

Olympic champion Carl Lewis will 'run to win' seat in N.J. Senate

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New Jersey Democrats have long been courting **Carl Lewis** to run for the 8th Legislative District Senate, and today the former Olympic athlete announced he will be running again.

Lewis, 49, said he is challenging incumbent Republican Senator Dawn Addiego in the heavily Republican area about 25 miles east of Philadelphia.

When I run — you can see my record — I run to win," Lewis told a news conference outside Mount Holly's historic courthouse, **according** to Reuters.

According to the Courier Post, Lewis **won four gold medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics**, defended his 100-meter title in Seoul in 1988 after Ben Johnson was stripped of the medal for doping and won the long jump in four straight Summer Olympics.

Phillyburbs.com **reports** Lewis grew up in Willingboro but now resides in Medford. He won nine Olympic gold medals in track and field while competing in the 1984, 1988, 1992 and 1996 Olympics, and **was named sportsman of the century by the International Olympic Committee**. He was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame last year.

Lewis **told** NJ.com that he would make details on a platform available in the next few days. He said he considers Gov. Chris Christie a good friend, and is not interested in partisan bickering.

Lewis said he bought his first house in New Jersey in 2005 and registered to vote today.

CNN **reports** Lewis is the third athlete leaping into the political sphere in Burlington County in recent years. Former Philadelphia Eagle lineman Jon Runyan, was elected into office last year and former Philadelphia Flyers player Brian Propp, ran an unsuccessful campaign for a 7th District Assembly seat in 2007.

Lewis eventually cut off questions from the media, saying he had to get to track practice at the high school in nearby Willingboro, where he grew up. He serves as a volunteer coach.

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A. What American sprinter was named "Sportsman of the Century" by the International Olympic Committee?

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