



# *On The Move*

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## **Tuesday's Election is Critical for Working Families**

November 8th is election-day in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and states across the country. While there are many contests important to the interests of Local 234 members and their families, the most important are the election for Pennsylvania Governor (Josh Shapiro); the U.S. Senate (John Fetterman); and democrats running for the Pennsylvania legislature and U.S. House of Representatives.

Some members may think that there is not much difference between Democratic and Republican Party candidates. However, that belief is especially short-sighted this election year, since there are many republican candidates who are not only anti-union, they are also more interested in their own political power than they are in preserving our democratic rights, as they kiss the ring of that anti-union, snake oil salesman, Donald Trump.

The Pennsylvania state legislature is controlled by anti-union politicians and is likely to remain so. As in the past these politicians will promote an agenda designed to strip workers of important rights and benefits. As governor, Josh Shapiro will block such anti-union legislation. Josh Shapiro can also make a big difference in our upcoming negotiations with SEPTA.

The U.S. Senate race is another key to the interests of working families. Right now the senate is divided 50-50. If republicans win control, there is going to be a big push to gut Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and promote an anti-union agenda. And don't expect a republican senate to challenge the price gouging of their big oil and big corporate donors. In addition, a republican senate will undercut the president's ability to restore balance to our federal courts.

With a democrat in the White House, Local 234 has experienced first-hand the difference that a union friendly administration can make. Under democratic leadership, the Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which makes possible major changes to our nation's public transit systems. Over the next five years, federal support for SEPTA could increase by as much as 40%. The Federal Transit Administration and other agencies are set to award several billion dollars of competitive grants to transit agencies. These new resources have the potential to significantly improve the quality of life for our members and the riding public.

Moreover the Infrastructure Bill requires SEPTA to work with Local 234 through a joint labor-management safety committee, to develop a system-wide plan to address assaults against transit workers and other issues important to our members. The law incentivizes SEPTA to deal with us as equals, lest federal funds be withheld. No such thing happened under a republican president, including the anti-union Donald Trump.

If republicans gain control of the U.S. House or Senate, there will be no support for public transit unions going forward. Given the stakes in Tuesday's election, Local 234 asks that you support the following candidates for elective office.

# Pennsylvania Governor

**Josh Shapiro (D)**

**U.S. Senate**

**John Fetterman (D)**

## Pennsylvania Senate

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>District</b>
Nikal Saval,	1st	Steve Santarsiero,	10th
Vincent Hugues,	7th	Nick Miller,	14th
Maria Collette,	12 <sup>th</sup>	Jimmy Dillon,	5th
Tim Kearny,	26 <sup>th</sup>	John Kane,	9th
Stephen Kinsey,	201st		

## Pennsylvania House

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>District</b>
Bob Waxman,	182nd	Jennifer O'Mara,	165th
Tarik Khan,	194th	Isabella Fitzgerald,	203rd
Rick Krajewski,	188th	Ilya Breyman,	178th
Gwen Stolz,	143rd	Mark Moffa,	142nd
Perry Warren,	31st	Gina H. Curry,	164th
Paul Friel,	26th	Deb Ciamacca,	168th
Malcom Kenyatta,	181st	Chris Pielli,	156th
Leanne Kreuger,	161st	Cathy Spahr,	160th
John Galloway,	140th	Ann Marie Mitchell,	178th
Tina Davis,	141st	Morgan Cephass,	192nd
Tim Brennan,	26th	Mark Rozzi,	126th
Steve Malagari,	53rd	Liz Hanbidge,	61st
Cass Green,	10th	Todd Eachus,	116th
Martina White,	170th	Linda Fields,	24th
Melissa Shusterman,	157th	Kevin Boyle,	172nd
Sharif Street,	3rd	Joe Webster,	150th
Pat Gallagher,	173rd	Joe Ciresi,	146th
Mary Isaacson,	175th	Anthony Bellmon,	203rd
		Joe Hohenstein,	17th

