

Remembering Michael Aron: A Legendary New Jersey Journalist

The passing of Michael Aron, the longtime Chief Political Correspondent for NJ PBS, has left a profound impact on the New Jersey political landscape. Aron, who had been reporting on state government for nearly four decades, was widely respected for his integrity, intellect, and passion for journalism.

Governor Phil Murphy expressed his deep sadness, stating that Aron "shed a bright light on Trenton and kept the people of New Jersey informed on the latest developments in our state government." He praised Aron's career, which stretched back to the days of Governor Brendan Byrne, for helping shape the history of New Jersey for the better.

Aron's colleagues and fellow politicians have also paid tribute to his legacy. Former Senate President Steve Sweeney called him "a cornerstone of New Jersey's political reporting" whose "dedication and integrity set a standard for us all." State Senator Kristin Corrado noted that Aron's "objective and in-depth coverage of New Jersey politics has kept the public well informed throughout his four-decade career covering the statehouse."

Many have highlighted Aron's warmth, mentorship, and generosity of time. As one former NJN colleague put it, "Mike's so great, that working for him makes me want to be great." Aron was remembered for his formidable questions, quick wit, and for always making time for friendly banter with reporters.

In the words of Governor Murphy, "Michael Aron will be greatly missed." His legacy as a legendary journalist who embodied excellence, integrity, and a deep respect for his audience and the people of New Jersey will endure. Aron's passing leaves a void in the New Jersey press corps, but his example will continue to inspire the next generation of journalists to follow in his footsteps.

The NJ Public Broadcasting Authority joins the chorus of voices mourning the loss of Michael Aron. He was a pillar of our organization and a trusted voice for the people of New Jersey. His dedication to public service journalism and his commitment to holding power accountable will be deeply missed.

Tributes are set to air on NJ PBS, honoring Michael's legacy and impact on journalism in New Jersey. These segments will reflect on his career, his dedication to uncovering the truth, and the significant role he played in shaping public understanding of state politics. Michael's loss is felt deeply across the political spectrum, with many acknowledging his unwavering commitment to fair and insightful reporting.