

NJ-07 District Primer

In 2024, Republican Tom Kean, Jr. won this seat by 23,306 votes. Dems lost this district by *just 4 votes per precinct*. That's close! If we can persuade just 5 voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we're going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates

Filing Deadline: March 23

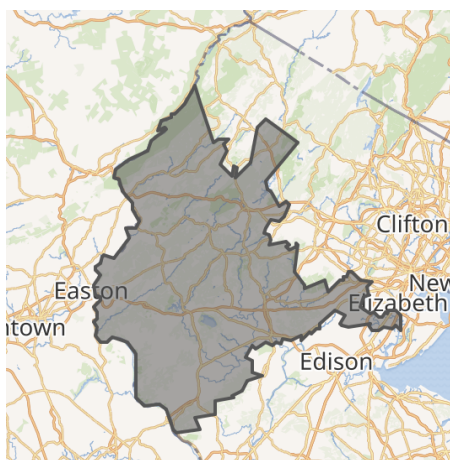
Primary: June 2

Midterms: November 3

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Harris: 216,349 (48.5%) Trump: 221,591 (49.6%)	Tom Kean, Jr. (R): 223,331 (51.8%) Susan Altman (D): 200,025 (46.4%)	Tom Kean, Jr. (R): 159,392 (51.4%) Tom Malinowski (D): 150,701 (48.6%)

District Facts & Stats



Largest Cities

- Westfield, pop. 32,626
- Rahway, 31,309
- Bridgewater Twp (parts), 32,600

Geography

Located in northern NJ, the district is suburban and exurban tending to rural in the west. The eastern part of the district includes affluent suburbs whose residents often commute to NYC. Its western border is the Delaware River. Trump National Golf Club is in Bedminster.

Citizenry

This district is among the most affluent in the country. It is primarily white (70.8%) with Hispanic/Latino (12.2%), Asian (8.3%) and Black (4.8%) being the next largest groups. 22,000 residents are veterans, and 16% are foreign-born. Despite the district's affluence, 73,000 rely on Medicaid, including one in seven children, and at least 12,000 receive SNAP benefits, and many more in counties only partially in the district.

The Local Vibe

Part of the district, in the New Jersey Highlands, including Hunterdon and Warren counties, is heavily GOP. The district as a whole is more evenly divided, and the district is home to OneNJ7, an active and vocal Indivisible group.

The planned establishment of a 1,500-bed ICE detention facility in Roxbury caused public outcry, leading the all-Republican town council to pass a resolution opposing an ICE detention center in the township.

Affordability has been a key local issue, and Trump's broken promises to reduce costs have dragged on Kean's popularity.

Farmers in rural parts of the district are facing acute labor shortages due to their reliance on H-2A guest workers amid Trump's immigration crackdown.

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Key Issues

- **Affordability:** A key issue in the 2025 governor's race won by Democrat Mikie Sherrill, affordability concerns have undercut Kean's popularity as prices have skyrocketed despite Trump's promises.
 - **Farm labor shortage:** Farmers in the western part of the district are facing acute labor shortages because of Trump's immigration policies.
 - **Absentee rep:** As of June, Kean had not been seen in public for three months. His office says he is dealing with a medical issue but has not provided any further detail.
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About the Candidates

Tom Kean, Jr. | Republican Incumbent

The son of a popular former governor, **Tom Kean, Jr.** is running for his third term representing NJ-07. He serves on the Energy and Commerce and the House Foreign Affairs committees. He is a stalwart MAGA loyalist who votes 100% of the time with Trump.

Rep. Kean voted for the SAVE act to limit voting rights and against a resolution to remove U.S. armed forces from Venezuela where their presence has not been authorized by Congress. He also voted for a bill that would require universities and colleges receiving federal student aid to pressure pregnant students to bring their pregnancies to term, without informing them of abortion as an option.

Since March of this year, Kean has not been seen in public and has missed more than 100 votes. Kean's continued absence has become a topic of speculation in the press, and his extended and unexplained absence has unnerved his constituents.

Rebecca Bennett | Democratic Challenger

Rebecca Bennett is a former U.S. Navy helicopter pilot and current Air National Guard officer, as well as a business leader and the mother of two. She wants to make New Jersey more affordable by growing its economy. She favors measures that will lower the cost of prescription medications, remove barriers to accessing healthcare, and prevent gun violence. Rooting out government corruption is another key plank in her platform.

Bennett's strong platform and qualifications have earned her a slew of endorsements from national organizations like Emily's List and Vote Vets, from local labor unions, and from Democratic national, state and local politicians. On June 4, the DCCC announced that Bennett has been added to their Red to Blue program, a national source of funding and campaign resources.

The contrast: When he's in the office at all, the district's GOP incumbent is all about being 100% MAGA. His policies emanate robotically from Trump and MAGA in DC. Unlike him, Rebecca Bennett has demonstrated her ability to make positive changes that can help the district's residents in response to local, kitchen-table concerns.