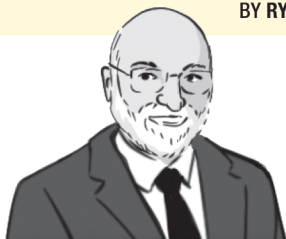


ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Allegheny County Council District 1 covers sections of Western Allegheny County, and some northern suburbs close to the city. Includes Findlay, North Fayette, Moon, Coraopolis, Glen Osborne, Aleppo, Haysville, Glenfield, Kilbuck, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Emsworth, Ross, and West View. Incumbent councilor Tom Baker (R-Ross) is not seeking re-election.

BY RYAN DETO

CANDIDATE



JACK BETKOWSKI



JOE WISE

BIOGRAPHY

A resident of Ross and a current commissioner on the township board. Retired after a 34-year career with the Federal Reserve of Cleveland. Graduated with a Master's in Business Administration from Robert Morris University. Says serving on County Council would be an opportunity to give back to the community.

A native of Moon who worked in communications and public relations for years in Washington, D.C., including for former U.S. Rep. Austin J. Murphy. Returned to Moon in 2006 and now serves on board of Moon Township supervisors.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Says that District 1 "absolutely" needs improved public transportation. As Ross Township commissioner, says he worked with Port Authority to ensure community considerations were included in the authority's recently released long range plan, which has proposals for extended light-rail and bus service to District 1 communities.

Touts his experience saving Moon taxpayers money through fiscally responsible spending. Did not respond to questions about public transit policies.

PAID SICK LEAVE

Applauds county's recently passed paid sick leave law. "Especially in these times where there is widespread skepticism of public health experts, I was pleased that the final version of the ordinance was drafted by the County Health Department, and done in such a way as to better ensure it could survive legal challenges."

Campaign website says he wants to bring county council "back to basics." Did not respond to questions about paid sick leave policies.

DEVELOPMENT

In Ross, supported changes to township's zoning code to encourage mixed-use development (combination of residential, retail, and services in the same zone). Says county council can provide guidance on best zoning practices to encourage the best development, and rules to ensure new buildings don't exacerbate problems with stormwater runoff.

Campaign website says he is most proud of his efforts in Moon to "help secure the development of the Hilton Garden Inn complex on University Boulevard, formerly one of the area's most visibly blighted properties, and the reconstruction of several important roadways, including the \$9.5 million Robert Harper Interchange."

ENDORSEMENTS

Says he has never accepted any corporate or special interest PAC contributions and won't be held hostage to the demands of outside interest groups in order to get their endorsement. "The needs of the residents of Allegheny County will always come first," says Betkowski.

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