

Public Hearing Testimony Concerning the
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Assembly Budget Committee – March 28, 2006

[Honorable Gary Passanante](#), Mayor of Somerdale, New Jersey League of Municipalities
[Ron Sworen](#), Vice President, New Jersey Conference of Mayors

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee – April 3, 2006

[Sandra Accomando](#), Chief Executive Officer, The Apostles' House
[Susanne Byrne](#), Caseworker Advocate, St. Joseph's Home
[Etta Denk](#), Vice President, Homes for New Jersey Campaign
[Kate McAteer](#), Program Coordinator, Displaced Homemakers Network of New Jersey, Inc.
[Raymond Ocasio](#), Executive Director, La Casa De Don Pedro
[Regina Podhorin](#), Executive Director, New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
[Honorable Joseph Smolinski](#), Councilman, Township of West Milford
[Jim Walsh](#), Assistant Program Director, New Jersey Citizen Action
[Cecilia Zalkind](#), Executive Director and [Sheldon Presser](#), Senior Policy Analyst, Association for Children of New Jersey

Assembly Budget Committee – April 4, 2006

[Sandra Accomando](#), Chief Executive Officer, the Apostles House
[Jay Boxwell](#), Housing Supervisor, Harbor House, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center
[Denise Brooks](#), Assistant Director, WISE Women's Center of Essex County College
[Paige Carlson-Heim](#), Acting Executive Director, Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey
[Francis Dolan](#), Executive Director, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton
[Evelyn Falardeau](#), representing Mercer County Human Services Advisory Council Child Care Planning Committee
[Michael Gross](#), Policy Advocate, Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment
[Sue Kozel](#), Registered Lobbyist, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society
[Marlene Lao-Collins](#), Associate Director for Social Concerns, New Jersey Catholic Conference
[Mary Ellen Marino](#), Organizer, New Jersey Citizen Action
[Regina Podhorin](#), Executive Director, New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
[Cindy Santamaria](#), Citizen speaking on behalf of the State Rental Assistance Program
[David Weiner](#), President of CWA Local 1080 representing Homes for New Jersey Campaign
[Suzanne Williamson](#), Chair, New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee – Department of Community Affairs - April 5, 2006

[Elsa Candelario](#), Executive Director, Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey
[Francis Dolan](#), Executive Director, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton
[Michael Gross](#), Policy Advocate, Coalition for Affordable Housing and the Environment
[Marlene Lao-Collins](#), Associate Director for Social Concerns, New Jersey Catholic Conference
[Patricia McKernan](#), Chief Operating Officer, Volunteers of America, Delaware Valley
[Bridget Phifer](#), Executive Director, Parkside Business and Community Partnership in Camden
[Daniel Santo Pietro](#), Executive Director, Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey
[Honorable Herb Stiles](#), Mayor, Borough of Elmer and President, New Jersey League of Municipalities
[Honorable Ronald Sworen](#), Mayor, Frenchtown Borough, and Vice President, New Jersey Conference of Mayors

Assembly Budget Committee – April 11, 2006

[Denise Sanders Brooks](#), Assistant Director, WISE Urban Women’s Center of Essex County College
[Maggie Harrer](#), Bergen County Coordinator, New Jersey History Advocates
[Bill Scalford](#), Chief Executive Officer, National Kinship Care Giver Services, Inc.

Mailed in Testimony

[Alison Badgett](#), Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness
[Debra Behnke](#), Department Head, Salem County Office for the Disabled
[Hector Bonilla](#), Member, Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey
[Dana Shepherd](#), Services Empowering Rights of Victims