



DIANE WELSH

FOR STATE COMMITTEE

Dear fellow Democrats,

My name is Diane Welsh and I am running for Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee. I am running so that I can take the concerns of **all** our Chester County residents to Harrisburg. Unlike the Republicans, who, without question, have lined up behind a leader who is determined to destroy what this country was built on, Democrats are a very diverse group. We demand a lot from our leaders and hold them accountable when we don't feel that they are living up to their promises. I respect this diversity and want to be a strong voice for the Chester County Democrats at State Committee. Every county in this state is very different and has different needs and expectations. Chester County is no different and our needs and expectations need to be heard. I am so proud to have been a Chester County resident for 31 years and want to take my experience and knowledge to the state level.

My introduction to politics in Chester County started in the summer of 2004 when George W. Bush was running against John Kerry for US President and I decided that I couldn't sit back and do nothing. I contacted the Chester County Democratic Committee (CCDC) and became a volunteer. Eighteen years ago, Chester County was firmly in the hands of the Republican party. Every election, we held out hope that one or two of our candidates would be victorious. Now, 18 years later, Democrats hold all the county row office seats, and have majorities on our many township and school boards. Should we sit back and declare that Chester County will be blue for decades to come? I don't think so. Now every election is a **FIGHT** to re-elect Democrats, protect our fragile gains and keep Chester County blue.

I have served Chester County Democrats for 18 years. I have been a Committee Person in Uwchlan Township and served as Assistant Zone Leader for the Central Chester County Democrats, twice, under two different Zone Leaders. I am a founding board member of the Chester County Democratic Women's Leadership Initiative (CCDWLI), a chapter of the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women. Our chapter has grown to be the largest chapter in the state. I'm honored to serve on the CCDC Executive board as its representative. I want to take the success of our local chapter and become a member of the PA State Women's Caucus. I also plan to become active in the Senior Caucus because I believe our years of experience allow us to see the whole picture and add a perspective on Democratic politics today. I have worked to elect Democrats both at the presidential level, starting with John Kerry in 2004, the township level, and everything in between. I am an organizer and pride myself on getting things done. I will look forward to taking my knowledge and skills to PA State Committee and being a strong voice for Chester County.