



**Forks Township
Democratic Committee**

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*******PRESS RELEASE*******

WIDEMAN AND GIOIA KICK-OFF WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN IN FORKS TOWNSHIP

At their April meeting the Forks Democratic Committee endorsed two write-in Primary candidates for Township Supervisor.

James Wideman, local business owner and activist, will campaign with Lilly Gioia, a past President of the Lehigh Valley Business & Professional Women's organization, in the May 19, 2009 Primary election.

Both committed to building the Township's tax base by growing responsible business development, and protecting the quality of life our residents value, Gioia and Wideman will bring a wealth of experience to the Forks Board of Supervisors.

Concern over preventing sprawl, irresponsible development and preserving Forks natural environment united Wideman and Gioia as they begin a write-in effort. "We look forward to bringing a message of innovative, accountable government to Forks Township voters," Wideman said, noting that he and Gioia planned to campaign as a team.

Having served as a member of the Northampton County Election Commission, Gioia has been a long time supporter of women becoming more active in government. "In these tough economic times I hope to use my knowledge of both business and government to serve the seniors and families who are neighbors and friends in my own home town," Gioia said.

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