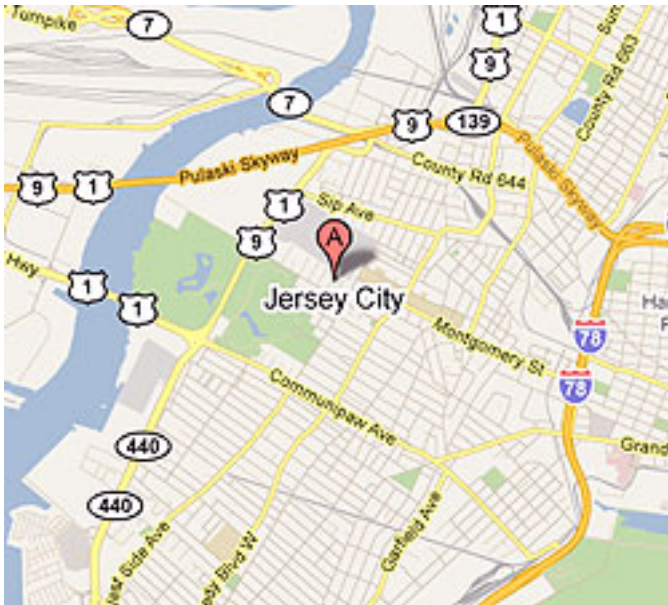


## Bayonne Democratic chief Jason O'Donnell named to Assembly seat

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Bayonne Democratic chairman Jason O'Donnell has been named the new Assemblyman for the city and southern Jersey City.

O'Donnell, 39, the director of Bayonne's Municipal Services Department, fills the seat vacated by Democrat Anthony Chiappone of Bayonne, after he pleaded guilty last month to illegal use of campaign funds. O'Donnell will represent the 31st District with Assemblyman Charles Mainor (D-Hudson) and Sen. Sandra Bolden Cunningham (D-Hudson), both of Jersey City.

"It is a privilege and honor to be asked to serve the residents of the 31st District and the state during this difficult economic time," O'Donnell said. "It is my hope that my extensive experience with and knowledge of municipal services will help the Legislature find more cost efficient ways to provide New Jerseyans with the quality and level of services they have come to expect."

Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver (D-Essex) Tuesday praised the unanimous selection of O'Donnell by 200 Hudson Democratic Committee members.

"It is good to see the Hudson County Democratic Organization moving past a rough patch with complete solidarity," Oliver said. "Mr. O'Donnell's considerable experience with local fire and

municipal services will be a welcome addition to our talented Democratic caucus."

O'Donnell, 39, who is on leave as a Bayonne fire captain, received his degree in fire science from New Jersey City University. O'Donnell and his wife, Kerry, have a daughter and two sons.

Oliver said she expects to have O'Donnell sworn in as a member of the Assembly sometime in the next few weeks. Democrats control the Assembly and Senate.