This year C-FAIR, the political action committee (PAC) of the Fairness Campaign, proudly endorsed more than 90 candidates for state and local offices across Kentucky in the 2018 General Election. We are proud to share them with you in this newsletter, which includes a full list of endorsed candidates and brief endorsement narratives in a few select races.

You might be wondering why you do not see endorsements in the many important races for Congress across Kentucky, but as a state PAC, C-FAIR only endorses candidates for state and local office, not federal office.

These endorsements represent hundreds of volunteer hours performed by C-FAIR Board Members and community volunteers, who interviewed a record number of candidates for our PAC—more than 120 in total! All candidates in races being considered by C-FAIR were mailed an instruction letter to their address filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State or County Clerk. Those letters provided a link to an online candidate survey. Candidates who completed the survey, and whose answers were viewed favorably by the C-FAIR Board of Directors, were invited to an interview with a team of C-FAIR Board Members and supporters, who interviewed each candidate in a particular race in person or by phone. Following the interview the teams made recommendations of endorsement to the C-FAIR Board of Directors, which issues final endorsement decisions.

Sometimes there are many Fairness-supportive candidates in a single race. While it is difficult, the C-FAIR Board of Directors endeavors to choose one candidate for endorsement in each race. In those races, previous endorsement, incumbency, experience, and viability become the key factors in determining which candidate to recommend.

We encourage you to research candidates' positions on all the issues that matter to you and make your own choices. Regardless of how you vote, the most important thing is that you do vote on November 6! You can view our full endorsements online as well at Fairness.org/CFAIR.
Kentucky Senate
Crystal Chappell – District 6
Stephanie Compton – District 14
Rachel Roberts – District 24
Karen Berg – District 26
Denise Gray – District 28
Julie Raque Adams – District 36
Andrew Bailey (Write-In) – District 38

Kentucky House
Martha Emmons – District 3
Jeff Taylor – District 8
Elizabeth Belcher – District 14
Donielle Lovell – District 18
Patti Minter – District 20
Tom Williamson – District 25
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McKenzie Cantrell – District 38
Nima Kulkarni – District 40
Attica Scott – District 41
Reginald Meeks – District 42
Charles Booker – District 43
Joni Jenkins – District 44
Maria Sorolis – District 48
Darrell L. Link – District 61
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Buddy Wheatley – District 65
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Bill Hollander – District 9
Trent Ashcraft – District 11
Markus Winkler – District 17
Nicole George – District 21

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James Craig – District 3
Corrie Shull – District 6

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Richard Moloney – At-Large
Adrian Wallace – At-Large
Josh McCurn – District 2
Jake Gibbs – District 3
Susan Lamb – District 4
Liz Sheehan – District 5
Angela Evans – District 6
Christian Motley (Write-In) – District 8
Jennifer Mossotti – District 9
Jennifer Reynolds – District 11
Kathy Plomin – District 12

Fayette County Public School Board
Tyler Murphy – District 2

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David O’Neill

Rowan County Clerk
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Bowling Green City Commission
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Dana Beasley Brown
Brian “Slim” Nash

Frankfort City Commission
Scott Tippett
Katrisha Waldridge

Paducah City Commission
Sarah Stewart Holland

Kentucky Judiciary
Pamela R. Goodwine – Court of Appeals District 5, Division 1
Lucy Ferguson VanMeter – Circuit Court District 22, Division 3
Annie O’Connell – Circuit Court District 30, Division 2
Eileen O’Brien – Circuit Family Court District 22, Division 1
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Julie Kaelin – District Court District 30, Division 4
Sean Delahanty – District Court District 30, Division 6
Tanisha Ann Hickerson – District Court District 30, Division 9

Important Election Information
Kentucky General Election
Tuesday, November 6
Polls are open 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Find your polling location and other voter information at Elect.KY.gov

Need a ride to the polls, help finding your polling place, or any other information? Call the Fairness Campaign office at (502) 893-0788.

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Karen Berg – Kentucky Senate District 26
In this district that covers a northeastern portion of Jefferson County and Oldham County, Karen Berg has a unique opportunity to win this seat from incumbent Senator Ernie Harris, who barely eked out a win in his own Republican Primary. Karen has been an outspoken advocate for transgender rights in Kentucky, having previously testified with the Fairness Campaign in the Kentucky Senate against Senator C.B. Embry’s “Bathroom Bully Bill,” which never became law.

Denise Gray – Kentucky Senate District 28
Denise Gray is running a vibrant campaign in this district that covers part of Fayette County and Clark and Montgomery Counties. An educator in Fayette County Public Schools, Denise has run on her commitment to public education, working families, and fairness for all. If elected, she would also be the only woman of color in the Kentucky Senate, which is in desperate need of new, diverse voices.

Julie Raque Adams – Kentucky Senate District 36
Senator Julie Raque Adams has represented this East Louisville district first in the House, and now in the Senate, since 2011. Previously, as a Louisville Metro Councilwoman, she was one of six Republicans to cast a vote for the 2004 Fairness Ordinance after Louisville and Jefferson County merged. In 2016, Senator Adams became the first Republican in the Kentucky General Assembly to co-sponsor the Statewide Fairness Law. While we do not agree with some of the positions Senator Adams takes, she has been an undeniable force for LGBTQ Fairness in Frankfort.

Patti Minter – Kentucky House District 20
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Representative Jason Nemes is a first-term Republican incumbent in this district that covers part of northeastern Jefferson County and southwest Oldham County. This year, Rep. Nemes led a successful effort to halt the progress of an anti-LGBTQ “License to Discriminate” bill that had accumulated nearly half the House of Representatives as co-sponsors. Working closely with Fairness Campaign and ACLU-KY leaders, Rep. Nemes was also instrumental in overhauling harmful language in an “HIV Criminalization” bill. Since the time of our endorsement, however, a hurtful transphobic blog post from 2004 that he wrote surfaced and circulated online. Immediately after, we worked with transgender community leaders, who facilitated a meeting for impacted individuals to discuss this issue with Rep. Nemes. During the meeting, Rep. Nemes apologized to the community and expressed his regret for the statements and the hurt they caused. He reaffirmed his commitment to LGBTQ non-discrimination, and to learning more about the issues faced by the transgender community. We don’t agree with all the positions Rep. Nemes takes, but his commitment to LGBTQ rights is clear.

Nima Kulkarni won a resounding victory over a crowded field, including the incumbent, in the Democratic Primary for this district that includes parts of Louisville’s South End and Old Louisville. An experienced lawyer specializing in immigration, employment, and business law, Nima is also an immigrant who would be the first Indian American to serve in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Originally running on a pro-Fairness platform in 2010, Mayor Greg Fischer helped make Louisville one of the only cities in the South to extend Domestic Partner Benefits to LGBTQ couples before the Supreme Court’s marriage equality ruling. Since then, Mayor Fischer and his administration worked closely with the Fairness Campaign to improve Louisville’s score on the Human Rights Campaign’s Municipal Equality Index from 50 in 2013 to a perfect 100 for the last four years.

Experienced community leader and small business owner Paula McCraney has a unique opportunity to win this northeast Louisville district being vacated by Metro Councilwoman Angela Leet. Paula has a passion for serving constituents and promises to be ever-present in her district and responsive to the needs of her community.
In one of our rare dual endorsements, C-FAIR recommends both former Lexington Vice Mayor Linda Gorton and former Police Chief Ronnie Bastin as solid choices to replace Jim Gray as Lexington Mayor. An early outspoken advocate for LGBTQ rights, Linda cast a vote for Lexington’s Fairness Ordinance in 1999 and later spearheaded Domestic Partner Benefits for city workers. With Mayor Gray’s appointment, Ronnie oversaw all of Lexington’s public safety departments—covering more than half the city’s budget—and has been an outspoken supporter of LGBTQ rights, working diligently to build relationships across diverse communities. Both candidates will lead Lexington forward with a commitment to fairness.

Elwood Caudill, Jr.’s bid for Rowan County Clerk is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to unseat Kim Davis. In 2014, Elwood narrowly lost to Kim in the Democratic Primary by only 23 votes. Since then, Kim Davis denied marriage licenses to LGBTQ couples in violation of federal law and was sent to jail. She created a media firestorm that divided the local community for months, and switched her party affiliation from Democrat to Republican in the heavily Democratic county. Elwood has spent 20 years working in the Rowan County Property Valuation Administrator’s office and has affirmed his commitment to treating all who come before him as Rowan County Clerk with equal dignity and respect under the law.

Paducah City Commissioner Sarah Stewart Holland has been a rock star for LGBTQ rights. She pioneered the city’s historic passage of an LGBTQ Fairness Ordinance alongside Mayor Brandi Harless in January of this year, making it the only Western Kentucky community with anti-discrimination protections. Since then, Paducah’s Fairness Ordinance has become a key election issue, with a strong contingent of anti-Fairness candidates running on a platform to repeal the ordinance like Henderson did before. Commissioner Holland is also co-host of the popular podcast Pantsuit Politics, billed as, “Sarah from the left. Beth from the right. No shouting. No insults. Plenty of nuance.”
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Each year the Fairness Campaign works to include two “Friends of Fairness” lists of our previous year’s donors. One list is alphabetical, by name only, and one is organized by donation amount. We deeply value ALL gifts and thank you for your incredible support of LGBTQ rights in Kentucky!

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