

Vote411 Voters' Mini-Guide

Primary Election May 17, 2022

Pennsylvania State Senator District 38 Republican Primary

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You must be registered as a Republican to vote in this Republican Primary contest. The winner of this election will be the Republican nominee on the November ballot.

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.

To vote in this election, you must register by May 2, 2022. You must be registered as a Democrat to vote in the Democratic Primary or as a Republican to vote in the Republican Primary. Candidates of other parties are not included in Pennsylvania's Closed Primary.

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.

Lori Mizgorski

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

No Photo
Submitted

This candidate has not responded.

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

Jake Roberts

Party: Republican

Biographical Info:

Occupation: Attorney

Education: J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Qualifications: Chief Public Defender - Clarion County, PA

Campaign

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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 would move to eliminate any Covid-19 vaccine mandates in PA by employers or schools.

I would ban any teaching/discussion/curriculum in PA schools about a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Expand gunowner rights by making PA a Constitutional Carry state (voted "NO" by Lori Mizgorski).

Open up PA's pipelines to maximize oil and gas production AND exports; and move to pull back our gas tax, while making electric vehicle owners pay their fair share of taxes.

Take any teaching or discussion of anything associated with Critical Race Theory "CRT" out of PA's schools.

Keep biological males out of women's sports and bathrooms.

Pass legislation that severely restricts access to abortion in PA.

Repeal Act 77 and mandate Voter ID

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

A: Act 77 needs to go. We can not have secure and safe elections that Pennsylvanians trust for as long as we have no-excuse mail in voting and ballot drop boxes. Instead, absentee ballot voting should be reserved for only the most unique situations, such as for service members who are overseas, but most all other Pennsylvanians need to vote in person AND show valid photo ID to cast a vote.

We also need to make sure that the votes that are cast are being tabulated and documented correctly. I support a full and detailed forensic audit of the 2020 General Election, and a deep investigation into the Dominion voting machines. If deemed necessary, I would support a return to complete paper ballots without electronic 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: Corporations and individuals cannot be permitted to pollute our water systems and air without punishment. However, I do believe that the "climate change" lobby has grossly exaggerated the risks associated with greenhouse gases and burning of fossil fuels, all while overselling the benefits and practicality of so-called "green energy." Ultimately, it is our oil and gas resources in PA that provide the greatest opportunities to prosper economically as a state, and we must capitalize on those resources, or run the risk of a dire economic 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: The 2nd Amendment guarantees every US citizen's right to protect themselves against a tyrannical, authoritarian government. To allow the government to create countless hurdles and red tape before allowing a person to exercise his/her constitutional rights is a violation of one of our nation's most sacred fundamental principles.

I am strongly opposed to expanding background checks, implementing red flag laws, or mandating firearm trainings. Instead, I would expand gunowner rights by making PA a Constitutional Carry state, free from unnecessary licensing requirements.