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2022 BCDC State Committee Endorsement Information

BCDC Endorsed State Committee Candidates

Ijaz Chaudhry (M)
John (Bud) Johnson (M)
Bradley Kirsch (M)
Roberta Laney (F)
Kathy Macaulay (F)
Anna Payne (F)
Paul Roden (M)
Kimberly Yeager-Rose (F)
Judi Reiss (F)

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BCDC Non-Endorsed State Committee Candidates

Adam Benschik (M)
Umar Farooq (M)
Seema Kazmi (F)
Paul Lang (M)
David Marshall (M)
Joe Metzinger (M)
Kate Nazemi (F)
Ed Tokmajian (M)
Steve Wojciechowski (M)

*All of the non-endorsed State Committee candidates have been screened over the past few days and have submitted the necessary documents to seek our endorsement. Information on the first time candidates can be found on page 5

Code

M - Male, F - Female

What is the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee?

The Democratic State Committee is the governing body of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. It is responsible for directing and promoting the guiding principles and core values of the institution. State Committee members are elected at-large in the county of their residence. Each county is allotted one member for each .004 or a major fraction of the registered Democrats in the State of Pennsylvania. The number of members is calculated following each Census. Bucks County has been allotted 13 seats following the 2020 census. All State Committee members are entitled to one full vote on all matters before the State Committee and they serve for 4 year terms. The members elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and members of the Executive Board. They hold nominating conventions for statewide candidates, pass and promote a platform, pass resolutions, and perform other party business, in addition to coordinating strategies to elect Democrats up and down the ballot across the Commonwealth. Additionally, members are expected to participate in the various standing committees that help govern day to day business. They meet in person at least 3 times per year.

State Committee Gender Requirement

Pennsylvania State Democratic Committee has a gender requirement, meaning, the representatives must be divided equally amongst gender. We must endorse no more than three men or three women, to maintain a balanced delegation.

If you would like to review the resumes for the candidates or have additional questions, or if you are interested in running for State Committee in 2026, please reach out to Executive Director Ava Bosco at ava@bucksdemocrats.org.

BCDC Endorsed State Committee Incumbent Candidate Information

Ijaz Chaudhry, Northampton Township

I have been on the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee since 2015. Currently I am completing the four year term that I was elected to in 2018 with a significant number of votes. I have the pleasure to be part of the South East Caucus, helped in forming the New American Caucus, and being a member of the Progressive Caucus. I have attended the vast majority of the meetings in person or on zoom. The work of the state committee is very important as it allows our county to represent a diverse community in formulating positions that are of import to the democratic party. Locally, I have taken part in various political events including but not limited to voter registration drives, Get Out The Vote (GOTV) initiatives and aided candidates in soliciting financial support for their races. It is important for our county to represent a diverse group of the electorate and help others in engaging in the political process. My main goal is to engage all communities in the political process and help like-minded candidates get elected.

John (Bud) Johnson, Northampton Township

Bud has lived in Northampton Township for many years. Bud is an active member of the Northampton Democratic Party. He has assisted the Chair with various activities such as fundraising, social activities for members, and election day assistance. As a member of the PA State Democratic Committee, Bud is a member of the Senior Caucus. Professionally, Bud was a pharmacist for various hospitals across the country before his retirement.

Brad Kirsch, Bedminster Township

I am a founding member and 3 Term Elected Chairman of the Democratic State Committee Senior Caucus. I also participate in the Rural and Progressive Caucuses. I was appointed by the State Party Chairman and Leadership to the State Party Rules Committee. As Chairman of the Senior Caucus, I interfaces with Democratic Party Leadership, Elected PA Congressman, US Senators, PA Representatives, Senators, and appointees. I was previously appointed by the previous State Party Chairman and Committee Leaders to serve on the State Bylaws and Judicial Interview Committee. In 2016 and 2020 I was recruited for and accepted a volunteer position as Recruiter/Instructor for the National Democratic Party National Convention outreach. I recruited applicants to stand for election as voting delegates for the Democratic National Committee Conventions. In that capacity I recruited grassroots democrats to become specified voting diversity advocates within those Conventions. I have recruited in over 15 various PA Counties. I have frequently been an invited Keynote Speaker at several County Dinners across the Commonwealth speaking about Democratic Party Issues. In addition to my State Party duties, Chairman Kirsch has recently been appointed by the Senior Council of the DNC to be Co-Chairman of the DNC/Pennsylvania Senior Leadership Council. This is a new DNC outreach that interfaces with the Democratic National Committee effort to advocate for the Biden Social Security agenda and other Senior Issues and Initiatives within the leadership structure of the PA Democratic organizational structures. The membership includes a variety of Pennsylvania Democratic Political and Civic leaders who volunteer to assist in efforts to promote Senior National Party and Administrations agendas and initiatives for seniors. I also served as a surrogate speaker for Elected Democratic Officials up to and including US Senator Casey and former State Auditor General DePasquale. As Chairman, I frequently pay for and attend various County Dinners to support other PA County party efforts. In addition to his Service on the PA State Committee I have been an active Democratic Committee Member, Chairman and Party Secretary.

Kathy Macaulay, Hilltown Township

I have been a Registered Nurse since 1979, specializing in critical care, patient education as well as being a Certified Operating Room nurse. Returning to school in 1995, I received a degree in general science education, biology and chemistry. In 2000, I became a certified general science teacher and worked for the North Penn School district where I worked for five years. I returned to nursing and became a nurse educator in the operating room. Being a nurse and a teacher has given me the skills to relate to others both professionally and personally. Along with my husband, I moved to Bucks County in 1994 where we raised our three children in a democratic and union household, on a small farm, called Walnut Bottom Farm; we also have two beautiful granddaughters. After raising my three children I became active in politics here in Bucks County. I first volunteered in Patrick Murphy's Democratic Congressional Race. In 2012, I volunteered for President Obama's campaign and was named a Neighborhood Captain, and GOTV coordinator for Upper Bucks County. Obama's successful election encouraged me to become politically

active and run for Committee Person in the Blooming Glen 3 voting precinct. After being the lone committee person in Hilltown, I worked tirelessly to recruit fellow members and establish the Hilltown Area Democratic Committee, which consists of Dublin, Hilltown, Silverdale and Telford, increasing the number of committee members from 1 to 18. I have held the title of municipal chair since the formation of HADC. Four years ago, as one of the top vote earners, I was elected to State Committee. I have attended almost every meeting and deminar available. Currently a member of the New American Caucus, Women's Caucus, Progressive Caucus and the Disability Caucus. I have work with the voter outreach committee to bring a strong Voter Registration program to Bucks. As a member of the Women's Caucus, I worked on the Women's Suffrage celebration in Harrisburg. I have worked tirelessly to get democrats elected, and to register new democratic voters. I am excited to run for re-election and to continue what I started four years ago. Those who know me, can attest to the fact that I enthusiastically give my all and work tirelessly to get Democrats elected.

Roberta Laney, Middletown Township

Roberta Laney is married to Arthur Laney and they are the parents of five children, ten grand-children and five great grand-children, one just weeks old. Roberta has been a resident of Middletown Bucks County since 1989 and attends St. Andrews church in Newtown. Roberta is a member of the Middletown Democratic Party and in 2016 Roberta was appointed to the PA State Democratic Committee and in 2018 won election to the Committee for four years. Roberta involves herself day to day in the governing of the business of the PDSC attending nominating conventions for statewide candidates, passing resolutions, coordinating strategies to elect Democrats up and down the ballot across the Commonwealth and coordinating and preforming other party business. In the election cycle of 2013 and 2015 Roberta actively campaigned across the Commonwealth of PA for Attorney Todd Eagen, a Candidate for PA Commonwealth Court. After a history-making sweep of all three open Supreme Court seats in November 2015 gave Democrats a 5-2 majority on the State Supreme Court and control of county and municipal offices in the four largest counties in the Commonwealth Roberta was there to help. In 2016 Roberta worked to elect Josh Shapiro, Attorney General; Eugene DiPasquale, State Auditor and Joe Torsella, State Treasurer. Roberta holds the position of Secretary of the Southeast State Regional Caucus, a member of the Senior Caucus, appointed by the State Chair to Chair the Voter Outreach Standing Committee and Chair of the State-Wide Check In, an Ad Hoc Committee of County Chairs. Much of the work Roberta does on State Committee benefits all Sixty-Seven Counties. Currently she is writing a resolution to make it easier to register to vote, based on Voter Registration Modernization a Policy Summary from the Brennan Center. And on April 12, 2022 Roberta is on the Invitation Committee for the PA Democratic County Chairs' Forum for US Senate Democratic Candidates. Roberta with help from BCDC Volunteers and Turn PA Blue is conducting Voter Registration Action Weekends trying to register 15,000 new voters in Bucks County. Roberta is running for re-election to PA State Committee in the May 17th Primary to continue doing the work and Roberta respectfully asks the BCDC for your endorsement.

Anna Payne, Middletown Township

I'm running for state committee because I was only appointed in 2021. I know that I can continue to be a more productive and useful asset to the team and the party. I have enjoyed working with everyone but unfortunately got diagnosed with Cancer not long after my appointment. I was still able to attend 2/3 meetings virtually. I have joined some caucuses and would love to be given another shot at continuing to help to elect democrats across PA. My hope is that with my health in better shape moving forward I'll be able to contribute more to the group. As currently the youngest person on state committee and possibly running, I can help bring a different perspective and set of ideas to the group.

Judi Reiss, Lower Makefield Township

Judi Reiss is a 47 year resident of Lower Makefield Township. Both she and her husband, Gary, have been involved in community activities and projects while raising their 5 children. Judi and Gary are in their same home where they raised their children and now have their two dogs, Molly and Max.

Judi was active in the Edgewood and Abrams Hebrew Academy PTOs and was a member of the Abrams Board of Directors. While teaching in the Trenton Public Schools, she helped and provided guidance to restarting the PTO at King Middle School. She was also wrote the American History (7th grade) curriculum for the school district. Judi is a past President of the Makefield chapter of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) and a former member of its National Board. She was a Board Member of Congregation Adath Israel's Sisterhood and designed and led several years of the Tot Shabbat programs. She delivered Meals on Wheels to senior citizens and volunteered one day every week

for several years at the Greenwood House for the Aged. She is currently on the Board of Directors of Congregation Beth El in Yardley. After losing her son, Joshua, at the World Trade Center, Judi worked with the other local victims' families to help establish the Garden of Reflection. She has worked diligently to raise funds to maintain the Garden and organize many of the September 11th Remembrance programs. She was on the 20th Anniversary Memorial committee for Lower Makefield Township. She became a member of the Environmental Advisory Council in Lower Makefield and was elected to serve on the Board of Supervisors. While a Supervisor, Judi was liaison to Planning, Senior Citizens and Historical committees. In November 2017, Judi was elected Bucks County Prothonotary. Many electronic improvements were made to the e-filing system, due to those changes the Prothonotary's Office remained open and fully functional through the pandemic. Currently, Judi is a member of the Bucks County Planning Commission, Bucks County America250, and a member of the Lower Makefield Township Zoning Board.

Paul Roden, Lower Makefield Township

Since being elected to the Pennsylvania State Democratic Committee in 2018, I have had perfect attendance. Despite the Covid 19 Pandemic restrictions, I have attended every State Committee Meeting in person or via Zoom. I am a member of the Southeast Caucus, the By-Laws Committee, the Progressive, and the Senior Caucus. As a member of the Bucks County Delegation to the State Committee of the Democratic Party, we have joined in efforts to register people to vote in many events around Bucks County, especially at Bucks County Community College, with the New Pennsylvania Project, Next Generation, the League of Women Voters and other groups. Locally, I have been active in the Yardley-Makefield Democratic Committee, where I serve on the Executive Committee as Chair Emeritus and as a Democratic Co-Committeeperson of the South 7th Precinct of Lower Makefield Township. I have been involved with Getting Out The Vote, canvassing, text banking, phone banking. Poll Watching, Volunteer Election Protection Team Observer at Southern Bucks County Government Services Center 2020, serving as an official Democratic Party Election Recount Observer 2021, writing postcards, writing letters, dropping literature at voters doors, placing and retrieving lawn signs, giving and raising campaign donations to help elect Democratic Candidates. I also serve on the Bucks County Democratic Committee Executive Board. I am running for re-election because I feel that I am a loyal and hard-working Democrat. And I want to do more to help elect more Democrats for every elected government office throughout the state and to support policy and laws that reflect the values and platform of the Democratic Party. Experience matters, and I am committed to not only doing the work to get on the ballot and win, but also to help the whole Democratic Party support Democratic Party Candidates running for any elected office in the County, the State and the Country. I want to disprove the late humorist Will Rogers statement who said: "I don't belong to any organized political party, I am a registered Democrat." And as the Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives has said, "Don't agonize, Organize." "That's what I do." President Obama. And so do I.

Dr. Kimberly Yeager-Rose, Northampton Township

I first ran for Northampton Township Supervisor in 2011. I became the first Democratic woman to serve on the board. I won re-election in 2017 and became the first Democrat to win reelection in 295 years. I am currently the treasurer and have been for 10 years. I grew up in a Democratic union family. My Great grandfather, grandfather and Dad were card-carrying members of Local 5 Elevator Constructors Union. I am a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother! I am a chiropractor, and I practice throughout Bucks County. I developed and taught an exercise class for senior citizens that I have been doing twice a week for the past 24 years at the Northampton Township Senior Center. I work to keep seniors fit physically, mentally and socially. In 2014 I ran for state senate against Tommy Tomlinson. I lost, but I made so many friends all over our district that I keep to this day. It was worth the fight! I learned so much about elections and the importance of our Democratic team. I am a Democratic committee person and I work hard to get Democrats elected up and down ballot. I was appointed to state committee in 2014. Then I ran five years ago and won. I have been to almost every meeting. I am a member of the New American caucus that helps new Americans in the voting process and the Senior Caucus that helps shape legislation to protect our seniors. I was unanimously elected by the members from the 6th senatorial district to represent them on the Executive Committee. I have worked on numerous Democratic campaigns. I work tirelessly to expand Democratic voter registration. I would like to continue my work on state committee where I connect people with the information they need. My number one goal is to get Democrats elected!

BCDC Non-Endorsed State Committee Candidate Information

Adam Benschik, East Rockhill Township

I am a life-long progressive Democrat who has been involved with the political organizations in Upper Bucks for 15 years. I help run the family business, Bux-Mont Awards, which has operated in the Pennridge area for over 30 years. I am an active member of the Pennridge Democrats and have helped grow the organization by recruiting new members and committee people. In the last year I have organized multiple canvassing events and recruited candidates to run for school board and borough council. For the past five years I was a part of a small group of parents who raised awareness of the awful things being done by Joan Cullen and the Pennridge School Board. In 2021 these efforts led to record high Democratic turnout for a municipal election. I believe that my experience running a small business and as an organizer in Upper Bucks county give me a unique view that would benefit the Bucks County Democrats and the PA State Committee.

Umar Farooq, Bensalem Township

Dr. Farooq practices Internal Medicine in Bensalem, Pennsylvania for over twenty years and he has been nominated for Philadelphia Magazine's Top Doctor for the fifth consecutive year. He was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at APPNA 44th Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida in July 2021. His mission is to build our community healthier, stronger, and well-informed. His work emphasizes three main goals i.e., education, community service, and civic engagement. He is affiliated with many residency programs as Head of the Outpatient Clinic and Supervisory Teaching Physician. Dr. Farooq has also a very well-structured externship, observership, and elective program, where he mentors and guides foreign medical graduates and students to get residency in the United States. In terms of community service, Dr. Farooq believes in giving back to society. His 'Health Dose with Dr. Farooq' on social media promotes a healthy lifestyle and wellness in the community. He also organizes Free Annual Health Fairs with his externs and volunteers. In October 2021, it was organized at Muslim Youth Center for Philadelphia at Knights Road, where more than 50 people were given flu vaccines and Covid-19 vaccine, along with general health check-ups, skin cancer screening, glaucoma screening, and dental screening. This year his primary focus has been to bring Covid-19 Vaccine to underserved communities and overcome vaccine hesitancy. Through his self-initiative of Covid-19 Vaccine Drive, Dr. Farooq and his team has administered vaccine doses to over two thousand residents of the greater Philadelphia area, the vulnerable elderly population of nursing homes, and members of various religious communities. Dr. Farooq accentuates the need for community awareness of the local government and understanding of the political process. Last year, in honor of his decades of civic engagement services, the Bucks County government appointed him as Chair of the New Americans Advisory Commission that aims to connect the county government with several first- and second-generation Americans, to foster interracial and interethnic communication, sharing of cultural experiences, and assist residents in easing the path to citizenship.

Seema Kazmi, Falls Township

Dr. Seema Kazmi grew up in Falls Township of Bucks County and obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree, Magna Cum Laude from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Dr. Kazmi is a licensed pharmacist in six states and has held positions in pharmacy management, managed care, public service and pharmaceutical industry with over 15 years in the field. Currently, Dr. Kazmi serves as Bucks County Director with the BucksMont Pharmacist Association. In October 2021, Dr. Kazmi was the recipient of the YWCA Salute to Women Who Make a Difference in Bucks County Award for Advocacy and Civic Engagement. She also serves as a Consumer reviewer and Consultant to the US Department of Defense for Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs. She was appointed by the Bucks County Commissioners to the Bucks County Human Relations Council, a nine-member Board, dedicated to promoting the value of diversity within the county and to serving as a resource and referral service for citizens who believe they have been a victim of hate crimes or discrimination in housing, employment, equal access or fair treatment. She serves as Secretary on the Council. Dr. Kazmi is an ardent advocate for her patients and fellow citizens at the federal and state levels of government in Harrisburg, PA and on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. She has done volunteer grassroots advocacy work with the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, and Every Life Foundation for Rare Diseases. She has advocated for affordable healthcare, access to insulin, NIH funding, initiatives to end youth vaping, people with disabilities and health equity. Moreover, Dr. Kazmi has volunteered her time on the planning committee for the ADA Tour de Cure to fundraise for diabetes research and summer camps for children.

Dr. Kazmi was part of the inaugural 2018 class of the NAACP NexGen Leadership Program and is a member of the NAACP. She was a panelist on the Pennsylvania NAACP forum on the "Future of Civil Rights Advocacy" and has presented on "Voting and Civic Engagement for Millennials of Color."

Paul Lang, Northampton Township

1948: I started my political involvement at age 5 doing literature (lit) drops for my uncle, Francis Muldowney, who was a PA State Representative in the Philadelphia area. This was how I got hooked into politics. 1975 to present: Elected Committeeperson, Northampton District #4. The district was newly formed due to population growth and our then Chairman, Gene Kellis, solicited me and my wife, Judy, to become Committeepersons. The saga continues today. 1986 —continuing for 30 years: Elected to PA State Committee where I proudly served representing the interests of Bucks County. My wife, Judy, and daughter, Rachel, each served terms on State Committee. My son, Paul, ran for PA State Senate in 2006. Needless to say, we are a political family. 2004-2020: Democratic candidate for Northampton Tax Collector 2010-present: Chairman 178th PA Assembly District. Recruited and assisted candidates for PA State Representative. On a closing note, when I served on PA State Committee I was fortunate to establish contacts that resulted in arranging several trips for our Bucks committee people to travel to Democratic Convention and nominate Governor Bob Casey for President. In 1993 we had almost 100 of our Bucks Committee people attend the Inauguration of Bill Clinton. Besides attending the actual Inauguration we also participated in the Inaugural Ball and got to see Bill and Hillary dance before us. If I am elected to State Committee again I would attempt to arrange similar events that our Committee people find interesting and make us proud to be Democrats. I promise to serve you well. Thank you for your consideration.

Work Experience: Owner of Countywide Wholesalers for 40 years

Military Experience: U.S. Army, honorable discharge. Served during the Vietnam Era.

Educational Background: Malvern Prep High School, Malvern, PA (class of 1962), Wheeling Jesuit University (class of 1966)

David Marshall, Middletown Township

David Marshall is a graduate of Council Rock High School and Kutztown University, where he earned a BA in Political Science. He has been working as a political staffer since 2008, where began as an organizing fellow with the Obama campaign here in Bucks County. Over the past decade plus of campaigns, David has worked across the country to help elect Democrats up and down the ticket. His career in electoral politics has included work in Pennsylvania, DC, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Florida, Texas, Colorado and Arizona. In addition to his electoral work, David had done fundraising for progressive organizing including the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and the ACLU. He served as Planned Parenthood's ACA Outreach Director for Tarrant County, leading a canvassing program covering Fort Worth, TX during the Affordable Care Act's initial open enrollment period. Additionally, David also has experience on Capitol Hill as a legislative intern for Senator Bob Casey. In 2016, David returned home to Bucks County and managed Perry Warren's successful campaign for State Representative. This was the number one targeted PA house race that cycle, and the Warren team successfully contacted more voters than any other PA house Democratic campaign that year. In 2017, David led the successful relaunch of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, serving as Executive Director. During his tenure with the SDCC, Democrats picked up 6 Seats in the PA Senate, including wins in Bucks County by Steve Santarsiero and Maria Collett. During David's time running the campaign committee, Senate Democrats gained more seats than at any other point in the last half century, moving from super-minority to competing for the majority. Today David Marshall owns and operates the political consulting firm Keystone Tactics and Strategies, based here in Bucks County and specializing in state and local campaigns. He lives in Middletown Township in the Snowball Gate section of Levittown, with his wife Beth, their two year old son Ellis, and their two dogs, Jackson and Lola.

Joe Metzinger, Hilltown Township

I was born, raised, and educated in Pennsylvania. It seems I've spent my entire life straddling Route 309, living in Hatfield for more than 30 years and Hilltown for the past three. My wife, Kaitlyn, is my rock. We have four funny, determined, and happy children (with #5 on the way). Like most, I grew up in a blue-collar family. My father was a butcher and later a custodian at Merck. I can vividly remember my father coming home from work, meat scraps glued to his boots, his hands still defrosting. My mother attended nursing school at nights when I was young, fulfilling her need to care for cancer patients. My parents were incredibly hard workers and lived by example. Thankfully, I was observant (or maybe

absorbent) and inherited the values my parents live by. I believe they are simple and enduring. Some of these values are: Everyone deserves the dignity of a good job. We should support and defend the unions that did the same for us. Everyone should have the same opportunity to succeed or fail. Access to high quality healthcare, childcare and education and training should be a given, not a reaching possibility. We should help each other. We are all in the turbulence of life together and that requires a baseline of common respect for each other. When things aren't right, speak up and act. I believe my values also align with those of the Democratic Party. During my time helping the Hilltown Area Democratic Committee, I've experienced the same drive that I have to level the playing field, get people involved throughout our community, and promote and defend our democratic process. As a member of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee, I would get involved with the youth caucus, working to grow our member pipeline state-wide. Additionally, I would participate in the progressive caucus to learn more about issues most pressing across our commonwealth and seek opportunities to meaningfully act. I also believe I can offer a unique perspective from leading big and small teams as an executive in finance and accounting. Finally, and most importantly, I would hold sacred the privilege of reviewing and endorsing candidates, ensuring that our candidates share the values of the Democratic Party and have the fortitude to uphold our written laws and critical democratic norms. And with that, with immense gratitude, I humbly ask for your consideration for endorsement for State Committee.

Kate Nazemi, Doylestown

For 17 years, I have developed strategic visual and written communication strategies that promote the diverse and equitable representation of race, gender, ethnicity, and ability in education and the arts for academic institutions including Harvard, MIT, Tufts, Framingham State University, Pepperdine, MassArt, North Bennet Street School, and cultural institutions like The James A. Michener Art Museum. I love doing great work with great people, and have a unique understanding of the communication goals and challenges specific to higher education, including recruitment, planned giving, alumni relations, and outreach—valuable expertise I plan to bring to the Democratic State Committee, where similar communication goals and challenges exist. I pride myself on being a life long Democrat and advocate for public education, women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, voting rights, and gun violence prevention. I am running for State Committee because now, more than ever, the Democratic Party is the only party fighting to uphold and improve our Democracy. We are the only party that is working to restore trust and value in democratic institutions, and ensure that our fundamental human rights endure. In my 30 years as a registered Democrat, I could not be prouder. Since 1992 I have volunteered for the Democratic Party in several presidential & local campaigns, attended party conventions, canvassed, phone banked, registered voters, & worked at the polls. Additionally, I have participated in several marches & protests in Washington, Boston, and Doylestown. This fall, I canvassed weekly for several Democratic School Board Candidates. Recently, with two children in Central Bucks Schools, I have witnessed the take over of educational policy by partisan, agenda-driven Republican directors. As a result, I have organized and led efforts to advocate for CDC public health guidance, uphold the rights of LGBTQ+ students who have been targets of bigotry and hatred, created the "Hate Has No Home in CBSD" campaign, and authored a Petition to push back against book banning, with close to 2,000 signatures now. This advocacy & organizing work continues as we prepare for April School Board meetings.

Steve Wojciechowski, Warminster Township

I am Steve Wojciechowski and I am running for State Committee. I was born in Philadelphia and raised in Bensalem. I graduated from Bensalem High and Bucks County Vo-Tech School with a diploma in Information Technology. I married in 1977 and moved to Warminster in 1979 where I currently reside. I am the father of three and the grandfather of six. I worked in the IT field from 1971 until my retirement in 2016. My interests include singing Karaoke, fantasy football and time down the shore during the summer with family and friends. I have been active in politics since 1972 both in Bensalem and Warminster, where I have been a Committeeperson and held several officer positions. I chair the By-Laws Committee in Warminster as well as being the Treasurer of Warminster First, the Campaign Finance Committee of the Warminster Township Democratic Organization. I am running because in my years of being involved in local and county campaigns, I've seen a lot of emphasis placed by the county and local organizations on the 'public contact' portion of a campaign; voter registration, voter turnout, etc. but little emphasis placed on the internal organization, for example; Campaign management, field organization, fundraising, campaign finance, etc. I would like to see the state party place more emphasis on the development of programs for recruiting, training and organizing candidates and campaign staff. I would like to see the state take these programs and create training packages and seminars for use by the county

and local organizations. Other Ideas I have are to create regional county organizations, and within counties, regional municipal organizations that would get together and share ideas, expertise and resources and to help smaller, less organized municipal parties build up their organizations. Also, to have county and municipal organizations 'plan ahead' by starting to recruit candidates, raise funds, document issues and have an operation in place starting a year in advance so that when January 1st of an odd number year (county and municipal races) come around, counties and municipal organizations can hit the ground running.

Ed Tokmajian, Bensalem Township

Ed Tokmajian from Bensalem is running for Democratic State Committee. He previously served as Bensalem Democratic Organization chair and is actively involved with the local party and the BCDC. Ed currently serves on the Bucks County Planning Commission as well as the BCDC Bylaws Committee. He has a proven track record of working hard for local, county, and state Democratic candidates and has canvassed thousands of doors for Bucks Democrats. Ed served as an elected official on Bensalem Council for the last four years. He fought against 287g being implemented, helped with drafting a non-discrimination ordinance, encouraged increasing the diversity of Bensalem's advisory boards, and worked tirelessly for residents. He has built a strong career in the pharmaceutical industry, currently serving in an executive leadership role as Sr Finance Manager for a large pharma company. He is hoping to fill the seat that Harris Martin had honorably served for many years. Ed would continue to encourage and promote Democratic values; And would be honored to serve on State Committee and receive the endorsement of Bucks County Democratic committeepersons.