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Dear Friends,

The **Spirit of 76 PAC**, a conservative federal **Political Action Committee** operating in the **Delaware Valley region**, would like to inform you of an upcoming special election for the **Pennsylvania State House, 161st District**, which will take place **August 4, 2015** in parts of **Delaware County**.

Before we do, however, we would like to review our track record, with you, regarding the **Pennsylvania** and **New Jersey Primaries** which took place during last 6 weeks.

PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY HELD MAY 12

The **Spirit of 76 PAC** endorsed in a competitive, statewide Republican primary race involving the **Pennsylvania Supreme Court**, as well as elections for **Montgomery County Commissioner** and **Philadelphia City Council At-Large**.

We are happy to report that we prevailed in **5 of 7** contests.

Anne Covey, Mike George, Judy Olson defeated their opponents and are now the **Republican Party** nominees for the **PA Supreme Court**.

In **Montgomery County**, our endorsed candidates, **Joe Gale** and **Steve Tolbert**, defeated a **Planned Parenthood** liberal to become the Republican nominees for **County Commissioner**.

We hope you'll vote to elect these fine individuals in the **November election**.

In **Philadelphia**, unfortunately, our endorsed candidates for **City Council At-Large--Matt Wolfe** and **James Williams--**did not prevail.

We wish them the best of luck in the future.

NEW JERSEY PRIMARY HELD JUNE 2

The New Jersey Primary offered very few competitive races, so we did not make a single endorsement.

However, we did **recommend** the election of **John Cesaro**, **Christine Myers**, and **Angelo Tedesco** in a highly competitive **Freeholder** race in Morris County, NJ (slightly out of our region).

We are happy to report that John Cesaro and Christine Myers were victorious and we're hoping that former East Hanover Councilman and Fireman, Angelo Tedesco, will run again next year.

SPECIAL ELECTION, PA 161ST HOUSE DISTRICT

The following article written by **Bill Lawrence**, detailing the write-in candidacy of **conservative Penn-Delco School Board Member Lisa Esler** for **State Representative**, recently appeared on the blog, www.BillLawrenceonline.com.

Esler is running against the **Republican, Paul Mullen**, and **Democrat, Leanne Kruger-Braneky**, in an **August 4 Special Election**. Whoever wins this race will be immediately sworn into office to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of **State Representative Joe Hackett**.

The **PAC** has not yet decided on whether to endorse in this race. Frankly, we are concerned that the divisions between **Mullen** and **Esler** could lead to the election of **Kruger-Braneky**, an extreme liberal Democrat.

LISA ESLER, CHALLENGING MULLEN IN 161ST RACE, TO HOLD MONDAY PRESSER

by **BILL LAWRENCE**

June 10, 2015

There will be opposition to the Joe Sestak-supporting union president picked by the Delaware County Republican Party to fill the 161st District State House seat being vacated by Joe Hackett.

Lisa Esler, a Penn Delco school board member and Republican, **will hold a press conference 10 a.m., Monday, June 15, at the Delaware County Court House, 201 W. Front St. , Media, Pa., 19063**, to announce a write-in campaign.

"I am challenging the Delco GOP's candidate because in my role as school board director, I have seen how Harrisburg is tainted by special interest lobbyists," Mrs. Esler said.

"As the head of the AFL-CIO in Delaware County and the business manager for the IBEW, (Paul) Mullen is the poster child for special interests. Further, Mr.

Mullen has supported liberal Democrats in the last two major election cycles—his union supported Barack Obama and Bob Casey and Mr. Mullen personally supported Joe Sestak and John Kane. That the Delco GOP machine would favor a man who is, for all intents and purposes a Democrat, is a slap in the face to every Republican in Delaware County.”

Hackett quit his legislative post, April 30, after easily winning re-election last fall saying he wanted to return to law enforcement. Mullen, ironically, was a Penn Delco School Director in 2007 before also quitting, suddenly and mysteriously, well before the end of his term.

“Harrisburg needs legislators who will fight for the taxpayers—not the special interests,” Mrs. Esler said. ” There are many cost saving measures that could be implemented. We need people who are willing to stand up to the lobbyists and the party machines and work for the taxpayer. That is my pledge to the residents of the 161st district—I will work for you. I am in this race to win and hope the people of the 161st will give me the opportunity to go to Harrisburg and work for them.”

A non-GOP-endorsed Democrat candidate is expected to be announced by the end of the week.

The election is Aug. 4.

In our humble opinion, ass bad as Mullen might be, he cannot compare to the likes of Kruger-Braneky.

On behalf of the **PAC Board of Delegates**,
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