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**Election Recommendations
Ward 24 Division 21**

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JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTIONS

While there are few competitive races this year, the November election is critically important because of the judicial retention elections. So we will start here.

Supreme Court

Retention elections for judge or justice of the Supreme Court are usually a sleepy affair. But this year Republicans have run a vigorous campaign to say no to retaining three Democratic Justices of the Supreme Court.

It is absolutely critical that you VOTE YES FOR

**Kevin Dougherty
David Wecht
Christine Donohue**

I have not agreed with every decision these three justice have made. But on the whole, they have made thoughtful and serious decisions. And the impact of those decisions has been to

- Protect the right to vote.
- Protect the right to abortion
- Protect the authority of the governor
- Protect the right of children to receive an adequate and equitable education.
- Protect the right to fair election districts for US Congress and the Pennsylvania House and Senate.

If they are not retained and Republicans take these seats in a subsequent election, all these rights and other will come under threat.

At a time when Donald Trump and his allies in Congress are posing a threat to the future of our republic, state governments are the most important bulwark against tyranny. Retaining Justices Donahue, Wecht, and Dougherty are critical to ensuring that our state government continues to defend our rights and our representative democracy in our state and country.

Commonwealth Court: Vote Yes for Judge Michael Wojcik

Commonwealth Court deals with law suits involving state government, including constitutional issues such as the fairness of education funding, of how we draw district lines for members of Congress and the state House and Senate. Judge Wojcik deserves retention.

Superior Court: Vote Yes for Judge Alice Beck Dubow

Superior Court is the appellate court in Pennsylvania that addresses most criminal and civil issues. Judge Dubow deserves another term.

Retention for Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Judges

These judges are likely to be retained. But for various reasons and on the recommendation of lawyers we respect **we will vote no for the following.**

Commonwealth Court: Judge DiClaudio, Judge Grey, Judge Palumbo, and Judge Younge.

Municipal Court: Judge Pew.

REGULAR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

Brandon Neuman for Superior Court

Brandon Neuman is the clear choice here. He has been a good state legislator and has a good reputation as a lawyer

Stella Tsai for Commonwealth Court

I will be proudly voting for my friend Stella Tsai who is an impressive and effective lawyer who provided pro bono legal support for many good causes. As a judge her heart and head are always in the right place.

Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court

All the Democrats are running unopposed. They are a good slate and we recommend you vote for all of them

Commonwealth Court and

LARRY KRASNER FOR DA. Larry started as a really good DA and has gotten better over time. His opponents ran against him in the Democratic primary and then switched to the GOP to run against him in the General Election, despite pledging not to do so

DO NOT VOTE FOR CONTROLLER. Christy Brady loudly supported business tax cuts that will reduce the funds the city needs to improve our schools and reduce poverty. She will win, but not with our support and I hope not with yours either.

In the most local election, **Megan Traversari is running for reelection as Judge of Elections and Meredith Jones is running for reelection as Inspector of Elections.** They are the reason our elections have run so smoothly in recent years. I urge you to vote for them!

Finally after twenty-four years, Marc Stier has decided to step down as your Democratic Committee Member. Diane Gottlieb will do so as well. The election to replace us will be held in the spring primary. Please consider stepping up to take our place. Feel free to talk with us about the work and why it's worth your time and effort.