

Fellow Democrats of the Eighth Ward, _____ Division!

Election Day is this coming Tuesday, May 19th. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. Your polling place is _____.

While this election may seem minor compared to last fall, much is at stake for Philadelphia. If you have been frustrated with some recent scandals involving **unscrupulous judges**, Tuesday is your chance to make sure qualified, ethical judges get elected from among the crowd on the ballot. If you have been angered by the **strong-arming and corruption** that Philadelphia elections have been famous for in the past, Tuesday is your chance to make sure that the next District Attorney won't be beholden to one of the more suspect major players in the intimidation game.

Please encourage your neighbors to vote as well. Redistricting is coming in 2011, and Center City will have better representation in government if we are not split into different districts. (The map below shows how marginal our Ward is to its two City Council districts.) High turnout in local races will give us more clout with the local politicians who make the redistricting decisions. Also, the higher the turnout is in Southeastern PA, the more likely we are to restore geographical balance to the statewide judiciary, which is important for being sure that Philadelphia gets the help and respect it deserves from state government.

