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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, April 28, 2020

PA Auditor General (pick one)

Nina Ahmad (D)

Christina Hartman (D)

Michael Lamb (D)

US Congress, PA District 18

Mike Doyle (D)

PA State Senate

Jay Costa (D, Dist. 43)

PA State House (D races)

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Daniel Smith	(12^{th})
J. Wheatley or A. Abney	(19^{th})
Emily Kinkead	(20^{th})
Sara Innamorato	(21^{st})
Dan Frankel	(23^{rd})
Emily Skopov	(28^{th})
Lissa Geiger Shulman	(30^{th})
Erin Vecchio	(32^{nd})
Summer Lee	(34^{th})

Presidential endorsement:

Jessica Benham

 (36^{th})

"Support The Democrat in the fall. Get involved as early as possible."

On 3/8/20 GSPCGP members endorsed:

Federal offices

For **President**, after discussion, we endorse the statement, "Support The Democrat in the fall. Get involved as early as possible." (No sour grapes.)

US Congressman Mike Doyle has slowly and determinedly become a rock-solid ally. We endorse him (and trust him) unreservedly on our issues. We also, however, give honorable mention to impressive challenger Jerry Dickinson. His analytical, detailed, intersectional analysis is spot-on.

Statewide offices

Three candidates for **Auditor General** are exemplars of what a candidate for that office should be. All are also strong and persuasive on our issues. We **co-endorse Nina Ahmad**, **Christina Hartman** and Pittsburgh's own **Michael Lamb**. Make your decision on some other basis.

PA State Senate

We ask questions and analyze answers, but we have a bias towards track records. Incumbent **Jay Costa (State Senate Dist. 43)** has, for years, been 100% dependable on the nuts & bolts and trustworthy on all our big issues. We **endorse** him. We also received

thoroughly excellent answers from challenger Bill Brittain (honorable mention).

PA State House

Dist. 12: Daniel Smith (of course!). Dist. 19 incumbent Jake Wheatley has become pretty good on our issues (and we have seen him take strong stances on issues outside our purview). Aerion Abney, his challenger, is excellent on our issues and strong on many of the same outside issues. We don't feel qualified to weigh in on who best serves the needs of the district, so we are co-endorsing both: you pick.

In **Dist. 20**, we love and **endorse Emily Kinkead**. She's kind, fierce, justice-aware, smart, clear on the issues, and just plain sensible.

We're pleased with **Sara Innamorato**, and **re-endorse** her in **Dist. 21.** (Waugh's answers were also decent.)

Endorsee Dan Frankel (23rd Dist.) Solidly progressive on our issues since forever. Unopposed in the spring, he will face Walker, a young Green with many good ideas, in the fall.

Dist 28: Endorsee Emily Skopov is unopposed in her primary; the fall will be a different story. If you're in her district, start talking her up to your neighbors now!

In **Dist. 30**, we like and **endorse Lissa Geiger Shulman**. Her answers were good, concise, and practical in the extreme.

Erin Vecchio (32nd Dist) is a breath of fresh air, a fighter, a friend. Who needs pomp and polish when your heart is in the right place? Endorsed.

It's a huge pleasure to **re-endorse** Summer Lee in Dist 34. (Fastest unanimous vote of the meeting.)

In **Dist. 36**, we don't just "have to" endorse **Jessica Benham**; we very much want to. Her insights as a member of our community (and others) are priceless. Even if that were not so, her answers are spot-on. (We are aware Johnson is also OK/good on many of our issues.)

President aside, we only endorse candidates who ask. Don't presume we dislike a candidate if they/their race is not mentioned. Agree? Disagree? Send in your dues & vote. Want more non-D coverage? We invite broadly, hear back narrowly.

Any voter can now request a Mail-In Ballot (different from "absentee") instead of voting in person on election day. Reduce virus risk for all: do it. tinyurl.com/MailVotingAllegheny PA2020

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