

Dear Union Family,

Candidates who are elected to office in this year's General Election on Tuesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> will directly impact our lives as union members and as citizens. We believe that our endorsed candidates reflect our collective values.

Philadelphians will be voting in crucial statewide judicial elections as well as electing a new mayor and city council members. As we know, Pennsylvania is a key state on the road to the presidential election. This year, we must elect Judge Dan McCaffrey to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to combat the many attacks by election deniers and those who wish to suppress the people's vote. Our endorsed candidate for Commonwealth Court, Matt Wolf, would rule on cases that impact public employees, their families, and all working people. Jill Beck and Timika Lane are our endorsed candidates for Superior Court; they both are allies in the appellate court which rule over appeals of criminal and civil cases.

Our endorsed candidates have completed a comprehensive questionnaire, and most have been interviewed by our political action committee, PEOPLE (Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality.) After that process, the PEOPLE committee makes recommendations to the District Council 47 delegates, who then have the final say on candidate endorsements. The candidate questionnaires contain questions about issues that members deal with on the job every day as well as concerns of all Philadelphians, including education, the environment, tax policy, and public safety. Questionnaires can be found on our website at [dc47.org](http://dc47.org).

You will notice that the delegates of District Council 47 have voted to endorse seven (7) candidates for City Council at Large. In the polling booth, voters will only be permitted to vote for five (5) of the seven (7) available seats. Two (2) City Council at large seats are reserved for "minority party" candidates which have historically been filled by Republicans. Working Families Party candidate Kendra Brooks was successful in taking one of the minority seats in her 2019 run. This year District Council 47 is proud to endorse the five (5) Democratic candidates for City Council at Large and both Kendra Brooks and Nicolas O'Rourke, who are running as Working Families Party candidates to fill both minority seats. Please take some time to review our candidate questionnaires at [dc47.org](http://dc47.org) and choose five from our seven endorsed candidates.

The last day to register to vote before the general election is October 23, 2023, and the last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is October 31, 2023. Links to register to vote and request a mail-in ballot are also available on the legislative tab of our website, [dc47.org](http://dc47.org). As always, it is important for you to check your voting location if you plan to vote in person on Election Day. If you plan to vote by mail, you should request your mail-in ballot NOW. You can drop off your ballot at a drop-off site listed at [philadelphiavotes.com](http://philadelphiavotes.com) or mail it in.

District Council 47, as well as our sibling city and state affiliates, are out working hard to educate our members in a joint effort to elect our endorsed candidates. We have opportunities for paid volunteers. If you have any questions about voting or getting involved in the AFSCME **Get Out The Vote** efforts, please email [jhershman@dc47.org](mailto:jhershman@dc47.org) and we will assist you. Check out the District Council website for information regarding ballot questions.

Thank you for considering the AFSCME DC 47 endorsed candidates.

In solidarity,  
*April Gigetto*  
President

In solidarity,  
*Robert Harris*  
Vice President, Legislative Director

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Enclosures: Slate and Flyer

# 2023 Municipal General Election Endorsements

## Tuesday, November 7, 2023



JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT (1)	JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT (2)	JUDGE OF COMMONWEALTH COURT (1)	MAYOR (1)	CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE (5)		
Button #101: Dan McCaffery (D)	Button #102: Jill Beck (D)	Button #104: Matt Wolf (D)	Button #120: Cherelle Parker (D)	Button #126: Isaiah Thomas (D)	Button #127: Kathrine Gilmore Richardson (D)	Button #128: Rue Landau (D)
	Button #103: Timika Lane (D)					
CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE (5)				CITY COUNCIL 1ST DIST. (1)	CITY COUNCIL 2ND DIST. (1)	CITY COUNCIL 3RD DIST. (1)
Button #129: Nina Ahmad (D)	Button #130: Jim Harity (D)	Button #426: Kendra Brooks (WFP)	Button #427: Nicolas O'Rourke (WFP)	Button #131: Mark Squilla (D)	Button #131: Kenyatta Johnson (D)	Button #131: Jamie Gauthier (D)
CITY COUNCIL 4TH DIST. (1)	CITY COUNCIL 5TH DIST. (1)	CITY COUNCIL 6TH DIST. (1)	CITY COUNCIL 7TH DIST. (1)	CITY COUNCIL 8TH DIST. (1)	CITY COUNCIL 9TH DIST. (1)	CITY COUNCIL 10TH DIST. (1)
Button #131: Curtis Jones, Jr. (D)	Button #131: Jeffery Young (D)	Button #131: Michael Driscoll (D)	Button #131: Quetcy Lozada (D)	Button #131: Cindy Bass (D)	Button #131: Anthony Phillips (D)	Button #131: Gary Masino (D)
JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT (2)	JUDGE OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (10)					
Button #118: Barbara S. Thomson (D)	Button #105: Natasha Taylor-Smith (D)	Button #107: Samantha Williams (D)	Button #108: Kay Yu (D)	Button #109: John Padova (D)	Button #110: Chesley Lightsey (D)	Button #111: Brian McLaughlin (D)
Button #119: Colleen McIntyre Osborne (D)						
JUDGE OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (10)			CITY CONTROLLER (1)	CITY COMMISSIONER (2)	REGISTER OF WILLS (1)	SHERIFF (1)
Button #112: Damaris Garcia (D)	Button #113: Caroline Turner (D)	Button #114: Jessica Brown (D)	Button #123: Christy Brady (D)	Button #121: Omar Sabir (D)	Button #124: John Sabatina (D)	Button #: No Endorsement
				Button #122: Lisa Deeley (D)		



See our endorsements website & candidate questionnaires.

[dc47.org/2023generalelectionendorsements](https://dc47.org/2023generalelectionendorsements)