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With the May 18th Primary Election right around the corner, the Cumberland County Democratic Committee is proud to announce the launch of our brand new website. This has been some time in the making and would not have been possible without the generous support of **YOU**, our donors, voters, and volunteers in Cumberland County. We thank you

and we encourage you to go to <http://cumberlandcountydems.com/> and peruse all the vital voter information, resource links, CCDC information, and volunteer information to help us work together to organize the 56,000+ Democrats that live in Cumberland County. South-Central PA has been a growing area for Democrats for the past few years, especially in Cumberland County, where the Harrisburg suburbs are slowly turning the county blue.

Cumberland County Democratic Committee Chair, Stephanie Christ, appointed a Communications Subcommittee in January 2021. The Communications Subcommittee, led by Upper Allen Democratic Area Leader, Jo Bitzer, working in conjunction with Mechanicsburg website designer Julie Purcell of [Ursa Minor](#), created this new platform for Democrats to chart a path forward as redistricting looms this year before high-profile races for governor and U.S. Senate in 2022.

The new website is reaching out to all voters in the county, providing vital information on voter registration, candidates on the ballot, and the four ballot questions, including three proposed constitutional amendments, that will appear on the May 18th Municipal Primary ballot. Democrats will head to the polls to consider judicial candidates — including one for the state Supreme Court — while all Pennsylvania voters will be asked to consider four ballot questions that will shape the course of Pennsylvania for years to come. And unlike most primaries, even voters not registered with one of the major parties can weigh in on state and local referendum questions.

Everyone is welcome to the resources, people, activities, and events on the new Cumberland County Democratic Committee website, letting all Pennsylvanians know “**You Belong**” at <https://cumberlandcountydems.com/>. We hope you will take a few minutes and join us in our quest to better organize and educate the 56,000+ Democrats in Cumberland County. You can help in our website rollout by considering the following actions:

- Share the link NOW with friends and family in Cumberland County. It is urgent to get the vital voter information in the hands of the voter before the May 18th Primary.
- Share the link on your social media platforms and let everyone know they have a place in our county party. Tell them -" YOU BELONG! ".
- Add a link to the CCDC website on your LinkedIn personal profile.
- Encourage friends and family to subscribe to the CCDC email distribution list so they can stay informed. <https://mailchi.mp/dc2352b26e7b/ccdc-2019-email-list-campaign>.

*** PLEASE BOOKMARK OUR WEBSITE UNTIL GOOGLE CATCHES UP WITH FINDING US!**

*Best Wishes,
Cumberland County Democratic Committee*

Judge of Elections (JOE) and Inspector of Elections (IOE) are up for election on May 18th. There are many Cumberland County precincts with no candidates. It is not too late to run as a write-in candidate. JOE candidates need 10 people in their precinct to write them in. IOE need only 5. If Dems don't run, Republicans will be in charge of every polling location in 2024! Check out the Cumberland County Dems website to see if your precinct needs a candidate.

Visit

<https://cumberlandcountydems.com/municipal-primary-candidates/> then look for your local area tab.

A graphic titled "PENNSYLVANIA BALLOT QUESTIONS EXPLAINED" with a star border. It details three ballot questions: 1. Constitutional Amendment & Emergency Powers, 2. Equal Rights & Protections, and 3. Equal Rights & Protections. Each question has a "Yes" and "No" outcome box. ★ ★ ★ ★ PENNSYLVANIA ★ ★ ★ ★ **BALLOT QUESTIONS EXPLAINED**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT & EMERGENCY POWERS

EQUAL RIGHTS & PROTECTIONS

BALLOT QUESTION 1

BALLOT QUESTION 2

BALLOT QUESTION 3

IF YOU VOTE YES

THE PARTY CONTROLLING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN END AN EMERGENCY AT ANY TIME, REGARDLESS OF THE SEVERITY LEVEL.

IF YOU VOTE YES

A DISASTER EMERGENCY AUTOMATICALLY ENDS AFTER 3 WEEKS, EVEN IF LAWMAKERS ARE UNABLE TO MEET AND EXTEND IT.

IF YOU VOTE YES

PENNSYLVANIA'S CONSTITUTION WOULD BE UPDATED TO INCLUDE EQUAL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS BASED ON RACE OR ETHNICITY.

IF YOU VOTE NO

THE GOVERNOR CAN ACT QUICKLY TO DELIVER FEDERAL DOLLARS AND STATE AID. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OR TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE IS NEEDED TO END THE DECLARATION.

IF YOU VOTE NO

A DISASTER RESPONSE MAY CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS IT IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO AID IN RECOVERY.

IF YOU VOTE NO

PENNSYLVANIA'S CONSTITUTION WOULD CONTINUE TO LACK PROTECTIONS FOR DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE OR ETHNICITY.

Commissioner Corner

Governor Wolf spoke this morning at the Silver Spring Community Fire Company. I was honored to be at the event along with Silver Spring Community Fire Company President Doug McDonald, Supervisor Theresa Eberly, as well as firefighters from Silver Spring Community Fire Company, and New Kingstown Fire Company. Governor Wolf urged a “no” vote on the first two ballot amendments and highlighted the referendum regarding our volunteer fire departments.

Your vote on May 18th could impact emergency services across the commonwealth. The current Emergency Declaration process has been successfully used by both Republican and Democratic Governors to ensure Pennsylvanians’ safety for decades. Make sure you know what’s at stake when you’re voting on May 18th. Please Vote No/No/Yes/Yes/.

Governor Wolf’s visit to Cumberland County is recognition of our hard work. His visit is the direct result of the progress we are making in moving the Democratic Party forward. Let’s

enjoy this moment and carry the momentum forward as we commit to getting Democratic candidates elected this fall.





THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT

- All voted absentee and mail-in ballots must be received in the Elections Office no later than 8:00 pm on the day of the election. Postmarks are not accepted.
- Ballots require ONE first-class stamp. Postage is not paid by the state like in the 2020 election.
- Ballots can be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Elections Office during regular business hours M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Election day, May 18, 2021.
- Remember to sign your ballot and to include the secrecy envelope. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled PA counties may not count ballots without secrecy envelopes.
- If you change your mind about voting by mail you may bring your ballot with the return envelope to the polling location to surrender to the Judge of Election and vote a regular ballot. If you do not have your ballot, you may vote provisionally. Provisional ballots will then be scanned to ensure that a completed ballot was not previously received.

**Bureau of Elections Office, 1601 Ritner Hwy, Suite 201
Carlisle, PA 17013
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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 Cumberlandcoyoungdems@gmail.com.



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