

Vote411 Voters' Mini-Guide

General Election November 8, 2022

Pennsylvania US Representative District 12

The New District 12 contains:

- **Part of ALLEGHENY County consisting of** the CITIES of Clairton, Duquesne, McKeesport and Pittsburgh and the TOWNSHIPS of Elizabeth, Forward, North Versailles, South Park, South Versailles, Upper St. Clair and Wilkins and the BOROUGHs of Baldwin, Bethel Park, Braddock, Brentwood, Bridgeville, Chalfant, Dravosburg, East McKeesport, East Pittsburgh, Elizabeth, Glassport, Homestead, Jefferson Hills, Liberty, Lincoln, Monroeville, Mount Oliver, Munhall, North Braddock, Pitcairn, Pleasant Hills, Plum, Port Vue, Rankin, Swissvale (PART, Districts 01, 02 (only blocks 2014, 2015, 3007, 3008, 3009 and 3010 of tract 515100), 06, 07, 08, 09, 10 and 11), Trafford (Allegheny County Portion), Turtle Creek, Versailles, Wall, West Elizabeth, West Homestead, West Mifflin, Whitaker, White Oak, Whitehall and Wilmerding and,
- **Part of WESTMORELAND County consisting of** the CITY of Jeannette and the TOWNSHIPS of Hempfield (PART, Districts East Adamsburg, High Park, Lincoln Heights West, Middletown (all blocks except 1000, 1001, 1004, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1026, 1027 and 1055 of tract 804701, blocks 1015, 2018 and 2019 of tract 804804 and blocks 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004 of tract 804901), Wegley, Wendel Herm and West Hempfield), North Huntingdon, Penn, Sewickley and South Huntingdon (PART, District Yukon) and the BOROUGHs of Adamsburg, Arona, Export, Irwin, Madison, Manor, Murrysburg, North Irwin, Penn, Sutersville and Trafford (Westmoreland County Portion).

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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.*

Summer Lee

Party: Democratic

Biographical Info:

Occupation: State Representative

Education: Summer is a proud graduate of Woodland Hills High School, Penn State, and Howard University School of Law.

Qualifications: Summer is an organizer, attorney, advocate and two-term state representative for PA's 34th HD, the first Black woman ever elected to the legislature from Western Pennsylvania, the founder/chair of UNITE, a grassroots PAC that has helped elect progressives region-wide, up and down ballot.

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

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

Campaign Twitter URL: <http://www.twitter.com/SummerforPA>



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: In Congress, I'll bring upon the same values and track record I've been dedicated to as an organizer, advocate, and state legislator - bringing broad coalitions of folks together for environmental, racial, and economic justice, so we can win real victories for all working people. This means a just transition to a clean energy economy, tackling our climate crisis, taking on corporate polluters and ensuring clean air and water for all. It means supporting/strengthening unions, raising the minimum wages, passing paid family and sick leave, protecting workers' and their rights to organize with the PRO Act, passing Medicare for All, challenging mass incarceration and passing police accountability measures.

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

A: Not only must we end racist voter ID and suppression laws, restore the full power of the Voting Rights Act, and end gerrymandering, but we must go farther and provide every person in our country with the right to vote - from previously incarcerated people to immigrants, everyone deserves a voice in our democracy. Congress should be making it easier to vote, not harder, that means automatic voter registration, nationwide early and mail voting, federal holidays for election days, and same day voter registration. As long as corporations can funnel billions into elections, our democracy will continue to belong to the highest bidder - we must pass comprehensive campaign finance reform and end Citizens United.

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

A: We must pass a Green New Deal through a just transition to a 100% clean and renewable energy economy, centered in good-paying union jobs, with strong protections for workers and frontline communities who've borne the brunt of environmental racism. This includes ending fracking, which poses a disproportionate threat to communities like the Mon Valley community where I was born and raised, and which I represent today. We must hold corporate polluters accountable, invest in infrastructure to mitigate impacts from extreme weather events, landslides and erosion, fix aging and or lead pipes, and ensure clean water for all, to ensure a livable future for this and future generations.

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

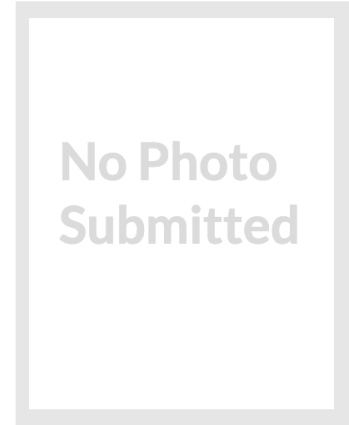
A: I believe in a human rights and diplomacy centered approach to foreign policy. This means moving diplomatic solutions like the new version of the JCPOA/Iran Deal forward, and building a clean energy economy, away from Big Oil and the authoritarians who control the wells. Instead of giving the Pentagon billions for private weapons contractors and endless war, we must pass budgets that prioritize people (education, health care, infrastructure, housing and more). We must create a functional, humane, inclusive immigration policy, starting with comprehensive immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship, welcoming asylum-seekers and stopping brutal and discriminatory policies around detention, family separation, and deportation.

Mike Doyle

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

This Candidate Did Not Respond



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A: - no response -

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A: - no response -

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A: - no response -