



## What's The Hold Up?

*Abusing the anachronistic practice of senatorial courtesy, Essex County Senators' blocking of Governor Christie's nominees is now affecting the citizens of Essex County. It's time to stop playing games with well-qualified and respected nominees interested in serving New Jersey.*

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The delays of these nominations have little to do with the qualifications of individuals and everything to do with particular senators being disruptive, parochial, even obstructionist, and putting their own self interest ahead of their constituents.

- **Dr. Eve Elizabeth Slater** has been waiting for 582 days for action on her nomination to the UMDNJ Board of Trustees. She is a former Senior Vice President of Worldwide Policy for Pfizer, Inc. and the first woman to serve as Assistant Secretary of Health in the US Department of Health and Human Services. She was first nominated on May 10, 2010.
- **Dr. James Orsini**, whose nomination to the UMDNJ Board of Trustees has been delayed for 386 days, is a physician with over 30 years of experience in New Jersey, including in UMDNJ's Department of Medicine, Hematology/Oncology since 1985. He was first nominated on November 22, 2010.
- **Acting Education Commissioner Chris Cerf** has already established a record of accomplishment at the Department of Education and yet has been denied his confirmation hearing for nearly a year. Cerf was first nominated on December 20, 2010, 358 days ago.

**It's Time For Essex Senators To Voice Their Specific Objections Or Finally Act To Fulfill Their Constitutional Duties And Move The Governor's Qualified Nominees Through The Confirmation Process For An Up Or Down Vote.**

Nominee	Nominated To:	Qualifications	Held Up By:	Days Since Nomination:
Mr. Gary W. Blackman (D)	New Jersey State Council on the Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 25 years of professional experience as a musician, arts educator, theatre producer, arts administrator and arts advocate</li> <li>➤ Founding Co-Director, Co-Producer, Managing Director, ArtsPower National Touring Theatre 1985 - Present</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Codey Sen. Gill</i>	<b>1 Year, 217 Days</b>
Mr. Benjamin Alter, P.G. (D)	Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Project Director, Fortune 500 Company</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Gill</i>	<b>1 Year, 217 Days</b>
Dr. Eve Elizabeth Slater, M.D.(R)	University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - Board of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Senior Vice President, PFIZER, Inc. 2007 – 2009</li> <li>➤ Assistant Secretary for Health, US Department of Health and Human Services 2003 - 2007</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Rice</i>	<b>1 Year, 217 Days</b>
Mr. Thomas Tucci, Jr. (R)	Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Township Manager for Cedar Grove</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Codey Sen. Rice Sen. Sarlo</i>	<b>1 Year, 91 Days</b>
Gisele C. Pemberton (D)	Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Practitioner and Administrator in the field of HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, reproductive health and violence prevention.</li> <li>➤ Director, PROCEED Inc.</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Gill</i>	<b>1 Year, 35 Days</b>
Mr. Joseph A. DeFuria, Esq. (R)	Essex County Board of Taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Partner, Gaccione, Pomaco &amp; Malanga, P.C.</li> <li>➤ Municipal prosecutor, Borough of Caldwell</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Gill</i>	<b>1 Year, 21 Days</b>
Dr. James M. Orsini, M.D. (R)	University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - Board of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Owner/President, Essex Hematology Oncology Group of North Jersey, P.A. 1978 – Present</li> <li>➤ Alumni UMDNJ</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Rice</i>	<b>1 Year, 21 Days</b>

Christopher D. Cerf (D)	Commissioner of the Department of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Former Deputy Chancellor, New York City Department of Education Former Partner, Public Private Strategy Group (PPSG) 2005 – 2006</li> <li>➤ Associate Counsel to the President, 1994 - 1996</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Rice</i>	<b>358 Days</b>
Elisa Charters, CCIM (UA)	New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ General Manager, Financial Services for PANYNJ</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Codey Sen. Gill</i>	<b>183 Days</b>
Marilyn Harkett Dore (R)	New Jersey State Council on the Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Member, Board of Trustees, Montclair Art Museum 1994 - Present</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Gill Sen. Codey</i>	<b>183 Days</b>
Phyllis Shanley Hansell, Ed.D., RN, FAAN (R)	Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dean and Professor, Seton Hall Univ. 1999 - Present, Area: Nursing Research, Parent-Child Nursing</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Gill Sen. Codey</i>	<b>167 Days</b>
Norman A. Feinstein, Esq. (R)	Ellis Island Advisory Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Investor Relations/Acquisitions Officer, Hampshire 1980 - Present</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Codey Sen. Gill</i>	<b>110 Days</b>
Steven K. Brisgel (ND)	Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey Board of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First Vice President, Financial Advisory of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney 1992 – Present</li> <li>➤ Advises on small businesses, corporations, pension funds, endowment, 401(k) plans, and non-profit organizations on financial issues</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Codey Sen. Gill</i>	<b>110 Days</b>
Patrick P. Toscano, Jr., Esq. (R)	State Lottery Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Private practice lawyer</li> <li>➤ Law Enforcement Defense Work Serious Personal Injury Criminal Defense Federal Court Litigation Municipal Court Matters</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Codey Sen. Gill</i>	<b>85 Days</b>
Richard S. Wolowicz (D)	Board of Tree Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Manager, Vegetation Management for Public Service Electric &amp; Gas Co., 1990 – 2010</li> <li>➤ System Forester, for Public</li> </ul>	<i>Sen. Gill</i>	<b>33 Days</b>

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Dr. William Halperin, MD, MPH (D)	Ellis Island Advisory Commission	➤ Chair and Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health and Department of Quantitative Methods, NJ Medical School, UMDNJ	<i>Sen. Gill</i>	<b>33 Days</b>
Douglas Keller (R)	Kean University Board of Trustees	➤ Senior Vice President- Investments, Merrill Lynch/Bank of America 1980 - Present	<i>Sen. Gill</i>	<b>33 Days</b>
Richard E. Constable, III (D)	Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs	➤ Deputy Commissioner, NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development	<i>Sen. Codey Sen. Ruiz Sen. Gill</i>	<b>22 Days</b>
David M. Soulen (UA)	New Jersey Cemetery Board	➤ President/General Manager (1991 - Present) Consultant (2010 - Present), Fairmount Cemetery Association of Newark and Somerset Hills 1991 - Present	<i>Sen. Ruiz Sen. Gill</i>	<b>12 Days</b>
Elizabeth Smith, Ed.D. (R)	State Council on Developmental Disabilities	➤ Speaker and advocate for the inclusion of people with disabilities in schools and communities  ➤ Serves on the Board of Directors for New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education	<i>Sen. Gill Sen. Ruiz</i>	<b>12 Days</b>
Ms. Safiyyah A. Muhammad (D)	State Council on Developmental Disabilities	➤ Consumer Advisory Council Member, Elizabeth M. Boggs Center for Developmental Disabilities  ➤ Member, Statewide Parent Advocacy Network  ➤ Member, Autism NJ Listening Tour Planning Committee	<i>Sen. Gill Sen. Ruiz</i>	<b>12 Days</b>