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Anger powers Christie's win

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TRENTON - A day after Chris Christie's election as governor, voters suggested that Jon S. Corzine's unpopularity was a primary factor in Christie's victory.

Greg Mallick, a business owner in Mays Landing, said he pulled the lever for the Republican - even though he realized on Wednesday he did not agree with the former U.S. attorney.

"When I think about it, I don't really like Christie," Mallick said. "But he got my vote, because I'm so dissatisfied with Corzine."

In Pleasantville, employees talked about the race at Community Quest Inc., a job-placement nonprofit. Fear of future cuts was mixed with the memory of the past year's state budget woes, which diminished the group's funds.

"I just think there was a level of anger at Corzine," said Tiffany Mayse, a Democrat who said she had liked independent candidate Chris Daggett. "Even I hadn't seen what he had done to deserve another term."

The mood was mixed: Democrat Galloway Township Commissioner Meg Worthington was swept off the governing body after 24 years, but Republicans managed to pick up only one seat in the Assembly, even though the GOP specifically targeted Democrats Nelson Albano and Matt Milam, D-Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic.

Domenick DiCicco, a Republican who has never held elective office, will take over for Democratic Assemblywoman Sandra Love, who did not run for re-election in the 4th District. Democrats have held the seat, wh

Christie toured the Robert Taft Academy in Newark. He announced that David Samson, state attorney general under former Democratic Gov. James McGreevey, would chair his transition

But Republicans suggested national issues also motivated people.

Gilmore recalled a lightly announced Sept. 11 visit to Toms Ri

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