

ELECTIONS 2011

Our Future

Standing up for us.

**A conversation about the future of
our community and our state**

WITH:
Senator Nick Scutari
Assemblyman Jerry Green
Assemblywoman Linda Stender

High unemployment. Special tax breaks for the wealthy. And political attacks on lifesaving health care services.

Sometimes, it seems like nobody is standing up for New Jersey's middle class anymore.

Three local leaders – Nick Scutari, Jerry Green, and Linda Stender – are the exception. They have a long record of standing up for middle class families and our priorities.

Recently, Scutari, Green, and Stender talked about what they're doing to improve New Jersey's future prospects.

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Q: Which industries do you think hold the most promise for New Jersey's economic future?

Senator Nick Scutari: It's pretty clear that new, high-tech companies can be the job generators we really need right now.

Assemblyman Jerry Green: We all voted for the business tax credit that's making New Jersey a leader in clean energy R&D. That's also helping us keep these jobs in New Jersey and preventing them from being outsourced.

Q: Why does affordability continue to be a problem in New Jersey?

Assemblywoman Linda Stender: Because the middle class is shouldering the tax burden while the rich get richer. It's simply not fair to balance the state budget on the backs of middle class families.

Assemblyman Jerry Green: That's why we all voted to eliminate the special \$40,000 Millionaire's Tax Break so we'd be able to restore property tax relief for seniors and middle class families.

Q: Women's health care has been on the chopping block in Trenton. Where do you stand?

Senator Nick Scutari: We stand on the side of the thousands of women who would lose health care services like mammograms, cancer screenings and pre-natal care under those cuts.

Assemblywoman Linda Stender: I sponsored legislation to restore funding for women's health that the government eliminated. And I'll continue to fight to make sure it happens.



Q: The recession has really been tough on seniors. What have you done to help?

Senator Nick Scutari: We voted to restore funding to freeze property taxes for 159,000 seniors and we also worked hard to keep prescription drug costs low.

Assemblyman Jerry Green: Another one of our priorities has been opposing deep funding cuts to nursing homes that put patient safety at risk and have a very damaging impact on the quality of care. We'll keep fighting against these kinds of short-sighted cuts.

Have a question for your District 22 legislators? They would like to hear from you. You can reach them at (908) 889-8500, or by email at ldstender@gmail.com.



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INSIDE: three local leaders who are standing
up for New Jersey's middle class.