League of Women Voters
Nonpartisan Voters Guide
Guide to General Election—November 3, 2009

Pittsburgh Mayor

(Vote for One)

Term: 4 years Salary: $101,397

Duties: The executive, administrative and law enforcement powers of the city are vested in the mayor. The mayor shall control and be accountable for the executive branch of city government.

Question: What do you see as the long term effects of the G-20 meeting on the city, particularly with respect to the sustainable "Green" development that was a factor in bringing the G-020 here? What efforts are currently in progress?

Democratic

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Education: BA in Business Administration from Washington & Jefferson College

Occupation: Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

Qualifications: Pittsburgh City Council, Councilman from 2003 to 2006, President of City Council in 2006. Mayor since 2006

.**Answer:** One of the long-term effects is the awareness the G-20 brought to many of our sustainability initiatives. During the G-20 we had the opportunity to highlight these initiatives to our citizens, out businesses and the world. We want to change the culture of this city so that being green is simply a part of our way of life. Current efforts of note are the 25% Density-Bonus for new construction and renovations that achieve LEED

Republican

Luke Ravenstahl

See above

Franco Dok Harris

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Education: B.S., Princeton University, 2004; MBA, University of Pittsburgh, 2008; J.D., Carnegie Mellon University, 2008

Occupation: Business Development, Super Bakery Inc.

Qualifications For Office: Business Analyst, Capital One; Founding Member, medical device startup company; Entrepreneur of the Year, Carnegie Mellon University; Clinician, Pitt Law School's Community Economic Development Clinic; Taught Financial Literacy, Neighborhood Housing Services.

Answer: There'll be no benefit if we don't leverage both traditional tax incentives along with finding more innovative ways to foster such projects. Green Development will be a centerpiece of my administration that we'll foster through traditional tax abatements and TIFFs. We'll also weave the idea into our small business and neighborhood development programs. We'll create incentives for local businesses that generate walk-able jobes and we'll work with green entrepreneurs, like GET Larimer, to ensure success.

Independent

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Education: B.A., Government, Harvard University, 1998. J.D. Georgetown University, 2001

Occupation: Lawyer, Executive Director, Renew Pittsburgh

Qualifications For Office: Business and Finance attorney, 8 years; Executive Director, Renew Pittsburgh 2 years; President, Economic Club of Pittsburgh; Community Volunteer, all my life.

Answer: The G-20 was a great opportunity, and Pittsburgh won the day by showcasing our incredible renaissance and our commitment to green building. We must commit ourselves to invest in our neighborhoods and grow our city by attracting young families looking for safe, supportive communities. In addition, my commitment to green development is strong, and I am the only candidate who has advocated for the adoption of a comprehensive lead certified building code for our City