



# **Voters Guide General Election November 8, 2022**

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This guide lists all candidates for the November 8, 2022, General Election for  
U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representatives in Congress, State Senators in even-num-  
bered districts, State Representatives, Special Election candidates for Pittsburgh City Council District 5.  
Ballot questions for residents of Allegheny County and Wilkinsburg.

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## FOR ELECTION INFORMATION:

Contact your county Board of Elections or visit Vote.PA.gov. The League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh also provides election information. Call 412-261-4284 with any questions, or visit our website at [www.lwvpgh.org](http://www.lwvpgh.org)

## ABOUT THIS GUIDE:

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This guide lists all candidates whose names will appear on the November 8, 2022 ballot in Allegheny County. They are listed according to their ballot order. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement or non-endorsement of any candidate, party, or initiative by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund.

The party of the governor is, by practice, given the first position on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

## ABSENTEE VOTING:

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. **Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020 election must be received by the county election office by 5**

**p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be postmarked by 8 p.m. November 3 and received by the county election office by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 6 to be counted.**

## EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING:

If an emergency arises (such as an unexpected illness or disability or last-minute absence) after the Tuesday application deadline, call the county Board of Elections for information on the Emergency Alternative Ballot. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 8 P.M. on November 1. If it is too late to mail your emergency application or ballot, you will also need to complete a designated agent form to allow someone else to hand deliver your ballot to and from the Board of Elections. These forms are available online at <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/resources.aspx>

## ACCESSIBILITY:

- **Disability:** Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections located at 542 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219 Room 604 (412-350-4500).

- **English Proficiency:** If you are not proficient in English, you may bring someone with you into the voting

booth to assist you in voting. This person cannot be your employer or the judge of elections.

## MAIL-IN VOTING:

Voters have the option to vote by mail without providing any reason or excuse. To apply online, go to [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov). Contact the county election office to request a paper application. Applications for a mail-in ballot must be received by your county election office by 5 pm on November 1. Completed mail-in ballots must be **received** by the county election office by 8 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. **Postmarks do not count.**

## FIND YOUR NEW DISTRICTS:

**Pennsylvania has 3 new political maps** defining district boundaries for Pennsylvania's US Congressional seats, and the Pennsylvania State Representatives and State Senators who serve in Harrisburg. These maps were created using the 2020 US Census data, as required by the US and PA Constitutions. There are several online tools, including [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) and [vote.pa.org](http://vote.pa.org) where you can enter your address and find your district numbers. Brief text descriptions of the districts are also given below along with the candidate information for each race.

## FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE:

The November 8 election will be held at your usual polling place. The new district maps did not affect the location of polling places. A few polling places may change for other reasons, as happens every year. If your polling place has been relocated, you will receive a postcard from the Allegheny County Elections Division. To determine the location of your polling place, contact the Allegheny County Elections Division at 412-350-4500 or go to [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov).

## WRITE-IN VOTING:

Information for write-in voting will be available at the polling place as well as printed on your main-in or absentee ballot. You are not allowed to use stickers or paste-on labels for write-in candidates because the ballot scanning machines cannot read them and may become jammed. The law now says that write-in names may be written or stamped.

## ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS:

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the County Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not

and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the County Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively you can ask for, and vote, by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

**If you have any questions or need to report any problems, call 1-866-687-8683 or the Allegheny County Elections Division at 412-350-4500.**

## IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS:

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time then you must bring your **voter ID card OR a photo ID** such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government issued ID. **Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable** such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

**If you are not a new voter and are not voting at your polling place for the first time, you are NOT required to bring or provide identification.**

## ON-LINE VOTERS GUIDE:

The Vote411 Online Voters Guide is available at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). Links to this guide as well as links to Vote411 and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage: [www.palwv.org](http://www.palwv.org) and the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh website: [www.lwvpgh.org](http://www.lwvpgh.org)

**When there's a vacuum in our democracy, when we don't vote, when we take our basic rights and freedoms for granted, when we turn away and stop paying attention and stop engaging and stop believing and look for the newest diversion, ... then other voices fill the void. A politics of fear and resentment and retrenchment takes hold.**

**- Barack Obama, Former U.S. President**



## PENNSYLVANIA U.S. SENATOR

**Description of office:** The US Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of 100 members (two Senators from each state). One third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years. Senators must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years and be a resident of the State from which s/he is chosen at the time of the election. Senators write and vote in favor of or against final bills and serve on various policy committees. The Senate has several exclusive powers not granted to the House, including advice/consent on presidential nominations and treaties and conducting the trial of federal officials impeached by the House.

**Term:** 6 years

**Salary:** \$174,000

## DEMOCRATIC

(Vote for One)

JOHN FETTERMAN

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania

**Education:** Albright College, B.S. 1991 University of Connecticut, M.B.A. 1993 Harvard University Kennedy School, M.P.P. 1999

**Qualifications:** Risk-Management Insurance Underwriter, Chubb & Son 1993-1994 Member, AmeriCorps 1995-1997 Program Coordinator, Braddock Out-Of-School Youth 2001-2007 Founder & President, Braddock Redux 2003-2017 Mayor of the Borough of Braddock, 2006-2019 Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania, 2019-Present

**Campaign Website:** <http://johnfetterman.com/>

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

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/JohnFetterman>

Link to position on abortion: <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/2022/07/01/naral-pro-choice-america-endorses-john-fetterman-for-u-s-senate-in-pennsylvania/>

**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:** Among my top issues are tackling income inequality and economic injustices; raising wages and benefits for working families; reforming the criminal justice system; codifying Roe v. Wade into federal law; passing anti-discrimination protections for the LGBTQ+ community; protecting and expanding the right to vote; and protecting and expanding the union way of life.

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

**A:** I would strongly support legislation in Congress, such as the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, the For the People Act, and the Freedom to Vote Act, which aim to expand voting rights. It is important that we make it easier for people to vote, eliminate dark money in politics, and knock down restrictions that marginalize voters, mostly voters of color. I would proudly eliminate the filibuster to do it. In the aftermath of the 2020 elections, I was removed from the floor of the PA state Senate after resisting Republican efforts to refuse to seat Senator Jim Brewster after he fairly won his election. We must enshrine the right to vote into federal law to stop Republicans from undermining it, and as Senator I will do everything to make that happen.

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

**A:** Climate change is an existential threat, and we need to transition to clean energy as quickly as possible. I have never taken a dime from the fossil fuel industry, and I never will. It's a totally false choice that we have to choose between jobs and a clean environment. We can have both, that's why I am always going to fight for creating thousands upon thousands of good-paying green union jobs as we



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transition, all while increasing our energy independence. My plan for the transition to clean energy starts with immediate investments into research and development and innovation; expanding renewable energy sources; and ensuring clean transportation infrastructure; and investing in environmental justice measures.

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

**A:** I am very happy that President Biden is rebuilding the US's standing in the international community after former President Trump damaged it so much. As a world leader, America must first and foremost ensure proper diplomatic relations, protect its allies, and engage in vigorous diplomacy across the globe. In addition, where there is a need, and to the extent that we can, America must help. That includes accepting refugees fleeing war in their countries, or providing humanitarian aid, military aid, and other support to countries like Ukraine that are defending themselves from attacks on their sovereignty by brutal dictators like Putin.

## REPUBLICAN

MEHMET OZ

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Montgomery

**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:** Candidate did not respond.

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

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

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

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

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

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## LIBERTARIAN

ERIK GERHARDT

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Montgomery

**Occupation:** master carpenter

**Education:** high school diploma

**Campaign Website:** <http://erik4pa.com>

**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/erik4pa>

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/erik4senate>

[erik4senate?t=S4tVUuPbGdYSsknEZDoWQ&s=09h](http://twitter.com/erik4senate/status/1555299114857938946?s=19)

Link to position on abortion: <http://twitter.com/erik4senate/status/1555299114857938946?s=19>

**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 economy is my main issue. i would like to build small business incentives to grow the small business industry. i will work with both sides to accommodate my plans and start a true tri-partisan way forward.

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

**A:** I will back legislation that makes id for voting and add in blockchain technologies to secure elections.

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

**A:** I will not support bills that move away from free market capitalism



ERIK GERHARDT

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

**A:** we need to renegotiate nato or flat out leave it as it serves no purpose.

## GREEN

RICHARD L. WEISS

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Lawyer

**Education:** B.A. University of Pittsburgh; J.D. University of Denver; LL.M. American University; M.B.A. University of Chicago

**Qualifications:** I am born and raised in Pennsylvania. My parents owned Weiss Bakery in the Brentwood boro of Pittsburgh. My first job as an attorney

was for the federal government in the General Counsel's Office of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Washington, D.C. and I have worked overseas

**Campaign Website:** <http://greenslate2022.com>

**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/richard.weiss.1485537>

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/RichardLWeiss>

Link to position on abortion: <http://ivoterguide.com/candidate?elecK=778&raceK=11199&canK=56347&>

**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 Covid-19 pandemic underlines the need for universal healthcare. Many who lose their job cannot afford to maintain their health insurance. In the modern gig economy, many do not receive health insurance through their employer. They may face the choice of paying for rent or healthcare, but not both. Current health insurance has too many deductibles, copays and limitations on coverage. Employers who provide healthcare will benefit from Medicare for All by having costs reduced. Employers who do not provide healthcare will benefit from Medicare for All by having healthier workers. Medicare for All costs less for better care. Also, Ranked Choice Voting eliminates any so-called "spoiler effect." See [ballotpedia.org/Ranked-choice\\_voting\\_\(RCV\)](http://ballotpedia.org/Ranked-choice_voting_(RCV)).

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

**A:** Every citizen should be registered to vote at birth or be allowed to register on the spot at the polling station. If they do not have photo ID then there should be a fingerprint reader available and they should be allowed to vote after giving their fingerprint. The fingerprint readers can be connected nationwide and eliminate any chance of double voting. They should be allowed to vote first and any objections they are not entitled to vote could be filed after they vote first. Voting by mail should be allowed. Make Election Day a holiday. Paper ballots. Hand marked. On camera. The hand count on camera is the official count. Ballots on camera from the time they enter the polling place as blanks to the time they're completely counted.

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

**A:** The latest UN report on climate change underscores the need to immediately make all efforts to stop emissions of greenhouse gases. This can be accomplished through a "just transition" to renewable energy that provides jobs, and does not cause cancer like mining and burning fossil fuels. The technology exists today. All we need to do is implement it. The first step is to halt fracking which is ruining the water and health of Pennsylvania. Fossil fuels provide fewer jobs which



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are temporary, produce more expensive energy, leave behind environmental disasters and cause cancer. Renewable energy provides more and permanent jobs, produces cheaper energy, preserves the environment and doesn't cause cancer. Cancer is a high tax to pay.

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

**A:** Negotiate peace in Ukraine, reduce overseas bases to pre-9/11 levels, bring troops home and spend that money at home. Climate change is the greatest national security threat. We should not be afraid of China and engage with them on an equal basis to reduce tensions. Stop funding terrorists and pass the Stop Arming Terrorists bill proposed by Tulsi Gabbard. The U.S. promoted radical Islamic fundamentalism in Afghanistan to fight against Russia, which was a violation of American values. Freedom of contract is a fundamental Constitutional right including the right not to purchase, i.e. boycott. Create a Palestinian state. End U.S. support for the war in Yemen. Transition to renewable energy as quickly as possible. [www.GP.org/platform](http://www.GP.org/platform).

## KEYSTONE

DANIEL WASSMER

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Pike

**Occupation:** Attorney / College Professor

**Education:** BA, MBA, JD

**Qualifications:** Former appointee to the DRJTBC, Assistant County Solicitor, Lecturer on Law, Government and International Business issues.

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.wassmer4pa.com>

**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/Wassmer4USSenate>

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://www.twitter.com/4wassmer>

Link to position on abortion: <http://www.wassmer4pa.com/about---my-positions>

### 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:** To list all of my major concerns would be virtually impossible nevertheless there are numerous issues that I have detailed on my website. Each is quite important to me. Simply prioritizing one over the other minimizes the importance and impact of a number of very important issues. So for the sake of avoiding a declaration that I am specifically focused on one issue as opposed to a variety of interrelated issues seems more appropriate to my approach. To deal with the plethora of issues I would have to work with other like minded individuals and extend invitations to all who would be inclined to participate. Please visit my website to read more exacting responses to each inquiry in this questionnaire.

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

**A:** Suppressive behavior, long a problem in the US generally starts with a variety of fully constructed problems by the two major political parties. This has actually created an atmosphere ripe for "losers" to disparage results and seek to "mob"ilize any ideologue who will listen! The sad state of buying into the perception that any particular candidate is somehow their sole acting "savior" and the opponent is actually the "enemy" of democracy absolutely undermines the ideals we as US citizens ought to be striving for. Unfortunately both parties play this dangerous game and for quite some time have done so in a concerted fashion. To resolve "voting impediments" we need to have an honest discussion and create ease of access for voters.

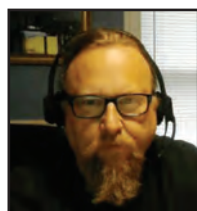
**Q:** *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you*

*support to mitigate climate change?*

**A:** First we need a dialogue to convince even former environmental science majors such as myself that we actually are dealing with a real problem. As a student at one of the first "environmental science" universities in the US I was handed a theoretical paper known as the "Global 2000 report". The report commissioned by the Carter administration had one of the first references to the theories of "acid rain" as well as "global warming". For almost 40 years I have followed "the science" (empirical data) via actual reliable sources including: NASA, NOAA, various colleges and university studies and have asked pertinent questions related to this issue. To date these have not been satisfactorily answered. Remedies should not be potential harms.

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

**A:** I have listened to and follow the guidance of University of Chicago International policy Professor John Joseph Mearsheimer. Mearsheimer takes a realist view of international policy. While the US plays an important role in international leadership we also need to disconnect from having our international policy guided by the military industrial complex which often times pushes policy in the direction of improper interventionist fiascos. In addition I would note that a role of the US senate is to be engaged in advising and consenting to US treaties. I remain appalled at the leadership of both the republican and democratic parties at sidestepping those checks and balances and merely ruling by proclamation in the field of treaty making, etc..



DANIEL WASSMER

## PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR

**Description of office:** The Governor is the chief executive officer of the Commonwealth, executing the laws of the state through Executive Agencies. A Governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a US citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he manages the financial affairs of the state and must annually present a balanced budget to the General Assembly. The Governor has extensive appointive powers, may recommend legislation, and signs or vetoes bills passed by both houses of the General Assembly (subject to 2/3 override). S/he is Commander-in-Chief of the state National Guard, except when they are called into the actual service of the United States. The Governor can grant reprieves, pardons, and paroles. The holder of this office may only be reelected once.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$213,026

**Vote for the candidates of ONE PARTY for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.**

## DEMOCRATIC

JOSH SHAPIRO

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Montgomery

**Occupation:** Attorney General of Pennsylvania

**Education:** University of Rochester, BA; Georgetown University Law Center, JD

**Qualifications:** Whether as a State Rep., the leader of PA's third-largest county, or Attorney General, I've brought people together to get things done. As Governor, I'll continue to tackle the challenges facing Pennsylvanians and will move our Commonwealth forward.

**Campaign Website:** <http://joshshapiro.org>

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



JOSH SHAPIRO

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/joshshapiro>

### 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:** As Governor, my top priorities are creating opportunity for Pennsylvania children by improving our education system, building a stronger economy by creating jobs, cutting taxes and lowering costs, and making our communities safer all across the Commonwealth. In order to move Pennsylvania forward and build a better future for our children, we must work together to achieve these key priorities. Throughout my career—and every day as Attorney General—I work hard to bring people together, solve problems, and get things done for Pennsylvania. As Governor, I will continue to do just that so that we can solve our biggest problems—because that's how we will deliver results for people across our Commonwealth and move Pennsylvania forward.

**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?*

**A:** Defending democracy is the foundation for making progress in Pennsylvania. I believe that if we want to grow our economy, improve our schools, and make our communities safer, then we need a stable democracy where all Pennsylvanians' voices can be heard. As Governor, I will continue my work to ensure voters have access to the ballot box and that every legal vote is counted in every election. That's why I released a ten-step plan to defend democracy, ensure access to the ballot, and improve our elections by appointing a pro-democracy Secretary of State, allowing counties to pre-canvass and cure ballots, establishing automatic voter registration and early in-person voting, and vetoing any attempt to restrict mail-in voting in Pennsylvania.

**Q:** *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

**A:** Throughout my entire career, I have worked to defend Pennsylvanians' constitutional right to clean air and pure water—and as Governor, I will continue that work by investing in clean energy and clean transportation, adopting the 2020 Grand Jury Report recommendations to minimize health hazards arising from fracking, plugging orphaned and abandoned oil and gas wells, and addressing lead contamination in order to keep protecting Pennsylvania's environment. As Governor, my priority will be ensuring Pennsylvania has a comprehensive climate and energy policy that protects consumers, creates jobs, capitalizes on our strength as an energy hub, safeguards our environment, and moves our Commonwealth forward.

**Q:** *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

**A:** Every Pennsylvanian deserves to feel safe at home, at school, and in their community—and I know we can achieve that while upholding Pennsylvanians' rights and traditions. Throughout my career, I have worked with my colleagues in law enforcement and with local communities across our Commonwealth to fight gun violence and keep Pennsylvanians safe, taking thousands of illegal guns off our streets, shutting down gun trafficking rings, and working to close the ghost gun loophole. As Governor, I will support common sense gun legislation to close background check loopholes, keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals, and work with the legislature to increase funding for gun safety training programs.



## REPUBLICAN

### DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Franklin

**Occupation:** Senator

**Education:** PhD, History; Masters Strategic Intelligence; Masters Airpower Theory; Masters Military Operational Art; Masters Strategic Studies, Bachelor of Arts, History

**Qualifications:** 1986-Commissioned in the US Army, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (2ACR) on the Iron Curtain, 2ACR Desert Storm in Iraq, Afghanistan (three deployments), Senior leader of NATO unit in Afghanistan comprised of 18 nations, Award winning author, Professor of Army War College (Carlisle)

**Campaign Website:** <http://doug4gov.com>

**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/Fight4pa>

#### 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:** Infrastructure, Energy Production, Road / Transportation Improvements, School Choice, the Right to Life

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Voter ID, Poll Watcher Protection, Increased Penalties for violating voting law, Repeal Act 77

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** I'm an Eagle Scout and respect the environment - we are stewards of the land

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Uphold the constitutional protections delineated in our state and federal constitutions



DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO

## GREEN

### CHRISTINA DIGIULIO

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Chester

**Occupation:** Scientist (analytical chemist)

**Education:** BS Biology-Chemistry

**Qualifications:** Community watchdog and organizer, Research and Development scientist for ORISE, DoD & its contractors, USP. Contract Officer Representative and DoD Acquisition Certified, SPRDE -SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MGR LEVEL 2

**Campaign Website:** <http://greenslate2022.com>

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

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

Link to position on abortion: <http://www.greenslate2022.com/platform>

#### 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:** I agree with my running mates' responses 100%. As a scientist, I know we must take immediate action to protect this and future generations. In Pennsylvania, I will advocate for the creation of an agency for a just equitable transition. I will call for a ban on all new fracking wells; a five year decommissioning period for existing wells, a program to ensure proper capping of those wells; and reparations. To keep oil & gas companies, lobbyists, & those who profited equally accountable for the part they knowingly played, I will advocate for a required lifetime maintenance policy of their decommissioned & abandoned wells, including funding research into sustainable solutions for all wells.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** I will work hard for the elimination of ballot access laws and rules that discriminate against smaller parties and independents, and otherwise place undue burden on the right of citizens to run for office. I will work to end partisan gerrymandering ensuring every Pennsylvanians' vote counts, that all U.S. voting systems are verifiable, transparent, and accurate. I will prioritize enacting proportional representation voting systems for legislative seats on municipal, county, state, and federal levels, and provide full public financing of federal, state and local elections, and focus on equitable requirements in regards to public access for all candidates.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** We need to act on climate now... actually ...yesterday. Since we did not act earlier, we must act aggressively now. We must work to stop burning fossil fuels, eliminate greenhouse admissions by 95% by 2050, end all fossil subsidies, and redirect any research dollars to resiliency research. Qualified scientists must be the ones who guide policy. A scientist must not have any conflict of interest. Objective think tanks must be created to ensure the focus is on the health & safety the people, and the environment. There will be no more foxes in the hen house. The people will have more power at the table vs. industry. The think tanks will be comprised of the people, not the corporations with interest in profiting.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?



CHRISTINA DIGIULIO

**A:** We need to address and heal the foundations of society. Gun violence is a systemic problem with multiple roots that need to be treated by "fixing" those roots instead of avoiding them. All people should have access to quality health care (including mental, dental, reproductive), quality education, and jobs. In addition, we need sensible gun laws, accountability for gun companies, mandatory training for gun owners, support for high quality gun violence research, & accountability for law enforcement officers & private security. We must treat gun violence as a public health emergency. We must start requiring psychological impact studies as a part of policy & legislation decisions, especially, in known injustice areas. Treatment for trauma.

## KEYSTONE

### JOE SOLOSKI

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Centre

**Occupation:** CPA (Retired)

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**Qualifications:** Certified Public Accountant

**Campaign Website:** <http://joesoloski.com>

**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/joe.soloski>

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/joesoloski>

Link to position on abortion: <http://joesoloski.com>

#### 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:** Pennsylvania's budget is bloated and mismanaged. Our operating budget has more than doubled, from \$20 billion to over \$41 billion in just 20 years. Pennsylvania doesn't have a revenue problem; it's got a spending problem! I will be working to cut our state budget by at least 5% per year, starting with my own salary. Pennsylvania has the 3rd highest paid Governor in the Nation; over \$205,000 per year. I'll be cutting my salary by 65% to just under \$70,000 per year. I'll be leading by example. If the Legislature doesn't go along with my budget cuts, then I'll veto every budget bill they put on my desk. We have the highest paid Legislature in the Nation and I'll be working to slash their pay, benefits, and ban them from receiving gifts.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Every Pennsylvanian who wants to vote should have the best and easiest opportunity to do so. I will work to see changes made that will allow independent, third parties to be on the ballot. The Democrats and Republicans do all that they can to make laws and rules to prevent third party competition. Also, like Maine and Alaska, I will be working to see Ranked Choice Voting implemented here in Pennsylvania. That will give voters a better bang for their buck when it comes to their vote. Because of that, better representatives will be elected. I'm also a big advocate for term limits for our state legislators. Implementing Ranked Choice Voting and Legislative term limits will be extremely popular with Pennsylvania voters.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** As Governor, I will charge the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources to continue its work to



JOE SOLOSKI

## LIBERTARIAN

### MATT HACKENBURG

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Northampton

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.



MATT HACKENBURG



to manage, preserve, and conserve our state parks, and I will enforce regulations to preserve our air, water, and our environment. Nuclear energy is the cleanest, safest, and most cost-effective form of energy generation that we have. I will work to promote and streamline the process of getting more nuclear power plants constructed and online. Renewables, like solar panels and windmills, face difficult and costly disposal problems at the end of their useful lives. That's a growing environmental hazard. At the same time, those renewables cannot be relied upon to provide the necessary energy to meet market demands.

**Q:** *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

**A:** As stated in the Pennsylvania Constitution: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned". I think that our Constitution is pretty clear on this issue. "Shall not be questioned". I am in complete agreement. I will always defend our inherent right to defend ourselves. As Governor, I will veto any bill that attempts to curtail our right to own a gun and to defend ourselves and our families. More specifically, I want to see Pennsylvania become a 'Constitutional Carry state'. You won't hear that from any of my gubernatorial challengers. Red flag laws are a very slippery slope and I oppose them. Firearm safety classes are readily available and should be promoted.

## PENNSYLVANIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**Description of office:** The Lieutenant Governor will be elected jointly with the Governor in the General Election although candidates are nominated separately in the Primary. A Lieutenant Governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a US citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he is President of the Senate, presiding over the Senate but having no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. S/he is Chair of the Board of Pardons and the PA Emergency Management Council. The PA Constitution provides that in case of the death, conviction or impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation, or other disability of the Governor, the powers, duties, and compensation of the office shall be transferred to the Lieutenant Governor for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed. There are no term limits to this office.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$178,940

**Vote for the candidates of ONE PARTY for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Maybe have the Lt. Gov candidate immediately after the Governor candidate, so the tickets stay together?**

## DEMOCRATIC

AUSTIN DAVIS

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** State Representative

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh

**Qualifications:** Austin Davis is currently a PA State Representative where he serves as Chair of



AUSTIN DAVIS

the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation and Vice Chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. Previously, Austin served as Senior Advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for 6 years.

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.shapiroDavis.org>

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

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/AustinDavisPA>

### 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 issues I plan to prioritize as Lt. Governor are working to create family sustaining jobs, building ladders of opportunity for folks to help them succeed, and ensuring every child receives a quality education, regardless of their zip code. I have a track record of getting things done as a State Representative, and I will continue to use my platform as Lt. Governor to push these issues forward.

**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?*

**A:** The right to vote is sacred, held by all Pennsylvanians, and I will always work to strengthen that right for every member of our Commonwealth. I believe expanding access to democracy is always the right thing to do and I would support measures such as automatic voter registration to do this.

**Q:** *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

**A:** Every Pennsylvanian deserves the right to clean air, pure water, and a good environment. Unfortunately, this isn't the case in many instances across the Commonwealth. I believe in holding bad actors who pollute our communities accountable and I have a track record of doing so as State Representative. However, in order to further protect these constitutional rights, we must reinvest in our Department of Environmental Protection, which has been gutted over the past several decades. We must strengthen their ability to enforce existing laws, as well as increase their funding which will allow them to do a more efficient and effective job at protecting Pennsylvania's environment.

**Q:** *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

**A:** Gun violence has become all too common across the country, including right here in Pennsylvania. I support common sense gun reforms, such as the ones listed above, in order to better protect our communities. I also support the idea of classifying gun violence as a public health issue, which would allow for more resources to be used to combat it. In fact, as senior advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, I helped to create the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Health to do just that.

## REPUBLICAN

CARRIE LEWIS DELROSSO

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Member of State House of Representatives

**Education:** University of Pittsburgh

**Qualifications:** Oakmont Council Member 2018-2020; State House Member 2021

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.CarrieForPA.com>

**Campaign Facebook URL:**

<http://facebook.com/carrieforpa>

**Campaign Twitter URL:**

<http://twitter.com/carrieforpa>

### 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:** Lower CNIT- Push for PA to more attractive state to manufacture and produce Provide a better return on investment with k-12 education Fully fund law enforcement Fully fund infrastructure Secure Elections Promote Ag Growth

**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?*

**A:** Voter ID Provide a more efficient system for early/absentee voting and deadlines Voter Confidence-ballot security

**Q:** *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

**A:** Promote energy growth and independence in PA while always mindful of our environment.

**Q:** *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

**A:** Protect our 2nd Amendment; right to people to bear arms



CARRIE LEWIS  
DELROSSO



**"I don't care what responsibilities you have today, there's no greater responsibility than being in control of your future and your future starts now! We don't have time, no procrastinating, don't let the discouragement take you off course, that's not how my people or my generation will go down...this is the loudest way to make your voice heard!"**

**-Rihanna, Singer**



## LIBERTARIAN

## TIM D. MCMASTER

**Biographical Info:****County:** York**Occupation:** IT Analyst / Farmer**Education:** Central Penn College (MCSE, CCNA)**Qualifications:** Business owner, Citizen**Campaign Website:** <http://tim-4pa.com>**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/McMasterLtGov2022>**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/Tim4PA>  
Link to position on abortion: <http://www.facebook.com/McMasterLtGov2022/posts/pfbid02H9Fq8B3H-vomDMoejx2AcuuFuhUvymbLtuAa2xrGepM-9BxTH2a2V9sZvqq27hsftCl>**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:** I would work with willing members of the PA General Assembly to find ways to reduce, on a path to the total elimination of the onerous and destructive property tax. The very first way that I see to do this is to reduce excessive spending in the local school districts and focus on educating to the student, and not to the tests.**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** Voting is a sacred right that all citizens enjoy and a privilege that we should all exercise. However, to maintain the confidence of voters and the integrity of the system, some robust measures to ensure that sanctity must be employed. Universal mail-in balloting is a very bad idea in theory and nearly impossible to secure in practice. In this current age, some simple, yet effective means of verification must be employed.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** My first step would be to hold polluters personally responsible for their pollution. No more decades long 'arbitration' cases and then a fine to the 'Super Fund' as a way out. If you or your entity have personally violated the property (or health and well being) of others, you should be held to account. No exceptions or government 'favors' for large donors or allies.**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**A:** The PA Constitution is quite clear and unambiguous on this matter. It states in Article 1, Section 21: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."

TIM D. MCMASTER

Qualifications: 33 years in elected office (Cherry Valley Borough, Council and Mayor), union leader, community organizer, serve on the board of several community organizations, founder of local, state-wide and national organizations.

**Campaign Website:** <http://greenslate2022.com>**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/mikebagdescanning>**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://www.twitter.com/BagdesCanning>**Link to position on abortion:** <http://www.greenslate2022.com/platform>**Other websites:** <https://www.instagram.com/mike-4pa64/>**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:** I call on Congress to pass the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021 or equivalent legislation. A woman's right to control her body is nonnegotiable and it is essential that the option of a safe, legal abortion remain available. I support a comprehensive gift ban, an end to the per diem, campaign finance reform, an end to outside jobs for our full time legislators, and an end to partisan gerrymandering. We are facing the existential crisis of climate catastrophe. We must take immediate action to protect this and future generations. Access to universal, comprehensive, national single-payer health plan is a priority. Healthcare is a human right. Criminal justice, immigrants, and tax reform are also issues I would like to tackle immediately.**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** As noted above, I would work to end partisan gerrymandering. Establish guarantees that every citizen's vote counts, and that all U.S. voting systems—including electronic ones—are verifiable, transparent and accurate. I am also for the elimination all ballot access laws and rules that discriminate against smaller parties and independents, and otherwise place undue burden on the right of citizens to run for office. We must enact proportional representation voting systems for legislative seats on municipal, county, state and federal levels. Provide full public financing of federal, state and local elections, including free and equal radio and television time on the public airwaves for all ballot-qualified candidates and parties.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** We need to act on climate YESTERDAY. Since we didn't, we must act aggressively NOW. We must work to stop burning fossil fuels, eliminate greenhouse admissions by 95% by 2050, end all fossil subsidies and redirect any research dollars to resiliency research. We must ensure that workers and communities are offered a just transition as we move away from fossil fuels. We also must demand that corporations that have spent decades poisoning our air, water, and soil clean up their messes. We must make people harmed by ecological devastation be made whole. We must adopt a policy that rescinds the right of serial offenders of environmental laws to do business in the state. We must build resiliency on a local and state level.**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**A:** All of these pieces of legislation treat the symptoms,

MICHAEL BAGDES-CANNING

not the disease. Gun violence is a systemic problem with multiple roots and needs to be treated by "fixing" those roots. A lack of political will to make a change and an underinvestment in prevention is huge. All people should have access to quality health care including mental health, healthy communities, quality education, jobs, and treatment for trauma. In addition, we need sensible gun laws, accountability for gun companies, mandatory training for gun owners, support for high quality gun violence research, and accountability for law enforcement officers and private security. Finally, we must treat gun violence as the public health emergency. This is more than the 2nd Amendment.

## KEYSTONE

## NICOLE SHULTZ

**Biographical Info:****County:** York**Occupation:** Self Employed**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Small Business Administration and Entrepreneurship**Qualifications:** Auditor Windsor Twp., Small business owner,**Campaign Website:** <http://Www.Nicoleshultz.com>**Campaign Facebook URL:**<http://WWW.Facebook.com/ShultzforPALtGov>**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://WWW.Twitter.com/NicoleShultzforPA>**Link to position on abortion:** <http://WWW.NicoleShultz.com>**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:** Misappropriation of our state's tax revenue is one of the most important problems we face. Redirected funds end up staling out important state-wide projects with little to no transparency for Pennsylvania's constituents to know where their money is actually being spent. As a moderate third party, I am uniquely positioned to work with anyone in government to find actual solutions without being beholden to guard a party line**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** Open primaries and equalization of ballot access rules across all candidates would be a good start. Up to twenty-five million dollars of Pennsylvania's tax monies are spent on primary season alone. The number of Pennsylvania voters that are registered as third party, independent, or other is at 1.2 million and growing; leaving a large number of citizens without a voice until election day while they contribute to footing the bill. And many of their best qualified choices may never even make the ballot.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** As an example, fracking in Pennsylvania provides jobs to over 20,000 Pennsylvanians and brings in revenue of over 500,000,000 dollars. There is no doubt that industry is an important part of our economy. However, the rush to grow it has led to an oversight of the environmental impact to surrounding communities. I would like to see emphasis put into predicting the ramifications of business practices that could negatively impact the environment, guidelines put in place to prevent that from happening, and stricter penalties for failing to meet those guidelines. The goal is to create incentives that

NICOLE SHULTZ

## GREEN

## MICHAEL BAGDES-CANNING

**Biographical Info:****County:** Butler**Occupation:** Retired teacher, community organizer (volunteer) with Marcellus Outreach Butler, Better Path Coalition, Beyond Extreme Energy, grant committee for Direct Support Fund and Frontline Community Fund**Education:** BS, Education, Slippery Rock University. MS, Education, Clarion University



would make it profitable for business to be conducted in our state, but in a safe manner that doesn't leave us resourceless in the future.

**Q:** *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

**A:** I believe red flag laws could be easily manipulated to wrongfully strip law abiding citizens of their rights. And any time individual's rights are involved, we should tread carefully. Any laws put in place to limit inalienable rights should be as limited as possible. Background checks, in this regard, are more acceptable as they are less prone to being used in malice. Firearm Safety courses could go a long way in dispelling the fear and misunderstandings surrounding gun debates. If implemented correctly I see that as a positive. Ultimately all of these things dance around the issue that no one seems to want to name. We desperately need to address mental health issues and how they relate to gun related crimes.

## US REPRESENTATIVES

**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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$174,000

**Vote for ONE.**

## 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).

## DEMOCRATIC

### SUMMER LEE

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**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



SUMMER LEE

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 JHCP/IA/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.

## REPUBLICAN

### MIKE DOYLE

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

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

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

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

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

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

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## 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, Har-mar, 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, Rosslyn 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 Wilkesburg and
- All of BEAVER County.



## DEMOCRATIC

## CHRIS DELUZIO

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny  
**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?

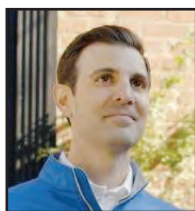
**A:** As a voting rights attorney, I deeply understand what is at stake; threats to our right to vote and our democracy are dire. In states under GOP control, Republicans are erecting hurdles to voting, locking in majorities through gerrymandered maps, and taking advantage of our post-Citizens United 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.



CHRIS DELUZIO

## REPUBLICAN

## JEREMY SHAFFER

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny  
**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.



JEREMY SHAFFER

PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE SENATOR

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA Senate consists of 50 members, representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The Senate develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the House of Representatives). In addition, the Senate tries officials impeached by the House and authorizes executive appointments. Senators serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation. There are no term limits to this office.

**Term:** 4 year

**Salary:** \$95,432

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
SENATOR DISTRICT 38

The 38th State Senate district contains East Deer, Fawn, Frazer, Hampton, Harmar, Harrison, Indiana, McCandless, O'Hara, Pine, Richland, Ross, Shaler, Springdale and West Deer, Aspinwall, Blawnox, Brackenridge, Cheswick, Etna, Fox Chapel, Sharpsburg, Springdale, Tarentum and West View, and several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh including Highland Park, Morningside, Belmar, Garfield, East Liberty and Lincoln-Lemington.

## DEMOCRATIC

## LINDSEY WILLIAMS

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Incumbent State Senator

**Education:** Dickinson College, BA; Duquesne University, JD

**Qualifications:** Sen. Lindsey Williams is currently serving her first term representing Pennsylvania's Senate District 38. Prior to being elected in 2018, she worked for the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.lindseyforpa.com>  
**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/lindseyforpa>

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

**Link to position on abortion:** <http://lindseyforpa.com/scotus-decision/>

**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:** As a State Senator, I have prioritized the rights of workers, making state government more accessible and transparent, and investing in students. As mi-



LINDSEY WILLIAMS



As minority chair of the Senate Education Committee, I support a transparent system to fund our children's education, from pre-k to college or trade. Education dollars must be spent fairly, transparently, and equitably to do the most good for the greatest number of students. My background as an attorney, whistleblower, and advocate has led me to want to reform state government from the inside by making it more transparent, accessible, and efficient.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** The last reforms to voting passed out of the legislature were done in the shadows, with little public input and a lack of awareness of what was actually in the bill. This has led to a lot of confusion and mistrust by the public, which is why I voted against Act 77. I support permitting pre-canvassing of ballots, so that election results can be delivered more timely with less room for conspiracy. I support permitting ballot curing, a way that counties can contact voters who made mistakes on their applications or ballots. I support the expansion of safe ballot drop boxes and our vote by mail system because they make voting easier and more accessible for people.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** I don't believe the legislature has done enough to uphold the right to clean air, pure water, and to preserve our environment. Pennsylvanians are feeling the impact of climate change - residents are experiencing flooding and property erosion more than ever. Pennsylvania can play a unique role in fighting climate change by creating standards for appliances to be more energy efficient, by taking the proceeds from carbon capture agreements to help workers who have lost their jobs and communities who have been impacted by industry, and by relying more on Pennsylvania's own incredible food supply. I have supported many projects in my district that restore or build parks and trails for constituents to enjoy the outdoors safely.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Gun violence - especially against our children - is an epidemic in our country. I am co-sponsor on a number of gun safety bills including expanding background checks, mandating safe storage, and the Extreme Risk Protection Act or "red flag" bill. I have supported increased funding for mental health and drug/alcohol treatment that mitigates the underlying causes of much gun violence. These support programs not only stem violence against others, but they also make a huge impact on our suicide epidemic.

**Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.**

**- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Former U.S. President**

## REPUBLICAN

LORI MIZGORSKI

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 42

The 42nd State Senate district contains Kennedy Township, Mount Lebanon, Neville Township, Reserve, Scott Township, Stowe, Avalon, Bellevue, Ben Avon, Carnegie, Crafton, Dormont, Emsworth, Green Tree, Ingram, McKees Rocks, Millvale, and several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh including Perry North, Northside, Manchester, Perry Hilltop, Allegheny Center, Allegheny West, Sheridan, Corliss, Elliot, Duquesne Heights, Mt. Washington, Beechview, Banksville, West Liberty, Brookline, Summer Hill, City View, Northview Heights, Spring Garden, Spring Hill, Troy Hill, Lawrenceville, Downtown, the Strip District, the Lower Hill, and the Bluff.

## DEMOCRATIC

WAYNE D. FONTANA

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Realtor

**Education:** Associate Degree in Business from Community College of Allegheny County

**Qualifications:** State Senator, 2005-present; Senate Democratic Caucus Leadership, 2011-present, Allegheny County Council, 2000-2005; Council Vice-President, 2004-2005; PHEAA Board Member, 2008-present; PHEAA Vice-Chairman, 2011-present; Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh & Allegheny County, 2006-present;

**Campaign Website:** <http://votefontana.com>

Link to position on abortion: <http://votefontana.com/issues/women/>

### 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:** Gun violence continues to plague our com-



WAYNE D. FONTANA

munities. One solution that has worked in other states is enacting extreme risk protection order legislation like my Senate Bill 134. ERPOs authorize a procedure for loved ones and/or law enforcement to protect persons who are a threat to themselves or to others by temporarily removing their access to firearms. The public is on our side on this issue. "Red flag" laws enjoy broad support across the ideological spectrum. I will continue to work with advocates like Cease-FirePA to put pressure on legislative leaders to allow a vote on my SB 134.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** I have been a long-time advocate for mail-in ballots. My SB 128 would conduct our elections by mail. Eight other states conduct their elections primarily by mail, including Colorado that has been voting by mail for over 20 years. Voting by mail is safe, secure, convenient, cost efficient for counties, and popular across party lines. I would change is to give counties the ability to pre-canvass ballots they've received prior to Election Day. Because county election offices cannot begin counting mail-in ballots until the polls have closed, this often leads to the final tally being delayed several days. PA is the outlier nationally in this respect. My Senate Bill 128 would give counties the ability to pre-canvass 7 days prior to Election Day.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Smart investment in electric vehicle infrastructure by the commonwealth will fuel consumers' transition from internal combustion engines--about 40% of our greenhouse gas emission. It is also important that Pennsylvania ensures that our public transportation systems are adequately funded, as buses and commuter rail removes millions of trips in low-occupancy vehicles from our roads. And as chairman of the Sports and Exhibition Authority, I was pleased to advocate for solar panels to be installed at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh and for PPG Paints Arena to be the first facility in the league to be certified LEED Gold.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** We must take action to combat the gun violence in our communities. No other country suffers from gun violence as much as we do. As I stated earlier, my SB 134 is the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act. This would put a process into place for family members or law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily remove firearms from an individual who is threatening to harm themselves or others. ERPO is modeled after Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Protection Orders and provides for due process and standards for evidence. This concept enjoys support across the political spectrum and among gun owners and suicide prevention advocates.



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA House of Representatives consists of 203 members representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The House develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the Senate). The House also has the exclusive authority to impeach public officials. Representatives also serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$95,432

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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 19

The 19th Legislative district contains several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh including Downtown, the Lower Hill, the Bluff, South Oakland, parts of the South Side, Beltzhoover, Knoxville, Allentown, Glenwood, Glen Hazel, the Northside, Manchester, Perry Hilltop, Woods Run, Northview Heights, Perry South and Summer Hill.

### DEMOCRATIC

**AERION ANDREW ABNEY**

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Voting Rights/Social Work

**Education:** Masters Social Work - University of Pittsburgh

**Campaign Website:** <http://vote-aerionabney.com/>

**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/Aerion-AndrewAbney/>

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/TripleA2>

**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:** Anti displacement strategies that are part of our planning, programming, and policies. Working with PHFA and City Housing Authority to provide resources to increase affordable housing in the district. Quality education that isn't determined by a students' zip code. Simplifying the funding formula and provide a more equitable funding distribution model for our schools. Creating more access to quality job opportunities that pay a living wage.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** I would push for automatic voter registration,



**AERION ANDREW ABNEY**

same day registration, increased pay for poll workers, pre-canvassing and more. While the State makes laws about our election process, elections are run at the County level. However, the State doesn't provide adequate funding to Counties to consistently do things like early voting sites or to purchase drop boxes or to pay for mail ballot postage. We need to provide Counties with the resources needed to expand access to the ballot for our electorate.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** I would vote to increase funding to the Department of Environmental Protection which has been underfunded for years. They have an important role to play in regulating and penalizing bad actors that abuse our environment. Additionally, I would push to improve our issue with storm water runoff. This not only leads to major flooding in the region but it also overwhelms our sewer systems causing rain water and waste to mix and get pushed into our rivers.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** I support any measure that seeks to keep firearms out of the hands of people who want to cause others harm. Additionally, I support gun buy back programs and safety trainings.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 20

The 20th Legislative district contains Ross Township, Avalon, West View, Bellvue, and the Perry North neighborhood in the City of Pittsburgh.

### DEMOCRATIC

**EMILY KINKEAD**

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** State Legislator / Attorney

**Education:** Bloomsburg University of PA; Bloomsburg, PA; B.A. Political Science, B.S. Biology | University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Pittsburgh, PA; Juris Doctor

**Campaign Website:** <http://emily-4pa20.com>

**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/emily4pa20>

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/emily-4pa20>

**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 priorities are and will continue to be criminal justice reform, ending gun violence, and growing the economy. I supported community bail funds when the GOP tried to eviscerate them. This is both a racial justice and income inequality issue. I have pushed back against permitless concealed carry and preemption of local common sense gun laws. I have brought back more than \$16 million to my district and I will continue work toward passing legislation that addresses these issues. I have developed a bipartisan reputation as someone who is thoughtful, a competent legislator, and works



**EMILY KINKEAD**

hard. I will continue to push my bill HB 1054, which would establish an insurance and low-cost grants program for homeowners who have been impacted by landslides.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** I am a co-sponsor of the K Leroy Irvis Voting Rights Protection Act. Beyond that, I have been raising the alarm about the numerous attacks on our democracy for the year that I have been in office. See my full remarks about the Republican attacks on our democracy from my December 2021 press conference here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7yEAGPTfFA> I will continue this fight for as long as it takes, on as many fronts as it takes, to ensure that we have free and fair access to our elections by every qualified voter.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** I voted twice to protect Governor Wolf's right to enter Pennsylvania into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). I have worked to secure funding to replace lead water service lines across my district and will continue to do so. I have also worked with local advocacy groups to address air quality issues in Allegheny County. I will also advocate for finally fully funding the Department of Environmental Protection so that it can finally have adequate staff to protect our natural resources and hold polluters accountable. I will also advocate for harsher penalties so that fines for polluting can no longer be considered the cost of doing business.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** I support those measures. The major uptick in gun violence we have seen since the beginning of the pandemic speaks to the incredible economic uncertainty faced by many people and the lack of investment that many kids are getting in their education. I have spent my time in office educating constituents about the programs available to support those affected by gun violence, including securing considerable grant dollars to support and expand these programs. I will continue to put this issue at the forefront of my work in the legislature.

### REPUBLICAN

**MATT KRUTH**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 21

The 21st Legislative district contains Reserve Township, Shaler Township, Etna, Millvale, and several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including City View, Spring Hill, Spring Garden, Troy Hill, Lawrenceville, and the Strip District.

### DEMOCRATIC

#### SARA INNAMORATO

##### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** State Legislator

**Education:** University of Pittsburgh, 2008 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Qualifications:** I've been a proud Lawrenceville resident for thirteen years, and actively work to coordinate with local community organizations on social services and affordable housing solutions. I devoted my career to nonprofit work in community development, job creation, and environmental justice.

**Campaign Website:** <http://saraforpa.com>

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

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/SaraForPA>

**Other websites:** [www.instagram.com/innamo/](http://www.instagram.com/innamo/)

##### 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:** I stand with our neighbors in fighting for affordable housing, worker's rights, guaranteeing access to affordable healthcare and reproductive rights, clean air and water, raising the minimum wage, and making smart investments in our infrastructure. Given the current composition of the statehouse, pushing transformational legislation that is needed to achieve a Pennsylvania for us all is highly unlikely. Still, I work with impacted community members, policy experts, and my colleagues to proactively draft legislation that residents can organize around. The only way to work toward these agenda items is to stand firm and work to build grassroots movements to include the government toward these goals.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** In 2019, I introduced a bill that would raise the number of residents registered to vote in Pennsylvania. The You're Registered bill enables automatic voter registration when qualified citizens interact with state services. Additionally, I have supported and co-sponsored a package of bills that would boost statewide voter turnout and voter protections. Bills promoting voting rights and transparency are key to making it easier and safer for citizens to exercise their right to vote. I strongly believe in same-day registration for citizens and making no-excuse absentee voting a permanent part of the process.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** We need to fully fund the Department of Envi-



SARA INNAMORATO

ronmental Protection's operations and maintain oversight to ensure that funding is going toward investigations, testing, and enforcement. We need to raise fines for violating clean air and clean water regulations. The current fines are not much of a hindrance for the largest polluters. We need to require fracking companies to disclose the chemicals they use in fracking fluids and vigorously prosecute companies who dump wastewater into our waterways.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** I support strengthening background checks, closing existing loopholes, and also reinstating laws that promote responsible gun ownership. I would work to reinstate laws intended to target irresponsible gun owners and straw purchases by holding gun owners accountable for failing to report missing or stolen firearms that are later used in a crime. I would support closing the gaps in Pennsylvania that enable domestic abusers to access guns and support laws that would allow friends or family members to petition for extreme risk protective orders.

### REPUBLICAN

#### FRANK PERMAN

##### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

##### 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:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** - no response -

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 23

The 23rd Legislative district contains several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including Squirrel Hill, East and North Oakland, Bellefield, Shadyside, Greenfield, Swisshelm Park, and Summerset.

### DEMOCRATIC

#### DAN FRANKEL

##### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** The Pennington School (1974), Kenyon College (1978), and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program (2000)

**Qualifications:** Representative of Pennsylv-

nia's 23rd Legislative District for 23 years, Democratic Chair of the House Health Committee, and Co-Chair of PA SAFE Caucus and LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus.

**Campaign Website:** <http://electdanfrankel.com>

##### 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:** Equality, the environment, firearm policy reform, government reform, and reproductive rights will be my priorities in my next term. I have been fighting for these progressive values for two decades and have worked to build coalitions of lawmakers to advocate with me. For example, I founded the Women's Health Caucus and the LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus. These caucuses have become passionate groups of leaders fighting for policies there were often disregarded just 20 years ago.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Everyone should be able to vote easily, whether they have a disability, are incarcerated, have an unstable address, or have an inflexible work schedule. Therefore, I support expanding access to ballot drop boxes, same-day registration, and guaranteeing the ability to vote early. In addition, updating Pennsylvania's voting laws shouldn't stop at improving voting access. It's time we let our election officials canvass mail-in and absentee ballots before Election Day, allowing for a faster and more accurate ballot count.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Relying on oil, coal, and natural gas for Pennsylvania's energy needs is an unsustainable path for our people and planet. The role of the General Assembly should be to invest in green energy solutions while we effectively tax and regulate polluters. I always have and always will oppose giveaways and incentives that exclusively benefit the fossil fuel industry and will continue to work to close the Methane Loophole, which allows too many fracking wells to go unregulated in Pennsylvania. Lastly, I will continue to lead the fight in the PA House against the medical "gag rule" that prevents doctors from speaking with their patients about the chemicals in fracking and its potential impact on their health.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** As co-chair of the PA Safe Caucus, I have fought for two decades to pass common-sense gun regulations. I support legislation for comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and mandatory firearm safety training for gun owners. Any rational person can see that deadly weapons should be regulated at least as much as, say, swimming pools or lawnmowers. In the face of the Republican-led legislature's refusal to take up meaningful reform measures, I introduced two bills to allow municipal and county governments to create local laws that reflect residents' desire to have reasonable limits on gun use and ownership. I also drafted legislation to require prospective gun purchasers to obtain liability insurance first.



DAN FRANKEL



## GREEN

## JAY TING WALKER

**Biographical Info:****County:** Allegheny**Occupation:** Community Organizer**Education:** Biology and Economics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Stuyvesant High School graduate.**Campaign Website:** <http://www.jaytingwalker.com/>**Campaign Facebook****URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/jaytingwalker>**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://www.twitter.com/jaytingwalker>**Link to position on abortion:** <http://www.jaytingwalker.com/issues>**Other websites:** [greenslate2022.com](http://greenslate2022.com)**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 first priority in office is an immediate moratorium on fracking wells. Study after study has shown the serious impact fracking wells have on the health of nearby communities. Fracking pollutes the air and the water in the short term and ruins the climate in the long term. To do this I would also aggressively campaign for campaign finance reform. The fossil fuel industry donates heavily to both major parties in Pennsylvania and both parties fight for its interests. Green Party candidates do not take corporate contributions and only fight for the interests of Pennsylvania residents. I would work hard to elect representatives that actually reflect the interests of their community so there are actually people to work with in the legislature.**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** I support March on Harrisburg's "Money Out, People In" reform platform. The "money out" portion includes banning legislator gifts, establishing public campaign financing, eliminating per diems and side jobs. It also includes closing the revolving door for public officials and personal use of campaign money. The "people in" portion includes expanding early voting, enacting same day registration, open primaries, ranked choice voting, support for paper ballots, fair ballot access laws for all parties and ending gerrymandering. I also fully support switching to mixed member proportional representation in all legislative bodies.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** I would campaign aggressively for a moratorium on new fracking like was passed in New York with a rapid phase out of existing drilling operations. Most fracking in Pennsylvania goes to produce plastic overseas rather than to heating or electricity here in our Commonwealth. I would also crack down on PFAS pollution in our waterways and make sure polluters are held responsible for the pollution they cause. I would also fight in the legislature to empower the DEP and county health departments to use a health based standard to combat air pollution. Right now county health departments have their hands tied by the legislature preventing them from cracking down hard on Title V major source air polluters like the Clairton Coke Works.

JAY TING WALKER

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**A:** I support comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. You can read more about my stance on gun control at a link on my website <https://www.jaytingwalker.com/issues>.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 24

The 24th Legislative district contains several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including Highland Park, East Liberty, Garfield, Bloomfield, Lincoln-Lemington, Larimar, Friendship, Belmar, Schenley Heights, the Upper Hill, Bedford Dwellings, West Oakland and parts of Homewood.

## DEMOCRATIC

## LA'TASHA D. MAYES

**Biographical Info:****County:** Allegheny**Occupation:** Community Organizer**Education:** University of Pittsburgh, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Marketing, Political Science, Women's Studies (2003); Carnegie Mellon University, Master of Science in Policy and Management (2005); University of Pennsylvania, Executive Program for Social Impact Strategy (2019)**Qualifications:** Founder, President & CEO, New Voices for Reproductive Justice (2004-2022); Commissioner, Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs (2016-2021); Board of Directors, Groundswell Fund (2016-2019); Candidate, Pittsburgh City Council - District 7 (2015)**Campaign Website:** <http://www.latashaforpa.com>**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/latashaforpa>**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/latashaforpa>**Link to position on abortion:** <http://www.latashaforpa.com/issues>**Other websites:** [instagram.com/latashaforpa](https://www.instagram.com/latashaforpa)**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 campaign platform is healthcare access + reproductive justice, community safety, environmental justice, equitable education and voting rights. I would also prioritize raising the minimum wage, opportunities for workers to unionize and adult-use marijuana legalization. The legislation I would champion would be rooted in the intersectional values of racial, gender and economic justice. I have worked with my colleagues in the State House of Representatives for over a decade winning legislative and policy change and I would continue building those relationships as well as with non-elected policymakers informed by advocacy organizations and community organizers who work directly with those first and most impacted by proposed legislation.**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** I have organized for voting rights focused on building the voting power of Black women since 2004. I led the creation of the New Voices Voice Your Vote! Project in 2009 in collaboration with the PA Center for Women in Politics. For the past eight (8) years, VYV! has outreached millions of times to voters across Pennsylvania turning out 80% of the voters we engage. From my direct experience with voting laws, I would maintain vote by mail, early voting centers, dropboxes that made it easier for Pennsylvanians to vote in 2020 and I would support pre-registration for youth and same-day voter registration. I would advance legislation to combat voter suppression, increase penalties for voter intimidation and increase election worker pay rates.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** If you ask Alexa about the weather, she will talk about air quality alerts before telling you the forecast for the day. Pittsburgh is one of the worst metro regions in the nation for poor air quality with high levels of particulate matter that impact the health of largely Black and poor communities. Pollution from toxic waste, trash and sewage overflow, privatization of our water and increasing water rates impact all Pennsylvanians. Our natural environments which are public spaces should be enjoyed by all. I would support legislation to ban fracking statewide, transition to renewable energy, support just transition for workers, emissions from public transit and to provide incentives for higher education and employment in the green economy.**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**A:** Gun violence is impacting our cities from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia and this public health crisis is driven by access to guns within the compounding effects of abject poverty, unaddressed trauma, social inequality and under-funded services. I support comprehensive background checks for all firearms. Pennsylvania currently has not passed SB 88 and HB 235 leaving a critical loophole not requiring a background check for military-style assault rifles. Pennsylvania also has not passed red flag or extreme risk laws which saves lives by temporarily reducing access to firearms that could reduce domestic violence, suicide and mass shooting deaths. I support a requirement for gun owners to have gun safety training and to safely store their firearms.

Please go out and vote this November. Too many people have died and sacrificed so much for us to have our voice, we have to use it. Get information. Use our voices to do something great for our children."

- Beyoncé, American Singer



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 25

The 25th Legislative district contains Monroeville, North Versailles, East McKeesport, Wall, Wilmerding, Turtle Creek, Pitcairn, parts of Plum Township, and the Allegheny County section of Trafford.

### DEMOCRATIC

**BRANDON J. MARKOSEK**

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

### REPUBLICAN

**STEVE SCHLAUCH**

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 27

The 27th Legislative district contains Ingram, Crafton, Green Tree, Heidelberg, Thornburg, Rosslyn Farms, Scott Township, and several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including Fairywood, Windgap, Corliss, Crafton Heights, West End, Duquesne Heights, Mt. Washington, Westwood, Ridgemont, and Oakwood.

## DEMOCRATIC

**DANIEL J. DEASY**

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## REPUBLICAN

**ED BROSKY**

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 28

The 28th Legislative district contains Bradford Woods, the Townships of Marshall, Pine, Richland and West Deer, and parts of Hampton.

## DEMOCRATIC

**ALISON DUNCAN**

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Owner and Creative Director, Duncan Design

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Mass Communication and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art from The Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Qualifications:** Small business owner for 20+ years; Progress PA (Board Member and Communications Direc-



**ALISON DUNCAN**

tor, 2017-); Pine Twp Democratic Committee (Vice Chair, 2018-2022; Marketing/Comms Dir., 2022-); Pine-Richland Boys Ultimate Team (Booster President, 2020-2022)

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**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/duncanforpa>

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/duncanforpa>  
Link to position on abortion: <http://www.duncanforpa.com/issues-1>

**Other websites:** [instagram.com/duncanforpa](https://www.instagram.com/duncanforpa) --- [tiktok.com/duncanforpa](https://www.tiktok.com/duncanforpa)

#### 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:** I am most passionate about: protecting reproductive freedom; ensuring that Pennsylvanians can vote safely, securely, and without fear of results being overturned; and bringing ethics reform to Harrisburg. Protecting these basic personal freedoms and fair representation are essential for a functioning democracy. All elected officials, as patriots, should find value in working together to codify these protections, as well as anti-corruption and fair districting initiatives, into state law. I have spent 20 years working with teams across the country in a variety of industries, from higher education to manufacturing — all with very different expectations and demands. I will use this experience to forge working relationships in the State House.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** We should provide adequate election funding so counties have can provide each precinct with the staff, equipment, and supplies needed. We must trust, respect, and value Pennsylvanians' votes, regardless of the outcome. No single elected official or body should have the ability to overturn election results. We must make voting accessible. The right to vote is a freedom that should be celebrated and protected, and greater participation can lead to a better-functioning government. Voters deserve early in-person voting options, secure dropboxes, and a holiday or leave to vote. To improve efficiency and timely results, counties should be allowed to begin preparing mail/absentee ballots for processing at least 24 hours prior to Election Day.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Our right to safe, clean air and water is being threatened. We all want to be able to drink, fish, and swim in clean water. We all want to feel secure that the land we play, garden, and hunt on is safe. And we all want the air we breathe to be pure. These resources and the natural areas where we live and play are vulnerable to unchecked pollution—enabled by legislators who aren't willing to enforce regulations on their corporate donors. As a member of the State House, I will put the people of PA first. I will work to: regulate and hold polluters accountable; make sure the Dept. of Environmental Protection has the resources needed to enforce regulations; and encourage practical, increased use of alternate energy sources.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** My stepfather kept a gun in the house and in his truck for protection, and I fully respect the Second Amendment's guarantee of the right to bear arms. However, we are clearly experiencing an ever-worsening gun violence epidemic, and while there is no perfect solution, changes must be made. I support stronger comprehensive background checks and red flag laws, and I would work to pass legislation requiring training on the safe handling and storage of firearms.



## REPUBLICAN

ROB MERCURI

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 30

The 30th Legislative district contains Kilbuck, McCandless, and Ohio Townships, the Boroughs of Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Emsworth, Franklin Park, and parts of Hampton Township.

## DEMOCRATIC

ARVIND VENKAT

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Physician

**Education:** A.B. and A.M., Harvard University, 1996, M.D., Yale University, 2000

**Qualifications:** Attending Physician and Core Faculty, Department of Emergency Medicine, and System Chair of Clinical Ethics, Allegheny Health Network, and Professor of Emergency Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.VenkatforPA.com>

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

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/VenkatforPA>

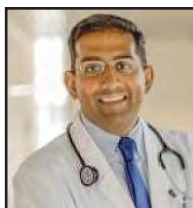
**Link to position on abortion:** <http://www.venkatforpa.com/issues/reproductive-health>

**Other websites:** @VenkatforPA

### 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:** First, we must preserve abortion rights in Pennsylvania. As an emergency physician who has actually treated a woman who had a back-alley abortion and nearly died, I understand profoundly the importance of reproductive rights. Second, we must make our communities thrive and economy work for all by making healthcare more affordable and accessible, including in-home care for the elderly and mental health care, and fully funding our public schools and police, EMS, and fire services so that more people can live their lives without worrying about basic



ARVIND VENKAT

services on which we all depend. Third, we must preserve our democracy by expanding access to the ballot box. Finally, we must address gun violence by passing common sense gun-safety laws.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** We should make voting easy and secure as democracy works best when all voters participate. I am in favor of enacting same day voter registration, pre-registering 16-17 year-olds so that they are on voter rolls at age 18, and preserving no-excuse mail-in voting that worked well in recent elections. I also believe we should enact in-person voting days prior to election day to maximize participation in our electoral process and allow pre-processing of mail-in ballots by county election offices to allow efficient and rapid reporting of results.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** I believe we must preserve and advance our environmental quality as it is fundamental to public health. If elected, I would be the only physician in the General Assembly and will bring that perspective to this issue. I would emphasize looking at the scientific and medical data for assessing the need for environmental interventions while recognizing that all regulations and government actions have a cost - intended and unintended. My hope is that my healthcare and scientific background will help finding the right balance in meeting the constitutional mandate to ensure clean air, pure water, and a preserved high-quality environment for the residents of the 30th District and all Pennsylvanians.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** I look at gun legislation through the lens of public health of preventing gun violence, not prohibiting gun ownership - which does have a constitutional basis. I believe there is an individual right to own a gun under the Second Amendment. No right, however, is absolute—one cannot scream 'fire' in a theatre, for example. I am therefore in favor of legislation that would mandate background checks, red flag laws with rigorous due process protections, and robust firearm safety training. None of these would prevent law-abiding citizens from owning guns while also mitigating intentional and accidental gun violence.

## REPUBLICAN

CINDY KIRK

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** RN / UPMC Presbyterian Hospital

**Education:** MSN / University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing

**Qualifications:** Allegheny County Councilwoman Representing 100,000 people in 15 municipalities of Allegheny County, Life-long community service inc. PTA, Boys and Girl Scouts of America, church, library, community association, Southwestern PA Air Force Academy Association, Jubilee Kitchen Volunteer, etc.

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**Campaign Facebook URL:** [www.facebook.com/CindyKirkPA](http://www.facebook.com/CindyKirkPA)



CINDY KIRK

### 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:** As a nurse, I will prioritize the growing mental health epidemic in our commonwealth. Between the isolation of pandemic lock-downs and inflation based economic hardships, our communities are hurting. We must increase the supply of mental health professionals and the accessibility of services for patients. We can look at cross state licensure, expanded telemedicine, increase and student counseling services. Mental Health is a complex topic that will need to be targeted from many angles.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Voters must have confidence in the security and transparency of elections. We must support universal voting access for every legal voter. This could include increased funding for county election departments. We need to codify uniformity of vote counting and mail in ballot guidelines between counties to avoid conflicting rulings. I believe that a voter ID program that insured free voter ID's for non-drivers would go a long way to restore public confidence in our voting system. It is critical that every legal vote is counted.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** I strongly support the preservation of parks and green-space. We must support legislation to enhance our drinking and waste water infrastructure. Managing runoff through combined proactive planning of all levels of government will help mitigate flooding and waste water into our rivers. We must also guide federal infrastructure dollars towards a more efficient smarter power grid that will lessen the impact of pollutants on our air.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** I stand for increased firearm safety training and stiffer penalties for those guilty of gun violence. We need to better enforce the laws already in place. We need to analyze the intersections of mental health, domestic violence, and crime; then support legislation that balances those factors with individual safety and constitutional rights.

TALK IS CHEAP,  
VOTING IS FREE;  
TAKE IT TO THE  
POLLS.

- NANETTE L.  
AVERY, WRITER



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 32

The 32nd Legislative district contains Penn Hills, Oakmont, Verona, and part of Plum Borough.

### DEMOCRATIC

TONY DELUCA

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

### GREEN

QUEONIA LIVINGSTON

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** PCT

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.zarahforpa32.com/>

**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/zarahforpa32>

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://www.twitter.com/Zarah-ForPA32>

#### 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:** More dependable resources for mental health / healthcare. Legislation that would continue to protect constituents of all races, genders, & more. Along with helping to work on ending gift ban.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Making it easier for folks to vote with more accurate mail in ballot procedures especially for the youth. Or possibly even introductions another method of voting via phone.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Working with already standing local organizations that are doing the work, uplifting + highlighting that work. So that when more actions are introduced, the platform of knowledge will me more than well known to constituents.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?



QUEONIA LIVINGSTON

**A:** I think there needs to be several updates on what it takes to get a gun. Changing the rule for non-violent previously incarcerated people especially for the who have already shown continuous non-violent improvement.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 33

The 33rd Legislative district contains East Deer, Fawn, Frazer, Harmar, Harrison, Indiana, O'Hara and Springdale, Aspinwall, Blawnox, Brackenridge, Cheswick, Fox Chapel, Sharpsburg, and Tarentum.

### DEMOCRATIC

MANDY STEELE

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Nonprofit Management

**Education:** University of Pittsburgh - B.A. in Anthropology

**Qualifications:** Fox Chapel Borough Councilperson

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.steeleforpa.com>

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

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

**Link to position on abortion:** <http://www.steeleforpa.com/platform>

#### 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:** Pennsylvania has a massive opportunity ahead of it with the infrastructure money that will be pumped into our state. I'm running because we need a representative in Harrisburg who has the experience and work ethic it will take to drive money and investment to our communities. We can rebuild our once vibrant economy through union clean energy jobs and green infrastructure projects. Putting working families at the center of this transition is essential to success. There is tremendous opportunity right now to make environmental and economic gains. This is our chance and I am ready to get it done.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** I will support automatic voter registration or pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds and same day registrations, dropping Pennsylvania's current registration deadlines. I will support expanded early voting opportunities and adamantly oppose any forms of voter suppression, such as voter ID requirements, when any such efforts are brought forth.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** This is an important topic that lies at the heart of my work as an elected official and community organizer. In 2020, I led my community to be the first in the state to ban application of a tier 1A human carcinogen and component of our air and water pollution using Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution. I went on to lead 20 other SWPA communities to take similar action, yielding significant potential improvements in the quality of our air and water. I



MANDY STEELE

believe many protections for our communities can be achieved at both the local and state level when we use the PA constitution. I will continue to pursue this course of action and ensure this vital constitutional right is preserved.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Gun ownership is a right of every American. Hunters are an important part of a healthy ecosystem. I am raising my own children to connect to our natural systems through hunting and fishing. I will advocate for responsible gun owners—supporting sensible gun safety laws like background checks, red flag laws, wait periods, and firearm safety training.

### REPUBLICAN

TED TOMSON

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Self Employed

**Education:** Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University, Bachelor of Science in Finance from Penn State University

**Qualifications:** 20+ years of management experience in the private sector. Academic study of public policy.

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.tedforpa.com>

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

#### 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:** Economy—We need to have our commercial centers thrive again. By rebuilding infrastructure through government and private industry improvements that support high paying jobs and assist small businesses, we can restore the economic benefits and influence our district once enjoyed. First Responders—A solution to having a strong and thriving community, is by supporting those that protect and serve that community. It is imperative that our police, fire rescue, and EMS have the resources to do their jobs. Opioid Crisis - The opioid crisis is still affecting many families. A lot of politicians seemed to have moved on from this issue, but it is still present and it is still wreaking havoc on all of us.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Act 77, from my understanding, is in violation of the PA Constitution, so that would have to be repealed and the Constitution amended first. That being said, I do like how ACT 77 eliminated someone from choosing one box to vote for everyone from one party. Moving forward, I support the maintaining of the integrity of the election process and that we need to discuss appropriate and fair ways that we can uphold a standard where everyone feels confident in its results. Losing faith in our election process is one of the biggest detriments democracy could suffer.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Pennsylvania is rich with natural resources. The ability to realize the huge potential gains from extracting them can lead to economic and social devel-



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opment in many of our disenfranchised communities. That being said, I feel that with a good working communicative relationship between government and the oil and gas industry, we won't compromise Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution. In fact, I believe with a good working relationship, we can do more to protect those rights, than when government and industry are adversarial.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Comprehensive background checks can help protect our citizens without jeopardizing anybody's right to own a gun. A problem with red flag laws is that the burden of proof is generally low. This sets up a lot of instances of abuse that can unjustly affect law abiding citizens. I don't feel firearm safety training should be a requirement to own a gun. I do, however, feel that PA should vigorously promote firearm safety training so that those with less exposure to firearms have the opportunity to learn handling, storage, and cleaning safety.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 34

The 34th Legislative district contains Wilkins Township, Braddock, Braddock Hills, Chalfant, Churchill, East Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Forest Hills, North Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale, Wilksburg and a few neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including Park Place, and parts of Homewood, and Point Breeze.

## DEMOCRATIC

### SUMMER LEE

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 35

The 35th Legislative district contains Clairton, Duquesne, McKeesport, South Versailles, Homestead, Liberty, Lincoln, Munhall, Port Vue, Versailles, West Homestead, Whitaker and White Oak, and part of West Mifflin.

## DEMOCRATIC

### AUSTIN DAVIS

**Party:** Dem

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** State Representative

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh

**Qualifications:** Austin Davis is currently a PA State Representative where he serves as Chair of the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation and Vice Chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. Previously, Austin served as Senior Advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for 6 years.

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.pahouse.com/adavis>

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**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/AustinDavisPA>

#### 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 issues I plan to prioritize are continuing to work to create family sustaining jobs, building ladders of opportunity for folks to help them succeed, and ensuring every child receives a quality education, regardless of their zip code. I have a track record of getting things done as a State Representative and I look forward to continuing to deliver real results for the people of the 35th District.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** The right to vote is sacred, held by all Pennsylvanians, and I will always work to strengthen that right for every member of our Commonwealth. I believe expanding access to democracy is always the right thing to do and I would support measures such as automatic voter registration to do this.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Every Pennsylvanian deserves the right to clean air, pure water, and a good environment. Unfortunately, this isn't the case in many instances across the Commonwealth. I believe in holding bad actors who pollute our communities accountable and I have a track record of doing so as State Representative. However, in order to further protect these constitutional rights, we must reinvest in our Department of Environmental Protection, which has been gutted over the past several decades. We must strengthen their ability to enforce existing laws, as well as increase their funding which will allow them to do a more efficient and effective job at protecting Pennsylvania's environment.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Gun violence has become all too common across the country, including right here in Pennsylvania. I support common sense gun reforms,



AUSTIN DAVIS

such as the ones listed above, in order to better protect our communities. I also support the idea of classifying gun violence as a public health issue, which would allow for more resources to be used to combat it. In fact, as senior advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, I helped to create the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Health to do just that.

## REPUBLICAN

### DON NEVILLS

#### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

#### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 36

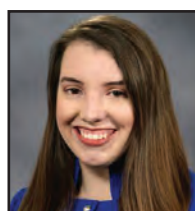
The 36th Legislative district contains Brentwood, Mt. Oliver, and several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including Beechview, Brookline, West Liberty, Overbrook, Carrick, South Side Slopes, Arlington, Arlington Heights, and St. Clair.

**When we vote,  
we take back our  
power to choose,  
to speak up, and to  
stand with those  
who support us and  
each other.**

**-Loung Ung, activist**

## DEMOCRATIC

## JESSICA BENHAM

**Biographical Info:****County:** Allegheny**Occupation:** State Representative**Education:** University of Pittsburgh**Qualifications:** Previously Director of Development at the Pittsburgh Center for Autistic Advocacy. Currently serves on the House Health, Human Services, and Aging Committees**Campaign Website:** <http://www.benhamforpa.com>**Campaign Facebook URL:** <http://www.facebook.com/benhamforpa>**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/jessicalbenham>**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:** I would prioritize decreasing cost of living, and increasing access to healthcare, funding for public education, and community safety. As a member of the minority party, I have to work across the aisle as no bills authored by House Democrats have been enacted in the current session. I have been able to get my ideas into legislation by introducing amendments to Republican bills and by providing suggestions to Republican legislators on ideas to include in their bills. If Democrats take the majority, passing legislation will become easier for members of my party, though working together to create good legislation that addresses issues facing Pennsylvanians across the state will always be necessary.**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** I will continue to fight for election day voter registration, automatic voter registration, and more opportunities for early voting. When it comes to other democracy reforms, I support a ban on gifts to elected officials, limits on contributions to political candidates, and full disclosure of all spending meant to influence the outcome of elections. I support a redistricting commission to draw fair lines for Congressional, State House, and State Senate districts.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** In Harrisburg, I have stood up to protect the Department of Environmental Protection from attacks that would have weakened its ability to enforce environmental regulations. I believe the state needs to pass laws to address stormwater management, fossil fuel pollution, and corporate disregard for our environment. We can address environmental pollution while also investing in family-sustaining, union jobs.**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**A:** I support commonsense gun legislation, including comprehensive background checks, extreme risk protection orders, firearm safety training, and safe storage laws.

JESSICA BENHAM

## LIBERTARIAN

## ROSS SYLVESTER

**Biographical Info:****County:** Allegheny**Occupation:** Teacher**Qualifications:** Unlike politicians I understand economics and I do not want to control your life.**Campaign Website:** <http://www.rosssylvester4pa.com>**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/RossSylvester2>**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:** I have two priorities, economic and personal freedom. I cannot use the cliché "I will reach across the aisle" because I am an outsider and will be placed in the corner with a dunce cap. I will build coalitions with both ruling parties to expand personal freedoms. When it comes to economic freedom, I will do my best to engage both parties and educate them on economics. Politicians in both sides of the aisle believe they have the authority and the knowhow to manage an economy, when they don't. I understand economics know the average person should drive the economy not politicians.**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** This as a political wedge issue and is the least of my concerns. I am more interested in removing the control politicians have over the lives of their constituents, this would drastically reduce the importance of voting and eliminate this as a wedge issue. I am an advocate for the abolishment of taxpayer funded primary elections. The taxpayer should not be funding the internal candidate selection process of two very wealthy and powerful political parties. I would be open to discussing a NOTA (None of the Above) option and ranked-choice voting.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** Article 1 Section 27 is very vague and after reviewing court decisions, it only seems to apply to only public lands. I am not a lawyer and only touched the surface of these court cases so I could be wrong. This constitutional amendment did not protect individual rights, it simply regulated the activity on state owned land. As far as environmental protection, I fully support the individual's right to sue individuals, corporations, and governments for environmental damages.**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**A:** This is the law: Article 1 Section 21: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned." I support repealing all state laws and the nullification of all federal laws which are not in compliance of Article 1 Section 21.

ROSS SYLVESTER

PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 38

The 38th Legislative district contains Baldwin, Whitehall, Dravosburg, Glassport, part of West Mifflin, and a few neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including Hays, Hays Woods, and New Homestead.

## DEMOCRATIC

## NICK PISCIOTTANO

**Biographical Info:****County:** Allegheny**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:** Candidate did not respond.**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** Candidate did not respond.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** Candidate did not respond.**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**A:** Candidate did not respond.PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 39

The 39th Legislative district contains Elizabeth, West Elizabeth, Forward, Jefferson Hills, Pleasant Hills, South Park, and parts of Westmoreland County including Monongahela, Carroll, New Eagle, Finleyville, and Union.

## DEMOCRATIC

## RICK SELF

**Biographical Info:****County:** Allegheny**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:** Candidate did not respond.**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**A:** Candidate did not respond.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** Candidate did not respond.**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**"The ballot is  
stronger than the  
bullet."  
- Abraham Lincoln**



## REPUBLICAN

Andrew Kuzma

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

### 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:** Candidate did not respond.- no response -

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

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**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 40

The 40th Legislative district contains Bethel Park, part of Upper Saint Clair, and Peters Township (in Washington County).

## DEMOCRATIC

CHRIS TODD

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Executive Director Education: US Merchant Marine Academy, B.S. Marine Engineering Systems; Purdue University's Krannert School of Management, MBA

**Qualifications:** Engineer, Executive and Sales Team Leadership, Professional Coaching, Non-Profit Founder, Officer for Trade Association, Treasurer and Ruling Elder for Church, Musician

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.ChrisToddforPA40.com>

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

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/ChrisToddPA40>

**Link to position on abortion:** [http://fb.watch/fcLFMXy7\\_h/](http://fb.watch/fcLFMXy7_h/)

### 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:** Protecting the fundamental rights of all Pennsylvanians, such as equal voting access and women's choice.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Voting must remain easy and accessible for all eligible Pennsylvanians, and I will resist efforts to purge voter rolls or make it more difficult to access the ballot box.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the

preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** I am passionate about environmental protection for future generations, as evidenced by my most recent employment involving municipal water purification. I will carefully consider the environmental impact of any proposed legislation.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** We need to take common-sense steps to reducing gun violence in our communities including banning military-style assault weapons, limiting high-capacity magazines, preventing dangerous persons and/or those experiencing a mental health crisis from buying guns, and mandatory universal background checks.

## REPUBLICAN

NATALIE MIHALEK

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny and Washington

### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

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**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 42

The 42nd Legislative district contains Baldwin, Mt. Lebanon, part of Upper St. Clair, Dormont, and Castle Shannon.

## DEMOCRATIC

DAN MILLER

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Legislator

**Education:** BA in History, BS in Secondary Education, JD

**Qualifications:** Four years as Mt. Lebanon Commissioner, 5 terms as State Rep, Current Minority Caucus Chair, former Mt. Lebanon volunteer fire fighter, a term in AmeriCorps, and former Allegheny County public defender and county solicitor

**Campaign Website:** <http://VoteDanMiller.com>

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

**Campaign Twitter URL:** <http://twitter.com/vo->



DAN MILLER

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### 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:** I spend a lot of time working on disability and mental health issues. By their nature they are non-partisan, so I try to work across the aisle as much as possible to create more opportunity and to end stigma. I host a Disability & Mental Health Summit every year to raise awareness and provide information on resources and prospective bills. It is always a bipartisan event.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** I think we need to prioritize the recommendations from county officials about how we can help them run a smoother election. Making it easier to administer, making it easier to register and vote, and providing greater state resources would be key.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** One of the main things we can do is to actually fund our DEP. Unfortunately over the last two decades the DEP has been decimated by cuts and hampered by indifference. The DEP needs to be re-energized to fulfill its mission in a timely fashion.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** I have voted for more expansive background checks and for a bipartisan red flag bill. I am always for safety training but I can't recall a bill in particular.

## REPUBLICAN

PAT TYLKA

### Biographical Info:

**County:** Allegheny

### 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:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Not voting is not a protest. It is a surrender.**

**- Keith Ellison, Minnesota Attorney General**

PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 44

The 44th Legislative district contains Aleppo, Crescent, Findlay Township, Moon Township, North Fayette, Bell Acres, Edgeworth, Glen Osborne, Glenfield, Haysville, Leet Township, Leetsdale, Sewickley, Sewickley Heights and Sewickley Hills.

DEMOCRATIC  
DEBBIE TURICI

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**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:** Candidate did not respond.

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**A:** Candidate did not respond.

REPUBLICAN

VALERIE GAYDOS

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**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:** Candidate did not respond.

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**A:** Candidate did not respond.

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**A:** Candidate did not respond.

Someone struggled for your  
right to vote. Use it.

- Susan B. Anthony, suffragist

PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 45

The 45th Legislative district contains Collier Township, Kennedy Township, Robinson Township, Stowe, Bridgeville, Carnegie, Coraopolis, Neville Island, Kirwan Heights, McKees Rocks and Pennsbury Village.

DEMOCRATIC

ANITA ASTORINO KULIK

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**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:** Candidate did not respond.

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REPUBLICAN

MICHAEL PENDEL

Biographical Info:

County: Allegheny

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: Candidate did not respond.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

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A: Candidate did not respond.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 46

The 46th Legislative district contains South Fayette Township, Oakdale, and McDonald in Allegheny County; and part of Washington County including Cecil Township, North Strabane Township, Canonsburg, Houston and McDonald.

REPUBLICAN

JASON ORTITAY

Biographical Info:

County: Washington

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: Candidate did not respond.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A: Candidate did not respond.

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preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

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A: Candidate did not respond.

SPECIAL ELECTION:  
PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT 5

**Description:** Pittsburgh City Council consists of nine members elected by district by the city of Pittsburgh voters. The legislative power is vested in the council. Council members in old-numbered districts are elected 2 years after the even-numbered district members are elected.

**TERM:** 1 year for Special Election position  
**Salary:** \$76,544

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## DEMOCRATIC

## BARBARA GREENWOOD WARWICK

**Biographical Info:****Occupation:** Tech writer**Education:** Masters Degree**Qualifications:** Community organizer**Campaign Website:** barbforpgh.com**Campaign Facebook URL:** www.facebook.com/Barb4PGH**Campaign Twitter URL:** twitter.com/Barb4PGH**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:** Street safety: I will work with PGH DOMI to ensure that low-cost traffic calming analysis is part of every street maintenance review and that sidewalks are safe and accessible for people of all abilities.

Out-of-school programming: I will work with the mayor's office and Council to increase funding for Citiparks out-of-school programming to ensure that PGH kids have a safe place to go between when school gets out and parents get home from work.

Affordable housing: I will work with Council to pass Inclusionary Zoning and ensure that HACP meets its obligations to enroll more landlords in Section 8 and ensure they comply with safety requirements. I will also push for the URA to show that its funding is going to the residents who need it most.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** Stormwater: I will work with Council and PWSA to ensure that the new stormwater fee is used to solve issues around District 5 related to increased rainfall, including flood mitigation in Four Mile Run and runoff issues on Mifflin Road and elsewhere in the 31st Ward. I will also push for green infrastructure improvements at the source to help prevent overfilled sewers and excessive runoff in the first place.

Greenway: I will work with my colleagues on Council to introduce a resolution prohibiting the building of new roads for multi-passenger vehicles through our public parks.

Public Transit: I will work with the Mayor, County Exec, and County Council to increase public transit service and reduce the number air-polluting cars in Pgh.



BARBARA GREENWOOD WARWICK

**Biographical Info:****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:** Candidate did not respond.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## REPUBLICAN

## EUGENE BOKOR

## INDEPENDENT

## MATTHEW ALAN MAHONEY

**Biographical Info:****Occupation:** Father, Husband, Non-Profit Director, Adjunct Professor (listed in order of importance with the most important first)

Education: Master's Degree in Renewable Energy and Sustainability Systems from Penn State University and Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Slippery Rock University

Qualifications: I am passionate about serving our community. I have 10+ years working in Pittsburgh's non-profit sector. I've served in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and AmeriCorps. To learn more about my qualifications, please visit my LinkedIn profile at www.linkedin.com/in/matthew-alan-mahoney-98213a27/

**Campaign Facebook URL:** www.facebook.com/matt.mahoney.9235/**Campaign Twitter URL:** twitter.com/mahoney-matthewa**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:** We work better together. That is why I will sit down with representatives from every level of government to ensure our District is heard by a strong political leader that represents everyone equitably. I will stand solid, with integrity and sensibility for everyone, without unnecessary politicking or sham-

MATTHEW ALAN MAHONEY

ing and blaming others. I will preserve our shared values and genuine appreciation for our residential community. I will represent decency and respect for everyone, especially those that need our collective voice the most to defend our right to happiness and to make our own decisions. I will always listen first and continuously learn to do, what I know we can do better together.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** I earned my Master's Degree to advance real solutions that protect public health and advance corporate responsibility. Our District has a lot to protect, and as City Councilperson, I will work harder and smarter to address the environmental injustice our neighbors have faced for decades. First, I will secure funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act to address air and noise pollution and support clean, accessible transportation. Next, let's use our energy smarter. We can work with businesses to reduce energy use, harmful emissions, and utility bills, a win-win-win. I will represent our District's resilient character when we plan for the future by working together, and prioritizing all of us.

## ROB FOR COUNCIL

## ROBERT MCCUNE

**Biographical Info:****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:** Candidate did not respond.**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**“Our political leaders will know our priorities only if we tell them, again and again, and if those priorities begin to show up in the polls.”**

**- Peggy Noonan, writer**





# BALLOT QUESTIONS

## COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Ballot Question: Shall Article III, Subsection 6(b) of Allegheny County's Home Rule Charter be repealed in order to allow Members of County Council the same freedom of right to seek other elected office as is accorded to all other independently elected officials in Allegheny County, such that Council Members are permitted to run for nomination or election to elected office other than that of County Council Member without first having to resign from County Council?

Summary: This ordinance, if approved, would allow sitting County Council members to remain in office while running for another elected office. Currently, a sitting member must resign from County Council in order to run for another elected office. This requirement applies only to County Council members and not to any other elected officials in the City of Pittsburgh or Allegheny County government.

**Q:** *Yes or No vote*  
A YES vote would remove the current rule.

Therefore, a sitting County Council member could remain in office while running for another elected office.

A NO vote would keep the current rule in place.

This means any sitting County Council member must resign from office before they can run for another office.

## WILKINSBURG BOROUGH—SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

Shall a Government Study Commission of seven members be elected to study the existing form of

government of the municipality, to consider the advisability of the adoption of a home rule charter and, if advisable, to draft and to recommend a home rule charter?

The special election question asks voters if they wish to create a commission of seven members to study whether a home rule government is advisable

for the borough. In August, residents had the opportunity to file papers to be a member of that commission and the election of those individuals will also be on the ballot.



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead



The vote is precious. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it.

- John Lewis

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