

YOUNG ERIE PROFESSIONALS PRIMARY ELECTION PREVIEW

Our local primary election is set for May 21st. As it approaches, we want to make sure our members are ready to make their voices heard. While there are no national races on the ballot there are several seats up for grabs on city council, county council, local judge, and many others.

To start, you might be wondering what is a primary? And why should I participate?

The purpose of a primary election is for members of a political party to select a candidate to run in the general election in November. Because the primary sets the table for general election, it's important that voters participate in order to nominate high quality candidates from each party. Robust participation that results in strong candidates is ultimately good for our democracy and region.

Pennsylvania is a closed primary state, which means primary elections are limited to registered party members. In other words, you must be a registered voter and declare your party affiliation, Democrat or Republican (sorry independents!) in order to participate.

REGISTERING TO VOTE:

Unfortunately, the deadline to register to vote for the primary election will have passed by the time you read this. However, you have until October 7th to register for the November general election. Here are ways you can register to vote:

- **Online voter registration:** <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>
- **FAQs about online voter registration:** <https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Use-Online-Voter-Registration.aspx>

If you don't wish to register online, a voter registration form can be obtained online or at the following locations: a state Wine & Spirits store, state representative office, any library, or the voter registration office.

- **Voter registration form link:** <https://www.eriecountypa.gov/media/488042/reg.pdf>

*A voter registration form can also be used for change of address within Erie County, name change, or change of party.

MAIL VOTER FORMS TO:

Erie County Court House
140 W 6th Street
Room 112
Erie, PA 16501

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Erie County Voter
Registration Office with any questions:
Phone: 814-451-6275
Email: voterreg@eriecountypa.gov

VERIFY REGISTRATION STATUS:

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationStatus.aspx>

POLLING PLACE INFO:

Find your polling place: <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>

List of polling sites in Erie County: <https://www.eriecountypa.gov/media/725426/erie-county-polling-sites-may-2019.pdf>

ERIE CITY COUNCIL:

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:

Michael Keys
Christal Lepak
Vanessa R Belen
Ed Brzezinski
Jasmine Flores
Melvin Witherspoon

Tony Ratcliff
Tom Staszewski
Antonio S Stapp
Davona Pacley
Chuck Nelson

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY:

Shawn Lyons

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL:

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY:

DISTRICT 1:

(Millcreek Township, excluding some parts of Eastern Millcreek)

Kim Clear
Terry M Scutella
Veronica Rexford

Robert Yates

DISTRICT 3:

(south west portion of City of Erie and East Millcreek)

Freda Tepfer
Mary Rennie
Fiore Leone

DISTRICT 5:

(Summit Township, Greene Township, Wesleyville Borough, Harborcreek Township, North East Borough/Township)

Kyle Foust

Joseph R Concilla
Brian Shank

DISTRICT 7:

(Western Erie County including, Fairview Township, McKean Borough/Township, Girard Borough/Township, Lake City Borough, Platea Borough, Franklin Township, Elk Creek Township, Cranesville Borough, Albion Borough, Conneaut Township, Springfield Township)

Rita Bishop
William Driver

Ellen Schauerman
Clayton E Schulze
Jason Gibbs
Fred F Wienecke

*Erie County Council district map: <https://www.eriecountypa.gov/county-council/council-members/council-district-map.aspx>

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (6TH DISTRICT)

Erin Connelly
Peter J Sala

Joe Sinnott
David Ridge

Ed Smith

*All candidates cross-filed