

ELECTION 2018 (as of 4/10/18)

PA 2018 Primary is TUESDAY, May 15. Voters can apply for absentee ballots now. Obtain request form online (print it) or at township office. Fill it out and mail it to voter services in Norristown or hand-carry it to Courthouse Annex - 6th floor. Ballot is mailed out in April. Voted absentee ballots must be in Norristown office by 5pm Friday, 5/12. To register for the first time or change any part of your registration, go to votespa.com on/before Monday, April 16. The long-awaited 2018 general election is **November 6**. The goal of all Democrats, Moderates, Independents: CHANGE THE MAKE-UP OF DC & PA LEGISLATURES -- EMPOWER DEMOCRATS!!

The following offices will be elected in 2018:

1. PA SENATOR (6-year term) SENATOR **BOB CASEY** Incumbent DEMOCRAT endorsed
2. PA GOVERNOR (4-year term) GOVERNOR **TOM WOLF** Incumbent DEMOCRAT endorsed
3. PA LT. GOVERNOR (4-year term) (runs separately from governor) Current incumbent **MIKE STACK** is being challenged by 4 Democrats. Neither PA nor Montgomery County Democrats agreed to an endorsement. THERE WILL BE AN OPEN PRIMARY -- voters will decide without the "benefit" of party guidance. **JOHN FETTERMAN** and **MIKE STACK** are well-known names. Other candidates are **Ray Sosa, Kathi Cozzone, and Nina Ahmad**.
4. ALL 18 PA REPRESENTATIVES to CONGRESS (2-yr term). The 2011 Congressional map was challenged in court. The Pa Supreme Court ruled the map unconstitutional -- a gerrymander, drawn in order to greatly advantage the GOP. A new map was accepted by the court 2/19/18. The GOP maneuvered unsuccessfully to block implementation. As of 3/9, there were 4 announced candidates for the new 90% Montgomery County district #4, but as of 4/10 there are 3: **MADELEINE DEAN** (Abing), current state rep #153; **SHIRA GOODMAN** (UD), longtime Democratic advocate and most recent Executive Director CEASEFIREPA; and **JOE HOEFFEL** (abing), former member of Congress. Each is qualified and a strong D. Use the remaining time to figure out who deserves your vote. It is not an easy or obvious choice. There is no party-endorsed candidate.
5. 25 STATE SENATOR S -- EVEN-NUMBERED DISTRICTS (4-yr term) Sen Vincent Hughes' next election is 2020.
6. 203 PA STATE REPRESENTATIVES to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2-yr term) UD is part of 3 state house districts:
151 (Ward 1, 2-1, 2-2, 4-1) with Horsham, Montgomery TWP, part of L Gwynedd **SARA JOHNSON ROTHMAN**
152 (Wards 3, 6, 7) with L&U Moreland, Hatboro, Bryn Athyn, part of ward 63 Phila **DARYL BOLING**
153 (Ward 5, 2-3, 4-1, 4-2) with Abington (incumbent) **MADELEINE DEAN**
(if elected to Congress, there will be a special election in 2019 to replace Madeleine in #153)
7. Party offices are elected in the 2018 primary. Montgomery County Democrats are eligible to have 16 members of STATE COMMITTEE. To be considered, a person had to submit a resume and be interviewed in January by the selection committee. Sixty-one people applied for the 4-year term. Eight men and 8 women were chosen. Typically members of the State Committee delegation are well-known party workers and office holders. Voters routinely go along with what the party advocates.
8. 2 COMMITTEE PEOPLE per individual local precinct are selected by voters in the primary. As of now, openings are anticipated in UD 1-2 (1), 5-2 (1), 7-1 (1), 7-2 (2), and 7-3 (1). If you or someone wishes to fill an opening, to be elected requires at least 10 write-in votes during 5/15 primary by Democrats residing in the precinct.
9. Within 30 days post-primary, each municipal Democratic committee and each of the 15 AREA divisions in Montgomery County hold elections for intra-party office. Offices are filled by a vote of the majority of the committee people within a given jurisdiction. The positions are held for 4 years.