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Leslie Barnes

Senior Counsel | Bolder Advocacy

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Leslie holds a BA from Purdue University and a JD from Indiana University. Before joining Alliance for Justice in 2018, Leslie spent a decade advising nonprofits and government officials on election law, campaign finance, governance and compliance issues. Before launching Barnes Legal Group, Leslie served as General Counsel in house for the State of Indiana. She now serves as Senior Counsel for the Bolder Advocacy Program at Alliance for Justice. She provides legal guidance to grant makers and nonprofits on engaging with elected officials, the public, voters, and candidates in a way that furthers their mission, encourages civic engagement and shapes public policy while complying with tax and election laws. She provides technical assistance and creates resources for tax-exempt entities.



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Rebecca holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware in International Relations and Affairs. She currently serves as a constituent advocate in the US House of Representatives for Chrissy Houlahan. An Air Force veteran, engineer, entrepreneur, and educator, Congresswoman Houlahan is the first woman to represent Pennsylvania's 6th District in Congress.



Rep. Danielle Friel Otten

Member of the PA House of Representatives

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State Representative Danielle Friel Otten was elected in November 2018 to serve as state representative for the 155th District. Prior to taking office, Danielle spent the majority of her professional career in marketing and hospitality, having served on the executive teams of some of Philadelphia's most notable hospitality brands. A mother, businesswoman and community leader, Danielle is focused on providing for strong public schools, making health care more affordable and accessible, public

safety, conservation and environmental justice, along with workforce development and family-sustaining jobs.



Josh Maxwell

Vice Chair of the Chester County Board of Commissioners

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Josh is a graduate of Downingtown High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from West Chester University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He began his term as Chester County Commissioner in January 2020. Prior to his election as Commissioner, Josh served three terms as Mayor of the Borough of

Downingtown. First elected at the age of 26, Josh was also noted as the Borough's youngest mayor. Josh is also an advocate for addiction treatment and domestic violence causes. In addition to serving in his previous mayoral position, he has worked as a USAID contractor, developing international development programs around the world, including Nigeria and Mozambique.



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Daisy serves as AccessMatters' policy and advocacy coordinator. AccessMatters is a non-profit, public health organization in Philadelphia that envisions a future where every person has the healthcare and information they need to thrive. In her role, Daisy works to protect,

expand, and enhance equitable access to sexual and reproductive health care and information for all people.