

Voters Guide Municipal Election November 2, 2021

Published by
League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh
Community Information Center
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue Suite 350
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-261-4284

Prepared with Funding from
League of Women Voters Education Fund
Reproduction of this guide is made possible by the generous support of Laurel Foundation

New Pittsburgh Courier
October 13-19, 2021

This Voters Guide was prepared by the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh and the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund. The League is a non-partisan organization and does not endorse or oppose any political party or candidate. Its purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

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

The guide lists all candidates in the November 2, 2021 Municipal election for Justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Judges of the Superior Court, Judges of the Commonwealth Court, and Judges of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. Also listed are candidates for Allegheny County Sheriff, and Allegheny County Council candidates. Also listed are candidates for the offices of Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh City Council, and Pittsburgh School Board Directors. Judicial candidates running for retention are listed at the end of the ballot.

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

All registered voters, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled members of a political

League of Women Voters Guide To The Municipal Election

November 2, 2021

(Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM)

ical party, are entitled to vote for the Special Election Ballot questions.

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.

Voters who are not sure if they are registered to vote should call the county Department of Elections, 412-350-4510. To find out what district you live in call the League of Women Voters Community Information Center, 412-261-4284, Mon-Thurs 9-3pm.

Voting in a Municipal Election

To vote in this municipal election you must have been registered by October 18, 2021.

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.

Mail-in Voting

Voters have the option to vote by mail without providing any reason or excuse. To apply online, go to votespa.com. Or contact the county election office to request a paper application.

Applications for a mail-in ballot must be received by the County Elections Division by Tuesday October 26, 2021 at 4pm. Completed mail-in ballots must be received by the Elections Division by Tuesday November 2, 2021 at 8pm election day to be 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, October 26. Completed absentee

BALLOTS must be received back at the Elections Division by 5 P.M. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. 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 Tuesday, November 2. 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 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://lwvpgh.org> or can be found by going to www.vote411.org and typing in your address and zip code.

PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

TERM: 10 years

SALARY: \$215,037

Description of office: The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is the highest court in the Commonwealth and the oldest appellate court in the nation. The Supreme Court's administrative powers and jurisdictional responsibilities are vested with the seven-member court by the Pennsylvania State Constitution and a collection of statutes known as the Judicial Code. The justice with the longest continuous service on the Supreme Court automatically becomes chief justice. Administratively, the courts within the Unified Judicial System are largely responsible for organizing their own staff and dockets; however, the Supreme Court has several committees and boards responsible for writing and enforcing rules for judges, attorneys, and litigants to

ensure an efficient and fair judicial review. Annually, the seven justices receive over 3,000 requests for appellate review.

DEMOCRATIC

Vote for ONE.

MARIA MCLAUGHLIN

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

County: Philadelphia

Occupation: Superior Court Judge

Education: Penn State 1988. Delaware Law School at Widener University 1992

Qualifications: Current Judge on our PA Superior Court; Served 6 years as Judge, Court of Common Pleas; Chief and ADA, Phila District Attorneys Office; Rated Highly Recommended for the Supreme



MARIA MCLAUGHLIN

Court by the PBA campaign website: <http://judgem-claughlin.com>

Facebook: <http://@Maria4PASC>

Twitter: <http://@McLaughlin4PASC>

Questions:

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: Along with being our highest appellate court, The Supreme Court oversees our statewide court system and legal community. As such we have the opportunity to set rules, educate the legal community and create special court programs dealing with human services issues like substance abuse & mental health challenges, veteran's issues & initiatives focused on autism. All geared toward providing fair treatment and equal access for people with unique circumstances.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: As a lawyer & a judge I have always worked to ensure everyone who comes into a courtroom has an

opportunity to be heard and the law applied without bias. This is the cornerstone of our legal system. As a Justice I will not waiver from that driving principle. My work on the bench and in my life will always reflect my dedication to fairness and equality.

REPUBLICAN

(Vote for One)

KEVIN BROBSON

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

County: Dauphin

Occupation: President Judge, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court

Education: Widener Commonwealth Law School, summa cum laude (2nd in class), Managing Editor Law Review; Lycoming College (B.A., Accounting/Economics), magna cum laude

Qualifications: President Judge of the Pa. Commonwealth Court; over 11 years as statewide appellate court judge (elected 2009, retained 2019); Pa. Judicial Conduct Board, 2015-19 (Chair); 14 years' private practice; former federal judicial clerk; "Highly Recommended" by Pa. Bar Association

campaign website: <http://www.brobsonforpa.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brobson-for-PA-112608997531221>

Questions:

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: I would work cooperatively with the governor and the legislature to increase funding for legal aid programs. While in private practice, I created a program in Dauphin County to expand pro bono opportunities for lawyers to provide services to nonprofit organizations. I would encourage county bar associations to think creatively about expanding pro bono service to small and minority-owned businesses and nonprofits. I want to ensure our courts have access to interpreters for parties with limited English proficiency. I would build upon the excellent work of Philadelphia Legal Assistance with respect to the representation of low-wage workers and the unemployed by engaging law schools and other legal aid associations throughout the state.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: I believe I have earned a reputation as a fair and impartial arbiter of the law. I treat everyone who enters my courtroom, or has a matter before me, with equal respect and dignity. I strive to appreciate the perspectives and points of view of all parties. It is important to me that every litigant, represented and unrepresented, be given every opportunity, within the rules and the law, to present their case. Moreover, as a former Chair of the Pa. Judicial Conduct Board, I am keenly aware of how important it is to Pennsylvanians that our judges observe the highest ethical standards on and off the bench. I hold myself to this high standard. All Pennsylvanians deserve to have faith in a fair and impartial judiciary.



KEVIN BROBSON

Description of office: The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, 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. The president judge is elected to a five-year term by his/her colleagues. A large number of appeals flow to the 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 petitions are denied, and the ruling of the Superior Court stands.

TERM: 10 years

SALARY: \$202,898

DEMOCRATIC

(Vote for One)

TIMIKA LANE

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

County: Philadelphia

Occupation: Judge - Court of Common Pleas

Education: West Catholic High School and went on to graduate Howard University in Washington DC & received my Law Degree in 2002 from Rutgers University School of Law in NJ.

Qualifications: Major Trials Judge presiding over 1000's of trials, authoring 100's of opinions. I handle all human trafficking cases & many of the most serious criminal cases & Grand Jury matters. Certified Child Advocate & as former Exec Dir of the Senate Govt Cmte advised on the constitutionality of legislation

campaign website: <http://www.judgelane.com>

Facebook: <http://@LaneForSuperiorCourt>

Twitter: <http://@JudgeTimikaLane>

Questions:

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: As a sitting Judge, I ensure everyone in my courtroom is treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, gender, creed, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. As a member of the Access to Justice Committee, we address this issue by looking at possible barriers and how to remove those barriers to ensure everyone has equal access. As co-chair of the Local Criminal Rules Committee we recommend the qualifications for court appointed attorneys to make sure that indigent people have capable legal representation. We ensure that the local criminal rules are fair and applied equally to all who all who come before our courts.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: The Superior Court is an error correcting court & often the last line of defense for the parties involved in a case. When reviewing an appeal It is vital the appellate judge have strong courtroom experience on both sides of the bench to best determine the if the proceedings in the lower court were fair, all parties were heard and the law has been applied fairly regardless of race, creed, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or economic status. I will ensure equity and fairness in all cases before me, just as I do for all who appear in my current courtroom. Off the bench, I believe judges should be visible in the community. We are public servants and it is our duty to make sure



TIMIKA LANE

the public understands how the court system functions.

REPUBLICAN

(Vote for One)

MEGAN SULLIVAN

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

County: Chester

Occupation: Attorney

Education: Temple University Beasley School of Law, Juris Doctorate (cum laude) Saint Joseph's University (B.A.)

Qualifications: 20 years criminal & civil law experience. Deputy Attorney General in PA Attorney General's Office & Supervisory District Attorney, protected victims including the most vulnerable members of our society as a child abuse prosecutor. Asst. General Counsel at West Chester University and civil litigator.

campaign website: <http://www.megsullivanforjudge.com>

Facebook: <http://@megforjudge>

Questions:

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: I believe equal access to justice is essential to maintaining trust in our courts and our justice system's legitimacy. I am committed to providing all individuals in my courtroom with equal access to justice by ensuring their voice is heard, their rights are protected, & that they are never subject to discrimination. I support efforts to enhance equal access to justice through legal aid programs that provide individuals with access to qualified attorneys. Providing interpreters for those individuals for whom English is a second language is also important. It is also important to give Individuals with disabilities full access to the courtroom. Everyone that comes before a judge should fully understand their constitutional rights.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: I have a deep respect for our Constitution and our system of justice. I have spent a large part of my 20-year career as an attorney helping others to navigate both the criminal and civil judicial system. I respect the system but understand why some fear it. Individuals who serve in the role of a judge must recognize that they are the arbiter of the rules and the process. This is a great power that requires objectivity, an innate sense of fairness, and humility. I possess these traits and am committed to delivering to all citizens a justice system that shows respect and fairness, as well as knowledgeable decision-making that takes into account the parties' perspectives and applies the law objectively.



MEGAN SULLIVAN

PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT

Description of office: The Commonwealth Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, established in 1968, is unlike any other state court in the nation. Its jurisdiction generally is limited to legal matters involving state and local government and regulatory agencies. Litigation typically focuses on subjects such as banking, insurance, utility regulation, and laws affecting taxation, land use, elections, labor practice-

es, and workers compensation. The Commonwealth Court also acts as a court of original jurisdiction, or a trial court, when lawsuits are filed by or against the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth Court is made up of nine judges. The president judge is elected to a five-year term by his/her colleagues. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, or Pittsburgh.

TERM: 10 years

SALARY: \$202,898

DEMOCRATIC

(Vote for two)

LORI A. DUMAS

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

County: Philadelphia

Occupation: Judge

Education: North Carolina Central School of Law; Duke University; Executive Certificates from Cornell University, (D&I); University of Pennsylvania, Fels Institute of Government

Qualifications: Trial Court Judge since 2002; Jury and Non-jury experience; Presided in Family, Criminal and Civil Divisions; Former Corporate Executive, Non-Profit Leader; Adjunct Professor; National Leader in trauma informed courts; Led the creation of victim centered juvenile human trafficking court in Phila.

campaign website: <http://www.judgedumas2021.com/>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JudgeDumas2021/>

Twitter: <http://Twitter.com/JudgeDumas>

Questions:

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: As a judge, I must ensure that every person that comes before the Court has the opportunity to be heard. I must rule according to the law without losing sight of the ultimate goal of dispensing justice. I must remove any obstacle which prevents equal access to justice by any means necessary. As a citizen, I can involve myself with organizations and in activities which seek to educate people about the Court, its processes and procedures and to equip them with the knowledge and power to be able to use the legal system as an advocate for themselves and their interests.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: Judges set the tone in their courtrooms. They must model fairness, civility, patience and impartiality and demand it from those in their presence. In my courtroom, every voice will be heard and my decisions will be rooted in the law and cloaked in compassion and the urgency to do what is right. I must conduct a daily heart check to ensure that I am not bringing any biases with me that may interfere with my ability to render impartial decisions. I must call out injustice when it occurs...every time. In the community, I can educate others about their rights and the status of the law. I should regularly attend implicit bias trainings and require my staff to do the same, to ensure that fairness is not just a mantra but embedded in my core.

DAVID LEE SPURGEON



LORI A. DUMAS

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

County: Allegheny

Occupation: Judge - Court of Common Pleas

Education: McKeesport Area Senior High Duquesne University - B.A. Duquesne University School of Law - Juris Doctor

Qualifications: "Highly Recommended" by the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Endorsed by the PA Dem; Serving as a Judge since 2016; Appointed by the Governor and unanimously confirmed by the PA Senate; Adjunct Law Professor; National Judicial Fellow; Domestic Violence National Expert; former prosecutor family violence

campaign website: <http://www.judgespurgeon4commonwealth.com>

Facebook: <http://@judgespurgeon4commonwealth-court>

Twitter: <http://@davidspurgeon4J>

Questions:

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: As a judge, I use my position to promote systems change that ensure that all people have more accessibility to the courts. As a Judicial Fellow, I am using those resources to study the statistics over the year of the pandemic to understand whether the use of advanced technology communications increased participation in the court process. Often times, people with limited resources face additional obstacles inherent with our established court processes. Further, we can ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to the court regardless of how you look, who you love, the language you speak and your socio-economic status. Off the bench, judges should participate in the community as a stakeholder to promote the above matters.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: Judges must continue to be active members of the community. In order to understand how the court is perceived, one must be accessible and engage in intentional dialogue to understand all the people that we serve. Judges must continue to be trained in explicit and implicit bias as it relates to all aspect of the existing court system, and be open to discussing and participating in the changes identified to make the courts more equitable and fair. I recently participated in a national panel to address the racial disparities that exist in the child welfare system. On the bench, we must continue to serve as a servant leader and hold ourselves as well as our colleagues accountable for inequities.

REPUBLICAN

(Vote for two)

STACY MARIE WALLACE

Party: Rep

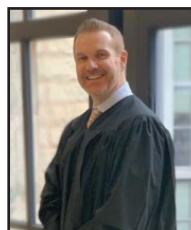
Biographical Info:

County: McKean

Occupation: Attorney

Education: B.A. Communications, University of Pittsburgh ('01) J.D., Duquesne University School of Law ('04)

Qualifications: Nearly 17 years' experience Owner: Stacy Wallace Law LLC Specially Appointed



DAVID LEE SPURGEON



STACY MARIE WALLACE

Family Law Master & SORNA Counsel Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Clerkships: McKean Co. Court of Common Pleas, PA Superior Court Certified Mediator-Conflict Resolution McKean Co. Bar Assn., President

campaign website: <http://stacyforpa.com>

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

Questions:

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: Throughout my career, my purpose has been to always seek justice. I was first inspired to enter the legal field by a pamphlet for Northwestern Legal Services, a legal aid organization of which I now serve on the board of directors. I've worked tirelessly to ensure that our state's most vulnerable individuals, including at-risk children and those with disabilities, have equal access to justice, and have done much of this work pro bono. If elected, I will continue to advocate for and engage with underserved communities. On the bench, I will be a steadfast defender of equal justice under the law in all matters and safeguard the rights of all citizens regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or financial status.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: The makeup of the Commonwealth Court should be a true reflection of Pennsylvania and the broad perspectives and values of our residents. I will use my grassroots upbringing from McKean County, diverse experience, and values to guide informed and thoughtful opinions that produce equitable outcomes. Off the bench, I will continue to engage our citizens, lead by example in promoting inclusiveness of all people, and raise awareness of our judiciary's role. Equitable courts start with having equitable judges who value equality, fairness and a desire to serve others. As just one example of how I've done that in my personal life, I co-founded "Blessing Boxes of Bradford" which serves as small sidewalk food pantries throughout my community.

DREW CROMPTON

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

County: Cumberland

Occupation: Judge

Education: Philmont Christian Academy Dickinson College Widener School of Law

Qualifications: Currently a sitting Judge on the Commonwealth Court. I have authored over 100 opinions. They are balanced, well-reasoned and thoughtful. I am recommended by the PA Bar. I also serve on the Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee. I have extensive Constitutional, statutory and regulatory experience.

campaign website: <http://JudgeCrompton.com>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/judgecrompton>

Questions:

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

A: As a sitting Judge I have done all in my power to treat every person that comes before me with respect and fairness. Judges must ensure those with modest means have equal access to justice. We are all created equal but as judges we must insist that all are treated equally or justice is being unfairly denied. Filing fees and other court costs must be waived for



DREW CROMPTON

those who cannot afford them. Also, quality lawyers must be available to low income individuals free of cost for civil and criminal matters. Further as judges we must ensure that no one perceives that race or wealth or political connections are weighed when a decision is rendered. High ethical standards are vital to instill confidence in the Judiciary.

Q: What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

A: Litigants must be convinced that the Judge's personal philosophy does not impede justice. I have also defended the powers of each branch of government since citizens want to be assured that the legislative, executive and judicial branches are not overstepping their constitutional boundaries. Further I try to be a judge that has common sense and treats every person with common decency. Judges must also remain connected to their communities and not be overly isolated. People have more confidence in the Judiciary when they know Judges care about our the same things in our Commonwealth as they do. Judges must have a heightened sense of their words and actions in the courtroom. Both must be beyond reproach.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

(Vote for not more than TEN)

TERM: 10 years

SALARY: \$186,665

Duties: 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.

Candidates are listed in ballot order

CHELSEA WAGNER

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Wagner

First Name: Chelsea

Mailing Address: PO Box 3347
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Campaign Phone: 412.345.3329

Campaign Email: info@electchelsea.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.electchelsea.com/>

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

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ElectChelsea>

District: Allegheny County

Education: The University of Chicago, BA (Public Policy Studies) The University of Pittsburgh School of Law, JD (Certificate in Civil Litigation) University of Virginia Darden Political Leaders Certificate Program CMU Women's Leadership and Negotiation Academy Certificate Program

Qualifications for office: Attorney for 16 years: public interest and advocacy focus; private practice areas have spanned litigation, employment law, immigration & business transactions. Allegheny County Controller; Pennsylvania State Legislator (House Judiciary Cmte) Fmr. Business Analyst for state and municipal policy

Questions:

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

A: I have been an attorney for sixteen years, starting as a plaintiff's attorney. However, as an elected

official, my foremost focus has been with matters of public interest and advocacy, though I have maintained some private legal practice over the years. In these roles, I have had experience across the civil, criminal and family divisions. I've been a leader on the most pressing advocacy and reform efforts, including healthcare access, environmental justice, reforms within the Allegheny County Jail and efforts to reform fines and fees. My legal ability, independence, leadership, government understanding, advanced administrative capability, and devotion to the improvement of the quality of justice, are crucial qualities for this role.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: Principled, tested and audacious leadership. Nothing is a better predictor of how one will perform in any public office than how she has responded to challenges and adversity in life. I have demonstrated personally and professionally that I am steadfast in conducting myself with integrity, courage and tenacity. I've always been willing to speak truth to power, but also thereafter to do the more difficult work to implement reform. The role of a judge is two-fold: first is the adhering to the highest standards within her own courtroom; yet second, and often overlooked is that she must lead within our system of justice and be a true steward of our democracy. The present times desperately call for that very leadership from our judges.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: As with role models generally, I have a number of judicial role models. The common thread among each was their legal acuity combined with courage and foresight, and collective contributions to the larger body of civil rights laws. Most notable among them are Supreme Court Justices Thurgood Marshall, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Louis Brandeis. I would also point to important contributions made by individuals who came to the bench from roles in public office, such as Justices Frank Murphy and Earl Warren.

SABRINA KORBEL

Party: Dem, Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Korbel

First Name: Sabrina

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 22411
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Campaign Phone: 412-453-6263

Campaign Email: SabrinaForJudge@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.SabrinaForJudge.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TeamSabrina2021>

Twitter: @SabrinaKorbel

District: Allegheny County

Education: Susquehanna University Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - 1999 Graduated cum laude with Univ. Honors University of Pittsburgh School of Law Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Juris Doctor - May 2002 President, Student Bar Association 2002 Student Leader of the Year Award

Qualifications for office: Trial Attorney with nearly 20 years experience representing the most resource burdened - ACBA. Serves on panels and roundtables as an expert in domestic violence, trauma & safety planning. Works to promote safe, respectful & equal access to justice for all.

Questions:

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

A: I have managed and provided legal representation to victims of domestic violence in over 7000 cases in the Family Division, including participation in negotiations, motions, hearings, and trials before Judges, Masters and Hearing Officers. Many of these matters have related cases in the Criminal Division allowing me to gain extensive knowledge of the criminal justice system and areas of needed reform. In the Orphans Division, I have handled adoption cases. I do not practice in the Civil Division, but I do oversee cases as a Hearing Officer (like a judge) for the Allegheny County Retirement Board. This experience has given me the knowledge and temperament needed to take the bench and make a positive impact on Allegheny County families.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: Empathetic. This does not mean that as a judge I would identify with each person's authentic lived experience. It does mean that I will acknowledge my bias, value our differences and accept that a person's lived experience affects how they see the world and make decisions for themselves and their families. Also, I have always recognized that most people who access the justice system have experienced some level of trauma and they need to feel safe to share their stories, that their voice is heard in the courtroom and that they are engaged in their legal case. As a judge, I would always show empathy and promise to apply my twenty years of training to ensure the use of a trauma informed approach and to strive to be culturally competent.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: The Honorable Kathleen Mulligan. She is a devoted and dedicated public servant. Judge Mulligan prioritizes the needs of the court's true customers, the litigants appearing before her, protecting their rights and explaining procedures, even when it inconveniences her or requires the commitment of additional time and resources. She treats people fairly and with respect, ensuring that they are engaged in their legal cases and understand the results and next steps. She identifies systemic changes that advance access to justice, collaborating with other individuals doing the work to ensure holistic improvements. She is humble, impartial and hardworking and has always strived to make the court equitable and accessible.

WRENNA WATSON

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: WATSON

First Name: WRENNA

Mailing Address: 1700 WYLIE AVENUE PITTSBURGH PA 15219

Campaign Phone: 4129657388;

Contact: Michelle Watson 4129189111

Campaign Email: JudgeWrennaWatson@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://WRENNAWATSON.COM>

Facebook: VOTE WATSON 4 JUDGE

Twitter: No Twitter account; InstaGram - VOTE WATSON 4 JUDGE

District: ALLEGHENY COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Education: Duquesne University School of Law - Ju-



CHELSEA WAGNER



SABRINA KORBEL



WRENNA WATSON

ris Doctor; Howard University - Bachelor of Science Psychology; Minor History; Schenley High School - Academic Diploma; The Ellis School - 10th Grade Promotion; Frick - 4.5 through 8th Grade Graduation (Scholars Program); Crescent Elementary - K to Grade 4.5

Qualifications for office: 29 year practicing Attorney; 26 year Judge in the Minor Judiciary adjudicate 50,000+ cases as Judge of Pgh Magistrates Court, Pa LCB Hearing Officer, Chair-Pgh Planning Commission and Zoning Board and as Mental Health Hearing Officer (26 yrs) for persons 302'd. Experienced . Fair . Respectful.

Questions:

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

A: A 29-yr practicing Attorney, I represent thousands of children and community members in every division of Court. For 26 yrs, I sit as a Judge in the Minor Judiciary deciding 50,000+ cases. As Judge of Pgh Magistrates Court, I heard 22,000+ cases; criminal, child sex assault, domestic violence, homicide, traffic/housing and dog court matters; conducted arraignments, set bail, issued warrants. I served as Pa LCB Hearing Examiner for W Pa/Erie. I chaired Pgh Planning Commission and Zoning Board hearings (8 yrs), was the Section 8 Grievance Hearing Officer for HACP, and most importantly, I am a 26-yr Hearing Officer for Orphans' Court conducting Mental Health hearings for persons who have been 302'd and are on a locked psychiatric unit.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: I am fair. As City Magistrate, I presided over a case with an older wm Defendant caught with a huge bag of loosely packed marijuana. The charges were standard: Possession and Possession w/the Intent to Deliver. I called the case. The ADA and Defense Attorney had a deal: to withdraw the Possession w/the Intent to Deliver and proceed on the Possession only. I signed the papers. Two months later, the same factual circumstances presented except in this case it was a young bm. I called the case. I waited to hear the deal. But there was none. Rather than proceed to hearing I took control of the case. I eliminated the Intent to Deliver and Held for Possession only. Fair is for all. I have been fair for 26 years in my courtrooms.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: The Honorable J. Warren Watson, the 1st elected Black judge in Allegheny County, is 98 y.o., doing well, plays his horn and with whom I am Blessed to live. He is my 1st role model and was my 1st teacher and mentor in the law. Teaching began around the dinner table before I was 10. I knew my legal rights in middle and high school. I asserted my knowledge to help friends. Justice Thurgood Marshall, an alum, as am I and my mother, of Howard University, my 2nd role model, forged civil rights in Brown v Board of Education (1954). And, the Honorable Cheryl Allen where I represented juveniles. Judge Allen understood the needs of children and communities like a good mother. Justice was firm but fair. My father is still my best mentor!

LISA MIDDLEMAN

Party: Dem, Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Middleman

First Name: Lisa

Mailing Address: 2615 Glenchester Road, Wexford, PA 15090

Campaign Phone: (412) 652-5743

Campaign Email: info@lisamiddleman.com



LISA MIDDLEMAN

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

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

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/lisamiddleman>

District: Allegheny County

Education: 1980-1983 Duke University, Bachelor of Arts in History; 1982 (summer) Carnegie Mellon University, Computer Science; 1984-1987 University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Juris Doctorate; 2012 Community College of Allegheny County "Fundamentals of Supervision and Management"

Qualifications for office: Proficiency in the Rules of Evidence and Procedure that are essential to making correct rulings on case dispositive issues. Taught many continuing legal education classes for attorneys. Training for magistrates seeking to hear homicide cases. Conducted study on racial disparity in jury panels.

Questions:

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

A: In addition to representing those charged with all grades of criminal offenses in adult and juvenile courts, I have represented witnesses and victims at preliminary hearings, trials, motions, grand jury proceedings, mental health commitments, PFAs, and landlord/tenant disputes. As the first woman in the PD homicide unit, I have 34 years experience trying the most demanding and life-altering death penalty cases. I have demonstrated my dedication to the rule of law, ability to work hard to research and resolve complex issues, and a deep appreciation for the significance that my judgement may have, not only on the people who would appear before me, but on businesses, families and communities.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: One of the personal traits that will make me an effective judge is my understanding that we are never finished learning. I am a perpetual student of the law, research in social science, and of the people around me. My willingness to be informed, not only by policies from other jurisdictions, statistics, texts and legal precedent, but from the experiences of people in our community, will allow me to continue to seek out solutions that are fair and harm reductive. We must continue to explore experiences that are different from our own in order to sharpen critical thinking skills, gain insight and perspective, and to expand our knowledge. No one is ever finished questioning and learning from their mistakes, triumphs and overall experiences.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: My judicial role model is Earl Warren, former Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court. Warren's greatest strength was not scholarly writing, but rather in his ability to marshal support and lead the Court to decisions that recognized and expanded individual civil rights. Warren authored landmark decisions in Miranda v Arizona and Brown v Board of Education. He led a Court that examined legal disadvantage by virtue of race, poverty, sex and political principles. Warren faced early backlash for decisions upholding one man one vote, interracial marriage, and the rights of accused in criminal cases, yet he remained firm that "when the rights of any individual or group are chipped away, the freedom of all erodes."

NICOLA HENRY-TAYLOR

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Henry-Taylor

First Name: Nicola

Mailing Address: PO Box 81578, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Campaign Email: info@nicola4judge.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://nicola4judge.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Nicola4Judge>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Nicola4J>

District: Allegheny County

Education: Slipper Rock University, 1993 Duquesne University School of Law, 1996

Qualifications for office: I have 25 years of experience practicing law, including clerking for judges, running the county mental health court, and private practice focusing on family and criminal law.

Questions:

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

A: I have experience arguing in front of every division of the Court of Common Pleas. As an assistant District Attorney, I ran the County's Mental Health Court. In my private practice, I focus on family and criminal court matters. I am often appointed to be a Guardian ad Litem, for a child, and represent an Alleged Incapacitated adult in Orphan's court. If elected, I want to be a family court judge and continue to do that incredibly important work.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: My lived experiences make me perfectly suited to be a judge in the Court of Common Pleas. As an immigrant and black woman, I know the issues facing those communities and the under-representation, and systemic bias, faced in the judicial system. As an adoptive mother, I know the importance of the family division and the profound impact the court has on families every day.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: Judges are leaders who set the tone of the courtroom environment. Judges like Judge Clark, Judge Hens-Greco, Judge Bush, Judge McGaugh and Judge Williams who hire black staff, expect nothing but professionalism from everyone in their chambers are great examples. These Judges, and others like them, advocate for trauma informed courts, training on implicit bias and inclusive environments.

ELLIOT HOWSIE

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Howsie

First Name: Elliot

Mailing Address: Keep Judge Elliot Howsie PO Box 7273 Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Campaign Phone: 724-705-4867

Campaign Email: elliott@elliottowsie.org

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.elliottowsie.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ElliottHowsie2021>

Education: Central Catholic High School, class of '86; Indiana University of Pennsylvania, BA in Criminology; Indiana University of Pennsylvania, MA in Criminology; Duquesne School of Law, class of '98

Qualifications for office: Social Worker for court-involved families; Assistant District Attorney; Director of the Public Defender's Office; Judge in the Family Division; Judge in the Criminal Division;



NICOLA HENRY-TAYLOR



ELLIOT HOWSIE

Highly Recommended by the Allegheny County Bar Association

Questions:

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

A: I have been practicing law in Allegheny County for more than 20yrs. I understand the generational impact that our courts have on families and communities. In my role as the Director of the Public Defender's Office, I was responsible for ensuring that every person that was unable to afford an attorney received competent effective legal representation. As a prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office, I was responsible for prosecuting perpetrators of physical and sexual abuse of children. As a defense attorney, I was responsible for protecting the rights of people accused of a crime, and representing people in family court matters. My previous work experience qualifies me to continue serving in the Family and Criminal Division of the Court.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: I am an effective judge because I am patient and compassionate. I believe that my background, including growing up in a low income community, and working in the social service field, has given me a perspective and understanding of the issues that typically result in members of our communities becoming involved in the court system. Given my legal experience as a prosecutor and a defense attorney, I understand that there are two sides to every story and as a judge I must listen to both sides and allow everyone the opportunity to be heard prior to rendering a decision. Therefore, I believe that my character traits and life experiences have enabled me to develop a fairly unique judicial approach to presiding over cases in the court system.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: Judge Kim Clark, our current President Judge in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Clark is a role model for me because she grew up in Wilkensburg a short distance from my childhood home and she was the first African American Judge to become President Judge in the history of our Court. Judge Clark treats everyone in a fair and equitable manner and affords everyone an opportunity to be heard prior to rendering a decision. Judge Clark is an extremely accomplished jurist who ensures that everyone appearing before her is treated with dignity and respect. She allows her qualifications to speak for themselves and she has performed her duties as President Judge with compassion and humility during times of uncertainty.

TIFFANY SIZEMORE

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Sizemore

First Name: Tiffany

Middle Name: Elizabeth

Mailing Address: 37 Barton Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Campaign Phone: 412-295-3066

Campaign Email: votetiffanysize-more@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://votetiffanysize-more.com/>

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

District: Allegheny County; Fifth Judicial District

Education: High School: The Winchester Thurston School (1995); College: Antioch College, B.A., Education (2000); Howard University School of Law, cum laude, J.D. (2004)

Qualifications for office: Tiffany is a 16-year court-



TIFFANY SIZEMORE

room veteran who has spent her entire career representing individuals who have been marginalized in court systems. She spent the first ten years of her career as a public defender and is now a clinical professor working to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline.

Questions:

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

A: I am a native Pittsburgher who left after high school in 1995 and returned home as an experienced lawyer in 2012. Since 2013, my practice has been primarily in Juvenile Court (Family Division) representing young people who are facing charges. I developed the Youth Advocacy Clinic at Duquesne University School of Law. Our education work sometimes takes us to the Civil Division. Additionally, I have frequently represented young people who are charged in the adult system (Criminal Division) and have jury trial experience there. The courtroom experience that I have will make me a judge who is ready on Day One to preside over cases and understand and relate to those who appear before me.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: I am tenacious. I am committed to working on my own caseload, but also to working on the systemic problems that plague our local court system including: reliance on cash bail, lack of sufficient community programming, and ending the school-to-prison pipeline. Mass incarceration is the unacceptable result when we allow these problems to flourish. We cannot afford to elect judges who will turn a blind eye to these issues or refuse to work on them outside of their individual caseloads. I have spent many years doing policy and community work, and I will take those policy partners to the bench with me. I will continue the work I am already doing as opposed to hoping to start it after I take the bench. I will be ready on Day One.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: I have many judicial role models, locally and nationally. However, one of my favorite judicial role models is Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Justice Sotomayor has consistently recognized and paid homage to ignored and marginalized people in her opinions. She is someone who, while sitting in one of the most powerful positions in the country, has not forgotten from where she came. During her confirmation hearings, Justice Sotomayor recognized the importance of diversity on the bench. She explicitly recognized that a woman of color, with the richness of her life experiences, would more often than not reach a better decision than her counterparts without those experiences. I agree with her and intend to bring the same to my work.

BRUCE BEEMER

Party: Dem, Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Beemer

First Name: Bruce

Middle Name: R

Mailing Address: 4 Commons Drive

Campaign Phone: 412-855-8782

Campaign Email: info@KeepJudgeBeemer.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.KeepJudgeBeemer.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/JudgeBeemer

District: 5th Judicial District (Allegheny County)

Education: College of William and Mary (1987-1989), transferred University of Scranton (1989-1992), BA History, Summa Cum Laude University of Pittsburgh



BRUCE BEEMER

School of Law (1992-1995)

Qualifications for office: Sitting Allegheny Common Pleas Court Judge (appointed by Gov. Tom Wolf in Dec. 2019), 49th Attorney General of Pennsylvania, Inspector General of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General (First Deputy Attorney General, Senior Counsel, Chief of Criminal Prosecutions, Chief of Staff)

Questions:

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

A: I serve in the Criminal Division and am one of only 2 judges managing the Sex Offender Court Docket, handling allegations of crimes committed against children. I served for 14 years in the Allegheny DA's Office as an ADA and then as a Deputy DA in charge of multiple units within the office. I tried to verdict approximately 125 jury trials. After leaving the DA's Office, I joined my father as a partner at his and my late-mother's firm focusing on criminal defense and environmental cases. I've had cases in the criminal, juvenile, and civil divisions. In those prior roles and now as a judge, I see the people in each case and strive to be fair and impartial. All of these experiences qualify me to continue to handle a docket as a judge.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: Throughout my career, I have been the person people have turned to when governmental bodies have been in need of reform. In the wake of the Kathleen Kane scandal, I was appointed by the Governor and unanimously confirmed by the PA Senate as the 49th Attorney General of Pennsylvania. During my tenure, I helped to restore morale within the Office and repaired the broken relationships with other agencies. I then served as the Inspector General of Pennsylvania, where I investigated waste, fraud, corruption, and abuse in state government agencies. Since becoming the first new judge in decades to be sent directly to the Criminal Division, I have worked tirelessly to mitigate the inequalities and inefficiencies in our judicial and penal system.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: While I greatly admire certain Supreme Court Justices (Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Thurgood Marshall come immediately to mind), it has been both my personal interactions with and observations of Allegheny County President Judge Kim Berkeley Clark that make her my role model. She was my supervisor at the District Attorney's Office for several years. Judge Clark exemplified empathy and compassion as a prosecutor, traits that are absolutely essential to being a fair and impartial judge. Judge Clark leads by quiet and distinguished example and displays a level of humility and respect for others we all need to show in the judiciary. She is prepared, punctual, and courteous to all who are before her. She is a superb role model for any judge.

JESSEL COSTA

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Costa

First Name: Jessel

Middle Name: August

Mailing Address: 429 Fourth Ave, Suite 1705, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Campaign Phone: 4129169233

Campaign Email: info@jesselcosta.com

Campaign Web Site:

<http://www.jesselcosta.com>

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



JESSEL COSTA

judge

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/jesselforjudge>

District: Allegheny County

Education: Central Catholic High School. Pitt Undergrad: Pitt News; Phi Sigma Pi, honors fraternity; intern at PA Department of Labor and Industry & Pittsburgh City Council. Duquesne Law: Student Bar Association; Juris Magazine; intern at Pennsylvania Securities Commission & Pittsburgh Law Department.

Qualifications for office: Working on both sides of a trial—as a public defender AND prosecutor—coupled with working on every aspect of a case—from the investigatory stage through a jury verdict—demonstrates a holistic, comprehensive understanding of the legal system. Practiced in more than 20 counties in western PA.

Questions:

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

A: Jessel began his career as an attorney at the Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender. As an Assistant Public Defender, he handled hundreds of cases and clients in all levels of the court system. For the next 6 years, Jessel served as a Deputy Attorney General prosecuting some of the most heinous crimes imaginable: child sexual abuse and child pornography offenses. As Deputy Attorney General, he presided over hundreds of investigations and cases in more than 20 counties throughout western Pennsylvania. Jessel now works in private practice where he specializes in criminal defense.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: Jessel believes that his temperament, listening skills, familiarity with both sides of a dispute, and his ability to think outside of the box, are all qualities that would make an effective judge. Temperament ensures that a judge is respectful and kind. Listening skills ensure that a judge is reasoned and fair. Understanding issues from both sides ensures that a judge is free from bias. Ability to think outside of the box ensures that a judge will not be hamstrung by the status quo, but rather, look for creative solutions to make the system work better, and guarantee true justice.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: Jessel's judicial role model is the late, great Ruth Bader Ginsburg. As the first Jewish woman on the Supreme Court, and only the second woman, Ginsburg was a trail-blazer and an inspiration. She was a champion of women's rights, and stalwart of progressive jurisprudence, especially as the Court grew more conservative during her tenure.

TOM CAULFIELD

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Caulfield

First Name: Thomas

Middle Name: Patrick

Mailing Address: Friends of Judge Caulfield P.O. Box 314 Brad-dock, PA 15104

Campaign Phone: 412. 708. 0557

Campaign Email: JudgeCaulfield2021@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.JudgeCaulfield2021.com>

Facebook: Tom Caulfield for Court of Common Pleas Judge

Twitter: @Caulfield2021

Education: I graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh in 1988. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. I attended the University



TOM CAULFIELD

Honors College and was a University Scholar. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1991 when I receive my Juris Doctor.

Qualifications for office: I am Highly Recommended by the Allegheny County Bar Association. I have been a Magisterial District Judge since 2010 and have heard over 26,000 cases in every area of the law. From 1992 until 2010 I was an attorney with the Office of the Public Defender, and also had a solo practice for 12 years.

Questions:

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

A: As an attorney with the Office of the Public Defender, my practice was concentrated in the Criminal Division. I represented clients in preliminary hearings, at trials by jury as well as before Judges, in post trial motions, as well as probation and parole matters. I had many occasions to appear in Family Division to argue PFA issues, and in Orphans Court to represent people fighting mental health commitments. From 1991 to 2004, I had a solo practice that was much more diverse. While still practicing criminal law, I also represented plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases, landlord and tenant actions, divorce and custody cases, and clients in juvenile court cases. My practice took me to most of the counties in southwest Pennsylvania.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: I try to treat everyone I interact with respectfully. All parties to the cases I hear, all attorneys who appear before me, and all witnesses who may testify in my courtroom deserve to be treated as I would like to be treated myself. In my years as an attorney, but especially my time as a Public Defender, I saw many Judges mistreat and demean people in their courtrooms. This was especially true for my indigent clients. No matter who is before me, no matter the type of case, and no matter the outcome, everyone must be treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. Failure to do so damages the integrity of the court and weakens its authority and reputation. As a Magisterial District Judge, this is one of the ethical canons I live by.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: I do not have a single role model. In my 19 years of representing clients prior to taking the bench in 2010, I appeared before dozens of Common Pleas Court Judges and Magisterial District Judges in nine different counties. I tried to take away something from every one of these court appearances. Sometimes it was a positive thing that particular Judge did, and sometimes it was a negative thing. I realized that each Judge brings his or her own strengths and weaknesses with them, and after my appointment I was determined to take the best of all of them and work to try to avoid their shortcomings. Rather than simply try to be the next "Judge So and So", I have always tried to be the best Judge Caulfield I can be. It is a work in progress.

JOSEPH PATRICK MURPHY

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Murphy

First Name: Joseph

Middle Name: Patrick

Mailing Address: 310 Grant Street, Suite 3309

Campaign Phone: 412-521-2000

Campaign Email: jmurphy@jmurphyfirm.com

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

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



JOSEPH PATRICK MURPHY

[com/josephpatrickmurphy](http://josephpatrickmurphy.com)

District: Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania (Allegheny County)

Education: B.A. Stockton College J.D. Duquesne University Law School

Qualifications for office: Over Twenty Years' Experience Representing People in Court Matters

Questions:

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

A: I have been practicing actual courtroom law for over twenty years. I have a long history of representing PEOPLE. I was never a prosecutor or foreclosure attorney, I represented PEOPLE. During the sub-prime crisis I recruited and trained attorneys all over the commonwealth in how to defend people against predatory collections lawsuits. We saved millions of dollars for Citizens of our Commonwealth. This work went on for over a decade and involved endless appearances in court and everyone involved in the effort got a lot of experience. As a Roman Catholic, I also have a long history representing people in humanitarian immigration that dates back to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: Listening. I listen to people. I even try to create space for them to speak in. Listening can be an act of respect, even humility. Judges must show, and actually have, respect for the Citizens that come before them. A Judge that shows humility and respect will usually find those qualities reciprocated by others around them.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: R. Stanton Wettick. He was even tempered, patient, respectful of the litigants and public. Also very smart, a hard worker. Judge Wettick's rulings were very consistent. This made our court system very efficient.

ANTHONY DELUCA

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: DeLuca

First Name: Anthony

Mailing Address: 225 Ross Street, 4th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Campaign Phone: 412.401.6963

Campaign Email: DeLucafor-Judge2021@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.DeLuca4Judge.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/anthonydelucafor-judge

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/deluca4judge>

District: Allegheny County/5th Judicial District of Pennsylvania

Education: Boston College, 1994 University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1997, Magna Cum Laude

Qualifications for office: Highly Recommended by the Allegheny County Bar Association Instrumental in Developing Mental Health Court in Allegheny County. Only Union Labor Attorney in the Court of Common Pleas race. Has represented working families for better wages, benefits and working conditions for well over a decade.

Questions:

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

A: The most impactful period of my career is when I worked to develop the Mental Health Court in Allegheny County. I was able to experience the incred-



ANTHONY DELUCA

dible benefit of working in a collaborative way in the Criminal Justice System to treat offenders and prevent recidivism. I have a wide variety of experience in the Criminal Courts as a Criminal defense attorney for over 15 years and before that an Assistant District Attorney. In my career I have been involved in hundreds of trials. I have also practiced in the civil courts as the only union side labor attorney in the Court of Common Pleas race. I have been representing unions as a substantial part of my career for over a decade. Finally, I have done some work in every of the Divisions.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: Many people in my family are school teachers including my parents, grandmother, Aunts, Uncles and cousins. When I thought of going into the teaching profession I was warned that I was not patient enough. Since that time, through life experience and being the father of three kids, I have learned patience. That patience is necessary in a judge because a judge should take the time to lean who is before the bench to best render decisions. Moreover, particularly when a defendant is in need of treatment, a judge should be patient in allowing that treatment to take effect.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: I clerked for Judge Maureen Lally-Green on the Pennsylvania Superior Court. She was a shining example of the traits of intelligence, passion, work ethic and fair mindedness that a great judge must possess.

DANIEL J. KONIECZKA, JR.

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Konieczka, Jr.

First Name: Daniel

Middle Name: J

Mailing Address: 89 Chapel Drive
Pittsburgh Pa 15237

Campaign Phone: 412 335-1361

Campaign Email: dankforjudge@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.dankforjudge.com>

Facebook: Facebook/dankforjudge

Education: University of Pitts-

burgh - BA - 1982 University of Pittsburgh - JD - 1986

Qualifications for office: Highly recommended by the ACBA. I am a practicing attorney with over thirty-four years of trial experience. I am a sitting Magisterial District Judge. I also served as Deputy District Attorney in Allegheny County for over 23 years. Finally, I have 8 years of criminal defense/juvenile experience

Questions:

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

A: As a magisterial district judge, I currently enter judgments in hundreds of civil, criminal and juvenile matters. As a Deputy District Attorney, I personally litigated or directed the prosecution of thousands of cases to include the most violent offenders and also oversaw the adult certification of appropriate juvenile matters. During my tenure, I was sworn in as a federal Special Assistant United States Attorney for the investigation, indictment and prosecution of the violent street LAW gang. As a criminal defense attorney, I handled both criminal and juvenile matters.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: I possess, as a current trier of fact, the trait of a thorough listener. A thorough listener possesses the courtroom knowledge and experience to discern, what some-



DANIEL J.
KONIECZKA, JR.

times is not well-articulated, but highly relevant to the issue at hand. A thorough listener permits all sides an equal opportunity to present their perspective. In addition, a thorough listener must understand how the law applies to the established facts. Finally, a thorough listener enters a judgment based on their common sense, personal integrity and empathy to all parties.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: I have appeared in many courtrooms and observe many fine jurists. U.S. District judges, Hornak, Barry-Fischer, and Ambrose modeled demeanor, thoroughness and courtroom command respectively. Common Pleas judges Allen (Superior Court), McDaniel, and Borkowski modeled fairness, confidence and command of the law respectively. Justice David N. Wecht is a model for his opinion writing clarity. However, to select one, the Honorable Jeffrey A. Manning is closest in possessing all of the aforementioned traits. Honorary mention to late judge Robert Dauer whose affability is unmatched.

WILLIAM BILL CAYE

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Caye

First Name: William

Mailing Address: 109 Crab Orchard Court

Campaign Phone: 412.953.7022

Campaign Email: williamcaye@williamcayelaw.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.williamcaye.com>

Facebook: Caye for Judge

Twitter: @BillCaye4J

District: Allegheny County

Education: Duquesne University, School of Law, JD Duquesne University, Liberal Arts, BA

Qualifications for office: Recommended - Common Pleas Judge, Allegheny Co. Bar Assoc.; Endorsed for Judge, Allegheny Labor Council; Endorsed for Judge, Allegheny Co. Democratic Party; Endorsed by Char Valley Democrats; Endorsed by Teamsters Joint Council 40 & FOP#1; Past Sr. Deputy Attorney General, Assist. District Attorney

Questions:

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

A: I have extensive trial verdict and judicial support experience in our Courts of Common Pleas sections. For over 27 years, I have been engaged on all sides of legal disputes in substantial, complex pretrial settlement negotiations, motions, litigation, trials & alternative dispute resolutions. This all-inclusive court room litigation experience, as described, starts at the minor judiciary and covers trial courts across our state - primarily in areas of child advocacy in Juvenile delinquency, Criminal prosecutions & Criminal defense. I teach professional education at The Cyril Wecht Institute.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: Servant-leader is an important personal trait that would make me an effective impartial Common Pleas Judge. I listen and problem solve, and as such, I am well suited to make competent court rulings that will make a real and meaningful difference for enhancing quality of life issues to transform circumstances for all people with poise, honest communication, a sense of fairness, and compassion. Judges must lead in tough cases and communicate effectively and responsibly in proactive, holistic ways to conscientiously serve every citizen every time fairly and equitably.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?



WILLIAM BILL
CAYE

A: RBG. Justice Ginsburg was my judicial role model because she understood how to relate to people she sometimes disagreed with, with class and humanity. As a Judge, she administered balanced justice and equity as Constitutionally charged with a profound, impartial, and independent daily duty of care. In so doing, RBG performed evolving judicial obligations that were entrusted by the will of the people, for the people, and to benefit all of the people. Her decisions including her dissents significantly impact many lives in a positive way. Judges like her must be critical thinkers and deliberate in their reasoning in order to solve problems and guide sound decision making.

CHUCK PORTER

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Porter

First Name: Chuck

Middle Name: John

Mailing Address: 202 Garden Lane 202 Garden Lane Glenshaw, PA 15116

Campaign Phone: 412-818-2344

Campaign Email: team@chuck-porterforjudge.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.chuckporterforjudge.com>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/ChuckPorterforJudge/>

District: Allegheny County

Education: BSBA Duquesne University 1982 JD Duquesne University School Law 1985-Law Review

Qualifications for office: I've been a trial lawyer for 36 years I have served as an Assistant District Attorney, And have been in private practice for 34 where I have practiced at some point in every division. I have contemporaneously served as a judicial law clerk for three common please court judges for nearly thirty years

Questions:

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

A: I began my career as an assistant District Attorney where I represented the Commonwealth in pretrial and trial manners. I have been in private practice since September of 1987. I have practiced in each division at some point during my career. I have primarily been a criminal defense lawyer throughout my private practice. I have accepted court appointments as well as private clients throughout my career. I have tried numerous jury trials in both the state and federal court systems throughout my thirty-six years of being a trial lawyer. I have been recognized by my peers as one of the best trial lawyers in America since 2006. Only 1 of the 17 candidates have achieved such a recognition. I've also represented the DA's office in civil matters.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: I believe I am even tempered and possess common sense. I have been viewed by my colleagues as a "lawyer's lawyer" I have appeared in front of numerous judges over the past thirty-six years all of these appearances have been learning experiences that better enable me to understand what makes an effective judge. My experience, temperament and reputation amongst my peers will make me an effective judge.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: My judicial role model is Judge Gustave Diamond I had the pleasure of appearing before him in many cases in the US District Court. One noteworthy case involved 13 defendants and spanned 11 weeks of trial Judge Diamond efficiently handled such a large case. He was fair and even handed with all lawyers and parties. He



CHUCK PORTER

was prepared at all times and thoughtfully handled all objections and evidentiary matters. His rulings were well thought out and supported by the law. He required the government to properly present their case. Judge Diamond's thoughtful, fair and even approach gave all in his courtroom a level playing field. He listened carefully to the arguments of the lawyers treated all with respect and made rulings consistent with the law.

MARK PATRICK FLAHERTY

Party: Rep

RICK HOSKING

Party: Rep

RICHARD L. WEISS

Party: Grn

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Weiss

First Name: Richard

Middle Name: Leonard

Mailing Address: 107 Old Village Lane, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Campaign Phone: 412-831-2563

Campaign Email: RLWeiss@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.alleghe-nygreens.org/platform/candidates>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RichardLWeiss>

Education: Bethel Park High School; University of Pittsburgh, BA Political Science; University of Denver, Juris Doctor; American University, Master of Laws in International Legal Studies, Ford Foundation Fellowship; University of Chicago, Master of Business Administration

Qualifications for office: Admitted to Pennsylvania Bar, 1992, Attorney number 66095

Questions:

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

A: Civil and criminal law were required courses and on the bar exam. Family law was not a required course but I took family law as an elective in law school because I was interested in learning the subject. While in law school, I interned for a state district court judge for academic credit. (I also interned at a large corporation and a state regulatory agency.) I have been working as a lawyer in private practice for almost three decades, for the U.S. federal govt at USAID, for foreign investors in Indonesia, and as litigation support in the U.S. If change and reform is what you want, seek it from outside the current system. As an outsider, I would be open to receiving and implementing proposals from outside experts.

Q: Describe an important personal trait that would make you an effective judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

A: I listen to all sides dispassionately. If there is new evidence I am willing to change my mind. I believe in the value of every human being. If elected: 1. I will not set cash bail. 2. I will not accept charges merely for possession of cannabis.

Q: Who is your judicial role model and why?

A: Former Texas Judge and District Attorney Ronnie Earl. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL16F062474CF806E0>



RICHARD L. WEISS

ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF

The Sheriff as an officer of the court serves writs, warrants, summons and other judicial documents, impanels jurors, executes sheriff's sales and carries out orders of the county court.

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$110, 372

DEMOCRATIC

(Vote for One)

KEVIN KRAUS

Party: Dem, Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Kraus

First Name: Kevin

Middle Name: Matthew

Mailing Address: 156 Berkshire Court Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Campaign Phone: 412-589-0573

Campaign Email: kevinkrausforsheriff@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.krausforsheriff.com>

Facebook: @kevinkrausforsheriff

Twitter: N/A

District: N/A

Education: Proud alumni of La Roche College, where I graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a degree in Administration and Management. I also am a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and completed police executive training at the JFK School of Government by Harvard.

Qualifications for office: 21-year veteran of the Pittsburgh Police, thru the ranks of Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant. For 12 years, served as Lieutenant of Major Crimes, Investigations Branch. Also was Zone 5 Station Commander for a year. For the last 7 years, currently serving as Chief Deputy of ACSO, second in command.

Questions:

Q: What elements of your education, training and work experience qualify you to be Sheriff? Why are you the best candidate for Sheriff?

A: I've been in law enforcement for the last 28 consecutive years, working hard every day during these challenging times and continuously evolving with policing to best serve our community. I have gained the experience and knowledge to form a vision moving forward to do my part as Sheriff to work collectively with stakeholders to solve issues. I am the best candidate because I am committed to being an equitable Sheriff to all the citizens of Allegheny County and I want to continue serving and protecting every citizen regardless of background, race, ethnicity, gender or religion.

Q: What are the most pressing issues in the Sheriff's office and how would you resolve them?

A: As Sheriff, the most pressing issues to me are transparency, personnel accountability, hiring, training and green initiatives. We have secured monies in our budget to enhance our current transparency with an In-Car Camera Initiative. I also secured capital monies to create an early warning system to ensure personnel are held accountable, identify potential issues and further enhance transparency. I also want to hire the right people and better our hiring processes with additional pre-employment screening using a panel of physicians to obtain a collective decision on candidates. Lastly, I would also like to increase training requirements and opportunities and also invest in green initiatives with technology and green vehicles.



KEVIN KRAUS

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

(Vote for One)

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.

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years **STIPEND:** \$10,940

DEMOCRATIC

JACK BETKOWSKI

Party: Dem

REPUBLICAN

JOE WISE

Party: Rep

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

ANITA PRIZIO

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Prizio

First Name: Anita

Mailing Address: 117 W. Marshall Dr. Pittsburgh PA 15215

Campaign Email: anita@anitaprizio.org

Campaign Web Site: <http://anitaprizio.org>

Twitter: @anitaprizio

District: County Council District 3

Education: 1969-1981 Winchester-Thurston School; 1981-1985 Bucknell University (B.A. Political Science-German); 1989 MBA University of Pittsburgh; 1999 JD University of Pittsburgh (Active Member of the PA Bar 83695)

Qualifications for office: Allegheny County Councilmember 2018--O'Hara Township Councilmember 1998-2006 Work Experience: 1989-2019: Pittsburgh Crankshaft Service, Inc.-Owner. An internal engine parts warehouse, a family business founded by my parents, both European immigrants. Current Steel Valley Auth. (Outreach Specialist)

Questions:

Q: Many municipalities in Allegheny County struggle to pay for their government. What can you do as a member of Council to make them more economically viable?

A: As a former council member of O'Hara Township, I recall public works and public safety as two departments that commanded a large portion of our budget. Voluntary consolidation of police departments may ease some of these budgetary challenges as well as cooperative agreements between communities regarding road maintenance and equipment,



ANITA PRIZIO

however, the most dramatic cost savings would result from true consolidation. Such a move would require state approval. Authority for Improvements in Municipalities (AIM) provides low interest loans to municipalities to finance capital needs. However, grants for multi-municipal projects should be increased to encourage efficiencies.

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

A: COVID has laid bare the social and racial inequities prevalent in Allegheny County. As a Council, we are seeking to address these issues through ordinances. I have worked and will continue to make sure that Allegheny County works for everyone, not just for a privileged few. I am proud of my track record on social and racial justice, but we must continue to address the fact that the County's most marginalized populations live in some of the most polluted areas, in food deserts, with inadequate access to reliable public transportation. By using our budgetary power, we could greatly improve this situation.

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

A: Pittsburgh recently received an F rating from the American Air Association, and is among the top 10 worst U.S. cities for air quality. Addressing this crisis is a central focus of my work on Council. I was the lead sponsor of the Clean Construction Ordinance passed by Council. This law requires all County construction projects \$2.5 million and above to use the most effective diesel particulate pollution control devices available. I am the Chair of the first-ever Committee on Sustainability and Green initiatives, created to collaborate closely with the Sustainability Manager and municipalities to offer a regional approach to our climate crisis.

REPUBLICAN

MEREDITH DOLAN

Party: Rep

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

PATRICK J. CATENA

Party: Dem

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Naccarati-Chapkis

First Name: Michelle

Mailing Address: 839 Justine Drive Pittsburgh,

PA 15239

Campaign Phone: 412-737-6868

Campaign Email: mchapkis839@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.michelleforcountycouncil.com>

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

District: County Council District 8

Education: Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh

Qualifications for office: My career has been spent supporting communities to better protect public health and the environment. This includes also working with local, state and federal agencies. For the past ten years I have also served on the Plum Zoning Hearing Board & volunteered on the boro's comprehensive plan committee.

Q: Many municipalities in Allegheny County struggle to pay for their government. What can you do as a member of Council to make them more economically viable?

A: There are 130 municipalities in Allegheny County, one with a population as small as 68 people. The Councils of Government and organizations such as CONNECT and the Local Government Academy provide an array of support and resources to municipalities to help reduce costs. With the American Rescue Plan funding going directly to these municipalities and Allegheny County, Council has an opportunity to serve a leadership role. It needs to provide support to municipalities, and the organizations they rely upon, to ensure funding is distributed equitably by 2024. With discussions of a large infrastructure package, Council must work closely with both state and federal elected leaders to ensure federal funds flow to the communities in greatest need.

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

A: I will use my knowledge of social determinants of health (such as affordable and safe housing, quality education, transportation, health care, and clean air and water) to advance priorities throughout the County that strive toward a healthier, more equitable and more prosperous region for ALL residents, regardless of zip code. The pandemic has demonstrated issues of inequity across Allegheny County. In response, the Black Equity Coalition was formed to focus on the disproportionate impact on the health, well-being, and economic stability of communities of color. This is an opportunity for County Council to learn from the Coalition and respond to its recommended policies. Lastly, the voices of the LGBTQ+ community must continue to be heard.

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

A: There are many industrial sources contributing to poor air quality, resulting in an increase in cancer and asthma rates and a lack of economic growth. Recently, County Council unanimously passed an episodic weather regulation to ensure a decrease in particulate matter. Industry must invest in their facilities, upgrading outdated equipment and using best available technologies so that hazardous air pollutants are no longer



MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS

released impacting the community's health. Reducing emissions from the transit sector and creating a comprehensive plan to address climate change will also improve our air. An investment in workforce development, including working with the Community College of Allegheny County, could be a roadmap for renewable energy jobs.

REPUBLICAN

ERIC P. CASTEEL

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Casteel

First Name: Eric

Middle Name: Phillip

Mailing Address: 120 Valley Fields Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15239-1462

Campaign Phone: 412-719-4207

Campaign Email: campaign@ericcasteel.org

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.ericcasteel.org>

District: 8

Education: Bachelor of Science from the University of Pittsburgh

Questions:

No Response



ERIC P. CASTEEL

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

BOB MACEY

Party: Dem

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

(Vote for One in your district)

DEMOCRATIC

ROBERT PALMOSINA

Party: Dem

MAYOR, CITY OF PITTSBURGH

The executive, administrative and law enforcement powers of the city are vested in the mayor. The mayor shall control and be accountable for the executive branch of city government.

Term of Office: 4 years

Salary: \$117,502

DEMOCRATIC

(Vote for One)

EDWARD C. GAINNEY**Party:** Dem**Biographical Info:****Last Name:** Gainey**First Name:** Ed**Mailing Address:** PO Box 5208, Pittsburgh, PA 15206**Campaign Phone:** 412-282-3846**Campaign Email:** info@gaineyformayor.com**Campaign Web Site:** http://gaineyformayor.com**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/gaineyformayor**Twitter:** https://twitter.com/gaineyformayor**District:** Currently represents House District 24 in the General Assembly, Democratic Nominee for Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh**Education:** Morgan State University Class of 1994; Peabody High School Class of 1988**Qualifications for office:** Raised by a single mom in East Liberty and the first in his family to go to college, Ed has spent years fighting the inequality that too many Pittsburghers have faced for decades. In Harrisburg, he's fought to raise the minimum wage, increase transit funding, and reform our criminal justice system.**Questions:****Q: What is your record of accomplishment in Affordable Housing and what are your plans for the future?**

A: As a State Representative, I've championed the development of affordable housing in my district and fought on behalf of residents facing displacement. As Mayor I will invest in housing every Pittsburgher can afford. That means: 1) using the leverage of the City's planning process to demand community benefit agreements and inclusionary contracting practices from developers rather than rubber stamping their plans, 2) deploying tools like Community Land Trusts, the Land Bank, and Inclusionary Zoning to build neighborhoods that are accessible for everyone, and 3) focusing the resources of the Housing Authority and URA on expanding affordable housing options, preventing displacement, and protecting neighborhoods from predatory development.

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

A: We need to change the way we police this city. If elected, I'm committed to real police reform that ensures that no Pittsburgher lives in fear of crime, or of the police. That means: 1) demilitarizing police equipment and training to break the "us vs them" mentality between police and community, 2) redirecting resources from militarized gear and tactics into implementing community policing strategies, 3) establishing alternative response procedures that allow social and healthcare workers to respond non-violent and mental health emergencies instead of police, 4) fighting for use of force reform to change the rules of engagement between police and the public and make it easier to hold officers accountable when they abuse their power.

Q: What kinds of strategies would you pursue to address the multiple and interconnected challenges of climate change, social, environmental and economic justice?

A: Interconnected injustices require an intersectional response. If we attempt to address exclusion in silos, people who face multiple

**EDWARD C. GAINNEY**

injustices end up falling through the cracks. Breaking through those silos requires active leadership that understands how inequalities compound for our most marginalized communities. As Mayor I'm committed to a zero-harm, zero-exclusion agenda that lifts everyone up by focusing on those who have been left furthest behind, defending their right to belong and contribute, and treating them like the assets that they are for our City. The time for simply talking about that reality is over, we need action, and we need to elevate leaders who have those lived experiences to arrive at solutions.

REPUBLICAN**(Vote for One)****TONY MORENO****Party:** Rep**Biographical Info:****Last Name:** MORENO**First Name:** Tony**Middle Name:** Crawford**Mailing Address:** PO Box 99493 Pittsburgh PA 15233**Campaign Phone:** (412) 251-4018**Campaign Email:** realsteel-mayor@gmail.com**Campaign Web Site:** http://realsteelmayor.com**Facebook:** Tony Moreno for Pittsburgh Mayor**District:** 1 Northside**Education:** Plumber's apprentice credits College credits Mental Health First Aid Certified Crisis Intervention Team Certified Investigations Courses through MPOETC**Qualifications for office:** 24 years of Public service in The City of Pittsburgh**Questions:****Q: What is your record of accomplishment in Affordable Housing and what are your plans for the future?**

A: My plans for the future would be to target existing abandoned buildings and homes, rehab them, and make them available to people currently awaiting housing. I would utilize the local workforce with specific job training to rehab existing buildings. This would be done under the blue-collar trades training programs I have plans for. I would utilize community input for housing needs with regard to who to make the specific properties available.

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

A: Annual evaluations upward as well as down the chain of command would be set up. Meaning, the patrol officer would evaluate their sergeants to hold them accountable for their treatment of the officers. Sergeants would evaluate their Lieutenant, in the same manner, the patrol officer would evaluate their Sergeant. This will hold everyone accountable and likely eliminate discrimination and corruption inside of the leadership structure. Leadership training would be prioritized over promotion. Selection for promotion would be based on the individual's body of work, not nepotism or favoritism. The complaint process has shown the police department is failing and lacking in accountability and approval by the citizens of Pittsburgh.

Q: What kinds of strategies would you pursue to address the multiple and intercon-**TONY MORENO****nected challenges of climate change, social, environmental and economic justice?**

A: I would increase the forestry department as well as environmental services to enact the plans I have for improved air and water quality. I have a comprehensive plan for job opportunities and training for underserved communities. The start is with drivers licenses (to include driver's training). The ability to drive legally is imperative for opportunities in many fields or trades.

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2**(Vote for One in your district)**

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.

TERM: 4 years**SALARY:** \$70,108**DEMOCRATIC****THERESA KAIL SMITH****Party:** Dem**Biographical Info:****Last Name:** Kail Smith**First Name:** Theresa**Mailing Address:** PO Box 25340**Campaign Phone:** 7022799470**Campaign Email:** info@reelecttheresakailsmith.com**Campaign Web Site:** http://reelecttheresakailsmith.com**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/reelecttheresakailsmith**District:** 2**Education:** Some college, many trainings, and certifications**Qualifications for office:** I have served on City Council since 2009 and became City Council President in 2020. Prior to my service on City Council, I volunteered for local organizations throughout Pittsburgh and District 2 for more than 30 years.**Q: What are your top three priorities for this office?**

A: 1. Infrastructure 2. Continuing to address quality of life issues for our residents 3. Creating safe, clean environments and continuing stabilization and development efforts in each neighborhood in D-2

Q: What role do you see for your municipal government in interacting with Allegheny County Council?

A: I have a great relationship with my County Councilman, the County Executive, and others on Council and I fully expect to continue those relationships. It is important to focus on all levels of government because they all affect the City of Pittsburgh. In District 2, we work closely with our County Councilman on road reconstruction and social services.

Q: How would you propose addressing the water, air quality and other infrastructure concerns of your residents?**THERESA KAIL SMITH**

A: During my time on Council, I held the first post-agendas and public hearings on the quality of water in the City of Pittsburgh. This directly led to the replacement of thousands of lead lines throughout the city. PWSA now claims Pittsburgh has the best quality of water in decades. While there is still work to do, I am working with PWSA and the Peduto Administration to encourage PWSA to offer payment plans to residents and small businesses who need to have infrastructure work done on their water lines or tap-in fees, which are costly. In terms of air quality, I am working to protect the tree canopy in District 2.

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

(Vote for One in your district)

DEMOCRATIC

ANTHONY COGHILL

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Coghill

First Name: Anthony

Mailing Address: 2414 Wenzell Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Campaign Email: coghilldistrict4@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://anthonycoghill.com/index.html>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ReElectAnthony-Coghill>

District: Pittsburgh City Council District 4

Education: Brashear High School

Qualifications for office: I have been involved in public service since 2005 when I began working for State Senator Wayne Fontana and since then have become Chair of the 19th Ward of the Allegheny County Democratic Party. I have also been hard at work the last three years as the current City Councilmember.

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

A: • Continue re investing in our public works department by right sizing the fleet and making sure that our employees have the right equipment they need to do their jobs. • Creating economic opportunities for all residents is another top priority for me. By focusing on supporting and promoting small businesses we foster economic growth that benefits the community with thriving business districts and small businesses owned by neighborhood residents. • I will also continue advocating for and improving our parks. I led the fight against the disastrous Parks Tax and made sure this money would stay in the control of taxpayers. I have also made countless improvements to our parks by steering investment into facilities and equipment.

Q: What role do you see for your municipal government in interacting with Allegheny County Council?

A: I see the role between the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Council as one of cooperation. I have a great relationship with Councilman Palmosina and have been able to work cooperatively with him anytime I've needed assistance. I have said before that I am always willing to work with anyone who wants to help improve District 4 and I mean that.

Q: How would you propose addressing the water, air quality and other infrastructure

concerns of your residents?

A: I've been working hard to address these concerns and because of the partnerships I have formed the infrastructure needs in the district have been getting addressed in ways that didn't happen under the previous Councilperson. I intend to keep fostering these partnerships with other elected officials as well because many of these problems cannot be solved by a single individual, but by bringing together a team of people willing to work towards solving complicated issues. By partnering with our State and Regional leaders we can identify sources of funding and enforcement that will continue to see improvements in our regions water and air quality.

GREEN

CONNOR T. MULVANEY

Party: Green

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Mulvaney

First Name: Connor

Middle Name: Thomas

Campaign Email: connorforpgh@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://connor4pgh.com>

Facebook: @connorforpgh

Twitter: @ConnorMulvaney

District: 4

Education: BA from Point Park University, 2015 MSUS from Chatham University, 2019

Qualifications for office: Co-founder of South Hills Safe Streets, Worked on the Re-Imagine Beaver County project

Questions:

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

A: I will fight for a city budget that reflects the needs of its residents. My campaign has been surveying residents about the issues they care about and I will continue to listen to them after assuming office, even if that means physically bringing them into the City County Building to have their voices heard directly. I will also address our dangerous crumbling and poorly designed infrastructure so that it is safe and easy to use for all residents, whether they be pedestrians, bicyclists, or motorists. We also need to prepare our city for future public health, environmental, and economic crises by ensuring all residents have basic necessities (healthcare, housing, clean air/water) and our neighborhoods have sustainable local economies.

Q: What role do you see for your municipal government in interacting with Allegheny County Council?

A: With Pittsburgh being the largest population and economic center in Allegheny County, it's only natural that Pittsburgh's City Council should work closely with the County government. In particular, I would push the County to invest more in transit, expanding it, electrifying it, and making it more accessible for people with disabilities.

Q: How would you propose addressing the water, air quality and other infrastructure concerns of your residents?

A: We need to accelerate the work on removing lead from our water and defending our public utilities from threats of privatisation. As a City Councilperson I would advocate for stronger regulations on the big industrial polluters in our region which contribute the most to our ongoing air pollution crisis. In the city, we can work on lowering the combined emissions of vehicles. We also have an immense issue with flooding and combined sewer overflow. We can reduce these issues in a major way by implementing green infrastructure. Final-



CONNOR T. MULVANEY

ly, we need to repair and replace the roads, sidewalks, and steps that have been neglected and crumbling for years. These are immense safety hazards to the public and make getting around difficult and dangerous.

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

(Vote for One in your district)

DEMOCRATIC

ROBERT DANIEL LAVELLE

Party: Dem

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

(Vote for One in your district)

DEMOCRATIC

ERIKA STRASSBURGER

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Strassburger

First Name: Erika

Mailing Address: 1533 Valmont St, Pittsburgh PA 15217

Campaign Phone: 412-721-6564

Campaign Email: info@voteerika.com

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

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

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/erikastrassbrgr>

District: 8

Education: Bucknell University, degrees in Environmental Studies and International Relations

Qualifications for office: Environment advocate for 9+ years w/ Penn Environment and New Hampshire Environment Former Chief of Staff to Councilperson Gilman 2 years as District 8 Councilperson Vice-Chair of PWSA

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

A: It is my responsibility in part to help restore public trust by creating an office where constituents can voice their opinions, hear from their Council Member regularly, and can trust her words while feeling seen and respected. I aim to set an example for other City officials to become more transparent. Second, I will fight for a future of policies and inclusive job opportunities in our region that contribute to healthy air and water with fair wages for workers. Third, I will continue passing legislation and advocating at other levels of government to ensure everyone is treated equally.

Q: What role do you see for your municipal government in interacting with Allegheny County Council?

A: I will focus on environmental justice, improving our public schools, and ensuring our economy works for everyone. Our most marginalized communities are victims of gross environmental mistreatment by big corporations. We need legislation and enforcement to improve water and air quality no matter your zip code. Our public schools show clear opportunity gaps for children of color and of low income—Council needs to work with the School



ERIKA STRASSBURGER



ANTHONY COGHILL

Board to share resources in order to create a more just educational system. Finally, I plan to provide uplift small businesses owned by women, LGBT+ and BIPOC folk.

Q: How would you propose addressing the water, air quality and other infrastructure concerns of your residents?

A: We need to focus more on underlying causes of crime and violence as opposed to the symptoms. In part, this can be accomplished by creating alternatives to policing such as training other first responders to respond to matters involving drug addiction, mental health emergencies, and more. All in all, we need a shift away from policing as we know it altogether. To do this, states and cities need more control over who is hired, disciplined, and fired, and what the culture of police forces prioritizes. The future version cannot take hold while police unions wield as much power as they do.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 1

(Vote for One in your district)

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.

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years

NO SALARY

DEMOCRATIC

SYLVIA C. WILSON

Party: Dem, Rep
Biographical Info:
Last Name: Wilson
First Name: Sylvia
Middle Name: C.
Mailing Address: Sylvia Wilson
 PO Box 4812
Campaign Phone: 412.927.6067
Campaign Email: d1@sylvia-wilson.com
Campaign Web Site: <http://sylvia-wilson.com>
Facebook: Re-Elect Sylvia C. Wilson@D1for2021
Twitter: @SylviaCWilson
District: 1



SYLVIA C. WILSON

Education: Pittsburgh Public Schools - Peabody Carnegie Mellon University - BA University of Pittsburgh - Med

Qualifications for office: Retired teacher with Pittsburgh Public Schools; in second term on school board; participates in on-going professional development for school directors;

Q: The pandemic has highlighted the significant disparity in educational delivery in districts from no in-person learning, to hybrid models to full time in-person sessions resulting in uneven student performance. As schools reopen, how would you propose to assess student achievement and to remedy the loss of learning for so many students?

A: Students must be met at their level initially

to determine what they know and build upon that based on grade level and curriculum. Then attention has to be given to enhance and enrich their educational experiences. More time alone doesn't do it, it's the types of activities provided and materials used (and with interest) and the educational rigor used which will bring about the desired results.

Q: Social and racial justice issues have become a concern for all school districts, many of which have instituted anti-bullying programs to help address these issues. What kinds of criteria would you propose to measure the effectiveness of these campaigns and progress toward improvement?

A: Anti-bullying policies have existed in Pittsburgh Public Schools for quite some time. It is important that the policies be applied and adhered to consistently across the district. Incidents and/or complaints and resulting actions must be viewed to see that district policies are being followed. If not, then those schools not compliant must be given additional training and oversight.

Q: Pennsylvania currently allows parents to choose whether their children attend public schools, charter, or cyber-charter schools with funding provided by state and local opponents of all of these options. Where do you stand and explain your position.

A: Public schools educate all children - they do not get to choose which children they will teach. Charters were to be innovative, to become infused into the district. They have not shown the way. Charter and cyber schools should adhere to the same guidelines as regular comprehensive public schools. Public schools must disclose their finances and budget. There is no requirement to publicly show the use of tax dollars by charters and cyber schools. Charter schools and cyber schools have boards, but they are not elected. They are using public dollars, this should be publicly disclosed as well. Quite a few charters and cyber schools are run by profit making companies. Again, they should not be allowed to make a profit using tax dollars.

REPUBLICAN

Sylvia C. Wilson – See Response Above

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 3

(Vote for One in your district)

SALA UDIN

Party: Dem

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 5

(Vote for One in your district)

DEMOCRATIC

TRACEY REED

Party: Dem
Biographical Info:
Last Name: Reed
First Name: Tracey
Middle Name: Annette
Mailing Address: 3441 Beechwood Blvd. Pittsburgh,

PA 15217

Campaign Phone: 412.692.1906
Campaign Email: tracey4district5@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://tracey4pps.com>

Facebook: Tracey4PPS

Education: B.A. Secondary Education, English (University of Pittsburgh) M.A. Public Administration (University of Virginia) Ph.D. Education Policy Studies (University of Virginia)

Qualifications for office: I was a high school English teacher. I have a Ph.D. in Education Policy. I have spent 13 years in PPS with my two children.

Questions:

Q: The pandemic has highlighted the significant disparity in educational delivery in districts from no in-person learning, to hybrid models to full time in-person sessions resulting in uneven student performance. As schools reopen, how would you propose to assess student achievement and to remedy the loss of learning for so many students?

A: Formative assessments should be used to help educators understand where students are academically and with which concepts they are struggling. These assessments should be low stakes and casual and can come in the form of a quiz or even a conversation. The results should guide educators' practice to address students' individual and collective academic needs. Addressing learning loss will require cooperative effort between educators, communities, families, and students. In addition to learning loss, it is imperative that we also focus on students' and educators' social and emotional needs as they return to school.

Q: Social and racial justice issues have become a concern for all school districts, many of which have instituted anti-bullying programs to help address these issues. What kinds of criteria would you propose to measure the effectiveness of these campaigns and progress toward improvement?

A: I would determine the effectiveness of anti-bullying efforts by taking stock of changes in students' attitudes about how best to treat one another. I would also pay attention to the number of reported bullying incidents. Interestingly, sometimes if anti-bullying programs are effective, the reported incidents may increase as students' understanding that bullying is inappropriate rises and they become empowered to report bullying. A focus on anti-bullying to address racial and social justice issues seems short-sighted. Many racial and social justice issues are systemic and do not show up as interpersonal conflict between students.

Q: Pennsylvania currently allows parents to choose whether their children attend public schools, charter, or cyber-charter schools with funding provided by state and local opponents of all of these options. Where do you stand and explain your position.

A: I am in favor of impactful, high-quality schools for all children in our district. All schools should be held to high standards and be accountable for student outcomes. Seventy percent of Pittsburgh families choose a school other than their feeder school for their children. White families choose primarily private and magnet schools, and Black families mainly choose district, magnet, and charter schools. The families of the 5,000, mostly Black children who attend charter schools, live in our district, pay taxes, and deserve to send their children to schools that work for them. Our district has historically under-served low-income and Black children. It is imperative that families have options about which they can feel confident.



TRACEY REED

TERRY KENNEDY

Party: Dem, Rep
Biographical Info:
Last Name: Kennedy

First Name: Terry

Middle Name: Ann

Mailing Address: 4335 Saline Street Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Campaign Phone: 412-576-6106

Campaign Email: FriendsOfTerryKennedy@gmail.com

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

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

District: Pittsburgh Public Schools, District 5

Education: 1983 Carnegie-Mellon University B.S. in Applied Mathematics, Computer Science track

Qualifications for office: 20+ years PPS volunteer involvement in early intervention, special & gifted education, magnet programs, assistive technology, & CITY Connections. Board member since 2013; 2nd VP 3 times; chair/co-chair of Policy, Business/Finance, Safety & Operations, Negotiations, & Personnel committees.

Q: The pandemic has highlighted the significant disparity in educational delivery in districts from no in-person learning, to hybrid models to full time in-person sessions resulting in uneven student performance. As schools reopen, how would you propose to assess student achievement and to remedy the loss of learning for so many students?

A: The District is continuously assessing student achievement using multiple measures. The summer BOOST program is a start to remedy learning loss and will be offered to the students most at risk for learning loss. Planning for other supports and programs is in process. Assessment of each student's needs should occur early in the 21-22 school year to determine the appropriate supports needed to help each student to overcome the loss.

Q: Social and racial justice issues have become a concern for all school districts, many of which have instituted anti-bullying programs to help address these issues. What kinds of criteria would you propose to measure the effectiveness of these campaigns and progress toward improvement?

A: I am a firm believer in restorative justice. I believe it needs to be used as the primary method to address all issues, and to help the affected students and staff to move beyond the incident(s) that prompted the use of restorative justice. Discipline data will be used to measure the effectiveness. A reduction in disciplinary actions is the expected positive outcome.

Q: Pennsylvania currently allows parents to choose whether their children attend public schools, charter, or cyber-charter schools with funding provided by state and local opponents of all of these options. Where do you stand and explain your position.

A: Parents/guardians have a right to select the best option for their children. The following reforms are needed due to the old & unfair charter school law that harms public school students. I believe funding formulas need to be fair. The rules that govern expenditures of the public schools must be equally applied to charter schools. I also believe the tuition charge to a district for a student with an IEP attending a charter school must reflect the cost of implementing the IEP. I propose a flat tuition rate

**TERRY KENNEDY**

charged for each student, regardless of a student's school district, with the IEP implementation cost added for each student with an IEP. Money not used by a charter school to educate a student should be returned to the school district.

REPUBLICAN

Terry Kennedy – See Response Above

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 7

(Vote for One in your district)

DEMOCRATIC

JAMIE PIOTROWSKI

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Piotrowski

First Name: Jamie

Middle Name: Suzanne

Mailing Address: 2316 Patterson Street Pittsburgh PA, 15203

Campaign Phone: 412-853-0445

Campaign Email: jamiespiotrowski@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://www.jamieforschoolboard.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Jamie4SchoolBoard>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/JamiePio_Pgh

District: 7
Education: Waynesburg University Bachelor of Arts Sociology-Family Studies University of Pittsburgh Master of Social Work University of Pittsburgh Master of International Development

Qualifications for office: Jamie is a licensed social worker in Pennsylvania and has dedicated her career to working directly with vulnerable communities helping them fight for and access valuable resources. Endorsed by State Rep Jessica Benham, Senator Wayne Fontana, the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, among others.

Q: The pandemic has highlighted the significant disparity in educational delivery in districts from no in-person learning, to hybrid models to full time in-person sessions resulting in uneven student performance. As schools reopen, how would you propose to assess student achievement and to remedy the loss of learning for so many students?

A: Covid-19 disproportionately impacts our Black and brown students. While students learn from home out of necessity or by choice, we must close the digital gap and ensure students have the appropriate equipment to access their classrooms and resources; as the return to in-person learning occurs, vulnerable students should be prioritized, with appropriate safety protocols in place to keep them safe from possible infection. I will advocate for a holistic learning model for our students and strengthen additional opportunities for social-emotional, and academic growth in our community schools and Summer programs.

Q: Social and racial justice issues have become a concern for all school districts, many of which have instituted anti-bullying programs to help address these issues. What kinds of criteria would you propose to measure the effectiveness of these campaigns and progress toward improvement?

**JAMIE PIOTROWSKI**

A: It is important that our teachers and staff are trained to recognize the signs of bullying, students have access to support services and opportunities for student-adult communication, and that we utilize an inclusive curriculum that reflects our student body and creates a learning environment of respect. We must utilize evidence based and data informed intervention materials and programs and utilize input from leading advocacy groups. These methods must also be adapted for online learning and social media usage to protect our students from bullying and harassment while online, outside of regular school hours.

Q: Pennsylvania currently allows parents to choose whether their children attend public schools, charter, or cyber-charter schools with funding provided by state and local opponents of all of these options. Where do you stand and explain your position.

A: We should focus on targeted and intentional improvements and advocate for charter reform at the state level to ensure all of our students, regardless of their learning path, have access to a high-quality education. The state's tuition rates for cyber and special education need to be reevaluated to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent equitably and effectively. Charter schools are not held to the same standards as traditional public schools and there are not mechanisms in place to hold them accountable to communities. Charter school law must be reformed to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars.

PITTSBURGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 9

(Vote for One in your district)

DEMOCRATIC

GENE WALKER

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Walker

First Name: Gene

Mailing Address: 1408 Termon Ave Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Campaign Phone: 570-466-6338

Campaign Email: genewalkerfordistrict9@gmail.com

Campaign Web Site: <http://genewalkerfordistrict9.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GeneWalkerforDistrict9>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GeneWalker4PPS>

Education: PPS Grad- Peabody High School Bachelors of Science - Bloomsburg University

Q: The pandemic has highlighted the significant disparity in educational delivery in districts from no in-person learning, to hybrid models to full time in-person sessions resulting in uneven student performance. As schools reopen, how would you propose to assess student achievement and to remedy the loss of learning for so many students?

A: I believe the Superintendent and his staff must create a comprehensive plan to help students catch up on what was lost over the last year. The instruction over the last 12-18 weeks has been much improved, but it is not enough. There should be efforts to partner with afterschool and summer youth programs to integrate some learning opportunities with curriculum provided by the district that targets the students most in need. The district already has a summer school format, but I would like to see them expand their reach

**GENE WALKER**

reach by going to where the students are and providing the much-needed personal instruction that is needed.

Q: Social and racial justice issues have become a concern for all school districts, many of which have instituted anti-bullying programs to help address these issues. What kinds of criteria would you propose to measure the effectiveness of these campaigns and progress toward improvement?

A: Social and racial justice continue to be an area where school districts must improve. There are initiatives that begin to address the problem such as the K-2 suspension ban and the implementation of restorative justice practices. I would look to measure the effectiveness of these and other programs by looking at the comparative data, looking at the rate of suspensions or disciplinary referrals, taking a specific look at the race, ethnic, and gender spreads for each area. Success will show reductions in all areas and a narrowing gap across the board. The district must have a comprehensive and detailed plan with trackable metrics for any plan that is introduced.

Q: Pennsylvania currently allows parents to choose whether their children attend public schools, charter, or cyber-charter schools with funding provided by state and local opponents of all of these options. Where do you stand and explain your position.

A: I fully support a parent's right and ability to find the best possible education for their child. As families leave the district in pursuit of better schools, we must look internally at how we can improve the schools within PPS. We must increase academic opportunities, address racial disparities in achievement and discipline, and increase our investment in neighborhood schools in order to bring families back to the district. In the meantime we also need to advocate for state legislation that will reform the funding formula for charter schools, especially cyber schools, to create a more equitable distribution of public tax dollars and reduce the financial strain on our district.

REPUBLICAN

(Vote for One)

VERONICA M. EDWARDS

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Last Name: Edwards

First Name: Veronica

Middle Name: M

Mailing Address: 3774 Haven Street Pittsburgh, Pa. 15204

Campaign Phone: (412)608-5625

Campaign Email: Edwardsfordistrict9@gmail.com

Facebook: Veronica Edwards

Twitter: N/A

District: vedwards1@pghschools.org

Education: Leadership Pittsburgh XX Carlow University Gladstone High School

Qualifications for office: Currently the incumbent in District 9 First African American to Serve Led the charge to return students safely back to school during a pandemic Hosted a Community Vaccination Clinic Delivered Covid 19 Essentials to Crafton Heights and Mountain View Communities

Q: The pandemic has highlighted the significant disparity in educational delivery in districts from no in-person learning, to hybrid models to full time in-person sessions resulting in uneven student performance. As schools reopen, how would you propose to assess student achievement and to remedy the loss of learning for so many students?

A: Because we are responding to COVID-19, there are no concrete answers. The District has



VERONICA M. EDWARDS

to use all of our resources to reach students. Public assessments and private assessments to determine where students presently stand. Educational resources to pull them up. Dedicated teachers to perform assessments and District staff to give students what they need to grow, live and learn to build quality lives. It will take teamwork to make the dream work. Let's go!

Q: Social and racial justice issues have become a concern for all school districts, many of which have instituted anti-bullying programs to help address these issues. What kinds of criteria would you propose to measure the effectiveness of these campaigns and progress toward improvement?

A: I believe anti-bullying is a bandaid. We need to address anti-racism. The minds and emotions built up in people for decades is no longer accepted by today's young people. America and our Cities are dealing with young people who refuse to be held down because of the color of their skin. They want to be educated to their fullest extent to lead quality lives. Let's deal with the real problems of today.

Q: Pennsylvania currently allows parents to choose whether their children attend public schools, charter, or cyber-charter schools with funding provided by state and local opponents of all of these options. Where do you stand and explain your position.

A: I stand on providing students opportunities to educate and grow their lives. Parents are a child's first teacher. Whatever they do and see what's best for them is alright with me!



Voters Guide Municipal Election November 2, 2021

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION ELECTION 1

Description:

Shall **JOHN T. BENDER** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Official Judicial Retention

According to www.pacourts.us, retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates.

Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the political fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office. The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges.

The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices.

No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

PA Bar Association ratings and information for incumbent judges are available at www.pavotesmart.com/current-judicial-ratings

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION ELECTION 2

Description:

Shall **MARY JANE BOWES** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Official Judicial Retention

According to www.pacourts.us, retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates.

Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the political fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office. The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges.

The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices.

No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

PA Bar Association ratings and information for incumbent judges are available at www.pavotesmart.com/current-judicial-ratings

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT RETENTION ELECTION 1

Description:

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

Official Judicial Retention

According to www.pacourts.us, retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates.

Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the political fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office. The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges.

The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices.

No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

PA Bar Association ratings and information for incumbent judges are available at www.pavotesmart.com/current-judicial-ratings

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT RETENTION ELECTION 2

Description:

Shall **RENEE COHN JUBELIRER** be retained for an additional term as Judge of

Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Official Judicial Retention

According to www.pacourts.us, retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates.

Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the political fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office. The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges.

The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices.

No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

PA Bar Association ratings and information for incumbent judges are available at www.pavotesmart.com/current-judicial-ratings

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS RETENTION ELECTION RETENTION ELECTION 1

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS RETENTION ELECTION 2

Description:

Shall **ALEXANDER P. BICKET** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Region 5

Official Judicial Retention

According to www.pacourts.us, retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates. Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the political fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office.

The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges.

The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices.

No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

The Allegheny County Bar Association ratings and information for incumbent judges are available at <https://www.judicialvote2021.org/retention-election-ratings>.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS RETENTION ELECTION RETENTION ELECTION 2

Description:

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS RETENTION ELECTION 2

Shall **RANDY TODD** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Region 5

Official Judicial Retention

According to www.pacourts.us, retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates.

Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the politi-

cal fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office. The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges.

The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices.

No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

The Allegheny County Bar Association ratings and information for incumbent judges are available at <https://www.judicialvote2021.org/retention-election-ratings>.

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure



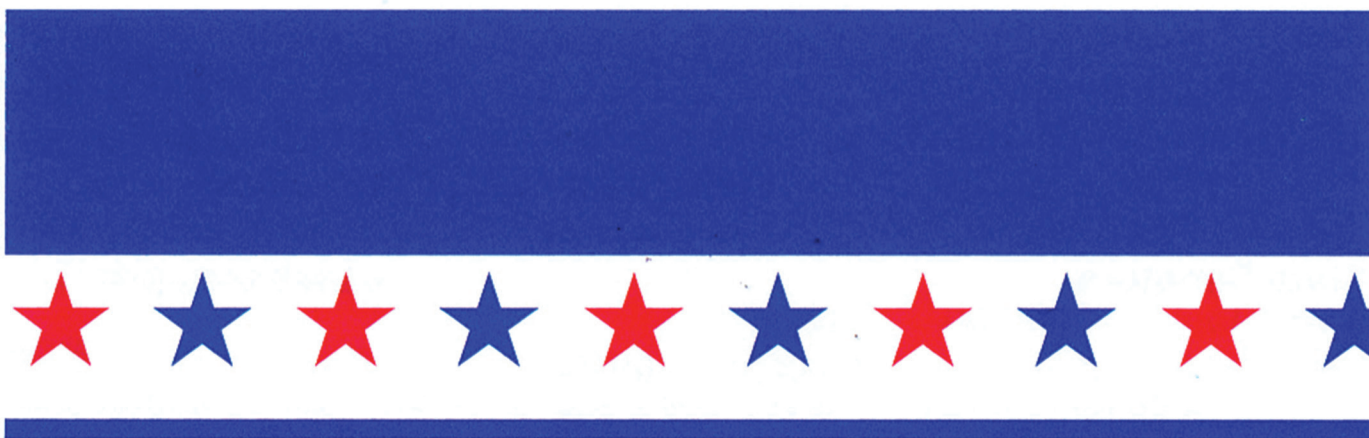
Making your voice heard is

★
UP TO YOU



VOTE 2021

www.pavoterservices.pa.gov



Visit us at: lwvpgh.org



PA Voter Info: Vote.PA.gov



Ballot Listings: Vote411.org



Mini Voter Guides are available at LWVPGH.org for some suburban board and magisterial races.