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# IN THIS ELECTION WE VOTE FOR:

National: President of the United States United States Senator State Attorney General State Auditor General State Treasurer

US House of Representatives (Dist. 4) PA House of Representatives (Districts 151, 152, 153, and 154)

Local:

Candidates listed here are those on the ballot as of the press deadline. We have made every effort to reach candidates on the ballot in all races. Some candidates may not have submitted their information and responses in time to meet our print deadline.

Visit our online guide, <u>Vote411.org/ballot</u>, to find the latest candidate submissions, plus information on races elsewhere in Montgomery County, in Pennsylvania and across the nation.

You can also find links to register to vote (deadline October 21), check your voter registration, or request a mail ballot (deadline October 29) on Vote411, or go directly to the PA Department of State's website at vote.pa.gov for all voting-related matters.







# • PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES •

**Description of Office and Duties:** The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

#### Term: Four years. Limit of two terms. Salary: \$400,000 per year

**Note**: All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to specific questions. Candidates were qualified if they met the following criteria during the general election season: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President; 2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website by the date of publication; 3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.

All candidates who will appear on the Pennsylvania ballot are listed below, but only those that meet the criteria above were invited to respond to the League's questions in this guide.

Responses were limited to a specific number of characters and were truncated thereafter.

If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not yet responded." is printed.

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#### DEMOCRATIC

#### KAMALA D. HARRIS—President TIM WALZ—Vice President

Campaign Website: https://kamalaharris.com/ Campaign Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ KamalaHarris/

Campaign Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/kamalaharris/

Campaign Twitter: KamalaHarris *Questions:* 

**Q**: What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including for families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?

A: -no response-

Q: What steps will you take to ensure all Americans have access to quality and affordable health care, including reproductive care and prescription drug coverage? A: -no response-

**Q**: What steps will you take to curb gun violence and build safe and healthy communities for communities disproportionally impacted by gun violence in the United States?

A: -no response-

**Q**: What are the most important steps you will take to improve U.S. immigration policies, including creating an accessible path to citizenship?

A: -no response-

Q: What actions will you take to address the threats facing the United States due to climate change? A: -no response-

#### REPUBLICAN

#### DONALD J. TRUMP—President JD VANCE—Vice President

Campaign Website: www.donaldjtrump.com/ Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/

DonaldTrump/

Campaign Instagram: www.instagram.com/ realdonaldtrump/

Campaign Twitter: TrumpWarRoom

*Questions:* 

**Q**: What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including for families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?

A: -no response-

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A: -no response-

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A: -no response-

Q: What actions will you take to address the threats facing the United States due to climate change? A: -no response-

#### GREEN

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#### JILL STEIN—President RUDOLPH WARE—Vice President

Campaign Phone: 425-691-6631 Campaign Website: www.jillstein2024.com/ Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/drjillstein Campaign Instagram: www.instagram.com/drjillstein/ Campaign Twitter: DrJillStein *Ouestions:* 

**Q**: What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including for families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?

A: We need an economy that works for working people, not just the wealthy and powerful. To reverse surging inequality and insecurity, we need an Economic Bill of Rights establishing the rights to a living-wage job, guaranteed livable income, housing, healthcare, childcare, lifelong education, secure retirement, utilities, healthy food and clean water, so that all of us are guaranteed the basic security for a good life that can reach our highest potential.

A Jill Stein administration will pass a \$25 minimum wage, eliminate the sub-minimum wage loophole, pass universal rent control, cancel student and medical debt, end wage discrimination based on race, gender and other factors, and mandate paid sick and family leave as well as parental leave.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure all Americans have access to quality and affordable health care, including reproductive care and prescription drug coverage? A: Healthcare is a human right. We need a universal healthcare system that is equitable, comprehensive, free at point of service, and accessible to every single person in the US.

A Jill Stein administration will immediately implement National Improved Medicare for All as a precursor to establishing a UK-style National Healthcare Service which will replace private hospital, private medical practice, and private medical insurance with a publiclyowned, democratically controlled healthcare service that will guarantee healthcare as a human right to everyone in the United States. We will take the pharmaceutical industry into public ownership to provide medicines as a public good.

We will also codify Roe v. Wade and advance reproductive rights.

**Q**: What steps will you take to curb gun violence and build safe and healthy communities for communities disproportionally impacted by gun violence in the United States?

**A**: We need to end the epidemic of gun violence with common-sense gun safety laws.

A Jill Stein administration will ban the sale of assault

rifles and establish a buyback program; establish mandatory waiting periods and background checks for firearm purchases; pass red flag laws for individuals who pose a danger to themselves and others; create standardized digital records of gun registrations and sales; close gun show loopholes; require firearm owners to own a highquality gun safe to store their firearms; require firearm owners to purchase liability insurance of no less than \$1,000,000; and hold adult firearm owners criminally liable for minor children accessing and using firearms in the commission of any crime, accidental injury or death. **Q**: What are the most important steps you will take to improve U.S. immigration policies, including creating an accessible path to citizenship?

A: Immigrants' rights are human rights. It's time to completely overhaul the broken and abusive immigration system, as well as the unjust policies driving people to leave their homes. We need a comprehensive immigration policy and properly funded institutions to ensure a timely, ethical, transparent, and dignified path to citizenship for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Border policy should move away from detention and enforcement response toward humane and effective asylum processing.

A Jill Stein administration will replace ICE with an Office of Citizenship, Refugees, and Immigration Services under the Department of Labor, grant amnesty to every undocumented person, and implement a path to citizenship with expediency.

**Q**: What actions will you take to address the threats facing the United States due to climate change?

A: We all have a human right to a livable planet with a stable climate, healthy food, clean air and water, and living soil. We need a real Green New Deal to transition rapidly from an economic system that is destroying our only home to a sustainable society built around human needs and protecting life on Earth.

Our Green New Deal will invest in renewable energy, a publicly-owned nationwide smart energy grid, clean transportation technology, energy efficiency and conservation to generate millions of good-paying jobs, rapidly phase out fossil fuels and achieve 100% clean renewable energy and zero-to-negative carbon emissions by no later than 2035.

We need to act now so that our children and future generations can not only survive, but thrive.

# **VOTE 411**

**NOTE:** The following candidate for U.S. President has qualified for the Pennsylvania state ballot according to the Secretary of State of Pennsylvania, but did not meet the LWVEF criteria for inclusion in this Voters Guide and therefore was not asked the questions asked of other

candidates above:

#### LIBERTARIAN

#### CHASE OLIVER—President MIKE TER MAAT—Vice President

Campaign Website: https://votechaseoliver.com/ Campaign Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ ChaseForLiberty/

Campaign Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ chaseforliberty

Campaign Twitter: ChaseForLiberty

#### • UNITED STATES 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. A Senator 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 Vote for ONE

#### DEMOCRATIC

**ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.**, Lackawanna County **Occupation:** U.S. Senator

**Education:** B.A. College of the Holy Cross and J.D. Catholic University of America

**Qualifications:** Senator Bob Casey is one of Pennsylvania's two sitting senators and has a record of delivering for Pennsylvanians. He has helped create thousands of good-paying jobs in the Commonwealth, lowered costs for families and seniors, secured our rights, and fought for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable.

Campaign Website: http://bobcasey.com Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/BobCaseyJr

X Handle: twitter.com/Bob Casey

**Instagram URL:** www.instagram.com/bobcaseyjr/ *Questions:* 

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?

A: I'm fighting for our rights, lower costs for working families, economic freedom for workers, and our country's children, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. I see each of these fights as critical for our country. I've supported legislation to defend democracy, protect a woman's right to choose, and a worker's right to organize. I'm holding big corporations accountable for greedflation and raising prices on working people while they rake in record profits. I've helped pass legislation that will create tens of thousands of new jobs in Pennsylvania and saved pensions for tens of thousands of workers. I also helped pass the PACT to provide care to veterans who have suffered aftering being exposed to toxic burn pits.

O: What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively? A: I support increasing ethical standards in Washington and reducing conflicts of interest to hold government officials to the high standards that Americans expect of them. I'm an original co-sponsor of the For The People Act, which would increase restrictions on coordination between Super PACs and candidates. I also cosponsored and helped pass the Stock Act, which banned members of Congress from trading stocks based on nonpublic information and I back efforts to stop members from trading stocks entirely. I believe all of these steps aimed at increasing transparency and accountability will help make our Congress work better for Americans. I will continue to fight for greater transparency in politics. Q: What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections? A: I am working hard to protect the fundamental right to vote from extreme MAGA Republicans across the country who are trying to erect new barriers to voting. I cosponsored the Freedom to Vote Act to ensure every American can access the ballot box on an equal basis, including by setting minimum standards for early and mail voting, modernizing voter registration, and ending partisan gerrymandering. I am also an original cosponsor of the John Lewis Votings Rights Advancement Act, which would ensure that voters in states with a history of voting rights violations have equal access to voting as all other Americans. In addition, I sponsored the Accessible Voting Act of 2021 to make it easier for seniors and those living with a disability to vote. Q: How do you view the role of the US in responding to

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

A: I believe we must protect our interests abroad with diplomatic engagement, working with allies, and foreign assistance, coupled with our national security apparatus. Our Nation is currently facing immense national security challenges, including competing with China, combating climate change alongside global allies, fighting terrorism, countering Russia's aggression, supporting our

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ally in Israel and providing humanitarian aid in Gaza, and combating the threat of nuclear terrorism. I have worked to address these challenges as a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence, where I have pursued a national security strategy that protects our interests, promotes human rights throughout the world, and supports those who serve our country.

#### REPUBLICAN

DAVE McCORMICK, Allegheny County Campaign Website: http://davemccormickpa.com

Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/

DaveMcCormickPA

Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?

A: - no response -

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively? **A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections? **A:** - no response -

Q: How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community? A: - no response -

#### LIBERTARIAN

JOHN C. THOMAS, Armstrong County

**Occupation:** Educator Education: Indiana University of Pennsylvania Qualifications: Dedication to Liberty Campaign Website: linktr.ee/johnthomaspa Facebook URL: facebook.com/profile.php? id=100090842456490 X Handle: JohnThomasPA Instagram URL: www.instagram.com/johnthomaspa/ Questions: Q: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them? A: The most pressing issue is the loss of liberty due to the ever increasing size of the federal government. We lose economic liberties when the government prints money, devaluing our currency. We lose civil liberties when the government works with tech companies to police speech. We lose personal liberties when the government spies on us. This process is accelerated by America's involvement in foreign wars. We address these problems by getting back to the Constitution. The only wars America should be involved in are those posing a direct threat, declared by Congress. The only spending should be that directly authorized by Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution. Every Amendment, especially those of the Bill of Rights, should be protected.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively? A: The United States Senate is a cartel of political elites, focused on extracting power and wealth from regular Americans and giving it to their cronies. I do not want them to be efficient or effective. We need Senators who are willing to slow the process. I will do all that I can to block the legislation elites use to make Washington more powerful at the expense of Pennsylvanians' liberty. As long as the Senate is controlled by elites of the two major political parties, we should work to make them as inefficient as possible.

Q: What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections? A: Elections are a state issue. I am running for a federal office. I would block any legislation that would strip states of their rights to determine how to run elections. I would prefer that Pennsylvania pass voter ID laws, so every legal vote counts, and no votes are offset by illegal votes. However, I am not running for the PA legislature, so that is just the personal opinion of a PA citizen. Q: How do you view the role of the US in responding to

challenges facing the international community? A: The US is too involved in internal affairs of foreign states. United States Senators should be focused on getting America to be less involved in international affairs. Pennsylvanians are going broke, as our resources are making foreign bureaucrats rich. I would work to keep resources here in PA, so that we can be peaceful and prosperous.

#### GREEN

LEILA HAZOU, Pike County **Occupation:** Business Owner **Education:** MBA Qualifications: A concerned American that wants to see change for the good of the people. Campaign Website: leilaforsenate.com Facebook URL: facebook.com/profile.php? id=61558366941475 X Handle: @LeilaForSenate Instagram URL: www.instagram.com/leilaforsenate? igsh=MXNsa3J4YWoxeXptcA%3D% 3D&utm source=qr *Questions:* Q: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them? A: The economy - we need to stop funding wars across the globe and spend our money here at home. Human

rights - everyone deserves basic human rights and all people must have total control over their own bodies and their health. The environment - we need to move away from fossil fuels and build clean energy infrastructure. Healthcare and housing - every American should have

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healthcare and housing. If we stop spending \$800 billion per year in defense, we can easily guarantee this.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively? A: Remove money from our politics. Corporate and special interest lobby money shouldn't determine policy. Q: What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections? A: We need to pass the John Lewis Act to modernize and revitalize the Voting Rights Act by strengthening legal protections against discriminatory voting policies. We need to ensure that our technology and methods are secure so that voters have confidence in election outcomes.

Q: How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?A: The US needs to be a model for peace, not for endless wars and regime change.

#### CONSTITUTION

MARTY SELKER, Clarion County Occupation: Truck Driver Campaign Website: www.martyselkerforsenate.com/

Facebook URL: facebook.com/bernardselker

X Handle: Selkerforsenate

Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them? A: The most pressing issues facing our country are the erosion of constitutional liberties, fiscal irresponsibility, and federal overreach. As your U.S. Senator, I will fight to restore our rights to free speech, religious freedom, and the Second Amendment, while cutting wasteful federal spending and balancing the budget. I'll work to return power to the states, allowing them to manage their own affairs without intrusive federal interference. Q: What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively? A: To make Congress function more efficiently and effectively, I would support several key changes. First, implementing term limits for members of Congress would reduce career politicians' influence and encourage fresh perspectives. Second, I advocate for a return to a strict adherence to the Constitution, ensuring that legislation is within the federal government's enumerated powers. Third, reducing the size and scope of government by eliminating unnecessary agencies and programs would streamline congressional focus. Lastly, I would push for transparency and accountability, ensuring that bills are thoroughly reviewed and understood before being passed, allowing for informed decision-making and reducing wasteful legislation.

**Q**: What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?

A: To protect voting rights and ensure free and fair elec- Campaign Website: http://depasqualeforag.com tions. I would support legislation that upholds the integrity of the electoral process while safeguarding individu- X Handle: twitter.com/DePasqualePA al liberties. This includes implementing voter ID laws to prevent fraud, ensuring that all eligible voters have access to identification. Additionally, I advocate for measures that enhance transparency, such as requiring paper ballots or secure, verifiable electronic systems. I also support decentralizing election oversight, empowering states to manage their own processes without undue federal interference, thereby preserving the integrity of each state's election system.

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

A: I believe the role of the U.S. in responding to international challenges should be grounded in a policy of noninterventionism and respect for national sovereignty. Our focus should be on maintaining a strong national defense to protect our own borders while avoiding entangling alliances and unnecessary foreign conflicts. The wage theft, stop price gouging, and close tax loopholes. U.S. should prioritize diplomacy and trade over military intervention, seeking peaceful solutions that respect the rights of other nations to govern themselves. By leading through example, promoting liberty, and supporting free markets, we can positively influence the world without imposing our will through force.

#### • STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL •

Description of office: The basic duties of the Attorney General, as outlined by the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, are to: serve as the Commonwealth's chief law enforcement officer; collect all debts, taxes, and accounts due to the Commonwealth; represent the Commonwealth and all its agencies in any action brought by or against the Commonwealth; administer the provision relating to consumer protection laws; and represent the Commonwealth and its citizens in any action brought about for violation of the antitrust laws.

#### Term: 4 years Salary: \$197,748 Vote for ONE

#### DEMOCRATIC

EUGENE DePASQUALE, Allegheny County Occupation: Attorney / Adjunct Professor Education: BA from The College of Wooster (OH), an MPA from the University of Pittsburgh and a JD from Widener University School of Law.

Qualifications: Eugene DePasquale is the former twoterm Auditor General of Pennsylvania. Prior to his tenure as Auditor General, Mr. DePasquale was a threeterm member of the state General Assembly representing the 95th District.

Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/DePasqualePA **Ouestions:** 

O: What are your top three priorities to address as Attornev General?

A: My top priorities are protecting our democracy, defending reproductive freedom, and protecting against corporate greed. Protecting our Democracy is the greatest task and potential crisis we face - which the Attorney General will be front and center on. Reproductive freedoms are under attack across the country. From when to choose not to have a family through abortion to when to choose to have a family through IVF treatments. I believe Pennsylvanians should have the freedom to make those decisions for themselves. As Attorney General, I will be your legal advocate against corporate greed. I will crack down on businesses and CEOs taking advantage of consumers and help defend workers from O: What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?

A: As Attorney General, I will work with law enforcement to protect our communities by investing in prevention tactics and holding those who threaten our safety accountable. I will work to restore trust between residents and local law enforcement to ensure our police can best serve and protect the Commonwealth.

Q: What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?

A: There are so many places that we have challenges achieving equality under the law, including LGBTQ protections, the criminalization of addiction, and disparities in how the law treats people of different races and ethnicities. As Attorney General, I would enforce the law equally, but also advocate for changes in the law that gave Pennsylvanians greater protections from these inequalities.

#### REPUBLICAN

**DAVE SUNDAY.** York County **Occupation:** District Attorney Education: Finance Degree, Penn State, 2002 & Juris Doctorate, Widener Law, 2007 Qualifications: Dave Sunday is the twice elected District Attorney of York County. He started as a line prosecutor & prior to his election rose to Chief Deputy Prosecutor of Litigation where he supervised Major Crime cases and the Felony Narcotics Unit. Under his watch crime & recidivism has dropped in York County. Campaign Website: http://davesundayforag.com Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/ DaveSundayforDistrictAttorney

#### X Handle DaveSunday

**Ouestions:** 

O: What are your top three priorities to address as Attornev General?

A: -Addressing the Fentanyl epidemic by coordinating with our federal partners and local prosecutors and law enforcement to target the organizations that traffic it to our communities. -Ensuring our seniors and consumers are protected from fraud by using the tools at our disposal to target those who prey on Pennsylvanians. -Protecting our vouth from exploitation.

**O:** What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?

A: Our criminal justice system is in need of focus. For too long I believe Attorneys General in Pennsylvania have tried to expand the office and use it to wage political culture war fights which distracts from the core mission of the office. I want to refocus it on the things that it is empowered to do by targeting organized crime and the drug epidemic, protecting our seniors and youth from fraud and exploitation and protect our consumers. We must also bring our resources to bear in communities that are being hit particularly hard by crime. Using our concurrent jurisdiction and building partnerships with our local officials I believe this can be accomplished

Q: What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?

A: Inequal application of the law is a major challenge. Prosecutors who put their own personal agendas and beliefs ahead of the written law create a situation where what is a punishable crime in one jurisdiction is not in a neighboring one. This sends the wrong message to offenders and the community. Our criminal justice system and our entire society is built on the idea of Equal Justice Under the Law. When that principle is broken faith in our institutions is shattered and chaos and lawlessness follow.

#### **LIBERTARIAN**

#### **ROBERT COWBURN**, Allegheny County **Occupation** Attorney

Education Juris Doctor: 2016 Suffolk University Law School; B.S., Sports, Arts and Entertainment Management: 2011 Point Park University; A.A.S., Manufacturer Automotive Technology: 2008 Community College of Allegheny County

Campaign Website cowburnforag.com *Questions:* 

Q: What are your top three priorities to address as Attorney General?

A: -no response-

Q: What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania

criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?

A: -no response-

**O**: What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?

A: -no response-

#### GREEN

RICHARD L. WEISS. Alleghenv County **Occupation:** Lawyer Education: B.A.(Pitt), J.D., LL.M., M.B.A. **Oualifications:** Admitted to PA Attorney Bar Campaign Website: www.gpofpa.org/donate

Facebook URL: facebook.com/richard.weiss.1485537 **X Handle:** RichardLWeiss

Instagram URL: www.instagram.com/richardlweiss **Ouestions:** 

**Q:** What are your top three priorities to address as Attornev General?

A: 1. End slavery by requiring prison labor to be paid market wages. Prison labor benefits a few with cheap labor while the public pays for their incarceration. 2. Protect renters, the homeless and workers from unfair practices, like price-fixing, lack of affordable housing and shelter, discrimination and wage theft. 3. Pursue polluters for cleanup of over half a million uncapped wells in Pennsylvania, and drug makers for the consequences of the side effects of their products. Pursue politicians to return gifts and support a gift ban to make corruption illegal. The Green Party accepts no corporate donations. Support the Green Party of PA by donating here gpofpa.org/donate. The Green Party works for the people not the corporations.

Q: What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?

A: My campaign will challenge the state to pay market rates for prison labor. The Philacor program installed ten industry shops where laborers make pennies an hour. When there isn't a profit motive to keep prisoners incarcerated, then incarceration and the costs to the public will fall. I am also a proponent of the Disability Integration Act which will help patients with disabilities access in home and long term services prior to being institutionalized or incarcerated. Incarceration should be for dangerous actors only. Most can be directed to noncarceral programs. Restorative justice programs have shown less recidivism than incarceration. Treat drug abuse as a medical issue, not with incarceration. Decriminalize cannabis.

Q: What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?

A: Pennsylvania has the fifth highest rate of discrimination cases of any state and some of the most proportionately disabled cities and counties in our country. People with disabilities often require reasonable accomodations. It will take an attorney general who holds workplaces and institutions accountable for their lack of accountability for addressing systemic discrimination in hiring and reasonable accommodation practices. Ending prison slave wages will remove the profit motive for incarceration, lowering prison population and reducing costs to the public. End cash bail: the judge should determine whether the actor is a danger to the public and must be held pending trial Those jailed must be prioritized for a speedy trial.

#### **CONSTITUTION**

JUSTIN L. MAGILL, Erie County

**Occupation:** Attorney

Education: B.A. Criminal Justice - Edinboro University, M.A. Public Policy - Liberty University, J.D. - Roger ERIC L. SETTLE, Montgomery County

Williams School of Law

**Qualifications:** Practicing attorney since 2017 **Ouestions**:

**O:** What are your top three priorities to address as Attor-High School, Diploma ney General?

A: 1. Election Security – Elections officials must be held Ridge; Led the successful effort for the passage of Act to the law when certifying elections. Voter registration roles MUST be cleaned up. 2. Parental Rights – Schools MUST recognize parental rights and provide transparent services that give parents full access and decisionmaking ability concerning their child's education, health, and wellbeing. 3. Government Accountability -Any accusation about inappropriate action by public functionaries must be looked at and appropriate action taken. Public Trust must be restored. I will work to secure the individual rights of Pennsylvanians and ensure transparency in all areas of governance. I will work to ensure all public functionaries are accountable to the people they serve.

**O**: What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?

A: Ingrained, wrongheaded thinking on how the criminal justice system is supposed to work has created an assembly line of criminality. The protection of juries against bad laws and bad government actors has been pushed aside in favor of plea deals and a high-speed assembly line that allows Pennsylvania residents to be abused by bad law. As Attorney General my office will, in our advisory role, work to educate Pennsylvania's public functionaries and the general public on how we can work towards correcting the system. The excellent attorneys of the Office of Attorney General will also assist with refocusing the goals for the future in protecting Pennsylvanians.

ing equality under the law?

A: Equality under the law is achieved by securing the individual rights of every human being. When governments move from securing those rights to violating those rights, we see inequality and abuse under the law. We see those abuses regularly in Pennsylvania as one group of human beings is allowed to terminate other human being. We saw businesses being closed and prevented from operating because they were deemed "unessential." We see homes taken away Pennsylvanians can't afford to give government enough of their money. Until government is returned to its limited role of securing our rights, there will be continued abuses of individuals and groups. I will work hard to educate our public functionaries on securing our rights.

#### FORWARD

**Occupation** Attorney

Education George Washington University, J.D. with honors; Colgate University, B.A., cum laude; Harriton

**Qualifications** Deputy General Counsel to Governor 62, autism insurance coverage; Healthcare Transition Team, Governor Shapiro; Senior legal counsel for Aetna, United Health Group and AmeriHealth Caritas, President, Main Line Reform Temple: Trustee, Colgate U.

Campaign Website ericsettle4ag.com

Facebook URL facebook.com/profile.php? id=61554941858403

X Handle @ericsettle4AG

Instagram URL instagram.com/@elsettleag *Questions:* 

Q: What are your top three priorities to address as Attorney General?

A: KEEPING PENNSYLVANIANS SAFE. The AG has direct responsibility for prosecuting drug trafficking, child predators, organized crime and public corruption. As AG, I will work to reduce the number of illegal guns on the streets, often the direct cause of the violence that citizens are experiencing. PROTECTING DEMOCRA-CY. As an independent AG who is not beholden to either major party, I will ensure that election challenges are handled fairly, and that the proper winner of any election will be recognized as the elected official. PRO-TECTING HEALTHCARE ACCESS. I am concerned about non-profit hospitals being acquired by for- profit businesses. With my unique healthcare experience, I can hold them accountable and protect healthcare access. **Q**: What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?

**O**: What do you see as the primary challenges to achiev- **A**: The criminal justice system is challenged by the need

to reduce crime in Pennsylvania and to address the historical unfairness in the justice system, particularly as it relates to people of color. We see this duality play out in cities like Philadelphia where progressive prosecutors are seen by many as being soft on crime as they prioritize redressing historical grievances. In the end, a prosecutor must put the effective administration of justice as a higher priority to support the efforts of law enforcement and to seek a safer environment in the community. At the same time, we must find the resources necessary to create impactful diversion and rehabilitation programs to reduce the number of offenders who truly require incarceration.

**O**: What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?

A: I think that implicit bias plays a very large role in the inequity in the criminal justice system. We must recognize that law enforcement, prosecutors and judges need to recognize that this bias is real and often unconscious and try to avoid treating defendants differently based on factors like race. Greater diversity in the judiciary and in law enforcement will improve this but more work is necessary to make the justice system truly equal.

#### • STATE AUDITOR GENERAL •

Description of office: The principal role of the Auditor General is to determine whether state funds are being used in accordance with the purpose and guidelines that govern each use of the Commonwealth's dollars. The Auditor General conducts financial and performance audits of individuals, state agencies, and organizations that receive state funds, including school districts, state liquor stores, and public employee pension funds. These audits are designed to measure how effectively government programs are using public money to meet their stated goals and objectives. The office performs more than 6,000 audits each year and is responsible for auditing all Pennsylvania state programs that are allocated federal funds.

#### Term: 4 years Salary: \$197,748 Vote for ONE

#### DEMOCRATIC

#### MALCOLM KENYATTA, Philadelphia County **Occupation:** State Representative

Education: B.A. in Public Communications and a minor in Political Science from Temple University, M.S. in Strategic and Digital Communications from Drexel University, and completed the Harvard Kennedy School's Executives in State and Local Government program **Oualifications**: He is a memeber of State Government Committee with oversight of state agencies and elec-

tions, where he chairs the Subcommittee on Government in the private sector and federal government. Operations: Chair of Automation and Technology in the Commerce Committee: and as a member of the Finance and Judiciary committees

Campaign Website: http://malcolmkenyatta.com

Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/malcolmforpa

X Handle: twitter.com/malcolmkenvatta

Instagram URL: http://instagram.com/

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**Ouestions:** 

**O:** What improvements, if any, would you make to the Auditor General's office?

A: As Auditor General, I will rebuild the bureau of school audits, restart the annual compliance audits ended by the current Auditor General, and demand accountability from all our schools — including cyber charter schools. I will stand up for our workers by creating the first ever Bureau of Labor and Worker Protections and use the power of the office to take on wage theft, employee misclassification, and union busting. I will use the office to measure and support efforts to make communities healthier and safer. We need transparency on how huge hospital nonprofits and long-term care providers use state dollars.

Q: How can you make the work of the Auditor General's office more transparent to the public? A: I'm running for Auditor General because it's time for the underdog to be a watchdog for Pennsylvania's working families. To ask the tough questions, to help reimagine and streamline government, and to help build the coalitions to fix what's wrong. It's what I've done as a State Representative for nearly five years, working to protect workers' rights, enact common-sense gun safety policies, and root out government corruption and waste. We deserve a government that works for working families. That starts with being serious about fixing what's broken. And it means having an Auditor General who isn't afraid to stand up for those too often forgotten by our government.

#### REPUBLICAN

#### TIM DeFOOR, Dauphin County **Occupation:** Auditor General

Education: Associate degree in paralegal studies from Harrisburg Area Community College. University of Pittsburgh- Bachelor's degree in psychology and earned a second Bachelor's degree in sociology and history. Master's in project management from Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

Qualifications: Dauphin County Controller from 2016 to 2020. Elected Pennsylvania Auditor General in 2020. Over 30 years of experience as a Special Investigator with Pennsylvania's Office of Inspector General, as a Special Agent with Pennsylvania's Attorney General and transparent by holding regular press conferences

Campaign Website: http://defoor4pa.com Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/DeFoor4PA Ouestions.

**O:** What improvements, if any, would you make to the Auditor General's office?

A: Under Tim's leadership, the Auditor General's office has focused on transforming the office in various ways, which include: how the Department recruits and retains employees; how it audits, making the work more efficient and effective for the taxpayers; and how it is building the next generation, focusing on the need for financial literacy education to be taught across the entire Commonwealth through the 'Be Money Smart' initiative. O: How can you make the work of the Auditor General's office more transparent to the public?

A: Tim has transformed and improved how the Auditor General's office conducts public and charter school audits to ensure that administrators and school boards are accountable and transparent with taxpayer dollars.

#### LIBERTARIAN

**REECE SMITH**, Allegheny County

**Occupation:** Financial Services

**Education:** Bachelors Degree in Economics

Qualifications: I have spent years holding local government accountable by attending meetings, asking questions, and informing my neighbors of things happening.

Campaign Website: votereece.com

Facebook URL www.facebook.com/profile.php? id=61560890259324

X Handle vote reece

Instagram URL www.instagram.com/vote reece/ Questions:

**Q**: What improvements, if any, would you make to the Auditor General's office?

A: First, I would actually audit the State Government. In the past four years the Auditor General's Office has conducted about 20 audits of State departments, agencies, and funds. In that same time span they conducted over 12,000 audits in total. That means only 0.17% of their audits look at the State government. As well, I want to Audit the Governor's office and the offices of the leaders in the legislature, as personal offices are some of the most high risk places for corruption, especially for the most powerful. Additionally, I want to have regular press conferences reviewing audit results and letting people know exactly what their money was spent on. When was the last time you heard about the results of an audit?

Q: How can you make the work of the Auditor General's office more transparent to the public?

A: I want to make the Auditor's General office more

reviewing audit results and letting people know exactly what their money was spent on.

#### AMERICAN SOLIDARITY

**ERIC K. ANTON**, Dauphin County Response not submitted.

#### CONSTITUTION

**BOB GOODRICH**, Tioga County

Occupation: Retired U.S. Army, Christian school principal

**Education:** BS Civil Engineering, USMA West Point, NY; MA Organiztional Leadership, Chapman U., Orange, CA

**Qualifications**: Husband, father, Christian *Questions*:

**Q**: What improvements, if any, would you make to the Auditor General's office?

A: Focus on being honest, efficient, and helpful.

**Q**: How can you make the work of the Auditor General's office more transparent to the public?

A: Welcome public inquiries and provide timely responses to questions.

#### • STATE TREASURER •

Description of office: The duty of the Pennsylvania Treasurer is to safeguard the Commonwealth's financial assets, which total more than \$160 billion in public monies. The office manages several programs in order to better serve the financial needs of Pennsylvanians. The Treasury Department is also responsible for: reuniting unclaimed property with its rightful owner; investigating loss, theft, and fraud involving Commonwealth checks; reviewing real estate leases and contracts entered into by Commonwealth agencies; and maintaining the Pennsylvania contracts electronic library. The Treasurer has specific duties in addition to the oversight of the Department: serving as chair of the Board of Finance and Revenue, which selects banks to serve as depositories for state money; setting interest rates paid on Commonwealth deposits; and hearing and deciding state tax appeals.

#### Term: 4 years Salary: \$197,748 Vote for ONE

#### DEMOCRATIC

ERIN McCLELLAND, Allegheny County Occupation: Process Improvement Consultant Education: BS Psychology & Economics, MS Psychology

**Qualifications**: Founded and ran a small business, Spent a year training on process improvement and organizational problem solving under former US Treasury Secretary O'Neill, 9 years doing process improvement for government systems in Allegheny County **Campaign Website**: http://erinmcclelland.com **Facebook URL**: http://facebook.com/ErinforPA *Questions*:

**Q:** What improvements, if any, would you make to the State Treasurer's office?

A: I would expand the information you could see in the database of state contracts, including searching vendors by union/non-union as well as women and minority-owned businesses. I will provide a recommended vendor list that complies with US trade policies for fulfilling state purchases such as ensuring we are not purchasing from companies that use slave labor, child labor, or conflict-mined materials. I would not invest in foreign holdings and would reinstate the pension investment standards that existed before pension de-regulation in 2003. Q: How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?

A: Transparency is a word that is thrown around loosely in politics. However, it is only truly achieved if it is demonstrated at times when it is inconvenient and when we make mistakes. Elected officials identifying errors in the interest of improving performance rarely happens. That must change. The current Treasurer's Asset report only states what is going well. It does not identify opportunities for improvement. I would let the taxpayers know where I think we could improve or mistakes we may have made, the cause of the mistake and the correction. I also hope to move toward incorporating ESG (environmental, sustainability, governance) ratings into investment standards if that rating should be established as a viable measure.

#### REPUBLICAN

STACY GARRITY, Bradford County **Occupation**: Pennsylvania State Treasurer Education: Bachelor of Science in Finance/ Minor in Economics Bloomsburg University | Certificate Cornell University Business Management Institute Qualifications: Thirty-year decorated member of the U.S. Army Reserve with three deployments to the Middle East including a Battalion command | 34 years in private sector manufacturing, retiring as one of the first female vice presidents of Global Tungsten & Powders, an international refractory metals co. Campaign Website: http://garrityforpa.com Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/GarrityForPA X Handle: twitter.com/@garrityforPA Instagram URL: http://www.instagram.com/ stacyforpa?igsh=emNxbnkwMWpxZzJ2

Questions:

Q: What improvements, if any, would you make to the

State Treasurer's office?

A: I will build on the progress made during my time in office. Since January 2021, I've worked with my bipartisan team at the Treasurer's office to set a new record for returning unclaimed property (more than \$274 million in a single year, and more than \$600 million altogether), to earn the first-ever Gold Rating from Morningstar for our PA 529 College & Career Program (making it one of the top two programs in the nation), and to nearly triple the assets in the PA ABLE savings program for people with disabilities (to over \$115 million). I will continue cutting fees for both of Treasury's savings programs: PA 529 (so far, I've saved account owners more than \$11 million) and PA ABLE (so far, I've cut fees three times).

**Q:** How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?

A: Transparency is a core principal under my watch. Every dollar that comes to Treasury, and every dollar paid out, belongs to the taxpayers. They deserve to see exactly what's happening with their money. Before I took office, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department received a "C" rating for transparency. That's unacceptable, so I immediately went to work improving transparency at all levels. I added many new features to the Transparency Portal on Treasury's website, making it easier for people to see our state's expenditures, revenue, and budget. I added county-level data for all of Treasury's programs, and I revamped the Fiscal Health Scorecard which allows people to easily compare Pennsylvania's fiscal performance to other states.

#### LIBERTARIAN

NICKOLAS CIESIELSKI, Westmoreland County Occupation: Engineer

**Education:** B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University

**Qualifications:** Ability to solve complex issues, leadership positions professionally and within the Libertarian Party, strong foundation in the Austrian school of economics.

Campaign Website nickcforpa.com

Facebook URL facebook.com/nickcforpa X Handle nickciesielski

**Instagram URL** www.instagram.com/nickcforpa/ *Questions:* 

**Q**: What improvements, if any, would you make to the State Treasurer's office?

A: The biggest issue to me is state debt. The legislature should not be spending future generations of Pennsylvanians into debt. The federal debt is over \$35 trillion, with a debt per citizen of over \$104,000. The Treasury dashboard reports a debt per capita of almost another \$4,000. I will refuse to issue any bonds that would further grow the state debt. Additionally, I will push to eliminate state pensions and convert all government employees to a 457 retirement plan to prevent taxpayers from running the risk of needing to bail out the pension fund, which is currently 64% funded. I will also include a significant Bitcoin allocation in state investment funds, used. including the pension fund.

**Q**: How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?

A: The transparency portal does not provide an easy breakdown of what the investment pools are actually invested in. The public deserves to know where their money is being invested and determine if those investments align with their values. Additionally, I will make all records public and implement a system to crowdsource auditing the state treasury, allowing aver-

age citizens to earn small rewards while helping to hold their government accountable.

#### CONSTITUTION

TROY BOWMAN, Lancaster County

Occupation: Information Technology/Network Administrator

**Education:** Associate of Science degree from Grantham University

Questions:

**Q**: What improvements, if any, would you make to the State Treasurer's office?

A: - no response -

**Q**: How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?

A: - no response -

#### FORWARD

CHRIS FOSTER, Allegheny County Occupation: Real Estate Sales Associate Education: Bachelor of Arts Campaign Website: chrisfosterforpatreasurer.com Facebook URL: facebook.com/chrisfoster553 *Ouestions:* 

**Q**: What improvements, if any, would you make to the State Treasurer's office?

A: As an Independent State Treasurer, I will ensure the office serves all Pennsylvanians, regardless of Party interest. Aligned with the Forward Party's sensible, independent approach, I'll enhance transparency and accessibility, empowering citizens to understand how their tax dollars are managed. We're building a movement from the ground up, focused on fiscal responsibility and collaboration, ensuring a secure and prosperous financial future for everyone.

**Q**: How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?

A: As State Treasurer, I'll implement user-friendly tools that empower citizens to track spending and investments, ensuring accountability. My focus will be on creating an open, clear, and responsive government, making sure everyone understands how their money is used.

# • REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS •

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

#### **DISTRICT 4**

District 4 takes in most of Montgomery County and much of Berks County. It includes all communities listed in this Voters Guide.

#### DEMOCRATIC

MADELEINE DEAN, Montgomery County Occupation: Member of Congress, PA-04 (2019-Present)

**Education**: BA, La Salle University; JD, Delaware Law School of Widener University

**Qualifications**: Member, U.S. House of Representatives (2019-Present); Member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives (2012-18)

Campaign Website: http://mad4pa.com

Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/Mad4PA

X Handle: madeleinedean

**Instagram URL:** instagram.com/repmadeleinedean *Questions:* 

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?

A: Among the most pressing issues we face is the

preservation of our democracy from those who wish to undermine it – particularly the protection of the right to vote. I was an original cosponsor of H.R. 1 – the For the People Act – which would expand voter registration/ access, mandate independent commissions for congressional redistricting, and require a code of conduct for Supreme Court Justices (and other federal office holders/employees). Additionally H.R. 1 would make muchneeded changes to our campaign finance system – all of which would ensure a more level playing field and a stronger, more responsive democracy. These reforms are vital to building a government which works to protect and expand our rights.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively? **A:** Trust in our institutions is at an all-time low – we must take action to remedy that by passing H.R. 1 to ensure ethical, transparent, and responsive governance. Minimizing the influence of money in politics, outlawing gerrymandering, and expanding voting access instills a greater confidence in Americans that the federal government is working to address the many challenges and opportunities we face. Beyond the For the People Act, I also support the TRUST In Congress Act to bar Members of Congress and their spouse from trading stocks while in office. This change would increase the public's trust in their federal government.

Q: What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections? A: Beyond my support and advocacy for H.R. 1 I recently introduced H.R. 7389 – the Accessible Voting Act of 2024 – alongside Reps. Scanlon and Raskin. This bill would increase voting accessibility, particularly for individuals with disabilities and older Americans. This Congress, I'm also an original cosponsor of H.R. 5048 – the Protecting Our Democracy Act, which would prevent abuses of Presidential power, strengthen checks and balances/transparency in government, and defend against foreign interference in our elections.

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

A: As the global superpower, the US has an indispensable role to lead – especially in conflicts like those we see in Ukraine and in Israel/Gaza. We are uniquely positioned to be a force for both good and for promoting democracy in the international community. Accordingly, we have a responsibility to stand with our allies – especially those in NATO – to hold our adversaries accountable and to promote good governance across the globe. When helping to respond to challenges facing the international community we must prioritize finding diplomatic solutions. All efforts of diplomacy must be exhausted before considering alternative routes of conflict resolution.

#### REPUBLICAN

DAVID WINKLER, Montgomery County Occupation: Combat Veteran Education: BBA Austin Peay Oualifications: United States Marine Corps, United

States Army, Law Enforcement Officer, Advisor to the Afghanistan Government, Ballistic Missile Defense Advisor to the South Korean Government, CEO of a Veterans Non-profit

Campaign Website: http://winklerforpa4.com Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/davidjwinklerPA X Handle: twitter.com/Djwinklerforpa4 Instagram URL: http://www.instagram.com/ winklerforcongresspa4/

#### Questions:

Q: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them? A: Division has become one of the top issues facing America today. The country is experiencing heightened polarization and deepening rifts along political, social, and cultural lines. This division has led to a breakdown in civil discourse, increased partisanship, and a lack of unity in addressing critical issues. Inflation is a top issue that is causing concern among policymakers, economists, and consumers alike. The rise in prices of goods and services can erode purchasing power, reduce savings, and impact overall economic stability. Security at the border is a top issue that has far-reaching implications for national safety, immigration policies, and international relations.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively? **A:** Enforcing term limits, introducing anti-lobbying laws, and stopping political theatrics are vital steps to make Congress more effective. By bringing in fresh perspectives, reducing the influence of special interests, and focusing on substantive policy debates rather than theatrics, Congress can prioritize the needs of the American people and work towards meaningful progress on key issues.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections? **A:** I support voter ID laws which can help ensure the integrity of the electoral process by verifying the identity of voters, preventing fraud, and upholding the principle of fair and secure elections. Implementing reasonable voter ID requirements can enhance confidence in the democratic system and safeguard the fundamental right to vote for all eligible citizens.

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

**A:** Putting America first over foreign interests is my priority & strategy that focuses on advancing the well-

being, security, and prosperity of the United States and its citizens. By prioritizing domestic needs, national security, economic growth, and diplomatic interests that benefit America, policymakers should ensure that decisions align with the best interests of the country and its citizens. My approach emphasizes sovereignty, selfsufficiency, and strategic partnerships that serve to strengthen America's position in the global arena.

# • REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY •

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: \$106,422 Vote for ONE

#### **DISTRICT 151**

District 151 includes Wards 1-2, 2-3, 3, 6 and 7 in Upper Dublin Township. It also includes Ambler, Horsham Township, and parts of Montgomery Township.

#### DEMOCRATIC

#### **MELISSA CERRATO**

**Campaign Website**: http://missyforpa.com **Facebook URL**: http://facebook.com/Missy4PA *Questions:* 

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them? **A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes? **A:** - no response - **Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

A: - no response -

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's abortion laws? A: - no response -

#### REPUBLICAN

#### ALLEN ARTHUR ANDERSON

Facebook URL: facebook.com/profile.php? id=100068161706025

Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

A: - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

A: - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

#### DISTRICT 152

District 152 includes Lower Moreland Township and Abington Township Wards 5, 8, 10-2, 14-1 and 15-2. It also includes Upper Moreland Township and the boroughs of Bryn Athyn and Hatboro.

#### DEMOCRATIC

#### NANCY GUENST

**Occupation**: State Representative

**Education**: Hatboro-Horsham High School - Montgomery County Community College - Defense Language Institute

**Qualifications**: Finishing my 2nd term as your Representative. Our office is one of the busiest in our State and always will be.

Campaign Website: http://nancy4pahouse.com Facebook URL: http://facebook.com/nancy4pahouse *Questions:* 

Q: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them? A: Our main issues have been with us on a recurring voice for so many years. It's why it is so important to get out the vote and make your voices heard. Women's right to choose, equality for our LGBTQ+ community, gun safety, easier access to health care, lowering taxes for our elder community so they can stay in their homes, lowering prices on medication, significant changes to make our earth sustainable, the list goes on. I will continue to fight for these rights. We have sent hundreds of House Bills to our colleagues in the Senate with no response. It's time to demand action and have your voices heard.

Q: What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes? A: I would encourage the use of mail-in ballots more, which I already do. I feel PA has been a good state in making sure, already, that our security and access to polls is on the right track. I want our legislature to acknowledge the importance on opening our primaries to Independent voters and follow through with it. Q: What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's

the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

A: Governor Shapiro has shown us his intentions on addressing this issue with our upcoming Budget going forward. Our State Universities are agreeing with him as well on consolidation.

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

A: We need to keep it loud and clear that women are in charge of their own bodies and their own choices. Period.

#### REPUBLICAN

#### TIM BERTMAN

Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them? **A:** - no response -

Q: What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes? A: - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

### **DISTRICT 153**

District 153 covers the borough of Rockledge; Abington Township Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10-1, 10-3, 11, 12, 13, 14-2 and 15-1; and Upper Dublin Wards 1-1, 1-3, 2-1, 2-2, 4 and 5.

#### DEMOCRATIC

#### BEN SANCHEZ

Occupation: State Representative/Attorney Education: Abington Senior High School 1993; Villanova University 1997; Temple Law School 2004 Qualifications: As a practicing lawyer and licensed certified public accountant, I will continue to use those legal and financial skills along with my sound judgment to address issues facing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I now have over five years of service in the legislature and a proven track record.

Campaign Website: http://bensanchez.org

**Facebook URL**: http://facebook.com/Sanchez4PA *Questions*:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

A: Top issues facing Pennsylvanians include ensuring accessible and affordable healthcare for all, especially access to reproductive healthcare, providing clean and safe drinking water, strengthening and supporting public education, demanding action for gun safety, and protecting our rights when it comes to equality and our precious environment.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

A: I would like to see more opportunities for early voting, better funding of County Election Boards across the Commonwealth, and allowance of pre-canvassing for mail in ballots. Generally, I support any measures that expand access and convenience for voters.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** I would support legislation implementing the funding system outlined in the Basic Education Funding Commission report from January 2024.

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

**A:** Abortion healthcare remains safe and legal in Pennsylvania. The only changes I would consider would be ones that expanded reproductive rights and access to abortion healthcare.

#### REPUBLICAN

#### JOSEPH J. ROONEY

Occupation: Retired Capt Delta Air Lines Education: BS Mech Engr Qualifications: Father, Taxpayer, Military Veteran, Active in our Community Campaign Website: http://rooneyforpa153.com

Facebook URL: http://www.facebook.com/profile.php? id=61556387734299

Questions:

Q: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them? A: With the events of the last couple years it is clear that every state is a border state. Almost 5000 Pennsylvanians died from drug overdose in 2022. 70% of these deaths were due to synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl. Across our country there were over 107,000 deaths - this is two Viet Nam wars worth of death every year! This is both a tragedy and insane. This should be addressed every day until we find a solution. We must start by securing our border.

Q: What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes? A: We need voter ID. We must clean our voter roles to ensure that only legal votes are counted and that ineligible people are removed from our voter roles. A illegal vote is an assault on all our votes.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

A: The spending on our Public Schools is out of control. I am very active with the Abington School System and there is absolutely no correlation between the spending in Abington and the education of our kids. It was a gigantic mistake to close our schools for two years. Our kids suffered and will continue to suffer and no one is talking about this. We need reform in the PA Dept. of Education. They do not even track SAT scores now! How are we supposed to have an objective way to evaluate our schools when crucial test scores like the SAT are not reported? School choice and a Parents' Bill of Rights are the two best ways we can improve the education of all our kids.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to

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#### Pennsylvania's abortion laws?

A: Human Life is sacred from conception to natural death. If you aren't troubled with nearly 1,000,000 abortions a year in the USA, then you have a problem with your soul. How is it possible that these are the four questions that LWV have raised for all candidates? What about taxes? What about the condition of our roads? What about the effect on PA residents of an open border? What about the drug crisis?

## **DISTRICT 154**

District 154 covers all of Cheltenham and Springfield Townships and the borough of Jenkintown

#### DEMOCRATIC

#### NAPOLEON NELSON

**Occupation**: State Representative

**Education**: MBA - Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania; BS - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Qualifications: Two-term incumbent

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**X Handle**: twitter.com/napoleonfor154

Instagram URL: http://www.instagram.com/ napoleonfor154

*Questions:* 

Q: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them? A: We are too divided. The mere fact that I am a Democrat makes me absolutely untrustworthy for far too many of our neighbors and similarly yields me too much loyalty from other neighbors. We abhor our neighbors that vote differently than ourselves and too many of my colleagues play into this by talking about our opponents in very negative terms. I will not do that. I do not do that. I respect each and every one of our neighbors, whether you support President Biden, long for the return of Fmr. President Trump, intend to write in a vote for Jason Kelce, or have no intention of voting at all. We don't bring unity by stoking resentment and division.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

A: I believe that we should have same-day voter registration. I also believe we should have early in-person voting and, if you chose to vote early, you should still be able to change your mind and cast a ballot on election day and have that e-day ballot be the one that counts. This is not yet the law, but would ensure that our elections are accessible yet voters get the ability to be as informed and they would like.

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Q}}\xspace$  : What legislation would you support to comply with

the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

A: I'm fought HARD to be assigned to the Children & Youth Committee, the Education Committee, and the Appropriations Committee for just this cause. We absolutely must ensure that our young people are given the educational opportunities that they deserve, our educators are given the respect they have earned, and our neighbors and businesses are able to survive and thrive in our communities without being taxed out. This is, without a doubt, a generational moment in this Commonwealth and I am fighting every day to make sure we rise to the occasion.

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

A: I will continue to protect and defend the access to abortion care in PA. I also want to invest in our families, our child care systems, our housing stock, our foster and adoption systems, and any other cracks in our institutions and safety-nets that might make abortions the last logical option for individuals who might really want to be parents but fail to see a logical, responsible way to expand their family. I have no right to make your healthcare decisions, but I sadly do have some responsibility in the structures that influence them and we need to do better.

#### REPUBLICAN

#### THOMAS ESTILOW

#### Occupation: Retired

**Education**: BS Engineering, Widener University. Enrolled in Dual MBA/MS Engineering Executive Development Program, Widener University

**Qualifications**: Founded, owned & operated small businesses in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania serving the technology sector specializing in Advanced Semiconductors and Machine Automation

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Facebook URL: facebook.com/EstilowFor154th X Handle: voteforestilow

#### Questions:

Q: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them? A: For me, it is a culture that has been created & nurtured where it is acceptable to make a career as an elected official. The incentives for maintaining a body of career politician are vast & many. Annual salaries exceed \$102,000. That is roughly equivalent to the median household income in the 154th Legislative District . In other words, each State Rep makes more in one year than half of the households in this district. Couple that with car allowances, expense accounts, bloated staffing payroll, medical benefits & pensions. Presently, about one-third of the legislative body has been in office over 10 years, and several members have been in office since the 90's. I would propose a dramatic reduction in pay and term limits of 3 terms.

Q: What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes? A: This is a national embarrassment. Somehow, we have managed to regress in nearly 250 years of elections. In an era considered to be the highest in technological advancements, we can no longer tally votes on Election Day. It takes weeks for the election totals to be tallied. How can this be possible? This has to be changed & quickly. I would propose Voter ID (note: I need an ID to use my township swimming pool). I would eliminate no-excuse mail-in voting. And, I would be in support of declaring Election Day a State or Federal holiday in order to promote in-person voting.

**Q**: What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

A: I've never held the belief funding has been the issue. I believe structural reform has to take place within our public education system. Our neighboring Philadelphia School District is a prime example. PSD's annual budget exceeds \$4 Billion. That is roughly equivalent to the market caps for companies such as Brunswick Corp, Armstrong World, Whirlpool, Boise Cascade & Sallie Mae. We could double PSD's annual budget to \$8+ Billion and the existing structural flaws would continue to exist. We have all the evidence we need as parents have been fleeing their public schools in favor of alternate solutions. The remedy would be to have the funding follow the student and allow the parents to determine their family's educational outcome.

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

A: This is a moral issue and every person has to look into our own hearts. There are approximately 1 Million abortions performed annually in the United States. This is more than 20x the annual deaths by firearm or by auto accident. Is one million per year the right amount? Should there be more? Our statistics compare with a long list of under-developed countries. Is this the best we can be?



# SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTRY

The Montgomery County Board of Elections will operate multiple secure ballot drop boxes throughout the County to help voters meet the November 5, 2024 deadline.

Residents can deposit mail-in ballots and absentee ballots at a secure ballot drop box as an alternative to returning their ballot by USPS mail.

Secure ballot drop boxes will be available for the upcoming November 5th election by October 4th, 2024.

Ballot drop boxes, with the exception of the ballot drop box inside of One Montgomery Plaza in Norristown, will be available 24/7. Remember, you may only return your OWN ballot to a secure ballot drop box.

Ballots are collected from the drop boxes daily by County Security and stored securely at the Voter Services office.

# LOCATIONS:

Abington – Township Municipal Building • 1176 Old York Road • Abington, PA 19001

Cheltenham - Township Tax Office • 8230 Old York Rd • Elkins Park, PA 19027

Franconia - Franconia MDJ • Harleysville Magisterial District Courts • 840 Harleysville Pike, Suite 2 • Harleysville, PA 19438

Lansdale - Lansdale MDJ • Lansdale Magisterial District Courts • 430 Pennbrook Pkwy • Lansdale, PA 19446

Lansdale - Community Connections Lansdale Office • 421 West Main Street • Lansdale, PA 19446

Lower Merion - Ludington Library • 5 South Bryn Mawr Ave • Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Lower Merion - Lower Merion MDJ • Lower Merion Magisterial District Courts • 925 Montgomery Avenue • Narberth, PA 19072

Norristown - Airy St Parking Lot • Montgomery County Airy Street Parking Lot • Corner of Airy and DeKalb Streets • Norristown, PA 19401

Norristown - Inside One Montgomery Plaza • 425 Swede St • Norristown, PA 19401

(Note: This drop box is available weekdays from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m., and 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Election Day.)

**Pottstown - Office of Public Health •** Montgomery County Office of Public Health • 364 King St • Pottstown, PA 19464 (Between N. Evans Street and N. Franklin Street)

Royersford - Victory Park Parking Lot • 2nd & Arch Street • Royersford, PA 19468 (near the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations)

**Skippack - Montgomery County 4 H Center •** 1015 Bridge Road • Collegeville, PA 19474 (Note: Please park in the lot adjacent to the drop box and then proceed over to the drop box itself to deposit your ballot in order to preserve the flow of traffic through the complex.)

Upper Dublin - Upper Dublin MDJ • Upper Dublin Magisterial District Courts • 1301 S. Bethlehem Pike • Ambler, PA 19002

Upper Dublin - Upper Dublin Library • 520 Virginia Drive • Fort Washington, PA 19034

Upper Frederick - Green Lane Park Office • 2144 Snyder Road • Green Lane, PA 18054

Upper Merion - Upper Merion Township Building • 175 W. Valley Forge Road • King of Prussia, PA 19406

Upper Moreland - Willow Grove Annex • 102 N. York Road • Willow Grove, PA 19090

Whitemarsh - Whitemarsh MDJ • Whitemarsh Magisterial District Courts • 4002 Center Avenue • Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

# POLLING LOCATIONS

Find your polling place and a host of other voting-related information at the Pennsylvania Department of State's website, www.pavoterservices.pa.gov

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOTER SERVICES SATELLITE OFFICES

Montgomery County will staff Voter Services Satellite Offices across the county from October 4 through October 28 to assist voters in a number of ways. At a Satellite office, eligible individuals can:

- Register to vote
- Apply for a mail-in ballot
- Return your mail-in ballot
- Correct an issue on your ballot
- Apply for and receive a replacement ballot
- Receive information from informed staff

When: Satellite offices will be open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays from Friday, October 4 through Monday, October 28.

Monday and Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: the following locations will host Voter Services Satellite Offices :

Abington • Abington MDJ • 1150 Old York Road • Abington, PA 19001

Franconia • Harleysville MDJ • 840 Harleysville Pike, Suite 2 • Harleysville, PA 19438

Lansdale • Lansdale County Office • 421 W. Main Street. • Lansdale, PA 19446

Lower Merion • Lower Merion MDJ • 925 Montgomery Avenue • Narberth, PA 19072

Norristown • One Montgomery Plaza • 425 Swede St. • Norristown, PA 19401

Pottstown • Office of Public Health • 364 King St. • Pottstown, PA 19464

Upper Dublin • Upper Dublin MDJ • 1301 S. Bethlehem Pike • Ambler, PA 19002

Upper Moreland • Willow Grove Annex • 102 N. York Road • Willow Grove, PA 19090

Whitemarsh • Whitemarsh MDJ • 4002 Center Avenue • Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Information from Montgomery County Voter Services



You can contact Montgomery County Voter Services with any voting related questions at:

www.montgomerycountypa.gov/voters

montcovotes@montgomerycountypa.gov

610-278-3280



# INFORMATION ON PENNSYLVANIA VOTING PROCEDURES AND YOUR VOTING RIGHTS FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

#### **ABOUT THIS GUIDE**

The material in this Guide was compiled through the League of Women Voters Education Fund and If you have a Pennsylvania driver's license or the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania PennDOT-issued ID card, you can register online Education Fund. This material may not be altered to vote in PA. Go to vote.pa.gov to register, or reprinted without the permission of the League. check your registration status, update your regis-Each candidate's reply has been printed exactly as tration, or apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. submitted to Vote411. Candidates were invited to participate in the Vote411 online voters guide via email and/or mail. All reasonable efforts were made to encourage candidates to participate.

The candidates listed are those whose names appear on the official ballot. They are listed according to their ballot order.

Nothing in this guide should be construed as LWVEF or LWVPAEF endorsing or opposing any candidate, party or initiative.

#### **\*CERTIFICATION NOTE\***

As of the publication date of this guide, the slate of candidates listed herein is accurate based upon the Pennsylvania Department of State's Bureau of Elections unofficial ballot.

#### **PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE LEAGUE**

The purpose of the League of Women Voters Education Fund is to promote political responsibility from your municipality on Election Day-you through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is nonpartisan: PM on October 29. You can submit your emerit does not support or oppose any political parties or candidates.

#### **ONLINE VOTERS GUIDE**

The League of Women Voters online voters guide is available at www.vote411.org . This site also has useful links to online voter registration and other election information. The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage can be found at www.palwv.org.

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION AND BALLOT APPLICATIONS**

#### **ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN VOTING**

Registered voters who are ill or disabled or who will be absent from the municipality on Election Dav may vote by absentee ballot.

#### With the passage of Act 77 of 2019, any Pennsylvania voter may apply for a mail-in ballot that requires no excuse.

Apply for your ballot online at vote.pa.gov, or mail in an application. Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots or mail-in ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections by 5 PM, Tues., October 29, 2024 (postmarks do NOT apply). Completed absentee or mail-in ballots must be received at the Board of Elections by 8 PM on Election Day, November 5, 2024 (postmarks do NOT apply).

If you have an emergency-such as an unexpected illness, disability, or a last-minute absence can request an emergency absentee ballot after 5 gency absentee ballot application to the County If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a Office of Voter Services any time before 8 PM on Election Day. Your completed absentee ballot is due at 8 PM on Election Day.

county Board of Elections.

#### FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact Montgomery County Voter Services by lowed to vote by provisional ballot.

phone at (610) 278-3280, www.montcopa.org/ voterservices. or visit vote.pa.gov.

#### **PROCEDURES AT THE POLLS**

Montgomery County uses **paper ballots** that the voter marks by pen, which then go through an optical scanner. You may bring your own black pen. Always be prepared for delays at the polls.

Visit www.montcopa.org/voterservices to download a spreadsheet of polling places.

#### **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 Montgomery County Board of Elections at (610) 278-3275. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the County records. Or 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 at the polls or need to report any problems, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

#### **IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS**

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 Any disabled voter having questions regarding the Federal or State government-issued ID. Some accessibility of a polling place should contact the 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 al-

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