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PITTSBURGH, Pa. On April 8, 2018, members of the Gertrude Stein Political Club of Greater Pittsburgh (GSPCGP) endorsed, as follows, candidates for the May 15, 2018 Primary Election.

A multi-partisan organization with a multi-decade history educating candidates and encouraging support for LGBT(QIAA) and women's rights, we solicit responses from candidates of all parties. Except for national races, we endorse only if a candidate requests it / submits a response. Thus, lack of mention does not automatically imply candidates are weak on our issues. We super-endorse when we have no clear favorite. We aim to find, recognize, promote and develop as many good candidates (plural) as we can find.

Senate: Bob Casey is unopposed in his primary. He responded and remains strong on many of our issues. We received a response from the Libertarian, but no Republican(s).

Congress: PA state courts invalidated our old, gerrymandered congressional districts. Most of the old 14th district is now new district 18 (the boundaries are shifted south and east). Mike Doyle (incumbent and past endorsee) is unopposed. **New district 14** incorporates the west of old 18 and a chunk of old 9. We received several responses; **Bibiana Boerio** and **Tom Prigg** both bring a wealth of interesting life experiences and talents to the race. **We endorse both. You pick one.** Connor Lamb, who won the special election in old 18, is now running in new 17 (largely made up of the more progressive western sections of old 12) where he is opposed in the D

primary by Ray Linsenmayer. Neither sought our endorsement; both are on record as tolerable-or-better on some of our issues.

Governor: Tom Wolf (D) is unopposed in the primary, has shown himself strong on our issues, and welcomes your support. (No responses from Republicans in this race or for Lt. Governor.)

Lt. Governor: Looking at a strong field of Democrats, we were particularly taken by **Nina Ahmad**, who is better known (and well liked) in the east. Several members spoke glowingly of meeting her; her answers were exceptional; we feel great about how she would run in the general election. We also received very solid responses from Mike Stack (incumbent, past Endorsee), John Fetterman (past Honorable Mention) and Ray Sosa.

For **PA State Senate, 38th district**, we endorse **Stephanie Walsh** and **Lindsey Williams**, both strong progressives. Walsh has the experience and skills to find the money and direct it where it will do the most good. Williams focus has been issues/union activism. **Pick one!**

PA State House seats: We presume Frankel, Gainey, etc. are as solid as ever. We enthusiastically endorse **Amy Fazio**, running strongly in **House District 14** where great candidates like her have been in short supply. We endorse challengers **Aerion Abney (House 19th)** and **Sara Innamorato (House 21st)**. We give particularly enthusiastic endorsement to **Summer Lee (House 34th)**. She is brilliant, organized, a speaker of rare passion and conviction--and very good on our issues.

GSPCGP member-candidates include Gayle Block, Democratic Committee (Pgh 15-2); Bill Wekselman (ditto, Pgh 14-36) and Marvin Liebowitz, state committee 43rd District (D). To contact, join or seek endorsement: email gspcgp@gmail.com.

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