May 19 is the Philadelphia Primary Election. Everyone is talking about Pre-K!

Pre-K is on the ballot

On February 26, Philadelphia City Council voted *unanimously* for a ballot question to be added to the May 19th primary: *"to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of an independent Commission on Universal Pre-Kindergarten."* **Now we have to get people to the polls on May 19. Register to vote. Vote YES on May 19!**

Mayoral candidates are talking Pre-K

The May 19 primary is the critical point where we choose our Democratic and Republican candidates for mayor. Many mayoral candidates have made mention of pre-K and some have offered specific proposals for what the city can do.

Here are some questions to ask the candidates:

- Given that only one in six children in Philadelphia is in a high quality early childhood program, what is your plan for adding more high quality early childhood seats in Philadelphia?
- Given that the child care field is notoriously underpaid and under-resourced, what is your plan for leveraging resources to move current early childhood programs to higher quality in a way that also promotes good jobs?
- Given that the first five years of life are critical in preparing a child to succeed at school and in life, what is your plan for ensuring that no young child in Philadelphia languishes in a poor quality child care program during those critical years?

Mayoral Forum Calendar

We need pre-K supporters to be in the audience and ask questions. Let us know if you plan to attend one or more of these events:

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30-8pm
Mayoral Candidate Education Forum
G. W. Childs School, 1599 Wharton Street
Register at: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/philadelphia-mayoral-candidates-education-forum-tickets-15660968378

Monday, March 30, 5pm
In Conversation with Philadelphia: a Discussion between Mayoral Candidates
sponsored by Al Día and WURD
Pipeline Philly, The Graham Building, 30 S 15th Street, 15th Floor
Register at: http://aldianews.com/events/conversation-philadelphia/37460

Wednesday, April 1, 6pm
PACDC Mayoral Candidates Forum on Equitable Development hosted by PACDC and Temple University
Temple University Science Education and Research Center, 1925 North 12th Street
Register at: http://bit.ly/1HKq1YQ

Thursday, April 2, 6-7:30 pm
Philly Mag Candidate Conversation with Jim Kenney
Pipeline Philly**,** The Graham Building, 30 S 15th Street, 15th Floor
Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/philly-mags-candidate-conversation-series-jim-kenney-tickets-15814838608

Tuesday, April 7, 6-8pm
2015 Mayoral Debate - A Roadmap for Growth Event
sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 300 South Broad Street
Register at: http://www.greaterphilachamber.com/event/3883/2015-mayoral-debate-a-roadmap-for-growth-event

Wednesday, April 15, 6-7:30 pm
Philly Mag Candidate Conversation with Anthony Williams
Pipeline Philly**,** The Graham Building, 30 S 15th Street, 15th Floor
Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/philly-mags-candidate-conversation-series-anthony-williams-tickets-15814933893

Monday, April 20, 5:30-7:30pm
Philly Tech Week Mayoral Forum
Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine Street
Register at: https://tp.ticketleap.com/philly-tech-week-mayoral-forum/dates/Apr-20-2015_at_0530PM

Wednesday, April 22, 5:15-7:30pm
Culture and Parks Mayoral Forum hosted by Parks Alliance and Cultural Alliance
Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine Street
More info at https://www.philaculture.org/category/interests/advocacy-cultural-policy

Monday, April 27, 6-7:30 pm
Philly Mag Candidate Conversation with Lynne Abraham
Pipeline Philly**,** The Graham Building, 30 S 15th Street, 15th Floor
Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/philly-mags-candidate-conversation-series-lynne-abraham-tickets-15815139508

Tuesday, April 28, 6-8pm
Young Professionals Network (YPN) Networking: Featuring the Mayoral Candidates
Sonesta Hotel, 1800 Market Street
Register at: https://www.greaterphilachamber.com/register/3955/ypn-networking-featuring-the-mayoral-candidates

Monday, May 4, 5:30-7pm, The Next Mayor Debate
Temple Performing Arts Center, 1837 N Broad Street
Register at: https://phillymedianetwork.ticketleap.com/the-next-mayor-debate/dates/May-04-2015_at_0530PM

To get this information electronically, visit the DVAEYC website (dvaeyc.org/public-policy/advocacy-resources) or call Suzann Morris at 215-893-0130 x223.

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