

# THE PHA Experience

A Community Newspaper For & About Residents

## PHA RESIDENTS QUIZ THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES

*Cherelle Parker wins in a straw poll of PHA Resident Leaders*

Five mayoral candidates came, and they were quizzed on a range of issues impacting the City: affordable housing, violence, racial discrimination in homeownership, unequal distribution of city services and resources, education, and more.

PHA's resident leaders submitted questions for PHA's and the Resident Advisory Board (RAB)'s historic forum on public and affordable housing co-hosted by Kelvin A. Jeremiah, President and CEO of PHA, and Asia Coney, President of RAB, who also sits on the PHA Board of Commissioners.

Although all mayoral candidates were invited to join the discussion on public and affordable housing, only five of them showed up: Rebecca Rhynhart, Cherelle Parker, Jeff Brown, Amen Brown and James DeLeon.

The event was livestreamed on Facebook where people from around the city joined in to comment as the candidate's answered some very tough questions.

Approximately 70 resident leaders participated. They were joined by staff from PHA and onlookers who watched the event's livestream at PHA's Youth and Family Center.

"As PHA's resident leaders, we represent more than 80,000 residents and that's a large number that reside in public and assisted housing," said Coney, attesting to the voting power of PHA residents. "Each resident leader is elected by the residents at their site. So we don't just go handpick



them, the residents at their site decide who they want to represent them, and 28 of our sites are polling stations."

Jeremiah said the affordable housing crisis in Philadelphia requires ongoing collaboration and honest dialogue, which is why community-driven gatherings like these are so crucial.

"Our commitment must be to work together to solve the affordable housing crisis that confronts our great city," he said. "We can only do this, we believe, with strong intentional leadership from the next mayor. According to Dr. Megan Sandell, professor at the Boston University, she writes that stable affordable housing serves as the first vaccine in a series to ensuring healthy people and communities. You need good education, no doubt. Public safety, absolutely. And decent jobs as well. But if you don't start with housing first, none of

those interventions will work well."

The resident leaders were representing PHA residents throughout the city, and those in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The answers have been summarized below to give residents an opportunity to make informed decisions when they vote in the primary on May 16, 2023.

After the candidates left, resident leaders took a straw poll and Cherelle Parker was the preferred mayoral candidate for 78,9 percent of them.

### MAYORAL CANDIDATES RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM PHA RESIDENTS:

#### Cherelle Parker

**Paths to Self-Sufficiency:** "I was raised by grandparents, a grandmother and a grandfather who moved from South Carolina and Virginia and they moved to 12th and Poplar to Richard Allen where



my grandmother told me about scrubbing marble floors. They moved from there when my 15-year-old mother got pregnant with me and they moved to seventh and Dolphin and from there they moved to Northwest Philadelphia. The crux of my campaign is about putting our people on a path to self-sufficiency."

**Housing Plan:** "We will have a housing czar here in the city of Philadelphia whose job it will be to coordinate agencies like OHS, PHDC and PIDC to work in conjunction with PHA, PHFA on the state level along with HUD on the federal level. . . . And for the first time in the history of our city, we will have the building trade unions. Our skilled workers in the school District of Philadelphia, training our children to build the housing that this city will invest in for decades to come.

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# Our City, Our Homes, Our Votes



The National Low Income Housing Coalition has a mantra that's worth repeating: Affordable homes are built with ballots every bit as much as they

are built with bricks and drywall.

By casting ballots, we move funding for affordable housing and support for fair housing up on the political agenda in Philadelphia and nationwide.

## **We need everyone, and every vote.**

Philadelphians, no matter what their politics, must register to vote for the May 16, 2023 primary election, and each of us needs a plan to get to the polls on Election Day.

Philadelphia is at a crucial junction. More than 90 candidates filed to be on Philly's May 16 primary ballot for mayor, City Council, and row offices, including for Sheriff. With several political veterans leaving office, the City is about to elect its next generation of leaders.

It is important to take time to get to know the candidates, and learn their stances on affordable housing, school funding, drug prevention and public safety. Our residents say these issues matter to them.

A perfect storm is heading our way. Two factors — aging housing stock and the impending expiration of thousands of affordable housing contracts — have already begun to converge in our city.

The dire situation at the University City Townhomes is the latest example of how these forces have come together in Philadelphia. The outrage that we all witnessed there was also present in the encampments on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and next door to our offices. But make no mistake: the affordable housing emergency that we're facing did not start with these events, and it did not end once the city's collective attention turned to other matters.

Quite frankly, the problem is only escalating. Because of expiring affordable housing contracts with private owners, the city estimates that there are 14,500 households that could face the same fate as the residents of the University City Townhomes over the next decade. As those contracts come to an end, the owners can exercise their right to "opt-out" of continuing to provide affordable housing, and many are doing just that: turning once-affordable units into market-rate developments — which could mean another 14,500 families facing eviction.

With so much at stake, I urge you to register to vote, and to vote in the primary and the general election.

You can help us to help you by casting a ballot for the candidates who best represent your interests.

Kelvin A. Jeremiah  
President & CEO

## **We Are Here to Help**

PHA Headquarters is again open to walk-in traffic during normal business hours.

### **IMPORTANT PHA CONTACTS**

<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
PHA Customer Service Center	215 684-4000
PHA Office of Public Safety (Administrative Office)	215 684-4840
PHA Office of Public Safety (Emergencies)	215 684-1911
Maintenance (Business Hours)	215 684-8920
Maintenance (After Hours)	215 684-1911
Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program FSS coordinator	215 684-5309
PHA Section 3 Resource Center	215-684-8926

FSS is a program which coordinates housing assistance with other resources to assist families to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Participation generally lasts five (5) years, during which participants identify educational, professional, and personal goals.

PHA Section 3 Resource Center 215-684-8926

The PHA Section 3 Resource Center helps PHA residents and those receiving housing assistance find their place in today's economy by increasing skill and educational opportunities and connecting them to decent jobs, postsecondary training, entrepreneurship workshops, and homeownership.

To schedule an appointment for career training enrollment opportunities, email the Workforce Center at [vaux@pha.phila.gov](mailto:vaux@pha.phila.gov).

### **Where can I access the Public Housing Customer Service Portal?**

You may access the Customer Service Portal by going to the PHA Home Page ([www.pha.phila.gov](http://www.pha.phila.gov)) and clicking the banner for the Public Housing Customer Service Portal.

# Election Day FAQs

## Can I vote before Election Day (May 16, 2023)?

Yes! You can apply to vote by mail today or get a ballot at the County Board of Elections Office in City Hall, Room 140 once ballots are available.

## Can Independents vote in this Primary?

Yes! Non-partisan voters citywide can vote on Ballot Questions.

## Where do I vote?

Enter your address in the Polling Place Finder App found on the Philadelphia City Commissioners website at



Or call **(215) 686-1590**.

## Do I have to show ID to vote?

Voters in Philadelphia are only required to show ID the first time they're voting in a new division. If this isn't your first time, no ID is required. If this is your first time, there are many options. Click here for the full list of acceptable forms of ID.

## What kind of voting machine do we use in Philadelphia?

Philadelphia voters use the ExpressVote XL when they vote at the polls on the Election Day. The ExpressVote XL makes the voting process simple and reliable!

After inserting your paper ballot, you simply use your finger to select your language and candidates, touching the middle of the candidate's name. When you've made all your selections, press the Print Ballot button in the bottom-right-hand corner of the screen. Touch Print again on the pop-up message and your ballot will print. Review your choices in the window to confirm that your selections are all printed correctly, and then touch Vote.

## What if my name's not in the book?

If your name isn't in the pollbook, or if you requested to Vote by Mail but never returned a ballot, you may need to vote by Provisional Ballot. A Provisional Ballot is used just like any Vote by Mail ballot – simply fill in the ovals next to your candidates, put the completed ballot in your secrecy envelope, and put that inside the Envelope with your Voter's Affirmation. Be sure to follow all instructions from the Election Board Workers when filling out your voter's affirmation on the outer envelopes.

Voters may also be required to use a Provisional Ballot if they believe their party registration in the pollbook is wrong or if it's their first time voting in a new division and they can't show ID. There might be other rarer reasons for a voter to use a Provisional Ballot. Whatever the case may be, all valid Provisional Ballots are counted in every election, no matter how close the contests are. A few weeks after the election, you can check on the status of your Provisional Ballot using the receipt provided to you by the Election Board Workers after you finish voting your ballot.

## What do I do if someone's trying to prevent me from voting? What if someone's telling me how to vote inside the Polling Place?

Voters can call the election hotline at **(215) 686-1590** or the Philadelphia District Attorney's office at **(215) 686-9641** for assistance on Election Day. Any voter whose name is not in the pollbook is entitled to receive a Provisional Ballot. Electioneering is not allowed inside the polling place, or within 10 feet of the entrance to the room where voting is occurring. Nobody is allowed to influence or intimidate you inside the polling place.

Source: Office of the City Commissioners

# Voters Get Say on Ballot Measures

There will be four ballot questions for voters to consider for a yes/no vote on May 16, 2023. It's important to note that while only registered Democrats or Republicans can vote for candidates on the primary ballot, due to the Commonwealth's closed primary system, any registered voter can vote on the ballot questions.

## Question One

### **Should The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to expand the requirements for annual minimum appropriations to the Budget Stabilization Reserve, more commonly known as the "rainy day fund"?**

Background Statement: The Budget Stabilization Reserve is a required amount of money set aside each year in the City's operating budget that cannot be spent except in extraordinary circumstances, such as during the pandemic. It is sometimes called the City's "rainy day fund." If you vote "Yes" on this ballot question, that means you approve of increasing the amount of money that might be set aside in the rainy day fund each year.

## Question Two

### **Should The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to create the Division of Workforce Solutions within the Department of Commerce and to define its duties?**

Statement: The City's Home Rule Charter is the document that sets up the framework of City government. It is the City's constitution.

Background Statement: Under the Charter, the Department of Commerce is mostly responsible

for promoting economic development. If you vote "Yes" on this ballot question, that means you approve of adding a Division of Workforce Solutions to the Commerce Department. The Division would be responsible for promoting workforce development in the City.

## Question Three

### **Should The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to make employees of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission exempt from civil service hiring requirements?**

Background Statement: The civil service system requires hiring for most positions to be based on the ranking of employees through testing. Hiring for positions exempt from the civil service is not subject to those requirements. If you vote "Yes" on this ballot question, that means you approve of including CPOC staff among the City employees who may be hired outside of the civil service system.

## Ballot Question Four

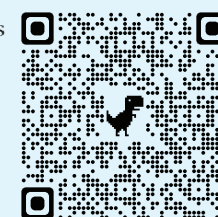
### **Should The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to create the Office of the Chief Public Safety Director and to define its powers, duties and responsibilities?**

Background Statement: If approved, Philadelphia will create the Office of the Chief Public Safety Director. The Mayor will appoint the director, with City Council approval. This person will be added to the mayor's cabinet and will receive a yearly \$265,000 salary.

## Ballot Language Access

The City of Philadelphia has voter information available in multiple languages including Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Khmer, Arabic, Haitian-Creole and Portuguese. You may access the information in this languages by using the QR CODE:

[vote.phila.gov/voting/candidates-for-office/2022-general-ballot-language-access](https://vote.phila.gov/voting/candidates-for-office/2022-general-ballot-language-access)



# PRIMARY MAYORAL CANDIDATES

## Democratic



**Warren Bloom Sr.**

Votebloom4mayor.org  
Facebook- Warren Bloom

Bloom is a minister at Bible Ministries Fellowship Church in addition to a community organizer, block captain and volunteer.

**Quote from  
Votebloom4mayor.org:**

“Battled a yearslong unfair city tax problem for citizens, so it no longer works badly for residents and our city; battled a yearslong unfair process for tenants facing eviction and immigrants facing unexpected treatment; battled a yearslong process of preventing poorer Black Americans from securing basic jobs.”

**Amen Brown**

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Brown, who began his career as an entrepreneur, is a second-term state representative.

**Quote from  
Amenforphilly.com:**

“We need real plans and real solutions, which include public-private partnerships. We can be using private funds to build mixed-income housing, incentivizing developers to build affordable housing. We can learn from other cities - identifying what worked and what didn't to develop realistic solutions that center the people.”

**Jeff Brown**

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Jeff Brown is a fourth-generation grocer who has owned more than a dozen ShopRite and Fresh Grocer stores in the city, including in underserved neighborhoods.

**Excerpt from BisNow:**  
“As mayor, I will provide access to portions of the Land Bank inventory to builders and developers who commit to building and maintaining affordable housing for Philadelphians. The price of this land will be set to make sure the project is financially viable.” says Brown: “We must address our housing crisis so no matter what stage in life you're in you have an affordable place to live.”

**James DeLeon**

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Judge DeLeon served on Municipal Court 34 years and chaired the legal committee for the Democratic City Committee.

**Quote taken from  
GridPhilly:**

“As mayor, I would first attempt to identify the owners of the 42,000 vacant lots and contact each owner to meet with City officials as to their intentions related to the identified property/lot.” DeLeon says in cases where owners do not come forward, the city should use its powers of eminent domain.”

**Allan Domb**

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Domb, owner of Allan Domb Real Estate, served two terms City Council as an at-large member, from 2016 to his resignation in August of last year.

**Excerpt from Bisnow:**

“My administration will work with federal and state leaders, the Philadelphia Housing Authority, community leaders, advocates and the private sector to expand the amount of affordable, safe housing available and provide wraparound services to those who need it.” Domb favors investments in education and training, and reinvestments in housing and neighborhoods.

## Democratic

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## Republican

**Delscia Gray**

Website: Not Available

According to WHYY, which is tracking candidates, little information is available about Gray, who filed a nominating petition with the City Commissioners in advance of the primary deadline. Her candidate affidavit indicates she lives in the Far Northeast and works as a protective services officer at the Einstein Medical Center in East Norriton, Montgomery County, part of the Jefferson Health network.

**Helen Gym**

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Gym, a former teacher, served two terms on City Council as an at-large member, from 2016 to 2022.

**Quote taken from Bisnow:**

“As a community organizer and city council member, I led a housing-first agenda that ensures everyone in the city has a safe, affordable, long-term place to live. As mayor, I will lead a citywide plan to ensure that building and protecting affordable housing at all income levels is a top priority for the next decade.”

Housing stability, accessibility & affordability are among the most fundamental human rights, Gym says.

**Cherelle Parker**

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A former High School teacher, Parker spent a decade in Harrisburg as a state representative, and 7 years as a member of City Council representing Northwest Philly’s District 9.

**Quote taken from CityandStatePA:**

“I do not support an affordable housing model that includes putting low-income people together in one community comprised of all low-income people. I want a mixed-use sort of affordable housing ... million-dollar houses in the middle of singles and twins, and then public housing.”

**Rebecca Rhynhart**

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Following a stint in financial services and banking, Rhynhart got her start in government as city treasurer in 2008. She was elected City Controller twice, starting in 2018.

**Quote from Bisnow:**

“We have the Housing Trust Fund and existing programs that can truly help affordable housing. We can build affordable housing, have public-private partnerships on the lots and properties we own, we can use the basic repair program to help people strengthen their existing housing stock, and we can keep people in rental programs by ensuring that our eviction protection programs are strong.”

**David Oh**

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David Oh, an attorney, served nearly three terms on council as an at-large member, from 2012 to 2023.

**Quote from Twitter:**

“As a Council member, I introduced a bill to provide \$50 million a year to the Housing Trust Fund for affordable housing. My bill was defeated. As Mayor, I will put \$50 million a year into affordable housing and build them in low income neighborhoods where they are most needed.”

Oh said criminal activity is deterred when a city is clean and orderly. He said abandoned buildings, vacant lots and dilapidated public spaces invite mayhem.

Putting people on the path to self-sufficiency by giving them access to an opportunity that can ensure they can take care of their families. In addition to that, we're going to build 30,000 new units of affordable housing."

**Preservation:** "Over the next 10 years there are 14,000, 14,000 properties in the city of Philadelphia that will no longer have their affordability designation. And we need to make sure that we preserve that."

**Home Repair:** Parker said she wants to turn the Restore, Repair, Renew program that she helped to develop into a grant program. Currently, it provides loans to homeowners to repair properties. "We want to partner that with the state in a program that they have, that they modeled off of what we did, called the Whole Home Repairs Act. If we couple those along with Philly First Home, which I also strongly advocated and led, we cannot only preserve existing, but we can create a strong pipeline to home ownership for residents of the city of Philadelphia."

**Education:** "I'm going to do what my grandmother said. That is to make sure that education is used as an opportunity for you to be anything you want to be in this world. Because some people would say, "I shouldn't be here right now coming from where I'm coming from and I should not be working for others."

**Police Residency:** "But the other thing that I want to talk about is where we get the men and women who serve on our police department. When I grew up in elementary school and you said, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" several hands would go up and say, "Police officer and/or firefighter." Because of what we see take place across the nation when it comes to Black and brown people and police brutality, that is no longer the case. We have to change the (hiring) criteria. Did you know your credit score was something that could be taken into consideration when determining whether or not you could serve? Did you know that the psychological evaluation is required? What culturally competent psychologist has been



performing those evaluations and how do you determine whether or not I am mentally stable enough to pass it? We should be training the next generation of police officers from within our city (and within our schools), and I want them to be residents of Philadelphia."

**Pledges:** "I am going to establish something called the Affordable Housing Accelerator Fund and it will be comprised of funding that we secure from the federal state and local government."

Parker also pledged to address the discriminatory system for home appraisals: "When you are talking about appraisals, we're being ripped off in the front end and ripped off on the back end. We have the house, we finally get it and then we go to get it appraised and our value is hundreds of thousands of dollars different from somebody else who doesn't have skin like mine."

### **Rebecca Rhynhart**

**Define Affordable Housing:** "I decided to run for mayor because as city controller, I could put forth recommendations to solve these issues, but that's where the power of my office ended. As mayor, I can and will make change happen so that our city is safer, cleaner, and to truly fix our schools. On affordable housing, I believe that housing is affordable when people can

afford to pay it and afford their other bills. And so that's a very different level for different people."

**Housing Plan:** "My plan for affordable housing is to create ranges of affordable housing across our city using the city's 8,500 vacant properties and lots that are city owned and transforming that into affordable housing as well. One job should be enough to support a family and we need to create housing that fits into that from a cost perspective."

**Housing Preservation:** Rhynhart said she would focus on repair programs, and help families get clear titles to their homes. "To keep home ownership affordable. We need to expand the basic home repair program, making sure that people know about the programs that the city already offers. One of the things that is part of my affordable housing plan is to start door knocking efforts so that people can be told about the programs that longtime homeowners qualify for basic home repair program, for the longtime owner occupied property tax relief program, for the senior tax freeze. The city has these programs that people don't know about because the city puts it on their website and that's not enough. We need to go out and knock on doors and help people stay in their homes."

**Tangled Titles:** "Another initiative that I believe is very important is the help with the tangled title issue. Many homeowners do not have clear title to their home. And fixing this, helping with legal assistance to clear the titles will unleash a vast amount of wealth that is untapped in people's homes right now."

**Citywide Plan:** "I will be laser focused to create a citywide affordable housing plan. Right now, we have different initiatives going on in different neighborhoods. As mayor, I would make sure that in conjunction with the city council members and community leaders, stakeholders, residents, that my administration will develop a plan for affordable housing across our city, utilizing the 8,500 city owned vacant properties and lots. Making sure that there is affordability across different ranges of income. . . And as mayor, I would pull together the PHA and other stakeholders to find a solution to the 2000 sub-federal subsidized units that are going to expire in the next five years. These are important issues that we must solve. And as mayor, I will leave that way."

**Violence:** "So as mayor, I will work starting from the first day I am in office to tackle the issue of gun violence, which is tied to community health. I will activate the Emergency Operations Center to coordinate not just the

police response but street lighting in neighborhoods that are impacted most by violence. Then in terms of housing in distressed communities, I will make sure that we are focused in on the neighborhoods that need the assistance the most."

**Education:** "My daughter is in seventh grade in the public school system and I believe strongly that every child in Philly should have a good school to go to. So, fixing our school system is something that is a top priority for me. And I believe strongly that we're not producing the level of education that we need to for all of our kids in this city."

### **Jeff Brown**

**Strong Leadership:** "I'm running for mayor because - historically, I think I've been a lot of people's grocer in the neighborhoods and I've seen a deterioration of circumstances. And I felt we needed a bigger change and that's why I'm running for mayor."

**Develop Vacant Lots:** "There's 22,000 privately-owned vacant units within Philadelphia. I'm going to have my solicitor's office immediately go after who owns those private houses and find out what they're going to do with them. If they're not going to do anything with them, I'm going to use the power of eminent domain and take those houses

in. We're going to redevelop those houses into affordable housing units."

**Preservation:** "We don't want people forced out of their homes. And I would like to create a grant program. It has to be based on need or income qualifications to help homeowners with home repairs. . . . But the second thing is if it's a real estate developer and they own the home, I would like to create an incentive or financing for them to make these repairs for extending their affordable housing arrangement."

**Work with PHA:** "The next thing is, and I learned when I worked with PHA on this project, when they were teaching me about this project, they had the ability to do things in the lower price range that no other agency could do. And so I did notice on this project how much the city was involved, how much had to be done as far as zoning, acquiring properties, and other city related jobs. I think it's very important that the city works side by side with PHA to create opportunities to expand housing and clear the obstacles that make these projects take way too long to get done."

**Policing:** "I think we have a historic opportunity to have a vast improvement in the equitableness of our policing and the safety. And the reason I believe that is because we're short like 25% of our police. So we have the opportunity to hire from our neighborhoods, hire a police force that represents and matches the demographics of the city and the neighborhood communities of the city. And we have a chance to train them and we have to train them with a service mentality, a service for all, not for some. And we have to train them to deescalate tensions. And this can be done."

#### **Housing Advocate for Low-income Families:**

"I think what's happened over my lifetime is housing values have increased an incredible amount. And like I already talked about several times, we have an abusive taxing policy that is forcing people out of their homes. And we don't have a safety net. And what I was saying is we need an advocate. When things are going in the wrong direction, we need an advocate that we

automatically send out to the residents to help save their home. And it's just wrong to make someone homeless in some cases for a very small amount of money. And I don't think we have an appropriate safety net to help people in that circumstance. I would much rather help than to see them homeless and it's better for us financially as a city too."

### **Amen Brown**

#### **Define Affordable**

**Housing?** "I hear far too many times that people have to decide between paying their rent or putting food on the table or paying for their medication. That shouldn't be a thing. And your rent shouldn't be based off your income. If you can't afford it, you can't afford it. So, affordable means having a roof over your head and being able to pay your utilities, making sure there's food in your refrigerator, and making sure that you have the medicine and medication you need. So affordable means not being in bad shape after paying your rent 'cause we have real problems. And city government need to be there to support you. And as your mayor, I will be with you every step of the way."

**Jobs and Opportunities:** "I'm there with my people each and every step of the way. At Westpark, I noticed that everyone needed and wanted a job, but they couldn't get through their entire process 'cause of the lack of access.

"So what we need to do for our residents is give them access to good government jobs, training, and things of that nature. That's how we make it affordable for our families to be able to pay their rent. Because I believe your question was, how do we help people be able to afford to pay their rent? We have to make sure we bring quality jobs to the community, like the building trades and things of that nature, and invest in black-owned supermarkets and businesses."



**Stronger City-PHA Partnership:** "So our plan includes giving in year one, \$100 million in our city's budget as a line item to make sure that PHA can build on these vacant lots that we're all talking about. And also having enough money to preserve these properties that we're talking about. And that money is going to come from identifying waste in our city."

**Cut Waste:** "In our first 100 days, we're going to be doing a full audit, finding out where the waste is. We all know gun violence prevention is being funded in hundreds of millions of dollars, but there's no gun violence being prevented because the bodies are still dropping. So that's one example of where we know we're going to find waste and we're going to reallocate that money to make sure that these homes are preserved and affordable units are built."

**Public-Private Partnerships:** "One that we did that's working out very well in West Philadelphia and West Colton is developers that are doing life sciences buildings. They are hiring convicted felons from the area and they're getting them jobs to keep West Philly, West Colton clean. They're making at least \$40,000 a year with benefits and things of that nature. That's one example of public private partnership that we will be making sure happens in our administration."

### **James DeLeon**

**Affordable Housing:** "I'm running for mayor and it's good to be home. . . . I was the first black attorney here at the Philadelphia Housing Authority and I was the first black General Counsel here at the Housing Authority, although I was acting at that time. As far as affordable housing is concerned, it has to be on a sliding scale because we have people that only have the income of \$400 a month and lower. But we have to put them in a housing situation where they have a good roof over their head, they have the utilities paid for and they have everything they need in order to live a comfortable life."

**Preservation:** "Well, project based (vouchers and subsidies) is a very important program that we have. The Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program is also important where we are rehabbing and demolishing sites and we're getting vouchers to people. So the situation is that we have to maintain project based. We have to preserve the units that are there by putting money into them to make sure that they're sustainable."

**Stop Illegal Evictions:** "The other thing is that Community Legal Services did a report that there were 22,000 illegal evictions in Philadelphia last year. There's a bill ordinance 9-116. 1600. Illegal evictions. A landlord who

does an illegal eviction can be charged \$300 a day. So let's take \$300 x 10 days x 22,000 evictions. That's \$66 million a year that can go into affordable housing."

**More Funding for PHA:** "So I've already given you a situation where I'm going to be giving PHA money by going after the knucklehead landlords that have been illegally putting out people every single year where there's like 22,000 illegal evictions. So right there, I just showed you \$66 million. Okay? So that money also is going to be going to PHA, as I said."

**Supports the Housing Opportunity Program:** "I also like that PHA (HCV) mobility program. We're going to look at that because we're going to talk to the landlords in various parts of the city like Chestnut Hill. So we're going to give people a higher voucher so they can live up there and live comfortably. But we're going to put people all over the city. You don't have to be in public housing in a specific part of the city. Public housing should be in every single neighborhood in this city. So we want to make sure that that mobility program is working. We're also going to look at that PHA homeowner program. We're going to expand on that."

# Candidates for Office

On May 16, 2023, Philadelphia voters will cast Election ballots to select candidates for the following offices:

## Justice of the Supreme Court – Democratic Statewide (Vote for 1)

- DANIEL MCCAFFERY
- DEBBIE KUNSELMAN

## Justice of the Supreme Court – Republican Statewide (Vote for 1)

- PATRICIA A MCCULLOUGH
- CAROLYN CARLUCCIO

## Judge of the Superior Court – Democratic Statewide (Vote for not more than 2)

- PAT DUGAN
- TIMIKA LANE
- JILL BECK

## Judge of the Superior Court – Republican Statewide (Vote for not more than 2)

- MARIA BATTISTA
- HARRY F SMAIL JR

## Judge of the Commonwealth Court – Democratic

### Statewide (Vote for 1)

- MATT WOLF
- BRYAN NEFT

## Judge of the Commonwealth Court – Republican

### Statewide (Vote for 1)

- JOSH PRINCE
- MEGAN MARTIN

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas – Democratic

### Citywide (Vote for not more than 10)

- NATASHA TAYLOR-SMITH
- CAROLINE TURNER
- KENNETH JOEL
- BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN
- TAMIKA WASHINGTON
- DAMARIS GARCIA

- QAWI ABDUL-RAHMAN
- SAMANTHA WILLIAMS
- JOE GREEN
- WILL BRAVEMAN
- WADE D ALBERT
- CHESLEY LIGHTSEY
- JESSICA R BROWN
- KAY YU
- MELISSA FRANCIS
- JOHN PADOVA

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas – Republican

### Citywide (Vote for not more than 10)

- No Candidates filed for this office

## Judge of the Municipal Court – Democratic

### Citywide (Vote for not more than 2)

- BARBARA THOMSON
- RANIA MAJOR
- COLLEEN MCINTYRE OSBORNE
- MELISSA FRANCIS

## Judge of the Municipal Court – Republican

### Citywide (Vote for not more than 2)

- RANIA M MAJOR

## Mayor – Democratic

### Citywide (Vote for 1)

- CHERELLE L PARKER
- JAMES M DELEON
- REBECCA RHYNHART
- DELSCIA GRAY
- AMEN BROWN
- JEFF BROWN
- WARREN BLOOM
- ALLAN DOMB
- HELEN GYM

## Mayor – Republican

### Citywide (Vote for 1)

- DAVID OH

## City Commissioner – Democratic

### Citywide (Vote for not more than 2)

- OMAR SABIR
- LISA DEELEY

## City Commissioner – Republican

### Citywide (Vote for not more than 2)

- SETH BLUESTEIN

## City Controller – Democratic

### Citywide (Vote for 1)

- ALEXANDRA HUNT
- JOHN THOMAS
- CHRISTY BRADY

## City Controller – Republican

### Citywide (Vote for 1)

- AARON BASHIR

## Register of Wills – Democratic

### Citywide (Vote for 1)

- ELIZABETH HALL LOWE
- RAE K HALL
- JOHN SABATINA
- TRACEY L GORDON

## Register of Wills – Republican

### Citywide (Vote for 1)

- LINWOOD HOLLAND

## Sheriff – Democratic

### Citywide (Vote for 1)

- MICHAEL UNTERMAYER
- ROCHELLE BILAL
- JACKIE L MILES

## Sheriff – Republican

### Citywide (Vote for 1)

- MARK LAVELLE

## Council at Large – Democratic

### Citywide (Vote for not more than 5)

- DERWOOD SELBY
- SHERRIE COHEN
- QIANA SHEDRICK
- JALON ALEXANDER

- LUZ COLON

- WAYNE E DORSEY
- DESHAWNDA WILLIAMS
- MELISSA ROBBINS
- AMANDA MCILLMURRAY
- ABU V EDWARDS
- RUE LANDAU
- OGBONNA PAUL HAGINS
- ERIKA ALMIRÓN
- NINA AHMAD
- CHARLES REYES
- DONAVAN S WEST
- NADERAH GRIFFIN
- JIM HARRITY
- ERYN SANTAMOOR
- GEORGE STEVENSON
- JOHN B KELLY
- CURTIS SEGERS III
- KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
- MICHELLE PRETTYMAN
- JOB ITZKOWITZ
- CHRISTOPHER GLADSTONE BOOTH
- ISAIAH THOMAS

## Council at Large – Republican

### Citywide (Vote for not more than 5)

- FRANK CRISTINZIO
- GARY GRISAFI
- DREW MURRAY
- JIM HASHER
- MARY JANE KELLY
- SAM OROPEZA

## District Council – Democratic

### 1st District (Vote for 1)

- MARK F SQUILLA

## District Council – Republican

### 1st District (Vote for 1)

- No Candidates filed for this office

## District Council – Democratic

### 2nd District (Vote for 1)

- KENYATTA JOHNSON



**District Council – Republican  
2nd District (Vote for 1)**

- No Candidates filed for this office

**District Council – Democratic  
3rd District (Vote for 1)**

- JAMIE GAUTHIER

**District Council – Republican  
3rd District (Vote for 1)**

- No Candidates filed for this office

**District Council – Democratic  
4th District (Vote for 1)**

- CURTIS JONES JR

**District Council – Republican  
4th District (Vote for 1)**

- No Candidates filed for this office

**District Council – Democratic  
5th District (Vote for 1)**

- JEFFERY JAY YOUNG JR

**District Council – Republican  
5th District (Vote for 1)**

- No Candidates filed for this office

**District Council – Democratic  
6th District (Vote for 1)**

- MIKE DRISCOLL

**District Council – Republican  
6th District (Vote for 1)**

- No Candidates filed for this office

**District Council – Democratic  
7th District (Vote for 1)**

- QUETCY M LOZADA
- ANDRÉS CELIN

**District Council – Republican  
7th District (Vote for 1)**

- No Candidates filed for this office

**District Council – Democratic  
8th District (Vote for 1)**

- SETH ANDERSON-OBERMAN
- CINDY BASS

**District Council – Republican  
8th District (Vote for 1)**

- No Candidates filed for this office

**District Council – Democratic  
9th District (Vote for 1)**

- YVETTE YOUNG
- ANTHONY PHILLIPS
- JAMES WILLIAMS

**District Council – Republican  
9th District (Vote for 1)**

- No Candidates filed for this office

**District Council – Democratic  
10th District (Vote for 1)**

- GARY MASINO

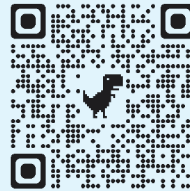
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10th District (Vote for 1)**

- BRIAN O'NEILL

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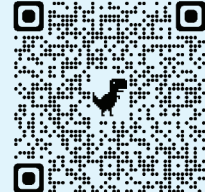
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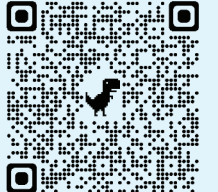


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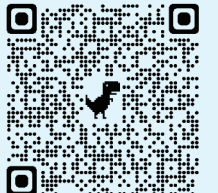
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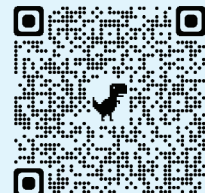
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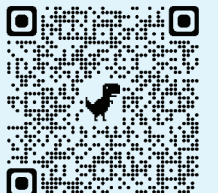
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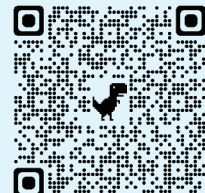
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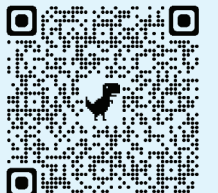
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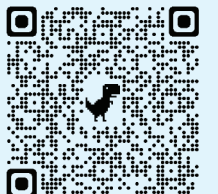
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**Council District 10**



**PHA Summer Camps:  
July 26, 2023 - August 18, 2023**

Mondays through Fridays 9am – 3pm  
Breakfast and Lunch provided for all Campers  
Facilitated by the Boys and Girls Club of Philadelphia  
and Mighty Writers  
Activities: Recreational, Sports, Literacy, Arts and Crafts  
FREE to PHA Residents Ages 5-17

**Locations:**

- Richard Allen/Cambridge  
John F Street Community Center  
1100 Poplar Street, 19123
  - Bartram Village  
Bartram Village Community Center  
5409 Gibson Drive, 19143
  - Johnson Homes  
Johnson Homes Community Center  
2500 W. Norris Street, 19121
  - Wilson Park  
Wilson Park Community Center  
2500 Jackson Street, 19145
  - Vaux Big Picture High School  
Mighty Writers North  
2300 Master Street
  - Mantua Community Center  
Mighty Writers West  
3520 Fairmount Avenue, 19104
  - Norris Community Center  
2000 N. 11th Street, 19121
  - Abbottsford Community Center  
3226 McMichael Street, 19129
- To register:  
Visit The PHA Youth & Family Center  
2013 Ridge Avenue, Suite 122**



# PHA INTERNSHIPS

Dates: Friday, May 12, 2023 – August 18, 2024

Rate: \$15/hour 25 hours per week

9am-3pm

Many opportunities across PHA, various departments

Who's Eligible: Any student currently enrolled in higher education

How to apply: go to [pha.phila.gov/jobs](http://pha.phila.gov/jobs)

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FOR PHA RESIDENTS, HCV & PARTNER PARTICIPANTS

Applications available online and can be submitted until June 15

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**Scholarship Applicants Must Be:**

- A PHA Resident Or Hcv Or Partner Program Participant
- Be Admitted To A 2 Or 4 Year College/university or Trade/technical School
- Have A Gpa Or Ged Equivalent Of At Least 2.5



**PHA Summer Food Program  
June 26, 2023  
- August 18, 2023**

Mondays through Fridays  
Hot meals served daily, prepared fresh.

Breakfast: 9am – 11am  
Lunch: 12pm-2pm

FREE to ALL Philadelphia youth  
(ages 18 and younger)

Email: Odessa Blocker at  
**odess.blocker@pha.phila.gov**  
Phone: 215-684-8109



**Locations:**

John F. Street Community Center  
1100 Poplar Street, 19123

Wilson Park Community Center  
2500 Jackson Street, 19145

Johnson Homes Community Center  
2500 W. Norris Street, 19121

Raymond Rosen Community Center  
2301 Edgely Street, 19121

Bartram Village Community Center  
5409 Gibson Drive, 19143

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1824-26 Foulkrod Street, 19124

Hillcreek Community Center

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Norris Community Center  
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Lucien E. Blackwell Center  
741 N. 47th Street, 19139

Abbotsford Community Center  
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**Summer Food  
Employment Opportunities**

Mondays through Fridays

8am – 2pm

Ages: 18 and older

(Must be able to pass a background and drug test)

Pay: \$12 to \$17 an hour

(depending on position)

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- Reduce gun violence across Philadelphia
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- Make City Government Work For Us Again



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