

General Election 2019 Endorsements for Kendra Brooks & Nicolas O'Rourke

The votes have been tallied and you have overwhelmingly endorsed Kendra Brooks and Nicolas O'Rourke. We join a number of other Progressive organizations across the City to register our support for these two candidates.

For those of you who missed the vote, their biographies have been included below. We hope that you will support them this November with your votes and, hopefully, a little of your time - to knock doors and make phone calls.

Kendra Brooks has a wide array of experience as a Community Organizer, Instructor, and Administrator in areas ranging from education, disability rights and accessibility to women's rights, the environment, and economic justice. Kendra's life experiences as a single parent, putting herself through school, losing her long term job due to budget cuts, and almost losing her home, has given her a grounded approach to the problems facing working families in Philadelphia. As a co-founder of the Philadelphia Alliance for Justice, she was a leader in developing the [People's Platform for a Just Philadelphia](#) which has been adopted in 2019 by dozens of progressive groups, including Philly Neighborhood Networks. On the education front, Kendra organized her community to save their neighborhood school, Steel, from becoming a charter and later became the Project Coordinator for [Our City Our Schools](#) which ran an aggressive campaign for fair funding of Philadelphia schools and to abolish the SRC. Her position as the director of a disability rights group for 15 years gives her invaluable experience in running large organizations and supervising staff. Kendra's unique blend of experience, skills and commitment will make her an invaluable member of a City Council and help to implement the People's Platform in Philadelphia.

Nicolas O'Rourke works as a Community Organizer for [POWER](#) where he has brought together people across race, income, faith, gender, and neighborhood lines to fight for systemic change in our society. Focusing on restorative justice, he has actively organized on issues such as ending mass incarceration, stop and frisk, police abuse, and the cash bail system. Nick is also a Pastor of the Living Water United Church of Christ which supports his social justice ministry. If elected, Nick's priorities would be to end the current 10 year Tax Abatement, increase funding for the Police Advisory Commission, and make SEPTA free for students and persons with low income. Nick's commitment to progressive values and his understanding of the power of organizing working people will make him an excellent City Council Person who will work to bring opportunity to all.