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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.

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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 endorsement of any candidate by the League of Women Voters.

League of Women Voters Guide to Municipal Primary Election— May 21, 2019 (Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM)



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 Primary Election

To vote in this primary election you must have been registered by April 22, 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, May 14. Completed absentee BALLOTS

must be received back at the Elections Division by 5 P.M. on Friday, May 17. 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, May 17. 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 SUPREME 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

BETH TARASI

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EDUCATION: 1982-University of Pittsburgh -BA dual major Business - Speech Rhetoric 1991 - Juris Doctorate Duquesne University - evening division

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 28 years of hands on trial and litigation work. This experience uniquely qualifies me. The cases I have handled are the cases



BETH TARASI

that the Superior Court hears and rules on. I have successfully argued before the Superior Court and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. I am the only candidate to be AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated (Martindale Hubble) this is a blind rating and not many attorneys have or get this rating. I am a member of the Pa Assoc of Justice where I serve on their Amicus Committee
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MUNICIPALITY: Sewickley Heights, Allegheny County Pennsylvania

QUESTIONS:

Q: What is the most important quality in a judge?
A: A Judge should exhibit the following aspects of proper judicial temperament: Patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, courage, punctuality, firmness, understanding, compassion, humility and common sense. I have appeared before Judges thousands of times and I find these qualities to be the most important. One of these qualities without the other is not enough. A judge must have these 11 qualities to

render fair and impartial decisions for the citizens (litigants/parties) before them.

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: On the bench I will always treat those before me with dignity and respect. If the person is pro-se I will go out of my way to understand the issue that they are raising before me. I will be permitted to teach and speak at seminars about the need for all persons to have access to justice. I will continue to volunteer for Kids Voice and organization that raises money and sets up the infrastructure for children to be represented in court.

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

A: I would recuse myself if any question of impartiality arose. I have in my practice of law turned down representing clients whom I would have had a conflict of interest in representing. A judge must at all times be free from any external influence.

DANIEL D. MCCAFFERY

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EDUCATION: Temple University, BS. 1988 Temple University School of Law, JD.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.



DANIEL D. MCCAFFERY

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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.

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 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.

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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 improve 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.



AMANDA GREEN-HAWKINS

REPUBLICAN

REBECCA WARREN

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EDUCATION: The Dickinson School of Law Bloomsburg University

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 27 years of full-time courtroom experience in both civil and criminal law, having presented thousands of cases in county, state and federal courts. I was an elected District Attorney who personally prosecuted thousands of cases and instituted robust victim rights programs, including for children and the elderly. I have extensive appellate court experience, including before the Superior Court. I am very familiar with the operation and duties of the Superior Court.

FACEBOOK: <http://RebeccaWarrenforSuperiorCourt>

MUNICIPALITY: statewide

QUESTIONS:

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

A: The ability to be impartial. A judge must always listen, keep an open mind, and apply the rule of law and Constitution to the facts of each particular case. A judge must act with the utmost integrity, exhibit fairness at all times, and ensure that justice is dispensed equally to everyone. Having lost my father and brother in a double homicide by vehicle and initially being denied justice, made me realize that our justice system is broken. I am respectfully requesting the citizens of Pennsylvania to elect me to the Superior Court so that I can ensure fairness and equal justice for all.

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: Educating citizens regarding their rights is always important. Education empowers individuals by providing information and direction. Judges may be involved in committees which determine access to justice issues. Judges can speak to groups regarding the justice system and available resources. When a judge is on the bench, it is of utmost importance that they listen, allow each party to have their "day in court", and dispense justice in accordance with the law and Constitution in a fair and impartial manner.

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

A: If one of the parties is a relative or close friend, I would recuse myself from the case to avoid the appearance of impropriety. I would recuse myself from any case in which I did not believe I could act impartially due to personal connections. It is extremely important for judges to ensure that the system is fair and equal.

MEGAN MCCARTHY KING

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REBECCA WARREN



MEGAN MCCARTHY KING

(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

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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 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 Workgroup of the PA State-wide 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.



CHRISTYLEE PECK

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

GEORGE HEYM

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EDUCATION: Duquesne University BA 1994 University of Pittsburgh School of Law JD, cum laude 1998

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:

The only candidate Rated Highly Recommended by the Allegheny County Bar Association. Rated Top 100 Trial Lawyer by National Trial Lawyers Assoc. I spent 7 years as a Prosecutor in Allegheny County prosecuting Homicides and Crimes against children as a member of the Child Abuse Unit. I have spent every day in the courtroom as a criminal defense Attorney for the last 13 years.

FACEBOOK: /hey4judge

DISTRICT: Allegheny County

QUESTIONS:

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

A: Both. There are instances where law enforcement can help control gun violence through use of Pennsylvania criminal statutes. However, it is very often too late by the time law enforcement becomes involved. Thus, Public Health/Safety Organizations must also work to address this issue.

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

A: I have spent the last 20 years as both a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney in Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. I have handled hundreds of trials over the years and I am in the courtroom nearly every day. It is based upon this experience that the Allegheny County Bar Association gave me their highest rating — Highly Recommended. I am the only candidate for Judge — Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas to receive this rating.

MARY MCGINLEY

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GEORGE HEYM



MARY MCGINLEY

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 resolution 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.

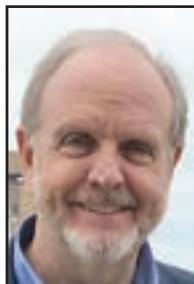
Q: Describe your legal experience in the Civil, Criminal, Family and Orphans Division and why these qualify you to be a judge?

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.

RICHARD J. JOYCE

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RICHARD J. JOYCE

EDUCATION: Duquesne University School of Law; American University, Washington, D.C.; Community College of Allegheny County; Carrick High School.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: I have been a trial lawyer in Allegheny County for over 35 years and have represented clients in every county in Western PA. I have tried jury trials in courts in 5 different counties and in the W. Pa. United States District Court. I have also appeared before the PA Supreme Ct., PA Superior Ct., PA Commonwealth Ct., and the United States Court of Appeals for the 3rd Cir. I was an Assistant City Solicitor and was appointed the Pittsburgh Labor Relations Officer by Mayor Masloff. I also served as the Asst Chief of the Office of Professional Responsibility under Mayor Caliguiri

DISTRICT: Allegheny County

QUESTIONS:

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

A: Gun violence in our society is not the product of any one cause. Therefore, our approach to solving gun violence must be multidimensional. However, recent random shootings appear to involve public health & safety, and in particular mental health issues. The same can be said for much (but not all) of the street crime we experience in our communities. In many cases, law enforcement can not provide a solution to this problem, but can only deal with the aftermath. In short, a real solution can only be achieved with improved methods for mental health diagnosis and treatment.

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

A: Over the course of my career I have represented over 2,000 people. Most of those individuals asked me to assist them through tragedies in their lives. The challenges these individuals faced almost always affected both them and their families. I have represented people harmed in vehicle accidents, civil rights violations, employment and criminal cases. Through my years of practice, I have experienced, along with my clients, what is good and what is not so good about our judicial system. I am ready to use that experience to be a fair, respectful and hard working judge.

BRIAN SAMUEL MALKIN

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BRIAN SAMUEL MALKIN

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: The Bar Association gave me a "Recommended" rating for trial judge. I have tried cases with and without juries in state and federal court, involving individuals and companies, small and large. I am also a patent attorney. I have donated countless hours to pro bono cases in employment matters. I have served on my local government boards for the last 10 years. I previously chaired the Environmental Advisory Council and I am in my second year as chair of the Zoning Hearing Board. This is a quasi-judicial position where the Board hears evidence, takes testimony, and issues decisions.

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/malkin-4judge/

DISTRICT: 5th Judicial District — Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

QUESTIONS:

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

A: Both. Regrettably, gun violence laws are outdated. Judges' discretion on criminal sentencing is severely limited. This places a heavy burden on the legislature and law enforcement to mitigate gun violence. Law enforcement training should include awareness of implicit racial bias to decrease shoot-

ings based on mutual misunderstanding and fear clouding judgment. Law enforcement should connect with local communities to create positive and reliable communication lines to help to reduce gun violence. Mandating licensing and gun safety programs can prevent both accidental and intentional shootings.

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

A: I have had cases in all 4 divisions of the Court of Common Pleas over my 25 years as a lawyer, however my primary experience is as a civil litigator. I have tried cases with juries and without juries. I have worked for individuals and companies. I have handled car accident cases, property damage cases, landlord tenant disputes, medical malpractice cases, business disputes, employment claims, federal trademark and patent infringement cases, to name a few. All of these areas of knowledge have contributed to my abilities as a lawyer and prepared me for the job of trial judge.

REPUBLICAN

MARY MCGINLEY

See Response 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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RICH FITZGERALD

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

Qualifications for office: 12 years Allegheny 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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MATT DROZD

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 encourage 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

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CHELSEA WAGNER

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 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 na-

tionally 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

No Candidate Filed

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

TURAHN JENKINS

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TURAHN JENKINS

EDUCATION: Gateway Senior High School Indiana University of Pennsylvania Duquesne University School of Law

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Represented clients in all stages of the criminal justice system as an Assistant District Attorney, Allegheny County; Chief Deputy Director and Deputy of Pre-Trial Division, Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender; Adjunct Professor, Duquesne University School of Law and in private practice as a Criminal Defense Attorney.

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/jenkinsforda>
DISTRICT: Allegheny County

QUESTIONS:

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

A: 1. Ending overcharging: Exaggerating charges at the beginning of the process, just to secure guilty pleas at the end is an abuse of power and calls into question the integrity of our system. 2. Smart on Crime: A significant amount of time and resources is spent pursuing low-level, non-violent offenses. As a result, serious cases are not given the proper time and attention, resulting in decreased conviction rates and violent offenders returning back to the community. The focus must be on violent and dangerous criminals. 3. Community Engagement: The DA must be active in the community to hear the voices of the community

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

A: To begin the process of promoting social and racial justice, the office should reflect the citizens of the county. Only then can the office have the proper perspective and view justice through an all-encompassing lens. Diversity must be stressed in hiring practices that would include people of color and members of the LGBTQ community. I will also collect and review statistics regarding race and gender to create policy.

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

A: Complaints and allegations of police misconduct will be tracked, monitored and addressed appropriately. Appropriate measures will always be taken to eliminate any concerns that the District Attorney's Office could not be fair, unbiased or neutral due to the close relationship between its office and local law enforcement. In the interest of transparency, all police officer-involved shootings occurring in Allegheny County will be subject to an investigation by a neutral and detached party.

STEPHEN A. ZAPPALA, JR.

No Response:

REPUBLICAN

No Candidate Filed

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

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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 -

REPUBLICAN

No Candidate Filed

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 on behalf of County, may modify or eliminate departments, agencies or functions that no longer serve citizens.

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 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. My opponent has violated state transparency laws with closed door meetings and signed his name to a secret deal that would have given \$9.7 billion of taxpayer dollars to Amazon. I will fight for public meetings and transparent operations. The Clairton Coke Works scandal 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. Antwon Rose was murdered 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 Rep. Summer Lee's use of force reform proposals.

JOHN P. DEFAZIO

No Response

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?



BETHANY HALLAM



JOHN K. WEINSTEIN



CHRISTINE ALLEN

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.

REPUBLICAN

CINDY KIRK

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NONE

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



CINDY KIRK

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 Col-



THOMAS MATTHEW DUERR

lege 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.

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 -Be available 24/7 to listen and answer questions 2. Environmental Protection -Continue to push for 60%+ of all county buildings being run on renewable energy -Hold businesses to a higher environmental standard 3. Quality of Life for South Hills Residents -We need to take a serious look at why my generation is leaving Southwest PA in droves once they're finished with college -

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 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 to a higher environmental standard 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 5 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.

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 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.



SUE MEANS

DEMOCRATIC

JOSEPH P. RUDOLPH
No Response

JOHN F. PALMIERE
No Response

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

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 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

DENISE RANALLI RUSSELL

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EDUCATION: North Catholic High school, studied Business Admin at Carlow University, Pittsburgh Beauty Academy Managers Program, and Local Gov't Academy

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Currently an elected official of the Currently on Allegheny County Council, District 13, an elected Democratic Committeewoman for the 27th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, small business owner

DISTRICT: 13

QUESTIONS:

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

A: Constituent services, economic development, and strengthening the relationship between the county jail employees and inmates to help make the jail safe for all. I believe working with other elected officials to encourage equity for all through services, development and relationships will help Allegheny County continue to be the most livable county in Western Pennsylvania.

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

A: Will fight for equity for all! I fought to restore weekend bus service in an area in my district where my constituents were most vulnerable because they had no other means of transportation to get their every day necessities and was able to restore their service! I will work to make sure all walks of life have what is necessary to live a sustainable life in Allegheny County including healthcare, housing, and job opportunities!

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?



DENISE RANALLI RUSSELL

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.

A: To stimulate economic growth I will continue to collaborate with state and local officials to keep moving Allegheny County into the future with clean energy by building more green spaces, reusing rain water, and encouraging manufacturers and plants to upgrade their processes through new technology and innovation.

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

A: Currently working with other elected officials to make sure we monitor and improve our quality of air throughout the county by installing Breathe Cams, purple air monitors, and researching ways to enact legislation for stricter liability for corporations and manufacturers who violate the current Clean Air Act.

OLIVIA BENNETT

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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

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

CITY OF PITTSBURGH CONTROLLER

(Vote for One)

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

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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



MICHAEL E. LAMB

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.

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

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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](https://www.facebook.com/BobbyWilsonforCouncil)

DISTRICT: City Council District 1

QUESTIONS:

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



BOBBY WILSON

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 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 law

MARK BRENTLEY, SR.

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EDUCATION: Associates Degree Community College of Allegheny County

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Over the past 30 years I have been a community activist and 30 years as an elected member of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee. I also served 16 years as an elected member of the Pittsburgh Public Schools Board of Directors.

FACEBOOK: Mark Brentley Sr. for City Council

DISTRICT: Pittsburgh City Council District 1

QUESTIONS:

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

A: My three top priorities are to promote and encourage affordable accessible housing, to advocate for clean air and clean water, and to increase services for the growing Pittsburgh senior population.

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

A: I would develop an advisory committee to evaluate policies on social and racial justice and make future recommendations after meeting with key advocates and organizations on the issues.

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

A: I would increase the budget for the civilian review board, launch an informational campaign through social media, churches, and schools on the important role the Civilian Review Board play in public safety and accountability. I would expand the civilian police academy and re-evaluate past hiring practices for new police officers. For example, hiring in sets of four; one white female, one white male, one

DARLENE M. HARRIS

PARTY: Dem

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MARK BRENTLEY, SR.

EDUCATION: Graduated Perry High School

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: 25 yrs of Community Services, Served 8 as School Board Member and

DISTRICT: PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

QUESTIONS:

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

A: Being available to my constituents and community organizations Public safety City finances - keeping watch over taxpayers dollars

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

A: I will support the existing City policies in place for minority participation. I will support checks and balances to ensure social and racial justice for all citizens.

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

A: At the present time the City policies in place appear to be working for our City residents and Public Safety Department but I am open minded to hear any concerns that may be raised.

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

CHRIS REILLY KUMANCHIK

No Response

KENNETH WOLFE

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Former Chief of Staff to City Councilman, Legislative Assistant to State Representative, Long time community advocate, Father

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DISTRICT: Pittsburgh City Council district 3

QUESTIONS:

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

A: I am looking to bring a better quality of life through city resources. jump starting community investment in the Hilltop communities. and advocating for hiring more individuals in these communities. Government accountability in tax reform, requiring the collection of back taxes be brought back from a third party vendor.

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

A: The marginalized communities in my district lack



KENNETH WOLFE

investment. I am not talking about new built condos and stores that no one can afford in the community. I mean basic infrastructure, a grocery store, transportation, and healthcare. We don't need more tools of gentrification pushing our lifelong citizens out of their homes. We need the resources and the power to fight poverty and build genuine opportunity and good lives for all people. That is what my focus will be making Pittsburgh live up to the moniker of most livable city. Opportunities for this abound in the daily business of city council.

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

A: As President of the Zone 3 Public Safety Committee for 14 years and have advocated for a city police force that is highly trained and community connected, but there is a lot more to be done to make sure that safety for all is paramount and that police brutality and shootings do not plague or communities. We could try to recruit and hire more candidates with a social work background. Require the highest training for dealing with residents who are deaf, have autism, or are differently abled.

BRUCE A. KRAUS

PARTY: Dem

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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 representation 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.

REPUBLICAN**NO CANDIDATE FILED****PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 5****(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**COREY O'CONNOR****BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:****LAST NAME:** O'Connor**FIRST NAME:** Corey**AGE:** 8/22/1984**MAILING ADDRESS:** 1108 Goodman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15218**CAMPAIGN PHONE:** (412) 576-4723**CAMPAIGN EMAIL:** patrick@coreyoconnorpg.com**CAMPAIGN WEB SITE:** <http://coreyoconnorpg.com>**EDUCATION:** B.A., Elementary Education, Duquesne University, 2006**QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:** City Councilman, 4 years**FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/pg/coreyoconnor.161/**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

**COREY O'CONNOR**

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: 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**DEB GROSS****BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:****LAST NAME:** Gross**FIRST NAME:** Deborah**MAILING ADDRESS:** 5800 Wayne Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15206**CAMPAIGN PHONE:** (412) 212-6731**CAMPAIGN EMAIL:** Amanda@votedebgross.com**CAMPAIGN WEB SITE:** <http://Votedebgross.com>

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 life-long 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.

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfDebGross/>**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?

A: When we value diverse perspectives, we get

**DEB GROSS**

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

DEIRDRE A. KANE**BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:****LAST NAME:** Kane**FIRST NAME:** Deirdre**MIDDLE NAME:** Anne**AGE:** 3/14/1973**MAILING ADDRESS:** 5323 McCandless Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15201**CAMPAIGN PHONE:** (412) 204-7368**CAMPAIGN EMAIL:** KaneforCouncil7@gmail.com**CAMPAIGN WEB SITE:** <http://kaneforcouncil.com>

EDUCATION: BA University of Pittsburgh MA Organizational Leadership Point Park University

Qualifications for office: I am a life long resident of District 7. I was a member of Lawrenceville United for 7 years. I was a small business owner in District 7. My masters degree is in leadership.

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/KaneforCouncil/>**DISTRICT:** District 7**QUESTIONS:****Q:** What are your top three priorities for this office?

A: My top three priorities, are constituent services, affordable housing and green spaces & environmental issues. I will adopt a 48-hour reply rule to ensure constituents needs are being addressed in a timely manner. I will demand effective and efficient delivery of city services. I will advocate for city-wide adoption of Inclusionary Zoning, being piloted in Lawrenceville. Finally I will advocate for additional funds to keep city parks and green spaces clean and safe. I will also work with members of County Council to ensure local polluters are being held accountable.

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

A: One of the most important issues that I intend to make a focus is the state of our Pittsburgh Public Schools. I realize that Council does not have direct influence over PPS decisions, but I will be an advocate for a strong PPS. It would be a policy within my team to participate in the PPS Be a Mentor program. I believe that focusing on a fair and just education system is one of the most basic issues we need to focus on in order to promote social justice. A good education should be the great equalizer providing equal footing for children from all economic backgrounds.

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

A: I believe police officers should have to attend yearly continuing education classes and training.

**DEIRDRE A. KANE**

These classes and trainings must focus on issues like implicit bias, mental health awareness, and other topics relative to the psychological aspect of policing. I would also advocate for a greater focus on 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

RICKY V. BURGESS

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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.

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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.

JUDITH K. GINYARD

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:

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EDUCATION: Realtors Educational Institute Real Estate – Brokers Courses Community College of Allegheny County - Real Estate – Pre-License Courses Jackson Hewitt Income Tax School - Advanced Income Tax Preparation and Instructional Certification Courses Point Park College - Major: Accounting

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Since coming home from the military, I have served my community in the following capacities: - 39 years as an income tax professional preparing and teaching income tax preparation. -13 years working in the Department of Veterans Affairs serving fellow veterans -25 years as a PA licensed real estate professional performing all facets of real estate and development -12 years broker/owner of real estate brokerage firm -8 years as executive director of a community development corporation in Lincoln Larimer and Lemington And I want to represent you as the First minority woman Veteran to

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/judithkginyard>

DISTRICT: Council District 9

QUESTIONS:

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

A: Fair and equitable land use and development with protection of personal property rights. Our residents have the right to determine land-use priorities and development in their neighborhoods, and to play a central role in shaping city's land-use policy that include the protection of private property rights. Creation of a community participation plan that will build on residents' capacity for participation, will listen to the community to find out what is needed and provide opportunities to work together to make things happen. Restoration the City of Pittsburgh of Council District 9 Community

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

A: I will ensure racial equity in City by promoting policies to address institutional racism, and create structures, tools and training that will bring equal opportunity to people of all races and racial equity to the City's programs and services that make tangible differences in lives of residents. I will work with community-based organizations to support the movement to end structural racism and achieve racial equity. I will prioritize addressing racial gaps in jobs, health, housing and other areas. I will partner with the police to hold a series of open community workshops.

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

A: We must have policies in place that protects the sanctity of human life, such as use of force policies that require "reasonable force" to "necessary force,"



JUDITH K. GINYARD

KIERRAN YOUNG

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MIDDLE NAME: Cole

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EDUCATION: Peabody High School West Virginia State University

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: As Managing Director of Chatman Consulting and as an independent consultant, I guided nonprofit and for-profit companies, institutions and political candidates to further their interests and achieve their goals. As a millennial, I believe that I bring a totally different perspective to the table. I am a resident of Stanton Heights, a graduate of Peabody High School, and I have been an independent consultant for the last several years.

FACEBOOK: Kierran C. Young

DISTRICT: City Council District 9

QUESTIONS:

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

A: Provide a council office that's reflective of the people it serves by being accessible, transparent and productive. Providing constituent services that exceed all expectations by holding quarterly town halls throughout the district and inviting all to come and discuss issues, ideas, and solutions. I plan to fight for affordable housing and stand up against the corruption and the pay to play schemes that are permeating throughout Ricky Burgess' agenda in council district 9. I will develop and fight for programs that will significantly increase the rate of black home ownership and businesses.

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

A: I have consistently, been on the frontlines of The Social Justice fights in our community, and I am going Downtown to continue fighting for you. I'm not going downtown to tap dance and sing. I plan to stand up and fight against the establishment of plantation politics which continues to disenfranchise African-Americans all over the city. I will fight for home, land ownership and entrepreneurship.

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

A: I believe police officers need to be regularly subjected to random drug tests. I support a change to the state law that allows this excessive use of force by police officers.

STEPHEN BRAXTON

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:

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MIDDLE NAME: a

AGE: 1/14/1967

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KIERRAN YOUNG

EDUCATION: high school diploma

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: concern citizen of the community trying to make a difference and also I sit on the board of the BGC

FACEBOOK: Stefon Braxton

DISTRICT: 9

QUESTIONS:

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

A: working Senior community, working closely with the youth and working with the community and the police to bring peace

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

A: I plan on working with all races to insure that we have social racial justice for all. To form a committee of all different races to come up with a policy that works.

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

A: I would change the policy to have police officers have a more intense sensitivity training also I will put into place any police officer that is being reprimanded to do community service in a police athletic league which I am also bringing to the community.

CHERYLIE FULLER

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:

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MIDDLE NAME: Ann

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EDUCATION: Associate Degree-Liberal Arts Community College of Allegheny County-Personal Care Home Administrator Program, - Common Wealth of PA, Department of Public Welfare PCH Division Essentials of Industrial Security Management, (DOD) McLean, VA,

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: As volunteer Executive Director of HCCC for the past five years this position has prepared me to take on the civic duty of becoming councilwoman. Publicly engaging community on a consistent basis with transparency, inclusiveness and being approachable to all. By working with developers, City officials, community groups, housing advocates and local law enforcement to better serve the public's interest now and in the future

FACEBOOK: Cherylie Fuller For Council District 9

District: Nine

Questions:

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

A: Economic Development: Creating jobs enabling individuals to live in their communities. Supporting legislation to promote increased wages. Encouraging, supporting small businesses by enabling them to thrive and operate during transitions of community development. Affordable and Fair Housing: low-income, and subsidized must be built into redevelopment plans along with affordable and market rate. Public Safety: District safety begins when community has buy-in, decision making power in development enabling a stewardship mentality in the process, implementation and safety awareness.

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

A: Changing policies that continually add to the disadvantage of our most vulnerable and disregarded community members that create intentionally designed systematic structures of oppression and through continued work with the DHR AFFH Task Force in assist-



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ing jurisdiction efforts through identifying barriers and disparities to fair housing and recommending policies to alleviate these barriers and disparities.

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

A: Supporting current recommendations: 1) evaluating officers on their ability to serve 2) legislation that would permit police officers' previous employment incidents to be shared with all potential employers 3) random police drug testing. Most importantly for passing of legislation must require continued public pressure of which my office would work closely with the District to ensure continued public engagement.

REPUBLICAN

NO CANDIDATE FILED

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR DISTRICT 2

(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.

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No Response

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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.

KIRK RYS

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EDUCATION: Villanova, B.S.

Biology; Carnegie Mellon University (Heinz School), M.S. Public Policy; University of Pittsburgh Law School, J.D.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Any of father, taxpayer, or concerned citizen minimally qualify me. My law and public policy graduate degrees, my 19 years of legal practice, and my track record of successfully working on complex problems in large organizations are evidence of my substantive strengths, noting the Board currently lacks a legal background in its ranks. My service in the Peace Corps, my 6 years as a "Big" brother, my current board service with ACTION-Housing and with First Food & Friends, and my pro bono work with transgender and expungement clients establishes my on-going commitment to the community.

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,



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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.

DAVID E. ATKINSON

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EDUCATION: Masters of Business Administration with IT Emphasis from Western Governors University; Bachelor of Arts from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota; School for International Training, Tibetan Studies Program

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Served as board member on the Highland Park Community Council for over 8 years working to coordinate school tours, promote middle school mentoring, host school leaders at community meetings and more. Received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service to the Community from the University of Pittsburgh for working with the School District, City, County and local partners.

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/DavidEAtkinsonPGH/

DISTRICT: Pittsburgh School Board District 2

QUESTIONS:

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

A: My top three priorities are 1) developing an inclusive school culture that engages underrepresented groups, such as women and minorities, in high quality math and science programs; 2) charting a course to universal pre-kindergarten with developmentally appropriate practices through third grade and 3) realigning school feeder patterns, configurations and programming to serve students, families and communities better.

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

A: All our schools should be a safe and welcoming place for students regardless of their physical abilities, what they look like, what religion they practice, where they were born or if they are L,G,B,T or Q. I support restorative justice practices and trauma informed approaches. For example, I would work with the District, the Courts and service providers to develop consistent protocols for the new Pennsylvania truancy law to help keep students in school.

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

A: The School District should be positioned for the future support of universal pre-kindergarten and extended care with special attention paid to integrating developmentally appropriate practices through 3rd grade. Schools across the nation have turned away from evidence based research which shows that physical, social, emotional and cognitive learning are related. We should return to traditional methods that emphasize play based learning, social development and physical exercise through 3rd grade.



DAVID E. ATKINSON

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; 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.

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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/PamHarbinPGH/>

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



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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 encourage 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.

ANNA BATISTA

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EDUCATION: MS, Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University (2012) Capstone Project: Identifying safe walking routes to school for students in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood BA, Economics, Cornell University (2006)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Experience as a substitute teacher and autism classroom aide in large, diverse, low-income school district, where I went to school myself; Mother to three current and future PPS students; A decade of formal experience working to make public institutions thrive through combining evidence with community input; Ability and desire to work constructively with diverse participants, even when we disagree, and an open mind to real solutions; and Lifetime progressive committed to equity and success across neighborhoods and incomes, and public institutions that citizens believe in and want to invest in.

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/Anna4PPS>

DISTRICT: 4

QUESTIONS:

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

A: 1. Get to the root of inequitable outcomes across the district- I want to dig into the evidence on what works for improving results among low income, black, and special needs students. We should have excellent schools and opportunities in every neighborhood, for every kid. 2. Expand dialogue and collaboration to increase student resources - Pittsburgh has many institutions and community organizations that want to help PPS students. Let's leverage those resources and build students' networks for success. 3. Expand access to sufficient pre-k services for families who need them - Pre-K should work for working families.



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See Response Above

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

A: Addressing inequitable outcomes is the primary means to promote racial and social justice in schools. Other policies include addressing disparities in punishments and suspensions across race and special education status; increasing diversity in our teachers through expanded recruitment and local training; standing by the schools' moral obligation to educate students with special needs; and teaching content that is culturally relevant to ALL students, so each student knows school is for them!

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

A: The district and kindergarten teachers should coordinate with early childcare providers and teachers to make sure they are aware of what is expected of students once they reach kindergarten, and how these centers can best help children become ready for the transition into PPS. Kindergarten teachers can also hear from early childhood instructors on what their new students are likely to most need once in the classroom, and discuss the most effective ways to interact with these young learners.

REPUBLICAN

PAM HARBIN

See Response Above

ANNA BATISTA

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.

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HEATHER FULTON

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HEATHER FULTON

EDUCATION: Attended Robert Morris University
QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: Dedicated mother of twin daughters who attend PPS. Have been actively involved in the district both as a parent and paraprofessional. Active community member

FACEBOOK: Heather Fulton for Pittsburgh School Board

DISTRICT: 6

QUESTIONS:

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

A: Early Childhood and Primary Education Ensuring our children have all the resources that are needed to become more proficient at math and reading Centralized Career and Technical Education Centers. While we are making strides towards a better system, it is beneficial to have a centralized location to service our students? Stronger Collaboration between the City of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Public Schools. When PPS is strong, the City is also strong, we need to work together in a more effective manner

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

A: I believe all students deserve the opportunity to succeed. I will always fight for education programs to be equally available to all students and resources are distributed to where they are needed, regardless of the students race, gender or religion. Also ensuring all students are able to have a safe and welcoming environment where bullying is not acceptable.

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

A: Encouraging early childhood education is a priority. Educating parents/guardians of all the programs available is a necessity, many new families are unaware of the early education programs that are in their neighborhoods. We also need to make sure all programs are affordable so all children can attend.

WILLIAM J. GALLAGHER

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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

