

**PGH 14TH WARD INDEPENDENT
DEMOCRATIC CLUB**



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14th WARD CLUB TO HOLD 54th ENDORSEMENTS

Comedy Fundraiser April 21st Followed by Endorsement Forum and Vote April 22nd

Hosting 3 local young comics and music institute founders to start off weekend endorsement events

Political crazy is off the charts! So, too, is the need for comic relief.

The Pittsburgh 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club will be providing that on Saturday April 21, 2018 at the Schenley Park Skating Rink Lodge when up-and-coming Pittsburgh comics Norlex Belma, Suzanne Lawrence, and Alex Homyak take the stage and rip up some of the crazy. There will be a guest roaster straight in from Washington DC, too.

In between these performances will be Pamela and Dr. James Johnson, founders of the Afro American Music Institute, to stir everyone up and soothe them with their sounds.

More information on the event is on the club's website <http://www.pgh14widc.org>.

All this will be a prelude to the Endorsement candidate forum and Club Endorsement vote to select on Sunday April 22 from noon to 3 PM, also at the Schenley Park Skating Rink Lodge. The candidate forum is open to the public and Club members in good standing will be voting to endorse candidates for all offices that have jurisdiction in the 14th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh.

The Club advocates for open and equitable government and justice for everyone. Questions from Club members and attendees at the Endorsement Forums probe into candidates' records and stands on the issues.

With more than 18,000 registered Democrats, the 14th Ward is the largest ward in the City of Pittsburgh and second largest in the state. The Ward includes all or part of Squirrel Hill, Point Breeze, North Point Breeze, Regent Square, Park Place, and Swisshelm Park.

The Club, which is not directly affiliated with the Democratic Committee of Allegheny County, is the oldest independent Democratic club in the country and has made annual candidate endorsements for 54 years. Its endorsements are printed in a Voters' Guide and mailed to Democratic voters in the 14th ward. The endorsements are also posted at the club's website <http://www.pgh14widc.org>

The Club's open endorsement process allows members to hear candidates present their positions before casting their votes for the office seekers who best match their values and have best responded to important issues.

Candidates will speak to Club members and other attendees for the following offices:

- **US Senate**
- **US Congress 18th District**
- **PA Governor**
- **PA Lieutenant Governor**
- **PA Senator in the 43rd District**
- **PA Representative in the 23rd District**
- **PA Representative in the 24th District**
- **PA Representative in the 34th District**
- **PA State Democratic Committee**

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