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Who we are and what we do:

The Gertrude Stein Political Club of Greater Pittsburgh is a multi-partisan LGBT and feminist political organization.

We endorse candidates in primaries and general elections based on their answers on our questionnaire and on their record. We are not aligned with a particular political party. We endorse the most LGBT-supportive candidate in each race, focusing on a proven history of support when several are strong "on paper."

We lobby elected officials on issues regarding the LGBT community and women. This includes sending letters, meeting with candidates and having officials come to club meetings to discuss issues. On the basis of their questionnaire answers or their public statements, we educate candidates through position papers and/or personal meetings. We work to elect supportive candidates and we want all candidates to be educated on all of our issues.

Join as a member (or for bar night) or contact us about candidates or issues.

GSPCGP Election Slate, Nov 8, 2016

President

Hillary Clinton

Senate

Katie McGinty

PA Attorney General

Josh Shapiro

PA Auditor General

Eugene DePasquale

PA General Assembly

Dan Frankel (23rd)

John Craig Hammond (28th)

Open Government Amendment

Yes

Unable to vote in person? Download a request for an absentee ballot here: <http://tinyurl.com/AbsBallotPDF> fill out the form and mail it to the county elections board. For Allegheny County, that's Elections / Absentee Ballot Request, 542 Forbes Ave., Suite 604, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2953. They need to get it by Nov 1st. They will then mail you a ballot. When you get the ballot, fill it out and mail it in—USPS mail only—so that the elections board receives it by Fri Nov 4th. Or go to the elections board in person, and vote right there & then.

On Sept 21, 2016, the GSPCGP voted to endorse the slate on the reverse. Except for presidential races, we only endorse if a candidate applies. If a race is not mentioned, don't assume all candidates are bad.

President

Many of us—many of you—have been bullied. We recognize a bully. That's what our voting members (unanimously) see in Donald Trump. We recognize his reactivity, cruelty, impulsiveness, lapses of judgment, openness to manipulation. Trump also openly admires leaders and groups, here and abroad, who persecute the LGBT community and women. We therefore endorse a strategy of voting that makes a Trump victory impossible. Currently, Trump's clear path to the presidency requires winning PA. We refuse to be the keystone in his bridge.

We do not pretend to be unanimous in liking Hillary Clinton. Our personal attitudes range from rapture to distaste. A number of us personally prefer the minor party tickets. (The Libertarian and Green candidates are all strong on our core issues —Johnson/Weld, have good records, as governors—and, in that sense, receive Honorable Mentions.) We nevertheless implore all of you to vote for **Hillary Clinton**, our only endorsed candidate. The Democratic platform is

notably strong on our issues. Clinton has always been a stalwart standard-bearer for feminist issues. On LGBT issues she has been “strong and improving” for years. If you love her and will enjoy casting your vote, so much the better. But don't shame your less enthusiastic friends. We need to pull together on this.

US Senate

Challenger **Katie McGinty** is a fine candidate, strong on our issues, and she mentions us feelingly and frequently. Incumbent Pat Toomey's comments, and record, are frankly wretched. We endorse McGinty.

PA Statewide Offices

We happily endorse **Josh Shapiro** for **PA Attorney General**. We expect increased focus on fairness and human rights if Mr. Shapiro is elected. We re-endorse honest, progressive good-guy incumbent **Eugene DePasquale** for **PA Auditor General**. Good auditing means cleaner government. In his hands, it also means more responsible, responsive government. (We also hope Libertarian John Sweeney will run again in some capacity. A few of his answers were not well-informed, but he's an intelligent candidate who clearly respects us and supports our rights.)

General Assembly

For **28th House District** (Marshall, Franklin Park, McCandless, Pine, Bradford Woods): a fantastic candidate, **John Craig Hammond**, is running against frequently-odious Rep. Turzai. If you're in that district or know anyone in the district, try to make this potential upset happen.

We're happy to re-endorse **Dan Frankel**, our community's “forever friend” (**23rd House District**). We also love Ed Gainey (great record) but can't formally endorse without full answers to current questions.

PA Ballot Questions

We forgot to vote on **judicial retirement**. By phone, we unofficially say, “the current age of 70 is fine, we oppose raising it to 75. Vote **No.**”

We again endorse the Pittsburgh **Open Government Amendment**. It creates a concrete, largely automated, cost-effective mechanism for helping people stay informed and get effectively involved on whatever topics they care about. Tired of politicians? Empower yourself and your fellow citizens. **Yes.**

👉 **VOTE Tuesday Nov 8** 👈