

# DURBIN & KAFFERLIN

## *for Warren County Commissioner*

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#### Republicans Durbin & Kafferlin Announce Candidacy for County Commissioner Positions

Warren, Pennsylvania – After filing his petitions for nomination on Monday, Commissioner Ben Kafferlin announced that he is seeking a second term. In a unique move, he and Tricia Durbin are running together for the two Republican nominations for the Warren County Board of Commissioners. Durbin also filed petitions on Monday.

Durbin has worked as a financial director for over 20 years in the Warren community. She has vast experience managing large budgets in both the nonprofit healthcare and energy sectors. Tricia has been an active part of leadership in achieving outstanding organizational performance.

“My private sector experience in the financial arena, coupled with Ben’s proven track record of accomplishments over the last three years, will move Warren County into a 21st century marketplace,” said Durbin. “With input from the community, we will define our collective future and jointly achieve it. We believe our best days are ahead.”

A community advocate, she has served on many boards, including the Warren Redevelopment Authority, United Fund of Warren County, Hospice of Warren County, Zonta of Warren County, Family Services of Warren County, and more. Durbin resides in the City of Warren with her husband, Rick Seager, near one of their daughters and three grandchildren.

Kafferlin is completing his first term as Commissioner. He was integrally involved in redeveloping property for the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College and the future Innovault Coworking space. In the last two years, he has led on critical initiatives for emergency responders. He is also the first Warren County Commissioner to ever complete the requirements for the County Commissioner Association of Pennsylvania’s *Academy for Excellence in County Government*, a three-year certificate program.

Kafferlin said, “I am thrilled to run with Tricia. I think she brings much needed fiscal management experience and a fresh perspective. I believe in surrounding yourself with people better than yourself. For me, that’s Tricia. We come from different but complementary backgrounds, and together, we will be much stronger than either of us would be individually.”

Kafferlin hails from Spring Creek, where his family's roots go back two centuries. An active member of over a dozen boards, he serves on the Workforce Development Board, Northwest Commission, Rouse Estate, Salvation Army, EMS Council, Local Emergency Preparedness Committee, and more. A member of Spring Creek VFD, he serves as a firefighter / first responder, as well as president or vice president for the last three years. A *magna cum laude* graduate from Ashland University, he studied Political Science, Economics and Business Management.

The two candidates intend to focus their efforts on hi-tech manufacturing, workforce development and technical career education, among other areas of concern, including public safety, criminal justice, and behavioral health. "I hope to facilitate economic growth that enables my grandchildren to stay here and find meaningful employment," said Durbin. More information about the candidates can be found at [www.revitalizewarren.co](http://www.revitalizewarren.co).

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