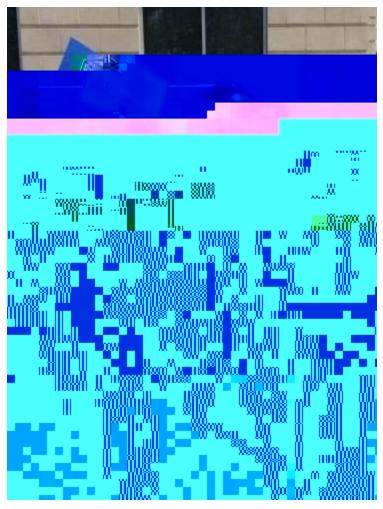
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# **WINNERS and LOSERS: Week of Marriage Equality**

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**WINNERS** 

# Steven Goldstein and Troy Stevenson

The founder and executive director of Garden State Equality and his successor rejoiced this week with the formal be

The state senators from Union and Bergen respectively could take special pride in lending their presence to the wedd lawmakers who led the case for same-sex marriage in the Senate. Gusciora was prime sponsor of A-1 in the Assemb

## **Larry Lustberg**

The attorney who won the same-sex marriage case for Garden State Equality argued his case from the standpoint of

#### **Tim Eustace**

The Bergen County Democratic Assemblyman from the 38th District wed his longtime partner Thursday night. Eustach the State Legislature after Assemblyman Reed Gusciora (D-15).

#### Vincent Prieto and Lou Greenwald

The assemblyman from the 32nd District and assemblyman from the 6th district issued a letter signed by 41 Democrat positions in Assembly leadership. Barring a breaching of the Democrats' legislative map on Nov. 5th, Prieto will become hold onto his position as Assembly majority leader.

## **Steve Sweeney**

State Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean (R-21) has positioned a willing candidate against the Democratic Senate pre Gov. Chris Christie appeared this week for the first time in LD 3 and bear-hugged Sweeney, not his Republican challe

#### John Graham

The Somerset County Democratic Committee paid homage to its special guest this week: "The Mayor of New Jersey, Christodolou: Democratic fundraiser.

#### **LOSERS**

### **Chris Christie**

He's romping in statewide polls, but same-sex marriage occurring on his watch will hurt him with movement conserva that post-Obama 2012 love-fest he wasn't going to corral those voters anyway, but this makes it even easier to mobili pragmatist.

#### **Frank Balles**

A Stockton Poll this week showed the likable Republican Sheriff from Atlantic County with no traction in his fight agair Atlantic City. Despite Christie leading Barbara Buono by 30 points at the top of the ticket, Whelan has a 21-point edge

#### Jose Munoz

A spokesman from the Hudson County Democratic Organization (HCDO) says the organization is focused on this ele opposition, by the way), but the Freeholder is convinced he's on the organization's chopping block following revelation

Nikki Trunk

The GOP candidate for state Senate in LD 3 couldn't even get the back of a plainclothes state trooper behind a rope I

Republican Gov. Christie with Trunk's Democratic opponent, state Senate President Steve Sweeney (D-3).

**NJ Voters** 

The explosion of independent expenditures in the years following the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision has r

obnoxious dumb advertising on steroids that has little to do with the people running for office and less to do with the p

**Clean Elections** 

Remember that pilot program in the 14th and 37th districts back in 2007? Remember when candidates went from vote

more), and were required to participate in ten debates around the district and if an outside independent expenditure tr

that candidate received rescue funds? Maybe you don't, and if so that's a shame - because that was great.

**Barbara Buono** 

Yes, we also see Christie at the top of this list, but his appearance here has everything to do with 2016. Buono contin

the state's paper of record, the Star-Ledger, from endorsing Christie for governor.

**Cory Booker** 

This snuck up on people and showed an underbelly of social media vulnerability with the virtual senator-elect. Booker

lagging behind - of all people - Stuart Smalley, the guy who once intoned, "I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and a page has a little less than 200,000 "likes." It's not a bad following if you put it up against New York's Democratic Sens

and Chuck Schumer (30,424). But it ranks significantly behind the Facebook account of Minnesota's Democratic sens

Franken.

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