

The Arc of New Jersey Legislative Questionnaire
Paul Vagianos and Christine Ordway
District 40

Question 1 –

Paul Vagianos is the owner of a restaurant (It's Greek to Me) in Ridgewood. In the past, he has had the opportunity to provide employment to an individual with Down's Syndrome. This experience was most rewarding to all concerned parties, including the restaurant's customers.

A member of Christine Ordway's immediate family is afflicted with Down's Syndrome. As a result, she has first-hand experience supporting and assisting an individual with special needs. Christine has also been involved with the Special Olympics. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Nancy's Place which is affiliated with Covenant House, and she has participated in Moms Sleep Out to raise money for and awareness of the organization's mission.

Question 2 –

Paul and Christine have included in their platform providing support for citizens with special needs. They will encourage and support the development of housing for these citizens to fill a rapidly expanding void. They believe that these individuals should receive the education, job training and support necessary to thrive and contribute to the community. In addition, Paul and Christine believe that programs must be established to provide information and advice to families regarding available housing and other support services.