



ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Democratic Delegation

This newsletter contains an overview of legislation and issues relative to residents of Allegheny County that were discussed in the state House during January 2013.

The Allegheny County Delegation welcomes its new chairman



State Rep. Ed Gainey and Chairman Dom Costa are sworn into office at the General Assembly's 197th Swearing-In Ceremony.

State Rep. Dom Costa was elected by Allegheny County lawmakers to serve as chairman of the Allegheny County Delegation. The delegation is composed of Democratic members from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives who are committed to working together for the benefit of the residents of Allegheny County.

The Allegheny County Delegation welcomes its newest members, freshman Reps. Edward C. Gainey, who represents the 24th Legislative District, and Erin C. Molchany representing the 22nd Legislative District.



State Rep. Erin C. Molchany is sworn in for her inaugural term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Democratic leader welcomes new members; sets Democratic priorities for 2013-14

During swearing-in ceremonies at the state Capitol Jan. 1, House Democratic Leader Frank Dermody welcomed 19 new Democratic members to begin their service to their constituents in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and invited both Democratic and Republican lawmakers to work together during the 2013-14 session to improve Pennsylvania, its economy and the health and prosperity of its residents.



"We will do well to remember that we are one House with one mission – to best serve the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," Dermody said. "The events of this week in Washington offer a very real lesson of what is at stake when government does not perform at its best."

Dermody also laid out the agenda of House Democrats for the coming legislative session: "We believe in making smart investments that raise the standard of living of all Pennsylvanians, and contribute to the growth of businesses and other institutions that supply jobs for working people ... We need to understand that our workers, our families and our children are our top priority. Then, let us make sure that workers' jobs and benefits are protected, children's schools are adequately staffed, and quality health care remains available, affordable and accessible to all Pennsylvanians."

For the first time since 1991, the first Tuesday of the two-year legislative session – when the Pennsylvania Constitution requires the General Assembly to meet and swear in its members – fell on New Year's Day.

Ravenstahl wants carbon monoxide detectors in all Pa. schools

State Rep. Adam Ravenstahl plans to introduce legislation that would require all Pennsylvania schools that have heating systems or appliances powered by fossil fuels to install carbon monoxide detectors.

"A recent incident at an Atlanta school where dozens of students and adults were sickened by carbon monoxide should be a wake-up call about the dangers of this gas," Ravenstahl said. "Carbon monoxide detectors can help protect the health and safety of children and school employees."

Pennsylvania law does not require schools to install carbon monoxide detectors. Only two states, Connecticut and Maryland, require carbon monoxide detectors in their schools. Ravenstahl said his legislation would apply to both public and private schools. Ravenstahl said CO detectors could have prevented the Dec. 3 incident at Finch Elementary School in Atlanta. A potentially deadly build-up of the gas sent 42 students and seven adults to hospitals and forced 500 people to evacuate the building. Four children reported passing out at the school, according to news reports.

The gas build-up was caused by two maintenance workers who failed to reopen a valve on a furnace, according to news reports. The school since has installed CO detectors. Ravenstahl said he is particularly sensitive to the dangers of carbon monoxide because two of his relatives died after being poisoned by the gas in 2009.

Leader Spotlight

Allegheny County Democratic Delegation



State Representative
Frank Dermody
House Democratic Leader
33rd Legislative District
Allegheny County
www.pahouse.com/Dermody

Frank Dermody succeeded in his first try at elected office, joining the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1990. He has been re-elected from the 33rd District every two years since then. Rep. Dermody was unanimously re-elected Democratic leader for the 2013-2014 session.

Dermody represents East Deer, Fawn, Frazer, Harmar, Harrison, Indiana, Springdale and West Deer townships and the boroughs of Brackenridge, Cheswick, Oakmont, Springdale, Tarentum and part of Plum.

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State Representative
Dan Frankel
House Democratic Caucus Chairman
23rd Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Dan Frankel was first elected in 1998 to represent the 23rd Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He currently serves as the House Democratic Caucus chairman.

An active community leader, Rep. Frankel is dedicated to promoting youth, urban development and environmental initiatives – including strong regulation of Marcellus Shale drilling – and has been recognized for his community service through numerous awards.

Frankel represents parts of the city of Pittsburgh including Greenfield, Squirrel Hill, Hazelwood, Oakland, Regent Square, Point Breeze and Shadyside.

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State Representative
Joe Markosek
Democratic Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
25th Legislative District
Allegheny and Westmoreland counties
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Joe Markosek is serving a 16th term as the representative for the 25th Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He was elected in November 2010 by his peers in the Democratic Caucus to serve as Democratic chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Markosek's district encompasses part of North Versailles Township and the boroughs of Monroeville, Pitcairn, Wall and parts of Plum and Trafford in Allegheny County. In Westmoreland County, Markosek represents parts of Murrysville and Trafford boroughs.

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Chairman Spotlight

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State Representative
Dom Costa
Chairman, Allegheny Co. Democratic Delegation
21st Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Rep. Dom Costa is a lifelong resident of Allegheny County. A public servant since 1977, Costa has dedicated most of his adult life to public safety. As a City of Pittsburgh police officer, he rose through the ranks as a patrol officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, commander and, after 28 years with the department, retired as Chief of Police. He also served as Public Safety Director for the Penn Hills municipality.

Costa remains active in several community organizations and hosts events throughout the district to connect residents with various state services and programs.

Costa was first elected in 2009. His legislative priorities include seniors, community safety, animal rights and child protection measures.

Costa's district encompasses part of the city of Pittsburgh, parts of Reserve, Ross and Shaler townships, and the boroughs of Etna, Millvale and Sharpsburg.

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Members

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State Representative
Paul Costa
Democratic Chairman, Liquor Control Committee
34th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Paul Costa's district encompasses parts of the City of Pittsburgh, Wilkins and part of North Versailles townships and the boroughs of Braddock, Braddock Hills, Chalfant, Churchill, East McKeesport, Edgewood, Forest Hills, North Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale, Turtle Creek and Wilmerding.

Rep. Costa was first elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1999.

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State Representative
Daniel Deasy
Vice Chairman, Allegheny Co. Democratic Delegation
27th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Dan Deasy's district encompasses parts of the city of Pittsburgh, Neville and part of Stowe townships, and the boroughs of Avalon, Ben Avon, Crafton, Dormont, Emsworth, Glenfield, Ingram and part of McKees Rocks.

Rep. Deasy has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2009.

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State Representative
Anthony M. DeLuca
Democratic Chairman, House Insurance Committee
32nd Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Tony DeLuca's district encompasses Penn Hills Township and the boroughs of Blawnox, Verona and part of Plum.

Rep. DeLuca has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 1983.

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State Representative
Edward G. Gainey
24th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Edward G. Gainey represents parts of the city of Pittsburgh's 11, 12, 13 and 14 wards and the boroughs of Aspinwall and Wilksburg.

The 2013-14 legislative session marks Rep. Gainey's first term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

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State Representative **Marc J. Gergely**

35th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Marc Gergely's district encompasses the cities of Duquesne and part of McKeesport, South Versailles, and parts of North Versailles and Elizabeth townships and the boroughs of East Pittsburgh, Homestead, Lincoln, Munhall, Versailles, Whitaker, White Oak and part of West Mifflin.

Rep. Gergely has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2003.

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State Representative **William C. Kortz**

38th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Bill Kortz's district encompasses the boroughs of Dravosburg, West Mifflin, Glassport, Liberty, Port Vue, McKeesport, Pleasant Hills and South Baldwin.

Rep. Kortz has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2007.

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State Representative **Nick Kotik**

45th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Nick Kotik's district encompasses Kennedy and parts of Collier, Robinson, Scott, South Fayette and Stowe townships and the boroughs of Bridgeville, Carnegie, Coraopolis, Heidelberg, McKees Rocks and part of Pennsburg Village.

Rep. Kotik has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2003.

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State Representative **Robert F. Matzie**

16th Legislative District
Allegheny and Beaver counties
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Rob Matzie's district encompasses the townships of Crescent, Leet and part of Ross and the boroughs of Bell Acres, Bellevue and part of Franklin Park in Allegheny County and the city of Aliquippa, Harmony Township and boroughs of Ambridge, Baden, Conway and part of Economy in Beaver County.

Rep. Matzie has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2009.

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State Representative **Erin C. Molchany**

22nd Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Erin Molchany represents parts of the city of Pittsburgh's 18, 19, 20, 21 and 32 wards, Baldwin Township and the boroughs of Castle Shannon and Whitehall.

The 2013-14 legislative session marks Rep. Molchany's first term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

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State Representative **Adam Ravenstahl**

Treasurer, Allegheny County Democratic Delegation
20th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Adam Ravenstahl's district encompasses part of the city of Pittsburgh, parts of Reserve and Ross townships and West View Borough.

Rep. Ravenstahl has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2010.

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State Representative **Harry A. Readshaw**

Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
36th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Harry Readshaw's district encompasses part of the city of Pittsburgh, Brentwood, Mount Oliver, West Homestead and parts of Baldwin and Whitehall boroughs.

Rep. Readshaw has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 1995.

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State Representative **Jake Wheatley**

19th Legislative District
Allegheny County
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Jake Wheatley's district encompasses parts of the city of Pittsburgh including Allentown, Beltzover, Arlington, Arlington Heights, Mt. Oliver City, Knoxville, Hazelwood, Oakland, Hill District, Uptown, Downtown, Allegheny West, Manchester, Central North Side, Marshall-Shadeland, Brighton Heights, California-Kirkbride, Northview Heights, Perry Hilltop, Allegheny Center, Fineview, the North Shore and the South Side.

Rep. Wheatley has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2003.

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State Representative **Jesse White**

46th Legislative District
Allegheny, Beaver and Washington counties
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Jesse White's district encompasses part of South Fayette Township and the boroughs of Oakdale and McDonald in Allegheny County, and Hanover Township and the borough of Frankfort Springs. In Washington County, White represents Buffalo, Canton, Cecil, Chartiers, Cross Creek, Hanover, Hopewell, Independence, Jefferson, Mount Pleasant, Robinson, Smith and South Franklin townships and the boroughs of Burgettstown, Green Hills, McDonald, Midway and West Middletown.

Rep. White has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 2007.

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House Democrats push investment in transportation

House Democratic leaders have introduced legislation to help Pennsylvania establish a long-term, comprehensive and sustainable plan for funding the maintenance and improvement of the commonwealth’s crumbling roads, bridges and transit systems.

While Pennsylvanians waited for the governor to lead in the transportation crisis, House Democratic leaders reintroduced a package of bills modeled after the recommendations made by Gov. Tom Corbett’s Transportation Funding Advisory Commission in August 2011. The governor has yet to act on those recommendations.

“As we begin a new, two-year legislative session, we remain hopeful that Governor Corbett finally will show some leadership on this issue that is of paramount importance to Pennsylvania residents, motorists, workers and businesses,” Democratic Leader Frank Dermody said. “This is a public safety crisis, but it’s also an economic crisis. A modern, reliable transportation system is critical to creating and sustaining thousands of jobs and to enabling businesses to remain competitive and successful.”



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- Employment resources
- Utility assistance including electric, gas, heating fuel, water, phone & Internet
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- And much more

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