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The Voters Guide listings are based entirely on material submitted by the candidates. In cases in which questionnaires were not returned, only the candidate's name and party are listed. Every candidate was asked to submit a photograph; those received are printed.

The guide lists all candidates in the Nov 5, 2019 municipal general election for the offices of Judges of the Superior Court, and Judges of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. Also listed are candidates for the Allegheny County Chief Executive, County Controller, District Attorney, County Treasurer and the Allegheny County Council. Also listed are candidates for the offices of City Controller, Pittsburgh City Council, and Pittsburgh School Board Directors; there is also a list of Magistrates and ballot questions.

The candidates' names are listed as they will appear on the ballot. The party of the governor is, by practice, given the first position on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

Study the guide and choose the candidates for whom you want to vote. You may take the guide into the voting booth to help you. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an en-

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dorsement of any candidate by the League of Women Voters.

Voters who are not sure if they are registered to vote can check at VotesPA.com or call the county Department of Elections, 412-350-4510. To find out what district you live in, call the county Department of Elections, at 412-350-4510.

Voting in a General Election

To vote in this general election you must have been registered by October 7, 2019.

Your registration is permanent if

- You did not change your address.
- You did not change your name

Prisoners' Rights

You are eligible to vote if you are awaiting trial.

If you are a prisoner in Pennsylvania, you are eligible to vote if

- You are registered properly.

- You have obtained an absentee ballot.

- You were convicted of a misdemeanor

Identification Requirements for New Voters

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballots

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the

County Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the County Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

Absentee Voting

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed APPLICATIONS for absentee ballots must be received by the Allegheny County Elections Division by 5 P.M., Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019. Complet-

ed absentee BALLOTS must be received back at the Elections Division by 5 P.M. on Friday, November 1, 2019. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call the Elections Division 412-350-4520 for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 5 P.M. on Friday, November 1, 2019. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the Elections Division at 412-350-4520.

Write-in Voting

For write in voting information, check with the workers at your polling place before entering the voting booth.

Election Day Problems

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place will (MAY) telephone the county Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you will have to go in person to the county Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems.

Internet Voters Guide

This Voters Guide and other useful information for voters can be found on the League's web site at <http://lwvpg.org> or can be found by going to www.vote411.org and typing in your address and zip code.

PENNSYLVANIA JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(Vote for two)

TERM: 10 years

SALARY: \$199,114

DESCRIPTION: The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, which was established in 1895, reviews most of the civil and criminal cases that are appealed from the Courts of Common Pleas in the Commonwealth's 67 counties. The Superior Court consists of 15 judges who serve 10-year terms. The president judge of the Superior Court is elected to a five-year term by his or her colleagues. A huge volume of appeals flows to Superior Court from the trial courts. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, or Pittsburgh. The court often is the final arbiter of legal disputes. Although the Supreme Court may grant a petition for review of a Superior Court decision, most such petitions are denied and the ruling

of the Superior Court stands.

DEMOCRATIC

AMANDA GREEN-HAWKINS

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Education: Duke University, BA Northeastern Univ. School of law, JD

Qualifications: I represented the Union in courts and federal and state agencies around the country. I was a law clerk for the Hon. Lawrence M. Lawson, AJSC, in the Superior Court of NJ – Monmouth Division, and a legal



AMANDA
GREEN-HAWKINS

intern for the Hon. Joseph Greenaway, USDJ, in the US District Court for the District of NJ in Newark. I've been a mediator, and a law clerk for the IUE-CWA, and Levy Ratner, a union-side law firm. I was elected twice to Allegheny County Council.

Twitter: twitter.com/AGHforJudge

Facebook: [http://@AmandaforJudge](https://www.facebook.com/AmandaforJudge)

Municipality: Pittsburgh

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What is the most important quality in a judge?*

A: Temperament is the most important quality in a judge. Parties and litigants in our courts must be heard and treated respectfully, and a judge's temperament is critical to a party's belief that he/she had their day in court by being heard and treated respectfully. People are more likely to accept a decision, even if they disagree with it, if they are treated fairly. A judge must be able to listen, without expressing exasperation, frustration, annoyance or other behaviors that may reflect bias, and raise concerns about prejudice and injustice in the justice system. A good judicial temperament helps to im-

prove satisfaction with the courts, and perceptions about the courts.

Q: *As a member of the judiciary, what can you do on and off the bench to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have access to justice?*

A: Implicit bias affects whether people have access to justice. The Interbranch Commission reported that people have experienced bias in our courts based on race, gender, and gender identity or expression. Implicit bias is prejudice that unconsciously affects decisions and beliefs, and it is cited as a factor in disparate treatment in our judicial system. We must recognize and confront our implicit biases, and this has to become a practice in order to effectuate change in our judicial system. On the bench, I will rigorously question the basis for decisions, and challenge disparities in treatment to eliminate implicit bias and ensure access to justice for all Pennsylvanians. Off the bench, I will continuously challenge myself to recognize and confront my own implicit biases that may impede access to justice. Justice and equality demand that people be treated fairly under the law; therefore, judges must be compelled to act with unbiased humanity.

Q: *Under what circumstances would you recuse or have you recused yourself from a case?*

A: I will abide by the judicial code which requires recusal or disqualification under specific enumerated circumstances, or when my impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

DANIEL MCCAFFERY

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Education: Temple University, BS. 1988 Temple University School of Law, J.D.1991

Qualifications: I will bring 28 years of legal experience to the Superior Court. As an Assistant District Attorney assigned to the Major Trials Division, I've Prosecuted over 50 jury trials and thousands of bench trials. As a current Trial Judge since 2013, assigned to one of the busiest trial divisions in Pennsylvania, I have presided over thousands of trials. I am honored to be the only candidate to have received a "Highly Recommended" for this seat on the Superior Court by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Twitter: twitter.com/JudgeMcCaffery

Facebook: <http://McCafferyforSuperiorCourt>

Municipality: Statewide

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What is the most important quality in a judge?*

A: Impartiality and work ethic.

Q: *As a member of the judiciary, what can you do on and off the bench to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have access to justice?*

A: All judges must make sure that every participant in the legal system is aware of their rights and responsibilities to the court and afforded quality representation in each step of the proceedings. Measures must be taken to inform all participants of the various services available to obtain quality representation and every judge must endeavor to make sure that all Pennsylvanians participating in the judicial system are afforded quality representation.

Q: *Under what circumstances would you recuse or*

have you recused yourself from a case?

A: I would recuse in any case where I feel I could not be fair and impartial to either side of a dispute or where my impartiality may fairly be questioned. I have recused in instances where there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest in order to preserve the integrity of the judicial system and the appearance of impartiality and fairness to participants and the public.

REPUBLICAN

MEGAN MCCARTHY KING

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Education: Vanderbilt University, B.A.(1992) University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. (1995) Rosemont College, M.A.(Ed.) 2010

Qualifications: Deputy District Attorney Child Abuse Unit, Chester County. Supervisor of the Child and Elder Abuse Units of Lancaster County District Attorney's Office. 2018 awarded Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon Champion for Children. Board President, Child Advocacy Center, Chester County. Clerk, Justice Thomas Saylor, Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Adjunct Professor, Cabrini College, Graduate Studies - taught Education Law and Special Education Laws and Regulations. Recommended by the PA Bar Association

Facebook: <http://megan king for judge>

Municipality: Easttown Township, Chester County

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What is the most important quality in a judge?*

A: The most important quality in a judge is a commitment to impartiality-to set aside his/her own point of view and to carry out the law in a fair and impartial manner. Judges are sworn in to uphold the law - to apply the law to the facts, regardless of popular opinion, political pressure, or personal belief. As a prosecutor, I have a well established reputation for following the facts and the law to a fair conclusion. I defend the presumption of innocence and do all that I can to make sure charges are filed when warranted under the law and the facts. With each case, I take a total picture approach, taking into consideration all of the competing dynamics. There is a tremendous responsibility as a prosecutor and a judge, and impartiality and fairness are the most important qualities. The concepts of fairness and equal justice are not just words to me, and I am committed to interpreting the law with integrity, honor and common sense.

Q: *As a member of the judiciary, what can you do on and off the bench to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have access to justice?*

A: The access to justice crisis exists in the criminal and civil justice system. People can be denied justice because they are unable to afford lawyers. The justice system should be accessible to all, irrespective of a person's ability to pay. Accordingly, increasing pro bono efforts should be encouraged. Utilizing the Court's public website - offering forms and a manual for pro se litigants increases access as well as assists judges to discern what are the specific matters on appeal that is being pursued. Another way to ensure



MEGAN MCCARTHY KING

access to justice, judges on and off the bench must work to create a presumption of a fair and equal justice system so that those seeking access to the courts believe their matter will be handled fairly and equally regardless of their social or economic status or any other potential obstacle to receiving fair treatment.

Q: *Under what circumstances would you recuse or have you recused yourself from a case?*

A: Whenever a judge has any doubt about his/her ability to impartially preside over a matter, or believes that his/her impartiality might reasonably be questioned by others, the judge should recuse themselves, as even the appearance of bias must be avoided. Pennsylvania's Code of Judicial Conduct requires that Pennsylvania judges avoid both impropriety and its appearance in all of their activities. Accordingly, judges should err on the side of caution and recuse himself/herself whenever they have a doubt about their ability to preside over a legal matter.

CHRISTYLEE PECK

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Education: Penn State University, B.A. 1997 Dickinson School of Law, J.D. 2001

Qualifications: I have served as a Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas Judge since 2012, handling all areas of law (civil, family, PFAs, criminal, dependency, appellate). Before that, I was a prosecutor handling major felonies and child abuse cases. I am on the PA Supreme Court Commission on Judicial Independence and PA Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children Board. I am involved with several groups that improve the administration of justice. I am endorsed by the Pa State Troopers Association.

Facebook: <http://@christyleepeckforsuperiorcourt>

Municipality: Cumberland County

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What is the most important quality in a judge?*

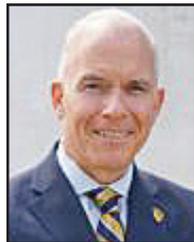
A: Fairness, impartiality, respect for the law and for those who come before the court. As a Court of Common Pleas Judge, I am prepared with firm knowledge of the law when going into court, but never make a decision before hearing all facts, listening with an open mind and giving legal arguments thoughtful consideration and review. Judges should have an interest and curiosity in the law, and care for the citizens to whom it is applied. We must at all times ensure the integrity of the bench and adhere to the Code of Judicial Conduct. We improve people's respect for the judiciary by always showing them respect.

Q: *As a member of the judiciary, what can you do on and off the bench to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have access to justice?*

A: As a sitting judge now, I ensure that all people who come before me are given due process. If any litigant represents themselves, I ensure that they have a general knowledge of the procedure in court. If language interpretation is required or even possibly so, I ensure that same is provided before the start of any proceeding. I treat all those that come to my courtroom with respect so that they know they have equal access to justice before me. I listen. I do not prejudice. I ensure fairness to all. Off the bench, I work to improve the administration of justice. I formerly was a Co-Chair of the Legal Representation



CHRISTYLEE PECK



DANIEL MCCAFFERY

Workgroup of the PA Statewide Children's Roundtable. We worked to improve legal representation and create standards for attorneys that represent parents and children in dependency proceedings. I support the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network and pro bono representation programs.

Q: Under what circumstances would you recuse or have you recused yourself from a case?

A: Every day as a judge, I review each matter coming before me preliminarily to determine and ensure my impartiality on the matter. I am mindful of Rule 2.11 of the Code of Judicial Conduct and would recuse accordingly if circumstances warranted it. If ever there is even an appearance of impropriety for any reason, I always discuss it with counsel, or if unrepresented, with the parties, and ensure that an informed decision is made by all as to whether I may continue on the case. Although infrequent, disclosure of the above is paramount, prior to the start of any proceeding.

JUDICIAL RETENTION

SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION QUESTION #1

Shall **Anne E. Lazarus** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION QUESTION #2

Shall **Judy Olson** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

COMMONWEALTH COURT RETENTION QUESTION #1

Shall **Kevin Brobson** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

COMMONWEALTH COURT RETENTION QUESTION #2

Shall **Patricia A. McCullough** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

(Vote for One)

TERM: 10 years **SALARY:** \$183,184

DESCRIPTION:

The Court of Common Pleas is primarily a trial court. There are four divisions of the Court of Common Pleas: Civil, Criminal, Orphans', and Family. The judges can be assigned from one division to another as needed. Judges can run on both the Republican and Democratic tickets.

DEMOCRATIC

MARY MCGINLEY

Biographical Info:

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First Name: Mary

Age: 7/11/1977

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Campaign Web Site: <http://mcginleyforjudge.com>

Education: B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 1999 J.D., Duquesne University, 2002

Qualifications for office: I have been an attorney for over 16 years. Throughout my career, I have tried cases in state and federal court and have brought res-



MARY MCGINLEY

olution to legal disputes outside of court. I have a deep love and respect for the law and for people. I have a very strong drive to help people and believe that my legal experience, temperament, compassion and work ethic would serve the bench well. I would take to heart the important responsibilities that come with administering justice and would strive to bring fair resolution to people's legal problems in every case.

District: 5th Judicial District (Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County)

QUESTIONS:

Q: Is gun violence best addressed as a public health and public safety issue or as a law enforcement issue?

A: As an attorney and resident of Pittsburgh, I have seen the devastation that gun violence has on communities. As a mother, I am keenly aware that gun violence poses a serious threat to our children and families. Gun violence is a public health and public safety issue but law enforcement also has a role in addressing it. Despite any personal beliefs that I may have on this issue, I am running for judge and the role of a judge is to apply laws as they exist including laws relating to gun ownership or violence. If elected, I promise to uphold the law.

Q: Describe your legal experience in the Civil, Criminal, Family and Orphans Division and why these qualify you to be a judge?

A: I regularly practice in two of the four divisions of the Court of Common Pleas, the Civil Division and the Orphans' Court Division. My civil practice requires me to work closely with and analyze contractual and statutory provisions and has honed my analytical and trial skills. In my Orphans' Court practice, I have litigated fiduciary issues, guardianship matters, will and trust challenges and other emotionally-charged disputes primarily amongst family members. Maintaining composure and an even temperament are critical in these cases and are critical to excelling as a judge.

REPUBLICAN

MARY MCGINLEY

See Response Above

COUNTY COURT—JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS

Shall **KIM BERKELEY CLARK** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **ROBERT J. COLVILLE** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **SUSAN EVASHAVIK DILUCENTE** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **KIM DIANE EATON** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **PHILIP A. IGNELZI** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **ARNIE KLEIN** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **JEFFREY A. MANNING** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **KEVIN G. SASINOSKI** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common

Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **DON WALKO** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

Shall **JOSEPH K. WILLIAMS** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, Allegheny County?

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

(Vote for One)

TERM: 6 years **SALARY:** \$91,597

DESCRIPTION:

Magisterial district judges (MDJs) do not have to be lawyers but are required to pass a qualifying exam. Handle civil cases up to \$12,000; responsible whether serious criminal cases go the Court of Common Pleas; handle preliminary arraignments and hearings; minor criminal offenses, traffic citations and non-traffic ordinance violations. Responsible for setting and accepting bail, except in murder or voluntary manslaughter cases.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 05-02-13

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

EUGENE F. RIAZZI JR.

No Response

REPUBLICAN

EUGENE F. RIAZZI JR.

No Response

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 05-02-14

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

RICHARD D. OLASZ, JR.

No Response

REPUBLICAN

RICHARD D. OLASZ, JR.

No Response

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 05-02-15

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

MICHELE SANTICOLA

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Education: BA, Duquesne University JD, Dickinson School of Law/Penn State University

Qualifications for office: I began my career as a Deputy Attorney General where I spent nearly a decade handling jury trials and grand jury investigations. I then moved to private practice. I am the only candidate who has been on both sides of cases, which makes me uniquely qualified. I served as a Hearing Examiner for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. In that role, I made rulings on the admissibility of evidence and wrote legal opinions. I am the only candidate with prior judicial experience. I have argued cases in the Superior and Commonwealth Courts. I have vast and varied experience and am ready to serve

Facebook: Michele Santicola for Magisterial District Judge

District: 05-2-25 Coraopolis and Moon, Neville, Crescent Townships



MICHELE SANTICOLA

REPUBLICAN

MAX FELDMAN

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Feldman

First Name: Max

Middle Name: Craig

Age: 3/15/1963

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Campaign Phone: (412) 262-6181

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Campaign Web Site: <http://www.facebook.com/feldmanforjudge/>

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University in 1985. Juris Doctor from University of Dayton School of Law in 1989.

Qualifications for office: I founded my Coraopolis law office in 1992 and have resided in Moon nearly as long. I worked directly with the public the entire time, becoming rooted here while practicing a wide variety of legal disciplines. Over a long career litigating cases in Magisterial and Common Pleas courtrooms I gained deep understanding of the law and how to apply it. I am extremely familiar with disputes and how to resolve them. Over nearly 30 years I observed many different Magistrates at their duties. If elected I pledge to serve my entire term. I love our community and the law, and I am fully prepared to serve.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/feldmanforjudge/>

District: Magisterial District 05-02-25



MAX FELDMAN

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 05-02-26

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

BETH SCAGLINE-MILLS

No Response

REPUBLICAN

BETH SCAGLINE-MILLS

See Above

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 05-02-28

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

OSCAR J. PETITE, JR.

No Response

REPUBLICAN

OSCAR J. PETITE, JR.

See Above

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 05-03-17

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

ANTHONY W. SAVEIKIS

No Response

REPUBLICAN

ANTHONY W. SAVEIKIS

See Above

COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$90,000

DESCRIPTION:

The County Executive enforces all County ordinances, represents the County in meetings with other elected officials and development organizations, approves or rejects County ordinances, is accountable for all departments except those under jurisdiction of another officer, prepares and submits fiscal plans, appoints the County Manager (with consent of Council), makes appointments to authorities and agencies, negotiates and signs contracts, calls special meetings of Council, makes an annual report to Council and other reports as Council may request.

DEMOCRATIC

RICH FITZGERALD

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Campaign Web Site: <http://richfitzgerald.com>

Education: B.S. (Mechanical Engineering) Carnegie Mellon Univ.; minor in business

Qualifications for office: 12 years Allegheny



RICH FITZGERALD

County Council; 8 years Allegheny County Executive

Facebook: www.facebook.com/votefitz

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: Continued economic growth with more opportunities for all residents, improving transportation, and investing in workforce development and job and skills-training. (Question #3 continued): ...We have many other initiatives under way to continue to reduce carbon emissions, increase energy efficiency, reduce stormwater runoff and reduce waste. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss those efforts with you further.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: We will continue our efforts to increase diversity in hiring county employees, under which 25% of hires are African American, and to provide opportunities for all, including by continuing to significantly increase diversity among Directors and Deputy Directors. We will continue to "ban the box." And we will continue the annual Corporate Equity and Inclusion Roundtable, bringing the corporate community to the table and pushing the private sector to improve the opportunity environment across all employment sectors.

Q: *The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?*

A: Renewable energy is a top priority for my administration. We purchase 35% of our energy from renewables and are looking to hydroelectric power to help us exceed 50%. We're also looking to make three of our parks "net zero" facilities. Allegheny County has more clean energy jobs than any county in the state, and our investment in the Energy Innovation Center is providing training for clean energy jobs. (Continued at the end of question #1)...

REPUBLICAN

MATT DROZD

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Education: Undergraduate and Masters in Business Administration

Qualifications for office: Saved the taxpayers \$50 million dollars while serving on a school board and while serving eight years on County Council, I learned where we can save hard-earned tax dollars. Helped craft Homeland Defense and protected us while serving at the Pentagon during 9-11 for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Received the Defense Meritorious Service Award for saving the lives of the Sailors injured aboard the USS Cole. Helped create over 20,000 jobs for our region and never voted to raise our taxes and never will.

Facebook: MattDrozd and MattDrozdforCounty Executive

District: Allegheny County

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: 1. Reduce taxes to create new jobs and encour-



MATT DROZD

age people to stay in and settle in Allegheny County by alleviating their tax burden 2. Make our county government and elected officials more accountable to the Taxpayers by transparency and right-to-know policies 3. Streamline county government, reduce cost of government, and eliminate wasteful spending of our hard-earned tax dollars

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: First and foremost we need to better communicate the anti-discrimination policies we have in place and to make certain that they are being obeyed. Secondly, we need to enhance the access to our county officials and make certain that the hiring policies in place are fair and equitable to all our constituents. Third, we need to make certain that we practice what we preach and that is that all policies of the county are being followed and implemented fairly without any discrimination whatsoever.

Q: *The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?*

A: I would aggressively pursue support businesses to these industries and other businesses, making it very attractive for them to locate in Allegheny County. When doing so, however, we must also protect our county neighborhoods and our environment. I believe that the County Executive must lead by example and ask nothing of their constituents that they would not do themselves. I have a proven track record of helping to attract over 20,000 jobs and billions in investments to our region.

COUNTY CONTROLLER

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$105,568

DESCRIPTION:

General supervision and control of county fiscal matters. Must pass on validity of all claims against the county.

DEMOCRATIC

CHELSEA WAGNER

Biographical Info:

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First Name: Chelsea

Age: 7/24/1977

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Education: B.A., Public Policy, University of Chicago, 1999 J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2005

Qualifications for office: Prior to entering politics, Wagner worked as an attorney, and as a business analyst, advising large municipal and state governments throughout the County. She served three terms in the State House prior to being elected as Controller.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VoteChelseaWagner/>

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: 1. Continuing to protect our tax dollars through transparency and accountability. 2. Ensuring tax-exempt "non-profits" are accountable to their workers, our taxpayers, and all County residents. 3. Promoting cleaner and safer air and water while protecting and creating



CHELSEA WAGNER

jobs. Each of these goals can be promoted through my office's ability to scrutinize County government operations and demand efficiencies, improvements, and innovations that promote progress for all of our residents.

Q: *Every elected office has obstacles that make it hard to accomplish its mission and responsibilities. What obstacle do you plan to work to remove if elected?*

A: When I took office as Controller nearly eight years ago, the powers of the office were viewed and utilized narrowly as a bookkeeping entity. I took action to bring its important auditing function up to the highest nationally recognized standards in order to perform performance audits of important County government functions, and successfully went to court to protect this prerogative of my office. This has resulted in more effective and efficient government, as well as significant cost savings, to the taxpayers of Allegheny County.

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: I've raised concerns re the fragmentation that exists in local law enforcement, w/ over 100 local police depts which possess greatly differing levels of financial support, staffing capabilities, policies & practices. I've advocated for the Allegheny County Sheriff's Dept, to serve as a coordinating agency & to promote a baseline standard for office training & dept policies through its police training academy. I also support efforts to institute a civilian police review board at the County level.

REPUBLICAN

BROOKE D. NADONLEY

No Response:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$182,184

DESCRIPTION:

Prosecutes all criminal cases in Court of Common Pleas. Prepares criminal information, requests and conducts investigative grand juries, prepares cases for court.

DEMOCRATIC

STEPHEN A. ZAPPALA, JR.

No Response:

REPUBLICAN

STEPHEN A. ZAPPALA, JR.

See above

INDEPENDENT

LISA MIDDLEMAN

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Education: Duke University 1983 University of Pittsburgh Law School 1987

Qualifications for office: Lisa Middleman has worked in the Public Defender's office as a trial attorney for 32 years and is assigned the complex cases, including death-penalty cases, because she

is one of the County's most qualified defense attorneys. A Highland Park native, she graduated from Duke University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Lisa helped organize her union through the Steelworkers and is the current grievance officer. She'll apply three decades of courtroom experience to save lives, save money, and join the effort to heal communities harmed by decades of disengagement.

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/lisamiddlemanDA>

District: Countywide

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: END MASS INCARCERATION WHILE INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY: Divert people who suffer from mental health and addiction problems entirely out of the system to free resources to focus on violent crime and drug trade. SUPPORT VICTIMS AND WITNESSES: Add social workers and an immigration attorney to educate and assist victims and witnesses. Form robust witness protection program to allow otherwise fearful people to participate safely. Eradicate rape kit backlogs. JUSTICE FOR YOUTH: Exercise discretion in favor of proven rehabilitative goals and programs through the juvenile system rather than the adult system whenever possible.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: 1. Establish a conviction integrity unit 2. End cash bail 3. Compile and publicize statistical data on racial disparities in arrests, bail, charging decisions and plea offers & implement strategies to end 4. Implement and publish charging/sentencing procedures to ensure decisions are made pursuant to written policy 5. Reject racially biased risk assessments 6. Reform civil asset forfeiture 7. Work with community leaders and experts to develop additional strategies LisaMiddleman.com/platform

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: Because the police and the DA's office must cooperate on a daily basis, there is an inherent conflict of interest in investigating and prosecuting police. I would form an independent and "firewalled" unit within the District Attorney's office that does not interact daily with the police to investigate allegations of police misconduct and refer any allegations that involve use of firearm or bodily injury to state attorney general for investigation and prosecution.

COUNTY TREASURER

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$105,568

DESCRIPTION:

Collects taxes and other money due the county. Keeps daily accounts and must report daily to the controller all money paid out.

DEMOCRATIC

JOHN K. WEINSTEIN

Biographical Info:

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First Name: John

Middle Name: K.

Age: 1/11/1964

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LISA MIDDLEMAN

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Education: Robert Morris – Business Administration/Management

Qualifications for office: 16 years as County Treasurer

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: Continue to modernize and manage County revenue collection functions particularly real estate and minimize pension fund risk. Manage the numerous real estate collection processes Countywide as a consolidated effort by the Treasurer. Countywide real estate collection processes are already in place. Expand updated technology to increase productivity while maximizing revenue yields for other jurisdictions. The Treasurer's successful efforts to create pension reform and effectively manage the \$850 million pension fund provide secure retirement for employees while protecting the taxpayer from excessive pension risk.

Q: *The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?*

A: - no response -

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: - no response -



JOHN WEINSTEIN

for Pennsylvania's 38th Senatorial district and second term as a local committeewoman in Ross Township. As an advocate and activist, I have experience fighting and succeeding to #MakeProgressHappen. I am endorsed by Rep. Summer Lee, Rep. Sara Innamorato, Rep. Ed Gainey, Mayor Marita Garrett, the Sierra Club, Clean Water Action, the Young Democrats of Allegheny County, Our Revolution, Women for the Future of Pittsburgh, the Steel City Stonewall Democrats, Sharpsburg Council President Brittany Reno, and O'Hara Auditor Darwin Leuba.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BethanyPGH/>

District: At-Large

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: Transparency, Green Jobs, and Criminal Justice Reform. I will fight for public meetings and transparent operations. The Clairton Coke Works fire and air pollution control failures demonstrates racial and climate injustice. We must invest in green jobs so that the children of the Mon Valley can play outside without developing asthma. We must also eliminate the preventable human rights violations in our County Jail.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: Decades of redlining and now gentrification are making it harder and harder for people to find affordable housing, and the original bus rapid transit service cut proposal would have devastated regular transit riders in favor of "choice riders" who already have access to a car. On County Council, I will fight for stronger affordable housing requirements in new developments and for transit access for all (including the fair fares campaign). I will also legislate changes to stop the warden's abhorrent policies that house transgender women with men.

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: We must make sure our citizen police review board has real power. The lives of Allegheny residents, particularly the lives of young men of color, are at risk. I am concerned because our county government failed to implement proper oversight of our small police departments. We must establish a public countywide database of officers and violations so that dangerous officers cannot move from one police force to another, and we must support use of force reform proposals.

REPUBLICAN

JOHN K. WEINSTEIN

See Response Above

COUNTY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$9,000

DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations

DEMOCRATIC

BETHANY HALLAM

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Education: North Hills High School - 2008 B.A. Duquesne University - 2012

Qualifications for office: I'm serving my first term as a Democratic state committeewoman



BETHANY HALLAM

REPUBLICAN

SAMUEL DEMARCO, III

No Response

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$9,000

DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

DEMOCRATIC

CHRISTINE ALLEN

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Education: Point Park University, University of Pittsburgh

Qualifications for office: Incumbent Council Member, Borough of Sewickley 10+ years experience as a community organizer I care & I always show up. I have a strong sense of responsibility & high ethical standards. I'm empathetic, endlessly curious, and hard working.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VoteChrisAllen/>

District: 2

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for the office?*

A: 1. Provide Good Government that is: accessible & friendly transparent & honest responsive to the will of the people effective in acting for the public interest 2. Protect public health, including: clean air safe water access to local, high quality healthcare. 3. Ensure equal access to quality public education

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: I'll protect free, fair & accessible elections & to work to prevent voter suppression & gerrymandering. I'll work to support maternal and infant health and to decrease infant mortality, because Black infant deaths over the four-year period (2008- 2012) constituted 42% (225) of all infant deaths, in Allegheny County. This racial disparity in the infant mortality rate is 27% larger in Allegheny County compared to the national rate. [https://mageewomens.org/news/community-collaborators-digging-deeper-solve-infant-mortality] I'll collaborate to create a fairer, more effective local justice system.

Q: *The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?*

A: Renewable energy and good jobs go hand in hand. I'll advocate for policies to increase use of renewable energy, spur private investment, and continue growing good renewable energy jobs, in Allegheny County.

Q: *What action, if any, would you support to improve air quality in Western Pennsylvania?*

A: Children in Clairton, PA, have the right to breathe clean air- so do we all. The American Lung Assoc gives Allegheny County a failing grade for top measures of air quality: ozone, daily particulate matter levels & long-term particulate matter levels. [https://www.lung.org/our-initiatives/healthy-air/sota/city-rankings/states/pennsylvania/allegheny.html] We must act, now, to hold polluters accountable, consistently enforce regulations-including permitting requirements & emissions standards.



CHRISTINE ALLEN

REPUBLICAN

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CINDY KIRK

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Education: Masters of Science in Nursing Administration - University of Pittsburgh; Bachelor in Science in Nursing - University of Pittsburgh

Qualifications for office: A. Sitting County Councilwoman B. Skills acquired thru Nursing Career: listening, advocacy and problem solving. C. Life long County resident D. Life long history of volunteer service throughout the community

Facebook: Cindy Kirk 2019

District: 2

QUESTIONS:

Q: What are your top three priorities for the office?

A: A. Responsibility to the taxpayer who funds the government to ensure their tax dollars are used wisely and efficiently and to live within our means just like we all have to do in our own lives. B. Promote job creation and a healthy economy; to keep Allegheny County open and welcoming for business. C. Advocate for my constituents to ensure the effective delivery of services and public safety for our citizens.

Q: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?

A: At the core of social and racial justice is the desire for all people to have a fair shot at the American dream. We need a healthy economy to achieve social and racial justice. I support job training through our skilled trades and Community College of Allegheny County. I will also continue to promote programs within our Human Services department designed to strengthen families and communities by rescuing people from drug addiction, lives of crime, and dependency. I believe a "hand up" is more important to break a cycle of poverty than a hand-out but I appreciate sometimes both are needed.

Q: The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?

A: The growth of the renewable energy industry has been exciting to watch and I will continue to promote the long-term benefits renewable energy provide. For the industry to continue to grow, we will need skilled workers in this industry, so I support job training programs to prepare workers for the continuing growth of renewables, energy storage, and vehicle electrification.

Q: What action, if any, would you support to improve air quality in Western Pennsylvania?

A: I support the adoption of energy efficiency programs including renewable energy systems and the continued transition to clean fuel and electric vehicles as costs decrease & operating ranges increase. On the regulatory side, our Health Department needs to immediately be open and transparent whenever they detect air quality issues that impact the health and safety of our citizenry and take appropriate action. We also need to look to our neighboring areas to do a better job of reducing emissions

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$9,000
DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

DEMOCRATIC

THOMAS MATTHEW DUERR

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Education: Penn State University - Smeal College of Business - Class of 2017 - Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation - Minor in Film Studies Bethel Park High School - Class of 2013

Qualifications for office: Through my role leading voter outreach efforts during the last three election cycles, I've had conversations with thousands of voters spread across Southwestern PA while working with the Clinton, Lamb and Iovino campaigns. Talking with these constituents and working with these candidates has given me tremendous insight into not just how to be an effective candidate and elected official, but also a better understanding of the issues facing the people in our region. I'm the most qualified because I've honed my ability to organize around issues and build solutions for all.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TomDuerrPA/

District: 5

QUESTIONS:

Q: What are your top three priorities for the office?

A: 1. Constituent Services and Transparency - Consistently reach out to my community - Emphasize focus on local issues. 2. Protect/Enhance Quality of Life for District 5 / Allegheny County Residents - Expand public transportation access / accessibility - Insure 500+ miles of county run roads / bridges are well kept - Continue to support practices that decrease our carbon footprint in the county 3. Support / Expand Union Rights and Jobs in Region - Protect working men and women's jobs in the region - Insure union's always have a voice on the variety of boards we appoint

Q: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?

A: I am a staunch believer that when you're elected to represent an area, you're elected to represent every single constituent in that area to the best of your abilities, regardless of their race, religion or sexual orientation. I promise, both as a candidate and elected official, to always fight for LGTBQIA rights and to support any policy or initiative that gives ev-



THOMAS MATTHEW DUERR

everyone a fair shot going through our criminal justice system and being viable contributors to the economic vitality of our County.

Q: The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?

A: Enticing new, well-paying jobs into Southwest PA needs to be a top priority of any campaign being run here in 2019. At the top of that list should be attracting new, renewable energy jobs. To me, there are two aspects that we can have a direct hand in that will attract more businesses into Southwest PA; having a well-educated workforce and having a reliable, up to date infrastructure.

Q: What action, if any, would you support to improve air quality in Western Pennsylvania?

A: 1. Allegheny County has made strides in the past few years regarding its air quality: with 35% of its county buildings being run off of renewable energy, and I will push every effort that will increase that to 60% over the next four years or less 2. Hold businesses accountable to our county health department's environmental standards 3. Make sure County Health Department has required funding and resources to conduct timely and in depth inspections of Allegheny County businesses

REPUBLICAN

SUE MEANS

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Education: BS in Nursing, West Virginia University, 1974; Bethel Park High School Graduate, 1970, Third Degree Black Belt.

Qualifications for office: County Councilwoman 5 years 11 months; lifelong county resident; founder-coordinator of annual educational workshop 26 years; 11 years PA Republican State Committee, 24 years Allegheny County Republican Committee; Delegate 2012 Republican National Convention; 3 years Council of Friends of South Park; recognized by President George W. Bush for grassroots leadership; 34 years of community service, active member of Bible Chapel, member: SW Registered Nurses Club, Bethel Park Historical Society, PA Federation of Republican Women, Mt Lebanon Council of Women.

Facebook: Elect Sue Means

District: 5

QUESTIONS:

Q: What are your top three priorities for the office?

A: Transparency in Allegheny County government. Opposing wasteful county spending and tax increases. Protecting municipal decision-making authority and individual rights from government overreach.

Q: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?

A: It is an important function of government to protect citizens from unjust discrimination. The County Human Relations Commission has been underutilized, partly due to the separate existence of



SUE MEANS

the City of Pittsburgh Human Rights Commission. If the county commission's caseload should increase, I would support an increase in its funding.

Q: *The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?*

A: The current energy boom in Western Pennsylvania stems from the production of shale gas. Western Pennsylvania has an abundance of this clean-burning resource which will protect the environment until renewable energy resources are fully developed. Over-regulation and over-taxation of any industry deters its growth. This holds true for both renewable energy as well as natural gas.

Q: *What action, if any, would you support to improve air quality in Western Pennsylvania?*

A: The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) promulgates air quality standards. I will fully support any common sense regulation presented to Allegheny County by the Health Department. The December 24, 2018, fire at the Clairton Coke Works prompted the ACHD to increase the number of air quality monitors placed throughout the county and improve communication to the general public.

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$9,000

DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

DEMOCRATIC

JOHN F. PALMIERE

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Education: Attended Central Catholic High School; Attended Community College of Allegheny County

Qualifications for office: School Director/Baldwin-Whitehall School District/23 years; County Council/Allegheny County District Six/5 years

District: 6

Questions:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for the office?*

A: The Allegheny County Human Relations Commission is extremely important to the vitality and livability of our region. I absolutely would vote to allocate sufficient funds for its function.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: I think all services should be on the table for discussion to consolidate and save money on behalf

of the County and all local municipalities. Police, Fire, Paramedics would be a good start.

Q: *The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?*

A: No Response

Q: *What action, if any, would you support to improve air quality in Western Pennsylvania?*

A: No Response

REPUBLICAN

MICHAEL FREEDMAN

No Response

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$9,000

DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

DEMOCRATIC

NICK FUTULES

No Response

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8- SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL 2 YEAR TERM

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$9,000

DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

DEMOCRATIC

PAUL ZAVARELLA

No Response

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$9,000

DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

DEMOCRATIC

DEWITT WALTON

No Response

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 11

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$9,000

DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

DEMOCRATIC

PAUL KLEIN

No Response

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$9,000

DESCRIPTION:

Initiates and adopts ordinances, makes appropriations, adopts annual balanced budget, adopts an administrative code, approves Executive appointments, conducts investigations of County Departments, accepts grants, gifts or donations on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

DEMOCRATIC**OLIVIA BENNETT****Biographical Info:****Last Name:** Bennett**First Name:** Olivia**Mailing Address:** 707 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15214**Campaign Phone:** (412) 584-1640**Campaign Email:** Friendsof-Liv@gmail.com**Campaign Web Site:** <http://www.livbennett.com>**Education:** Bachelors of Science in business, minor in information technology**Qualifications for office:** I am an activist and advocate and would like to transfer that passion to politics**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofliv/>**District:** 13**QUESTIONS:****Q:** *What are your top three priorities for the office?***A:** Developing the citizen police review board for Allegheny county Environmental protections (Clean air and water) Advocate for separate housing for transgender incarcerated people in the Allegheny County Jail and to make sure all incarcerated people receive basic human rights Public Transit (fair fares, free transfers, extending the busway)**Q:** *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?***A:** Forming the Allegheny County Citizen Police review board. Fighting for more protections for people of color and the LGBTQIA community Make sure that all of those who work 40 hours a week are actually making a living wage to help them get out of the cycle of poverty Working with our school board members to make sure that we are providing a quality education in our public school system and also making sure that the schools move toward a restorative justice model and not punitive Working with the state legislature to encourage a change in the use of force laws**Q:** *The renewable energy industry is providing a significant increase in good jobs in PA. If elected, how will you use your elected position to continue this economic growth?***A:** I would encourage more training for folks be able gain the knowledge and skills in preparation for the jobs of the future. I would also make sure that our schools are educating our kids in clean energy jobs, IT and the jobs of the future so we, as a region, are in the best position to seize the jobs of the future.**Q:** *What action, if any, would you support to improve air quality in Western Pennsylvania?***A:** I would encourage the Health Department to be more transparent in how they hold corporations that pollute our air more accountable. I would also advocate that the money collected as penalties be put toward improving air quality and not building the Health Department a new building.**OLIVIA BENNETT****TERM:** 4 years**SALARY:** \$75,395**DESCRIPTION:**

The City Controller is the fiscal watchdog for the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh. It is the job of the Controller to protect City tax dollars from waste, fraud and abuse; the Controller does this by auditing all city government related expenditures.

DEMOCRATIC**MICHAEL E. LAMB****Biographical Info:****Last Name:** Lamb**First Name:** Michael**Middle Name:** E.**Age:** 9/29/1962**Mailing Address:** 1015 Grandview Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15211**Campaign Phone:** (412) 670-2747**Campaign Email:** lambforcontroller@gmail.com**Campaign Web Site:** <http://www.lambforcontroller.com>**Education:** Seton LaSalle High School; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Penn State University; Masters in Public Management, Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University; Juris Doctorate, Duquesne University School of Law; Graduate, The Local Government Academy.**Qualifications for office:** As City Controller, Michael Lamb has been an independent voice of reason on Grant Street, focused on making Pittsburgh government more transparent and accountable to taxpayers. He has worked to make the Controller's Office more effective and the City more efficient. Audits by the City Controller's Office under Lamb have exposed waste and abuse of taxpayer dollars in many City departments and authorities, and pushed City departments and authorities to improve the way they serve and interact with taxpayers.**Facebook:** Michael Lamb**District:** City of Pittsburgh**QUESTIONS:****Q:** *What are your top three priorities for this office?***A:** My first priority is always to protect city tax dollars from waste, fraud and abuse. We do this by auditing all city spending and reviewing the performance of all city departments and authorities. Second is my goal to bring transparency to city government and its finances. Through a number of initiatives including Open Book Pittsburgh, Fiscal Focus Pittsburgh, and the Popular Annual Financial Report, we go beyond providing information to actually engaging the citizenry in the issues of the city. Third is to continue as an independent voice, working to make the city more efficient and effective.**Q:** *Every elected office has obstacles that make it hard to accomplish its mission and responsibilities. What obstacle do you plan to work to remove if elected?***A:** Our two biggest obstacles are limited resources and retaining talent. During the years of the city's distressed financial status the Controller's Office was forced to make drastic budget cuts. We had to redirect resources to our most core functions while staff salaries were frozen. The result has been to lessen the scope of some audits, to limit our review of spending and to make salaries less competitive as compared to other sectors. We are addressing this through new technology, improved working conditions and wider opportunities for employee training, education and promotion.**MICHAEL E. LAMB****Q:** *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?***A:** Awareness and communication play a big part in police accountability. Officers need an understanding of backgrounds of people and the cultural differences that can exist across communities. Also, it can be difficult for an officer, who has been trained in a very direct line of communication, to participate in a more casual give and take with citizens. In the city this is beginning to be addressed through better training but we need to ensure that this training also occurs beyond the city line.**REPUBLICAN****NO CANDIDATE FILED****PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1****(Vote for One)****TERM:** 4 years**SALARY:** \$68,066**DESCRIPTION:**

Council consists of nine members elected by district by the city of Pittsburgh voters. The legislative power is vested in the council. Council members in odd-numbered districts are elected 2 years after the even-numbered district members are elected.

DEMOCRATIC**BOBBY WILSON****Biographical Info:****Last Name:** Wilson**First Name:** Bobby**Middle Name:** Chester**Age:** 11/29/1982**Mailing Address:** 1123 Haslage Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15212**Campaign Phone:** (412) 256-8814**Campaign Email:** votebobbywilson@gmail.com**Campaign Web Site:** <http://votebobbywilson.com>**Education:** BA - Political Science - University of Pittsburgh MS - Exercise Physiology - University of Pittsburgh**Qualifications for office:** My background in the sciences throughout my work at the University of Pittsburgh allows me to bring an analytical approach to the office. This is coupled with heavy involvement in local civic organizations. As president of the Spring Hill Civic League and a member of the Northside Leadership Conference I have gained a great deal of experience serving my community, a community where I am proud to have grown up and am also raising my children in. For these reasons I believe I am uniquely qualified to be your next city councilperson.**Facebook:** [/www.facebook.com/BobbyWilsonforCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/BobbyWilsonforCouncil)**District:** City Council District 1**QUESTIONS:****Q:** *What are your top three priorities for this office?***A:** 1. Affordable Housing for all Growth is important but it remains imperative that the most vulnerable in our community are not left behind and forced to leave neighborhoods they and their families have lived in for years. 2. Equitable development The North Side deserves to share in the growth that is happening in the rest of the city, but at the same time it needs to remain a place for everyone. 3. Constituent Concerns We**BOBBY WILSON****REPUBLICAN****NO CANDIDATE FILED****CITY OF PITTSBURGH CONTROLLER****(Vote for One)**

will strive to be accessible and responsive to all of our constituents. If elected I will be present in the community and available to them throughout my term.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: Anytime we enact policy we must consider how it affects those in our community that are marginalized. My top 3 priorities in office (affordable housing, equitable development, & constituent concerns) all strive to consider and center the needs of everyone in our community. Even the most well meaning of lawmakers have the capability to create laws that are destructive to some without realizing it. For this reason it is vital that we continue to listen to all members of our community. When enacting policy I will actively seek out voices that represent the entire North Side.

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: Police can be removed from the community. We should strive to create and enact policy that allows police to spend more time on the beat talking to citizens and living in the communities they serve. Our police officers should be trusted members of our community and not feared. If we are going to improve police-community relations we need to see them on a daily basis in our neighborhoods and not just when 911 is called.

NORTHSIDERS FOR CHRIS

CHRIS ROSSELOT

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Education: Masters: Public Policy-University of Pittsburgh Bachelors: Political Science-University of Northern Iowa

Qualifications for office: Chris is an active volunteer in his community, having served as President of his neighborhood based organization and involved in his two children's school with the PTO. Chris served on the staff of U.S. Senator Bob Casey's office for 6 years handling constituent service issues, including assisting constituents navigating their issues with the Federal government. Chris was also the Senators liaison to local government throughout southwestern PA. Currently, Chris is a community development consultant, providing grant development assistance to communities and businesses.

Facebook: [/www.facebook.com/standingtallforthenorthside](http://www.facebook.com/standingtallforthenorthside)

District: City Council District 1 encompassing the Northside neighborhoods of Allegheny Center/City Center/West Brighton Heights, Brightwood, Deutschtown, East Allegheny, Fineview, Northview Heights, Observatory Hill, Spring Garden, Spring Hill-City View, Summer Hill, Troy Hill and Washington's Landing.

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: 1. Constituent Services: My district office will be ready to serve the constituents on day one. I will rely on my government experience to serve to

people of the Northside in an efficient, transparent and accessible manner. Mobile office hours will be a priority because Northsiders shouldn't have to go to Grant Street to meet their representative and staff. 2. Responsible Development: I will work with both developers and neighborhood stakeholders to make sure that development is balanced, inclusive and transparent. 3. Infrastructure Improvements: water & sewer, sidewalks, city steps, & paving.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: In order to promote social and racial justice we must first identify and work to change policies designed to work against certain groups. At the city level, specifically in District 1, responsible development is one such issue that comes to mind. I would take a look at zoning policies like inclusionary zoning and transit-oriented projects, to see if there is an opportunity to enact a more equitable system. I would also take a look at the city treasury sale process and see if there is a way to make it more transparent. Until we change policies nothing can change.

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: Building positive relationships between the police and the community take time. I would promote community policing practices that include more police/community interaction. Part of my safe streets policy includes not necessarily hiring more police but rather support staff in order to free up cops to invest more time building relationships in the neighborhoods they serve.

SoWk—SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

MALCOLM JARRETT

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Education: Graduated High School in Charleston, Missouri and the University of Pittsburgh. But my real education has been in struggles with fellow workers.

Qualifications for office: I have participated in organizing fights against police brutality. I have helped build solidarity for workers in struggle from nurses in Indiana, PA, to UE workers on strike against Wabtec. Recently on a national tour I visited the encampment of the Kentucky Blackjewel miners and brought solidarity to UAW picket lines at General Motors in several cities.

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: UNIONS Support workers' struggles to organize and strengthen unions. Use union power to defend all working people. 50,000 autoworkers striking against General Motors are an example for all workers. AMNESTY FOR ALL UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS in the U.S. a life-and-death question for the unions to unite workers and cut across divisions the bosses use to drive down wages. JOBS Fight for federal government-financed public works program to put millions to work at union-scale wages building roads, bridges, hospitals, child care centers, mass transportation and quality affordable housing workers need

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social*

and racial justice for all citizens?

A: The SWP's program to confront the economic, social and moral crisis caused by capitalism: "JUSTICE" SYSTEM Fight against police brutality, racist discrimination and the capitalist injustice system. DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS Defend democratic rights under attack. Stop FBI and other government spying, harassment and disruption. ABORTION Defend women's right to unrestricted access to family planning services, including the right to safe, secure abortions. Working people must organize and act independent of the ruling capitalists and break from their political parties-the Democrats and Republicans.

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: When police go to working class communities their form of "helping" often leads to police brutality. Violence is part and parcel of a dog-eat-dog ethic in class society, which relies on the police to maintain a level of fear and repression in working class communities. Police brutality has been pushed back in recent years and guilty cops are going to jail. These fights stay the hand of the police and authorities but also give confidence in our capacity to fight in solidarity with each other.

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$68,066

DESCRIPTION:

Council consists of nine members elected by district by the city of Pittsburgh voters. The legislative power is vested in the council. Council members in odd-numbered districts are elected 2 years after the even-numbered district members are elected.

DEMOCRATIC

BRUCE A. KRAUS

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Education: 1 year of college

Qualifications for office: 3 successful terms as a City Councilor, 3 successful terms as City Council President.

District: 03

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: It is my continued deep conviction that the people of Pittsburgh deserve good government, that leads me to seek re-election. I sincerely believe we are granted elected office because of our history of service to community and a strong commitment to rigorously work toward policies which serve to unite us, and not to those that would seek to divide us. To this end I have dedicated myself to the service of preserving and improving our quality of life, ensuring every voice is truly heard, and every neighborhood comes to our common table with equal repre-

sentation and equal resources.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: During my tenure, I have been deeply committed to policies that address social and racial injustices and have passed legislation that: - Bans the box on city employment applications - Banned conversation "therapy" - Passed LGBTQIA+ discrimination protections - Instituted mandatory sexual harassment training for all City Electeds and City Directors

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: Police officers are to be accountable public servants who work transparently and fairly with all communities they serve. Lack of accountability erodes community trust and fosters suspicion and resentment. Elected officials must proactively encourage policing reforms and provide adequate training and resources. Pittsburgh Bureau of Police requires implicit bias training in considering an officer's racial bias and record when hiring, certifying, deploying, or evaluating police officers.

INDEPENDENT

JACOB NIXON

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Education: Community College of Allegheny County

Qualifications for office: Currently serves as the Associate Director of Development for the Pennsylvania College Access Program. Has served as an Administrative officer for the Pennsylvania Expungement and Pardons program assisting individuals to clear their backgrounds and get their lives back on track. I have worked as a lead foreman/installer; and a detailer in numerous construction and roofing companies.

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District: City Council District 3 includes the neighborhoods of Allentown, Arlington, Arlington Heights, Beltzhoover, Central Oakland, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver, Oakcliff, South Oakland, South Side Flats, South Side Slopes, and St. Clair

Questions:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: -Grow small business development within our communities -Cleanup our neighborhoods and repave the streets -Repair our deteriorating Fire-fighter, Police and EMS stations

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: I will continue to work with all residents in the education field promoting social and racial justice as I currently do in my position as Associate Director of Development for the Pennsylvania College Access Program. It is important that everyone work together regardless of their age, race, sex, or sexual identity. The beauty of Pittsburgh is that we have numerous major colleges, universities, hospitals and businesses with multi-diverse backgrounds. I want to continue to work with all residence of Pittsburgh keeping this tradition.

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: I want our police officers to treat all individuals fairly and within the law. I want a culture of accountability that our police officers have a system of internal checks and balances to make sure they carry out their duties properly and act with integrity. This will be done by training and equipping each officer with body cameras.

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$68,066

DESCRIPTION:

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DEMOCRAT

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Qualifications for office: City Councilman, 4 years

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District: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/council/d5>

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: Moving forward, I intend to pursue legislation focused on three major areas. I'll advocate for equitable public education funding for our city schools to prepare the next generation of Pittsburghers for success, regardless of where they live or learn. I'll push the city to combat climate change and invest in clean, green, and sustainable infrastructure projects that will benefit all Pittsburghers both now and in the future. Finally, I'll continue to stand against PWSA privatization to keep our city's water public, and call for action to address air pollution within our city's limits.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: We need to build a Pittsburgh that works for - and includes - everyone. I'll push to preserve and expand the city's affordable housing supply through rent control legislation, as I see fair housing as a basic right. I'll continue to encourage private businesses to raise their minimum wages and guarantee paid sick leave to all their employees. No Pittsburgher should work multiple jobs to survive in this "most livable" city - or choose between caring for a sick family member and losing their job. As always, I firmly support labor rights, healthcare justice, and building an equitable economy.

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: All Pittsburgh City Police Officers should wear body cameras to record their interactions with the public. I support Chief Shubert's decision to

outfit our entire force with these cameras, as well as field-testing new technologies that activate them as soon as officers draw their weapon. On a broader scale, I've always supported the work of the Pittsburgh Citizen Police Review Board and believe that oversight of law enforcement is a critical element of holding these public servants accountable

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$68,066

DESCRIPTION:

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DEMOCRATIC

DEB GROSS

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Education: I received my Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of Florida and my Master's Degree in Sociology from Duke University.

Qualifications for office: I am a lifelong progressive activist who wants to continue the work I began when I was first elected to Pittsburgh City Council in 2013. Since then I have been a champion for workers rights, safe, affordable, publicly controlled water, sustainable and equitable local food systems, the environment, and community-driven development. I work with neighborhood and community groups to address Pittsburgh's growing affordable housing crisis. In a time when so many elected officials are afraid to challenge growing corporate power, I am proud to always fight for people over profits.

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District: Pittsburgh City Council District 7

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: My top three priorities for my next term on council will build upon the successes of my first term. First and foremost, we must continue to protect our water from privatization. We need to ensure every citizen has access to safe, clean drinking water. Second, we must fight for greater affordable housing requirements and protections so that our neighbors aren't priced out of the communities they helped build. Last, but not least, we must continue to fight for working families across the city. This means fighting for ideas like a \$15/hr minimum wage and increased public transportation options.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*



JACOB NIXON



COREY O'CONNOR



DEB GROSS

A: When we value diverse perspectives, we get equitable, inclusive policies that lead to social and racial justice. I am firmly committed to building a stronger, more equitable Pittsburgh for all. Each one of us deserves the chance to benefit and prosper from Pittsburgh's growth. For too long, we have catered to developers and special interests, which has resulted in policies that hurt working families and neighborhoods. I will always put people first and center the voices of those most marginalized.

Q: What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?

A: We must continue to push for community policing. This is one of the biggest challenges faced by cities across the country, and Pittsburgh is no exception. I support requiring officers to live in the city, and will fight to put that requirement in their next contract. I support independent citizens review boards who examine and review police conduct. The best way to restore trust is to have openness in our processes. It will not be easy or fast, but sunshine is the only solution.

Community Policing. We need all of our communities to feel protected by our police officers, not an adversarial relationship.

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$68,066

DESCRIPTION:

Council consists of nine members elected by district by the city of Pittsburgh voters. The legislative power is vested in the council. Council members in odd-numbered districts are elected 2 years after the even-numbered district members are elected.

DEMOCRATIC

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Education: Rev. Burgess graduated from Central Catholic High School and LaSalle University and has a Masters from Eastern Michigan University. He has also studied at Penn State University and the Pittsburgh Theological University.

Qualifications for office: For the past 35 years, Rev. Burgess has been pastor of the Nazarene Baptist Church. In that capacity, Rev. Burgess has served with faithful distinction with a firm belief in the greater power that guides and offers hope for us all. Rev. Burgess is Chair of the newly formed Pittsburgh Land Bank Board of Directors, a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority for the City of Pittsburgh; where he has worked to establish clean, safe, affordable housing for the residents of Pittsburgh. Additionally, Rev. Burgess founded and chairs the Pittsburgh Wage Review Commission.



RICKY V. BURGESS

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District: Pittsburgh City Council District 9

QUESTIONS:

Q: What are your top three priorities for this office?

A: Safe, clean, decent, affordable housing; Jobs and transit-friendly business districts; Safer neighborhoods that allow our children to grow and thrive.

Q: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?

A: Ensuring that Pittsburgh becomes an "All-In City" and pursues equity in all government services and business opportunities, and makes equitable development a core feature of the way the City does business, while ensuring that our neighbors, friends and loved ones can call Pittsburgh home not just tomorrow, but 30 years from now.

Q: What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?

A: Amend Section 508 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, the statute that provides for use of force by law enforcement to restrict when a police officer can use deadly force on any person.

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

COMMUNITY FOR DANIELS

BARBARA DANIELS

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Education: Carlow University, College of Business Administration Pittsburgh. Bachelor of Science, Management Health Services. I was taught to have compassion and respect for others. Life experience taught me about government failure to deliver on promises and the need for officials to support its citizens.

Qualifications for office: I feel it is my compassion for people that sets me above every other candidate. I have integrity and you can trust me with the issues and concerns of our community because I will do the right thing. I guarantee you that I will never sell you out just to put money in my own pockets nor will I treat you like you are beneath me. When I'm in office I will have a neighborhood Advisory Leveling Board made up of 3 members from each neighborhood in District 9 to be a part of plans and activities in our communities and each board member will receive a stipend.

Facebook: Barbara Daniels

District: City Council District 9

QUESTIONS:

Q: What are your top three priorities for this office?

A: I am Barbara Daniels and I live in the Homewood neighborhood of City Council District 9. I am running for council because I want to restore the principles of integrity, transparency, and accountability to the office of Pittsburgh City council District 9. My priorities are: Affordable Housing, Public Safety and Jobs, and Responsible residential and commercial development

Q: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?

A: I will adopt policies that ensure that folks living the realities of income inequality can afford to remain in the communities in which they were born and raised. I will champion legislation that requires commercial developers and business owners to interview and hire a certain number of people from within the community. I want to ensure that minority community members have access to affordable living and a chance at economic opportunity. I would like to see growth in small Business. I want to support community own Business.

Q: What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?

A: As your District 9 Council representative, I would review the police code of conduct to ensure that there is a protocol in place for when an officer can discharge a weapon or use extreme force. I would meet with the mayor and members of council to ensure that we create a protocol or update the protocol if necessary. I would also make sure that Diversity and Cultural Awareness Training are implemented into the training structure of police office so they would be able to better address the needs

CITIZENS FOR WELCH

B. DENIECE WELCH

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Education: Ph.D. - Healthcare Ethics Duquesne University May 2019

Qualifications for office: President of PIIN - Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network - 10 years as a leader and community organizer Chair of Nto-sake - National Women's Leadership Development Training Network - 5 years

Facebook: Citizen's for Welch

District: East Hills, Homewood, North and South Point Breeze, Lincoln, Larimer, Belmar, East Liberty, Garfield, section of Stanton Heights

QUESTIONS:

Q: What are your top three priorities for this office?

A: My first priority is to provide better Constituency Service: to listen to the people of District 9: to respond to their needs; to seek their advice, and to build caring, respectful, and communal relationships among us as residents of a great community. Second; Equitable Development that benefits long time residents who need funding to repair their homes, seniors who need to feel secure, encouraging home ownership, and establishing rent controlled units that are truly affordable. Third, fostering partnerships among groups that are already doing great work in District 9.

Q: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?

A: To use the "Sacred Conversations" model engaged diverse communities over several months intense dialogue, confrontational activities that caused truth to emerge and promote healing and a change of attitude toward the "other."

Q: What policy changes would you recommend to



B. DENIECE WELCH



BARBARA DANIELS

improve police accountability?

A: Police accountability is but one part of the need to reform our criminal justice system. The District Attorney's office as well as the structure of judges need to be included when looking at improving police accountability.

INDEPENDENT

RANDALL TAYLOR

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Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/RandallTaylorForCouncil/>

District: City Council District 9

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: Turning the tide toward making Pittsburgh an example of city where housing truly can be treated as the human right that I know it is. Attaining a living wage – in real wages accounting for the cost of living – in Pittsburgh. Beginning to reform our broken criminal justice system such that all Pittsburghers can know they are safe here. That is not the case now and our whole structures need to be changed to make it so.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: I would support public funding from the city's growing surplus to go toward housing co-operatives, because you cannot get social and racial justice without a stable home. I would move for the city to pick up its lawsuit challenging the nonprofit status of UPMC, because you cannot begin to talk about racial or social justice when such a large, union-busting employer sets the job market in a city where the median income for white men is twice what it is for black men. I would legislate firing authority in to the city's citizens police review board, because there is no social or racial justice.

Q: *What policy changes would you recommend to improve police accountability?*

A: We must *Diversify our police force * Pre-screen potential officers for anger management *Introduce steroid testing for officers *Add firing power to the civilian police review board via collective bargaining *Require implicit bias training

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR DISTRICT 2

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: none

DESCRIPTION:



RANDALL TAYLOR

School Directors are elected on behalf of the community to oversee the education of students in their jurisdiction. They serve as agents of the state legislature. They are responsible for curriculum and instruction management, all finances including development of annual budgets and levying of taxes and issuance of debt obligations when necessary; personnel; legal matters; management of facilities; and transportation of students as appropriate. Schools may include pre-K and career and technical schools. The school board consists of nine members who serve four-year terms of office without pay. The school district of the city of Pittsburgh includes Mount Oliver. In 2019, directors for even numbered districts will be elected.

DEMOCRAT

DEVON TALIAFERRO

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District: 2

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: Addressing student disciplinary actions and supporting Restorative Justice Practices throughout the district to ensure we are keeping our students in the classroom. Creating an equitable and inclusive educational environment for ALL students, by addressing the lack of diversity in building administration and teachers and seeking to address cultural and implicit biases. Building a strong culture of community by unifying key stakeholders (community, parents, teachers), working together in order to make sure every student has the tools they need to succeed throughout their academic career.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: Our schools have to be welcoming for all students, this is not optional and we all have to be willing to do whatever it takes to ensure this. An area I think could be most beneficial is making sure students, staff and parents have the opportunities to be educated and trained on cultural competency and biases. Understanding first our own biases allow us to be able to reflect on what we can do differently to make our schools a welcoming place.

Q: *What can School Board Members do to encourage Early Learning in youngsters before they begin or enter school?*

A: Investing in early childhood education and making it attainable for families will bring much value to the district and the child as they continue through their educational journey. The district can lead the way by investing in early childhood learning programs within the district and building sustainable partnerships that will help eliminate the barriers of early childhood education for parents by providing flexible, free or affordable programming for our youngest learners.

REPUBLICAN

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Facebook: Kirk Rys for PPS District 2

District: 2

QUESTIONS:

Q: *What are your top three priorities for this office?*

A: My top three priorities are: (i) ensuring that every child, regardless of their place of residence, has access to a high-quality school. (ii) responsible and effective use of tax dollars. (iii) preparing all students to succeed in a 21st Century economy.

Q: *What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?*

A: For decades, we've failed to give entire neighborhoods any meaningful options for education. We've instead created a system that has allowed those with means to cherry pick. Instead of talking about discrete policies, the board needs to focus its limited resources on holding the administration accountable to implement the strategic plan. If the board focuses on doing this job well, it will either drive broad success that impacts the entirety of the district or it will lead to needed change.

Q: *What can School Board Members do to encourage Early Learning in youngsters before they begin or enter school?*

A: Within the City, the District is the appropriate party to coordinate and provide universal pre-k. The District has done a good job identifying the barriers to increase early learning; insufficient seats, subsidies and certified personnel. While the District looks to eliminate barriers, much of the work is outside of its control. Board members can help by leveraging our relationships with governmental officials, foundations, private citizens and corporations, all to help attain our goals.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR DISTRICT 4

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: none

DESCRIPTION:

School Directors are elected on behalf of the community to oversee the education of students in their jurisdiction. They serve as agents of the state legislature. They are responsible for curriculum and instruction management, all finances including development of annual budgets and levying of taxes and issuance of debt obligations when necessary;



KIRK RYS

personnel; legal matters; management of facilities; and transportation of students as appropriate. Schools may include pre-K and career and technical schools. The school board consists of nine members who serve four-year terms of office without pay. The school district of the city of Pittsburgh includes Mount Oliver. In 2019, directors for even numbered districts will be elected.

DEMOCRATIC

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PAM HARBIN

Education: Public school graduate and BS in Finance/Marketing from LaSalle University. Experience in large government contract negotiations in the aerospace industry. Leader in education policy at the local, state, and national level. Attended or watched every Pittsburgh school board meeting since 2007.

Qualifications for office: For the past 12 years, I have worked in collaboration with students, parents, teachers and the community for the schools all our children deserve. My journey as a mother of two boys in Pittsburgh Public Schools, a public education and disability advocate, and community organizer prepared me to be an effective school board director. I co-founded Education Rights Network, a parent-led organization advocating for fully-resourced, inclusive and quality education for students in Pennsylvania. My advocacy has led to transformative equitable policy change in PPS.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PamHarbin-PGH/>

District: Pittsburgh Public School Board, District 4

QUESTIONS:

Q: What are your top three priorities for this office?

A: Improve student outcomes by removing barriers to teaching and learning. All students deserve to thrive in great schools with inclusive access to a full range of opportunities, so that they may succeed in colleges, careers, and life. Create welcoming, safe, identity affirming, fun, challenging, engaging and supportive schools through policy that is informed by students, parents, teachers, principals, and administration working together. Collaborate with the broader community to improve education for all students and expand early learning, Career & Technical Education, community schools, and before/after school program.

Q: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?

A: Every student, regardless of race, sex, gender identity, disability, zip code, or income level has the right to a quality, inclusive education in trauma informed, hate-free, and decriminalized schools. I will support policies that improve conditions for learning and teaching, ensure we have great principals and teachers in every school, and remove barriers for traditionally disadvantaged students who experience persistent inequities, so that all students can thrive in any PPS school.

Q: What can School Board Members do to encour-

age Early Learning in youngsters before they begin or enter school?

A: Through collaboration, Pittsburgh can be a leader in early childhood learning. Investing in early childhood is one of the smartest things we can do, with lifetime benefits for individuals and huge long-term savings for the community. I will work with city, county, and state officials; the teachers union; foundations; and the business community to ensure all of our city's children have access to affordable, high quality, developmentally appropriate, inclusive early childhood education and care.

REPUBLICAN

PAM HARBIN

See Response Above

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR DISTRICT 6

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: none

DESCRIPTION:

School Directors are elected on behalf of the community to oversee the education of students in their jurisdiction. They serve as agents of the state legislature. They are responsible for curriculum and instruction management, all finances including development of annual budgets and levying of taxes and issuance of debt obligations when necessary; personnel; legal matters; management of facilities; and transportation of students as appropriate. Schools may include pre-K and career and technical schools. The school board consists of nine members who serve four-year terms of office without pay. The school district of the city of Pittsburgh includes Mount Oliver. In 2019, directors for even numbered districts will be elected.

DEMOCRATIC

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Education: BA Political Science Secondary Social Studies Teacher Certification Washington & Jefferson College. K-12 Special Education Teacher Certification Duquesne University

Qualifications for office: 27 year teaching in PPS. Know and understand the children, teachers and administrators in the system. 31 years coaching High School and College Football, so I understand leadership, motivation and team building. Three of my children are graduates of PPS. Not only know and have a rapport with students, teachers and administrators of District 6, but I have relationships throughout the District. I have seen what has been successful and what has not worked. I know what constitutes a safe school and I will demand all students feel safe and welcomed. I understand and have written curriculum.

Facebook: Bill Gallagher for School Director

District: District 6



WILLIAM J. GALLAGHER

QUESTIONS:

Q: What are your top three priorities for this office?

A: 1. To ensure our students receive a world class education in a safe and welcoming environment. 2. Demand our District is fiscally responsible and spending is directly related to academic goals and outcomes. 3. All stakeholders in PPS are involved in pertinent decision making processes and all phases of Central Administration operations are transparent and that accountability is the standard of this group.

Q: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all citizens?

A: My belief is Excellence with Equity. Resources will be allocated where necessary. Class sizes will benefit instruction. Research has proven smaller class sizes improve instructional outcomes. If a school needs help, it will be immediately given. All students will be treated with respect. All cultures will be celebrated. Restorative justice will be implemented with proper training and understanding so this program will be successful. Curriculum will be in alignment with state standards.

Q: What can School Board Members do to encourage Early Learning in youngsters before they begin or enter school?

A: Our District must partner with community based organizations such as Head Start to give parents all of the necessary supports they need to help their children. Our children suffer when they enter school unprepared.

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR DISTRICT 8

(Vote for One)

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: none

DESCRIPTION:

School Directors are elected on behalf of the community to oversee the education of students in their jurisdiction. They serve as agents of the state legislature. They are responsible for curriculum and instruction management, all finances including development of annual budgets and levying of taxes and issuance of debt obligations when necessary; personnel; legal matters; management of facilities; and transportation of students as appropriate. Schools may include pre-K and career and technical schools. The school board consists of nine members who serve four-year terms of office without pay. The school district of the city of Pittsburgh includes Mount Oliver. In 2019, directors for even numbered districts will be elected.

DEMOCRATIC

KEVIN L. CARTER

No Response

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

Question: Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to grant certain rights to crime victims, including to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity; considering their safety in bail proceedings; timely notice and opportunity to take part in public proceedings; reasonable protection from the accused; right to refuse discovery requests made by the accused; restitution and return of property; proceedings free from delay; and to be informed of the rights, so they can enforce them?

League Explanation of the Issue:

Marsy's Law will alter the state constitution to significantly expand rights to victims, and in some cases victims' families or relatives directly harmed by an accused. Marsy's Law is named after Marsy Nicholas, a woman stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. One week after her death, her mother and brother, Henry, walked into a grocery store where they saw the accused murderer. The family had no idea that he had been released on bail. Her brother, Dr. Henry T. Nicholas, a billionaire from California, is the key backer and proponent of Marsy's Law.

The "Marsy's Law for all" campaign seeks through ballot measures to enshrine in state constitutions a set of victims' rights laws, like that proposed in Pennsylvania. The campaign's goal is to pass this in every state constitution and then to amend the U.S. Constitution to include victims' rights. Nearly \$850,000 has been spent lobbying in Pennsylvania since December 2017. Nationwide, since the first Marsy's Law passed by ballot measure in California in 2008, \$102.26M has been spent. Of this, Dr. Nicholas contributed about 97%.

Pennsylvania has existing statutory laws supporting crime victims, specifically the Crime Victims Act of 1998. Marsy's Law would go further altering the state constitution to expand existing statutory rights to ensure that crime victims and their families have a meaningful role throughout criminal and juvenile justice systems; provide crime victims with specific constitutional rights, including the right to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's safety, dignity, and privacy; to be notified about and present at proceedings; to be heard at proceedings involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole of the accused; to a prompt conclusion of the case; to reasonable protection from the accused or those acting on behalf of the accused; to be notified about release or escape of the accused; to refuse an interview, deposition or discovery at the request of the accused; and full and timely restitution from the individual or entity convicted of the criminal offense.

Marsy's Law is premised on the notion that victims should have "equal rights" to defendants yet the U.S. Constitution and all 50 state constitutions guarantee defendants' rights because they are rights against the state, not because defendants are valued more than victims and their families. Defendants' rights only apply when the state is attempting to deprive the accused – not the victim – of life, liberty, or property. They serve as essential checks against government abuse, preventing the government from arresting and imprisoning anyone, for any reason, at any time.

Marsy's Law initiatives started in California and doubled from 6, to 12 passed, in 2018. However, many states' legislatures have not passed Marsy's Law or it was overturned as unconstitutional or improper after was passed into law.

PROS:

- This proposed amendment will increase the legal rights and privileges of victims and their families.
- It will ensure victims and their families are informed when the accused offender is released from custody.
- It will require crime victims be informed of their rights.
- It will protect victims and their families from the accused, or from those assisting the accused.

CONS:

- The amendment would override state law, eliminating judges' abilities to weigh the rights of victims and defendants.
- The amendment would alter nine existing provisions of the constitution without submitting each constitutional change separately as a ballot question as required by the PA Supreme Court.
- Victims are already protected by the PA Crime Victims Act of 1998.
- Victims could refuse to be interviewed or to turn over pertinent evidence or testimony. The right of accused persons to face their accusers and to see the evidence against them is a bedrock principle of the American judicial system that would be damaged by this provision.
- Passage would create additional costs and needs on law enforcement, courts and government officials.

BALLOT QUESTION (PITTSBURGH ONLY) CITY OF PITTSBURGH PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter be amended to establish a dedicated Parks Trust Fund

beginning in 2020 to: improve, maintain, create and operate public parks; improve park safety; equitably fund parks in underserved neighborhoods throughout Pittsburgh; be funded with an additional 0.5 mill levy (\$50 on each \$100,000 of assessed real estate value); secure matching funds and services from a charitable city parks conservancy; and assure citizen participation and full public disclosure of spending?

BALLOT QUESTIONS (BETHEL PARK ONLY) BETHEL PARK PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall the Home Rule Charter of the Municipality of Bethel Park, Article 7, Section 701 be amended to remove the requirement that the Financial Officer become a resident of the Municipality of the Bethel Park within one year of appointment?

Shall the Home Rule Charter of the Municipality of Bethel Park, Article 8, Section 801, Subsection A be amended to remove the requirement that the Planner become a resident of the Municipality of the Bethel Park within one year of appointment?

BALLOT QUESTION (BRADDOCK ONLY) BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER SPECIAL QUESTION

Shall the Home Rule Charter contained in the report, dated August 26, 2019 of the Government Study Commission, prepared in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, be adopted by the Borough of Braddock?

