

# The Pinchot Papers

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#### Fall 2020

Eugene DePasquale



George Scott



Shanna Danielson

# Sierra Club Endorses Pro-Environment Candidates in Southcentral Pennsylvania

The Governor Pinchot Group is asking its members to show their support for the environment by voting for the following candidates. The Sierra Club has endorsed these candidates after interviews and careful review of their positions. As the federal government has backed away from regulating polluters, it is more important than ever that we vote for PA candidates that have demonstrated a commitment to protecting our environment. Please plan to take and use this list when you vote on November 3.

#### Eugene DePasquale, (D-10th Congressional District) Challenger

The Sierra Club and DePasquale have a long history of supporting each other. As a state legislator, he consistently earned 100% on the League of Conservation Voters' environmental scorecard. As Auditor General, he has identified climate change as a threat to the economy and held public meetings to inform the public of the dangerous impacts it will have in Pennsylvania.

#### George Scott (D-15th PA Senate District) Challenger

Running for office is a continuation of George Scott's lifetime of service. Twenty years as a military officer and 10 years in the ministry have given George Scott a unique perspective on the value of leadership. In contrast to the federal administration's continued threats to our environment, George Scott is committed to protecting the environment that sustains us.

#### Shanna Danielson (D-31st PA Senate District) Challenger

Danielson is a mom, public school music teacher, and volunteer who is working to spread the word about the dangers of climate change and the seriousness of air pollution. Danielson and her team of supporters are working to increase voters' understanding that clean air and clean water are universal needs across the political spectrum.

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#### Nicole Miller (D-87th PA House District) Challenger

As a school board member, Miller spearheaded the effort to get the School Board and Hampden Township to support RESTORE PA, an initiative to fund technology, development, infrastructure, and environmental projects in Pennsylvania. Her primary environmental goals are cleaning up air and water, dealing with storm water run-off, and regulating the petro-chemical holding tanks in her district.



#### Tara Shakespeare (D-88th PA House District) Challenger

A problem solver by nature, Shakespeare says she is running for office because she is ready to stand up and fight for our families and neighbors. Shakespeare was prompted to run in order to solve the problem of the poor air quality in her district. She is working to save green spaces and to advocate for better public transit.



### Doug Ross (D-92nd PA House District) Challenger

Ross, a founding member of the Northern York Democratic Club, said it is important to address climate change and make it a campaign issue. Ross is concerned about PFAS and promises to be a passionate advocate for clean water, clean air, and clean energy. Ross said that allowing solar and wind power to become cheaper than fossil fuels would eliminate other issues related to coal and natural gas.



#### Carol Hill-Evans (D-95th PA House District) Incumbent

During her term, Hill-Evans has focused on protecting public parks and wild spaces. A Master Gardener, she partners with the Susquehanna River Keepers, supports riparian buffers, and advocates for blood lead level tests for all PA children under two. She has co-sponsored a bill to require Pennsylvania to achieve 100% renewables by 2050 and is a strong proponent of public transportation.



#### Calvin Clements (D-101st PA House District) Challenger

A popular veterinarian known affectionately in the community as Doc Clements, Clements was inspired to run for office by the incumbent's disrespect for science. His opponent is a climate change denier who has failed to take the pandemic seriously. Clements keeps bees and maintains two solar arrays on his farm. He advocates a carbon tax as a way to get the U.S. off fossil fuels.



#### Matthew Duvall (D-102nd PA House District) Challenger

Duvall is running a grassroots campaign with environmental messages important to his district: dairy and crop farming, farm run-off, and protection of some of the most productive farmland in the world. He believes the voters in his largely conservative district want a serious, science-based response to Covid-19 and serious science-based environmental protections.

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# It's Calendar Time!

You can order your 2021 Sierra Club calendars by mail now and stay safe while supporting the Sierra Club. The calendars make great gifts and a portion of your purchase goes to support our group's activities, like the annual Susquehanna River Cleanup. The Wilderness Calendar (wall calendar) is \$13 and the Engagement Calendar (desk size) is \$14. Prices include tax. You may have your order shipped or you can save shipping fees by arranging to pick up the calendar. Indicate preference when ordering. Mail order form and payment to: Wendi Taylor, 435 Parkview Court, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Make checks payable to GVP Sierra Club.

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Patty Kim



#### Patty Kim (D-103rd PA House District) Incumbent

Kim has represented the district since 2013 and has a proven record on environmental issues. With the federal administration's increased threats to our air, water and public lands, it is more important than ever to elect an environmental candidate. Kim is committed to increasing renewable energy and ensuring safe and healthy communities that are free of pollution.

Patty Smith



## Patty Smith (D-104th PA House District) Challenger

Smith is a watchdog and a member of Three Mile Island Alert, who has taken a major role to keep Exelon from diverting money for TMI's decommissioning to dry casks. Exelon, not taxpayers, should be paying that bill, Smith said. She supports increasing regulation of fracking and investing in sustainable energy. Smith has conducted three town halls devoted specifically to environmental issues.

**Brittney Rodas** 



#### Brittney Rodas (D-105th PA House District) Challenger

While working as a policy and research analyst, Rodas saw first-hand the disproportionate effects of climate change and the use of fossil fuels on marginalized communities. Among her top priorities are addressing climate change, increasing the use of alternative energy, and achieving social justice. Further, she would like to resolve issues around storm water, river pollution, and overdevelopment.

Lindsay Drew



# Lindsay Drew (D-106th PA House District) Challenger

Drew, a small business owner, said she is dedicated to protecting the environment for today and future generations. She worries about the effect poor air quality has on people who are old, the very young, and those with compromised respiratory systems. While she knew the district had problems with air quality, she was shocked to learn that some families had to strain and boil their drinking water.



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# Get ready to vote! Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3 (Hours are 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Check out https://www.VOTESPA.COM, an official PA Government website, where you can:

**REGISTER by Oct. 19:** Register online, confirm your registration, or print a blank mail-in registration. **POLLING PLACE**: Find your polling place, if you plan to vote in person. <a href="https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx">https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx</a>

**APPLY FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT BY OCT. 27:** You can apply online NOW to request and be sent a paper mail-in ballot. Or you can download, print a ballot application, and mail it in. It must be RECEIVED by the deadline. Any registered voter may apply for a mail-in ballot – you do not have to give a reason.

**NO COMPUTER?** You can visit your county election office in person to request a paper mail-in ballot application — OR — You can also contact the PA Department of State to request an application by emailing <u>ra-voterreg@pa.gov</u> or calling **1-877-VOTESPA**. (1-877-868-3772).

Once you get your blank ballot back in the mail from the County Election Office: Fill out the ballot, place your ballot in the secrecy envelope, and then put the secrecy envelope into the official envelope. Be sure to sign the declaration on the envelope, or your ballot may not count.

**MAIL YOUR BALLOT BACK EARLY TO AVOID MAIL DELAYS:** Return your ballot so that the county election office RECEIVES your ballot on time — before 8 p.m. on **NOVEMBER 3.** 

**HAND DELIVERY**: You may deliver your ballot to your county election office by the deadline.

**FIRST TIME IN PERSON AT THE POLLS?** First-time voters (or those at a new polling place) must bring ID. Check VOTESPA.COM for the forms of ID you can use, such as: driver's license, student ID, employee ID, or current utility bill or government check with name and address.

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