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GPOAC Now Accepting Applications for Endorsement from 2019 Candidates

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The Green Party of Allegheny County (GPOAC) is now accepting applications for endorsement from candidates for elected office during the 2019 general municipal election cycle.

Most boroughs, townships, and cities will be electing legislators and school board members in 2019. Some county positions such as county executive, district attorney, and county council member are also available. More information including a list of offices and ballot access requirements for Green candidates is available at: https://www.alleghenycountygreens.org/get-involved/run-for-office.

GPOAC-endorsed candidates are expected to uphold the 10 Key Values of the Green Party, as well as endorse and support the Green New Deal by adapting its principles and goals to municipal government. Among other issues, GPOAC members placed a high priority on banning fracking, establishing universal comprehensive single payer healthcare, and election and campaign finance reform in 2018. Local Green campaigns are expected to highlight more issues such as water quality, education funding, affordable housing, public transit, and criminal justice and policing reform in 2019.

Under Pennsylvania state election code, Green candidates must follow a different timeline and set of requirements than Democratic and Republican candidates in order to appear on the ballot. Greens therefore do not run in the primaries and instead begin the ballot access process for the general election in mid March. Green candidates have until August 1st to submit completed ballot access paperwork for the November general election to the county board of elections.

Prospective candidates may inquire about the endorsement and ballot access process before the August 1st deadline by contacting greenwave@alleghenycountygreens.org or filling out the contact form on the party website, https://www.alleghenycountygreens.org/contact.

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