



PFT Candidate Questionnaire

The following information was submitted to the PFT by the following candidate running for office in the May 2019 Primary Election



Candidate Name: David Oh

Party Affiliation: Republican

Office Sought: City Council At Large

Legislative Priorities

PFT Members have recently participated in a survey of their legislative priorities. We used the survey to formulate our legislative agenda for 2019. Please respond to areas of concern for PFT members, and comment on your experience/abilities addressing some of top issues.

On a 1-5 scale (5 being the most important), how important are the following issues to you as a candidate? In the comments, please identify any/all legislative solutions that you believe would address the issue.

Investment in School Facilities Funding *

How significant do you believe the \$5B in deferred maintenance for school facilities is? How central of a part of your candidacy/position in office will this issue be?

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Strongly agree and commit

Comments on Facilities Funding:

Do you support a City moratorium on charter schools? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Strongly agree and commit

Comment on city wide ability to implement increased charter oversight and/or ability to implement a charter school moratorium:

Are you in favor of modifying the 10 year tax abatement? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
No, should stay as is	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Yes, absolutely needs to be modified

Comments on your vision for the 10 year tax abatement:

Are you in favor of modifying the corporate tax structure so that wealthier businesses and individuals increase their contributions? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
No, should stay as is	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Yes, absolutely needs to be modified

Comments on your vision for taxes:

The goal of tax modification should be to increase overall revenues for the schools and encouraging more and better employment opportunities. Increasing contribution should not reduce overall revenues and reduce employment opportunities.

How important is it for you to find ways to reduce class size? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to find ways to increase support personnel? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to improve access to services for students with special needs? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to improve access to services for students who are English Language Learners? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to increase access to school counselors? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to increase access to certified school nurses? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to increase access to social services in schools?

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	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to increase access to funding for CTE programs in schools? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to increase the number of African American teachers and educators of color in our schools? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to protect the rights of workers to collectively bargain and for educators to have a fair contract? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Critical

Comments:

How important is it for you to expand the Community Schools model in Philadelphia? *

1 2 3 4 5

Not important Critical

Comments:

Expanding he Community Schools model is important in areas where it is needed.

What is your vision for public education in Philadelphia, and how have you worked (either currently in office or your current position) to promote an equity agenda in Philadelphia's schools?

I held hearings on global best practices in public education. It examined the best academic and career/vocational programs in the US and around the world. Among the expert witnesses were respected educators like Prof. Linda Darling Hammond who chaired President Obama's Education Policy Transition Team. I issued a Hearing Report on Best Practices in Education on 11/12/14. Based on it, I introduced an education reform and Charter change bill based on best practices in governance and equity. I was an early advocate of returning the School District to local control. I have voted for increased funding for schools. I introduced a bill to create a fund to reimburse teachers up to \$5,000 for purchasing necessary school items. I have selected 5 schools over the past 5 years, on behalf of a small business owner, who has provided \$27,000 in desired educational resources. I continue to advocate for good quality education, including vocational/career training and arts/technology programs, in every neighborhood public school.

What are other legislative issues of top priority for you?

I introduced a bill to take back control of on-street parking and its revenues from the Philadelphia Parking Authority. I did so after I holding a hearing on red light camera revenues and a resolution seeking an audit of PPA. PPA was taken over by the state under the premise that it would provide the School District \$45 million per year. My bill was tabled and I have worked hard to get it relisted for a final vote.

Is there anything else you would like to share with PFT members about your candidacy? What are ways you see yourself working with the PFT in office? Are there other items on our platform that you believe will be significant in your work?

I have served in Council for two terms. I am very familiar with my role and opportunities to impact our city. I introduced bills that became law with the support of my colleagues including a Veterans Hiring Tax Credit, EOP law, which allows Council to suspend payment to City funded construction projects which do not hire the requisite number of qualified minority and female skilled workers, and a law that protects mothers who wish to pump breast milk at the workplace, from harassment or termination and provides for a reasonable accommodation, whenever possible. I recently introduced a resolution to hold hearings regarding the City's duty under state law to significantly increase annual funding for Community College of Philadelphia and the opportunity for Philadelphia high school graduates to obtain a quality education at an affordable price. I expect to pass more laws in my next term.

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