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Berks County Republican Committee Endorses David Golowski for State Representative over Incumbent Barry Jozwiak

Apr. 23, 2022, Leesport, Pa.—The Berks County Republican Committee (BCRC) held its annual Endorsement Convention. On the First Ballot, 68.8% of members of the Convention from the 5th Legislative District endorsed challenger David Golowski over incumbent Barry Jozwiak for State Representative in the General Assembly.

“Barry Jozwiak has been in Harrisburg for a long time and his constituents in the Berks GOP voted to endorse Dave Golowski because they want a change,” County Chair Clay Breece said, “Barry’s voting for Act 77 of 2019 didn’t help. It created unconstitutional, ‘no excuse’ mail-in voting and gave the presidency to Joe Biden.”

“About three months after Biden was inaugurated, Barry Jozwiak gave remarks at one of our meetings in Lower Heidelberg Township. Barry expressed his viewpoint in favor of getting rid of the Electoral College as the means of electing the president of the United States,” Breece said, “That didn’t help Barry either.”

“Barry further alienated BCRC members by refusing to support House Bill 25, which would repeal Act 77,” Breece added.

On August 31, 2021, Jozwiak and 13 other State lawmakers hired an attorney to litigate Act 77 under the Pennsylvania Constitution.¹ However, they did this one month after Doug McLinko filed suit and, essentially, borrowed his argument.² The Commonwealth Court declared Act 77 unconstitutional on January 28, 2022,³ and an appeal from that decision is pending before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

“Barry Jozwiak waits until after Biden is inaugurated to tag-along on a lawsuit. Sorry Barry, that’s not the leadership your constituents are looking for,” Breece said, “The question left on everyone’s mind is: Why didn’t Barry Jozwiak know Act 77 was unconstitutional at the time he voted for it? Pennsylvanians supposedly have a full-time, ‘professional’ legislature to study bills before taking a vote.”

¹ Petition for Review, Timothy R. Bonner et al. v. Veronica Degraffenreid et al., No. 293 MD 2021 (Pa. Commw. Ct. Aug. 31, 2021).

² See Petition for Review in the Nature of an Action for a Declaratory judgment, Doug McLinko v. Commonwealth, No. 244 MD 2021 (Pa. Commw. Ct. July 26, 2021).

³ McLinko v. Commonwealth, Nos. 224 MD 2021, 293 MD 2021 (Pa. Commw. Ct. Jan. 28, 2022) (consolidated).

“Dave Golowski showed leadership as an ordinary citizen by rallying small businesses to stay open and defy the COVID-19 lockdowns by Gov. Wolf. We can count on Golowski to get rid of unconstitutional mail-in voting,” Breece said.

Legislative District 5.

Legislative District 5 is entirely within Berks County and consists of the following municipalities or precincts:

Bern Township
Bernville Borough
Bethel Township
Centerport Borough
Centre Township
Heidelberg Township
Jefferson Township
Leesport Borough
Lower Heidelberg Township
Marion Township
North Heidelberg Township
Ontelaunee Township
Penn Township
Perry Township
Robesonia Borough
Shoemakersville Borough
South Heidelberg Township
Spring Township Precincts 5, 7, 8
Tulpehocken Township
Wernersville Borough
Womelsdorf Borough

Supermajority Rules for Endorsements.

The Bylaws of the BCRC require a candidate to receive at least 60% of the vote by members who are constituents of the office being sought. The top two vote-getters on the First Ballot proceed to a successive ballot. If no candidate receives 60% by the Third Ballot, then the top two vote-getters are deemed to be “recommended” by the BCRC.

Related Press Releases.

Berks County Republican Committee Endorses Barnette for U.S. Senate, Mastriano for Governor, Saccone for Lt. Governor, Press Release No. 2022-01 (Apr. 25, 2022).

For Congress, Berks County Republican Committee Recommends Regina Mauro and Ron Vogel, Endorses Dan Burton and Dan Meuser, Press Release No. 2022-03 (Apr. 25, 2022).

Berks County Republican Committee Believes a Competitive Primary Will Benefit Republicans in State House 124, Press Release No. 2022-04 (Apr. 25, 2022).

Berks County Republican Committee Endorses Tracy Pennycuick and Chris Gebhard for State Senate, Press Release No. 2022-05 (Apr. 25, 2022).

State House Challengers Enjoy Unanimous Support from Berks County Republican Committee, Press Release No. 2022-06 (Apr. 25, 2022).

Fact Sheet on Endorsements.

Public Office	Candidates	Outcome
U.S. Senate	Kathy Barnette Jeff Bartos George Bochetto Sean Gale David McCormick Mehmet Oz Carla Sands	Barnette is endorsed on the Second Ballot.
Governor	Lou Barletta Jake Corman Joe Gale Charlie Gerow Melissa Hart Doug Mastriano Bill McSwain David White Nche Zama	Mastriano is endorsed on the Second Ballot.
Lt. Governor	John Brown Jeff Coleman Teddy Daniels Carrie DelRosso Russell Diamond Chris Frye	Saccone is endorsed on the Second Ballot.

	James Jones Rick Saccone Clarice Schillinger	
U.S. Representative, Congressional District 4	Dan Burton Christian Nascimento	Burton is endorsed on the First Ballot.
U.S. Representative, Congressional District 6	Guy Ciarrocchi Steve Fanelli Regina Mauro Ron Vogel	Mauro and Vogel are recommended after the Third Ballot.
U.S. Representative, Congressional District 9	Dan Meuser (i)	Unanimously endorsed.
State Senate, District 24	David Moyer Tracy Pennycuick	Tracy Pennycuick is endorsed on the First Ballot.
State Senate, District 48	Chris Gebhard (i)	Unanimously endorsed.
State Representative, District 5	Barry Jozwiak (i) David Golowski	Golowski is endorsed on the First Ballot.
State Representative, District 99	David Zimmerman (i)	Unanimously endorsed.
State Representative, District 124	James Barton Ellen Rulavage Jill Saunders	No endorsement is made
State Representative, District 126	James Oswald	Unanimously endorsed.
State Representative, District 127	Vincent Gagliardo	Unanimously endorsed.
State Representative, District 128	Mark Gillen (i)	Unanimously endorsed.
State Representative, District 129	Barry Llewellyn	Unanimously endorsed.
State Representative, District 130	David Maloney (i)	Unanimously endorsed.
Note: (i) means incumbent.		

Party Office Endorsements.

The BCRC endorsed the following candidates as the Berks County delegation in the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania:

Annette Baker
Linda Brancadora
Kelly Lee Held
Donna Merritt
Lisha Rowe
John Fielding
Shawn Gamble
Dean Klopp
Dwight Wegman
John Wojcik

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