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## **New Jersey Clean Communities Council Welcomes Three New Trustees for 2021**

**TRENTON – January 28, 2021** – The Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) welcomed three new members during its quarterly meeting on January 27.

“We continue to seek state leaders who are committed to moving the anti-litter education campaign forward in New Jersey,” said NJCCC Board President Linda Doherty. “There will be many challenges this year, as we fight COVID-related litter and promote a new law that prohibits the use of single-use plastic and paper bags in all stores and food service businesses statewide.”

The Board of Trustees, serving two-year terms, oversees a statewide, comprehensive, litter-abatement program created by the passage of the Clean Communities Act in 1986. The law provides permanent funding for the program by placing a tax on 15 categories of businesses that produce litter-generating products. The Clean Communities Program Fund generates about \$20 million each year, disbursed to municipalities, counties, the state parks service and for educational programming through the NJCCC.

The new trustees are:

- Rocco D’Antonio of Marlton

D’Antonio is the founder and managing member of Organic Diversion, LLC., a food waste hauling and recycling company established in 2009. D’Antonio assists businesses with regulatory compliance, economic, and sustainability issues relating to diverting food waste from trash. His background and experience in the food processor, supermarket, and food service industries provides a unique perspective and thorough understanding of food waste recycling.

Previously, D’Antonio spent more than 25 years in the packaging industry specializing in paper and plastic bags for the supermarket industry, focusing on reduction and recycling. He also spent more than 10 years working with industry organizations leading to New Jersey’s bag ban.

- Michael DeLoreto, Esq. of Bridgewater

DeLoreto is a director in the Government & Regulatory Affairs department of Gibbons in Trenton. He has extensive experience specific to legislation, regulations, and court decisions and recently focused his efforts on securing legislation banning paper and plastic bags in retail stores. DeLoreto previously served as Chief of Staff to the New Jersey General Assembly Deputy Majority Leader, and as the Government Affairs Director for one of New Jersey's largest trade associations. He has also worked on electronic waste recycling legislation.

He has represented a broad swath of entities including Fortune 500 companies, institutions of higher education, public and private sector entities, and non-profits. DeLoreto is an editor of the *Gibbons Law Alert* blog and active in the firm's pro bono program.

- Rebecca E. Turygan of Galloway

Turygan is an environmental researcher with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and a Clean Communities Coordinator. She conducts research, compiles reports, and prepares presentations on environmental issues.

She serves on the Sustainable Jersey Grant Approval Committee, the Solid Waste Association of New Jersey Conference Planning Committee, the NJCCC Best Practices Committee and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers board, among other volunteer roles to promote environmental stewardship in New Jersey.

The NJCCC also re-elected its officers:

- Linda Doherty – President – New Jersey Food Council
- Bill Dressel – Vice President – Bill Dressel Management Advisor, LLC.
- Diana Vigilante – Secretary – Somerset County (retired)
- Edward Nielwocki – Treasurer – New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (retired)

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