



Introducing the 2021 Candidates

BRINGING EXPERIENCE & INTEGRITY PUTTING OUR **COMMUNITY FIRST**



Jeff Durst
for Council

A new dad, a husband and a leader in education programs for Hagley Museum, Jeff is passionate about history and nature. If elected he will work on **preserving Chester Heights' historic environment and natural beauty**, promoting smart development and adaptive reuse of existing structures. Jeff believes in bringing the residents of Chester Heights into the conversation.



Philip Block
for Mayor

A 20-year resident, Philip is a Ph.D. scientist committed to environmental issues. A former council (2015-2019) member, Philip is a strong proponent of community safety issues, with emphasis on fire and police protection, and his prior council service has given him experience in managing community issues. **As mayor, Philip will be a powerful voice for Chester Heights residents at both county and state levels.**

Nancy Server
for Council

As an accomplished therapist, Nancy has learned the importance of listening to people and helping them find solutions to their problems. Nancy is running for Chester Heights Borough Council to do the same for her neighbors. As a longtime public servant and volunteer, she hopes to **bring the neighborhood's diverse viewpoints together** to create a better borough.



Marta Driscoll
for Council

As a former council member with over 20 years experience in financial planning and analysis, Marta believes **the borough needs a sound financial plan that serves the long-range concerns of the community.** As founding member of the Chester Heights Neighbors' Alliance she has been committed to building an engaged community and keeping residents informed on local issues.

Ron Surkin
for Council

A 21 year borough resident and Harvard Law School graduate with over 45 years' experience trying cases, arguing appeals and negotiating business deals, Ron is looking to use those skills to bring a new attitude to governing in Chester Heights -- **a proactive, not reactive, approach to planning and development** -- that encourages community input, is financially responsible, and reflects our historic rural character.



Your Vote. Your Impact.

We believe every eligible voter should have a voice in our government. But you're tired of politics, and we don't blame you. The 2020 election has shaken the country to its core. Our self-preservation instincts shout, "close your eyes and make it all go away!" But it is these off-year elections, where you often have the most impact with your vote.

Did You Know?

- There are 3 proposed amendments to the PA Constitution & 1 referendum question on the May 18th primary ballot.
- INDEPENDENTS can vote on these ballot questions, even though this is a primary.
- 2 of these proposed amendments will further politicize how emergencies are managed

By putting these questions on the ballot in an off-year primary election the party in control of the **Pennsylvania General Assembly is counting on you to not show up.**

Prove them wrong.

Don't allow others to make the choice for you.

Make a plan to vote in the May 18th primary, either by mail or in person regardless of your party.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND ALL YOUR
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CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION

REGISTER TO VOTE (by May 3rd)

REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT (by May 11th)

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WHAT'S AT STAKE?

THE PA CONSTITUTION

Question 1

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE III, SECTION 9 RELATING TO TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

If approved, this proposed amendment would allow the General Assembly to terminate an emergency disaster declaration without having to present it to the governor for signature.

Question 2

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE IV DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND MANAGEMENT

If approved, this proposed amendment would limit the length of an emergency disaster declaration to 21 days, allowing it to be extended only through the passage of a concurrent resolution by the General Assembly.

Question 3

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE I PROHIBITION AGAINST DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BECAUSE OF RACE OR ETHNICITY

If approved, this proposed amendment would prohibit a person's rights from being denied or lessened on account of the individual's race or ethnicity.

Question 4

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM - ACT 2020-91 MAKING MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS

A yes vote will authorize Pennsylvania to make municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies eligible to apply for loans from an already existing state loan program.

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