

Heidi: Something that we ask all of our elected officials is: what was your first political act, or your most influential political act?

Senator Comitta: Hm. I would say they're one and the same. When I was asked to run for West Chester borough council – 17 years ago – and I said no, because I was terrified, and had not ever considered running for office. And then I finally said yes, I ran and I loved it ever since. I thought well, if I run and I'm elected, I can help improve the relationship between West Chester University and the residents of the borough. Which at the time – 17 years ago – was very contentious. And so I thought, that's really counterproductive. You know, we've got this wonderful university and a wonderful borough, each can, you know, is a part of the other and each can be BETTER if we're working together. So that was my first idea that was on my campaign literature. To 'tap the resources of the university' which was a play on words because part of the problem between the university and the borough was the combination of youthful exuberance and alcohol, and you get some loud and sometimes annoying behavior. So there were a lot of problems there, among other things.