



What are our elected officials supposed to do?

Roles & Duties of ELECTED OFFICIALS



Look at the Number of Officials Running in the 2023 MUNICIPAL Election

ALLEGHENY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive: 4-year term

- provides leadership and strategic direction for all aspects of Allegheny County government
- ensures policy is effective and economical for Allegheny County residents



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District Attorney: 4-year term

- serves as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer
- accepts referrals from more than 100 active police departments including the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, the Allegheny County Police Department and the Allegheny County Sheriff's Department



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

County Council: 4-year terms; 9 of 15 running

- approves and amends legislation by the County Executive or a Council member
- annually adopts a balanced County budget
- permits use of County land and levies taxes
- confirms or rejects agency appointments

7 members elected by district plus 2 "at-large"



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JUDGES

Judges: 10-year terms; Magistrates, 6-year terms

- resolve disputes between parties and protect the rights of citizens
- See the [PA Unified Judicial System](#) and [Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts](#)

APPELLATE COURTS: 1 Supreme Court, 2 Superior Court, and 1 Commonwealth Court

- 1 Court of Common Pleas
- At least 20 Magisterial District Judges



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY CONTROLLER

County Controller: 4-year term

Oversees Accounting, Audit, and Management Systems divisions, and administration staff.

- monitors County fiscal affairs
- prepares and certifies the statement of County indebtedness
- approves payroll, provides financial reports, and disburses funds



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY TREASURER

County Treasurer: 4-year term

- receives, invests, disburses and safeguards the monies of the County



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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Council: 4-year terms; 5 of 9 running

- makes the laws which govern the City of Pittsburgh.
- regulates revenues and expenses, incurs debt, approves budgets.



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Pittsburgh Public SCHOOL BOARD

School Board: 4-year terms; 4 of 9 running

- policy-making body for the school district
- adopts and monitors budgets and audits
- establishes criteria; approves curriculum and personnel
- adopts policies for Student Services



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OFFICIALS IN 130 MUNICIPALITIES

Multiple officials will be elected in townships, boroughs, towns, cities, and 1/2 of all school board members in 43 Allegheny County school districts.



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