

Thirty primary candidates, endorsed by Represent PA, move toward the finish line

Special election win flips the 178th from red to blue

PHILADELPHIA, May 16, 2018 – On the day after the Pennsylvania primary election, 30 women candidates who were endorsed by Represent PA, won their races and are moving on to the general election in November. Represent PA, the only organization in Pennsylvania focused on investing in Democratic women candidates for the Pennsylvania General Assembly, previously endorsed 32 candidates. Nine of those endorsed women were running against challengers, and seven won, with Helen Tai winning her special election in legislative district 178 – flipping that seat from red to blue. The women who won yesterday, are:

Name	PA Legislative District	Challenger(s)
Betsy Monroe	30	Hal English
Danielle Friel Otten	155	Ronald Graham
Wendy Ullman	143	Timothy Brennan
Kristin Seale	168	Philip Block
Claudette Williams	176	Tia Fritz
Helen Tai	178	Open seat; special election
Elizabeth Fiedler	184	Nicholas Didonato Jr., Jonathan Rowan, Tom Wyatt

“We are so excited to see the possibility of improving women’s representation in the PA legislature. This is Represent’s mission, and it’s working,” said Christine Jacobs, Executive Director of Represent PA. “We’re proud of all of our endorsed women, and the seven who won yesterday, now join the others to focus on the November general election. Their road to victory just intensified.”

Defeating Republican incumbents is no easy feat and Represent PA’s endorsement of these women candidates can help them cross the finish line in November. Getting their names into the public early, helps voters and donors have time to get to know them and understand their progressive platform.

Represent PA plans to provide more support for Pennsylvania women candidates ahead of November 6 and will release another round of endorsement funding at the end of the summer.

Represent PA’s remaining endorsed candidates are:

Senate candidate name	District
Maria Collett	12
Tina Davis*	6
Linda Fields	24
Katie Muth	44
Tarah Probst	40

**Running for both House and Senate*

House candidate name	District
Meredith Buck	144
Donna Bullock	195
Carolyn Comitta	156
Mary Jo Daley	148
Tina Davis*	141
Madeleine Dean	153
Pamela DeLissio	194
Sarah Donnelly	107
Elizabeth Fiedler	184
Liz Hanbidge	61
Patty Kim	103
Leanne Krueger-Braneky	161
Maureen Madden	115
Joanna McClinton	191
Betsy Monroe	30
Jennifer O'Mara	165
Danielle Friel Otten	155
Sara Johnson Rothman	151
Kristin Seale	168
Melissa Shusterman	157
Helen Tai	178
Kerith Strano Taylor	66
Wendy Ullman	143
Susannah (Sue) Walker	13
Claudette Williams	176

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For more information about these endorsed candidates or their races, look at their election profiles online, or find information about them at representpa.org.

Represent PA

Since 2013, Represent PA has been helping progressive women claim their seat at the table. Represent PA is the only organization in Pennsylvania focused on investing in progressive women candidates for the Pennsylvania House and Senate. Represent PA is leading the way for women to create a reflective democracy – as donors and as candidates – by raising money, analyzing races and candidates, and investing where it can challenge the status quo. Represent PA is paving the way for progressing women today, so that tomorrow their voices will shape government in Harrisburg. To learn more about Represent, visit representpa.org, find us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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