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# Ness Mail-In Votes Put Her over the Top in Tight Chatham Township Committee Race, Unseats Incumbent Sullivan

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CHATHAM, NJ - The blue wave that swept Democrats into office in Chatham Borough also washed over the race in Chatham Township.

Democrat challenger **Tracy Ness** has unseated Republican incumbent **Kevin Sullivan**, according to mail-in ballots tallied by the county on Wednesday.

"This has been a two-year journey made possible by the help of many people and I am very grateful for the support and encouragement," Ness said. "I would like to thank our community for embracing balance and I am looking forward to working on behalf of all residents on a positive path forward."

"I wish Kevin all the best and thank him for his years of service on the committee and to the Township."

Updated vote counts confirmed that Ness received 589 votes through mail-in ballots and Sullivan gained 335, putting her unofficial total at 2,734 and Sullivan at 2,606. With 78 provisional ballots still outstanding, Sullivan will not be able to make up the difference.

In Chatham Borough, Democratic challengers **Carolyn Dempsey** and **Jocelyn Mathiasen** upended Republican incumbents **Len Resto** and **Peter Hoffman**, making it a 3-0 sweep for the women over their male counterparts.