

## Candidate Statements for 2020 Pennsylvania Council Representative

Candidate: Mark Spada

Candidate Residence: Pittsburgh

Candidate Status: Incumbent

**Why are you interested in serving in a NARP/RPA Leadership Position?**

As a long-time RPA council member, I want to help the organization continue to advocate for an improved and expanded national passenger rail system.

**If elected to a Council position, what are the primary goals you personally would pursue?**

My primary goals are to assist RPA in its efforts to increase funding for Amtrak, particularly for new equipment, and advocate for enhanced revenue generation initiatives by Amtrak.

**What is your passenger rail advocacy experience?**

I am President of Western Pennsylvanians for Passenger Rail (WPPR) which has been actively advocating for additional service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg since 2012. This includes meeting with and providing information to numerous state legislators, local governments, civic leaders and business/economic development organizations.