

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Pittsburgh City Council District 4 represents the South Hills neighborhoods of Beechview, Bon Air, Brookline, Carrick, and Overbrook, as well as parts of Mount Washington. It is represented by incumbent Councilor Anthony Coghill (D-Beechview).

BY AMANDA WALTZ

CANDIDATE



BETHANI CAMERON



ANTHONY COGHILL

BIOGRAPHY

Single mom who previously worked for former councilperson Natalia Rudiak, then as chief of staff for City Councilor Deb Gross until 2019. Also worked as policy analyst for Allegheny County controller Chelsea Wagner. Lives in Overbrook.

Incumbent candidate. Born and raised in Beechview. Previously worked as constituent liaison for state Sen. Wayne Fontana. Elected as an Allegheny County Democratic Committeeman in 2010, and chairs the committee's 19th Ward. Lives in Beechview.

EVICTIONS

In February, called on Pittsburgh City Council to issue eviction moratorium during pandemic. As a renter, believes she personally understands the issue. Told *Pittsburgh City Paper* that evictions were a "public health crisis," saying, "Any city official has to help the health and safety of the residents. Not doing so is hurting people."

In February, part of unanimous vote to enact citywide eviction moratorium. Part of discussion to adopt law that covers landlord and tenant rights. Expressed concern for landlords who worry about losing rent payments and falling into debt.

POLICE

Wants to divert funding from the police budget and invest in all aspects of public safety, including funding social workers, mental health specialists, EMTs, and more. Recognizes some communities fear police and changes should be made. "Doing public safety right means all Pittsburghers — including Black and Brown Pittsburghers — need to feel safe walking down the street or driving on the parkway."

Has defended need for increased police presence. In December 2020, Coghill expressed concern about a vote to divert \$5.3 million from the police to fund the new Stop the Violence initiative, reportedly citing local sporting events and the city's hilly terrain as justifications for more policing.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Wants city funding to address "crises in flooding, snow removal, and infrastructure" in her district, according to a *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* story. Believes the city overlooks her district in favor of the East End. Cites lagging public works response, parks maintenance, and access to affordable housing as issues in her district.

Says his record shows progress on improving snow removal and winter road maintenance in his district, contrary to Cameron's claims. Points to successes like revitalizing the Las Palmas taco stand on Brookline Boulevard and tearing down dilapidated St. Basil's school on Brownsville Road. Does not see affordable housing as an issue in his district.

FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

Clean Water Action, Women for the Future-Pittsburgh, Run for Something, Young Democrats of Allegheny County, Steel City Stonewall Democrats, Sunrise Movement Pittsburgh

Allegheny County Democratic Committee, Allegheny-Fayette Labor Council, Sheetmetal Workers Local 12, Ironworkers PAC, Boilermakers Local 154, Pittsburgh Plumbers Local Union 27, campaign committees of U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle, state Sen. Jay Costa, and state Sen. Wayne Fontana