

Contract with Gloucester County
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As residents of the County of Gloucester seeking the peoples faith and trust for election to the Board of Chosen Freeholders we propose not only to change the policies and culture of the Board, but more importantly, restore trust, promote community inclusion and interaction between the people and their elected representatives.

We, the 2008 Freeholder Candidates of Gloucester County, are providing a written agenda for all the residents of the County of Gloucester to review. It is our public commitment to the people of this great county.

Therefore, within our first 60 days of taking office as Freeholders in the County of Gloucester, we will introduce resolutions for full and open debate and discussion with our fellow Freeholders. Debates and votes will be in full public view for the residents of the County of Gloucester to hear the purpose, basis and rationale behind who votes yes and who votes no.

We present this Contract with Gloucester County today for the public's review.

1. **Spending and Taxes.** We will draft and introduce a resolution calling upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to agree to hold spending and tax increases below the rate of inflation.

2. **Accessible Government.** We will draft and introduce a resolution calling upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to make the County's government accessible to all by immediately televising all Freeholder Board meetings. Many communities currently televise their Municipal government meetings and the Freeholder Board should follow their lead.

Additionally, our resolution will call upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to rotate meetings in each municipality.

There will be no meetings held behind closed doors, except what the law requires.

3. **Transparency in Government.** We will draft and introduce a resolution calling upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to adopt a County Version of the "Transparency in Government Act" which will direct County Government to create a searchable website where any resident can perform a search and see exactly where every penny of money is spent, not just a line item in a budget.

4. **Local Environment.** We will draft and introduce a resolution calling upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to begin using biofuels and/or hydrogen converter kits on all county owned Vehicles and that all vehicles purchased in the future be "Green."

5. **Government Borrowing.** We will draft and introduce a resolution calling upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to ensure that all bond issues over \$1 million are approved by voter referendum.

6. **Identify Government Waste.** We will draft and introduce a resolution calling upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to hire an independent, nonpartisan, forensic auditor to conduct a bottom up review of County finances to identify waste and inefficiencies in every County run department, agency and Authority.

7. **Professional Fees.** We will draft and introduce a resolution calling upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to roll back the fees paid to those who win bids for professional services. Fees paid by government to contractors should never be higher than those contractors earn performing similar tasks in the private sector.

8. **Gloucester County Improvement Authority.** We will draft and introduce a resolution calling upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to redefine the mission of the GCIA to serve the residents of Gloucester County, first! Never again will another county's trash come to Gloucester County's Solid Waste Complex at a cheaper rate than our own.

Respecting the judgment of our fellow citizens, we hereby sign our names to this Contract with Gloucester County.

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