



PEOPLE Choice ✓

The following candidates have been endorsed by the Delegate Assembly of AFSCME, District Council 47



**MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Button #

Maria C. McLaughlin (D) 101

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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Timika Lane (D) 102

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT

(Vote for no more than 2)

Button #

Lori A. Dumas (D) 103
David Lee Spurgeon (D) 104

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

(Vote for no more than 12)

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Nick Kamau (D) 105
Wendi Barish (D) 106
Cateria R. McCabe (D) 107
Betsey Wahl (D) 108
Chris Hall (D) 109
Michele Hangle (D) 110
Craig Levin (D) 111
Daniel R. Sulman (D) 112

JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

(Vote for no more than 5)

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Gregory Yorgey-Girby (D) 117
Michael C. Lambert (D) 118
George R. Twardy (D) 119

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Larry Krasner (D) 122

CITY CONTROLLER

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Rebecca Rhyhart (D) 123



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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDICIAL RETENTION -  **VOTE YES**

SUPERIOR COURT

John T. Bender
Mary Jane Bowes

COMMONWEALTH COURT

Renee Cohn Jubelirer

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Denis P. Cohen
Elizabeth Jackson

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (CONT'D)

Margaret T. Murphy
Rose Marie DeFino-Nastasti
George W. Overton

MUNICIPAL COURT

No recommendations

BALLOT QUESTION #1

Bill No. 210206

Shall The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to call upon the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Governor to pass legislation that would decriminalize, regulate, and tax the use, and sale to adults aged 21 years or older, of cannabis for non-medical purposes?

 **VOTE YES**

BALLOT QUESTION #2

Bill No. 200075

Shall the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to establish and define the functions of a Department of Fleet Services, headed by a Commissioner, to manage all City-owned motor vehicles and City programs concerning alternative vehicle fuel initiatives?

 **VOTE NO**

BALLOT QUESTION #3

Bill No. 210501

Shall The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to revise provisions related to the civil service system, to allow the Personnel Director to determine the number of people on an eligible list from which a hiring or promotion decision may be made, and to determine the number of times a person may be passed over and remain eligible on such a list, all based on the position and the needs of the civil service program?

 **VOTE NO**

October 7, 2021

Dear AFSCME Siblings,

The general election is **Tuesday, November 2**. If the last year has taught us one thing, it is the importance of our judicial system in maintaining our democracy. On this year's ballot are judicial races for the Supreme Court, Superior Court, Commonwealth Court, Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court along with the race for District Attorney and the City Controller. In addition, Judicial Retention Judges for all of those courts are on the ballot. There are three (3) ballot question to change the City Home Rule Charter. We are bringing **BALLOT QUESTION #3** especially to your attention. This charter change eliminates a central element of the Civil Service merit system which presently requires the City to select from one of the top two eligible candidates for a job and instead allows the Director of the City Human Resources Department to allow for the selection of anyone who is on the list. The District Council 47 delegates recommend that you vote **NO** on ballot quest #3.

We have endorsed all the candidates whom we endorsed in the primary and who won their race, with the endorsement of three additional candidates: **David Lee Spurgeon for Judge of Commonwealth Court, Michele Hanglely for Court of Common Pleas and Gregory Yorgey-Gordy for Municipal Court.**

Enclosed is the District Council 47 endorsement slate. Again, we encourage every member and their families and friends to **VOTE in the general election taking place on Tuesday, November 2.** You have until Monday, October 18 to register in order to be able to vote in the November election. For those who have received a mail-in ballot, you can drop it off at one of the drop off sites listed on www.philadelphiavotes.com. The center city drop-off site is City Hall (South Broad Apron) – 1400 John F. Kennedy Blvd or Monday – Friday, 9 – 5 p.m. at City Hall 140 (enter through South Gate). The deadline to drop off your ballot is before 8:00 p.m. on election day. If you decide you want to go to the polls, they are open from 7 AM to 8 PM on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.**

Again, please encourage your friends and family members to **VOTE on November 2 if in person or before November 2 by mail-in ballot.** We encourage you to consider our endorsements when voting. Our PEOPLE committee members have spent many hours interviewing candidates, reviewing their questionnaires and debating the ballot questions to arrive at these recommendations. Please continue to wear face masks and social distance to stay healthy and be safe. As always, we thank you for all you do as a member.

In Solidarity,

Catherine Scott

Catherine Scott, President
AFSCME District Council 47

In Solidarity,

Pamela G. Robinson

Pamela G. Robinson, Vice President, Political
Director and Chairperson of PEOPLE
AFSCME District Council 47

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