



# Voter Guide

## Pro-Housing Pittsburgh 2023 Primary Voters Guide

### **Allegheny County Executive:**

Overall, there are numerous candidates for County Executive, and two of them stood out to us as having pro-housing views. One of them, Michael Lamb, we endorse for that reason.

**Michael Lamb - Endorsed by Pro-Housing Pittsburgh** - Lamb has views that are closely in alignment with Pro-Housing Pittsburgh, including favoring increased density and fewer land use restrictions. We're confident that if elected, Lamb will advocate for policies that encourage abundant and affordable housing.

John Weinstein - Weinstein expressed to us that he's in favor of bringing more development to the city, and increasing the housing that's available to residents. He wants to use the county government to encourage investment, and reduce restrictions that would lead to greater supply of housing in the region, and more affordable housing. These views are largely in-line with our views as a group.

Sara Innamorato - While we enjoyed our conversation with Innamorato, Pro-Housing Pittsburgh does not think that the policies she's in favor of will encourage abundant housing development that's needed to create affordability in the region. We will look forward to working with Innamorato to advocate for good housing policy if she is elected.

### **County Council at-large:**

Joanna Doven - Doven's views about the creation of abundant and affordable housing in the region that are generally in alignment with Pro-Housing Pittsburgh, and we would like to see Doven advocate for those policies if she wins the seat.

### **County Controller:**

County Controller has minimal to no authority over areas related to housing policy. That said, we had productive and enlightening conversations with Darwin Leuba, and found him to be a thoughtful person and someone who would likely advocate for good housing policy if he had authority over it.

### **City of Pittsburgh Controller:**

**Rachael Heisler - Endorsed by Pro-Housing Pittsburgh** - Rachael expressed the critical need to welcome new people into Pittsburgh in order to stabilize the tax base and ensure the fiscal security of the city. She also committed to performing an audit of the Pittsburgh Zoning Code, and also providing greater oversight over the use of funds for the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to ensure that our most vulnerable residents have well maintained residences.

### **Pittsburgh City Council:**

**District 1:** No recommendation - we did not meet with these candidates

**District 3: Bob Charland - Endorsed by Pro-Housing Pittsburgh** - Charland is a strong advocate for abundant and affordable housing, and wants Pittsburgh to welcome in new neighbors across the city. He's an excellent choice for this office, and will be a great advocate for housing as a member of City Council.

**District 5:** Barbara Warwick/Lita Brillman - We met with both candidates, and while we had productive conversations with both and enjoyed spending time with them, we did not find that either candidate is in alignment with Pro-Housing Pittsburgh on the types of policies needed to drive Pittsburgh towards abundant and affordable housing. We look forward to working with whichever candidate wins the office to find ways to continue to advocate for good housing policy.

**District 7:** No Recommendation - we did not meet with either of these candidates.

**District 9: Khari Mosley - Endorsed by Pro-Housing Pittsburgh** - Mosley spoke with our group and we were impressed by his knowledge and commitment to building an affordable Pittsburgh for all. Specifically, Mosley noted the importance of an "all-of-the-above" approach to housing affordability - increasing supply, increasing affordable units, gaining greater city/state funding, etc. Mosley will be an advocate for housing as a member of Council.