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*If you are a registered Democrat in the 14th Ward and would like to participate in our forums and vote in our pre-primary Endorsement Election, or if you just support our efforts, become a member of the Club. The Club is not an official Democratic Party organization.*

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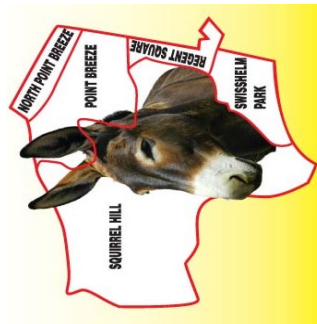
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## 2017 ENDORSED CANDIDATES



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## 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club 2017 ENDORSED CANDIDATES

PA Supreme Court  
**Dwayne Woodruff**

PA Superior Court  
**Carolyn H. Nichols**  
**Geoff Moulton**  
**Maria McLaughlin**  
**Debbie Kunselman**

PA Commonwealth Court  
**Ellen Ceisler**  
**Todd Eagen**

Court of Common Pleas  
**Patrick Connelly**  
**David Lee Spurgeon**

Allegheny County Sheriff  
**Bill Mullen**

Mayor of City of Pittsburgh  
**William Peduto**

Pittsburgh City Council District 8  
**Dan Gilman**

Pittsburgh School Board District 1  
**Sylvia C. Wilson**

Pittsburgh School Board District 5  
**Terry Kennedy**

Magisterial District Justice District 05-2-35  
**Dan Butler**

## Bill Peduto for Mayor

In his first term as mayor, Bill Peduto has continued to “think globally and act locally,” and he has helped make Pittsburgh a welcoming city to all.

He has championed sustainability practices while promoting Pittsburgh’s new, diversified economy emphasizing eds, meds, and high tech.

The Peduto administration has invested in affordable and mixed-income housing, development projects centered on communities, safe bike lanes, and more police and fire fighters. He and Council have brought the city into the digital age with online city services such as licenses and permits.

Mayor Peduto has also demonstrated leadership and courage in opposing President Trump on his dangerous and divisive speech and actions. While Mayor Peduto still faces a number of challenging issues, such as municipal pensions and water quality, Club members feel that he is on the right track.

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**Tuesday - May 16th go to the polls and VOTE!**

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## Judicial Races are Vitally Important!

While presidential, senate, and many other races seem to garner the most attention, judicial races are equally important because of the vital role judges play in how our government and society function.

Judges have lasting impact on our lives by presiding over criminal trials and sentencing, child custody and alimony cases, estate disputes, and other civil matters. PA state judges are elected to a 10-year term, after which a judge can run for retention in a “yes” or “no” vote in the November election. Virtually all judges are retained, so when judges are elected it often amounts to a lifetime position. ***This makes scrutiny of the candidates and participation in the election essential.***

Pennsylvania’s trial court is the Court of Common Pleas while the appellate courts are the Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, and Supreme Court. This year 4 of the 15 positions on the Superior Court will be filled by election. Additionally, there are 2 openings on the 9-member Commonwealth Court and 1 opening on the 7-member PA Supreme Court.

The Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) seat covering Wards 14 and 7 (Shadyside) is also up for election. MDJs hear cases involving matters such as landlord/tenant issues, smaller civil claims, and minor criminal offenses. They also preside over preliminary criminal hearings. The term for an MDJ is 6 years and they face reelection, not a retention vote.

***The PA Supreme Court has the greatest influence to stop unfair gerrymandering of our legislative districts.*** For that reason, and with so many judicial openings, and because of the long tenure of judges and the lasting impact of their decisions, ***be sure to participate in the election of our judges!***

## Re-Elect Bill Mullen for Sheriff

As Sheriff of Allegheny County since 2006, Bill Mullen has been a leader of reform and innovation. He ended an abused system of political patronage by making nearly all positions civil service and implementing advancement by merit. He computerized an office that kept records on 3 by 5 cards, leading the way to clear more than 100,000 warrants during his tenure.

During the housing crisis he started a program that cut foreclosures in half and kept thousands of families in their homes. He met the opioid crisis head on, equipping deputies with the overdose rescue drug Narcan and initiating an effort that sends deputies to people's homes to pick up unused narcotic medicines when requested.

Sheriff Mullen has demonstrated leadership in law enforcement while being sensitive to community concerns and needs.

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