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Who we are, what we do, and why you should join:

The Gertrude Stein Political Club of Greater Pittsburgh is a small, local, longstanding LGBTQIAA & feminist PAC. We are not aligned with any political party.

Our membership votes, in person, to endorse candidates, based on their questionnaire responses and their record. We aim to endorse the most LGBT-supportive candidate in each race, focusing on a proven history of support when several are similar "on paper."

We educate and lobby elected officials on issues regarding the LGBT+ community and women. This can include position statements, letters, meeting with candidates or inviting officials come to club meetings to discuss issues, as well as information contained in the questionnaire itself. We work to elect supportive candidates and we want all candidates to be educated on all of our issues. Questions? Drop us an email.

GSPCGP Slate for the Primary Election, May 21, 2019

PA Superior Court

Amanda Green Hawkins (D)

Allegheny County Executive

Rich Fitzgerald (D)

Allegheny County Council

Bethany Hallam (At Large, D)

Olivia Bennett (Dist. 13, D)

District Attorney

Turahn Jenkins (D)

Allegheny County Controller

Chelsa Wagner (D)

Pittsburgh City Council

Bobby Wilson (Dist 1, D)

Bruce Kraus (Dist. 3, D)

Deb Gross (Dist. 7, D)

Pittsburgh School Board

Devon Taliaferro (Dist. 2, D)

Pam Harbin or Anna Battista
(Dist. 4, D)

In an endorsement meeting on April 14, 2019, the GSPCGP voted to endorse the slate on the reverse.

Pennsylvania State Offices

For **PA Superior Court**, we endorse a champion of our community—the woman who headed Allegheny county's non-discrimination ordinance—**Amanda Green Hawkins**. She's well-informed on "what is," and has proved her strong backbone in standing for "what should be."

Allegheny County Offices

We endorse incumbent **County Executive Rich Fitzgerald** for re-election. He states strong willingness to continue to engage on a wide range of issues. For **County Controller**, we happily re-endorse solid friend of the community, justice-minded campaigner **Chelsa Wagner**.

For **County Council** we love **Bethany Hallam (at large)** and also **Olivia "Liv" Bennett (13th)**. Their responses were both stunningly well-informed, clear-eyed and compassionate.

Turahn Jenkins for **District Attorney**: Mr. Jenkins' church's anti-gay stances provoked considerable

discomfort and outrage when broadly reported. (We deeply resent being labeled "sinners" by any religion, even ones that presuppose all people are sinners.) But—reality check—we have never asked a candidate to disavow their church.

Especially in the context of our desperation to fix "unequal justice under the law"—a problem that ongoingly affects our county and our community—Mr. Jenkins' exemplary history in public defense (including teaching), along with his explicit, public commitment to the full rights and dignity of all of us, requires us to consider the whole man, and find much good there. The shock of hearing cruel words come out of a friendly mouth has worn off enough for us to endorse.

Pittsburgh City Offices

City Council, District 1: Challenger **Bobby Wilson** quickly sent a very nice set of answers. Endorsed! In **District 3**, we really must re-endorse **Bruce Kraus**. We also got excellent responses from **Kenneth Wolfe (honorable mention)** who knows the ins and outs of the job well. We re-endorse **Deb Gross** in **District 7**

(**honorable mention**, challenger **Dierdre Kane**).

Several **Pittsburgh School Board** incumbents are choosing not to run, giving us a wide choice of new faces.

In **District 2**, we endorse open-minded, enthusiastic **Devon Taliaferro**. **Pam Harbin** and **Anna Battista (District 4)** receive a dual endorsement. Both are strong on our issues, each has some passionate support among our members.

There are important, contested races not listed here (including Allegheny Co. Court of Common Pleas, other local races). We only endorse if candidates respond. There's no presumption that we oppose a candidate if they or their race is not mentioned.

Endorsement outcomes depend entirely on members showing up to vote! If you feel strongly about our endorsements—love or hate them—send in your dues and contact information, and put the endorsement date on your calendar.

If you want to see your fave Republican or third party candidates here, ask them to respond. We invite broadly, but hear back far more narrowly.

☞ **VOTE Tuesday May 21** ☞