

Chris Del Borrello for State Senate
Matt Walker &
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The Honorable Matthew Platkin
New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Criminal Justice
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Dear Attorney General Platkin,

As the Republican candidates for State Senate and State Assembly, respectively, in the Fourth Legislative District, we are writing you today seeking an urgent investigation into a quickly developing situation in our race which threatens to irreversibly taint this election.

[In an interview with that appeared tonight in the *New Jersey Globe*](#), Maureen Dukes Penrose, who is running for the State Assembly under the slogan "Conservatives South Jersey" along with a man named Guiseppe Constanzo running for State Senate under the same slogan, revealed that she has a longstanding relationship with U.S. Congressman Donald Norcross and claims that she was personally encouraged to enter the race by outgoing Democratic Senator Fred Madden.

If true, we believe there is cause to open an investigation into whether Jersey Freedom was responsible for illegally coordinating with the Moriarty-Hutchison-Miller campaign and/or their agents (i.e. Rep. Norcross and/or Senator Madden) to recruit Ms. Penrose and Mr. Constanzo into the race, and are now in the process of making unlawful campaign expenditures that could cause a judge to set aside the election due to illegal interference.

The true facts are as follows:

- This week, [a new PAC called "Jersey Freedom" commenced sending campaign mailers](#) attacking Republican Chris Del Borrello and urging a vote for a third-party candidate name Giuseppe Constanzo. The PAC has no publicly available filings with the NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission, nor the Federal Election Commission, and utilizes a P.O. Box in the Borough of Jamaica Queens, New York.

- Mr. Constanzo has all the markings of a phony candidate, with virtually zero digital footprint, only having recently re-registered to vote, and been absent from the campaign trail since filing as a candidate in early April 2023.
- Curiously, Ms. Penrose is a registered Democrat, yet is running under the ballot slogan of “Conservatives South Jersey.” Moreover, Ms. Penrose claims she has never met Mr. Costanzo, despite filing joint petitions under the same exact slogan.

The South Jersey Democrats – under the direction of longtime political boss George E. Norcross, III (brother of Rep. Donald Norcross) – have frequently been caught up in similar unsavory campaign tactics involving phony candidates propped up on the ballot to damage opponents.

In fact, during this year Republican Primary, multiple news stories implicated Mr. Norcross’ own Super PAC (American Representative Majority) with spending money on behalf of Mr. Del Borrello’s opponent to drag down Mr. Del Borrello and his running mates – widely seen as the stronger GOP challengers – and prop up his primary opponent. Despite spending over \$100,000 spent, the effort failed.

Given the fraught national dialogue around the integrity of our elections and the importance that all citizens and voters to have confidence that our elections are fair and free of interference, we believe it is imperative that you investigate Ms. Penrose’s very troubling claims.

Sincerely,



Christopher Del Borrello



Matthew Walker



Amanda Esposito

cc: NJ ELEC Commissioners
cc: US Attorney Philip Sellinger