

BUCKS BULLETIN

COMMISSIONERS BOB HARVIE AND DIANE MARSEGLIA: OVERSTEPPING THEIR AUTHORITY FOR POLITICS, AGAIN

In Bucks County, we take pride in our diverse community, where perspectives on various issues, including the abortion debate, vary widely. Our leadership board, which represents this diversity of ideas, includes members with strongly pro-choice and pro-life stances, as well as those in between. This reflects the rich tapestry of opinions held by Bucks County residents.

The recent endorsement of Planned Parenthood by Commissioners Bob Harvie and Diane Marseglia has brought the topic of abortion into the spotlight. Planned Parenthood, known locally for its support of the Rainbow Room, an LGBTQ youth organization, has faced criticism for hosting explicit discussions involving minors and adults, as well as providing instruction on sexually explicit topics to mixed groups of minors and adults.

Our concern arises from the fact that these commissioners, who were elected to address county-level matters, have taken a stance on private medical decisions that should ultimately be left to individuals. The authority to legislate on such issues rests with state legislatures, not county commissioners.

Bucks County deserves leaders who can engage in respectful debates without resorting to name-calling or demonization. Equally important, we deserve leaders who respect our right to make our own private medical decisions. Unfortunately, Harvie and Marseglia have previously imposed medical choices on Bucks County families during the pandemic, indicating a willingness to do so again.

We believe that our leaders should respect our choices and never overstep their legal authority. It is crucial that commissioners focus on the core responsibilities of their office, which include matters such as infrastructure, public safety, and economic development. Bucks County deserves leaders who prioritize these fundamental issues over their personal agendas.

As Bucks County residents, we value diversity of thought and respect for individual choices. We call on our commissioners to refocus their efforts on the issues within their jurisdiction, allowing Bucks County residents to make their own decisions regarding their health and well-being. Our county deserves leaders who will truly represent our best interests and who never overstep their authority for politics.



Commissioners Harvie and Marseglia on August 18, 2021, instructing meeting audience that masks were mandatory

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Commissioner Bob Harvie in a 2021 promotional video offering \$100 to Bucks County Community College students to get the COVID vaccine

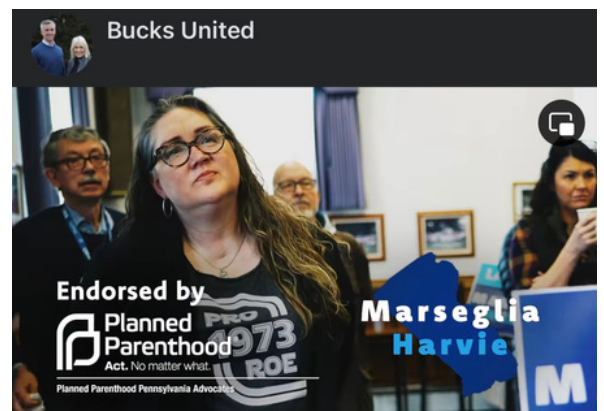


Image from a campaign advertisement, paid for by Bucks United, in which Commissioners Harvie and Marseglia articulate their stance on abortion, seeming to imply that Commissioners have the right to rule on this issue