>Women's Rights/LGBTQIA</p>
<p>Joshua Gottheimer *</p> <p>https://gottheimer.house.gov https://josh4congress.com</p> 	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>WOMEN: "...I [will] unequivocally fight any attempt to get between a woman and her doctor when it comes to making personal health care choices. I also believe women should have access to affordable health care services around the country....I proudly cosponsored the Paycheck Fairness Act to ensure that women receive equal pay for equal work. We must also support families by providing new parents with sensible family leave and quality, affordable childcare...."</p> <p>LGBTQ: "As a member of the Congressional LGBTQ Equality Caucus, I've fought to extend protections for the LGBTQ community... [including] the Freedom from Discrimination in Credit Act (FDCA), a bipartisan bill to prohibit credit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p>
<p>John McCann</p> <p>https://www.mccannforcongress.com</p> 	<p>"Without the ability to defend our homes and our families, we can never truly be free. The Founding Fathers provided Americans with the freedom to exercise this right to keep and bear arms without governmental infringement. Our inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are protected by the Second Amendment. Guns can save lives. This is why I will always fight to defend Second Amendment rights from liberal politicians in Washington and Trenton....As the only candidate in the race that has ever had a carry-and-conceal permit, I am the only pro-gun candidate in NJ-5 who will fight to protect your Second Amendment rights." Source: Candidate's Website.</p>	<p>"...Sanctuary City laws endanger our communities....I will lead the fight in Congress to protect our families by: stopping the liberal democrats in the d.c. and NJ swamps from blocking our president's commonsense plan to fight illegal immigration; working to secure the border and ports of entry; blocking terrorists, gangs, and drugs from entering this country; voting to end the diversity visa lottery and chain migration; working to create merit-based immigration so we're only taking in the best and brightest from around the world...." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p>	<p>WOMEN: "Life begins at conception....As a Member of Congress I will oppose all taxpayer funding for any portion of Planned Parenthood's budget supporting abortion services or the harvesting of fetal tissue. I am a supporter of women's healthcare, but there should be no taxpayer funding for abortions. As your Congressman, I will fight to ensure the government has a responsibility to protect the sanctity of life—one of our constitutional, Creator-endowed inalienable rights." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available</p>

Congressional District 6	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Frank Pallone * https://pallone.house.gov https://www.pallonefornewjersey.com 	<p>"The seemingly endless list of mass shootings and the stunning number of daily gun deaths in the United States should warrant immediate action by our government including instituting universal background checks, an assault weapons ban and limiting high capacity magazines." Source: Candidate's Website.</p>	<p>"We owe it to our families, we owe it to our economy, and we owe it to the founding ideals of our country to ensure that those who have come here as children, those who have fled violence and oppression, and those who have made countless contributions to our communities are able to call America home." Source: Candidate's Website.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>
Rich Pezzullo https://richpezzullo.nationbuilder.com 	<p>"Rich supports the individual right to keep and bear arms and opposes new federal gun control laws. He has earned an AQ rating from the National Rifle Association, the highest rating that a candidate that does not hold public office can receive. He has been endorsed in the past by the GOA." Source: Candidate's Website</p>	<p>"As the great-grandson of immigrants from Italy and Ireland who came legally to this country, Rich opposes proposals to give amnesty and eventually citizenship to as many as eleven million illegal aliens. He believes we would be better served if we used a system where immigrants were sponsored, and did not become a drain on taxpayers, and wants to make English our official language. Rich Pezzullo believes that the border should be secured and the executive branch should be held accountable for every day that the security is not in place." Source: Candidate's Website.</p>	<p>WOMEN: "Being pro-life, Rich has examined the health care choices available and believes our sisters, mothers, wives and girlfriends deserve more choices than abortion. He believes that women have health issues requiring assistance but opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortions. Rich has advocated that sensible regulations on service providers, not unlike those placed on other medical professionals, including parental notification and informed consent, are in the best interest of the patients...." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available</p>
Congressional District 7	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Leonard Lance * https://lance.house.gov http://www.lanceforcongress.com 	<p>"...Leonard is a cosponsor of H.R. 3999, the bipartisan bump stock ban [and]...a cosponsor of H.R. 4240, the bipartisan Thompson-King background check legislation that expands the existing background check system to cover all commercial firearm sales, including those at gun shows, over the internet or in classified ads while providing reasonable exceptions for family and friend transfers....Congressman Lance voted against concealed-carry and opposed legislation to deregulate silencers...." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p>	<p>"...I oppose granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants because it is unfair to those who have entered our country legally....This includes ensuring that illegal immigrants are not covered under any federal health care reform measure.... Instead of rewarding illegal behavior, we need to crack down on illegal immigration and secure the border....[I] voted for the new law providing \$10.1 billion for Customs and Border Protection, including \$800 million for Southwest border security fencing, infrastructure and technology, an \$1.5 billion for identifying and removing from the United States criminal aliens once an immigration judge has ordered them deported. Finally I strongly support requiring businesses to use the E-Verify background check system...." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p>	<p>WOMEN: [Lance voted]"...for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to help victims of wage discrimination... [supported] the renewal of the federal Violence Against Women Act... [and cosponsored] the Equal Rights Amendment."</p> <p>LGBTQ: [Lance voted for]...President Obama's 2014 executive order barring federal contractors from discriminating on the basis of 'sexual orientation and gender identity' in their private employment policies;...[and voted] for the Hate Crimes Prevention Act to expand federal hate-crime law to include crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability...." Source: Candidate's Website. (More content available)</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available</p>
Tom Malinowski https://malinowskifornj.com 	<p>"...I am proud to offer the following proposals to strengthen our gun laws and make our communities safer: an assault weapons ban... minimum age for purchasing a firearm...stand up to the NRA...[oppose] concealed carry reciprocity...universal background checks... gun violence restraining orders... [prohibit] armor-piercing ammunition... [restrict acquisition of] body armor;...firearm purchase waiting period ...trafficking/firearms tracing... prohibiting high-capacity magazines, encouraging safe gun technology, repealing the Dickey Amendment, which prohibits the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from conducting research that may be used to advocate or promote gun reform, expanding mental health treatment and barring sales to the mentally ill, barring sales to domestic abusers, restricting Internet gun sales of kits used to make/modify guns, etc. Source: Candidate's Website. (More information available)</p>	<p>"...I would support bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform which provides funds to better secure the border, encourages legal immigration that will strengthen our economy, create a tough but fair process to bring unauthorized immigrants out of the shadows, and strengthens employment verification. I fully support the extension of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, because by any common measure, DREAMers are Americans. They grew up in America; they pay taxes; they have started businesses; they have served in our military; and if deported they would be forced to start entirely new lives in countries they have never known. I strongly oppose the Trump Administration's policy of separating children from their families at the border." Source: Candidate's Website. (More information available)</p>	<p>WOMEN: "I will work to ensure we fund reproductive health programs, for the sake of women, men, and families. I support and am proud to be endorsed by Planned Parenthood, which provides basic healthcare to millions of women in New Jersey, and has contributed to historic reductions in teen pregnancies and the spread of infectious disease. I will support access to contraceptives, and defend the progress the Affordable Care Act made by requiring insurers to provide women contraceptive coverage. I believe in a woman's right to choose when, if, and how to start a family." Source: Candidate's Website</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available</p>
Congressional District 8	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
John Muñiz http://www.johnmunizforcongress.com 	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>"Find a pathway to citizenship for all dreamers: 1. Resolve the immigration crisis (comprehensive immigration reform) by working together across party lines for the common good of all. 2. Have secured borders. 3. Increase security to protect the homeland" Source: Candidate's Website.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>
Albio Sires * https://sires.house.gov 	<p>"Over the past five years in the United States, over 100,000 people have been killed as a result of gun violence and millions have been victims of other crimes involving a gun. Mass shootings have become far too common with tragedies occurring everywhere from schools and places of worship to concerts. According to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, an average of 318 people are injured and 96 people die due to gun violence every day in America. I am deeply concerned with the continued gun violence in our country and I support enacting and enforcing measures to protect innocent people from the terror of gun violence." Source: Candidate's Website (More information available)</p>	<p>"The United States is a country built on the contributions of immigrants and their families seeking the American Dream. As an immigrant myself, I have had the privilege to experience this first hand and witness just how much immigrants enrich our society. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have strongly supported comprehensive immigration reform as the solution to fixing our Nation's broken immigration system. Congress must come together to pass legislation that addresses the issue in a fair and compassionate way while acknowledging the causes of illegal immigration into country, such as the widespread violence in Central America, and work with our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere to find solutions." Source: Candidate's Website (More information available)</p>	<p>WOMEN: "...I am a proud cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act to deter wage discrimination....I have cosponsored...the Birth Control Access Act, which would...protect coverage of contraception services for women....I am an original cosponsor of...the International Violence Against Women Act...."</p> <p>LGBTQ: "...I have continuously supported legislation that protects those in the LGBT community.... I was an original cosponsor of H.R. 3185, the Equality Act [which] would have prohibited discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation [and]... cosponsor of H.R. 5586, the Customer Non-Discrimination Act [which]...would have amended the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination...." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)</p>
Congressional District 9	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Eric Fisher https://www.facebook.com/NJdistrict9/ 	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>
Bill Pascrell * http://billpascrell.com https://pascrell.house.gov 	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>	<p>No official statement available.</p>

Congressional District 10	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Agha Khan http://www.khanforcongress.com 	No official statement available.	No official statement available.	No official statement available.
Don Payne * https://www.paynejr4congress.com/ https://payne.house.gov/ 	No official statement available.	No official statement available.	No official statement available.
Congressional District 11	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Mikie Sherrill https://www.mikiesherrill.com 	<p>"...We need to do much more to keep deadly weapons out of the hands of violent criminals, domestic abusers, and terrorists. We can do this while protecting the Second Amendment and the rights of responsible gun owners. I support universal criminal background checks to cover all firearm sales....I support a federal assault weapons ban and limits on large capacity magazines...And Congress also needs to ban bump-stocks, which allow individuals to convert firearms into fully automatic weapons.... Suspected terrorists on the No-Fly list should not be allowed to purchase a firearm, and domestic abusers with temporary restraining orders filed against them must not be able to purchase a gun...." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)</p>	No official statement available.	<p>WOMEN: "I am pro-choice. A woman's health decisions should be between her and her doctor. The federal government should have no say on when, how, or with whom women decide to start or grow a family....In Congress, I will be a forceful voice against efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, restrict access to birth control, and efforts to limit a woman's access to safe family planning services. I strongly support equal pay for equal work... With so much on the line in Washington including the tax increases from the federal tax bill, equal pay is an issue of economic fairness for all our families." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available.</p>
Jay Webber https://www.webberforcongress.com 	No official statement available.	<p>"...Any discussion of immigration policy must start with prioritizing border security, and establishing and enforcing a fully functioning system of immigration control....Sanctuary City policies must be stopped and we must support our federal immigration enforcement agents.... Our immigration policy must be reoriented toward skill and merit and away from random lotteries and extended "chain migration" that does not account for or contribute to our nation's economic well-being....As part of a commitment to securing the border and enforcing our existing laws, we should find a reasonable path to legal status for those young men and women who are here illegally through no fault of their own and who consider America their home...." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)</p>	<p>WOMEN: "Women's healthcare must be a priority, and to keep it so, federal funding for Planned Parenthood should be repurposed to federally qualified health centers, or FQHCs, which provide better and more comprehensive services than Planned Parenthood. Taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood subsidizes late-term abortions and abortions on minors without their parents' knowledge or consent. Planned Parenthood and its agents have been caught on camera bargaining prices for baby body parts and have covered up the statutory rape and sex trafficking of young women, among other scandals. The federal government should not subsidize such a controversial group, especially when better options exist." Source: Candidate's Website</p> <p>LGBTQ: No official statement available.</p>
Congressional District 12	Gun Control	Immigration	Women's Rights/LGBTQIA
Daryl Kipnis http://kipnisforcongress.com/ 	No official statement available.	<p>"Daryl will draw upon his experience as an immigration attorney to advocate for America's vibrant immigrant community. He supports the passage of a DREAM Act that would give approximately 1.8 million DACA recipients who were brought to the country as children a path to United States citizenship, and immigration reforms which will assist others in retaining resident status and streamlining their path to citizenship as well. Additionally, he seeks to expand the opportunity to welcome working families to unite and build their lives in America, while simultaneously defending the integrity and security of our borders." Source: Candidate's</p>	No official statement available.
Bonnie Watson Coleman * http://www.bonnieforcongress.com https://watsoncoleman.house.gov 	<p>"...We need comprehensive background checks. Only responsible people should own guns. We must ban assault weapons and ban high-capacity ammunition clips.... That is why Bonnie Watson Coleman supported legislation that limits ammunition magazines in New Jersey to ten rounds. She introduced legislation that requires prospective buyers to undergo background checks, through a federal dealer before purchasing firearms [and...] legislation to clarify that cars containing illegal firearms may be seized by police. These bills are common sense measures that would reduce gun violence and go a long way to protect the residents, especially the children of New Jersey...." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)</p>	<p>"...Congresswoman Watson Coleman will work hard to support common sense immigration policies that support people seeking freedom, security, and access....Voting in favor of H.R. 240, Congresswoman Watson Coleman supported the appropriation of resources towards sound immigration and supported President Obama's efforts to grant amnesty to undocumented persons. Alongside this legislative effort, Congresswoman Watson Coleman voted against the Blackburn amendment of H.R. 240 which sought to defund the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a vital policy for protecting undocumented children from deportation...." Source: Candidate's House Website (More content available)</p>	<p>WOMEN: "Bonnie Watson Coleman... sponsored the Unfair Wage Recovery Act... [which] would have restarted the clock to file suit under the statute of limitations each time compensation is paid to a woman in furtherance of a discriminatory decision or practice. Bonnie Watson Coleman also supported the Wage Transparency Act, which would have provided women with a tool to help uncover pay disparity.... [She] believes that a woman's right to choose is between a woman and her doctor. She is committed to protecting women's access to comprehensive reproductive health care services LGBTQ: "...Bonnie spoke fiercely on the New Jersey Assembly Chamber in favor of granting marriage equality for all New Jersey couples." Source: Candidate's Website (More content available)</p>

All of the position statements in the Guide are quotes taken verbatim from the candidates' official websites and/or non-partisan sites such as the League of Women Voters vote411.org. We've included the complete position statement whenever possible; if we've had to choose excerpts, we've so indicated and have referred you to the candidate's website for more content. If the candidate is an incumbent (marked by an Asterisk * in the Guide), you can check their voting record. News media outlets publish guides as well—for example: <https://elections.wnyc.org/>. Advocacy/activist organizations also publish guides, often rating candidates based on their stance on a particular issue. For example, the NJITGreen student club has created a candidates guide around environmental issues. The online version of our NJ Voter Education Guide includes a section on environment issues as well. You can access it via the Murray Center website.