



CHRIS CHRISTIE TRANSITION TEAM

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David Samon and Jeff Chiesa at Gov.-elect
Chris Christie's transition office in Trenton on
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LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Chairman David Samson, former state Attorney General and senior partner at Wolff & Samson
- Executive Director Jeff Chiesa, partner at Wolff & Samson and incoming Chief Counsel to the Governor
- Susan Cole, President of Montclair State University
- Sen. Sandra Cunningham (D-Hudson)
- Debra DiLorenzo, President/CEO of the Chamber Of Commerce Southern New Jersey

- Michael DuHaime, Christie's chief campaign strategist
- George Gilmore, Ocean County Republican chairman
- Jon Hanson, chairman and founder of the Hampshire Real Estate Companies, former chair of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority
- Alfred Koeppe, executive director of the Newark Alliance, former President of PSE&G
Sen. Joseph Kyrillos (R-Monmouth)
- John McCormac, mayor of Woodbridge and former state Treasurer

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Congressman Frank LoBiondo; Col. Peter O'Hagan, USMC (Ret.), former director of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety

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