

# PUTTING RESIDENTS FIRST: BUILDING AN ALLEGHENY COUNTY THAT WORKS FOR ALL

Here's where Allegheny County Executive and Allegheny County Council candidates stand on the issues that matter most. Make a plan to vote by Nov. 7!

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

	SARA INNAMORATO (D)	JOE ROCKEY (R)
Do you support a tenants' bill of rights that includes a right to legal counsel for those facing eviction?	Yes. There is no more important need in our County than making sure that everyone can afford a safe, stable home. As County Executive, I will also introduce and help pass a Countywide Tenants' Bill of Rights to protect renters from rising costs and predatory practices.	No Response
Do you support expanding social housing, including building the capacity of community land trusts, housing co-ops, and the public sector to provide permanently affordable housing, especially for extremely low-income households?	Yes. I will invest in alternative modes of housing, such as community land trusts and housing cooperatives that create permanently affordable solutions with community control. We can do much more on the policy and investment side by passing inclusionary zoning in the areas most facing pressure which will add units in private developments. We can invest available public dollars better and in developments with deeper levels of affordability. We can also identify new federal funding to build more 100% publicly owned housing.	No Response
Do you believe water is a human right and should always be a public utility?	Yes. I will commit the Allegheny County Health Department to take an environmental justice approach to regulate pollution and prioritize cleaning up the air and water in communities that have historically suffered the most. I will always defend our utilities and do everything in my power to ensure they stay publicly owned.	No Response
Do you support the idea that all water utilities in Allegheny County should end water shutoffs and establish customer assistance programs?	Yes. Water is a human right, and we must protect access to clean, affordable, and reliable water service for every Allegheny County resident.	No Response
Should Allegheny County review and, when warranted, end all partnerships with contractors who engage in practices like wage theft or unfair labor practices?	Yes. As County Executive, I will form a Workers' Rights and Wages Enforcement Office to crack down on anti-worker labor practices, address gender and race-based wage gaps, and enforce prevailing wage standards. We will go after contractors and subcontractors who are committing wage theft, not paying their taxes, and impeding the rights of workers.	No Response
Will you hold UPMC accountable to ensuring their workers have the free and fair right to form a union and pay their fair share?	Yes. Every worker deserves a union and our large nonprofits must pay their fair share into the public coffers.	No Response

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

	CARL REDWOOD District 10	SAM SCHMIDT District 13	DeWITT WALTON District 10 DAVID BONAROTI District 13
Do you support a tenants' bill of rights that includes a right to legal counsel for those facing eviction?	Yes. Housing is a human right, so we must truly work towards housing for all. Regardless of the money you have, or whether you are Black, brown, or white, you deserve housing.  A big part of making that happen is we must pass a Tenants' Bill of Rights. This should include Right-to-Counsel for tenants facing eviction, Just Cause requirements for eviction, ending discrimination in Section 8 rents, tenant organizing as a protected right, and proactive support and education about tenant organizing.	Of course!	No Response
Do you support expanding social housing, including building the capacity of community land trusts, housing co-ops, and the public sector to provide permanently affordable housing, especially for extremely low-income households?	Yes. We should promote and support Community Land Trusts (CLTs) as the primary path to long-term affordable housing, grant CLT's first right-of-refusal for any transfer of County property, expand public housing with a CLT and co-op model to expand sustainable cooperative housing.  We should fund housing for the people—not developers. That means using Federal funds already given to Allegheny County to create public housing and permanently affordable housing, investing in existing infrastructure to create more public housing, and passing a county-level version of the Whole Homes Repair Act.	Yes, as a low-income person for the entirety of my life, this is my priority!	No Response
Do you believe water is a human right and should always be a public utility?	Yes. Clean water is a human right, and we must prioritize this public good over the profits of corporations.	Yes!	No Response
Do you support the idea that all water utilities in Allegheny County should end water shutoffs and establish customer assistance programs?	Yes. If clean water is a human right, your ability to pay for it cannot determine your access to clean water.	Yes. Water is essential to life and any utility company that doesn't treat it as a human right is immoral.	No Response
Should Allegheny County review and, when warranted, end all partnerships with contractors who engage in practices like wage theft or unfair labor practices?	Yes. We must support workers rights and worker unionization in every way possible. If businesses can get county contracts and county support while violating workers rights and union busting, failure to impose any consequences is a choice by the county to side with and subsidize union busters—rather than the workers we should be standing with.	Yes! Across all industries.	No Response
Will you hold UPMC accountable to ensuring their workers have the free and fair right to form a union and pay their fair share?	Yes. Supporting the unionization of workers at UPMC is the single most impactful thing we can do to uplift the lives of the poor and working class in Allegheny County, especially for Black women. UPMC is the largest private employer of Black women in the state of Pennsylvania.	Yes. Workers' right to organize is something we need to protect and prioritize.	No Response

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