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You've changed the course of Pennsylvania's future!

It's not an overstatement to say that 2021 was a year of victories that will impact Pennsylvania for decades to come.

From constitutionally reining in a governor's unchecked emergency powers to electing rule-of-law judges to Pennsylvania's three statewide appellate courts, you—the entrepreneurs of Pennsylvania—led a movement toward freedom and opportunity in the most important state in the nation that will reverberate far into the future of our country.

In the following pages, you'll read stories of elections won, reforms introduced, and overreaching politicians checked. But the real story is that all of this happened only because entrepreneurs stepped forward, used their voices, shared their talents, and embraced their ability to lead free-market change in Pennsylvania.

This is your story—thank you for partnering with us to make it possible!



Matt

Matt Brouillette
President and CEO
Commonwealth Partners

You made this victory possible!

Kevin Brobson
1,397,100

50.45%

Maria McLaughlin
1,372,182

49.55%

MARGIN OF VICTORY - 24,918

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Prior to serving on Commonwealth Court, **Judge Kevin Brobson** practiced law for a Pittsburgh-based law firm for nearly 14 years.

Judge Kevin Brobson is a trusted voice who will always defend the Constitution and stand up for the rights of all Pennsylvanians.

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” I do not believe, however, that the victory would have been possible without the support of Commonwealth Partners.”

- Supreme Court Justice Kevin Brobson

Over six years ago, on Nov. 3, 2015, Pennsylvania voters headed to the polls in what would become the most expensive statewide judicial elections in PA history.

Democrats, unions, and trial lawyers spent more than \$11 million to sweep three open seats on the Supreme Court, while the \$3.6 million raised by Republicans failed to secure even one victory.

Faced with those election results—and what we knew they portended—it was clear we had to act to drive the right kind of political change in Pennsylvania. Entrepreneurs from across the state joined together, and in 2016, Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs (CP) became a reality.

As judicial elections were the final impetus in CP's founding, they were also our main focus in the 2021 General Election.

In 2019, we had begun reclaiming our courts for the rule of law by helping elect Megan McCarthy King to Superior Court. In 2021, we knew we had to continue this work.

Four seats on our three statewide appellate courts were up for election: one seat on Supreme Court, one seat on Superior Court, and two seats on Commonwealth Court. Heading into the year, Democrats held a 5-2 majority on the Supreme Court, while Republicans held an 8-7 majority on Superior Court and a 7-2 majority on Commonwealth Court.

Each of the seats up for election was held by a Republican, and Democrats hoped to flip the seats in order to change the partisan makeup of the courts.

The top prize was, of course, the Supreme Court seat. Since gaining control of the court in 2015, Democrat justices had dyed their black robes deep blue in pursuit of a progressive agenda.



Every campaign needs sufficient resources to win. Commonwealth Partners [PAC] contributed significantly to my campaign. Additionally, Commonwealth Partners provided more than financial resources; it facilitated peace of mind which allowed me to be a more confident candidate, in turn arming me to be my best on the grueling campaign trail. For this, I am eternally grateful.”

- *Commonwealth Court Judge Stacy Wallace*

Among the court's harmful and partisan rulings were:

- Tossing out our congressional district map in 2018 and imposing one of its own, drawn by a Stanford law professor to benefit Democrats.
- Changing the voting rules just before the 2020 election, at the request of Democrats.
- Upholding Gov. Wolf's business shutdown order that put millions of Pennsylvanians out of work while ignoring the people's representatives in the General Assembly.

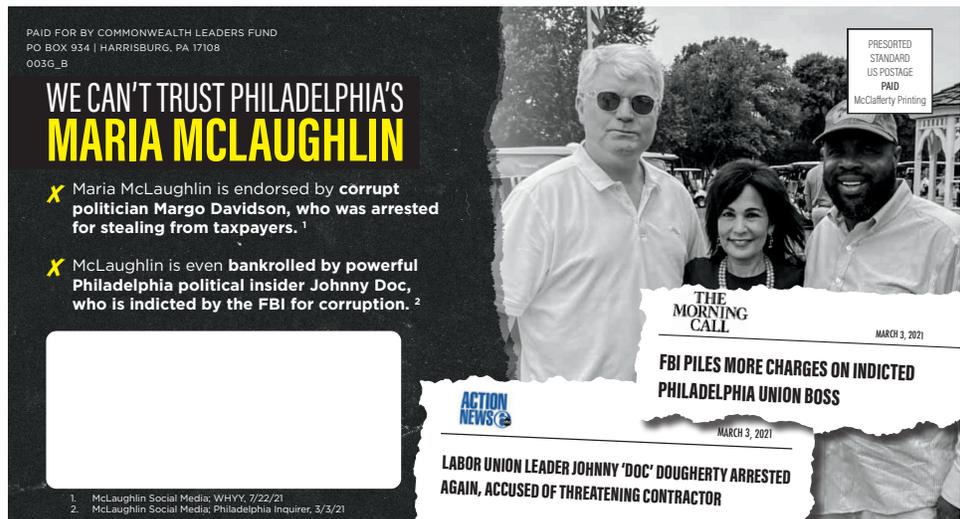
We knew that winning this seat for a rule-of-law candidate would be a battle. In December 2020, an entrepreneur and lawyer from southeast PA and Matt Brouillette met with Commonwealth Court Judge Kevin Brobson.

We had observed Judge Brobson's judicial opinions for several years and knew him to be a judge who ruled on the law as written and rejected partisan rulings in his opinions. With our encouragement and promise of support, Judge Brobson entered the race.

Completing our endorsed judicial ticket were Chester County Attorney Megan Sullivan for Superior Court, McKean County Attorney Stacy Wallace for Commonwealth Court, and Judge Drew Crompton for Commonwealth Court.

Commonwealth Partners' connected political action committee, Commonwealth Leaders Fund (CLF), invested more than \$2.5 million into these races—more than any other group of funders. But we didn't just invest: We invested strategically.

Using opposition research, message testing, and targeted voter outreach, CLF executed a statewide campaign encompassing television ads, digital ads, and mail.



And on Election Day, voters elected Judge Kevin Brobson to Supreme Court, Megan Sullivan to Superior Court, and Stacy Wallace to Commonwealth Court!

Notably, **Judge Brobson outperformed former President Trump in several key suburban counties in the southeast.** Specifically, in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Bucks counties, Brobson outperformed Trump by an average of 5.2 percentage points (45.4% of the vote, on average, for Brobson to Trump's 40.2%). In Cumberland County outside of Harrisburg's Dauphin County, Brobson outperformed Trump by 3.5 percentage points (58% to 54.5%).

This underscores that suburban swing voters remain reachable, which is why our connected political action committee targeted these voters with our messaging.

Judge Brobson also approximately matched Trump's vote percentage in Philadelphia, garnering 17.4% of the vote to Trump's 17.9%. In 2021, Philadelphia marked the highest murder rate per capita among the nation's 10 largest cities. More than 500 people were killed last year in the Democrat-run city. Judge Brobson's campaign, along with CLF's ads, highlighted his family's law enforcement background, a welcome message for the crime-beleaguered city.

Across the state in Republican-trending southwestern PA, CLF targeted specific voters with mail and television ads. On Election Day, Judge Brobson, along with the other GOP judicial candidates, beat Democrats in every county surrounding Allegheny County.

These victories happened only because of you!

Because of your support, not only did we win these elections, but 2021 marked the third consecutive election year in which we've won important statewide races! Additionally, earlier this year, we also pushed to passage two critical constitutional amendments reining in a governor's emergency powers. (See "*Pennsylvania Voted YES!*", page 9)

Our overarching theme throughout the campaign was simple: Vote for judges who will uphold the law as written and reject partisan rulings. And when the votes were tallied, that's exactly what Pennsylvanians did.

Thank you for partnering with us to continue reclaiming our courts for the rule of law!

Pennsylvania Supreme Court

Kevin Brobson (R)

Donor	Amount
Commonwealth Leaders Fund *	\$2,019,887
Republican State Leadership Committee **	\$886,036
Hospital & Health System Assoc. of PA * & **	\$544,337
Republican Party of Pennsylvania *	\$443,655
PA Chamber of Business & Industry * & **	304,403
Civil Justice Reform PAC **	\$125,360
PA Future Fund *	\$75,000
The DT PAC *	\$44,000
Build PA PAC *	\$35,000
Vahan H. Gureghian *	\$25,000
Scott R. Wagner *	\$25,000
All other contributions * & **	\$616,083
TOTAL	\$5,143,761

Maria McLaughlin (D)

Donor	Amount
Committee for a Better Tomorrow *	\$850,000
Pennsylvania Democratic Party *	\$301,151
Fairness PA *	\$130,000
IBEW Local 98 Committee on Political Education * & **	\$116,759
UA Political Education Committee *	\$75,000
Working America **	\$62,017
PA Judicial PAC *	\$61,412
For Our Future **	\$51,738
PSEA PACE *	\$50,000
AFSCME People *	\$50,000
Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local #1 *	\$50,000
All other contributions * & **	\$1,248,982
TOTAL	\$3,047,059

Pennsylvania Superior Court

Megan Sullivan (R)

Donor	Amount
Commonwealth Leaders Fund *	\$387,238
Republican Party of Pennsylvania *	\$286,427
Pennsylvania Opportunity PAC *	\$77,131
Committee for a Better Tomorrow *	\$50,000
Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 692 *	\$32,567
Local 0420 Steamfitters Union COPE *	\$21,000
Local 0449 Steamfitters Union *	\$21,000
Friends of Warren Kampf *	\$15,409
Hospital & Health System Assoc. of PA PAC (HAPAC) *	\$15,000
PA Chamber of Business & Industry * & **	\$14,358
All other contributions * & **	\$328,264
TOTAL	\$1,248,392

Timika Lane (D)

Donor	Amount
Committee for a Better Tomorrow *	\$250,000
Pennsylvania State Democratic Party *	\$185,081
IBEW Local 98 * & **	\$99,600
For Our Future **	\$57,691
Conservation Voters of PA Victory Fund **	\$48,638
Center for Civic Information **	\$35,119
Greater PA Carpenters PAC *	\$35,000
Laborers District Council PAC Fund *	\$25,000
Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Political League *	\$20,000
Philadelphia Fire Fighters' & Paramedic Union Local 22 *	\$17,500
All other contributions * & **	\$315,957
TOTAL	\$1,089,587

* Direct & in-kind contributions since 1/1/21

** Independent expenditures since 1/1/21

Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court

Stacy Wallace (R)

Donor	Amount
Commonwealth Leaders Fund *	\$269,064
Republican Party of Pennsylvania *	\$231,250
George B. Duke *	\$42,500
Curtis J. Wallace *	\$22,932
PA Future Fund *	\$20,000
Michael Paul Sorokes *	\$15,300
Guy Berkebile *	\$15,003
House Republican Campaign Committee *	\$10,000
Northeast Leadership Fund *	\$10,000
Robert Barenfeld *	\$10,000
All other contributions * & **	\$181,820
TOTAL	\$827,870

Drew Crompton (R)

Donor	Amount
Commonwealth Leaders Fund *	\$199,254
Republican Party of Pennsylvania *	\$93,795
Ellen M. Crompton *	\$50,000
PA Future Fund *	\$50,000
Vahan H. Gureghian *	\$25,000
Northwest Leaders PAC *	\$25,000
Matt Haverstick *	\$21,000
Build PA PAC *	\$20,000
The DT PAC *	\$16,000
Friends of Joe Pittman *	\$15,000
All other contributions * & **	\$450,898
TOTAL	\$965,947

Lori Dumas (D)

Donor	Amount
Pennsylvania Democratic Party *	\$241,981
IBEW Local 98 Committee on Political Education * & **	\$82,972
Committee for a Better Tomorrow *	\$75,000
Laborers District Council PAC Fund *	\$55,000
Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania Victory Fund **	\$48,638
Int'l Union of Operating Engineers Local 542 *	\$41,257
Greater PA Carpenters PAC *	\$15,000
Western PA Laborers 2019 PAC *	\$15,000
Mark I. Solomon *	\$15,000
AFSCME *	\$15,000
All other contributions * & **	\$318,161
TOTAL	\$923,009

David Spurgeon (D)

Donor	Amount
Pennsylvania Democratic Party *	\$182,974
IBEW Local 98 Committee on Political Education * & **	\$97,513
Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania Victory Fund **	\$48,638
PA Judicial PAC *	\$30,000
Greater PA Carpenters PAC *	\$25,000
David Spurgeon (Loan) *	\$22,000
Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Political League *	\$20,000
Local 66 PAC Club *	\$10,000
IBEW Local No. 5 *	\$10,000
Plumbers Union Local 690 Election Political Action Fund *	\$10,000
All other contributions * & **	\$185,025
TOTAL	\$641,150

* Direct & in-kind contributions since 1/1/21

** Independent expenditures since 1/1/21

Pennsylvania Voted YES!



For 14 long months beginning in March 2020 at the start of the COVID pandemic, Gov. Wolf exercised unilateral and—with the help of Pennsylvania’s hyper-partisan state Supreme Court—virtually unlimited executive powers.

He closed businesses, put millions of Pennsylvanians out of work, and turned a deaf ear to pleas for a more collaborative approach to handling the state’s response to COVID.

On May 18, 2021, Pennsylvania voters had the opportunity to rein in Wolf’s (and any future governor’s) unchecked power by **voting YES** on two constitutional amendments that would:

- Protect Pennsylvanians against a governor’s extended unilateral decision-making by requiring legislative approval for the extension of a disaster declaration beyond 21 days.
- Protect Pennsylvanians against a power-hungry governor by empowering the General Assembly to terminate a governor’s disaster declaration by a majority vote in both chambers.

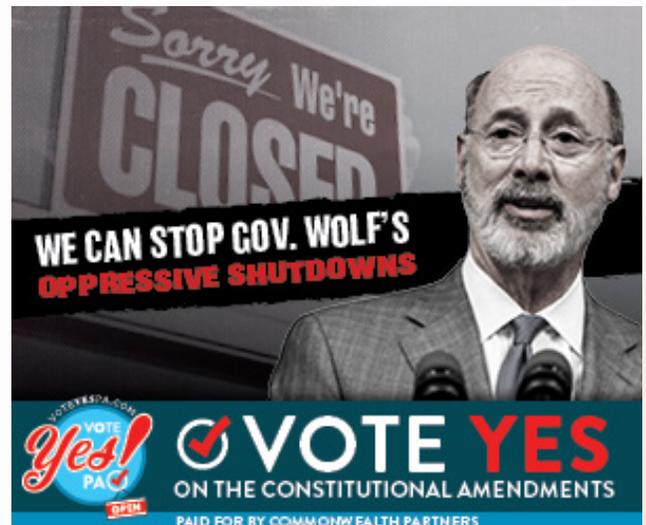


Knowing Gov. Wolf and his allies would fight fiercely against these amendments—including by misleadingly wording the questions on the ballot—**Commonwealth Partners, alongside our friends at Commonwealth Foundation and several other allies, launched an aggressive and targeted campaign to tell voters the truth!**

This combined \$900,000 campaign included:

- Polling and message testing to nail down the language that resonated with voters.
- Mailers to targeted voters in strategic regions.
- Television, radio, and digital ads, as well as billboards, to reach targeted voters.
- Yard signs and placards for business owners and voters to display.
- Equipping lawmakers with effective messaging to advocate for the amendments.
- Writing and placing op-eds by business leaders encouraging Pennsylvanians to vote YES!
- A dedicated VoteYesPA website, which explained the amendments and provided links to download and print VoteYesPA signs, sample emails businesses could send encouraging others to vote YES, informational handouts to download and print, and more.

And when the votes were tallied, Pennsylvanians answered the call and VOTED YES to rein in Gov. Wolf’s unchecked and unilateral powers.



Constitutional Amendment 1

*Termination of Disaster
Emergency Declaration*

Yes	1,165,855	52.05%
No	1,074,206	47.95%

Constitutional Amendment 2

*Disaster Emergency Declaration
and Management*

Yes	1,174,532	51.97%
No	1,085,371	48.03%

VoteYesPA happened only because entrepreneurs across Pennsylvania stepped up and made the difference!

**ON TUESDAY, MAY 18TH,
WE CAN STOP WOLF'S
DESTRUCTIVE
EXECUTIVE ORDERS.**

**VOTE YES ON THE AMENDMENTS
TO PA'S CONSTITUTION**

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**TUESDAY, MAY 18TH, VOTE YES YES YES
ON ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

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Amplifying Entrepreneurs' Voices

Entrepreneurs are the influencers and pioneers in their communities. It was true at the founding of this great nation, and it remains true to this day. One of the important roles for us at Commonwealth Partners is to help amplify entrepreneurs' voices across the state by facilitating opportunities for them to publish commentaries in media outlets statewide.

In 2021, entrepreneurs mobilized as part of our Vote YES campaign, authoring op-eds urging voters to approve two constitutional amendments reining in a governor's emergency powers.

“Last year as the COVID shutdowns unfolded and images of empty store shelves circulated on social media, the phrase ‘supply chain’ became much more meaningful.

“Would food and other necessities be delivered to supermarkets? Would PPE reach health care professionals? Would critical medical equipment arrive at the areas hardest hit?

“This last question took on direct meaning as our company, SEKO Logistics, partnered with the medical technologies firm Stryker to deliver tens of thousands of hospital beds suited for field hospitals to the hardest-hit communities.

“We were able to move these beds quickly for the simple reason that we saw the need, had the expertise in this area, and were free to act.

“... Unfortunately, not every COVID response has gone as smoothly.

“... While no response to an emergency will ever be perfect, we can do better to protect our local communities, our children’s education, and our small businesses.

“I hope you’ll join me in laying the groundwork for greater collaboration and partnership moving forward by voting in favor of the proposed constitutional amendments on May 18.”

Excerpt from “Vote for greater collaboration and partnership” by CP Board Member Deborah Shearer, published in the Centre Daily Times on May 9, 2021



“A year ago in March, my company, Channellock®, closed its doors in response to Gov. Tom Wolf’s order closing non-life-sustaining businesses. While all of us wanted to do our part to save lives, few things have been more difficult than furloughing my 358 employees. I didn’t know at the time when they would be able to return, but I fully recognized they had families to support and bills to pay, just like all Pennsylvanians.

“Thankfully, we applied for and were granted a waiver to reopen from the Department of Community and Economic Development, and our closure turned out to be short-lived.

“Unfortunately, not all businesses had the same success we did in navigating the often-confusing and opaque waiver process. Instead, many businesses were still deemed ‘non-life sustaining’ despite the livelihoods they supported. And often there was no explanation for why one business was granted a waiver while a competitor in the same industry was not.

“Indeed, the shutdowns and subsequent waiver process dealt a blow to thousands of Pennsylvanians, as no one’s business or livelihood should ever be considered non-essential.”

Excerpt from “Amendments would empower legislature, improve state’s emergency response” by CP Board Member Jon DeArment, published in the Erie Times News on April 25, 2021, and also appeared in a dozen additional media outlets statewide

“Instead of working with the Legislature and the citizens of Pennsylvania on his pandemic response, Wolf has positioned himself as an adversary of both. Instead of taking our input and that of our elected representatives, he’s acted unilaterally and capriciously and wouldn’t say why. In response, the Legislature has given Pennsylvanians an opportunity to rein in the governor’s executive overreach on May 18 by voting ‘Yes’ on the two constitutional amendments.

“While Pennsylvanians elect a governor to lead in times of crisis, we do not elect an unaccountable king. That’s why for me and millions of others, my ‘Yes’ vote on these amendments won’t be a difficult choice.”

Excerpt from “Pennsylvanians should vote ‘Yes’ on May 18 to end executive overreach” by CP Board Member Rob Shearer, published in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette on May 12, 2021

SPOTLIGHT ON *Champion Lawmakers!*

Fighting for School Choice

In 2020, opponents of school choice spent nearly \$5 million trying to defeat Sen. Scott Martin (Lancaster County) and Rep. Andrew Lewis (Dauphin County), both of whom are dedicated school choice champions.

Commonwealth Children's Choice Fund, one of Commonwealth Partners' connected political action committees, invested more than \$500,000 into Martin's and Lewis's campaigns. Despite being heavily outspent—by more than \$1 million each—both won re-election.

In 2021, Sen. Martin and Rep. Lewis spearheaded the most transformative educational opportunity efforts ever proposed in the Legislature.

Taken together, their bills would:

- Create education opportunity accounts to ensure Pennsylvania students can access the educational services they need.
- Lift arbitrary caps on tax credit scholarship programs, allowing the programs to expand immediately and automatically each year as demand increases.
- Fully acknowledge public charter schools as equal public education options.
- Empower parents—regardless of their zip code—to choose the educational opportunities that will best prepare their children for success.



SEN. SCOTT MARTIN



REP. ANDREW LEWIS

Notably, their bills were introduced as Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 1, respectively. This designation signified both chambers were prioritizing these reforms!

While the House and Senate were expected to consider the bills, unfortunately they were tabled as several other Republican lawmakers were not committed ‘yes’ votes.

Notably, however, the lawmakers championing these bills were members we endorsed and supported!

Championing Labor Reform

Public-sector unions consistently oppose everything we stand for. From school choice to a better business climate to lower taxes to liquor privatization, government unions fight against everything we fight for.

These unions not only fill their coffers by trapping public employees into membership but also use taxpayer-funded payroll systems to collect their political campaign contributions—a perk not granted to any other private organization. In the 2019-20 election cycle, government union PACs spent \$16.7 million in Pennsylvania, mostly for Democrats who vote to continue granting political favors to unions. It’s a well-funded cycle.

In 2021, Rep. David Rowe (Union & Snyder counties) took the lead to stop the cycle. He introduced the most comprehensive labor reform package ever proposed in our state Legislature.



REP. DAVID ROWE

Rep. Rowe's bill (House Bill 1117) would:

- Protect public workers' First Amendment rights by repealing an unconstitutional statute currently on the books and helping workers know their legal rights regarding public-sector unions.
- Ensure government workers can leave a union at any time they choose, rather than only within a narrow, 15-day window at the end of a multi-year union contract.
- Implement "affirmative consent" for union membership, meaning a union must get a worker's written consent to join the union, rather than simply presuming a worker's membership.
- Require union recertification elections every year, whereby workers can vote on whether they want their current union to continue representing them.
- Allow workers to represent themselves in contract negotiations.
- End the taxpayer-funded collection of union dues and union political action committee money.

Rep. Rowe was elected to the House in 2019 in a special election, and our connected PAC was proud to support him in that race. Now, he's taking on some of the biggest special interests in Pennsylvania!

We often say we don't engage in elections simply to support lawmakers of a certain party. Far from it. We engage in elections to elect lawmakers who will champion critical issues.

**Scott Martin, Andrew Lewis, and David Rowe
are doing just that!**

CANDIDATE HIGHLIGHT:

Justice Kevin Brobson

Prior to the May 2021 primary election, Commonwealth Partners (CP) sat down with then-Commonwealth Court Judge Kevin Brobson to talk about his campaign for state Supreme Court. CP's connected political action committee strongly supported Judge Brobson's campaign, and on Nov. 2, he was elected to the state Supreme Court.

The following excerpts from CP's conversation with Justice Brobson have been edited for length and clarity.

Commonwealth Partners (CP): Where did you grow up, and how did you become interested in law?

Judge Kevin Brobson (KB): I grew up in north central Pennsylvania in Lycoming County in a little town called Montoursville. My father was a Pennsylvania state trooper. He's originally from Philadelphia. He went into the Air Force, went to the State Police Academy, and got stationed in Montoursville.

CP: Was this where you developed an interest in the law, with your dad as a law enforcement officer?

KB: I think more of an interest in public service. My father always had an interest in education. He earned his master's degree in criminal justice, and he taught. So, the law was always prevalent in our house, but it was really about public service.

My grandfather on my father's side was a Philadelphia city police officer. So, there was a strong sense of public service and giving back that we always had instilled in us from a young age. Becoming a lawyer is something I probably always wanted to do. Becoming a judge was something I really didn't think a lot about, but when opportunity hits, you have to take that opportunity.



CP: You are currently on the Commonwealth Court and currently the President Judge. Talk about how you decided to run for judge.

KB: We were coming back from my daughter's Make-A-Wish trip back in 2009. She is a pediatric cancer survivor. This was right after President Obama got elected, so the Republican Party was really at a low at that point, having lost that race. I received a phone call the week I got back from that trip asking me to meet with the Republican Party chairman's screening committee, and I said, "No." I was like, "I'm not doing that." I just got back from this trip, and all these things are happening in my life professionally, and things were going well.

But my wife and I thought a lot about it, prayed a lot about it, and decided that this window may be opening for a reason, and we have to go through it. So, we went through that process, and I became a Commonwealth Court judge and took office in January 2010. I've been there ever since.

Up to that point, I had spent 14 years representing regulated business and industry and those wanting to do business with government. So, I had a really good understanding of how state government works when it comes to private businesses and individuals. So, going to the Commonwealth Court was a natural transition.

CP: How are you going to win the May 18 primary vote?

KB: I think for Pennsylvania voters, experience still matters, and I think that especially with things that happened last year, during the pandemic or dealing with election integrity, there is a heightened interest in having a justice on the Supreme Court who will make sure that government is held as accountable to the law as the government expects its citizens to be accountable to the law. That's what I am offering the voters. And that's my message. For me, this is not about personal ambition. For me, this has always been about a belief that our judiciary is apolitical ... and making sure that people have confidence in their judiciary. It's very important to me.... To me, every Pennsylvanian deserves to have faith in a fair and impartial judiciary. And the reality right now is many millions of Pennsylvanians don't. And if I can be part of that solution and instill some greater confidence in the judiciary, I want to be part of that solution.

... The one thing that's important for me when I'm running as a judge is I don't promise people how I'm going to rule on particular cases. What I promise them is I will be fair. I will be impartial. I will apply the facts to the law as written, not as someone wants them to be written. I have a record of protecting constitutional rights, and that's what I'm very proud of and that's what I'm offering.

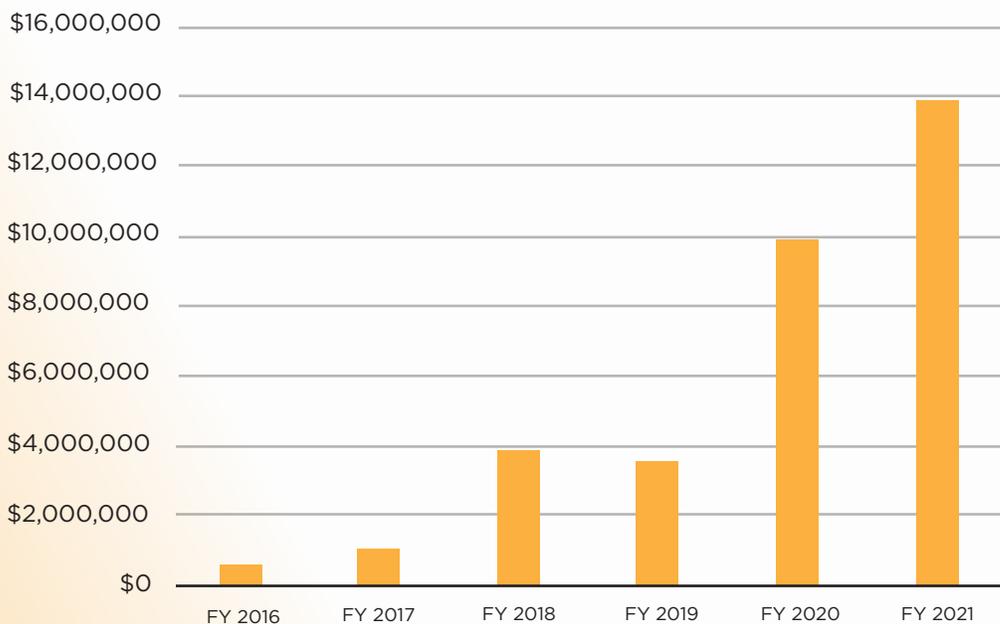
How You've Helped Us Grow!

Since our founding in mid-2016, Commonwealth Partners—and our connected political action committees, Commonwealth Leaders Fund and Commonwealth Children's Choice Fund—have become the largest outside political investors for freedom in Pennsylvania.

Because of the generosity of entrepreneurs across the state, we've elected free-market, school choice, and rule-of law candidates to offices including representative, senator, auditor general, Commonwealth Court judge, Superior Court judge, and Supreme Court justice.

We've also supported allied organizations that are leading free-market policy change to help all Pennsylvanians flourish.

In just over five years, we've grown from \$0 to nearly \$14 million—all due to the amazing generosity of entrepreneurs!



Changing Political Culture in PA

2016

Entrepreneurs launch Commonwealth Partners (CP).

2016

CP engages in six House races and three Senate races. Seven of the nine candidates win, including Senator Scott Martin. (See *“Spotlight on Champion Lawmakers”*, page 15)

2017

CP-endorsed candidates champion welfare reform and cast the deciding vote against advancing Gov. Wolf’s 11th tax hike attempt.

2017

Commonwealth Leaders Fund (CLF) founded.

2018

Amid the blue wave that hits Pennsylvania, CP and CLF help elect seven new champions to the state House and two to the state Senate. CLF is the largest single non-candidate political investor on the pro-taxpayer side, excluding the Republican Party, investing more than \$1.7 million in strategic races statewide.

2019

Commonwealth Children’s Choice Fund (CCCCF) founded.

2019

CP recruits Chester County Deputy District Attorney Megan McCarthy King to run for Superior Court. CP heavily supports her campaign, investing more than \$1.3 million. On Election Day, Megan wins one of two open seats in a victory that is credited in large part to our efforts.

Changing Political Culture in PA

2020

CLF and CCCF stave off the Left's attempts to flip the state Legislature blue. We invest approximately \$4.4 million in 21 legislative races, and 14 of our candidates win. Despite being outspent by millions of dollars, we defend every incumbent lawmaker we support, flip three House seats from blue to red, and elect four new champion lawmakers to open House seats. We also invest \$1.4 million in support of Republican Tim DeFoor for auditor general. DeFoor wins and becomes the first African American elected to a statewide row office in Pennsylvania and the first Republican elected auditor general in more than 20 years.

2021

CP deploys an aggressive campaign to urge voters to vote YES on two proposed constitutional amendments to rein in a governor's unchecked emergency powers. On primary election day, voters approve the amendments 52-48%. (See *"Pennsylvania Voted YES!"*, page 9)

2021

Four open seats are up for election on our three statewide appellate courts, including a seat on our state Supreme Court. With our encouragement, Commonwealth Court Judge Brobson enters the race for state Supreme Court. CLF invests more than \$2.5 million into the judicial races. On Election Day, we win three open seats, electing Judge Brobson to Supreme Court, Chester County Attorney Megan Sullivan to Superior Court, and McKean County Attorney Stacy Wallace to Commonwealth Court. (See *"You Made This Victory Possible!"*, page 3)

Join Us!



Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs (CP) is a membership association that engages entrepreneurs to lead free-market change in Pennsylvania. We **amplify** entrepreneurs' collective voice through facilitating strategic relationships, **advocate** for legislation and policies that will unleash opportunity for all Pennsylvanians, and **promote** our members' interests through advancing free-market principles in the political process.

The portion of CP membership dues not used for political activity is tax-deductible, and giving to CP is not publicly disclosed. You can support Commonwealth Partners via check or online at www.thecommonwealthpartners.com/donate.

Commonwealth Leaders Fund and **Commonwealth Children's Choice Fund** are connected political action committees of Commonwealth Partners.

Commonwealth Leaders Fund (CLF) supports candidates for state office who champion free-market solutions to public policy problems. Commonwealth Children's Choice Fund (CCCF) contributes to candidates who will work to expand and improve educational opportunities for children, especially those trapped in perpetually underperforming and unsafe schools.

CLF and CCCF accept only personal contributions. Contributions are publicly disclosed in accordance with campaign finance laws, are non-deductible, and are used to support candidates statewide. You can support these entities via check or online at www.commonwealthleadersfund.com/donate or www.childrenschoicfund.com/donate.

Looking Ahead

2022 will be a pivotal election year.

Pennsylvanians will not only vote in legislative elections for state House and Senate but also elect a new governor.

After two terms in office, Gov. Wolf will not be on the ballot. But Wolf's harmful policies—such as shutting down small businesses and destroying jobs, proposing massive tax increases, and attempting to cut educational opportunities for children—will be.

That's because his progressive attorney general, Democrat Josh Shapiro, is running.

Shapiro fights against everything we fight for. He's targeted the natural gas industry, politically prosecuted job creators, gone to court to defend Gov. Wolf's business shutdowns, and stands proudly with government unions that oppose giving kids a chance at a great education, to name just a few things.

As governor, Shapiro would be further to the Left than Wolf, and Shapiro has already intimated he would likely use the governor's office as a platform to run for president. We are determined not to let this happen.

That's why in the 4th quarter of 2021, we deployed digital ads and mail in strategic regions across the state to educate voters about the truth of Josh Shapiro's harmful record.

It's also why we have vetted multiple candidates who want to take on Shapiro and why we will aggressively engage in this race this year.

Beyond the governor's race, we will also engage in state House and Senate races to defend champion lawmakers against the Left's onslaught and elect new free-market leaders.

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Thanks to the generous support of entrepreneurs across Pennsylvania, we will continue fighting in 2022 and beyond to make this vision a reality.

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