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Princeton Votes 2005 to Present “New Jersey 101: What’s at Stake in the Next Election”

Princeton University – October 7, 2005 – Princeton Votes 2005 will host “New Jersey 101,” a special event to introduce Princeton students and community members to the major issues in New Jersey politics, featuring state and local legislators and experts. The event will be held on the University campus in Frist 302 on Friday, October 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Ingrid Reed, Director of the Eagleton New Jersey Project at the Rutgers Eagleton Institute of Politics, will open with a discussion of the structure of New Jersey government. Charles Stile of the Bergen Record will then moderate a panel discussion between Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-15), Assemblyman Reed Gusciora (D-15), Assemblyman Bill Baroni (R-14), Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg (D-37), Assemblyman Eric Munoz (R-21), and representatives from the Corzine and Forrester gubernatorial campaigns.

“One Many Princeton students are enthusiastic about politics at the national level, but many of them have no idea that the local government has much more effect on their everyday lives,” said P-Votes Voter Education Coordinator Sarah Breslow '08. “New Jersey 101 will help the many students registered to vote in New Jersey understand the importance of state politics and the issues in the next election.”

Princeton Votes is a non-partisan, student-led initiative designed to encourage civic engagement among students by encouraging them to register to vote and to make informed decisions on Election Day. Recognizing the high percentage of students registered to vote in New Jersey, the organization is committed to giving these voters the background in state and local politics needed to vote responsibly.

New Jersey 101 is co-sponsored by the Princeton College Democrats and Republicans, the Undergraduate Student Government, and the Princeton Office of State and Community Affairs.

More information about Princeton Votes and its initiatives is available on the organization’s website, www.princeton.edu/~pvotes.

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