



Craig J. Coughlin, Fords

Speaker Coughlin was born Jan. 31, 1958 in Perth Amboy. He attended public schools in South Amboy and graduated summa cum laude from St. John's University in 1980 followed by a law degree from St. John's University School of Law in 1983.

Before running for the Assembly in 2009, he was a member of the South Amboy Board of Education, then served as a City Councilman for six years. Speaker Coughlin has served in various legal capacities including as a municipal court judge, prosecutor and public defender.

Speaker Coughlin is serving in his fifth term in the General Assembly representing the 19th Legislative District. In January 2018, he was selected by his peers to become the chamber's 171st Speaker. The Speaker's nine year legislative portfolio consists of a wide range of accomplishments including increasing the state's minimum wage, reforming the state's out of network medical billing practices, expanding the state's microbrewing industry, implementing automatic voter registration, and modernizing the state's brownfield remediation process. His wealth of knowledge of government operations has led to passage of several laws covering a wide range of areas including school funding, library governance, law enforcement safety, criminal code modernization, Motor Vehicle Commission operations, landlord-tenant relations, property maintenance, joint and cooperative purchasing, school board elections, and tax sharing among other legislative accomplishments.

In partnership with dozens of area businesses and organizations, Speaker Coughlin spearheads an annual bowling fundraiser that has raised over \$250,000 for local food pantries since 2010.

Mr. Coughlin is a partner in a Woodbridge-based law firm, Rainone, Coughlin Minchello LLC. He and his wife, Letitia, have three sons—Craig Jr., Vincent and Nicholas.

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February 21, 2019


Honorable Kevin P. McCabe
Middlesex County Democratic Organization
266 Fernwood Avenue
Edison, NJ 08837

Dear Chairman McCabe:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my intent to run for re-election to the New Jersey General Assembly representing the 19th Legislative District and to participate in the Middlesex County Democratic Organization's convention on March 11. Attached you will find the requisite petition signatures as well as my biography.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Craig J. Coughlin