

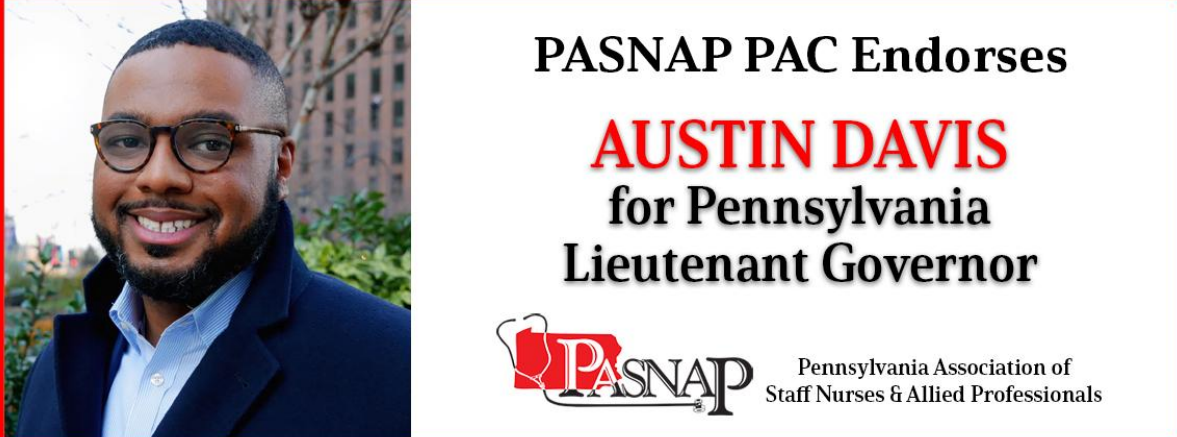
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Pennsylvania's Fastest Growing Union of Frontline Nurses and Healthcare Professionals Endorses State Rep. Austin Davis for Lieutenant Governor

Conshohocken, PA - The Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, representing more than 9,000 frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across the Commonwealth, endorses sitting state Rep. Austin Davis for Lieutenant Governor in the upcoming Democratic Primary in May.



PASNAP PAC Endorses

AUSTIN DAVIS
for Pennsylvania
Lieutenant Governor

 Pennsylvania Association of
Staff Nurses & Allied Professionals

“Two years into a pandemic that has severely stressed our healthcare system and thinned the ranks of bedside caregivers, Pennsylvanians need a team in the governor’s office that prioritizes excellence in patient care and the health and safety of frontline caregivers,” says PASNAP President Maureen May, R.N., a longtime Temple University Hospital nurse. “You cannot separate those things. They go hand in hand.”

“Rep. Davis and his running partner, candidate for governor Attorney General Josh Shapiro, understand our need to work with those at the highest level of State government to improve conditions at the bedside for all patients and all frontline healthcare professionals in Pennsylvania,” adds May.

Rep. Davis, whose sister is a nurse at UPMC McKeesport, appeared with PASNAP’s ACMH Hospital nurses on their picket line last week as they fought for a new contract that prioritizes safe staffing and therefore patient care. The son of a union bus driver, he heard their concerns, stood with them in solidarity, and pledged his support for their fight and their strike.



ACMH Nurses United Strike, Kittanning, PA, March 12, 2022

In his current role as a state legislator, Rep. Davis strongly supports PASNAP's top two priorities:

- Passage of legislation to enact minimum safe staffing nurse-to-patient ratios to protect patients and frontline caregivers
- Passage of legislation that would require healthcare facilities to be proactive in preventing violence against employees

“For our professions and for our patients, PASNAP proudly endorses state Rep. Austin Davis for Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor,” says May. “We believe he and AG Josh Shapiro will keep the needs of patients and direct care providers among their top priorities while at the helm in Harrisburg.”

“Direct care providers are the backbone of our healthcare system here in Pennsylvania, something that became even more clear during the COVID-19 crisis,” says Rep. Davis. “Over the past two years, Pennsylvanians have seen direct care providers step up to ensure that all of us receive the care we need, saving countless lives through their heroism. It is for this reason I could not be more proud to receive PASNAP's endorsement for my campaign for Lieutenant Governor, and it is my commitment that I will look out for our healthcare providers the way they look out for us every single day.”

In 2016, PASNAP endorsed Davis's running mate, sitting Attorney General Josh Shapiro, in Shapiro's inaugural race for PA Attorney General. PASNAP again endorsed Shapiro when he ran for reelection in 2020. And this year, due to his commitment to our frontline healthcare workers, to safe staffing, and to addressing and preventing violence in the workplace, PASNAP endorsed Shapiro for a third time in his bid to become the Governor of Pennsylvania in 2022.

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