

Election Recap

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Dear Republicans – Thank you for voting and helping us win key races last night! Although we don't have the final turnout numbers, our estimates show **historic turnout by the Republicans across Montgomery County**. Democrats turned out in record numbers as well. In districts where Democrats have increased their registration advantage among voters, the “blue wave” across southeastern PA cost us some seats. We lost our long time **State Representatives Kate Harper** and **Tom Quigley** (both Democrat districts) in hard fought races.

But in a **MAJOR victory Representative Todd Stephens WON** a race where his opponent spent close to \$1 million against him in a Democrat District! Representative **Tom Murt** also WON in the most Democrat district held by a Republican in the county and Representative **Marcy Toepel**, the Republican Caucus Chair for the PA House won handily. Representatives **Justin Simmons** and **Tim Hennessey** also won!

We are very thankful **State Senator Bob Mensch was successful** in his re-election bid! However, we are sorry to see our old friend **State Senator John Rafferty** come up short in his race. We had open seats for state representative and state senate where we were not successful but our candidates worked very hard and made us proud pushing through in the most difficult environment we have ever seen in the southeast. Despite having been re-districted into two seats designed to be won by two Democrats, we had two shining stars in **Dan David** and **Pearl Kim** who made the most of being outnumbered and having limited resources.

In a **HUGE victory for us, Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick WON** – beating an extremely wealthy self-financed opponent in a seat that has *always flipped* when the leadership of the US House has flipped!

We fielded plenty of complaints yesterday concerning malfunctioning voting machines - MCRC was on the phone with and regularly emailing Montgomery County Voter Services to apprise them of these issues throughout the day. Rest assured, we will be sitting down with staff from that office soon to resolve these issues as well as the ongoing concerns about absentee ballots.

Although we know we have much more work to do, since we took over leadership of MCRC on June 1, we have implemented key initiatives. Some of them are:

- **Created a Strike Force** – 151 volunteers we recruited and trained to do everything from door knocking, lit drops, putting up signs, phone calling, envelope stuffing – you name it, they did it! They helped our committee people cover 26 polls in critical areas yesterday.
- **Made 5,100 personal phone calls** to absentee ballot requestors for our local candidates.
- **Sponsored an absentee ballot texting program** for our local races.
- **Last 72 hour push** – Called over 5,300 low turnout voters in our tightest races and texted every cell number we had in those districts.
- **Mailed over 65,000 Republican voters** our Green ballot mail piece
- **Lit dropped across the county**
- **Raised \$251,000** to help our candidates this cycle and to build an infrastructure so we can prepare for municipal races next year
- **Had 400 people at our Fall Dinner!**

Nationwide we can rejoice in **sizable gains in the US Senate by Republicans, wins in key battleground states** of North Carolina, Ohio and Florida and a paltry 9-12 seat majority in the House for the Democrats (naturally being overplayed by the media).

Thank you for voting and know that TODAY we begin work laying the groundwork for successful 2019 campaigns.

We at MCRC are proud to fight and work alongside each of you!

Best regards,

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