

public, holding public hearings to ensure community input, and adhering to clear-line drawing rules established by non-partisan reform best practices.

Gordon Johnson, 387 Murray Avenue, Englewood

Years residing in Bergen County: I grew up in Englewood and then made my life in Englewood

Occupation: Retired

Education: B.S. from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Social Science and Criminal Justice, and an M.A. from Seton Hall University in Administration and Supervision

Family: I have a wife, 3 kids and 4 grandkids

Community Involvement:

- Served in the US Navy Reserve and was deployed to Operation Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor
- Served as Undersheriff and Sheriff in Bergen County
- Served over 20 years with the Englewood Police Department
- Former Englewood Councilman
- Current Assemblyman in the 37th legislative district

1(a). I am most proud of A3716 of 2007. I was a coprime sponsor and Chair of the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee when it moved forward. It stopped the death penalty in NJ.

The second is A1678 of 2015. I was the first prime sponsor. It lowers the legal requirement for offenders to have post conviction DNA testing which may lead to them being exonerated of their crimes. It allows the courts to force the police to inspect and approve labs and to check DNA samples against the national database. The purpose is to see if the DNA belongs to another person who may have actually committed the crime. Also, private labs may be able to conduct more DNA testing or using a smaller sample to produce evidence exonerating the offender. The Innocence Project was involved with this bill.

2. For redistricting reform I am interested in public hearings, allowing the public access to submit maps, making social justice/race representation a required criteria when approving maps, and better preserving communities of interest. As a side note, while it is disappointing that only one member of the committee is a woman, I am proud that that woman is from Bergen County.

STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

Lauren Kohn Dayton, 15 Laurel Avenue, Tenafly

Years residing in Bergen County: 9 years

Occupation: Councilwoman for Borough of Tenafly, Attorney - Solo Practitioner with law firm Lauren M.K. Dayton, and Mother

Education:

- Cornell University, School of Human Ecology, Major in Policy Analysis & Management
- Emory School of Law, Juris Doctorate