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## **Ballot Questions Tally**

## For November 2006 General Election

### **PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1**

# DEDICATES ANNUAL REVENUE OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO A TAX RATE OF 0.5% UNDER THE STATE SALES TAX FOR PROPERTY TAX REFORM

Do you approve the amendment of Article VIII, Section I of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, to provide for the annual dedication and annual appropriation of an amount equal to the annual revenue derived from a tax rate of 0.5% imposed under the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax, exclusively for the purpose of property tax reform, through a special Property Tax Reform Account established in the constitutionally dedicated Property Tax Relief Fund?

### **Interpretive Statement**

This constitutional amendment provides that an amount equal to the annual revenue derived from a tax rate of 0.5% imposed under the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax Act shall be annually dedicated in a special account in the Property Tax Relief Fund and annually appropriated for property tax reform.

| County     | Yes Count | No Count |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| Atlantic   | 37,099    | 18,650   |
| Bergen     | 113,514   | 61,663   |
| Burlington | 76,408    | 35,654   |
| Camden     | 77,709    | 31,996   |
| Cape May   | 19,247    | 10,211   |
| Cumberland | 15,051    | 8,083    |
| Essex      | 62,659    | 24,987   |
| Gloucester | 44,512    | 19,983   |
| Hudson     | 29,028    | 13,480   |
| Hunterdon  | 22,925    | 13,806   |
| Mercer     | 51,645    | 27,456   |
| Middlesex  | 82,390    | 47,018   |
| Monmouth   | 105,646   | 50,287   |
| Morris     | 88,518    | 39,572   |
| Ocean      | 92,469    | 47,117   |
| Passaic    | 44,166    | 21,281   |
| Salem      | 12,368    | 6,940    |
| Somerset   | 48,134    | 27,326   |
| Sussex     | 28,953    | 12,945   |
| Union      | 51,306    | 24,865   |
| Warren     | 17,383    | 9,060    |
| Total      | 1,121,130 | 552,380  |

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#### **PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 2**

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO EXPAND USES OF DEDICATED TAX REVENUES TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES ON PRESERVED OPEN SPACE LANDS

Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, expanding the authorized uses of the constitutionally dedicated Corporation Business Tax Revenue, to allow the use of 15% of the dedicated funds to fund the development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and beginning on January 1, 2016, allow the use of an additional 17% of the dedicated funds to fund the development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, be approved?

#### Interpretive Statement

Since 1996, 4% of the annual revenue from the Corporation Business Tax has been constitutionally dedicated to fund environmental programs. Approval of this constitutional amendment would (1) expand the authorized uses of those revenues to fund improvements and facilities for recreation and conservation purposes on preserved open space lands, and to pay debt that may be incurred from the issuance of bonds for those purposes, and (2) change the allocation of funds for the existing authorized uses. The Constitution currently allocates 33% for hazardous discharge cleanup performed by the State, 17% for grants for air pollution control programs until 2016, a minimum of one-sixth (or 16.66%) or a minimum of \$5 million for water quality projects, and a minimum of one-third for funding loans or grants for underground storage tank programs and loans or grants for hazardous discharge remediation programs, and for an underground storage tank inspection program. This constitutional amendment would authorize 15% of the dedicated funds to be used to finance improvements and facilities for recreation and conservation purposes on preserved open space lands and an additional 17% for that purpose in 2016 by reducing the allocation of monies for water quality programs, State funded hazardous discharge cleanup, and the underground storage tank program, but would require an appropriation to the underground storage tank program if less than \$20 million is available in any year for that program.

| County     | Yes Count | No Count |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| Atlantic   | 32,277    | 23,052   |
| Bergen     | 112,588   | 61,899   |
| Burlington | 68,100    | 41,420   |
| Camden     | 67,474    | 40,703   |
| Cape May   | 16,801    | 12,334   |
| Cumberland | 12,910    | 9,572    |
| Essex      | 56,849    | 28,264   |
| Gloucester | 38,970    | 24,558   |
| Hudson     | 27,441    | 14,679   |
| Hunterdon  | 21,073    | 15,716   |
| Mercer     | 48,509    | 30,082   |
| Middlesex  | 78,935    | 49,018   |
| Monmouth   | 87,051    | 68,736   |
| Morris     | 79,147    | 48,177   |
| Ocean      | 67,235    | 66,674   |
| Passaic    | 39,287    | 25,124   |
| Salem      | 10,739    | 8,481    |
| Somerset   | 41,919    | 32,996   |
| Sussex     | 24,609    | 17,160   |
| Union      | 45,360    | 29,695   |
| Warren     | 15,210    | 11,033   |
| Total      | 992,484   | 659,373  |

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## **PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 3**

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CHANGES THE DEDICATION OF MOTOR FUELS TAX TO STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Do you approve the proposed amendment to the State Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, which changes the current \$0.09 per gallon dedication of the motor fuels tax to \$0.105 per gallon to be used only for the funding of the State transportation system, subject to previously enacted laws dedicating any of these revenues for debt service on bonds of the State or for any other uses of these revenues?

### **Interpretive Statement**

This amendment to the State Constitution dedicates 10.5 cents per gallon of the existing motor fuels tax for the cost of funding the State transportation system. The current constitutional dedication is 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax. The existing motor fuels tax is 10.5 cents per gallon for gasoline and 13.5 cents per gallon for diesel fuel. This amendment does not change the motor fuels tax rates.

| County     | Yes Count | No Count |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| Atlantic   | 30,140    | 24,416   |
| Bergen     | 103,662   | 68,228   |
| Burlington | 63,142    | 42,199   |
| Camden     | 64,432    | 43,006   |
| Cape May   | 16,436    | 12,518   |
| Cumberland | 12,180    | 10,136   |
| Essex      | 54,440    | 27,866   |
| Gloucester | 35,980    | 28,138   |
| Hudson     | 24,862    | 15,353   |
| Hunterdon  | 21,270    | 15,330   |
| Mercer     | 48,487    | 29,148   |
| Middlesex  | 77,796    | 50,296   |
| Monmouth   | 90,973    | 63,992   |
| Morris     | 81,156    | 46,177   |
| Ocean      | 76,482    | 62,166   |
| Passaic    | 37,381    | 27,062   |
| Salem      | 9,739     | 9,525    |
| Somerset   | 45,009    | 29,986   |
| Sussex     | 23,274    | 18,678   |
| Union      | 46,610    | 28,271   |
| Warren     | 14,236    | 11,940   |
| Total      | 977,687   | 664,431  |