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[Message from CCDC](#)

As we eagerly enter Spring of 2021, we hope you share our feelings of renewal, rebirth, and rejoice. With the signing of the American Rescue Plan, real relief is on its way to the American people and the residents of Cumberland County. This historic legislation will provide money in the pockets of working families, help our school districts so our children and teachers can safely return to in-class learning, and increase vaccine distribution so everyone that wants a vaccine can get one.

In Cumberland County, vaccination centers are increasing, and as more of our residents become vaccinated we are hopeful for a return to in-person CCDC events as soon as it is safe. This pandemic has forced us to rethink everything and we made the best of the situation for 2021 Candidate petitioning events by holding drive-through events. This practice proved to be quite successful and perhaps a model moving

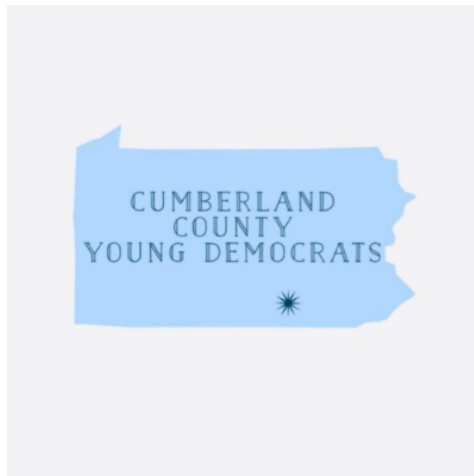
forward. It is not too late to run for an open seat in Cumberland County. Find open seats [here](#) and an [Interest Form](#). We have dedicated volunteers ready to help you every step of the way.

2020 was such a disappointing year in so many ways but CCDC made real progress. In the last issue of Dems Notes, we told you about Cumberland County having the highest Presidential Democratic gains in the entire state. Cumberland County was also **one of only two states** in the South Central Caucus to have a positive gain in Democratic registration compared to Republicans during the same time frame. We registered 836 more voters than the Republicans! Our progress is not going unnoticed. Cumberland County is **one of 10** rural or emerging counties that Turn PA Blue is supporting by raising funds to help build our year-round infrastructure. Small investments in CCDC can pay big dividends by funding more postcards to voters, texting, lawn signs, and local volunteer outreach.

We ask each and every one of you to join us in keeping our momentum going towards these efforts. Please consider becoming a [sustaining member of our CCDC family](#) or [donating your time as a volunteer](#).

Enjoy the Spring, the welcoming of extended family, our re-emergence into society, and a needed return to some normalcy!

*Best Wishes,
Cumberland County Democratic Committee*



CCDC is proud to announce the official chapter of the Cumberland County Young Democrats (CCYD). A Young Democrat is a democrat who is 18-36 years old. The mission of the CCYDs is to elect Democrats, advocate for progressive issues, and train the next generation of progressive leaders, within Cumberland County. If you or someone you know is in this demographic, join the discussion

on [Facebook](#) or contact CCYD at
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Commissioner Corner

Happy 1st day of spring. My family is looking forward to sunshine, warmer days, and going outside to play. Covid winter was hard on us mentally and physically. Spring's promise of renewal and rejuvenation is a welcome change.

There's a tremendous amount going on in Cumberland County right now. Here are some things you may be interested in...

Public Meetings

I encourage your participation in county public meetings. There's a lot going on and it's a good time to be paying close attention. At every public meeting, you have the opportunity to comment on the business of that meeting. Here's the link to locate the particulars for a variety of public meetings.

<https://www.ccpa.net/3025/Public-Meetings>

Climate Change Mitigation

I'm really proud of the work our planning department has done to advance climate change mitigation in Cumberland County. We recently completed a greenhouse gas inventory as the first step in creating a Climate Action Plan. We are now seeking your input on your personal adoption of climate change mitigation actions. Please consider taking 7 minutes out of your busy day to complete our Climate Action Plan Survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CumberlandCountyCAP>

The results of this survey will be used to develop recommendations for voluntary

actions that can be taken by residents and businesses in the county to help reduce our climate change vulnerability.

Cumberland County Libraries

I've loved libraries since I was a little girl and my boys and I miss spending time in the library meandering through the stacks and enjoying quiet reading time. I am fortunate to be the commissioner liaison to the Cumberland County Library System Board. CCLS is conducting a Strategic Plan Community Survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCLS_Strategic_Planning_Survey

The survey will be used to shape the library system's 5-year strategic plan. If you have the time, please complete the survey. Your input will help the library system better serve county residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please call or email me with your questions or concerns. My direct dial is 717-240-6156; my email is jfoschi@ccpa.net.

3 statewide ballot measures were certified to appear on the ballot on May 18, 2021

1 Equal Rights Regardless of Race or Ethnicity Amendment
Prohibits denial or abridgment of rights on account of an individual's race or ethnicity **YES**

2 Emergency Declarations Amendment
Addresses the governor's emergency powers, including requiring legislative approval to continue beyond 21 days **NO**

3 Legislative Resolution to Extend or Terminate Emergency Declaration Amendment
Empowers the legislature to extend or terminate an emergency declaration by resolution **NO**

Of course, we all support the proposed equal rights amendment which will be on the May 18th primary ballot. However, the other two emergency declaration amendments are problematic and a direct result of some lawmakers being unhappy about Governor Wolf's pandemic response.

PA's Emergency Declaration has been in place for decades keeping us safe from floods, hurricanes, blizzards, and now a deadly pandemic. Both Republican and Democratic Governors have used it to protect Pennsylvania's citizens and businesses and obtain needed state and federal support. Governors past and present have successfully met our needs and kept us safe by enacting this Emergency Declaration. It works. Vote NO!

Make your plan NOW to vote during the May 18 municipal primary election:

 Check your registration status at VotesPA.com/Status.

 Register to vote or update your registration at VotesPA.com/Register.

May 3, 2021 – Last day to register.

 Sign up to vote by mail ballot at VotesPA.com/MailBallot.

May 11, 2021 – Last day to apply for mail-in or absentee ballot.

CALL TO ACTION!

It is crucial that we communicate an accurate and fair assessment of the November 2020 election to these committee members. Let them know we love no excuse mail-in ballots and we want them to make voting easier in PA not harder. Submit comments [here](#).





- a new CCDC website set to roll out in early May
- reopening of the CCDC office in April/May to answer election questions
- volunteer opportunities for voter registration/vote by mail initiatives and poll observer activities
- keep up to date on HB22/SB222 also called the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act (LCRA)



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