

JUDICIAL VACANCIES ARE HARMING OUR CHILDREN

Tell Governor Murphy and our state legislature that our children cannot wait any longer for justice.

judge: (noun) a public official authorized to decide questions brought before a court

WHERE ARE ALL THE JUDGES?

58 judicial vacancies have forced civil cases to grind to a stop in 6 counties in NJ. There is a backlog of approximately 75,000 cases statewide.

- Too many out: In NJ, judges must retire at age 70. Upcoming mandatory retirements will only heighten the crisis.
- Too few in: 20 candidates nominated by Governor Murphy are pending before the senate, with an unknown number of appointments being blocked by senatorial courtesy, the ability of a single senator to block a nomination.

This simple equation yields unacceptable delays in access to justice for children and families.

WHAT DO JUDICIAL VACANCIES HAVE TO DO WITH CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE?

Backlogs in the system create delays for many case types. Even if termination of parental rights trials have not come to a total stop, demands on remaining judges are delaying these trials for years longer than necessary, keeping children in limbo.

Children are waiting...
For PERMANENCY.
For FOREVER FAMILIES.
For JUSTICE.

WHY FILL THESE VACANCIES?

Administering justice is an essential function of government that cannot be neglected.

Children deserve and require permanency as soon as possible. Delays due to politicking are unacceptable.

Our elected representatives need to take prompt action to address this crisis or should be removed from office.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Sign our petition!

Show your public support for this initiative.

<https://www.change.org/Justice4Jersey>

Contact your state representatives!

Tell them you want judicial vacancies filled NOW.

<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/district-map>



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