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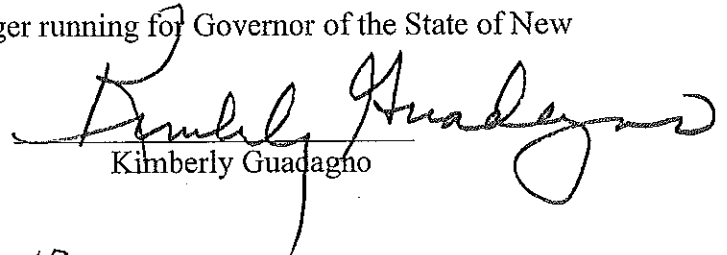
LT. GOVERNOR KIM GUADAGNO  
 Secretary of State


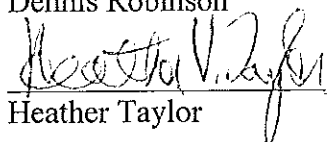
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2017  
 TO: Heather Taylor  
 Chief Ethics Officer  
 FROM: Kimberly Guadagno  
 Lieutenant Governor  
 RE: Recusal

As per our prior conversations, this memorandum notifies you that my running for Governor of the State of New Jersey may present an actual or appearance of a conflict of interest as to certain matters before the New Jersey Division of Elections, which I am head of as Secretary of State. Out of an over abundance of caution, I hereby disqualify and recuse myself as Secretary of State from all matters involving the 2017 New Jersey Primary and General elections (the "Election"). I understand that I may not participate in any way as the Secretary of State in any matters regarding the Election. Furthermore, I understand that any matters specifically involving the Election are to be referred to Dennis Robinson, my Chief of Staff, without consulting me or informing me that such matters are pending. This action is taken with the concurrence of Dennis Robinson as indicated below.

The recusal shall remain in effect until I am no longer running for Governor of the State of New Jersey.

  
 Kimberly Guadagno

Recommend:  2-8-17  
 Dennis Robinson Date  
 Approve:  2/13/17  
 Heather Taylor Date