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For Congress, Berks County Republican Committee Recommends Regina Mauro and Ron Vogel, Endorses Dan Burton and Dan Meuser.

Apr. 23, 2022, Leesport, Pa.—The Berks County Republican Committee (BCRC) held its annual Endorsement Convention. On the Third Ballot, members of the Convention in the 6th Congressional District recommended Regina Mauro and Ron Vogel for U.S. Representative. On the First Ballot, members in the 4th and 9th Congressional districts endorsed, respectively, Dan Burton and Dan Meuser.

6th Congressional District.

The 6th Congressional District has an exciting contest among four candidates, Guy Ciarrocchi, Steve Fanelli, Regina Mauro, and Ron Vogel. All four candidates aggressively courted the BCRC endorsement, speaking at least five or six times at different meetings and events of the BCRC. Prior to voting, all four candidates had one last opportunity to address the Convention.

41 BCRC members in the 6th Congressional District appeared for the Convention. They first had to vote whether to endorse at all—that decision passed by a margin of one vote.

On the First Ballot:

Vogel	35.3%
Mauro	32.4%
Ciarrocchi	23.5%
Fanelli	8.8%.

On the Second Ballot, Mauro picked up more votes than Vogel but fell short of the mandatory 60% for the endorsement:

Mauro	58.8%
Vogel	41.2%

“Regina Mauro has invested a lot of resources in Berks County, especially her time and attention,” County Chair Clay Breece remarked, “Her choice of Joseph Nuñez of the City of Reading as her political director was one the best decisions she made.”

On the Third Ballot, 71% voted in favor of recommending Mauro and Vogel instead of endorsing Mauro.

“This is a very good outcome because Mauro and Vogel are strong candidates,” Breece said, “Whoever wins the Primary nomination must be able to unite our Party to defeat Chrissy Houlihan. The Far Left and Houlihan are one gigantic wrecking ball that our country cannot afford to have.”

“The result of the Convention’s vote might suggest that Mauro, Fanelli, and Ciarrocchi are fighting over a substantially similar base,” Breece noted.

4th Congressional District.

The 4th Congressional District is a contest between Dan Burton and Christian Nascimento. Both candidates gave speeches to the Convention before voting occurred.

On the First Ballot, Convention members in the district held a voice vote and endorsed Burton.

“As a U.S. Marine, Dan Burton willingly served our country and continues to have a strong heart for public service,” Breece said. “I’m proud to see Dan support voter ID, election audits, and school choice. Congress facilitated COVID-19 lockdowns through irresponsible spending. If elected, Dan will put our country on a correction-course.”

Breece pointed out that Nascimento is also a well-qualified candidate, “but the members thought Dan Burton may have a better chance to win.”

9th Congressional District.

BCRC members in the 9th Congressional District unanimously endorsed incumbent Dan Meuser for U.S. Representative.

“Many members of the BCRC were disappointed to have lost Dan Meuser as their Congressman as a result of the legislative reapportionment,” Breece said. “We continue to look to Dan for leadership, whether we’re in his district or not. We hope he will not forget the voters back home when he goes to Washington, D.C.”

Meuser is unopposed for the Republican nomination.

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).

Berks County Republican Committee Endorses David Golowski for State Representative over Incumbent Barry Jozwiak, Press Release No. 2022-02 (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	Mastriano is endorsed on the Second Ballot.

	Doug Mastriano Bill McSwain David White Nche Zama	
Lt. Governor	John Brown Jeff Coleman Teddy Daniels Carrie DelRosso Russell Diamond Chris Frye James Jones Rick Saccone Clarice Schillinger	Saccone is endorsed on the Second Ballot.
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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