



Dear 2026 Democratic Candidate:

In 2025, Dauphin County didn't just turn a deeper shade of blue — it made history! From courtroom benches to county offices and township boards, our Democratic candidates shattered ceilings and built bridges to a more inclusive future. These victories included:

- **La'Tasha Williams, Esq.** became the **first Black woman elected to the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas** — and, along with **Katy Kennedy-McShane, Esq.**, the **first Democratic women elected to that court in 30 years.**
- **Antonio Carreno** became the **first Democrat and Hispanic elected as Prothonotary.**
- **Tina Nixon** became the **first Black woman elected to a Dauphin County row office.**
- **Binita Rai** made history as the **first Bhutanese-American woman to serve as a Swatara Township Commissioner.**
- **Derry Township and Lower Paxton Township both flipped Democrat** — a monumental change, as Lower Paxton is the largest voting bloc in the county and once a Republican stronghold. The **Lower Paxton Board of Supervisors is now entirely Democratic.**
- **Swatara Township** expanded its Democratic majority, defeating two Republican incumbents; **four of the five board members are now people of color.**
- **Middletown Borough** elected a **Democratic mayor and two Democratic council members**, flipping local leadership blue.

Now, it's time for 2026. To keep this momentum going, the Dauphin County Democratic Committee (DCDC) is calling on committed Democrats like you to consider running for office. There are several key seats on the ballot for 2026. The DCDC will endorse the following offices: **Congress (10th District), State Senate (34th District), and State House of Representatives (103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, and 125th Districts).** Your leadership could be the next chapter in our story of progress!

The DCDC Candidates Committee has prepared the attached questionnaire to begin the endorsement process. After completing it, please return it by **February 1, 2026** to administrator@dauphindems.com or you can submit the application online at www.dauphindems.com. Once received, a member of our committee will contact you to discuss your goals and schedule an interview.

As in past years, **all candidates seeking the DCDC endorsement must complete the questionnaire and participate in the interview process per our rules.** These conversations help ensure we're putting forward the strongest and most qualified Democrats across Dauphin County.

Please submit your complete questionnaire by **February 2, 2026.** Let's continue building on our historic success and shaping the future of Dauphin County — together.

With gratitude and determination,

The Candidates Committee
Dauphin County Democratic Committee
administrator@dauphindems.com



2026 CANDIDATE APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT

Application Deadline: February 1, 2026

Email completed applications to administrator@dauphindems.com or apply online at www.dauphindems.com

PLEASE PRINT/TYPE LEGIBLY

SECTION 1: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/Township/Borough: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Mailing/Campaign Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Home #: (_____) _____ - _____ Cellular #: (_____) _____ - _____

E-Mail Address : _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

SECTION 2: OFFICE SOUGHT

- ☐ Congress (10th District)
- ☐ State Senate (34th District)
- ☐ State House of Representatives
 - ☐ 103RD District
 - ☐ 104th District
 - ☐ 105th District
 - ☐ 106th District
 - ☐ 125th District

Length of residency in office being sought? _____

Have you run for elected office before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you an incumbent for this office? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 3: CAMPAIGN PERSONNEL AND MEDIA

Do you have a campaign manager? Treasurer? Other team members? Please list.

Do you have a website? If so, what is the address: _____

Do you have a Facebook page? If so, what is the address: _____

Do you have a twitter page, or other social media handles? If so, what are your handle names:

SECTION 4: PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Are you currently a registered Democrat in Dauphin County? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long? _____

Have you ever been registered with another political party? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, specify where and when: _____

Has your employer granted permission for you to run for office? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many hours per week can you commit to campaigning? _____

List your civic & community activities in the last 5 years. (Attach resume/additional paper if needed):

List any public records that might negatively impact your campaign:

SECTION 5: POLITICAL BACKGROUND:

Do you currently hold elected office?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, what office, where, when and for how long? (Attach resume/additional paper if needed):

Describe your political experiences, which qualify you for the position you are seeking:

Describe any personal, professional, or educational experiences that qualify you:

Identify the major issues that motivate your candidacy:

If elected, what will be your top priorities in office?

Are you a member of the Dauphin County Democratic Committee?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Describe your involvement with the DCDC (committees, events, volunteering):

Have you donated to or attended any DCDC events in the past two years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify: _____

What are your expectations of the DCDC:

SECTION 6: CAMPAIGN STRATEGY

Funds needed to succeed: _____

Briefly describe your fundraising strategy: _____

Briefly describe your plan to recruit volunteers to your campaign: _____

Will you coordinate with DCDC for canvassing, phone banking, and Election Day activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you stay involved with DCDC if you win your election? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to receive the DCDC's endorsement? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 7: ENDORSEMENT PROCESS

- ☐ I understand that only candidates who complete this form and participate in an interview with the DCDC Candidates Committee will be considered for endorsement.
- ☐ I understand that completing this form does not guarantee endorsement.
- ☐ I affirm that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____