



## American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update

### Seeking to Expose Attacks on Faith, Family and Freedom with a few wins thrown in!

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#### **Check Our Recent Interview**

Nick Reaves -Beckett Fund for Religious Liberty - Philly's attack on adoption agencies

#### **News From Around PA**

Two Democrat **Allegheny County Council** members went down in defeat to two who are even more liberal than them! Olivia 'Liv' Bennett, who supports men in women's prisons, opposes talk therapy for minors with unwanted same-sex attraction and religious liberty laws says, "I am quite the community activist. I'm in the streets for any and everything from Antwon Rose to Tree of Life."

On May 31<sup>st</sup> the Erie County Department of Health, **UPMC Hamot and TransFamily of NWPA** will present the LGBTQ+ Health Provider Symposium at Crystal Ballroom at the Ambassador Banquet and Conference Center in Erie.

**PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro** is targeting the Little Sisters of the Poor, ignoring

the 2016 US Supreme Court ruling, an Executive Order and a new rule that protects non-profit religious organizations from the HHS contraception mandate. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments in the case this week.

The LGBT group **Pennsylvania Youth Congress** has seven new board members. There are now three professional drag queens on their board: Andrew Oddgenus, Alonva Chest and Trixy Valentine.

#### **News From National Scene**

A federal judge in Mississippi has temporarily blocked a **heartbeat law** which was set to take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It would ban abortions at about six weeks. He wrote it "threatens immediate harm to women's rights, especially considering most women do not seek abortion services until after [six] weeks." It "prevents a woman's free choice, which is central to personal dignity and autonomy."

The US Supreme Court (SCOTUS) has blocked lower court rulings that invalidated Ohio's **congressional district map** and Michigan's maps for

congressional and state legislative districts. SCOTUS is considering similar cases in North Carolina and Maryland.

The **San Francisco Board of Education** is considering removing a mural of George Washington from a local school. The mural also depicts slaves and Native Americans and was painted in 1936 by an artist who was to the "left of his own time" and who wanted to depict Washington in a less glamorous way. However, the Board views it differently and calls it offensive and claims it "traumatizes students."

The Texas House has passed a **"Save Chick-fil-A bill,"** which does not allow the government to take "any adverse action" against any contractor, individual, or business because of their religious beliefs.

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