

Thinking about the primary election

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 *Latest in a series of posts on candidates for election* 

The last post got me thinking.

Mayor Donchez can't run again. He's in the 8th inning of his second term. Still a good bit of time to go. And there will be important things for him to do. He won't be checking out.

But attention will inevitably turn in the next few months to the next Administration.

Gadfly posted the post below back in September.

Expectation seems to be that Councilmen Callahan and Reynolds will run for Mayor.

And who might be standing on the sidelines with hat in hand poised to throw?

And the terms of current Council members Callahan, Cramspie Smith, Negrón, and Waldron are up in 2021.

Potential for a lot of turnover.

Could/should be lively election.

Gadfly wondered in the post below where are the Republicans in this town? And Independents? And African Americans? And Latinx? And women? And LGBTQ?

Even if current election chances are slim, one could hope for candidates from such constituencies to gain experience for future elections.

Maybe more importantly right now, perhaps we should be thinking about what the key issues and priorities should be for our candidates.

Gadfly would welcome your thinking in this regard.

What needs to be done?

What do you want to see on the platforms for candidates in the May primary?

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Where are the Republicans?

Or Independents?

Gadfly is jogged to ask by this post in Bernie O'Hare's "Lehigh Valley Ramblings" the other day about the "**Bethlehem Democratic Party Machine.**"

Hoping to provide a beneficial public service, Gadfly plans to help people be the best informed voters they can be by providing info on all the candidates in next spring's election.

He's hoping there will be several Democratic candidates for Mayor, and scuttlebutt indicates there will be.

But where are the Republicans in this town? And Independents? And African Americans? And Latinx? And women? And LGBTQ?

Gadfly hopes for competition, for choice.

That's the kind of thing we gadflies live for.

Especially as he plans to retire Election Day +1.

Wants to go out with some drama!

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