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- ☆ **Clean Government**
- ☆ **Progressive Tax Reform**
- ☆ **A Clean Environment**
- ☆ **Equal Rights**

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## Here's how we'd turn the tide:

### THE ENVIRONMENT

- ☆ Clean up toxic waste sites. Make the polluters pay.
- ☆ Reduce air pollution by encouraging alternative fueled “clean” cars and improved mass transit. Convert the state’s vehicles and buses to clean fuels.
- ☆ Shut down the Oyster Creek and Salem nuclear power plants. Replace them with renewable energy sources.
- ☆ Repeal the “Fast Track” development law. Stop the loss of farmlands and forests and prevent inappropriate development.
- ☆ Address environmental justice problems.

### CLEAN GOVERNMENT/MORE DEMOCRACY

- ☆ Take big money out of politics. Support “pay-to-play” reform at all levels of government.
- ☆ Bring “Clean Elections” public financing of campaigns to New Jersey.
- ☆ Ban politicians from holding multiple offices.
- ☆ Support Instant Runoff Voting, letting you rank the candidates by order of preference.
- ☆ Support Proportional Representation, so minority voices are heard.
- ☆ Support the right to Initiative & Referendum.
- ☆ No electronic voting machines without verified receipts. Don't let private companies count our votes.

### EDUCATION

- ☆ Support adequate and fair funding for all school districts and public colleges and universities, giving all students equal access to quality education. Public schools should be funded through the state income tax. Urge regionalization of smaller districts to save money

## Green Party of New Jersey

### Matt Thieke for Governor:

I believe our state is in trouble. After years of wasteful mismanagement, corruption, and tax cuts for the rich, our state government is now billions of dollars in debt! While state aid to cities and schools is stagnant and property taxes rise, our government spends money on “corporate welfare” like the Xanadu project in the Meadowlands and a new hockey arena in Newark.

The issue of how to reform our property tax system has been discussed for years, yet nothing has been done. In the latest act of cowardice, many politicians in Trenton are now saying they can't reform the system, and that we need to elect a special Constitutional Convention. What a failure of leadership!

Clearly, something is terribly wrong with this picture. Our elected officials are failing us, at every level of government. What is causing this?

It is the corrupt power of money that controls politics at every level in our state. Campaign money from corporations and wealthy, well-connected individuals is nothing more than legalized bribery, buying our elected officials. These corporate interests have little to no conscience, with their first concern being their own enrichment at the public's expense.

New Jersey has a long history of political corruption. But in the last few years we've seen a dramatic increase in the number of elected officials—from mayors to freeholders to state legislators—being sent off to prison. Meanwhile, other politicians put relatives on the state payroll, and pad their own pensions with multiple part-time government jobs. When will we, the people, say “Enough!”?

We must be bold. The only way to break this downward spiral is to STOP voting for the same two parties that got us here and vote for **alternative party candidates**. The playing field must be leveled and opened to those who are willing to speak for the public interest—the needs of the people.

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### THE ECONOMY

- ☆ Reduce dependency on property taxes through progressive income tax reform. Those who can pay more should do so, and those who are struggling should pay less.
- ☆ Oppose public money being spent on corporate welfare. No tax breaks for big developers or profiting businesses.
- ☆ Conduct an independent audit of the state budget to reduce waste.
- ☆ Support measures to provide decent and affordable housing.
- ☆ Advocate a universal health care system.

### CIVIL RIGHTS

- ☆ Stop the abuse of “eminent domain” for development projects.
- ☆ Oppose racial and ethnic profiling.
- ☆ Support an individual's right to make reproductive choices.
- ☆ Support full and complete equal rights for gay couples.
- ☆ Abolish the death penalty.
- ☆ Oppose the USA PATRIOT Act.

### WORKERS' RIGHTS

- ☆ Advocate the right to a living wage.
- ☆ Protect and promote workers' rights to join a union.
- ☆ Oppose privatization of vital community services such as schools, hospitals, and prisons.
- ☆ Support a just transition for all displaced workers whose industries have failed.
- ☆ Protect the rights of “whistle-blowers” in the workplace.