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February Newsletter



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A Letter from Chairman Sharif Street



Dear Members,

Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of African Americans to our nation. In addition to the important work that has been done throughout history, we have an amazing group of talented African Americans leading in various roles across the Commonwealth.

PA House Speaker Joanna McClinton, Philadelphia Mayor Cherelle Parker, Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey, Democratic Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee Sen. Vincent Hughes, and Government Oversight Chair Rep. Morgan Cephas are among the African American leaders that are working diligently in their respective leadership positions and moving our state forward.

This is a good month to reflect on the work that has been done, but we also need to focus on the future. As we work to reelect President Joe Biden and U.S. Senator Bob Casey, our strategy and execution is more important than ever. In addition, we are working on electing Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta for Auditor General and Rep. Ryan Bizzarro for Treasurer.

Governor Shapiro set forth an agenda that will change the lives of Pennsylvanians from every walk of life. From opening up access to higher education, to historic investments of \$1.6 billion in public education and hundreds of millions of dollars to support our transit systems, raising the minimum wage to \$15, \$500 million in PA SITES, relief for health care debt and the critical need to pass responsible gun laws – this budget pushes Pennsylvania in the right direction. We need to rally in support of Governor Shapiro and put his vision in a budget document on his desk.

We need to support the Governor to ensure a budget document gets to his desk sooner, rather than later.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming State Committee Meeting on May 31 – June 1, 2024 in Allentown, PA, as we continue to execute at the highest level.

Sincerely,

Senator Sharif T. Street

Chairman, Pennsylvania Democratic Party

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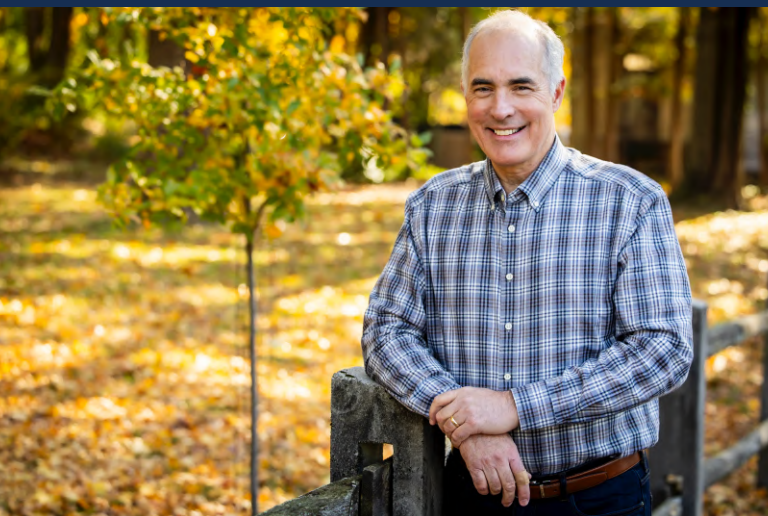
Endorsed Candidates



**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN
FOR REELECTION**



**REP. MALCOLM KENYATTA
FOR AUDITOR GENERAL**



**U.S. SENATOR BOB CASEY
FOR REELECTION**



**REP. RYAN BIZZARRO
FOR TREASURER**



SENATOR CASEY LAYS OUT 2024 PRIORITIES AT CAMPAIGN EVENT WITH MAYOR CHERELLE PARKER AND LABOR LEADERS

This month, Senator Bob Casey laid out the stakes of his re-election campaign for the U.S. Senate in an address to labor leaders and union members in Philadelphia. Senator Casey highlighted his plans to keep fighting to deliver for Pennsylvania, including lowering costs for families, fighting for workers, and protecting women's rights. Mayor Parker praised Senator Casey for his record of delivering on these priorities, including helping to secure federal funding for SEPTA and successfully leading efforts to bring a hydrogen hub project in the Philadelphia region that's projected to create 20,000 good-paying jobs.

Senator Casey also compared his record of delivering for working people to his opponent David McCormick's record of selling out Pennsylvania workers and prioritizing greedy corporations over families. Recent reports have cast new light on McCormick's long record of outsourcing and killing jobs to protect his own bottom line.



Senator Bob Casey Updates



Read More Below:

- Philadelphia Inquirer: [Bob Casey acknowledges 'long, tough race,' ahead of him in matchup with McCormick](#)
- Philadelphia Tribune: [Casey builds re-election case in campaign speech](#)
- KYW Newsradio: ['I can't do what I'm elected to do without you': Parker boosts Senator Casey's reelection bid](#)

Senator Casey is also continuing to take on corporate greed, focusing his latest effort on “junk fees” – unnecessary fees that pop up in many of the bills Pennsylvanians pay. Senator Casey is pushing back against the corporations charging “junk fees,” which are taking a huge chunk out of Pennsylvania families’ budgets.

The Casey campaign has also been busy this month collecting petitions to get Senator Casey on the ballot. If you can take the time to volunteer to help us get thousands of signatures from all across the Commonwealth before the February 13 deadline, please go to BobCasey.com to get involved.



Governor Josh Shapiro's Accomplishments



Governor Josh Shapiro continues to lead Pennsylvania in the right direction. From developing new programs, to lowering costs for families, and expanding access to healthcare, [his initiatives](#) continue to set us on the path forward.

Governor Shapiro's Accomplishments Include:

- Creating Economic Opportunity (82,300 Net Jobs in the First Year)
- Building Big in Pennsylvania (6,531 Miles of Repaired Roads and 74 Repaired Bridges)
- Making Government Work for You (Working to Cut Red Tape)
- Lowering Costs for Families (\$120.3 Million for the Whole-Home Repair Program)
- Helping Students Chart Their Course (\$567 Million Increase in Basic Education Funding)
- Investing in Safer Communities For All (New funding for PA State Police, and law enforcement recruitment efforts)
- Ensuring the Justice System Works (Funding for Indigent Defense, Probation Reform and Clean Slate)
- Safeguarding our Land, Water, & Air (Secured two regional clean hydrogen hub projects, which will create 41,000 good-paying jobs)
- Supporting Pennsylvania's Farmers (\$31 million to support Pennsylvania Poultry Farmers)
- Expanding Access to Healthcare (Allocated \$10 million to establish regional recovery hubs)
- Holding Corporations Accountable (Secured Commitment from Norfolk Southern for \$7.38 million)

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Governor Josh Shapiro's Budget Address





Governor Josh Shapiro's Budget Address



Governor Josh Shapiro delivered a speech on February 6, 2024 outlining his proposed 2024-25 budget, which sets forth a bold vision to create opportunity for all Pennsylvanians. The Pennsylvania Democratic Party recognizes the monumental impact this budget would have on communities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Governor Shapiro's Proposed Budget Includes:

- \$1.4 billion in additional funding for Local School Districts
- More than \$38 million to support teachers and address the teacher shortage pipeline
- Cyber charter school funding reform
- \$32.7 million increase for Pre-kindergarten programs
- Over \$42M to address food insecurity
- Over \$150 million to protect older Pennsylvanians
- Over \$100 million to end gun violence in Pennsylvania with prevention and intervention strategies
- \$500 million in PA SITES funding to allow commercial and industrial sites to become shovel-ready
- \$25 million for the Main Street Matters program supporting small businesses which are the key job creators across our Commonwealth
- \$3.5 million to create and launch the Pennsylvania Regional Economic Competitiveness Challenge
- \$50 million to enhance public safety for the Pennsylvania State Police, Office of Attorney General, and the Crime Victims Compensation Fund
- \$50 million for Whole Homes Repairs



2024 Coordinated Leadership Team



Nikki Lu

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Previously: Deputy State Director for Biden in PA, Women's Bureau Chief of Staff, U.S. Dept. of Labor



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Senior Adviser

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Kellan White

Senior Adviser

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Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta Updates



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



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“We need a state treasurer who understands we need to invest in a future that works for everyone — and protects the people’s money. Ryan Bizzarro is that leader, and I’ve got his back. Please join me in supporting my friend and Pennsylvania’s next State Treasurer, Ryan Bizzarro.”

REP. JOANNA MCCLINTON
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



“We must curb the spread of extremism in both our politics and government, and that’s why, up and down the ballot, I stand with candidates who are pro-democracy and pro-women’s rights. In the race for Pennsylvania Treasurer, that’s Ryan Bizzarro. Stacy Garrity is too extreme for our Commonwealth. Ryan will serve all Pennsylvanians with integrity and decency.”

CONGRESSWOMAN MADELEINE DEAN



Petition Program Roundup



On February 13th, the PA Dems completed the 2024 election cycle petition circulation program turning in a record number of signatures for our statewide campaigns (both Senator Casey and President Biden turned in well over 25,000 signatures each.). All across PA, our County Chairs, local Committee members, and activists worked fast and efficiently to help get our Democratic candidates and DNC delegates on the ballot for the Primary election cycle.

During the petition cycle, members of the PA Dems Team were joined by Chairman Street and DNC Vice-Chair Ken Martin to see our County Parties in action and helped fire up the troops.



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WORKING TOGETHER TO UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC VALUES

Summer State Committee Meeting, May 31 - June 1, 2024 in Allentown, PA. The deadline to book your room is on April 15 - No Exceptions. Contact Peggy Lucas for more information at plucas@padems.com

[Book Your Stay Now!](#)

IMPORTANT VOTING DEADLINES FOR THE APRIL 2024 PRIMARY

Visit the [PA Dems Voting Center](#) for more information.

February 20, 2024 - Last day to file objections to nomination petitions

February 28, 2024 - Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions

April 08, 2024 - Last day to REGISTER before the primary

April 16, 2024 - Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

April 23, 2024 - Last day for County Board of Elections to receive completed mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)

April 23, 2024 - GENERAL PRIMARY



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