

BRING FAIR PHONE RATES TO ESSEX COUNTY JAIL!

▶▶▶ Essex County's contract for telephone services at Essex County Jail puts **profits ahead of families and public safety**. Phone rates up to **17 times higher** than prevailing rates fill Essex County government pockets to the tune of **nearly \$1 million per year** at the expense of those who can least afford it.



EXORBITANT PHONE RATES

Under the current calling plan selected by the County, a fifteen-minute call from Essex County Jail costs up to:

- **\$1.75** to Newark and other nearby municipalities.
- **\$4.20** to the rest of North Jersey.
- **\$5.70** to other parts of New Jersey.
- **\$12.85** to New York City!

Essex County Jail phone rates represent a 543% markup over recently obtained estimates of residential phone costs, and a whopping **1,713% markup** to call out of state.

PURE PROFIT

Under Essex County's calling plan, the County retains **a 54% "commission"** on **every phone call made by inmates and detainees**. The remaining portion of every phone call goes to Global Tel*Link, a private company.

Last year, Essex County siphoned **almost a million dollars** out of Essex County jail phone fees, and is budgeted to take a similar amount this year.



The remaining fees go to Global Tel*Link ("GTL"), a private company which charges prisoners in New York a mere five cents per minute for long-distance phone calls. In regulatory filings, Global Tel*Link has been willing to offer undisclosed discounts on phone rates, should correctional facilities merely ask.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

▶▶▶ **Come & Learn More!** – Community Forum on Phone Rates

Where: St. Stephan's Church - 7 Wilson Avenue Newark, NJ

When: January 24th, 2013 At 6:30 pm

- **CALL!** your Essex County Freeholders at **973-621-4486** and tell them to seek an alternative to the current phone contract, including lowering phone rates, opening a new bid for Essex County Jail phone service, and cutting costs by eliminating government bureaucracy.
- **SPREAD THE WORD!** by copying this flyer and distributing it outside of Essex County Jail (354 Doremus Avenue, Newark), Essex County Hall of Records (465 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Newark) or at community gatherings.
- **VOLUNTEER!** with New Jersey Advocates for Immigrant Detainees by calling **973-854-0401** or emailing **NewJerseyAdvocates@gmail.com**.

