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7 Point Campaign Platform:

Rent Control- As with high property taxes for home owners, extreme rent costs in the county have made it hard for many to pay their rent every month. Everyone deserves a roof over their head, regardless of economic status. I will push for rent control to be put in place in the county, at a level that is both manageable by the renters and fair to the property owners.

End Eminent Domain Abuse- In Monmouth County, eminent domain has proved to be a destructive force. Residents have lost their homes and jobs, all because they were in the way of a drive to create a lot of wealth for a select few. I promise to bring the skeletons out of the closet. I want to initiate a full-scale investigation of all eminent domain abuse in the county, bring the abusers to justice, and giving real compensation to the individuals and communities affected. I also want to work to make sure that eminent domain is never again used in Monmouth County.

Investment in Clean Energy- With prices for gas and oil out of control, it is neither environmentally conscious or economically effective to continue to pour money into them. As such, I believe that the county should budget to provide strong subsidies to schools and other public buildings to install solar panels and convert to solar energy. This will not only bring down costs for public buildings and allow funds spent on gas and oil to be allocated elsewhere, but it will also make Monmouth County greener and more environmentally friendly.

More Parks and Recreation- Monmouth County is a beautiful place, both for residents and visitors, but not enough is available within the county for recreation. I want to see more parks created, more recreational programs available to people of all ages, and more ways to enjoy this great county.

Future of Fort Monmouth- With Fort Monmouth closing down, many hard-working people face unemployment if they do not follow their jobs out-of-state and a large amount of land is now in limbo. While the state has control over the property, I would like to push for a large portion of the land to become affordable housing, with first priority given to people that still work on the base or already left as a result of the base closing. I oppose and will continue to oppose any of the land going to corporate or commercial interests.

Environmental Preservation- Over the past several years, a great deal of forest land and farm land has been lost to building expensive housing developments. We are called the Garden State, yet our gardens, farm land, and forests are disappearing all around us! If elected, I will push for a moratorium on any further environment destruction for building purposes.

Local Business, Small Business- Monmouth County need small, local business, not large corporate chains. I will push to give subsidies to local businesses, while at the same time cutting any existing subsidies and incentives for large corporate chains. I want subsidies to exist for businesses that give their employees a decent wage and decent benefits, as well as companies that adopt a cooperative business model that gives the workers democratic control.