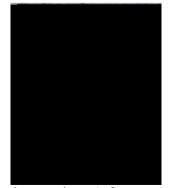


Should Essaw Geeinty chair man Leroy Jones succeed in ousting incumbent John Currie (in a campaign mailer, above, with running mate Peg Schaffer) from the leadership post, it would be tantamount to a vote of "no confidence" in Gov. Phil Murphy, an unprecedented public rebuke to a governor elected only two years ago with 56 percent of the vote, a governor poised to become chairman of the National Democratic Governors Association and who faces re-election in 2021.

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Jones running mate, former Lakewood Mayor Marta Harrison.