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Berks County Republican Committee Endorses Tracy Pennycuick and Chris Gebhard for State Senate

Apr. 23, 2022, Leesport, Pa.—The Berks County Republican Committee (BCRC) held its annual Endorsement Convention. In State Senate District 24, Tracy Pennycuick won the endorsement. In State Senate District 48, Chris Gebhard won the endorsement.

State Senate District 24.

State Senate District 24 is a contest between Tracy Pennycuick and David Moyer. Both are seeking to replace retiring incumbent, Bob Mensch. As a result of legislative reapportionment, the population of Senate District 24 is about 85.2% Montgomery County and 14.8% Berks County.

Before voting was taken, Tracy Pennycuick gave a speech before the Convention. She won the endorsement on the First Ballot.

“Tracy Pennycuick won the support of our Committee because she signed a discharge petition, seeking to bring House Bill 25 to the floor for a vote in the State House. If enacted, that bill will repeal mail-in voting created by Act 77,” County Chair Clay Breece said, “This is the leadership we want to see in Harrisburg!”

State Senate District 48.

Chris Gebhard of Lebanon County is unopposed for the Republican nomination for State Senate in the 48th Senate District. He unanimously won the endorsement from the Convention.

As a result of legislative reapportionment, the population of Senate District 48 is about 53.2% Lebanon County, 32.1% Berks County, and 14.7% Lancaster County.

“Many of us were initially wary if Chris Gebhard would write-off Berks County,” Breece said, “But every step of the way, Chris has acted to dispel that concern.”

Breece noted that Gebhard opposes COVID-19 vaccination mandates, an issue the BCRC deeply cares about, and has courted Berks County voters by consistently attending the meetings of the Berks County Patriots.

Gebhard won a special election to Senate District 48 on May 18, 2021, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dave Arnold from brain cancer.

“Chris Gebhard hasn’t been in Harrisburg long enough to have gotten into trouble. At the same time, we’re excited to see the leadership he brings to the table,” Breece added.

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).

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).

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 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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