

Vote411 Voters' Mini-Guide

General Election November 8, 2022

Pennsylvania US Representative District 17

The New District 17 contains:

- **Part of ALLEGHENY County consisting of** the TOWNSHIPS of Aleppo, Baldwin, Collier, Crescent, East Deer, Fawn, Findlay, Frazer, Hampton, Harmar, Harrison, Indiana, Kennedy, Kilbuck, Leet, Marshall, McCandless, Moon, Mount Lebanon, Neville, North Fayette, O'Hara, Ohio, Penn Hills, Pine, Reserve, Richland, Robinson, Ross, Scott, Shaler, South Fayette, Springdale, Stowe and West Deer and the BOROUGHs of Aspinwall, Avalon, Bell Acres, Bellevue, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Blawnox, Brackenridge, Braddock Hills, Bradford Woods, Carnegie, Castle Shannon, Cheswick, Churchill, Coraopolis, Crafton, Dormont, Edgewood, Edgeworth, Emsworth, Etna, Forest Hills, Fox Chapel, Franklin Park, Glen Osborne, Glenfield, Green Tree, Haysville, Heidelberg, Ingram, Leetsdale, McDonald (Allegheny County Portion), McKees Rocks, Millvale, Oakdale, Oakmont, Pennsbury Village, Rossllyn Farms, Sewickley, Sewickley Heights, Sewickley Hills, Sharpsburg, Springdale, Swissvale (PART, Districts 02 (all blocks except 2014, 2015, 3007, 3008, 3009 and 3010 of tract 515100), 03, 04 and 05), Tarentum, Thornburg, Verona, West View and Wilkinsburg and
- **All of BEAVER County.**

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To vote in this election, you must register by October 24, 2022.

Description of office: *The US Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of Representatives from each state, elected in proportion to population. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives, with 17 Representatives allotted to Pennsylvania after the 2020 census. A US Representative must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and be a resident of the state they seek to represent at the time of the election (though not necessarily the same district). The House of Representatives is responsible for introducing and voting on bills, resolutions and amendments, and for approving the budget. Representatives also serve on various policy committees. The House may send Articles of Impeachment of elected officials to the Senate and elects the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.*

Chris Deluzio

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Occupation: Lawyer

Education: Bishop Canevin High School, U.S. Naval Academy, Georgetown Law

Qualifications: Iraq War veteran, Voting rights attorney, union organizer

Campaign Website: <http://www.chrisforpa.com>

Campaign Facebook URL: <http://www.facebook.com/ChrisforPA>

Campaign Twitter URL: <http://twitter.com/ChrisForPA>



Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: My desire to serve in Congress is animated by a core principle that we should be fighting for our common good. We should be fighting for a vibrant economy that leaves no one behind, not a system that rewards corporations and the ultra wealthy. These are values that I will bring to Congress and guide my decisions serving the people of Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District.

Q: *What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?*

A: As a voting rights attorney, I deeply understand what is at stake; threats to our right to vote and our democracy are dire. In states under GOP control, Republicans are erecting hurdles to voting, locking in majorities through gerrymandered maps, and taking advantage of our post-Citizens United campaign finance landscape. I know these issues (elections, especially) well from my work at Pitt Cyber and the Brennan Center, and I would hope to continue much of the good work that's been done on bills like the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Q: *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?*

A: I absolutely support federal investment to create and support new union energy jobs and believe that regions like mine -- which are energy-producing regions most likely to be impacted by the shift away from fossil fuels -- ought to benefit from federal resources to combat the climate crisis. That investment must also be buoyed by climate resilience investments from Washington. And we should be looking every single day for ways to create union jobs that improve our air and water quality: projects like capping abandoned wells and research into carbon and methane capture and hydrogen. And I'll work to make sure that nuclear energy remains a strong and viable part of our energy mix as the path to decarbonizing accelerates.

Q: *How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?*

A: I saw firsthand the costs of a war that we never should have fought (Iraq), and committed myself to work hard to make sure we never again commit such a folly. I have seen far too many fellow veterans suffer with the pain of their service, and so I have worked to use my law degree to serve them: as a mentor in Allegheny County's veterans treatment court and through pro bono work with the Veterans Consortium. We must be judicious in sending Americans to fight and die abroad, and I will not support sending your children or mine into another 'Forever War' when there are other options available to protect American interests. We should support democracy and freedom abroad, provide American diplomatic leadership, and stand strong with allies.

Jeremy Shaffer

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Occupation: Software Engineer. Business Founder & Entrepreneur.

Education: Carnegie Mellon University (Ph.D. and Master's Degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering National Science and Defense Fellowship-U.S. Navy). Tulane University (Bachelors' Degrees in Computer Science and Computer Engineering – Valedictorian of Engineering School).

Qualifications: Former Ross Township Commissioner and Board President

Campaign Website: <http://www.JeremyShaffer.com>

Campaign Facebook URL: <http://www.facebook.com/shaffer4pa>

Campaign Twitter URL: <http://twitter.com/JeremyShafferPA>

Link to position on abortion:

<http://jewishchronicle.timesofisrael.com/meet-17th-district-congressional-candidate-jeremy-shaffer/>



Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: The biggest issue we face is our out-of-control national debt, which surpassed \$30 trillion this year. This debt puts an unbelievable burden on our children and grandchildren. We must reign in spending and act now to get America's fiscal house in order before it's too late. I will put Pennsylvania families first, invest in our infrastructure, keep our communities safe, advance economic reforms, empower parents and local schools, defend our freedoms, and put aside partisan politics to work for you. I will cosponsor and vote for term limit legislation when elected so that we can put an end to career politicians.

Q: *What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?*

A: The American people deserve to feel fully confident in the outcome of our elections. In Congress, I will stand against power grabs that would undermine election integrity and voting rights. Free and fair elections are at the core of any functional democracy.

Q: *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?*

A: It's important to protect our environment, preserve green space, and allow everyone to breathe clean air. We have done much to make our Pittsburgh area cleaner and greener; however, there is still more to do. As a volunteer for the National Park Service and a longtime member of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Friends of the Riverfront, I have always been a strong advocate for clean air and clean water, and you can expect nothing less from me as your Congressman. I do believe we can have vibrant industry and a clean environment -- it's not an either/or choice.

Q: *How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?*

A: While Russia is wreaking havoc, China is still the greatest foreign threat facing America. We need leaders willing to stand up to the Chinese Communist Party, end our dependence on China, and bring home the manufacturing of essential products. We need to stop taking a short-term view of China and develop a long-term strategy.