

DFP ballot and voting instructions 2011

Voting Instructions--Please read before voting.

Candidates who have requested endorsement (currently or previously) are in black type. Any who have visited meetup are indicated. Additional candidates (in gray) may or may not want our endorsement. Most were invited to respond, multiple times. A few had no public e-mail address / no campaign website with contact form. Write-in slots are provided for each office, and for offices not otherwise listed. Candidates are in alphabetical order.

Single seat races

You may vote this ballot like a regular yes/no ballot by putting an "X" next to your first choice. If so, we will assume that you mean, "I want us to endorse this person, or if that doesn't happen, do not endorse anyone in this race." If you have no opinion in a particular race, use the "I abstain" box, or leave that race entirely blank. If you actively want us not to endorse in a race, put an "X" next to the "do not endorse in this race" option. Someone might do that because they hate all the candidates, or because they love all the candidates.

Alternatively, you may use **ranked choice voting**. For example, in a three way race between Doe, Moe, and Foe, if you love candidate Doe, but also like candidate Moe, and would be happy endorsing either, but you hate candidate Foe, you might choose to put a "1" next to Doe, and a "2" next to Moe. That would be scored as, "endorse Doe if there are enough votes for Doe, or otherwise, switch my vote to Moe." As before, we presume that your third choice is "if neither of those candidates have enough votes, do not endorse anyone in this race." If you like two candidates but have no opinion on the others, you can, put a "3" in the box for "I abstain."

Multi-seat races (Common Pleas)

In the special case of Common Pleas seats, there are multiple candidates for two seats. It becomes difficult to define 70% support. I have set the voting up so that people can indicate their first choice with a single X, or by ranked voting. Note that in this particular race, a vote to "endorse A and B" gives both A and B one vote, while "endorse only A" gives A one vote. The total number of votes are the total number of voters. You may use ranked voting (but if we've set this right, there's no need).

Who may vote

People who attended any two DFP events in the last 12 months. That includes all of any of the following: DFP meetups; DFP mini-meetups before and after MoveOn meetings; DFP (co)sponsored or endorsed events, parties and rallies; either day of the PA progressive summit. Note: if you did not sign in with a DFP host at your qualifying days (e.g. with Maria at the progressive summit) please provide some sort of evidence that you attended. If you are not sure of your voting status, check with Joy (jfsabl@gmail.com).

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City Council District 1

- Harris (Incumbent)
- Pallus
- Wilson
- Other Candidate: _____
- I abstain
- Do not endorse in this race

City Council District 3

- Kraus (incumbent)
- Koch
- Robb
- Other Candidate: _____
- I abstain
- Do not endorse in this race

City Council distict 5 (no incumbent/"Shields seat")

- Caliguiri
- O'Connor
- Zurawsky (Meetup attendee)
- Other Candidate: _____
- I abstain
- Do not endorse in this race

City Council distict 7

- Calfo
- Ceoffe
- Dowd (Incumbent)
- Other Candidate: _____
- I abstain
- Do not endorse in this race

City Council distict 9

- Burgess (Incumbent)
- Copeland-Mitchell
- Prater-Holliday (meetup attendee / member)
- Other Candidate: _____
- I abstain
- Do not endorse in this race

County Executive

- Fitzgerald
- Flaherty
- Other Candidate: _____
- I abstain
- Do not endorse in this race

