

## Joe Hathaway Statement On Special Election Results

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**RANDOLPH, NJ** - Joe Hathaway has released the following statement:

*“I want to congratulate Analilia Mejia on her victory in this special election and wish her well as she prepares to represent New Jersey’s 11th District.*

*We fought a spirited campaign, and I’m proud of the race we ran. From the very beginning, our campaign focused on bringing people together around a simple idea: that our district deserves common sense, practical leadership that puts families first, not a political party, not a president, and certainly not a squad.*

*Along the way, we built a coalition of supporters from across the political spectrum who believe in that mission, and that is something worth continuing.*

*While the result tonight is not what we hoped for, our work is only just beginning. I will continue fighting for affordability, public safety, accountable government, and I will continue to stand up for the families of NJ-11. We will also be watching closely and holding Congresswoman-elect Mejia accountable for the votes she casts and the policies she supports, and how they impact our NJ-11 communities.*

*This was a unique and, frankly, unusual election. The structure and timing, set by a partisan Democratic governor, produced exactly the kind of low-turnout environment that benefits one party. We saw heavy vote-by-mail participation, limited Election Day turnout, and far too many Republican and unaffiliated voices left out of the process. The result is that Analilia Mejia has now won two elections decided by a small share of the overall electorate, 3.2% of the total electorate in the primary, and just north of **10%** of the total electorate tonight.*

*I still believe the broader electorate in NJ-11 is looking for balanced, pragmatic leadership, not the kind of far-left policies embraced by Ms. Mejia. That conversation is not over.*

*I’ve said from the beginning that we’re running through the tape, and I mean*

*it. I'm looking forward to the rematch in November, when more voices will be heard and the full electorate will have its say.*

*Finally, I want to thank my wife Whitney and my family for their unconditional love and support throughout this campaign.*

*And to every supporter, volunteer, and financial contributor who stepped up, knocked on doors, made calls, invested in this campaign, and helped us build something real, I am deeply grateful. You didn't just support a campaign, you helped build and strengthen a movement for common sense leadership in NJ-11, and we are just getting started. This is not the end, it's the start of the next chapter."*