



Dear Neighbor,

We are writing to give you some information on the upcoming primary election, and to offer our recommendations on candidates.

You are legally permitted to take this letter into your polling place with you on Election Day, or use it as you fill in your mail-in ballot.

Election Day is **Tuesday, April 23**. Polls are open from 7 am until 8 pm.

We encourage you to vote by mail to ensure that you can vote even if you are unable to get to your polling place, or if you are sick or busy on Election Day. While you can mail your ballot, we encourage you to drop it in the **drop box in front of Eastern State Penitentiary** on Fairmount Avenue or bring your completed ballot to **City Hall, Room 140**. It must arrive by **8 pm on Election Day (April 23)**. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is **Tuesday, April 16**.

The deadline to register to vote is **Monday, April 8**.

Go to www.vote.pa.gov to register to vote by mail or to find your polling place.

Election Overview

This election includes national nominating contests for U.S. President, Senate and House District 3, as well as races at the state level, including Attorney General, Auditor General and Treasurer. There are also State Senate and House races. We highlight a few key races below. Please visit our website, www.philly15th.com, for information about all races and candidates, and about the ballot question.

U.S. President: We endorse President **Joe Biden**. President Biden brought the country out of the pandemic safely and responsibly. On his watch, the economy has created 11 million new jobs, and the unemployment rate is 3.5%. President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act capped the cost of insulin at \$35/month for seniors and made unprecedented investments in renewable energy, public transportation, road and bridge repair, and pollution reduction. President Biden has forgiven student loans for tens of millions of borrowers and signed into law the first meaningful gun violence reduction legislation in 30 years.

Many Democrats in our ranks and across the country have reasonable disagreements with this administration on issues domestic and foreign, including how the administration has handled Israel's invasion of Gaza in response to the October 7 Hamas terrorist attack. We do not believe either abstaining from voting or voting against President Biden is the answer. The 15th Ward believes President Biden has earned our votes both in the primary and in the general elections because he fights for us – for access to reproductive care, to combat climate change and to reduce inflation so the economy works for Philadelphia's families. An active and engaged Democratic Party is important to hold the administration accountable in areas where we disagree. Another Trump presidency would harm many vulnerable groups of people within and beyond the U.S. A vote for Biden is a vote to ensure we can uphold our democracy and make it more inclusive and representative of the needs of our community.

U.S. Senate and House: We endorse Senator **Bob Casey**. Re-electing Sen. Casey will be critical to determining control of the U.S. Senate. Sen. Casey has been a champion of Pennsylvania's working families since 2006 and is an important voice on the Senate Finance; Health, Education, Labor, and Pension; and Intelligence committees. His opponent in November is likely to be David McCormick, who has advocated a ban on abortion care in PA.

We endorse Congressman **Dwight Evans** in the race for U.S. House, PA District 3.

Statewide Races: The Attorney General is the state's top law enforcement officer. Among their responsibilities, Attorneys General protect the right to vote and the will of voters, as the prior Attorney General Josh Shapiro did against far-right attempts to overturn the 2020 election. In this election, we endorse **Joe Khan** because we believe that he will continue Shapiro's excellent work – by defending the rights guaranteed in the state constitution, protecting Pennsylvanians' right to vote, as well as ensuring access to reproductive care – regardless of the outcome of the November presidential election.

For Auditor General, the state's chief fiscal watchdog responsible for ensuring that state money is spent legally and properly, we endorse **Malcolm Kenyatta**. The Treasurer leads the Treasury Department and safeguards and manages the state's financial assets. We endorse **Ryan Bizzarro**, who is committed to promoting financial literacy and protecting important resources like low-interest loans.

Local Races: Candidates from PA House Districts 195 and 181 are up for reelection this cycle. **Donna Bullock** (HD-195) is running unopposed and has our endorsement. We endorse **Malcolm Kenyatta** in HD-181. If you live in Divisions 3, 7, or 10 in the 15th Ward, you're in PA House District 181. All other divisions in our Ward are in PA House District 195. (Your ballot will list your house district.) In the race for PA Senate District 3, we endorse **Sharif Street**.

If you have any questions or concerns about voting, please email the Ward at philly15th@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

Philly 15th Democratic Ward Committee

<u>Philly15th's Endorsed Candidates</u>	
<u>President</u> Joe Biden	<u>Treasurer</u> Ryan Bizzarro
<u>U.S. Senate</u> Bob Casey	<u>PA State Senate District 3</u> Sharif Street
<u>U.S. House</u> <u>(PA-3)</u> Dwight Evans	<u>PA House District (195 or 181)</u> Donna Bullock (195) and Malcolm Kenyatta (181)
<u>Attorney General</u> <u>(Vote for 1)</u> Joe Khan	<u>Auditor General (Vote for 1)</u> Malcolm Kenyatta