

Leslie Koppel

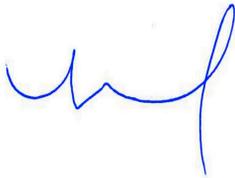
February 19, 2026

Dear Chairman McCabe:

I am writing to confirm my intention to seek reelection to the Middlesex County Board of Chosen County Commissioners. Serving Middlesex County has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Every day, I work to ensure our residents' voices are heard and their needs are met.

I humbly ask for your endorsement in the 2026 Primary Election. Thank you for your trust, partnership, and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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County Commissioner, Middlesex County

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County Commissioner Leslie Koppel is a lifelong Monroe Township resident, public servant, and nonprofit leader with decades of experience serving Middlesex County families.

Currently serving as Chair of the Middlesex County Finance Committee, Commissioner Koppel oversees the County's Operating and Capital Budgets. Under her leadership, Middlesex County has maintained its AAA bond rating, strengthened its surplus, reduced net debt, and directed hundreds of millions of dollars toward critical investments in roads, bridges, public safety, parks, and community infrastructure while protecting taxpayers and preserving essential services.

First appointed to the former Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2017 and subsequently elected and reelected by voters, Commissioner Koppel has earned a reputation for fiscal discipline, transparency, and steady, thoughtful leadership.

Before joining the County Commissioners, she served for more than a decade on the Monroe Township Council, including as Council President. During her tenure, she worked on transportation planning, infrastructure improvements, and community development initiatives that strengthened local neighborhoods and enhanced the quality of life.

In addition to her public service, Leslie has served for more than a decade as Executive Director of Rise, A Community Service Partnership, a nonprofit organization serving families across central New Jersey. Under her leadership, Rise has expanded food security programs, youth enrichment initiatives, and case management services serving thousands of families annually through partnerships with business, government, and faith-based organizations.

Her lifelong commitment to community engagement includes service with local PTAs, education planning committees, regional advisory boards, and mentoring initiatives. She has been recognized by numerous community and civic organizations for her leadership in hunger relief, civic engagement, and youth empowerment.

Commissioner Koppel believes strong Democratic leadership means fiscal responsibility paired with compassion, investing wisely, protecting essential services, and expanding opportunity for every family in Middlesex County.

A proud Monroe Township resident, Leslie is the mother of three grown children and enjoys tending her small farm and spending time outdoors with her dogs, Tilly and Lilly. With deep roots

in the community and a proven record of results, she remains committed to building a stronger, more resilient, and more inclusive Middlesex County for the next generation.