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Who we are and what we do:

The Gertrude Stein Political Club of Greater Pittsburgh is a multi-partisan LGBTQIA 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 letters, meetings, and inviting officials 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 7 2017

PA Supreme Court

see comments

PA Superior Court

Debbie Kunselman

Maria McLaughlin

Geoffrey Moulton

Commonwealth Court

Ellen Ciesler (*)

Irene McLaughlin Clark (*)

Allegheny County Council

Anita Prizio (District 3)

Allegheny Court of Common Pleas

David Spurgeon

Patrick Connelly

Pittsburgh Mayor

Bill Peduto

Pittsburgh City Council

Dan Gilman (District 8)

Pittsburgh School Board

Terry Kennedy (District 5)

Sylvia Wilson (District 1)

Magistrate district 5-2-31

(Pittsburgh Wards 8, 10, 11)

Mikhail "Mik" Pappas

🗳️ VOTE Tuesday Nov 7 🗳️

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On Sept. 11, 2017, the GSPCGP voted to endorse the slate on the reverse. We only endorse if candidates request it. Candidates not mentioned may also be acceptable.

Statewide Judicial Races

Statewide judicial races determine our human rights, political districting (which affects who wins congressional and presidential elections) and all other aspects of life in the commonwealth.

PA Supreme Court: we did not connect with the Woodruff campaign until a day before the vote. Based on good faith, dashed-off answers, we can almost endorse--but we're unclear on one or two significant issues. Given that his opponent is bad on a range of our issues, we nevertheless strongly suggest you vote **Dwayne Woodruff (Honorable Mention)**. We re-endorse **Justice Debra Todd** for retention.

Commonwealth Court: we have two non-standard ("*") endorsements.

Ellen Ciesler's history and responses to other groups confirm that she's good on all our issues. Due to our error, we did not get her questionnaire. We nevertheless endorse her. Technical problems on our end also prevented **Irene McLaughlin Clark** from answering half the questions. Given the importance of these seats, Clark's excellent answers to the bulk of the

questions and her strong background, we also endorse her.

PA Superior Court: we enthusiastically endorse both **Debbie Kunselman** and **Maria McLaughlin**. We also endorse **Geoffrey Moulton** (currently serving) for consistently good past work on LGBT issues (despite a few gaps in his answers). We firmly believe **Caroline Nichols** would also have been endorsable, had we reached her.

Allegheny County

We happily endorse **Anita Prizio** for **County Council District 3**. Her answers were fresh, fair and thoughtful.

For **Allegheny Court of Common Pleas**, we endorse--and highlight--**David Spurgeon**, for long-term commitment and excellent answers. Despite some vague answers, **Patrick Connelly** also wins endorsement. Retention: **Kelly Bigley, Cathleen Bubash, "Jack" McVay, Jr.**

Pittsburgh

We figure you know endorsees **Bill Peduto (Mayor)** and **Dan Gilman (City Council)**. They remain rock solid on our issues. For **School Board** we re-endorse **Terry Kennedy** (District 5), and carry over endorsement for **Sylvia Wilson** (Dist. 1) from 2013.

Magisterial District 5-2-31

We're tickled to endorse longtime neighborhood advocate, past Ferlo aide, highly qualified lawyer, staunch LGBT ally Mikhail "Mik" Pappas. Despite solid Democratic Party bona fides, he made the bold choice to run as an independent. Live in his district? Give him your vote.

Looking Ahead

There are three female democratic candidates starting a run for **PA State Senate District 38 (2018)**. Michelle Boyle and Lindsay Williams have both already submitted good answers. Stephanie Walsh, another presumed progressive, is also running. We simply cannot have yet another repeat of the classic "keystone kops" skit, where multiple progressives are talked into a race, leading to an easy win for a regressive candidate. We therefore pre-endorse not a candidate, but a course of action: Dear excellent candidates; please refuse to be used. Meet. Talk.

"Raise a Stein for Gertude"

Blue Moon. Nov 15. 6-8 P.M. "dutch" social event. Tell us what's highest on your LGBTQIA agenda, brainstorm how to keep Stein relevant--and alive.

Buttons will be available.

👉 **VOTE Tuesday Nov 7** 👈