

OLD GUARD VS. GRASSROOTS

Incumbent Corey O'Connor, the well-known son of late Pittsburgh Mayor Bob O'Connor, faces first-time challenger Kimberly Kaplan in the race for District 5, which encompasses Glen Hazel, Greenfield, Hays, Hazelwood, Lincoln Place, Squirrel Hill, Swisshelm Park and part of Regent Square.
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<p>CANDIDATE</p>	 <p>KIMBERLY KAPLAN</p>	 <p>COREY O'CONNOR</p>
<p>BIOGRAPHY</p>	<p>This is the first campaign for the Israeli-born, Pittsburgh-raised Kaplan. The recent Chatham graduate resides in Squirrel Hill and is working on her master's degree.</p>	<p>O'Connor secured the District 5 office in 2012, when Doug Shields left office. He's a resident of Swisshelm Park and now serves on the ALCOSAN board.</p>
<p>BUDGET</p>	<p>Wants to expand the budget "without hurting the average person," by tying the increases to property taxes to the cost-of-living index and by taxing nonprofits that own property valued at \$50 million or more.</p>	<p>O'Connor says city council has cracked down on wasteful spending by getting rid of free spending and access credit cards for city departments, as well as "trying to do as many projects in-house" as possible.</p>
<p>ALMONO SITE</p>	<p>Wants to have more communication with residents about the site. Says affordable housing must be a key part of the project and that businesses on the brownfield site should hire from the community.</p>	<p>Anticipates jobs coming to Hazelwood once the site is complete. Says the "whole key is to blend it with Hazelwood" and that his efforts over the last four years, including a school opening and library renovation, have set the stage.</p>
<p>WATER INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	<p>Says most people want to focus on sewer overflow in Squirrel Hill, but says bigger problems lie in Hays, where residents' living conditions and property values are affected by flooding. Would fight for federal money to solve the issue.</p>	<p>Says he's been involved with EPA consent decree as member of the ALCOSAN board. Says his office helped secure funding and collaborated with federal, state and local governments for green infrastructure in Schenley Park and porous sidewalks in lower Greenfield.</p>
<p>FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS</p>	<p>The campaign budget on her website lists \$2,015 in private donations, but did not list individual donors. Says people "shouldn't have to pay for good representation." She has received no formal endorsements.</p>	<p>O'Connor received the endorsement of the <i>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</i>, the Allegheny County Democratic Committee, the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, the Sierra Club Allegheny Group and Clean Water Action.</p>