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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

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Today, January 20, 2021, we jubilantly usher in a new administration with a hopeful, new vision for the direction of our country and an end to this pandemic. We have painstakingly awaited this day for 4 long years and we welcome the Joe Biden/Kamala Harris administration with open arms. To watch the swearing in ceremonies of this truly historic administration, tune in [here](#). Moments after Joseph R. Biden is sworn in as our 46th president, join the PA Democratic Party and the DE Democratic Party for a [Biden Home States Inauguration Celebration!](#)

The Cumberland County Democratic Committee (CCDC) is also making history with a new bi-monthly newsletter, Dems Notes, with a new vision for the direction of our county. We hope you will welcome it with open arms as well!

The past 4 years were no picnic and 2020 in particular was a rough year in so many ways. One silver lining was the defeat of Donald Trump and the incredible Democratic voter turn out across this nation and in Cumberland County. **You**, the voters of Cumberland County, produced the highest Democratic gains in the state of PA!

This newsletter is an attempt to keep that momentum going, to keep you, our supporters, in the know and continue the progress we are building to turn Cumberland County blue. We know it won't happen overnight but we do know with consistent and sustained efforts over time, the pendulum will swing in our favor.

We ask each and everyone of you to join us in some way towards these efforts. Won't you please consider becoming a [sustaining member of our CCDC family](#) or [donating your time as a volunteer](#)?

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to all who have supported us over the years and in 2020. Cheers to 2021 and the wonderful opportunities possible with a Biden/Harris administration! May the new year and the new administration bring you and your family hope, light and a feeling of better times ahead.

*Best Wishes,
Cumberland County Democratic Committee*



UPCOMING CCDC EVENTS

Two events are planned to teach prospective candidates and volunteers how to circulate petitions so our Democratic candidates get on the ballot in the 2021 election! Join us and learn all the important rules to ensure your petitions are properly circulated and filed.

[Tuesday, February 2nd at 7 PM](#) & [Saturday, February 6th at 10 AM](#)



Commissioner Corner

Opportunity Knocks

As soon as we finish celebrating the Biden–Harris Inauguration (thank you Carlisle Democrats for the virtual party and the souvenir champagne flute), it's time to get to work turning disgruntled Republicans into Democratic voters. Cumberland County Bureau of Elections reports that voters are changing their registered political parties in record numbers in what appears to be a reaction to the domestic terrorism that occurred at our nation's capital last week. As of last Thursday, the Bureau received 287 party change applications; 95 switched to Dem; two to Green; 17 Independent; 12 Libertarian; 141 No Affiliation; 4 Other; 1 Patriot and 15 Republican. It feels like the time is right to talk with Republican friends, neighbors and family members about the great things Democrats do. There's plenty of "Thank a Democrat" yard banners (thank you JP Shaw) at headquarters – I'll be purchasing a couple and proudly planting them.

Election Reform

Please, please, please call your state legislator and talk with her/him about the importance of Election Code reform. Pennsylvania counties are currently headed to a primary facing the same election code challenges that caused election officials to resign across the state. You can help by:

- Asking your legislator to support extending the pre–canvassing period for mail–in and absentee ballots to allow for plenty of time to prepare ballots for tabulation so that election results are available as soon as possible.
- Requesting that the deadline for absentee and mail–in ballot applications be moved back to 15 days prior to an election to allow for sufficient time for the county to process the application AND for the ballot to be mailed from the county to the voter and back again.
- Reminding your legislator that county election officials should be at the table when the Election Law Advisory Board convenes on January 28th.

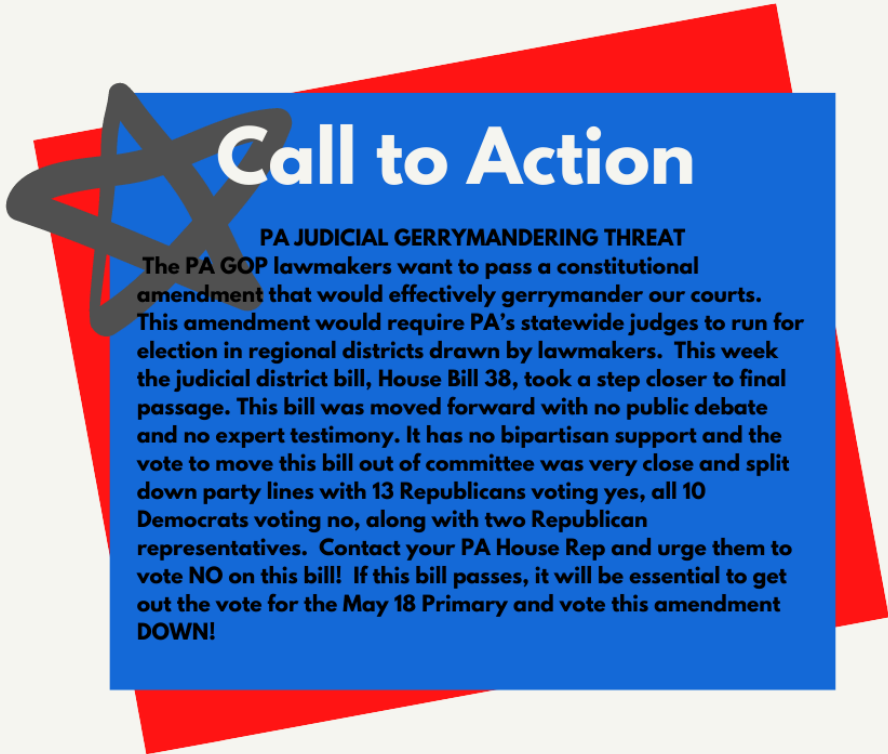
Additionally, a thank you phone call or email to our Bureau of Elections would be really helpful (717.240.6385 or bureauofelections@ccpa.net). I'm sure Bethany and her team would appreciate

your kindness after months of assiduous public service.

Just so you know, I serve as the Commissioner Liaison to the Children and Youth Advisory Board; Cumberland County Library System; Cumberland Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission; Cumberland County Planning Commission; Local Emergency Planning Commission; Stop Violence Against Women Task Force and the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study. You can reach me directly at jfoschi@ccpa.net or 717-240-6156 (this is the number for the phone on my desk). Nothing is too big or too small to help with or talk about.

I thank you all for the opportunity to serve our community!

Jean



Call to Action

PA JUDICIAL GERRYMANDERING THREAT

The PA GOP lawmakers want to pass a constitutional amendment that would effectively gerrymander our courts. This amendment would require PA's statewide judges to run for election in regional districts drawn by lawmakers. This week the judicial district bill, House Bill 38, took a step closer to final passage. This bill was moved forward with no public debate and no expert testimony. It has no bipartisan support and the vote to move this bill out of committee was very close and split down party lines with 13 Republicans voting yes, all 10 Democrats voting no, along with two Republican representatives. Contact your PA House Rep and urge them to vote NO on this bill! If this bill passes, it will be essential to get out the vote for the May 18 Primary and vote this amendment DOWN!

Find out more about [HB 38](#)! Find your [PA House Rep](#)!



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