

PRIMARY RESULTS

Incumbent Assembly Democrats win

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STATE ASSEMBLY

Each Assembly district has two seats.

Incumbent Democratic members of the Assembly from Hudson County will face a mixed bag of Republicans and independents in November.

Four incumbent Democrats easily won renomination yesterday while two of their colleagues had no opposition in the primary.

But Republican voters are sending a split ticket into the November election.

Candidates aligned with the Hudson County Republican Party won nomination in the 31st and 32nd Districts, while rivals aligned with the Hudson County Regular Republican Organization won in the 33rd District.

The 31st and 32nd District winners ran on a slate headed by Jersey City Deputy Mayor William Macchi, who won the party's nomination for county executive.

In the 31st District, the Republican winners were Thomas

31st District

150 of 151 election districts reporting. Winners are in bold.

DEMOCRATS	No. votes
Bondarowicz	1,880
Charles*	9,184
Doria*	9,287
Wade	2,107

REPUBLICANS	No. votes
Barzydlo	471
Bragen	1,393
Maldarelli	483
Wallace	1,340

*Incumbent

32nd District

142 of 143 election districts reporting. Winners are in bold.

DEMOCRATS	No. votes
Cutri	1,373
Improveduto*	10,651
Quigley*	10,307
Salkind	1,419

REPUBLICANS	No. votes
Castelli	1,648
Hennessey	1,709
Schulman	1,098
Wiley	1,006

*Incumbent

33rd District

130 of 131 election districts reporting. Winners are in bold.

DEMOCRATS	No. votes
Garcia*	10,184
Romano*	9,849

REPUBLICANS	No. votes
Alvarez	1,714
Finnerly	1,406
Luizzi	1,602
Rodriguez	1,493

*Incumbent

can candidates are Todd Hennessey of Jersey City and Paul Castelli of Kearny. They handily defeated Neil Schulman of Jersey City and Count Wiley of North Bergen. In November they'll face Assemblywoman Joan Quigley of Jersey City and Assemblyman Anthony Improveduto of Secaucus, victors over Grace Cutri of Jersey City and Mort Salkind of Secaucus.

In the 33rd District, Joseph Luizzi of Hoboken and Raphael Alvarez of Union City edged Ray Rodriguez of West New York and Irene Alane Finnerly of Weehawken for the Republican nominations. Assemblymen Raul (Rudy) Garcia of Union City and Louis Romano of West New York were unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Waiting for both parties' candidate in the November election are an assortment of independents, including Conservative Party candidates in all three Hudson County districts. The Conservatives filed candidates in each of the state's 40 districts this year.

The Conservative slate includes Ken Dupey of Bayonne and Steve Felton of Jersey City, in the 31st District; Bergen County residents Pat Armstrong of Edgewater and Yvonne Battaglia of Fairview, in the 32nd District; Yaira Davila and Julio Espinal, both of Union City, in the 33rd District.

Also running in the 31st District are Bernadette Lioi of Bayonne and the Rev. Tyrone Chess, Omar Aziz, former Councilman Thomas Fricchione and Jacquelyn Fairley, all of Jersey City.

Other candidates in the 32nd District are Sergio Lamboy, Francis McGrath and Peter Busacca, all of Jersey City, and James Giordano, Dennis Fitzpatrick and Edith Shaw, all of North Bergen.

Rounding out the 33rd District hopefuls are Manuel Fernandez of West New York; John Dominguez, Robert DuVal and former Councilman Dan Waddeleton, all of Jersey City; and former West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino.

Showdown: Macchi vs. Janiszewski

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ken, campaign manager for Janiszewski, credited the lopsided victory to "a rather good organizational effort in all municipalities."

"I'm ecstatic," Macchi said. "We tried to make it a personal campaign. We owe it to the hard work of a lot of people."

Schundler said he was pleased with Macchi's showing. He said it compared favorably to a Republican primary fight last year in which a congressional candidate backed by the mayor, Brian McAldin, was defeated.

Also running in November are independents Joseph Rakowski, a former acting mayor of Jersey City; former county Freeholder Morris Longo of Jersey City; Frank X. Landrigan of North Bergen and Walter McDermott of Jersey City.

COUNTY SHERIFF

422 of 425 election districts reporting. Winners are in bold.

DEMOCRATS	No. votes
Cassidy	26,474
Miller	3,514
Webb	1,991

REPUBLICANS	No. votes
Betancourt	2,985
Pena	4,223
Zapoluch	594

Jersey City Deputy Police Chief Joseph Cassidy, Janiszewski's running mate, handily won the Democratic nomination for sheriff.

Arthur Pena, a North Bergen resident and West New York police sergeant, won the Republi-

Their Democratic rivals in November will be Assembly Minority Leader Joseph Doria of Bayonne and Assemblyman Joseph Charles of Jersey City. Do-

ria and Charles defeated Solomon Wade of Jersey City and Andrew Bondarowicz of Bayonne.

The 32nd District Republi-



Volunteer John Ferraiolo, left, checks his watch as he and Bob Verlingo wait for voters last night at Firehouse 15 at Sip and Garrison avenues in Jersey City. Voter turnout in this precinct was low: By 7 p.m., fewer than 75 voters had cast their ballots.

can nod. Pena is Macchi's running mate.

Three-term Sheriff Ed Webster is not seeking re-election.

Independent candidates for

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

422 of 425 election districts reporting. Winners are in bold.

DEMOCRATS	No. votes
Haley Mizzi	4,654
Janiszewski*	28,075
Lombardi	1,568

REPUBLICANS	No. votes
Frasca	614
Garcia	2,981
Macchi	4,468

*Incumbent

Mizzi fought an uphill battle from the start. Three of her running mates - a sheriff and two Assembly candidates - were challenged by Janiszewski forces for insufficient signatures and knocked off the ticket early in the race.

Her campaign manager, Leona Beldini, quit less than two weeks before the election. On Friday, she staged a sit-in at the Bureau of Elections after 372 names she said she submitted as election-day challengers were lost.

Bernard Kenny, a senator from Hoboken who is managing Janiszewski's campaign, called the Janiszewski win "a great victory."

"It was bigger than expected. Now it's time to take a little break and get ready for November," Kenny said.

Air in GOP camp thick with smoke, excitement

By Elaine Pofeldt
Journal staff writer

By the time the final word of victory came to Bill Macchi's campaign headquarters on Central Avenue in Jersey City, there was little suspense left.

Campaign workers cheered as a supporter announced that Macchi had defeated his main rival, Pablo Garcia, 28, a Union City accountant, in yesterday's Republican primary election for Hudson County Executive.

Still, Macchi - a former Democrat who confessed early in the evening that he wasn't used to the low turnout in Hudson County GOP primaries - seemed relieved as he came to the front of the room to thank his supporters. The race was expected to be tough.

He and his running mate for sheriff, Arthur Pena of North Bergen, clasped hands and raised them above their heads in triumph.

Cheers of "Hip! Hip! Hooray!" and later, "Party! Party!" filled the room, which was thick with cigar smoke and smelled of coffee.

Macchi, 57, credited his campaign's personal touch. Some of his worker hand-delivered his campaign literature to newly registered Republicans, he said.

He said it didn't hurt that

Bergen. Rakowski and Sandwith, McDermott and Corcoran, and Landrigan and Shaw are all paired for the November election.

"We're finishing the liberation of the Republican Party."

Bret Schundler
Jersey City mayor

Garcia had never voted in Hudson County in his 25 years of living here.

"It can only happen in Hudson County that someone who has never voted in Hudson County runs for an office and asks people to vote for him," he said.

Garcia said he entered the race because he questioned Macchi's commitment to the Republican Party. Macchi, a longtime Democrat, changed parties last year.

Some observers say the real contest wasn't between Macchi and Garcia but rather the two separate factions of the county Republican organization that backed them.

Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler backed Macchi, his deputy mayor. Frank Gargiulo, a former county Republican chairman, supported Garcia.

"We're finishing the liberation of the Republican Party," Schundler said, after checking the votes that workers were adding up on a laptop computer and jotting on signs on the walls. "We're pulling together a ticket that will win in November."

Easy Janiszewski win wasn't easy for Mizzi

By Tracey Tully
Journal staff writer

Charlotte Haley Mizzi began the end of a long day in familiar territory - the Jersey City elementary school where she learned to read, write and dream of bigger things.

"It's sentimental. I know some of the people. I'm just here to get an idea of how things are going," she said as she listened as workers shouted out results, which hinted of an early and overwhelming lead for County Executive Robert Janiszewski in the Democratic primary.

By 10 p.m., the lead was cemented. Janiszewski had received almost 80 percent of the votes in the Democratic primary. He will face Jersey City Deputy Mayor Bill Macchi in November.

"I don't have much faith at this point, but we gave it our all," Mizzi said outside the county courthouse.

Janiszewski, meanwhile, was busily transcribing numbers over the phone in the County Clerk's office, pausing to share the results with the handful of onlookers, puff on the cigarette and crack an occasional joke.

"Can we buy a house there?"

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he asked his wife, Beth, after a Weehawken district reported a 26 to zero vote for Janiszewski.

By 10 p.m., he calmed and prepared to head to Schuetzen Park in North Bergen for a victory party.

"I can't say that I'm surprised. All along I believed we were doing the right thing. We kept it on the high ground," Janiszewski said, alluding to an ad Mizzi took out on cable television claiming he was twice "arrested and released without being booked for soliciting a prostitute."

A spokesman for Janiszewski has denied the charge and threatened to sue. No lawsuit has been filed.

The 4-to-1 margin of victory was a clear "reflection of (her campaign's) mistakes, untruths and slime," Janiszewski said.

A third Democratic candidate for county executive, Floyd Lombardi, received few votes and could not be reached for comment.

Rutkowski allies victors in Democratic committee races

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William J. and Florence Jordan - who had 32 and 34 votes respectively - in the 1st Ward's 10th District.

Beatrice Solomon and Jack Barresi - who garnered 69 and 66 votes respectively - in the 2nd Ward's 7th District, defeated challengers Matthew and Debo-

rah McDonough, who garnered five and three votes respectively.

HCEO candidates in the 2nd Ward's 14th District - Andrew Merkovsky and Robin Karlicki - won easily, each earning 39 votes. Karlicki was unopposed. Merkovsky's challengers - Jason Exkorn and Christos M. Genes earned 10 and 14 votes, respectively.

Joseph P. and Patricia Simonetti - with 40 and 42 votes in the 3rd Ward's 1st District defeated Anthony San Philip, a local real estate broker and Planning Board member, and his wife, Maria, who had 27 and 26 votes.

Joseph and Helen Pankowitz - who garnered 111 and 121 votes - won seats in the 2nd Ward's 5th District by defeating

challengers, John B. Reilly and Barbara Manno - who garnered 103 and 97 votes.

Robert Rutkowski, former Mayor Richard Rutkowski's son, and Genevieve Petrow, an incumbent, won seats in the 3rd Ward's 19th District by defeating Mark Fraone, city zoning officer, and his wife, Kristen.

Primaries a done deal in some towns

By Journal staff

Candidates for mayor and council in several Hudson municipalities had an easy time winning their primaries yesterday - they were unopposed.

In Secaucus, Democratic candidates were unopposed for mayor and three council seats; and the Republicans didn't even have candidates.

However, a November rematch looms between Mayor Anthony Just's administration and the coalition, Secaucus Independent Alliance, which has filed a full slate for mayor and council.

Just will again face Councilman Dennis Elwell for mayor. Democratic Councilman Robert Campanella will face Florence Rainone in the 1st Ward, Democrat Angelo Adriani meets SIA member John Bueckner in the 2nd Ward and Councilman Salvatore Manente, an SIA member, is being challenged by former Councilman John Reilly in the 3rd Ward.

In Kearny, there were uncontested primaries for mayor and seven of the eight council nominations.

In November, first-term Republican Mayor Leo Vartan is being challenged by Carol Doyle.

Vartan's running mates are Vito Sciancalopore, 1st Ward; Ralph Cattafi, 2nd Ward; Councilwoman Lillian Russell, who won the town's only contested primary last night, 3rd Ward; Councilwoman Ruth Magenheimer, 4th Ward.

Doyle's slate includes Councilman Peter Chicchino, 1st Ward; Councilwoman Rosemary Robertson, 2nd Ward; Joseph Bigelow, 3rd Ward; Carole Haciey, 4th Ward.

The council is split 4-4 between Democrats and Republicans, but in Kearny the mayor also casts a vote at council meetings, making the municipality the only one in the county where Republicans have control.

In Harrison, Republicans will try to increase their presence on the council by challenging for all four seats. All are held by Democrats.

Currently, Dan Kelly is the only Republican on the eight-member council. When he won a two-year term last year he became the first Republican council member in the town in 50 years.

There was only one contested council primary in Harrison last night. Councilwoman Margaret McGuigan defeated Christine Schrek for the Democratic nomination in the 3rd Ward. McGuigan faces Dana Machado in November.

In the 1st Ward, Councilman Angelo Cifelli is being challenged in November by Ken Struszyk. Second Ward Councilman Anselmo Millan faces Concetta Leto-Cicchino. In the 4th Ward, Councilman Michael Dolohan is running against Rino Mermini.