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## **Bill Spadea Announces Run for New Jersey Assembly**

*Joined by Former Romney Counsel Charlie Spies for February 2012 Special Convention*

**PRINCETON, NJ (November 30, 2011)** -- Princeton Township resident Bill Spadea has officially declared his candidacy for the vacant New Jersey Assembly seat in the newly redrawn 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative District by filing the necessary documents on Friday, November 25. The vacant Assembly seat was held by longtime public servant, Assemblyman Pete Biondi, who sadly passed away two days following his re-election this month.

Mr. Spadea will vie for the party's nomination at the special four-county convention, which will happen within 35 days of the swearing in of the new Assembly on January 10, 2012. The vote at the convention will determine who will fulfill a one-year term for the vacant Assembly seat. Mr. Spadea will also participate in the June 5, 2012 primary to become the 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative District's Republican candidate for the NJ legislative special election on November 6, 2012.

"Pete Biondi was a great legislator, public servant, community leader and patriot. So many business and political leaders asked and encouraged me to consider this run to do right by Pete's legacy of public service. I was so honored by their request that I felt compelled to step up," said Spadea.

Mr. Spadea's campaign is off to a strong start, enlisting the support of prominent GOP attorney Charlie Spies. Mr. Spies, head of Clark Hill PLC's national Political Law practice, served as CFO and Counsel for Governor Mitt Romney's 2008 Presidential campaign, as well as counsel for the Republican Governors Association in 2006 and the Republican National Committee in 2004. Spies stated, "Bill is a dynamic and enthusiastic candidate. His conservative principles, business background and organizational success make him the right man at the right time for New Jersey."

Princeton Township is one of the eight new municipalities that will be a part of the new 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in January 2012. It was also one of the first municipalities to vote to consolidate with another municipality this month. The consolidation of Princeton Township and Princeton Borough will be historic for the state of New Jersey.

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**Bill Spadea** has worked in New Jersey as a senior executive in the real estate industry for the past 15 years. Additionally, he is an on-air political analyst and Republican strategist for several New York Region television stations. Mr. Spadea served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1991 to 1999. He ran for U.S. Congress in New Jersey's 12<sup>th</sup> district and earned more than 115,000 votes (40%) in 2004 running against the heavily-funded incumbent Rush Holt. He is the co-founder and past-president of *Building the New Majority*, a grassroots political organization focused on helping NJ citizen-legislators win local campaigns. Mr. Spadea lives in Princeton with his wife Jodi and their two children, who attend Princeton public schools – where he serves on the Zoning Board, is a coach for little league, chairs the annual Veteran's Day event, and serves as master of ceremony for the annual Memorial Day Parade/Service.