

# HAROLD HAYES

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | DISTRICT 18



Harold "Howie" Hayes is first and foremost a worker, and his interest in public office is deeply informed by his childhood experiences. The son of a Philadelphia Democratic Committeewoman, he has been knocking on doors for Democratic candidates since he was six years old. Harold became an active member with Plumbers Local 69 when he graduated high school, and he appreciates and seeks to protect trade unions. Additionally, as a long-time Bucks County resident with two young sons in school, Harold plans to fight to increase funding for public schools and protect clean air and water for future generations.

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## WHY THIS RACE IS IMPORTANT

Democrats need to win 9 House seats to flip the chamber blue. Momentum is on our side: in 2018, Democrats broke a Republican supermajority in the Senate and flipped a dozen State House seats. Electing Harold will bring Democrats even closer within striking distance of flipping the chamber blue in November. Winning this race will position Democrats for success up and down the ballot later this year.

This is a 'last chance' district: whoever is elected to the PA state legislature in November 2020 will draw the next round of district lines.

## ELECTION TIMELINE

**Special election:** March 17, 2020

**Last date to register to vote:** February 18, 2020

All voters are eligible to cast absentee ballots:

- March 10, 2020: last date to apply for absentee ballot
- March 13, 2020: all absentee ballots must be received by 5pm this day

## ON THE ISSUES

### UNIONS

Harold Hayes has been a member of Plumbers Local 69 for many years and appreciates the value of trade unions. As state delegate, Hayes will protect workers and their families by fighting to defend a union's right to collectively bargain.

### EDUCATION

With two young sons currently studying in Bensalem ISD, Harold understands the need for a properly resourced education. As state delegate, Harold will fight for better funding for local school districts, to restore public funding to K-12 education, and to enact accountability and transparency measures for charter schools.

### ENVIRONMENT

Harold believes that all Bensalem families deserve access to clean air and water. As a longtime Bensalem resident, he is committed to fighting to protect the public health of all Bensalem families through common sense environmental policies.

## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	Households	White	Black	Latinx	Asian	Median Income	Below Poverty Line	College Grads	HS Grads
60,418	23,834	68.3%	6.9%	9.4%	11.6%	61,025	10.2%	36%	55.8%



SISTER DISTRICT PROJECT

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## ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Pennsylvania House of Representatives District 18 is in Bucks County, northeast of Philadelphia. The district's central population center is the township of Bensalem.

This seat became open after Republican state representative Gene DiGirolamo resigned to take another position. He had held the seat since 1995 -- long after the district started to trend away from Republicans at the state and national levels.

This is a favorable district for a Democrat. Voters in HD18 chose Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump in the 2016 Presidential election (Clinton: 52.85%; Trump: 44.12%). Voters chose Barack Obama over Mitt Romney in the 2012 election (Obama: 57.88%; Romney: 40.91%).

Democratic Governor Tom Wolf won this district in 2014 (Wolf: 58.18%; Corbett: 41.82%), and improved on that performance in the 2018 gubernatorial election (Wolf: 61.90%; Wagner: 38.10%). That same year, Democratic Senator Bob Casey easily carried HD18 (Casey: 59.75%; Barletta: 40.25%).

HD18 is fully nested within Pennsylvania Congressional District 1, which has a Cook Political Voting Index of D+31. However, it is important to note that HD18 is significantly less Democratic than other parts of CD1, which enjoys a very high Cook PVI based in part on other parts of the district.

## ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Kathleen "KC" Tomlinson, 31, was chosen by the Bucks County Republican Committee to run in this special election. Longtime Republican state representative Gene DiGirolamo vacated the seat, which he held since 1995, after being elected to the Bucks County Board of Commissioners in late 2019.

Republicans nominated Tomlinson in an effort to install a dynasty in the district. Tomlinson does not hold elected office or have any relevant experience. She is, however, the daughter of Pennsylvania State Senator Tommy Tomlinson. House District 18 is fully nested within Tommy Tomlinson's State Senate district. Her father has served in the Pennsylvania legislature for the past 28 years, first in the House of Representatives and now in the state Senate. Tomlinson has access to her father's powerful conservative fundraising and campaign connections, and the GOP plans to trade on her father's name and networks to build name recognition and support.

## PAST RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT

### 2018 GUBERNATORIAL:

Wolf (D): 61.9%  
Wagner (R): 38.1%

### 2018 SENATE:

Casey (D): 59.75%  
Barletta (R): 40.25%

### 2016 PRESIDENTIAL:

Clinton (D): 52.85%, 14803  
Trump (R): 44.12%, 12357

### 2014 GUBERNATORIAL:

Wolf (D): 58.18%, 8688  
Corbett (R): 41.82%, 6244

### 2012 PRESIDENTIAL:

Obama (D): 57.88%, 14901  
Romney (R): 40.91%, 10533



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## WHY PENNSYLVANIA IS IMPORTANT

### PENNSYLVANIA FAST FACTS

- **Current Control:** Divided.  
Governor - D; Senate - R; House - R
- **Gubernatorial Election:** Not up in 2020
- **Length of State House Terms:** 2 years
- **Redistricting:** State legislature controls Congressional redistricting, Political Commission controls state legislative redistricting; Governor has veto over Congressional maps but not state legislative maps
- **Electoral College Votes:** 20

### BROADER 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

Pennsylvania is a critical, perennial battleground presidential state. Before Trump won the state by 44,000 votes, or less than 1%, Pennsylvanians had voted for the Democratic Presidential nominee in every election since 1992. Pennsylvania is one of the "Big Four" states that are likely to control the outcome of the 2020 presidential election. Democrats have a tremendous opportunity to claim PA's 20 Electoral College votes this year, with smart organizing, expanding the electorate through voter registration, and turnout efforts.

This seat is nested within an extremely competitive Congressional district (PA-08).

Working to support Hayes will be instrumental in bringing Democrats closer to flipping the chamber in November, and helping to organize Democrats in the district early, which will drive turnout up and down the ticket later in this historic election year.

## REDISTRICTING & GERRYMANDERING

Pennsylvania's legislative and congressional districting is a masterclass in partisan gerrymandering. Pennsylvania Republicans gerrymandered the state during 2011 redistricting, but in January 2018, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that these district maps were illegally partisan. When the state's legislature could not agree on new district boundaries, the Court provided districts of its own. As a result, after the 2018 elections, Pennsylvania has nine Republicans and nine Democrats in the US House of Representatives.

Democrats must flip a chamber to have a seat at the redistricting table, particularly for Congressional redistricting. Republican state legislators have brutally gerrymandered PA's Congressional districts. And the political commission in PA that draws state legislative maps has also permitted terribly gerrymandered maps. As an example, in 2018, PA's Democratic State House candidates received 54% of the vote, but only won 45% of the seats. We can prevent this from happening again by electing Hayes, and then holding on to this seat and flipping 8 more in November, to ensure that Democrats have a voice in the next round of redistricting.