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TO PHILLY
VOTING

2019 CITY COUNCIL
AT-LARGE ELECTION

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PHILADELPHIA :

OUR CITY IS ONE OF THE POOREST AND MOST INCARCERATED BIG CITIES IN THE COUNTRY. THIS YEAR, IT'S TIME TO GO ALL OUT AS YOUNG PEOPLE TO VOTE OUR MOVEMENT INTO OFFICE.

THIS FALL'S CITY COUNCIL RACE IS CRUCIAL TO DECIDING WHAT GETS FUNDED IN OUR CITY. CITY COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING AND AMENDING THE MAYOR'S BUDGET; MAKING AND AMENDING CITY LAWS, POLICIES, AND ORDINANCES; AND ADVOCATING FOR PHILLY RESIDENTS BY HOSTING PUBLIC HEARING ON ISSUES THAT WE CARE ABOUT.

THIS MEANS CITY COUNCIL HAS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN MAKING SURE THAT CHILDREN, EDUCATORS, AND STAFF HAVE SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS. THEY CAN WORK ALONGSIDE THE MAYOR TO ENSURE THAT NONE OF THE CITIES PUBLIC FUNDS GO TO ICE. THEY CAN MAKE SURE THAT THE POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION IS SUFFICIENTLY STAFFED AND FUNDED TO INVESTIGATE AND HOLD POLICE ACCOUNTABLE FOR MISCONDUCT.

TOGETHER, WE CAN SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN OUR CITY—FROM CORPORATIONS AND THE FORCES OF RACISM AND CORRUPTION TO THE PEOPLE.

CITY COUNCIL

— HOW IT WORKS

THERE ARE 7 CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE SEATS. EACH PARTY CAN ONLY EARN UP TO 5 CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE SEATS. THE 2 REMAINING SEATS ARE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS MINORITY SEATS, AS THEY GO TO THE 2 CANDIDATES FROM THE NON-MAJORITY PARTY WHO EARN THE MOST VOTES.

BEING THAT DEMOCRATS LARGELY OUTNUMBER THE AMOUNT OF REGISTERED REPUBLICAN AND THIRD PARTY VOTERS IN PHILLY, THIS HAS HISTORICALLY RESULTED IN DEMOCRATS WINNING 5 SEATS ON CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE, AND REPUBLICANS WINNING THE REMAINING 2 SEATS.

HOWEVER, HISTORY CAN BE MADE THIS NOVEMBER!

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT WHO ARE COMMITTED TO FIGHTING FOR A JUST PHILADELPHIA AND SHAKING UP PHILLY POLITICS IN THE PROCESS. WHILE A THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE HAS NEVER WON A CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE SEAT, THAT CAN CHANGE WITH US.

WE THE VOTERS HAVE 5 VOTES. MEANING, WE CAN VOTE FOR ANY 5 CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT, FROM ANY PARTY.

ON NOVEMBER 5TH, WE CAN MAKE HISTORY BY ELECTING A CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE THAT FIGHTS FOR US - WITH ALL 7 SEATS.



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— DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES



HELEN GYM (INCUMBENT): GYM ESTABLISHED PHILADELPHIA'S FIRST LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FOR RENTERS FACING EVICTION. SHE SUPPORTS RENT CONTROL AND ENDING CASH BAIL, RADICALLY OVERHAULING PROBATION AND PAROLE, AND MASS EXPUNGEMENT OF PAST DRUG-RELATED CONVICTIONS. IN THE SPRING PRIMARIES HELEN BECAME THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC AT-LARGE CANDIDATE SINCE 1987 TO EARN OVER 100,000 VOTES!

ISAIAH THOMAS: THOMAS WORKS AS A DEAN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND COACH AT SANKOFA FREEDOM ACADEMY CHARTER, AN AFROCENTRIC K-12 SCHOOL IN WEST PHILADELPHIA. HE SUPPORTS ENDING THE 10 YEAR TAX ABATEMENT, ENDING STOP AND FRISK, BUILDING STRONGER AND SAFER SCHOOLS, AND PROVIDING NEIGHBORHOODS WITH RESOURCES TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF TROUBLE.

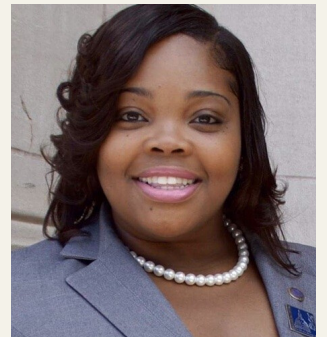


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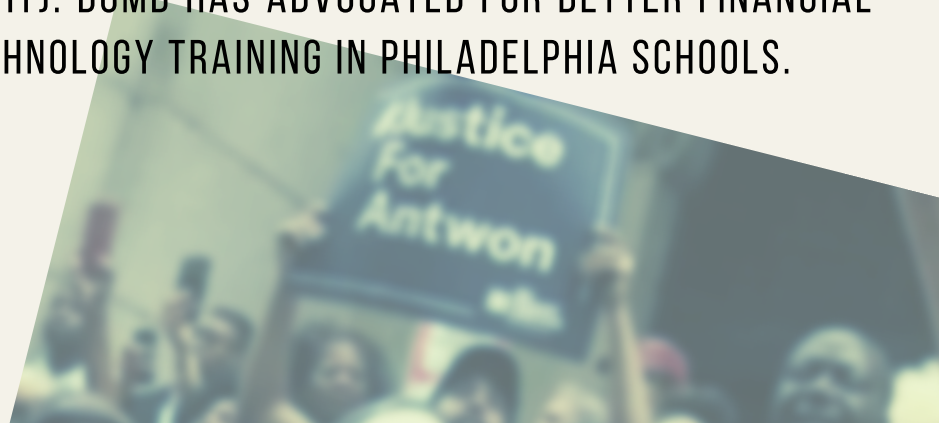


DEREK GREEN (INCUMBENT): GREEN SERVED AS A DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR, REPRESENTING THE OFFICES OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES, COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, AND VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE. HIS MAIN CAMPAIGN VISIONS ARE REDUCING POVERTY, IMPROVING EDUCATION THROUGH A FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA IN HARRISBURG, AND PROMOTING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BY INCREASING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS.

KATHRINE GILMORE RICHARDSON: RICHARDSON HAS SERVED AS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR RETIRING COUNCILMEMBER BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN SINCE 2015, WHO SHE HAS WORKED FOR SINCE 2008. SHE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF EDUCATION, GUN VIOLENCE, FOOD INSECURITY, HOUSING INSTABILITY, LIVING WAGE, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. SHE SUPPORTS FULLY FUNDING THE CITY'S ORIGINAL COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA.



ALLAN DOMB (INCUMBENT): DOMB IS THE FOUNDER OF ALLAN DOMB REAL ESTATE AND A PARTNER IN THE STARR RESTAURANT ORGANIZATION. HE DOES NOT SUPPORT COMPLETELY ENDING CITY INTERACTIONS WITH ICE OR ENDING THE 10 YEAR TAX ABATEMENT, (ONLY REFORMING IT). DOMB HAS ADVOCATED FOR BETTER FINANCIAL LITERACY AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING IN PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLS.





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— THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES



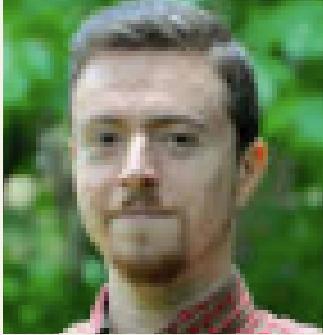
KENDRA BROOKS (WORKING FAMILIES PARTY): BROOKS IS A LONG-TIME COMMUNITY & PUBLIC EDUCATION ORGANIZER BORN AND RAISED IN PHILLY. KENDRA HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR SAFE AND FUNDED SCHOOLS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TRANSIT, AND JUSTICE REFORM, AND PLANS CONTINUE FIGHTING WHEN ON COUNCIL. IN THIS ELECTION CYCLE, KENDRA HAS MADE HISTORY BY RAISING MORE MONEY THAN ANY THIRD PARTY PHILLY CANDIDATE EVER! SHE IS RUNNING ON A SHARED SLATE WITH NICOLAS O'ROURKE

NICOLAS O' ROURKE (WORKING FAMILIES PARTY): O' ROURKE IS THE PASTOR OF LIVING WATER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE ORGANIZATION POWER. WITH POWER, HE HAS WORKED ON DISMANTLING THE DAMAGING EFFECTS OF MASS INCARCERATION AND POLICE BRUTALITY ON PEOPLE OF COLOR AS WELL AS COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA IN PHILADELPHIA.



JOE COX (INDEPENDENT): COX IS A LOCAL ACTIVIST AND BIKE MESSENGER KNOWN FOR HIS PMA BIKE RIDES (POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE) WHERE HE DELIVERS FREE PIZZA TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. JOE WANTS TO END STOP-AND- FRISK, MAKE PHILLY A BETTER PLACE FOR BIKE RIDERS, AND DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS AN "ACTIVIST FOR THE DOWNTRODDEN."

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STEVE CHERNIAVSKY (TERM LIMITS PHILADELPHIA): CHERNIAVSKY IS AN ENGINEER AND IS RUNNING WITH THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE TO DELIVER TERM LIMITS TO CITY GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVES THAT THE 10 YEAR TAX ABATEMENT SHOULD BE REFORMED, AND IS FIGHTING TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND TO ENSURE THAT THE HIRING AND COMPENSATION POLICIES FOR SERVICE WORKERS ARE IMPLEMENTED & ENFORCED.

SHERRIE COHEN (A BETTER COUNCIL): COHEN IS A LONG TIME TENANTS RIGHTS ATTORNEY AND EDUCATION, HOUSING, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM ACTIVIST. SHERRIE IS RUNNING TO END MASS INCARCERATION, END DISPLACEMENT CAUSED BY GENTRIFICATION. SHE IS ALSO FIGHTING FOR A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE, A LOCAL GREEN NEW DEAL, AND EXPANDED ACCESS TO LOW INCOME HOUSING.



MAJ TOURE (LIBERTARIAN): TOURE IS A LOCAL ACTIVIST AND RAPPER. HE IS THE FOUNDER OF THE NON PROFIT "BLACK GUNS MATTER". HIS PLATFORM INCLUDES REFORMING PHILADELPHIA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM, DECRIMINALIZING MARIJUANA, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM MEASURES SUCH AS ENDING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS INSIDE OF CITY JAILS, AND INCREASING TRANSPARENCY IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM.



WHO IS PSPN?

THE PENNSYLVANIA STUDENT POWER NETWORK IS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE ADVOCATING AROUND THE ISSUES IMPACTING US AND OUR COMMUNITIES. WE LEAD ISSUE CAMPAIGNS AROUND RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES. WE STRATEGICALLY EDUCATE AND BUILD OUR BASE FOR ELECTIONS, ESPECIALLY LOCAL ELECTIONS, THROUGH OUR MOVEMENT VOTE PROGRAM. WE DO DEEP LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, THROUGH TRAININGS AND PAID FELLOWSHIPS, TO BUILD THE NEXT GENERATION OF GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP IN OUR STATE.



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