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Guide to Elected Officials

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Federal Government -- Elected Executive Officials

Address correspondence to: The White House, Washington DC 20500; Website: <u>www.whitehouse.gov/contact</u>; Comments Line: 202-456-1111 4-year term

Office		Party	Next Election	Salary
President of the United States	Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	D	2024	\$400,000
Vice President of the United States	Kamala Harris	D	2024	\$230,700

Elected Legislative Officials

United States Senate

Address correspondence to: The Honorable (Name), US Senate, Washington DC 20510. Telephone: 202-224-3121. Website: <u>www.senate.gov</u>; 6-year term--\$174,000

Name Pat T	e (Party) oomey (R)		Election Website www.toomey.senate.gov		
	Local Office	Phone #	Address		
	Pittsburgh	(412) 803-3501	310 Grant Street, Ste 1440 Pittsburgh, PA 15219		
Bob C	Casey, Jr. (D)	2024	www.casey.senate.gov		
	Local Office	Phone #	Address		
	Pittsburgh	(412) 803-7370	310 Grant Street, Ste 2415 Pittsburgh, PA 15219		

United States House of Representatives

Address correspondence to: The Honorable (Name), US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515 Telephone: 202-224-3121 Website: <u>www.house.gov</u>; 2-year term--\$174,000

District	Name	(Party) Next	t Election Website
17	Conor Lamb	(D) 2	2022 lamb.house.gov
	Local Office	Phone #	Address
	Penn Hills	(412) 871-2060	11 Duff Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235
	Mt. Lebanon	(412) 344-5583	504 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
18	Mike Doyle	(D) 2	2022 <u>doyle.house.gov</u>
	Local Office	Phone #	Address
	South Side	(412) 390-1499	2637 E. Carson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203
	Monroeville	(412) 856-3375	2700 Monroeville Blvd, Municipal Center, Monroeville, PA 15146
	McKeesport	(412) 664-4049	627 Lysle Boulevard, McKeesport, PA 15132
	Bethel Park	(412) 283-4451	4705 Library Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Pennsylvania State Government Elected Executive Officials

Address correspondence to: The Honorable (Name), Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120 Go to this website and scroll down: <u>http://www.pa.gov;</u> 4-year term

		Party	Next Election	Phone	Salary
Governor	Tom Wolf	D	Final Term	717-787-2500	\$213,000
Lieutenant Governor	John Fetterman	D	2022	717-787-3300	\$213,000
Auditor General	Timothy L. DeFoor	R	2024	717-787-2543	\$177,000
State Treasurer	Stacey Garrity	R	2024	717-787-2465	\$177,000
Attorney General	Joshua D. Shapiro	D	2024	717-787-3391	\$177,000

Elected Legislative Officials

Address correspondence to:

The Honorable (Name), Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120; Website: www.legis.state.pa.us; 412-255-2621

Legislative Leadership:

Senate President Pro Tempore - Jake Corman (R) 717-787-1377 jcorman@pasen.gov. \$141,000 Senate Minority Leader- Jay Costa, Jr. (D) 717-787-7683 costa@pasenate.com. \$130,900 Speaker of the House - Bryan Cutler (R) 717-783-6424 bcutler@pahousegop.com. \$141,000

Enter your address at this website to find your district and State Senator and Representative: <u>https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/</u>

State Senators <u>www.pasen.gov</u>

Pennsylvania State Senators serve for a 4-year term. Odd-numbered districts are up for re-election in 2024. Even numbered districts are up for re-election in 2022. Pennsylvania State Senators earn a salary of \$90,300.

View the current PA Senate district map here: <u>https://www.pasen.gov/docs/senate_map.pdf</u> The senators **now in office** represent districts based on this 2011-2021 district map. The 2022 elections will be based on a new district map.

Pennsylvania State Senators serving Allegheny County residents:

District	Name	Party	Next Election	Email	Local District Office
37	Devlin Robinson	(R)	2024	drobinson@pasenate.com	1700 North Higland Rd., Suite 307, Pittsburgh, PA 15241; (412) 785-3070
38	Lindsey Williams	(D)	2022	senatorlindseywilliams@pasenate.com	5000 McKnight Rd., Suite 405, Pittsburgh, PA. 15237; (412) 364-0469
				second District Office location	1826 Union Ave. Natrona Heights, PA 15065; (724) 224-2131
42	Wayne D. Fontana	(D)	2022	fontana@pasenate.com	1039 Brookline Blvd., Suite 2, Pittsburgh, PA 15226- 2106; (412) 344-2551
43	Jay Costa, Jr.	(D)	2024	costa@pasenate.com	1501 Ardmore Blvd., Suite 403, Pittsburgh, PA 15221; (412) 241-6690
45	Jim Brewster	(D)	2024	brewster@pasenate.com	One Monroeville Center, 3824 Northern Pike, Suite 1015, Monroeville, PA 15146; (412) 380-2242

Pennsylvania State Representatives

Website: www.house.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania State Representatives serve for a 2-year term. All seats are up for re-election in 2022. Pennsylvania State Representatives earn a salary of \$90,300. Terms begin the first Tuesday in January following the election.

View the current PA House district maps here: <u>Allegheny County Map</u>, <u>City of Pittsburgh Map</u>

Pennsylvania State Representatives serving Allegheny County residents Address correspondence to: The Honorable (Name), Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120; To email your State Representative, click <u>here</u>, or use the address provided below:

District	Name	Party	Email	Local Office
16	Robert F. Matzie	(D)	rmatzie@pahouse.net	1240 Merchant St, First Floor, Ambridge, PA 15003; (724) 266-7774
19	Aerion Abney	(D)	repabney@pahouse.net	2015 1st Floor Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; (412) 471-7760
20	Emily Kinkead	(D)	repkinkead@pahouse.net	433 East Ohio St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212; (412) 321-5523
21	Sara Innamorato	(D)	repinnamorato@pahouse.net	5154 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201; (412) 781-2750
23	Dan Frankel	(D)	repfrankel@pahouse.net	2345 Murray Ave., Suite 205, Pittsburgh, PA 15217; (412) 422-1774
24	Martell Covington	(D)	repcovington@pahouse.net	100 Sheridan Square, 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15206; (412) 665-5502
25	Brandon J. Markosek	(D)	repmarkosek@pahouse.net	Commerce Building 4232 Northern Pike Monroeville, PA 15146; (412) 856-8284
27	Daniel J. Deasy, Jr.	(D)	repdeasy@pahouse.net	436 South Main Street Suite 100 Pittsburgh, PA 15220; (412) 928-9514
28	Rob Mercuri	(R)	rmercuri@pahousegop.com	5500 Brooktree Rd. Suite 100 Wexford, PA 15090; (412) 369-2230
30	Lori Mizgorski	(R)	lmizgorski@pahousegop.com	4284 William Flynn Hwy Suite 105 Allison Park, PA 15101; (412) 487-6605
32	Anthony M. DeLuca	(D)	repdeluca@pahouse.net	7205 Saltsburg Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15235; (412) 793-2448
33	Carrie Lewis DelRosso	(R)	clewisdelrosso@pahousegop.com	950 Pittsburgh St. Suite 200 Springdale, PA 15144; (724) 826-5013
34	Summer Lee	(D)	replee@pahouse.net	501 Braddock Ave. Suite 105 Braddock, PA 15104-0998; (412) 273-3400
35	Austin Davis	(D)	repaustindavis@pahouse.net	627 Lysle Blvd. McKeesport, PA 15132; (412) 664-0035
36	Jessica Benham	(D)	repbenham@pahouse.net	1810 Brownsville Rd. Carrick, PA 15210; (412) 881-4208
38	Nick Pisciottano	(D)	reppisciottano@pahouse.net	751 Pittsburgh-McKeesport Blvd. Dravosburg, PA 15034; (412) 466-1940
39	Mike Puskaric	(R)	mpuskaric@pahousegop.com	1633 Route 51 Suite G-102 Jefferson Hills, PA 15025; (412) 382-2009
40	Natalie Mihalik	(R)	nmihalik@pahousegop.com	1121 Boyce Rd Suite 2200A Pittsburgh, PA 15241, (412) 382-2009
42	Daniel L. Miller	(D)	repmiller@pahouse.net	650 Washington Rd Suite 102 Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228; (412) 343-3870
44	Valerie Gaydos	(R)	vgaydos@pahousegop.com	1005 Beaver Grade Rd Suite 106 Moon Twp, PA 15108; (412) 262-3780
45	Anita Astorino Kulik	(D)	repkulik@pahouse.net	1350 Fifth Ave. Coraopolis, PA 15108; (412) 264-4260
46	Jason Ortitay	(R)	jortitay@pahousegop.com	300 Old Pond Rd. Suite 205A Bridgeville, PA 15017; (412) 221-5110
54	Bob Brooks	(R)	rbrooks@pahousegop.com	3091 Carson Ave. Murrysville, PA 15668; (724) 387-1281

Allegheny County Elected Officials

Address correspondence to: The Honorable (Name), County Court House, 436 Grant St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219, Executive Room 101, County Council Room 119; <u>www.alleghenycounty.us</u> Officials and council members are elected to 4-year terms. County Information Call Center: 412-350-4636

Position	Name	Party	Next Election	Telephone #	Salary
Chief Executive	Rich Fitzgerald	D	2023	412-350-6500	\$142,339
Controller	Tracy Royston (Acting)	D	2023	412-350-4660	\$110,372
Treasurer	John K. Weinstein	D	2023	412-350-4100	\$110,372
District Attorney	Stephen A. Zappala, Jr.	D	2023	412-350-4401	\$196,119
Sheriff	Kevin M. Kraus	D	2025	412-350-4700	\$110,372

County Council - \$10,940 Stipend All calls- 412-350-6490

County Council meets twice a month on Tuesdays at 5pm. Due to COVID, meetings are being held remotely. Find the 2022 meeting schedule, recordings of previous meetings, and information on how to participate in County Council meetings at this link: <u>www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/council-meetings.aspx</u>

Map of County Council Districts: <u>www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/council-districts.aspx</u>

District	Name	Party	Next Election
At large	Bethany Hallam	D	2023
At large	Samuel DeMarco III	R	2023
District 1	Jack Betkowski	D	2025
District 2	Suzanne Filaggi	R	2023
District 3	Anita Prizio	D	2025
District 4	Patrick Catena, President	D	2025
District 5	Tom Duerr	D	2023
District 6	John F. Palmiere	D	2023
District 7	Nicholas Futules	D	2023
District 8	Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis	D	2025
District 9	Robert J. Macey	D	2025
District 10	DeWitt Walton	D	2023
District 11	Paul Klein	D	2023
District 12	Robert J. Palmosina	D	2025
District 13	Olivia "Liv" Bennett	D	2023

Allegheny County Appointed Officials

Position	Name	Telphone #	Salary
Director of Department of Court Records	Michael McGeever	412-350-5322	\$128,500
Director of Administrative Services	Jerry Tyskiewicz	412-350-6109	\$128,500
Medical Examiner	Dr. Karl E. Williams	412-350-4800	\$235,500
County Manager	William McKain	412-350-5300	\$235,750
County Solicitor	Andrew F. Szefi, Esq.	412-350-1120	\$143,750

County Real Estate Tax

4.73 Mills

2022 City of Pittsburgh

City-County Building	414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 152	19 <u>www.pittsburghpa.gov</u>
City Information	311 or 412-255-2621	
Citizen Police Review Board	412-765-8023	
Mayor, Edward C. Gainey	Room 512, City-County Building	Salary -\$124,658 Next Election - 2025

Use this link to submit comments to the Mayor's office: pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/mayor-feedback

City Coun	cil 412-255-2142	4-vear term	Salary \$76 544	Room 510
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Meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10am

District	Name	Phone #	Party	Next Election
1	Bobby Wilson	412-255-2135	(D)	2023
2	Theresa Kail-Smith , President	412-255-8963	(D)	2025
3	Bruce A. Kraus	412-255-2130	(D)	2023
4	Anthony Coghill	412-255-2131	(D)	2025
5	Corey O'Connor	412-255-8965	(D)	2023
6	R. Daniel Lavelle	412-255-2134	(D)	2025
7	Deb Gross	412-255-2140	(D)	2023
8	Erika Strassburger	412-255-2133	(D)	2025
9	Rev. Ricky Burgess	412-255-2137	(D)	2023

Livestream City Council meetings at this link: <u>pittsburghpa.gov/council/council-live</u> Sign up to speak or submit a public comment here: <u>pittsburghpa.gov/clerk/council-meetings</u> Find minutes or video of past meetings at this link: <u>pittsburgh.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</u>

Controller	Michael E. Lamb	412-255-2627	city_controller@pittsburghpa.gov	D	2023	\$82,386
City Clerk	Brenda Pree	412-225-2138	brenda.pree@pittsburghpa.gov			\$118,162

City of Pittsburgh (Continued) Department Directors

Position		Salary	Phone #
Chief of Staff	Jake Wheatley	\$124,078	412-255-2626
Deputy Mayor; Dir of OMB (Office of Management & Budget)	Jake Pawlak	\$118,162	412-255-2640
Chief Legal Officer/City Solicitor	Krysia Kubiak	\$121,759	412-255-2015
Dir. of Human Resources	Janet Manuel	\$118,162	412-255-2717
Dir. of Innovation & Performance	Heidi Norman	\$118,162	412-255-2152
Acting Dir. of Finance/Treasurer	Jennifer Gula	\$118,162	412-255-2954
Acting Dir. of Public Works	Chris Hornstein	\$118,162	412-255-2726
Acting Dir. of Mobility and Infrastructure	Kim Lucas	\$118,162	412-255-2523
Acting Dir. of Parks and Recreation	Kathryn Vargas	\$118,162	412-255-2539
Dir. of Public Safety	Lee Schmidt	\$150,293	412-255-8615
Dir. of City Planning	Karen Abrams	\$118,162	412-255-2200
Dir. of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections	Sarah Kinter	\$118,162	412-255-2523

Find a complete City Department Directory here: pittsburghpa.gov/city-info/departments

Public Safety Officials

Department	Chief	Salary	Phone #
EMS	Ronald Romano, Chief	\$133,280	412-622-6932
Police	Scott Schubert, Chief	\$144,512	412-323-7800
Emergency Management Coordinator; Fire Chief	Darryl Jones	\$133,280	412-255-2860

Find a complete list of Public Safety Offices here: pittsburghpa.gov/publicsafety/index.html

Public Boards, Authorities, and Commissions

Board	Director	Phone #
Sports and Exhibition Authority	Mary Conturo, Executive Director	412-393-0200
Parking Authority	David Onorato, Executive Director	412-560-7275
Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority	Will Pickering, Executive Director	412-255-2423
Urban Redevelopment Authority	Greg Flisram, Executive Director	412-255-6260
Pittsburgh Housing Authority	Caster D Binion, Executive Director	412-456-5000
Find a complete list of Boards, Authorities	, and Commissions here: <u>pittsburghpa.gov/</u>	bac/index.html
Real Estate Tax: 8.06 mills	ibrary Tax: 0.25 mills Parks:	0.50 mills

Pittsburgh Public Schools

341 South Bellefield AvenuePittsburgh, PA15213Tel#: 412-529-3500Fax: 412-325-4319www.pghschools.orgLet's Talk! App:ID: PP1952Parent Hotline412-529-HELP (4357)parenthotline@pghschools.org

Staff Directories for each school building are available here: discoverpps.org/pdf

PPS Board of Education

The members of the Pittsburgh Public Schools Board of Education are elected by district for a 4-year term. No salary. The School Board normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Public Hearings are held Monday evening at 6pm preceding the Legislative Board Meeting. (Subject to change.) Some meetings have been moved online. For meeting details, view the Pittsburgh Public School Calendar of Events or call the Board Office: 412-529-3770 **Public Hearings:** To Register to Speak at Public Hearings, Call 412-529-3868

	Ward	Name	Next Election
	1	Sylvia Wilson	2025
	2	Devon Taliaferro, 1st Vice President	2023
View a map of School Board	3	Sala Udin, President	2025
Wards <u>here.</u>	4	Pam Harbin, 2nd Vice President	2023
	5	Tracey Reed	2025
	6	William Gallagher	2023
	7	Jamie Piotrowski	2025
	8	Kevin Carter	2023
	9	Gene Walker	2025

Find the Board Calendar and live links to online meetings by viewing the calendar at: <u>https://www.pghschools.org</u> View recordings of previous meetings here: <u>https://vimeo.com/showcase/4425491</u> Board agendas and minutes are archived here: <u>http://www.pghschools.org/boarddocs</u>

Position	Name
Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent	Dr. Wayne N. Walters (Interim)
Chief of Staff	Errika Fearbry Jones
Chief of Human Resources	Margaret Rudolph
Coordinator, Community, Youth and Family Engagement	Larry L. Meadows, Jr.
Executive Director, Office of Equity	Angela Allie
Chief of School Performances	Vacant
Public Information	Ebony Pugh
District Solicitor	Ira Weiss

Pennsylvania State Judiciary

The PA Constitution, as amended January 1, 1969, provides for a unified judicial system. The **Supreme, Superior,** and **Commonwealth Courts** are the state appellate courts. The **Courts of Common Pleas** are the county-level trial courts. Learn more at <u>www.pacourts.us</u>

Judicial Elections in Pennsylvania

- Judges in the courts of common pleas and state appellate courts are elected for 10-year terms.
- Judicial candidates are nominated in municipal primary elections which occur in odd-numbered years.
- When running for a first term on a court, judges run in a *partisan election*.
- A judge who has completed a term of 10 years may qualify for a **retention election**. The candidate's name appears on the ballot in November *without political party designation*. The voters indicate by voting "yes" or "no" whether that candidate shall be retained as a judge for an additional 10-year term.
- Pennsylvania judges must retire at age 75.
- Terms begin the first Monday in January following election.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania - 412-565-2816

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court hears appeals of decisions by the PA Superior and Commonwealth Courts. Like the US Supreme Court, the PA Supreme Court has discretion over which cases to take.

Justice	Location	Retention Election	Salary
Chief Justice Max Baer	Pittsburgh	2022 Final Term	\$233,688
Kevin Brobson	Harrisburg	2031	\$227,080
Christine Donohue	Pittsburgh	2025	\$227,080
Kevin M. Dougherty	Philadelphia	2025	\$227,080
Sallie Updyke Mundy	Wellsboro	2027	\$227,080
Debra Todd	Butler County	2027	\$227,080
David N. Wecht	Pittsburgh	2025	\$227,080

Superior Court of Pennsylvania - 412-565-7592

Pennsylvania's Superior Court hears appeals of civil and criminal decisions from the Court of Common Pleas.

Justice	Location	Retention Election	Salary
President Judge Jack A Panella	Bethlehem	2023	\$220,866
John T. Bender	Pittsburgh	2031	\$214,261
Mary Jane Bowes	Pittsburgh	2031	\$214,261
Alice Beck Dubow	Philadelphia	2025	\$214,261
Megan McCarthy King	West Chester	2029	\$214,261
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Superior Court of Pennsylvania - continued from previous page

Justice	Location	Retention Election	Salary
Deborah A. Kunselman	Beaver County	2027	\$214,261
Anne E. Lazarus	Philadelphia	2029	\$214,261
Daniel D. McCaffery	Philadelphia	2029	\$214,261
Maria McLaughlin	Philadelphia	2027	\$214,261
Mary P. Murray	Pittsburgh	2027	\$214,261
Carolyn H. Nichols	Philadelphia	2027	\$214,261
Judith Ference Olson	Pittsburgh	2029	\$214,261
Jacqueline O. Shogan	Monroeville	2027	\$214,261
Victor P. Stabile	Harrisburg	2023	\$214,261
Megan Sullivan	Chester County	2031	\$214,261

Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania - 717-255-1650

Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court hears original cases filed by or against the state or state agencies, including cases involving voting law and election disputes. They also hear appeals from decisions made by state agencies and by Common Pleas courts.

Justice	Location	Retention Election	Salary
President Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer	State College	2031	\$220,866
Vacancy			\$214,261
Christine Fizzano Cannon	Media	2027	\$214,261
Ellen Ceisler	Philadelphia	2027	\$214,261
Anne E. Covey	New Hope	2031	\$214,261
Lori A. Dumas	Philadelphia	2031	\$214,261
Patricia A. McCullough	Pittsburgh	2029	\$214,261
Stacy Marie Wallace	McKean County	2031	\$214,261
Michael H. Wojcik	Pittsburgh	2025	\$214,261

Judicial Conduct Board

To file a complaint about any Pennsylvania judge, go to these two links: judicialconductboardofpa.org/filing-a-complaint/

Court of Common Pleas - 412-350-5410 Fifth Judicial District www.alleghenycourts.us

Allegheny County's Common Pleas Court has four divisions: Civil, Criminal, Family and Orphans' Courts. Civil Court handles most major civil cases, including contract disputes and business law. Criminal Division handles cases like assault, murder, and property theft. Family Court hears divorce, custody, domestic violence and juvenile cases. Orphans' Court handles issues like adoptions, guardianship and estate law.

Judicial Salaries President Judge: \$200,423;

Administrative Judges: \$198,837 (6 or more judges in division), \$197,979 (fewer than 6 judges in division); Judges: \$197,119

Judge	Next Election
President Judge Kim Berkeley Clark	2029
Bruce R. Beemer	2031
Alexander P. Bicket	2031
Kelly Eileen Bigley	2027
Edward J. Borkowski	2025
Cathleen C. Bubash	2027
Eleanor L. Bush	2023
Tom Caulfield	2031
Patrick M. Connelly	2027
Jessel A Costa III	2031
Paul E. Cozza	2023
Susan Evashavik DiLucente	2029
im D. Eaton, Admin. Judge	2029
homas E. Flaherty	2025
licola Y. Henry-Taylor	2031
athryn M. Hens-Greco	2025
lan D. Hertzberg	2025
illiot C. Howsie	2031
Philip Anthony Ignelzi	2029
Arnold I. Klein	2029
Sabrina Korbel	2031

Magisterial District Courts 412-350-5485

Salary - \$98,565

Allegheny County has 46 magisterial districts. One Magisterial District Judge is elected in each district for a 6-year term. Elections are held in odd-numbered years. MDJs conduct preliminary arraignments and hear cases involving misdemeanors, small claims, setting bail, issuing warrants, and granting emergency Protection From Abuse orders. Some cases are referred to the Court of Common Pleas. MDJs also conduct marriage ceremonies.

Find the office for your district here: www.alleghenycourts.us/district_judges/offices.aspx

Elections 2022 Primary Election--May 17, 2022 General Election- November 8, 2022

Registration closes May 2, 2022 Registration closes October 24, 2022

The polls are open from 7am - 8pm.

Qualifications for Voters

- 1. You must be a citizen of the United States.
- 2. You must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election.
- 3. You must be a resident of Allegheny County and of your election district for 30 days.

Voter Registration

You can register

- online at <u>vote.pa.gov</u>
- in person
- by mail at the Allegheny County Elections Division, County Office Building, 542 Forbes Avenue, Suite 609, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- on paper. Request a Voter Registration Application from the Allegheny County Elections Division, at some public libraries, at the League of Women Voters Office, or download at <u>vote.pa.gov</u>.

If you move, you must update your address

- online at <u>vote.pa.gov</u>
- in person or by mail at the Allegheny County Elections Division (address above)
- by calling the County Elections Division at 412-350-4500 (for moves within Allegheny County)

Accessibility: Find information about Accessible Voting for citizens over 65 or with a disability here.

Closed Primaries and Party Registration

Pennsylvania is a closed primary state. You may choose to be affiliated with a political party or remain unaffiliated. However, your party registration affects how you may vote in primary elections.

- In a **primary election** in Pennsylvania, only voters registered as members of either the Democratic or Republican party may vote for candidates of their own party. *Voters registered in other parties cannot vote for candidates in a PA Primary Election.*
- Occasionally there is a **ballot question, referendum, or special election on the primary ballot**. All voters may vote on these.
- In a November (general) election, any registered voter may vote for any candidate of any political party.

Mail-in and Absentee Voting (PA Act 77 of 2019 authorized "no-excuse" mail-in ballots.)

- A mail-in ballot may be used by any registered voter.
- An **absentee ballot** may be used by registered voters who expect to be away from their municipality on election day due to college, work or vocation, or who are ill or incapacitated. (*This option was retained due to the wording regarding "absentee ballots" in the Pennsylvania State Constitution*.)

There are three steps to secure and return a mail-in or absentee ballot:

- **1. Request Application:** Go to <u>vote.pa.gov</u> and complete the online mail-in or absentee ballot application. For a paper application, download, print, and mail the paper application. Or call 412-350-4500 to request a paper application.
- 2. Complete and Return Application: Return paper mail-in or absentee ballot application to: Allegheny County Elections Division, 542 Forbes Avenue, Suite 609, Pittsburgh PA 15219. Online applications are automatically filed.
- **3. Complete and Return Mail-in Ballot:** When you receive your mail-in or absentee ballot, mark the ballot following the directions exactly. Voted mail-in or absentee ballots must be returned to your County Elections Division and RECEIVED by 8pm on Election Day.

Reliable, Non-partisan Election Information Sources:

- <u>alleghenycounty.us</u>: Allegheny County Elections Division website for up-to-date election information. 412-350-4500. For weekly updates during election seasons, including links to online meetings of the Board of Elections, subscribe to the <u>Allegheny Votes</u> Newsletter.
- <u>vote.pa.gov</u>: to register to vote, get a mail-in or absentee ballot application, confirm your registration status, find your polling place, and more.
- <u>Vote411.org</u>: League of Women Voters website-register to vote, find nonpartisan candidate information, and more
- <u>www.lwvpgh.org</u>: Visit this new League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh website to find nonpartisan, up-to-date voting and elections information, and more. See the Voter Resources Library to find infographics and other documents to view, download and/or share. 412-261-4284

Voters' Guides

Know your candidates at election time. The LWVPGH provides these services.

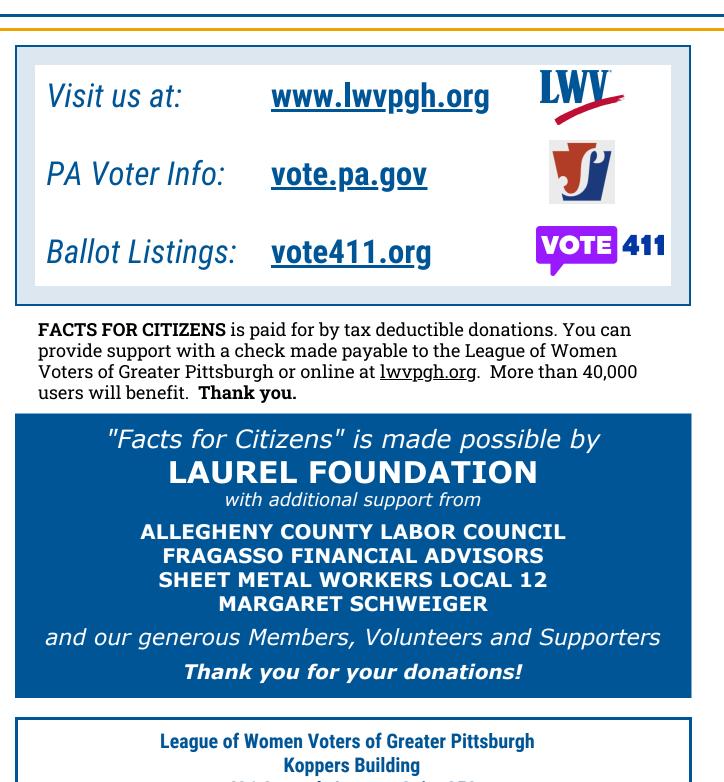
- **Online**: Go to <u>Vote411.org</u> to get nonpartisan information about the candidates on your own ballot.
- Print: The Voters Guide is compiled by the LWVPGH and published in *The New Pittsburgh Courier* newspaper on Wednesday, two weeks prior to each Primary and General Election. The guide lists the candidates with their biographies and views. Copies can be found in local public libraries. A PDF copy of the printed Voters Guide will be available online at <u>www.lwvpgh.org</u>.

How to Contact Your Elected Officials

• A script for contacting your elected officials is available here.

Know Your Rights

- The first time you vote, or if you have moved, or the first time in a new polling place, you will need an approved photo or non-photo ID that shows your name and address. See the complete list of approved IDs in this "<u>Make a Plan to Vote</u>" graphic or at <u>vote.pa.gov</u>.
- If you registered to vote on time, but by Election Day have not received your ID card and may or may not have been able to verify that your status is "active", you still have the right to go to your polling place to vote! Just ask for a provisional ballot (procedure below).
- Your name was NOT found in the Voting Record ("Voter Roll") or in the "supplemental" list in the back of the Voting Record; ask for a provisional ballot. Complete the form, sign your "declaration", and get a receipt to check later at <u>vote.pa.gov</u>. *Do not leave without voting!*
- Call the ELECTION PROTECTION COALITION HOTLINE if you experience or observe voter intimidation, have any problems, or have any questions on Election Day: ENGLISH: 1-866-0UR-VOTE/ 1-866-687-8683 SPANISH: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA/ 1-888-839-8682
- TIPS: If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one. If you are still in line at 8pm, stay in line until you are able to vote, no matter how late, even if they announce, "The poll is closed." Remember: You have the right to vote.
- Citizens with criminal records who are not currently incarcerated for a felony are eligible to vote. Learn more <u>here</u>.
- The Court of Common Pleas is in continuous session on Election Day from 7am 8pm to hear Election Day complaints. 412-350-5463



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Membership is open to all citizens, ages 16 and above. For further information, contact 412-261-4284.

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