

VOTER GUIDE

Educated voting is the best way to exercise citizenship

Dear Readers and Voters,

This midterm election, we produced a voter guide to help our readers vote in Philadelphia. We interviewed almost every candidate on the ballot, so the information and points of view are authentic to each of them.

As journalists and a hyperlocal news source, it's part of our mission to make sure our readers have access to tools and information to make informed decisions in our democracy.

To make sure we focused on issues people in our community care about, we created an online survey anyone could answer. We asked what readers are concerned about, what they'd want to ask specific candidates and anything they might want to know about voting. This didn't just inform our process — it directly impacted our coverage. Before today, we've written stories inspired by this survey, like one explaining the voter registration process or the efforts by different polling places near Temple University's Main Campus ahead of the election for voter turnout.

As a result of reader engagement, we now have this eight-page voter guide. It includes what each candidate on the ballot thinks of the various issues you told us were the most important. We also have a page dedicated to describing your rights when you arrive at the polls.

We have an online version of this insert that contains links to more information, so you can learn even more ahead of Nov. 6. Leading up to the election, and on voting day, The Temple News will have all our social media DMs open, and either myself or another member of our staff will be available to help answer any questions you have about the elections.

Now go out and vote!

Julie Christie
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What's on the ballot?

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UNITED STATES SENATOR <small>(Vote for 1)</small> Senador de los Estados Unidos <small>(Vote por 1)</small>	BOB CASEY JR 101	LOU BARLETTA 201	NEAL GALE 301		DALE R KERNS JR 501	Write In Por Escrito <input type="checkbox"/>
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR <small>(Vote for the candidates of one party for Governor and Lieutenant Governor)</small> Gobernador y Vicegobernador <small>(Vote por los candidatos para Gobernador y Vicegobernador de un partido)</small>	TOM WOLF Governor JOHN FETTERMAN Lt. Governor 102	SCOTT R WAGNER Governor JEFF BARTOS Lt. Governor 202	PAUL GLOVER Governor JOCOLYN BOWSER BOSTICK Lt. Governor 302		KEN V KRAWCHUK Governor KATHLEEN S SMITH Lt. Governor 502	Write In Por Escrito <input type="checkbox"/>
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS <small>3rd District (Vote for 1)</small> Representante del Congreso <small>Districto 3 (Vote por 1)</small>	DWIGHT EVANS 103	BRYAN E LEIB 203				Write In Por Escrito <input type="checkbox"/>
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY <small>181st District (Vote for 1)</small> Representante en la Asamblea General <small>Districto 181 (Vote por 1)</small>	MALCOLM KENYATTA 105	MILTON STREET 205				Write In Por Escrito <input type="checkbox"/>

In February, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court redrew the state's congressional districts. Depending if you live east or west of Broad Street, you have different candidates for Congress. This year, both the 2nd and 3rd congressional districts, which include all of North Philadelphia, are up for election. The 3rd district candidates are Dwight Evans and Bryan Leib, and the 2nd district candidates are Brendan Boyle and David Torres.

SOURCE: Philadelphia City Commissioners, Ballotpedia.org

QUESTION

Pregunta

**CITY BOND QUESTION
(Bill No. 180552)**

"Should the City of Philadelphia borrow ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$181,000,000.00) to be spent for and toward capital purposes as follows: Transit; Streets and Sanitation; Municipal Buildings; Parks, Recreation and Museums; and Economic and Community Development?"

**Pregunta del Bono de la Ciudad
(Proyecto de Ley Nro. 180552)**

"¿Cree usted que la Ciudad de Philadelphia debería pedir un préstamo de CIENTO OCHENTA Y UN MILLONES DE DÓLARES (\$181,000,000.00) que se gastarán en y para fines capitales como se indica a continuación: tránsito, calles y saneamiento, edificios municipales, parques, recreación, museos y desarrollo económico y comunitario?"

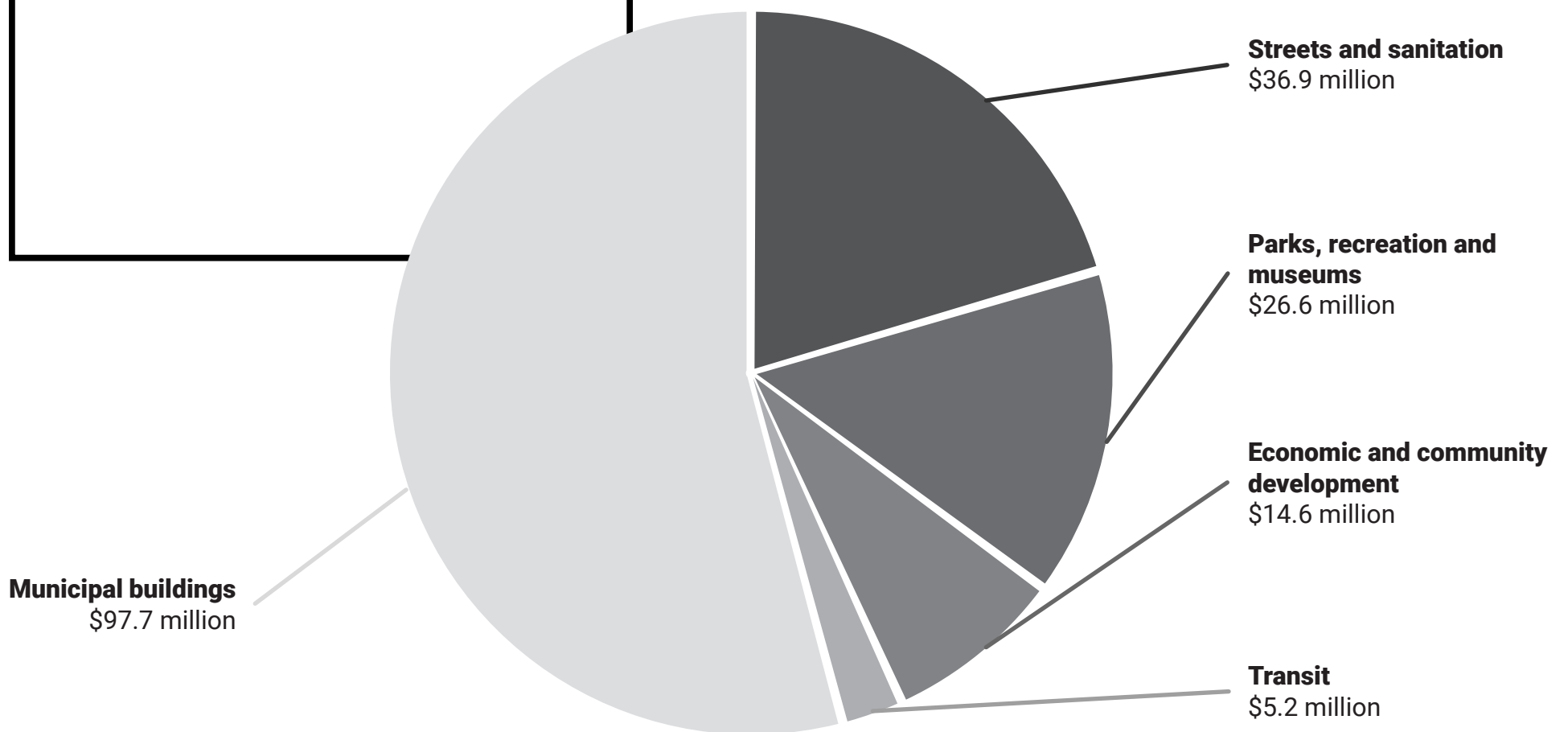
Ballot question

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City Council passed a bill on Sept. 13 to add a ballot question that, if approved, would allow the city to borrow up to \$181 million to fund transit, parks and municipal buildings. If the question receives enough "yes" responses, the city could borrow the money from any bank or other appropriate institution.

In the 2016 general election, Philadelphia asked voters an almost identical question — except that value was for \$184 million, not \$181 million, which they passed. The funds would be divided just about the same way as they were in 2016, with nearly 57 percent of the money going to municipal buildings.

Where will that money go?



SOURCE: Philadelphia City Commissioners, Philadelphia City Council

On the issues: U.S. Senate candidates

The Candidates



BOB CASEY (Incumbent)



Casey supports green energy and a U.S.-led global climate protection initiative. He also supports increased border security but doesn't think a policy to deport undocumented immigrants is viable. He wants to create a path to citizenship for law-abiding immigrants. In 2014, Casey pushed a Senate bill that would allow students to refinance their federal loan debts at a lower interest rate. He also supports the Affordable Care Act and prioritizes expanding health care access and sustaining Medicare funding.



LOU BARLETTA (Representative for the 11th Congressional District)



Barletta wants to focus on Medicare for seniors, and wants to allow people to search for health care in different states. Barletta wants to reduce the federal government's oversight of higher education. He also wanted to see President Donald Trump's immigration reform bill pass through Congress. As mayor of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, Barletta signed a law that penalizes employers for hiring "illegal aliens," and continues to stand by the legislation. He supported Trump's move to pull out of the Paris climate agreement.



DALE KERNS



Kerns is "for immigration" and would like to see more people become citizens through a simpler process. He also said he wants to abolish the Department of Education and "get [the federal government] out of the business of loaning money to students." Kerns believes health care should be controlled by the individual to make providers and insurance companies compete for more affordable prices. Kerns' platform doesn't include anything about environmental issues.



NEAL GALE



Gale's platform emphasizes climate change. He believes the energy industry should turn toward renewable sources, which would create jobs with longevity. He also believes immigration is too politicized and wants policies that both regulate who can come into the country and "state the value" immigrants bring to the U.S. Gale views Medicare as a basic right and thinks health care should go to a single-payer model. He wants to redirect some military funding toward education.

Campaign Spending

Individual spending



Bob Casey spent \$16.8 million of the \$21.2 million he raised. He accounts for nearly 80 percent of the funding in this year's Pennsylvania Senate race.



Lou Barletta raised nearly \$7 million for his campaign and spent about \$6.2 million of it. He spent about 90 percent of his campaign funds.



Dale Kerns spent nearly 94 percent of the more than \$208,000 he raised for his campaign. He raised less than 1 percent of the Senate race's funds.



Neal Gale spent \$20 of the \$764 he raised for his campaign. He accounts for less than 0.5 percent of the race's fundraising.



Total money raised

\$28,289,248.50



All information is from a combination of interviews with candidates, their campaign websites or state records.





JULIE CHRISITE / THE TEMPLE NEWS
SOURCE: Federal Elections Commission campaign finance database

Congressional representatives take on issues





2nd Congressional District

3rd Congressional District





Affordable health care

	Brendan Boyle <i>Democrat</i>	David Torres <i>Republican</i>	Dwight Evans <i>Democrat</i>	Bryan Leib <i>Republican</i>
				
	<p>Boyle supports medical service partnerships — like more than \$1 million in federal grants he worked to get the Fox Chase Cancer Center — in under-served neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Torres is primarily concerned with providing affordable health care for the elderly.</p>	<p>Evans supports affordable health care and voted against Trump’s rollback of the Affordable Care Act, which he thinks would take away health insurance from those who need it most.</p>	<p>Leib doesn’t support universal health care and would like to see government get out of individual health decisions to “let private industry grow and thrive,” he said.</p>

Environmental protection

	Brendan Boyle <i>Democrat</i>	David Torres <i>Republican</i>	Dwight Evans <i>Democrat</i>	Bryan Leib <i>Republican</i>
				
	<p>Boyle would like the Environmental Protection Agency to re-initiate Obama-era clean air and water policies, which regulate air and water pollution, and re-enter a United Nations agreement to reduce the effects of climate change.</p>	<p>Torres said solar energy is the future of job growth in the city and country. He believes opportunities will open for companies and trade workers through energy innovation.</p>	<p>Evans believes public policy directly affects the environment. In Congress, he supported bills to reduce carbon emissions and make metro area transit systems more environmentally friendly.</p>	<p>Leib said the country should take steps to increase energy efficient infrastructure and use more nuclear, wind and solar energy.</p>

Infrastructure improvements

	Brendan Boyle <i>Democrat</i>	David Torres <i>Republican</i>	Dwight Evans <i>Democrat</i>	Bryan Leib <i>Republican</i>
				
	<p>Boyle believes infrastructure improvements should include technological innovation. He co-chairs Congress’ Blue Collar Caucus, a Democratic effort to engage working-class voters.</p>	<p>Torres believes funding for Amtrak improvements should be on the same page with the city’s transit needs.</p>	<p>Evans believes Congress should work on environmentally sustainable transit to provide jobs rather than fund highway expansion.</p>	<p>While Leib said he would “advocate for any type of infrastructure spending whatsoever,” he also wants to focus on school infrastructure in Philadelphia.</p>

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Governor candidates take on issues

Higher education

Addiction crisis

Government accountability



Tom Wolf (Gov.) (Incumbent)
John Fetterman (Lt. Gov.)
Democrat

As governor, Wolf sent funding to technical programs that helped increase students' credential earnings by 32 percent. Under Wolf's administration, Temple's state appropriations increased by more than \$8 million.

Wolf declared the addiction crisis a statewide disaster emergency in January. He has also funded projects like a \$1 million grant to Temple University Hospital's Temple Recovery Using Scientific Treatments Clinic.

Wolf signed an executive order in January 2015 that prohibited any employee, appointee or official in the state's Executive Branch from accepting gifts. In an email to The Temple News, he wrote he plans to expand that rule to all public officials in the state.



Scott Wagner (Gov.)
Jeff Bartos (Lt. Gov.)
Republican

Wagner wants to focus on giving state-related schools budgets on time. He also plans to divert funding from the state's employee pension program to education, and stop using property taxes as a source of funding.

Wagner announced a \$15 million pay-for-success plan to fund recovery programs, which means programs only get money if they show positive results. He also wants to expand Telemedicine, which is the remote delivery of services through technology.

Wagner wants to focus on tracking how money is spent in Harrisburg. He also believes his plans to cut back on the state's pension program will help curb corruption.



Ken V. Krawchuk (Gov.)
Kathleen Smith (Lt. Gov.)
Libertarian

Krawchuk wants to change how schools and what he calls other "giveaway programs" are funded by establishing a Universal Charitable Credit Act, which allows people to outline specifically what they want their money to go to.

Krawchuk wants to pardon nonviolent drug offenders in Pennsylvania. He also wants to mimic Portugal, where all drugs are decriminalized and people can go to centers to test the purity of substances.

Krawchuk plans to commission a "business architect" to map how the government functions and list every action people make. He added the business architect would help improve transparency and make government more accessible to the public.



Paul Glover (Gov.)
Jocolyn Bowser-Bostick (Lt. Gov.)
Green

Glover supports a Pennsylvania student loan buyback program and wants to "take several million dollars of the state budget into extinguishing defaulted [student] loans," he said. He also wants the state to fund environmentally friendly industries.

Glover wants to legalize marijuana and create member-sponsored medical cooperatives that use holistic care for treatment. He also wants to release all nonviolent drug offenders from prison.

Glover criticizes corporate donations in politics, and believes the best way to curb this is to bring in more political parties. He supported a 2013 bill called the "Voters' Choice Act," which aimed to eliminate signature requirements for minor party candidates.

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On the issues: Race for the 181st District

Kenyatta wants to take on Temple as an alum and North Philly native

North Philadelphia native Malcolm Kenyatta started his service career when he was 11 and ran for a junior block captain position near 11th and Master.

Kenyatta is running to fill the seat of long-time State Rep. Curtis Thomas, who is Kenyatta's cousin. Thomas announced he'd retire in early April and immediately endorsed Kenyatta, who defeated four other Democratic candidates in the May primaries. That win made Kenyatta the state's first openly gay person of color to win a state House primary in Pennsylvania.

Kenyatta, a 2012 public communication alumnus, previously held a position in Philadelphia's Chamber of Commerce, where he led the chamber's diversity initiatives.

ON THE STADIUM

Kenyatta said he opposes Temple's proposed on-campus stadium, which might not happen for several years, as the university plans to return to talks with the Eagles. Temple will continue to pursue a special services district near Main Campus.

"[The special services district] is something that needed to be done a long time ago," Kenyatta said. "The mutual trust, mutual respect and doing things as a good neighbor, not because you're going to get something in return. But because it's the neighborly thing to do."

ADDICTION CRISIS

In the four ZIP codes included in the 181st district, there were 127 overdose deaths in 2017, according to data from the Medical Examiner's Office.

"We need to look at this ... and deal with the substance abuse problem as what it is: a medical issue," Kenyatta said, adding the Pennsylvania prison

system is the biggest treatment provider to people struggling with addiction.

"At this point, we have criminalized folks that are struggling and not gotten them the help that they need," he added.

Kenyatta wants to make sure that responses to addiction include resources for people who are addicted to substances other than opioids.



MALCOLM KENYATTA
Democrat

MINIMUM WAGE

Kenyatta aims to raise the state's minimum wage and include increases for cost of living.

"\$7.25 is a starvation level wage... you cannot raise a family on \$14 to \$15,000 a year," he said.

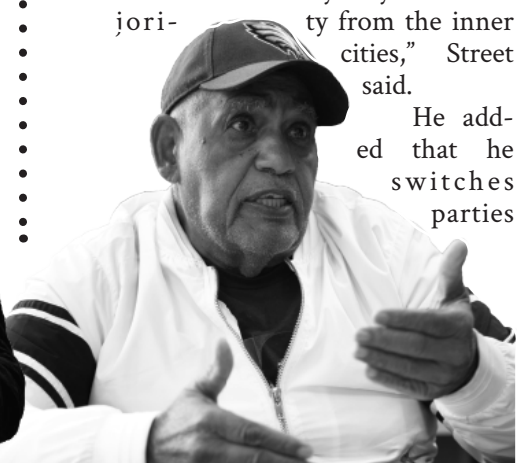
Kenyatta believes the minimum wage needs to increase to \$15 per hour because people can't access resources like education if they're working two to three jobs at a time.

"We need to be preparing our kids to pursue their dreams and to do all that they want to do," Kenyatta said. "But you can't do that if parents and families are struggling paycheck to paycheck."

Milton Street focuses on party to achieve political goals

Milton Street entered this year's 181st District race on the Republican ticket, yet another party switch for the long-time politician and activist. Street has already served as the 181st District representative, but as a Democrat in 1978. He then moved to the state Senate in 1980 as a Democrat. After being elected, he switched parties to Republican and joined the majority in the state House.

"We don't have anybody in the majority from the inner cities," Street said.



MILTON STREET
Republican

to align with the majority party because he believes "the minority get their say, but the majority get their way."

Street is the brother of former Philadelphia Mayor and current political science professor John Street. Milton Street is also known for his push to legalize video betting terminals, which he believes will be able to fund schools and replace the city's sugary drink tax.

ON THE STADIUM

Milton Street doesn't see the proposed on-campus stadium as something the university could feasibly fit in a residential part of North Philadelphia.

"Well, the stadium itself it's just a

'no' for me, it's like trying to put a 25 pound in a five-pound bag," he said. "It's just not enough room in the inner city for traffic problems. What do you do when you want to try to bring [35,000] people into a stadium and you and your main corridor's Broad Street?"

Milton Street added he's "for football" and he believes the athletic program helps Temple, but he doesn't have any alternatives to help Temple come up with an alternative place to play.

ADDICTION CRISIS

Milton Street views the addiction crisis as a mental health issue and believes it should be easier for family members to take power of attorney for a person suffering from addiction.

"I don't like to take the power of choice from anybody, but I think there's got to be a standard where we can measure one's ability to process and to make rational decisions and turn the power that power of authority over to a loved one that's going to function in our best interest in terms of the drug use," he said.

However, he doesn't support Philadelphia's overdose prevention site, which aims to provide overdose prevention and treatment services and a safe place for people to use drugs under medical supervision.

MINIMUM WAGE

Milton Street supports a \$15 minimum wage but also wants to explore a \$10 minimum wage with health care benefits.

"One of the things about the minimum wage is you can raise it to \$15, now \$17, now \$18, whatever you want, they're going to pass it on to the public," he said. "I always try to balance, 'What will be the best approach?'"

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Voting at the polls

Voting rights and polling place rules

include your name and address.

- If your name doesn't appear in the poll book, the poll workers should contact the County Board of Elections to correct any mistakes. You have the right to a provisional ballot if you believe you should be listed at that precinct.
- If at least half of the machines in your polling place

➤ First-time voters, or those voting for the first time in a new precinct, need to bring an ID, but a photo ID isn't required. Non-photo IDs need to

are broken, you can cast an emergency paper ballot. If the paper ballot isn't offered, you can ask for one.

- If your identity or address is challenged, you can vote by signing a challenge affidavit and providing a witness who is a registered voter in your precinct to vouch for you. If you can't produce a witness, you have the right to a provisional ballot.
- You have the right to literacy and foreign language assistance without an "assistance permitted" designation in the poll book. You also have the right to refuse assistance.
- People who have misdemeanor or felony convictions are allowed to vote if they are out of jail or

prison. If you're on house arrest, you can vote with an absentee ballot. You can also vote if you're on probation or parole.

- You can report intimidation, harassment or discriminatory conduct to the Department of State at 1-877-868-3772.
- You are technically allowed to take photos of yourself voting, however, you shouldn't post them on social media until after you've left the building.
- The polls close at 8 p.m. but if you're in line by then, you have the right to cast your vote. Do not get out of line if this happens.

Nearby polling places

POTTER THOMAS SCHOOL
3001 N 6th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

HARTRANFT SCHOOL
720 W Cumberland St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

8TH & DIAMOND ST REC CTR
800 Diamond St.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

DENDY REC CTR
10th & Jefferson.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

12TH & CAMBRIA RECREATION CTR
2901 N 12th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

MASTERY CLYMER CHARTER SCHOOL
1201 Rush St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

PENROSE RECREATION CENTER
1101 W Susquehanna Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

YORKTOWN APARTMENTS
1300 W Jefferson St.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

CRUZ RECREATION CENTER
1430 N 5th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

SUSQUEHANNA VILLAGE
1421 W Susquehanna Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

CHURCH OF FAITH & DELIVERANCE
1510 W Stiles St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

NO PHILA 7TH DAY ADVENTIST
1510 W Oxford St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

GRAY MANOR
1600 N 8th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

NAT'L TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
1628 Master St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

AMOS RECREATION CENTER
1817 N 16th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

DUCKREY SCHOOL
1501 Diamond St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

AME UNION METHODIST CHURCH
1614 Jefferson St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER
1701 N 8th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

BENTLEY HALL (PHA)
1728 N Croskey St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

CARVER SCHOOL ENGINR & SCIENCE
1600 W Norris St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

MEADE SCHOOL
1600 N 18th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

FOSTER MEMORIAL BAPT CHURCH
2401 N 18th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19132

HEALTH CENTER DISTRICT 05
1900 N 20th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

NORRIS HOMES
1915 N 11th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY CENTER
1924 N Woodstock St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

MOORE MANOR SR HOME
1999 Ridge Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE GYM
2121 N Gratz St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
2259 N 10th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

CECIL B MOORE RECREATION CTR
2551 N 22nd St.
Philadelphia, PA 19132

RAYMOND ROSEN COMM CENTER
2301 Edgley St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

OLD ST ELIZABETHS SCHOOL
1801 N 23rd St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

FAIRHILL APTS COMMUNITY CENTER
2411 N 11th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

EVANGELICAL TEMPLE WORSHIP CTR
2428 N Fairhill St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

Look at polling places online with our interactive map at temple-news.com

JOHNSON HOMES (PHA)
2500 W Norris St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

LOVE ZION BAPT CHURCH
2521 N 23rd St.
Philadelphia, PA 19132

KIPP PHILA CHARTER SCHOOL
2539 N 16th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19132

HANK GATHERS RECREATION CTR
2501 W Diamond St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

MORRIS CHAPEL BAPT CHURCH
2701 N 12th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

BEAUTY SALON
2751 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

DUPREE FUNERAL HOME
2809 W Diamond St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

WARNOCK VILLAGE
2862 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

W D KELLEY SCHOOL
1601 N 28th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

GIDEON SCHOOL
N 29th St & W Glenwood Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

THE SARTAIN APTS
3017 W Oxford St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

COMMUNITY CENTER
3018 N Percy St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133

BLAINE SCHOOL
3001 W Berks St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

VERNON MARKS HOUSE
3226 Clifford St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

STRAWBERRY MANSION SCHOOL
3133 Ridge Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19132

MANDER RECREATION CENTER
2140 N 33rd St.
Philadelphia, PA 19121

SOURCE: Pennsylvania Department of State, ACLU of Pennsylvania

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