

Fellow Democrats of the Eighth Ward, _____ Division!

Election Day is this coming Tuesday May 19th Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm at
_(location)_____

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OUR MIDDLING RECORD ON TURNOUT

Most of us believe that Center City turnout is exemplary. Committee of 70 statistics show this ward's turnout (18% in the DA/Controller primary four years ago), when compared with other City wards, ranks in the middle of the pack. For example, turnout in South Philadelphia and Southwest Philadelphia dwarfs ours, both in general and in primary elections. If low voter participation persists in wards where independent voters are concentrated, especially in primaries like this Tuesday's election, we are forfeiting our right to complain about the status quo.

OUR TURNOUT GOAL THIS YEAR

For this election, we hope to increase turn out to 28% - halfway between the 18% historic baseline of 4 years ago and the wards 38% turnout in the last Mayor's race. If we attained this goal, the ward's input would constitute 6% of the estimated turnout in the District Attorney race and could be literally crucial in the controller's race where fewer voters participate. Please help us reach our goal – **VOTE!**

OUR ENDORSEMENTS (See below for more detail.)

PA Supreme Court: Jack **Panella** (#1)

PA Superior Court: Anne **Lazarus** (#4), John **Younge** (#5), Robert **Colville** (#7)

PA Commonwealth Court: Jimmy **Lynn** (#10), Stephen **Pollack** (#11)

Phila Court of Common Pleas: Robert **Coleman** (#20), Angeles **Roca** (#21)

Donna Woelpper (#26), Dan **Anders** (#34), Joyce **Eubanks** (#38)

Phila Municipal Court: Charles **Hayden** (#42), Joseph **Waters** (#45), Pat **Dugan** (#51)

Phila District Attorney: Seth **Williams** (#55)

Phila City Controller: Brett **Mandel** (#59)

SETH WILLIAMS (#55) FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

There are a number of excellent candidates for District Attorney this year, three of whom had drew strong support from a number of committee people in the Ward. However, the Ward Committee voted overwhelmingly to endorse **Seth Williams**. At the endorsement meeting there was compelling testimony about likely dire consequences if Dan McCaffery were to be elected. If the Eighth Ward vote is splintered, there is a strong likelihood that this unpalatable candidate will succeed. To avoid this outcome, our Ward needs to turn out in force to support **Seth Williams**.

BRETT MANDEL (#59) FOR CONTROLLER

The quality of the candidates made the choice for DA difficult but in the Controller's race, one candidate stood above the rest – **Brett Mandel** who has experience in the City

Controller's office and who, as the founder of Philadelphia Forward, steadfastly championed tax reform and was a strident voice against pay to play in the bleak years of the Street administration. Vote **Mandel**.

JUDICIAL ENDORSEMENTS

We have researched the positions carefully - consulting the Philadelphia and State Bar Associations and ADA, talking with various lawyers, meeting and discussing the candidates in the ward meetings, and weighing the Democratic City Committee nominations. The Bar Association's process of review is especially stringent. We discovered that the City Committee has endorsed a few candidates who are not recommended by the Bar Association. We have chosen fewer candidates than permitted in some cases.