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Philly DSA Congratulates Nikil Saval and Rick Krajewski on commanding leads achieved in early results of Tuesday's Primary Elections

Saval and Krajewski were both endorsed by Philadelphia DSA in their run for state legislative seats in Philadelphia

Philadelphia – Late Tuesday night into this morning, the returns of Tuesday's in-person voting in Pennsylvania's 2020 Primary Election showed Philly DSA-endorsed candidates **Nikil Saval (PA Senate District 1)** and **Rick Krajewski (PA House District 188)** with strong leads against established incumbent opponents. Running on platforms including a 15 dollar minimum wage, increased social spending, criminal justice reform, as well as support for Medicare for All and the Green New Deal, Saval and Krajewski inspired a groundswell of support among Philadelphians in this moment of unprecedented crisis.

In a unanimous vote by the general membership of Philly DSA, the organization decided to endorse Saval and Krajewski earlier this year. Since then, Philly DSA members supported the candidates by knocking on 2,000 doors before quarantine, and then making more than 10,200 phone calls to their neighbors and fellow Philadelphians, demonstrating the power that a grassroots organizing project can wield even when constricted by a major pandemic. Through election day, member volunteers in Philly DSA acted as front-line organizers for both candidates and their bold agendas. While a large number of mail-in ballots remain outstanding, the people-powered

approach that Philly DSA employed for Saval and Krajewski has delivered both candidates advantageous leads with the in-person ballot count and strong positions to clinch victory when all results are in.

“I’d like to congratulate Nikil and Rick for these impressive results, which have shocked the political establishment even in the early returns,” said **Kilynn Lunsford, Chair of Philadelphia DSA’s Electoral Committee**. “As candidates, Rick and Nikil embody the principles of a political movement that puts working people first. Philly DSA is proud of the campaigns that these two have run, and especially proud of the role we were able to play in bolstering their candidacies.”

Philly DSA is a local chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America, the largest and fastest growing socialist organization in the United States. The Philadelphia chapter includes over 1,000 dues-paying members. They are a member-funded, member-run, and democratic organization that fights for a political agenda that puts working people at the center. Their work includes electoral campaigns, policy initiatives, and collaboration with the organized labor movement.

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