

Gertrude Stein Political Club of Greater Pittsburgh Membership

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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 (nor Stein's own politics).

Our membership votes 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.

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For the Primary, May 18, 2021
PA Supreme Court (one seat, D)
Maria McLaughlin
PA Superior Court (one seat, D)
Jill Beck
Commonwealth Court (2 seats)
Amanda Green Hawkins (D)
David Spurgeon (D)
Allegh. Common Pleas (9 seats)
Lisa Middleman (D/R)
Chelsa Wagner (D)
Nicola Henry-Taylor (D)
Brian Malkin (D)
Mik Pappas (D/R)
Giuseppe Rosselli (D)
Patrick Sweeney (D)
Sabrina Korbel (D/R)
County Council, District 9 (D)
Steven Singer
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh (D)
Ed Gainey
Pgh. City Council District 4 (D)
Bethani Cameron
Pittsburgh School Board (D/R)
Sylvia Wilson (Dist 1)
Terry Kennedy (Dist 5)
Magistrate (D/R)
Matt Rudzki (Dist. 05-2-04)
Hilary Wheatley Taylor (05-2-19)
Ballot initiatives: Please see text

Please note: in school board and local judicial races, cross-filing with both major parties is a common choice for campaigns with the time and resources to gather two sets of signatures. Traditionally intended to demonstrate impartiality, it is not a gauge of how "left" or "right" the candidate's political leanings are.

On 4/11/21 GSPCGP members endorsed:

Statewide

The state legislature should not usurp the governor's emergency powers! Please therefore vote "No" and "No" on the **Emergency Declarations Amendments (PA Question 1 and PA Question 2)**. We endorse "Yes" on the **Equal Rights initiative /PA Question 3** (proposed by Vincent Hughes).

Maria McLaughlin receives our endorsement for the **Pennsylvania Supreme Court**. In a contested primary, **Jill Beck's** superior answers won her our endorsement for **Pennsylvania Superior Court**. For **Commonwealth Court**, we received excellent answers from two old and trusted friends, and thus happily endorse **Amanda Green Hawkins** and **David Spurgeon**.

Allegheny County

Never have we seen nine seats open on **Allegheny County's Court of**

Common Pleas—nor so many excellent candidates. With much discussion and some regret (good candidate who did not submit responses; past endorsees and worthy contenders whose answers didn't make the cut) we reached agreement on eight. In ballot order:

Lisa Middleman (you will remember her as a recent, excellent, reform-minded candidate for DA). **Chelsa Wagner** (our eagle-eyed County Controller since 2012). **Nicola Henry-Taylor** (who makes equity and inclusion cornerstones of her campaign). **Brian Malkin** (his contracts and numbers, computer-sci and ecology background fills a hole on the court—and does not obscure his egalitarian heart). **Mik Pappas** (as a magistrate, he reduced evictions 40% by leveraging social service support and mediation). **Giuseppe Rosselli** (who brings a similar focus on putting in the extra effort needed to help people help themselves out of life's holes). **Patrick Sweeney** (who talks the talk—his answers for us were excellent—and he 100% walks the walk). **Sabrina Korbel** (bringing her experience as Legal Director for the Women's Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh and training on how trauma affects testimony). All have grappled with the sad fact that "justice" has not

always been justly applied. For the ninth slot, use another group's list, your own research, or leave blank.

For **Allegheny County Council, 9th District**: Good-natured, "can-do" educator **Steven Singer** gets a gold star (and our endorsement.)

Please vote "**Yes**" on the **Allegheny County Initiative to Prohibit Solitary Confinement** in the county jail (except emergencies, lockdowns and protective separation).

Pittsburgh and Local

With a measure of sorrow for what we'd envisioned over (many) endorsements for Peduto—but a greater measure of hopeful anticipation—we endorse **Ed Gainey** for **Mayor of Pittsburgh**. For **School Board**, we continue to endorse **Sylvia Wilson** and **Terry Kennedy**. Both are honest, hard-working, and staunch on our issues. Endorsed on the basis of decent answers, for **Magistrate: Matt Rudzki** (Sharpsburg) and **Hilary Wheatley Taylor** (Mt. Lebanon area).

Please vote "Yes" on Pittsburgh's "No-Nock Warrant Ban."

Any voter can now request a Mail-In Ballot (different from "absentee") Reduce virus risk for all: do it.

☞ VOTE BY MAIL or Tues May 18 ☞