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OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER P.O. BOX 024 TRENTON, NJ 08625-0024 (609) 984-2888 **KEVIN D. WALSH** *Acting State Comptroller* 

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## Kevin D. Walsh Sworn in as New Jersey's Acting State Comptroller

TRENTON – Kevin D. Walsh has joined the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) and was sworn in as Acting New Jersey State Comptroller today, January 27, 2020, before the Honorable Mary C. Jacobson, Superior Court, Mercer County. Walsh has been nominated by Governor Phil Murphy to serve as the state's fourth Comptroller of the modern era, succeeding the Honorable Philip Degnan, who has taken the Superior Court bench in Essex County.

Walsh joins OSC after serving two decades as a civil rights attorney and Executive Director of the Fair Share Housing Center. Walsh previously served as Counsel to New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, where he helped lead the grassroots effort to abolish the death penalty in New Jersey.

"I am deeply honored to serve in this important position," Walsh said. "I am excited to lead an agency that has made municipal, county and state entities more effective, more efficient and more accountable to the people they serve. I intend to serve as an independent voice within government and on behalf of the people of New Jersey."

As Acting Comptroller, Walsh will lead the OSC, an independent state agency that conducts audits and investigations of government agencies throughout New Jersey. The Office also reviews certain government contracts and works to detect and prevent Medicaid Fraud. The Office strives to enhance the efficiency and transparency of government and to ensure that public funds are spent effectively and efficiently.

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