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GOP ANNOUNCES BERGEN AREA ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

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Hackensack, NJ. -- The Republican Party today unveiled six New Jersey General Assembly candidates for three legislative districts that are primarily in Bergen County. Two of the candidates, however, are from Passaic County.

The Assembly candidates in District 36 will be Jon Genovesi, a Rutherford councilman and Sara Rosengarten, 24, a resident of the City of Passaic. She is a third year student at Rutgers University School of Law in Newark and a fellow with the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers. Rosengarten worked as an intern in the Bergen County Prosecutor's office and interned for judge Stuart Rabner, the current Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme.

The GOP candidates for Assembly in District 37 are Keith Jensen of Fort Lee and John Aslanian of Englewood Cliffs. Jensen, 37, is a local entrepreneur who ran for the Republican nomination for Congress last year. He is also a U.S. Army veteran. Aslanian, 57, is a marketing and product development consultant for the health care industry and also ran for the Republican nomination for Congress in 2010 in District 9.

One of the GOP Assembly candidates for District 38 Assembly is Hawthorne Mayor Richard Goldberg, 57. Goldberg has been married for 32 years and has two children. He is a precious metals dealer. Goldberg served for 11 years on the Hawthorne Borough Council and is in his third year as mayor.

Passaic County Regular Republican Party Chairman Scott Rumana said Goldberg is an excellent addition to the ticket. "Rich is an experienced office holder, a fiscal conservative with a terrific track record in managing Hawthorne," said Rumana.

Goldberg's runningmate is Fernando Alonso, 54, is an attorney licensed in New York and New Jersey who specializes in criminal and immigration law. He is also a senior lecturer at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Hackensack where he teaches business, law and history.

Formerly a resident of Hudson County, Alonso ran for state senate in 1993 and was a candidate for Congress against current U.S. Senator Bob Menendez. Alonso served on former Gov. Christie Whitman's transition team dealing with insurance and banking issues. The son of Cuban immigrants, Alonso and his wife Donna live in Oradell and they have two teenage children.

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