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# **Larry Farnese**

## **Senate Candidate, 1<sup>st</sup> District**

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### FARNESE ENDORSED BY LARGEST LESBIAN AND GAY ORGANIZATION

Candidate for the 1<sup>st</sup> State Senate Seat, Larry Farnese received a key endorsement last night from the influential Liberty City Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club in his run for State Senate.

“Our Senate District is one of the most diverse in Pennsylvania, and is home to the largest LGBT community in our State. I’m proud of the work I’ve done with the LGBT community and the relationships I’ve built. I’ll continue that work in the Senate and I’m glad Liberty City recognized that,” Farnese said.

Farnese won a majority of Liberty City’s endorsement votes in a three way field. He volunteered in Liberty City’s 2006 campaign to unseat ultra-conservative Senator Rick Santorum.

“I share the same ideals as the members of Liberty City,” Farnese continued, “And I’ll be proud to bring those ideals to Harrisburg.”

Portions of Farnese’s platform that Liberty City find compelling include:

- Support of legislation that eliminates Pennsylvania’s property transfer tax for same-sex couples (similar to Councilmen DiCicco and Greenlee’s legislation affecting Philadelphia’s portion of the property transfer tax)
- Support of legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in order to provide employment, housing and public accommodation protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Pennsylvanians.
- Support of same-sex marriage and any of the rights and privileges that can be gained until this ultimate goal is reached.
- Opposition to Pennsylvania’s “Defense of Marriage Act” and to any constitutional amendment seeking to define “marriage.”
- And support of increased state funding for LGBT health clinics and community centers, such as the Mazzone Center, the Attic Youth Center for teens, the William Way Community Center, and any programs that assist a growing population of LGBT seniors.

Liberty City’s mission is to mobilize the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in the election process, elect candidates concerned with and advocate for issues of importance to the LGBT community and to provide a forum for the LGBT community to interact with elected officials.

Liberty City is an all-volunteer organization that represents 30,000 members in the Philadelphia area.

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