



# 2018 Election Debrief

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# What happened statewide?

- Record participation for a midterm election
- Even partisan split Congressional delegation
  - 9 Dems and 9 GOP
- Historic number of women
  - PA had only ever elected 7 women to Congress
  - 4 women elected to Congress
- Governor Wolf and Senator Casey re-elected

# What happened in State House?

- Democrats gained 11 seats in Pennsylvania House of Representatives
- Next year, there will be:
  - 109 Republicans
  - 93 Democrats
  - 6 new women elected

# What happened in the State Senate?

- Democrats gained 5 seats in the State Senate
- Next year, there will be:
  - 29 Republicans
  - 21 Democrats
  - 3 new women elected
- 2 Republican incumbents lost:
  - John Rafferty (44th district: Berks, Chester, and Montgomery)
  - Thomas McGarrigle (26th district: Chester and Delaware)

# Voter Turnout

- PA Voice analyzed election results on the precinct level for four counties: Philadelphia, Allegheny, Berks, and Lancaster.
- Turnout data compared since 2008.
- VAN used to identify majority-minority precincts.
- Turnout surged across the board in 2018 in these counties compared to past midterms, mirroring national trends.

# Turnout in Four Counties

Precinct Type	Voters in VAN	2008	2012	2016	2010	2014	2018	Change Since 2014
All Precincts	2,507,731	68%	65%	72%	44%	39%	56%	+17%
Majority POC	678,364	70%	69%	67%	41%	36%	48%	+12%
Majority African-American	492,837	73%	73%	69%	46%	40%	52%	+11%
Majority Latinx	89,231	58%	55%	59%	24%	20%	34%	+13%
Majority White	1,792,998	67%	64%	74%	45%	40%	59%	+19%
No single race majority	132,665	63%	59%	64%	31%	27%	44%	+16%

- In order to compare rates more easily, presidential elections are grouped together, as are midterm elections.

# Impact of PA Voice Partners

- By counting the number of registrations collected by PA Voice partners in each precinct, we can estimate the impact of PA Voice partners in increasing turnout.
- For the four counties examined, in the 15 precincts where partners collected 50 or more registrations, the average lift in turnout from 2014 to 2018 was **1.7%** compared to all other precincts in the four counties registrations were collected.

Registrations Collected	precinct type	# of Voters in Precincts	2014	2018	change since 2014	Increase in Turnout, Possibly Due to Partner Activity
>=50 collected	Majority POC Precincts	10,676	16%	30%	+13.3%	+1.7%
<50 collected	Majority POC Precincts	395,072	40%	51%	+11.6%	

- With continued investment in civil engagement and voter registration, we hope to utilize the surge in 2018 to close voting gaps in 2020 and beyond.

# Voter Registration Need in POC communities

- PA Voice partners registered 43,759 voters, mostly POC and young people!
  - Original goal was to register 41,233 members of the New American Majority, specifically focused on reducing the voter registration need in communities of color by 9.51% in 11 counties.
- **We exceeded our county goals** and feel confident that partners have made a reduction in voter registration need in these communities.



# 2018 Coordinated GOTV program

- 22 permanent and temporary partners ran a GOTV program
- 114,175 door knocks and 30,736 contacts
- 63,087 calls and 7,242 contacts
- 79,617 pieces of mail
- 44,242 texts sent

# Impact of the New American Majority

	'18 Turnout	AAPI VEP growth rate '11 to '15	Black VEP growth rate '11 to '15	Latinx VEP Growth rate '11 to '15
<b>Philadelphia</b>	51%	16.45%	3.10%	13.86%
<b>Allegheny</b>	57%	9.12%	2.14%	21.47%
<b>Berks</b>	55%	22.68%	11.98%	24.23%
<b>Bucks</b>	64%	31.84%	19.89%	12.43%
<b>Delaware</b>	66%	12.73%	10.88%	28.63%
<b>Lackawanna</b>	62%	40.30%	-21.66%	32.56%
<b>Lancaster</b>	62%	11.30%	9.58%	23.16%
<b>Lehigh</b>	53%	26.09%	16.77%	26.09%
<b>Montgomery</b>	67%	22.73%	10.02%	14.66%
<b>York</b>	68%	19.20%	19.35%	26.40%

## What's our collective story on 2018 election among POC?

- Notable that there was record turnout in counties with fast growing Latinx populations
- Remember that POC Voting Eligible Population is rapidly growing in Southeast PA
- We made big strides in 2018!
  - Clear that more work has to happen since POC VEP is growing 12x faster than white population

# 2018 Election Takeaways

- Potentially a more polarized legislature
  - Many of the Republicans who lost were moderate
  - Many of the new Democratic representatives are self-identified progressives
- Still unlikely to win significant pro-immigrant legislation in the 2019-2020 session
- However, due to the larger number of progressives, there is a greater opportunity to build support for immigrant issues and start a more public dialogue than in the 2017-2018 session

# Legislative Opportunities

New members elected + New legislative session = New opportunities for advocacy

However, we must be on the same page to amplify our advocacy impact

# Get Involved!

- We start our new, 2-year legislative session in Pennsylvania in January!
- New legislators present new opportunities for engagement
- Before contacting your state legislators:
  - Make sure you know who your state representatives and state senators are:  
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>
  - Learn about PICC advocacy priorities
- Meet or contact your legislators

# PICC Advocacy Issues

- **Enforcement Resistance:** Fighting back against the deportation machine by passing local policies that limit law enforcement collaboration.
- **Education Justice:** Ensuring that immigrant and refugee students have access to safe and welcoming schools that address their unique needs.
- **Access to Driver's Licenses:** Advocating for access to uniform licenses for all drivers in Pennsylvania regardless of immigration status.
- **Worker Rights & Employment:** Supporting policies that combat worker exploitation and improve conditions for immigrant and refugee workers.

NOTE: PICC member organizations choose advocacy issue priorities every two years. Members will next evaluate priorities in June 2019

# Ending Police/ICE Collaboration

- Communities are safer when local law enforcement is separate from immigration enforcement.
- Effective policies must:
  - Prevent law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status, citizenship, national origin, or country of birth
  - Forbid sharing information or resources with ICE for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement
  - Require a judicial warrant to detain or hold any person for ICE
  - Mandate training for all officers on the requirements of a policy limiting collaboration with ICE and establish clear accountability measures for violation of the policy



# Ensuring Equal Access to Higher Education

- All graduates of Pennsylvania high schools should have equal opportunity to attend college, regardless of immigration status.
- Legislation must:
  - Extend in-state tuition to all students regardless of immigration status, including undocumented students, students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and students with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
    - All students who graduate from a Pennsylvania high school or attend two years of high school in Pennsylvania and receive the equivalent of a diploma are eligible to receive in-state tuition rates at community colleges, members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, and private universities that receive state funds
  - Extend state financial aid to all financially eligible students, regardless of immigration status

# Access to Driver Licenses for All

- Providing access to a uniform driver license to all Pennsylvanians will increase public safety and benefit the economy.
- Legislation must:
  - Allow Pennsylvania residents to use a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to apply for a driver license in Pennsylvania
  - Prevent the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) from issuing different driver licenses to residents based on national origin or immigration status
  - Allow all residents to renew their Pennsylvania driver license online
  - Include safeguards to ensure private information is not shared with ICE for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement

# Welcoming New Americans

- A State Office for New Americans should:
  - Champion the rights of immigrants and act as an advocate for local, state, and federal policies that support immigrant communities and create a welcoming Pennsylvania
  - Provide technical assistance and guidance to all State agencies to assist them in best identifying and meeting the needs of immigrant communities
  - Be governed by a strong advisory committee that includes diverse representation from immigrant and community groups from across the state
  - Promote fundamental pathways to immigrant integration, including English language classes, citizenship preparation, workforce development, language access, community engagement and planning, and laws ensuring fair and equal treatment for immigrants

# Launching 2019!

- CHANGE OF SCHEDULE!
  - Since next year will be the start of a new legislative session in Pennsylvania, we will be holding the educational webinars biweekly for the first two months of the year (Jan-Feb).
  - These calls will focus on understanding PICC issue priorities, how to advocate effectively for these issues, discussing future advocacy initiatives under each issue, and how you can get involved
- 2019 DATES: Remember to register!
  - Friday, January 11th at noon
  - Friday, January 25th at noon
  - Friday, February 8th at noon
  - Friday, February 22nd at noon

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