

From the New Caucus

CUNY ALLIANCE'S POLITICS OF DISINVESTMENT

Compare and contrast New Caucus and CUNY Alliance approaches to public investment in CUNY. The New Caucus lobbies government for more stimulus money for CUNY – and saves CUNY jobs (see below). Fred Brodzinski, the CA candidate for president, wants to shrink the public sector:

“The mission of the Republican Party is to promote, preserve, and protect individual liberty, free enterprise and limited government.”

Hamilton Township Republican Party Committee, Fred Brodzinski, President --- <http://htrcmercer.org>

Nothing appears in CUNY Alliance about public investment in CUNY, let alone Brodzinski's political approach to CUNY funding. Instead, CA presents misinformation, more misinformation and lie after lie. Why?

They want to hide Fred Brodzinski's public record of supporting small government. All of us are entitled to be involved in political activities, but PSC members are also entitled to know about the public record of a candidate running for union president and what this would mean if he were our representative. Consider what Brodzinski, the CA presidential candidate, doesn't tell you anywhere in his published CA biography:

- That he is a longtime Republican Party activist in Mercer County, New Jersey.
- That he ran (and lost) on the Republican Party ticket for Princeton Borough Mayor in 1999.
- That he is currently president of the Hamilton Township Republican Committee (HTRC).
- That in the 2008 elections, he trained Republican candidates in the Mercer County “campaign school.”

What does Brodzinski's “small government” agenda mean for CUNY?

Make no mistake, Fred Brodzinski is partisan. He says in a message on the HTRC website:

“Be aware that the Democrats emboldened by the Obama victory will direct very large amounts of money and manpower into Hamilton to disrupt one of the very few municipalities in New Jersey that has a government totally composed of Republicans!!” Fred Brodzinski --- <http://htrcmercer.org>

The Republican agenda, in practice, has meant reducing taxes on the wealthy, deregulation of the financial industry, threatening to privatize Social Security, destroying the power of unions, and bankrupting the public sector. What will this mean for CUNY in this time of economic crisis? We can expect from Brodzinski – as we have seen with his Republican counterparts – hostility to exactly the increased public investment CUNY needs.

Contrast this with a different scenario. New Caucus PSC leaders were in Albany this week meeting with legislators and the Governor's representatives to push for more public investment in CUNY. We argued for allocating more stimulus money to CUNY and reversing the Pataki-era tax-cuts for the wealthy to allow for greater public investment.

SAVING JOBS: What was the immediate outcome of our representation in Albany – **CUNY jobs were saved**. As many news outlets reported, CUNY would be EXEMPT from workforce reductions applied elsewhere.

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