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The Chester County Democrat

"Freedom, Fairness, Opportunity"

Welcome from the Chair

2016 is truly shaping up to be an exciting opportunity for all of us in Chester County. With the historic dysfunction in Harrisburg and Washington, voters will finally get a say in a new government. In addition to electing a new President, voters will choose a new US Senator and House Representative, as well as legislators and state-wide offices in Pennsylvania. Chester County is a key battleground in determining who sits in the White House and which party controls the Senate and possibly the House. We look forward to getting our highly qualified candidates elected, with your help!

Brian McGinnis

Chairman, Chester County Democratic Committee

Online Voter Registration Now in Pennsylvania



Have a relative or friend who isn't registered, has moved or would like to change parties? PA voters can now register or update their registration in minutes using the internet from home. We encourage you to take advantage of this convenient, accessible resource. Go to <https://pavoterservices.state.pa.us>.

Click "Voter Registration-NEW".

You will need a PA driver's license or PennDOT ID Card.

How does the Primary Election Process Work?

Ever wonder how the party selects its candidates? You the voter are the key to the process!

Filing

Once citizens decide to run for office, they file a candidate's affidavit along with nomination petitions for the office they are seeking. The number of signatures required depends on the office, with higher level offices requiring many more signatures. Those signing (and gathering signatures for) the nominating petitions must be a registered member of the party for that candidate and a resident of the county. The period to circulate and file nomination petitions this year begins January 26, with all petitions needing to be notarized and submitted to Chester County Voter Services by February 16th.

Endorsements

The Chester County Democratic Committee, made up of elected and appointed committeepeople and officials, holds a Nominating Convention each year (this year it was held January 27th), where party candidates are nominated for each office and are given an opportunity to speak. The party may endorse specific candidates if they garner sufficient supporters (at least 55% of those attending

**2016 PA
Democratic
Candidates
expected to be on
the Primary
Election Ballot**

US Senate

*John Fetterman
Katie McGinty
Joe Sestak**

US 6th District

*Lindy Li
Mike Parrish**

US 7th District

Mary Ellen Balchunis
Bill Golderer*

US 16th District

Christina Hartman
Raj Kittappa
Gary Wegman*

**PA Attorney
General**

*John Morganelli
Josh Shapiro*
Stephen Zappala*

**PA Auditor
General**

*Eugene DePasquale**

PA Treasurer

*Albert Baker Knoll
Joe Torsella**

PA House 13

*Nancy Dean**

PA House 74

*Josh Maxwell**

PA House 156

*Carolyn Comitta**

PA House 157

*Hans van Mol**

PA House 158

*Susan Rzucidlo**

PA Senate 9

*Marty Molloy**

PA Senate 19

*Andy Dinniman**

**CCDC Endorsed
Candidates*

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the convention). Organizations such as the Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood and PSEA or others may also endorse candidates of their choosing, and inform their members.

Primary Election

The Primary Election this year is April 26, and registered Democrats have an opportunity to select their candidates to appear on the November General Election Ballot. NOTE: Those voters registered to other parties and independents may not vote in the Democratic Party Primary.

How to Volunteer or Become a Democratic Party Committee Person

Volunteering for a political campaign or party has many benefits, from gaining new skills to making connections with other highly motivated people. Working with political campaigns also lets you understand the political sphere and get hands-on experience with public policy, event planning, and a number of other useful skills associated with the elections.

Volunteering for a political campaign is an excellent way to introduce you to the undercurrents of the politics that run the country.



Democratic Party Committee People represent our registered voters in their precinct to the Chester County Democratic Committee. Each of our 232 precincts may have no more than two committee people. These are elected positions and may also be appointed by the Party County Chair. Contact the office if you are interested!

Precincts also need Block Captains, who rally neighbors to vote on election day, "door knockers" and "lit droppers" to hand out flyers to Democrats in the area, and "phone bankers" to make calls to get out the vote. And there are many other opportunities for you to participate in the political process!

Please send an email to secretary@chescodem.org with the following information:

- 1) Your name
- 2) The municipality where you live, address and, if you know it, precinct where you vote
- 3) How you would like to volunteer. Even a small commitment will be much appreciated. Here are a few examples:
 - Help out in the party office
 - Participate on a committee
 - Help a specific candidate's campaign
 - Help the committeepeople in your precinct deliver info to voters
 - Register people to vote
 - Put out a yard sign for a candidate
 - Phone voters to tell them about our candidates
 - Greet voters outside the polls on election day