Kiki Jamieson Stepping Down from The Fund for New Jersey

Search for Replacement Underway

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PRINCETON (July 12, 2023) – After more than a decade of leadership in promoting equity and justice through public policy, Kiki Jamieson will step down as president of The Fund for New Jersey later this year, the foundation announced today.

The Fund has begun a search for its next president; information about the position is available here.

“At a crucial time for New Jersey and the nation, Kiki Jamieson guided essential efforts to invigorate democracy,” said Richard W. Roper, chair of The Fund’s Board of Trustees. “The work she led expanded participation and engaged people and groups too often ignored in the decision-making process.”

“I’m proud of The Fund for New Jersey’s work -- in our own grantmaking, nurturing powerful nonprofit coalitions, and in maximizing the influence of the state’s philanthropic sector through collaborations,” Jamieson said. “It has been an honor to work with The Fund’s terrific Board, exemplary staff, and its bold and inspiring nonprofit partners. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with so many wonderful partners to advance progressive public policy, for the benefit of New Jersey’s diverse communities.” She will continue to support The Fund after her successor is named, serving as a senior advisor through the end of the year.

A private grantmaking foundation, The Fund for New Jersey works to advance racial, social, and economic justice through public policy. The Fund marked its 50th anniversary in 2020 and has provided millions of dollars in grants over the years to nonprofit organizations and collaborations involved in numerous issues affecting the lives of New Jerseyans.

Jamieson came to The Fund for New Jersey in 2011, after directing the Pace Center for Civic Engagement and teaching in the politics departments at Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania, Haverford College, and Rutgers University.

Under Jamieson’s leadership, The Fund for New Jersey:

• Generated public discourse about reparations in New Jersey and the pragmatic policy steps required to repair the harms of structural racism in the series “Imagine More.”

• Propelled democracy by catalyzing, fundraising, and organizing funder-nonprofit coalitions around Fair and Accurate Census 2020, which resulted in New Jersey counting 400,000 people more than the Census Bureau anticipated.

• Promoted record public participation in the 2021-2022 redistricting process, leading to more racially-equitable district maps.

• Convened collaboratives to dismantle structural racism and build power of communities of color, desegregate public schools, end lead poisoning in children, and advance immigrants’ rights.
• Seeded new organizations, including New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey, New Jersey Coalition for Diverse and Inclusive Schools, Jersey Renews, and NJ4Transit.

• Co-founded the Funders Collaborative for Immigrant Families in the Garden State.

• Advanced policy ideas in national and regional settings, including production of the seven-part report *Crossroads New Jersey: Policy Choices That Define Our Future* to inform the state policy agenda for the 2017 gubernatorial election.

• Created the Lieberman Fellowship, a pipeline program to develop diverse leaders in philanthropy and public policy.

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