

# Vote411 Voters' Mini-Guide

*Primary Election May 17, 2022*

## Pennsylvania State Representative District 34 Democratic Primary

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

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

***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.

## **Abigail Salisbury**

**Party:** Democratic

### **Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** MPPM, University of Pittsburgh; JD, University of Pittsburgh; BA, Case Western Reserve University

**Qualifications:** Attorney, 5 years as Swissvale Borough Council member, 2 years as Council President, small business owner

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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 prioritize rebuilding our district's infrastructure. We have had multiple collapses and landslides in recent years, and while no lives have been lost, we will not always be so lucky. Our combined sewer systems have likewise gone without appropriate maintenance, allowing sewage to be dumped into our waterways. I would work with others by emphasizing shared priorities rather than differences. As a lawyer, it is my job to listen to my clients and advocate for their interests, often having to work toward a settlement/compromise. I view representative government much the same way.

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

**A:** I would like to ensure the ongoing viability of mail-in ballots and maintain/improve ease of voting for all.

**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 encourage adoption of fuel sources other than fossil fuels, encourage/facilitate composting programs in the district, and explore alternatives to the currently ineffective plastics recycling program.

**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 am very concerned that we prohibit concealed carry permit owners from using medical marijuana, but allow all the opioids one can get prescribed.

**Summer Lee**

**Party: Democratic**

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

No Photo  
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***This candidate has not responded.***

**Questions:**

No Response