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Governor Mikie Sherrill Endorses Chris Russo for County Commissioner and Democratic Candidates Across Morris County

MORRISTOWN, NJ — Today, Governor Mikie Sherrill endorsed Chris Russo, candidate for Morris County Commissioner, along with Democrats up and down the ticket and across the county.

"Morris County expects leaders who deliver results and are willing to work with anyone to get the job done for residents. That includes costs at the pump, flood risks, or fixing potholes. I need strong partners in Morris County who are ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work, and I hope you will join me in supporting Chris Russo for County Commissioner and Democrats in Morris Plains, Morris Township, Long Hill, Randolph, and Wharton," **said Governor Mikie Sherrill.**

In 2025, Governor Sherrill flipped Morris County blue for the first time since 1973, winning with 50.9% of the vote. In the six-way primary election, she carried Morris County by a whopping 62%.

Morris County has also had a fully Republican Board of Commissioners since 1973. Challenger Chris Russo is running to defeat incumbent Tayfun Selen, who has served since 2020. In 2023, Democrat Jonathan Sackett came within 8,000 votes of flipping the seat. Democrats are hopeful that this is the year they flip the commissioner board and make history.

"I'm proud to endorse Chris Russo for Morris County Commissioner. As Vice President of the Morristown Council and a small business owner, Chris understands what it takes to bring people together, solve problems, and deliver results for our communities. Morris County deserves leadership that puts residents first, improves our quality of life, and makes our communities more affordable for working families. Chris will bring a fresh perspective, accountability, and a commitment to making county government work for everyone. I hope you'll join me in supporting Chris Russo for Morris County Commissioner on November 3," **said Governor Sherrill.**

"We are grateful to Governor Sherrill for her continued support of our party and our candidates as we head into the midterm elections," **said Chairwoman Darcy Drager.** "There is tremendous opportunity ahead for Democrats in Morris County, and we are ready to meet the moment. Our team has been working hard to build a strong, organized, and unified party, and we are focused on carrying that momentum into November and keeping Morris County blue."

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, and already Democrats have seen a surge in vote-by-mail returns, with more than 66% of ballots returned by registered Democrats and returns that exceed past election performance. With Early Voting beginning October 24, the Morris County Democrats are working tirelessly to turn out voters in this election.

Governor Mikie Sherrill has proudly supported Morris County Democrats this year including the following candidates and their slates:

Chris Russo for Morris County Commissioner
Melissa Di Salvo, Marie De Venezia, Rajat Nanda, and Benjamin Weisman for Boonton Town Council
Nicholas Eck and Arianna "Sophia" Hull for Chatham Borough Council
Jennifer Rowland and Martin Mchugh for Chatham Township Committee
Sandra Wittner, Krista Seanor, Alice Plastoris, and Elizabeth Tapia for Dover Town Council
John William Upton and Ellsworth Havens for Florham Park Council
Ahmad Saleh for Hanover Township Committee
Ashley Gray for Harding Township Committee
Mansi Patel, David Hand, and Jason Foley for Long Hill Township Committee
Robert Landrigan and John Forte for Madison Borough Council
Emily Ryzuk and Shari Seffer for Montville Township Committee
Nancy Verga, Lee Lusardi-Connor, and Rosaria Denova for Morris Plains Mayor and Borough Council
Stephanie Lyon, Jeremy Godwin, and Samantha Rothman for Morris Township Committee
Jessica Price and Jay Decker for Mount Arlington Borough Council
Andrew Hilton, Thomas Menard, and Melissa Muilenburg for Mountain Lakes Borough Council
Stephen Beecher, Jr., Amy Rietzke, Howard "Chip" Sisco, and Meghan Lynch for Randolph Township Council
Stuart Hale and Ismael Lorenzo for Victory Gardens Borough Council
Robin Ghebreal, William Rogers, and Jayne Murphy Morris for Wharton Mayor and Borough Council

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