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WOMEN VOTERS®

VOTERS GUIDE—2020 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020

Listing candidates on the ballots of **Abington, Cheltenham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Rockledge, Springfield and Upper Dublin**



Polls open 7 AM to 8 AM.

This guide may be taken into the voting booth.



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IN THIS ELECTION WE VOTE FOR:

National:

President of the United States
(Presidential Preference Primary)

Statewide:

National Political Convention Delegates
State Attorney General
State Auditor General
State Treasurer

Local:

U. S. House of Representatives (District 4)
PA Senate (District 7)
PA House of Representatives
(Districts 151, 152, 153, 154, and 172)

We have made every effort to reach candidates on the ballot in all races covering our communities. Some candidates may not have been able to submit their information and responses in time to meet our print deadline.

Please visit the League of Women Voters online guide, Vote411.org, to find more information on races and candidates elsewhere in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and across the nation.



BE AWARE: Due to the coronavirus emergency, fewer polling places will be operating for the primary. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/MontcoPrimary2020PollingPlaces> to download a spreadsheet of polling places, or call Montgomery County Voter Services at (610) 278-3280 for updated information.

OR you can now vote by mail, no excuse required! The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot for the Primary Election is Tuesday, May 26, 2020, by 5 PM (postmarks DO NOT apply). Or save your stamps: the fastest and easiest way to apply is online at <https://votespa.com>.

● **PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES** ●
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

How Elected: Every four years, political parties nominate candidates to run for President of the United States in a general election that is held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November. Although all parties use conventions to nominate their candidates, in most states the Democratic and Republican parties also run state-wide primary elections or caucuses. The results of the primary influence how the delegates to their respective party's convention will cast ballots for candidates for President. The degree to which the result of the primary influences the votes of delegates at conventions varies from state to state.

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

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; and,
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 Federal Elections Commission website.

During the Presidential primary season, voters cast a ballot for candidates in one party. League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) is required to have at least two candidates from the same party meet the above criteria before launching a voters' guide covering that party. At this time, only one candidate running for the Republican Party's nomination has met the LWVEF criteria and therefore no Republican candidates have been invited to participate. As soon as two Republican candidates meet the criteria or the party's national nominating convention occurs, LWVEF will begin outreach to the qualified candidates immediately.

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.

Salary: \$400,000 per year

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

DEMOCRATIC
(Vote for one)

BERNIE SANDERS

Candidate has suspended his campaign. Qualifications and responses can be viewed at vote411.org.

JOSEPH R BIDEN

Former Vice President of the United States, former U.S. Senator from Delaware
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 Campaign email: Women_for_Biden@joe Biden.com
 Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/joe Biden/>

Campaign Twitter: @JoeBiden

Campaign Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/joe Biden/>

Campaign YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/joe Biden>

Questions:

What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?

I've fought for voting rights since I first got involved in politics, helping to secure several extensions of the Voting Rights Act. But in 2013, the Supreme Court ripped the heart out of those voter protections. As president, I'll enact legislation to restore the full force of the Voting Rights Act, and my Justice Department will challenge every one of the new Jim Crow laws that are now curtailing people's right to vote. I'll also boost state funding for secure voting with a paper record, and for better information-sharing. I'll fight for automatic and same-day voter registration. And I'll make sure that any country or group that seeks to interfere in our elections faces real and serious consequences.

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.

The next president will inherit a divided nation and a world in disarray. They'll need to hit the ground running to fix Trump's mess, restore our global standing, and bring people together to get things done. Our next president will need to be a president for ALL Americans. I refuse to accept that we can't work together to solve tough problems. It's what democracy is all about. We can rebuild the middle class with historic investments in infrastructure, tackle prescription drug companies' profiteering, build on Obamacare with a public option - and so much more. I know how to find common ground without compromising my values.

What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?

We're a nation that values immigrants - it's how we've constantly been able to renew our democracy. As president, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on day one, ending his cruel asylum policies, especially his Migrant Protection Protocols, family separation, and public charge rule. I'll address the root causes pushing people to flee Central America. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families. Then, I'll invest real political capital to finally deliver legislative immigration reform to modernize our system, giving nearly 11 million undocumented people a path to citizenship, updating our visa system to sharpen our economic com-

petitive edge, and preserving family unification and diversity as cornerstones of our system

Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America.

Gun violence is a public health epidemic. We need courage to stand up to the NRA and fix our broken gun laws. I've beaten it before - twice. As president, I'll do it again. I'll ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and require background checks for all gun sales. I'll fight for red-flag laws and close the Charleston and boyfriend loopholes, to get guns out of dangerous hands. I'll invest in smart gun technology and new strategies to reduce daily gun violence in cities. I'll work to heal trauma that outlasts shootings, starting by doubling the number of school mental health professionals. And I'll address the deadly nexus of gun violence and domestic violence, starting by signing into law the Violence Against Women Act of 2019.

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?

Climate change is our most urgent threat. Beating Trump won't end it, but it's key to all progress. In 1986, I introduced one of the first climate bills; PolitiFact says I'm a "climate change pioneer." Now, I've outlined a bold plan to match today's crisis - putting us on a path to a 100% clean-energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. On day one, I'll rejoin the Paris Accord, restore American leadership, and push the world to do more. I'll invest \$1.7 trillion in clean energy research and development, and in transforming our infrastructure - from electric vehicle charging stations to high-speed rail - reducing emissions and withstanding the impacts of a changing climate, and creating 10 million good-paying jobs, that can be union jobs

TULSI GABBARD

Candidate has suspended her campaign. Qualifications and responses can be viewed at vote411.org.

REPUBLICAN
(Vote for one)

DONALD J TRUMP

Candidate does not meet the criteria noted above.

ROQUE ROCKY DE LA FUENTE

Candidate does not meet the criteria noted above.

BILL WELD

Candidate does not meet the criteria noted above.

● **NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTION DELEGATES** ●
4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Delegates to this summer's national political conventions are elected at this time. The delegates choose their party's nominees for President and Vice President and write party platforms. Alternates have no vote unless they replace a delegate. Pennsylvania delegates, both

Republican and Democratic, are not bound by the results of the state's Presidential Preference Primary.

DELEGATES TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Democratic candidates for delegate run as "committed to a presidential candidate," and the name of the candidate to whom each delegate is committed appears on the ballot. Democratic delegates are committed to a given candidate on the first convention ballot only, and may be released by the candidate prior to the first ballot. Democratic voters may vote for any combination of delegates they choose, regardless of the delegates' commitments to a presidential candidate. Delegates are elected as individuals, despite being committed to a candidate, and no voter is required to choose the entire slate of delegates for any one candidate.

Delegates:

Vote for Not More Than Ten

WILLIAM SWARTZ, Whitpain
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

RHEA TRAINSON, Plymouth
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

VINCENT MANUELE, Whitemarsh
Committed to JOSEPH R. BIDEN

RON AMCHIN, Lower Gwynedd
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

DAVID MCMAHON, Norristown
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

SUE CASKEY, Upper Dublin
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

MATT BRADFORD, Worcester West
Committed to JOSEPH R. BIDEN

KIARRA COLEY, Lower Merion
Committed to JOSEPH R. BIDEN

CARLTON STUART, Upper Merion
Committed to JOSEPH R. BIDEN

ALEXANDRIA KHALIL, Jenkintown
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

AYANNA LANEY-MARTIN, Willow Grove
Committed to JOSEPH R. BIDEN

SALEEMA LOVELACE, East Norriton
Committed to JOSEPH R. BIDEN

EDITH WEINSTEIN, Horsham
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

WILLIAM S LEOPOLD, Merion Station
Committed to JOSEPH R. BIDEN

ADOLPH REED, Narberth
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

TIM BRIGGS, Upper Merion
Committed to JOSEPH R. BIDEN

OBED ARANGO, Whitpain
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

Alternate:

Vote for One

SANDRA WATERS, Perkiomen
Committed to BERNIE SANDERS

DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Republican candidates for delegate may publicly express a preference for a particular presidential candidate. However, that information does not appear on the ballot, and they are not committed to vote for a particular candidate.

Delegates:

Vote for Not More Than Three

STAN CASACIO, Whitemarsh

DOUG HAGER, Lower Providence

ANN MARSHALL PILGREEN, Lower Gwynedd Township

TOM ELLIS, Cheltenham

Alternates:

Vote for Not More Than Three

RALPH GRASSO, Lower Merion

BARBARA A BUSTARD, Worcester Township

PAM LEVY, Lower Moreland

• PA 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; represent the Commonwealth and its citizens in any action brought about for violation of the antitrust laws.

Term: 4 years—Salary \$167,838—

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DEMOCRATIC

JOSH SHAPIRO, Montgomery County
No response received as of press deadline.

REPUBLICAN

HEATHER HEIDELBAUGH, Allegheny County
Occupation: Trial Attorney
Address: PO Box 23538 Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Education: J.D., University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law; B.A. in Economics and Political Science, University of Missouri-Columbia

Qualifications: Experienced trial lawyer with more than 35 years of courtroom experience who understands the complexities of the law, the intersection between policy and law, and how the law impacts the lives of citizens
Campaign website: <http://heatherheidelbaugh.com/>
Campaign Facebook: <http://facebook.com/HeatherforAG/>
Campaign Twitter: <http://twitter.com/heidelbaugh4ag>

Questions:

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

1. Keep PA Safe-The Commonwealth Attorneys Act states one of the main roles of the AG is criminal prosecutions. This would be my top priority. The AG works with local DAs and law enforcement to keep PA residents safe, including a strong commitment to addressing drug trafficking and the opioid crisis. 2. Put People Before Politics-Restore the AG's Office to following mandates set forth in the Commonwealth Attorneys Act and perform lawyering for the people of PA versus using the office for political gain. 3. Protect the Mentally Ill-Establish a Blue Ribbon Panel of experts from PA to examine the treatment of the mentally ill, address the current state of mental illness, and more. The panel would issue a Report suggesting structural changes. **The Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General is responsible for law enforcement and the equal protection of law for all citizens. What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?**

Keeping PA safe has to be the top priority of the AG. The AG's statutory role is the prosecutor of crime. The AG has to prioritize resources, so scarce resources are used for the highest priority tasks of the office. Crime enforcement, in conjunction with the DAs is the first priority. Crime operates across County and jurisdictional lines, so coordination with multiple County DAs is critical. Investigations that may take years and cost millions can't be wasted by prosecutors failing to follow criminal procedure. The AG must take an active role in the management of the office. The purpose of prosecuting crime is to ensure safety, not create headlines. With that purpose in mind, equal protection for all should be achieved.

What role will your administration play in reforming systemic problems and supporting restorative justice in our criminal justice system?

As the County Councilperson At Large on Allegheny County Council, I was critical of the operation of the county jail. The Allegheny County jail had more suicides than any other jail in the country. I determined that one county employee had repeatedly failed to process the proper release of a large number of people from the jail, and she was terminated. Each day someone is in jail, it cost taxpayers, they become a suicide risk and lose their liberty unnecessarily. As AG, I would continue to advocate for government institutions to properly run jails and prisons. Jails and/or prisons must be properly run so we have the space to jail criminals, not those who don't belong there.

● **PA 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 federal funds that are allocated to Pennsylvania state programs.

Term: 4 years—Salary \$167,838—Vote for ONE DEMOCRATIC

H SCOTT CONKLIN, Centre County

Occupation: Legislator / Business Owner

Mailing address: 339 Kepp Rd Philipsburg, PA 16866

Education: Phillipsburg-Osceola Area High School, Clearfield County Career and Technical School

Qualifications: Scott Conklin has served as board chairman of Centre County, chairman of the Salary Board, Retirement Board member, Employee Benefits Trust member, and Board of Assessment member, prior to Representing the 77th Legislative District of Pennsylvania. He is also a small business owner and union member.

Campaign website: <http://www.conklinforpa.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ConklinforPA>

Campaign Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/ConklinforPA>

Questions:

What are your top three priorities in office?

I have always thought of myself as a hard working voice for all people, and have served with the trust of those I represent in Harrisburg. Now, I believe it is time to use my voice for all Pennsylvanians by holding our government accountable. If you believe as I do, that our government needs to be held accountable for its spending, that our government must have an advocate for taxpayers, and that our government must work for all Pennsylvanians, then please consider supporting this campaign. Only through building a strong coalition of voters across the state, can we hope to secure these goals.

What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?

I am running for the Office of Auditor General because I have seen firsthand how wasteful spending can impede the missions of government. I believe that the work of the current Auditor General's office must continue, and that every taxpayer dollar should be spent legally and efficiently. I have spent my career serving the people of the 77th Legislative District, first as Chairman of the Centre County Commissioners, where I oversaw a \$90 million dollar budget. After I was elected to the House, I was placed on the appropriations committee as a freshman representative, because of my experience in government. Furthermore, I co-own and operate a business

with my wife Terri in Philipsburg, PA.

MICHAEL LAMB, Allegheny County

Occupation: Pittsburgh City Controller

Mailing address: 1015 Grandview Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15211

Education: BA Penn State University MPM Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University JD Duquesne University School of Law

Qualifications: As Controller since 2008 I have protected residents from waste, fraud and abuse of their tax dollars. My audits have uncovered millions in savings and I have provided unprecedented levels of transparency into city finances. I also led the effort to reform our county into a home rule community.

Campaign website: <http://www.lambforpa.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MichaelLambPA>

Campaign Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/MichaelLambPA>

Questions:

What are your top three priorities in office?

The Auditor General is our 1st line of defense against public corruption. I plan to address that in part by bringing unprecedented levels of transparency to the Commonwealth. I have developed several tools of transparency for greater public engagement into the issues of public finance. I plan to bring those tools to the Commonwealth. During time of crisis it is important to recognize that some will see an opportunity for fraud. I have developed a plan to address these concerns including testing for price gouging, addressing misinformation, protecting whistleblowers and monitoring stimulus spending. Pa's largest cost is education. I plan to devote significant resources to hold accountable our charter schools and all institutions of learning.

What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?

As City Controller it has been my job every day to watch over spending and protect taxpayers from waste, fraud and abuse. My record of fiscal responsibility, innovation, reform and open government helped me to play a key role in leading Pittsburgh out of near bankruptcy. My efforts to address our legacy costs while protecting our public assets have helped place our city on firm financial footing. As county row officer, I put people first by advocating a reform that eliminated my own job while generating savings to our taxpayers. As an attorney I have focused on helping communities restructure their finances while helping pension fund trustees address losses to their portfolios due to fraud. I am uniquely qualified to be Auditor General.

TRACIE FOUNTAIN, Dauphin County (born and raised in Allegheny County)

Occupation: CPA. Required by law to resign my appointed Auditor General Department appointed position to run for Auditor General.

Mailing address: Tracie For Pa P.O. Box 22606 Philadelphia, PA 19110

Education: Drexel University B.S. Business of Administration - Major Accounting Certified Public Accountant since 1991

Qualifications: Served 29+ years in leadership roles in the administrations of the current and prior 3 Auditor Generals. Initially hired as a field audit supervisor. After 4 years promoted to Department's Technical Manager. After 3 years, Appointed Audit Bureau Director; serving as Director for 5 Audit Bureaus.

Campaign website: <http://tracieforpa.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/tracieforpa>

Campaign Twitter: <http://Twitter.com/tracieforpa>

Questions:

What are your top three priorities in office?

1. Addressing the impact of significant staff shortages, as a result of continual legislative budget cuts, on the department's ability to properly and timely complete 5000 mandated audits annually. At the time of my hire, the Department had 850 employees statewide and was down to 392 at November 1, 2019, while still being responsible for the completion of 5000 audits annually. 2. Preventing the fraudulent use of PA's COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Funds and Small Business Loans proceeds by helping to ensure that these funds are properly awarded to PA's intended recipients. 3. Protecting the lives of PA's most vulnerable citizens-our children, our elderly, and mentally challenged.

What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?

I am the only candidate in this race who, in addition to being a CPA, served in leadership roles in the administrations of the current and prior three Auditor Generals. As a result, I know this department, its staff, where they are strong, and where improvements are needed, making me the only candidate in this race who will be ready on Day 1 of taking office to effectively lead this department, especially given the department's significant staff cuts. I am also the only candidate in this race who, while on the campaign trail, issued 2 OP-ED pieces: 1. Policy to Support PA Attorney General's Efforts to Monitor State Funds Awarded to NonProfits 2. Reducing PA's Risk of Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Mismanagement of COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Funds

ROSE ROSIE MARIE DAVIS, Monroe County

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

Mailing address: 316 Shawnee Valley Drive East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Education: BBA in Accounting; BS in Political Science

Qualifications: I have an accounting degree and I am a Certified Public Accountant with 34+ years of audit experience. My expertise includes managing and conducting financial, operational, compliance and internal control reviews of Federal, State and Local government agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

Campaign website: <http://www.rosieforpa.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ROSIE-for-PA-113154753563481/>

Questions:

What are your top three priorities in office?

1. The top priority is to save the PA taxpayers roughly \$600,000 dollars of extra salary cost because as the next Auditor General, there will be no need to hire another CPA to direct the audit team because I have the direct CPA experience to handle the technical job. 2. Addressing public school district funding inequity. I plan to

review public school district funding from a top down approach. 3. A significant portion of State taxpayer sponsored programs and services are outsourced to 3rd-party contractors who provide substandard and inadequate services. I will conduct more performance and effectiveness audits of 3rd-party contracts. Like: The share ride program for elderly and vulnerable citizens is on top of the list.

What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?

I am the most qualified candidate because I am a financial professional that has CPA public accounting and federal audit experience. I have an accounting degree, a CPA license and 34 years of real and relevant audit experience. I bring Wall Street and Main Street experience to the Auditor General's office. I have a life time of managing audit teams and bringing real results to my clients over the years. I am independent and owe no any political favors therefore I can provide honest and candid assessments of operations at State agencies and programs. I have a stellar track record of identifying instances of fraud and abuse in governmental operations and within City and State Controller's offices.

NINA AHMAD, Philadelphia

Occupation: Former Deputy Mayor
Mailing address: P.O. Box 40681 Philadelphia, PA 19107

Education: Ph.D.in Chemistry, Postdoctoral Training in Molecular Genetics

Qualifications: Policy Maker (Deputy Mayor & Advisor to President Obama on AAPI) Co-owner-Community Development finance business Trustee of Foundation, Grant making Chair-\$40MM in grants and Investment Committee: oversight on half-billion-dollar endowment. Board Member, National Organization for Women
Campaign website: <http://www.ninaforpa.com>
Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NinaforPA/>
Campaign Twitter: <http://twitter.com/NinaAhmadPHL>

Questions:

What are your top three priorities in office?

Healthcare, Education and Violence. These are all informed by the theme of my campaign which is accountability and transparency and the understanding that the taxpayers end up paying more if we ignore the problems that perpetuate inequality and injustice. I will take on Big Pharma to lower costs on life saving medicines with a focus on Pharmacy Benefits manager to increase efficiencies. I will protect and increase education funding to make sure our students have the best education in safe and healthy environments. I will focus on ending violence including sexual harassment/violence, advocate to end nondisclosure settlements as well as address gun violence by giving lawmakers the data to fight the NRA and pass tough new gun laws.

What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?

I believe that the Auditor General's office can be a powerful tool for progressive change. I am running to deliver real results in the fight for equality, accountability and transparency. My life experience of surviving the violent

Liberation War of Bangladesh, makes me cherish the promise of America, of a good education, quality healthcare and economic opportunity. I have a firm path to victory. Starting with a small lead ahead of everyone, I jump to a 34-point advantage on my nearest competitor state-wide, when voters learn about my approach and background as a scientist, policymaker and former local President of NOW. I am the only Philadelphia candidate in the race that historically makes-up half the state-wide turnout in elections.

CHRISTINA M HARTMAN, Lancaster County

Occupation: Non-profit Consultant
Mailing address: PO Box 1576 Lancaster, PA 17608
Education: M.A., International Political Economy and Development, February 2004 Fordham University, Bronx, New York B.A., International Affairs, May 1999 The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Semester abroad at Université de Paris IV (Sorbonne)

Qualifications: For 20 years, I've held governments to account in some of the world's worst dictatorships. I led & managed federally-funded projects with budgets up to \$44 million with large teams across multiple offices worldwide that underwent numerous audits, which found that they were efficient and effective.
Campaign website: <http://www.christinamhartman.com>
Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/HartmanForPA>
Campaign Twitter: <http://twitter.com/hartmanforpa>

Questions:

What are your top three priorities in office?

My priorities are education, healthcare, and criminal justice reform. Education audits account for a third of this office's work. I will evaluate the discrepancy between the standards and funding for public schools and charter schools, which are often held to lower standards, harming our students on the taxpayers' dime. Healthcare costs continue to rise, especially for seniors. I will look at rising drug costs and nursing home treatment of seniors, to ensure that Medicare/Medicaid dollars are spent well for our most vulnerable. For criminal justice, I will examine inefficiencies created by focusing on punishment over rehabilitation leading to high recidivism rates, a truly inefficient and ineffective use of our tax dollars.

What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?

I have the technical, leadership, and political experience to win in November and lead the Auditor General's office. I'm the only candidate who has run in a competitive general election with Trump at the top of the ticket and narrowed the GOP margin. When I ran for Congress in 2016, we raised \$1.25 million and got endorsed by the national party and EMILY's List, in a district originally deemed too red to win. That experience is going to be crucial in 2020. Finally, we are running a true statewide campaign. We have more than 60 endorsements, including Gov. Rendell, in 18 counties, and I've been to 45 of 67 counties. As a candidate from central PA, I'm working to unite Democrats across the state to make sure we turn PA blue in November.

REPUBLICAN

TIMOTHY DEFOOR, Dauphin County

Occupation: Dauphin County Controller
Mailing address: 604 North #rd Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Education: Harrisburg Area Community College, Associates of Arts, Para Legal Studies; University of Pittsburgh, Bachelor of Arts, General Studies (concentration Sociology and History); Harrisburg University, Master's of Science, Project Management

Qualifications: Former Special Investigator, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Inspector General; Retired Special Agent, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General; Dauphin County Controller (2016 to present); Former Certified Internal Auditor with the International Organization for Standards
Campaign website: <http://www.defoor4pa.com/>
Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/DeFoor4PA>

Questions:

What are your top three priorities in office?

1. Work to have a more transparent government. For example, I will work to end political loopholes like the "honor system" that allows state agencies to keep high-dollar, taxpayer funded contracts hidden from the public. 2. Bring in subject matter experts to audit the progress and performance of any new and expensive initiatives and projects to determine how and if tax payer dollars are being spent wisely. 3. Perform detailed quality management audits to determine if the customer service processes and experiences for Individual taxpayers and businesses doing business with the Commonwealth are efficient.

What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?

Over 25 years of combined law enforcement and auditing experience in both the public and private sectors. First as a Special Investigator with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Inspector General investigating government and contractor fraud, waste and abuse. As a Special Agent with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General investigating Medicaid fraud and illegal prescription drug diversion and a Fraud Investigator and Internal Auditor for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Health Plan and various federal contractors.

• PA TREASURER •

Description of office: The duty of the Pennsylvania Treasurer is to safeguard the Commonwealth's financial assets, which total more than \$120 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; maintaining the

Pennsylvania contracts electronic library. The Treasurer has specific duties in addition to the oversight of the Department: serves as chair of the Board of Finance and Revenue, which selects banks to serve as depositories for state money; sets interest rates paid on Commonwealth deposits; hears and decides state tax appeals.

Term: 4 years—Salary \$167,838—Vote for ONE

DEMOCRATIC

JOE TORSELLA, Montgomery County

Occupation: Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Mailing address: P.O. Box 626 Flourtown, PA 19031

Education: University of Pennsylvania (B.A.); New College, Oxford University

Qualifications: Current Treasurer of Pennsylvania; former Ambassador to the UN for Management and Reform; former President and CEO of the National Constitution Center; former Philadelphia Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning

Campaign website: <http://www.joetorsella.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JoeTorsellaforTreasurer>

Campaign Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/JoeTorsella>

Questions:

What is the most important duty of the State Treasurer? If elected, how would you carry out that duty?

From Day One, my most important duty has been restoring integrity to an office too often marred by scandal—three of the last five elected Treasurers have been indicted. Upon taking office, I immediately banned the use of middlemen to win investment contracts and introduced Treasury's first-ever conflict-of-interest policy and Chief Integrity Officer. In addition to restoring integrity, we've created the Keystone Scholars program, which gives at-birth college and career savings accounts to every child born or adopted in Pennsylvania after January 1, 2019. Furthermore, we fight to hold Wall Street accountable to taxpayers, including through legal action when necessary and as trustees for our public pension systems.

What distinguishes you from your opponent in the general election?

I have spent my career in the public sector, fighting for the responsible use of taxpayer funds in our civic institutions. Before serving as Treasurer, I was the U.S. Ambassador for UN Management and Reform. Prior to that, I was the founding President and CEO of the National Constitution Center and Philadelphia's Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning. What these roles have in common is a dedication to the highest and best use of funds, contributed by the masses, toward a common goal. They each require the careful stewardship of someone else's contribution: to reinforce effective international cooperation; to build a beautiful civic resource for our nation; or to resolve a \$1.25 billion deficit and revitalize a vibrant major American city.

REPUBLICAN

STACY L GARRITY, Bradford County

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No response received as of press deadline.

• REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS •

Description of office: Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. The U.S. Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of elected Representatives from each State. There are 435 voting members of the House of Representatives. The number of Representatives from each state is proportioned according to its population, with 18 Representatives from Pennsylvania. A US Representative must (1) be at least twenty-five years old, (2) have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and (3) be (at the time of the election) an inhabitant of the state they represent.

The House of Representatives is responsible for creating the budget and initiating bills to collect taxes and other money, although all bills must pass the Senate and be signed by the President. The House is also responsible for impeaching federal officials (the Senate then tries the case) and electing the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.

Term: 2 years—Salary \$174,000—Vote for ONE

4th District

Congressional District 4 includes all of the Townships of Abington, Cheltenham, Lower Moreland, Springfield and Upper Dublin, and the Boroughs of Jenkintown and Rockledge.

DEMOCRATIC

MADELEINE DEAN, Montgomery County

Occupation: Lawyer, Professor

Mailing address: P.O. Box 444 Glenside, PA 19038

Education: Abington High School La Salle University

BA Widener University JD University of Pennsylvania Fels School of Government

Qualifications: Local Township Committee Person, State Representative PA-153 2012-2018, PA-4 Congresswoman 2019-2020, Member of Financial Services and Judiciary Committees.

Campaign website: <http://mad4pa.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://@Mad4PA>

Campaign Twitter: <http://@madeleinedean>

Questions:

What would be your top priorities as a U.S. Representative over the next two years?

1. Ensuring that there is universal healthcare for all Americans. Healthcare should be a right in this country, and that means high-quality and affordable health coverage for all—including a robust public option. And we must ensure that basic health coverage includes mental health services, addiction treatment, and women's reproductive services. 2. Ending gun violence. By enacting legislation that requiring universal background checks,

closing the Charleston Loophole, banning assault-style weapons, extreme risk protection orders, and other common sense reforms that will save lives. 3. Ethical good government. Not only acting with purpose, but also being transparent, accountable to our constituents, and serving others.

The landmark Shelby v. Holder decision overturned protections in the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that required certain states and local governments to obtain federal preclearance before implementing voting laws or practices. Since then, the U.S. has experienced a surge of legislation that makes it more difficult for many people to vote. What voting reforms do you see as essential to making U.S. elections accessible and secure?

We must sign HR1 into law. The bill would create a national voter-registration program, make Election Day a federal holiday, replace partisan gerrymandering with non-partisan commissions to draw electoral districts, and limit efforts to purge voting rolls. It would also allow for early voting, same-day registration, and restore voting rights to ex-felons.

How would you go about finding consensus and reducing gridlock in Washington, D.C.?

I have several bills that I have either introduced or co-sponsored with my colleagues across the aisle. By focusing on the issues our constituents want and need, like clean water, addressing student debt, combatting the opioid epidemic, and providing relief in the wake of the COVID-19, there is much to be accomplished across party and state lines. I also serve as the Vice Chair for the Bi-Partisan women's caucus. This committee works to advance women and family issues in a collaborative setting. We have addressed equal pay, supporting our military families, and international women's rights.

REPUBLICAN

KATHY BARNETTE, Montgomery County

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No response received as of press deadline.

• SENATOR IN THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY •

Description of office: In Pennsylvania, the legislative branch of government is composed of two houses: The Senate, with 50 members, is the upper house and the General Assembly is the lower house. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service. Members of the Pennsylvania Senate are, along with the House of Representatives, responsible for passing legislation that affects all aspects of our lives.

Term: 4 years—Salary \$90,335—Vote for ONE

District 7

The 7th Senate District includes all of the Township of Upper Dublin.

DEMOCRATIC

VINCENT HUGHES, Philadelphia
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No response received as of press deadline.

REPUBLICAN

No candidate.

**• REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY •**

Description of office: In Pennsylvania, the legislative branch of government is composed of two houses: The Senate is the upper house and the General Assembly is the lower house. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. In the General Assembly, there are 203 members who sit for two year terms in single member districts. Representatives must be 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election and must live in their districts during their terms of service. Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives are, along with the Senate, responsible for passing legislation that affects all aspects of our lives.

Term: 2 years—Salary \$90,335—Vote for ONE

District 151

District 151 includes part of the Township of Upper Dublin.

DEMOCRATIC

JONATHAN KASSA, North Wales
Occupation: Managing Director
Mailing address: 139 Gwynmont Dr. North Wales, PA 19454

Education: BA - Penn State University MPA - Villanova University

Qualifications: Jonathan serves as a Director on the North Penn School District Board where he serves as Chair of the Facilities & Operations and Safe Schools committees. Jonathan was a senior executive who directed juvenile justice, social service and education programs at a multi-state nonprofit organization.

Campaign website: <http://kassaforstaterep.com/>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JKtoFlipThe151st/>

Campaign Twitter: <http://twitter.com/JonathanKassa73>

Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently

modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

We need to ensure that everything possible is done to protect elections in PA. Investing in effective solutions for election security is not a partisan issue. Same-day registration is a viable option that PA must seriously consider if we want to make sure all residents can participate in the democratic process. In a pandemic era, we serve democracy best when we protect people equally as well as the election processes. That is why established practices learned from other states matter. Drop-off boxes for mail ballots is something that states like Oregon have used successfully for decades, while the use of pre-paid postage legislation will extend PA's. Even our military has successfully used mail-in ballots since the Civil War.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

Most Pennsylvanians aren't aware that there isn't a limit on the amount of money PACs and individuals can contribute to a candidate's campaign, devaluing the democratic process in favor of corporations and special interests. People, and not corporations, need to have a voice. We also need to control spending. It's time to ban the practice of legislators receiving undocumented per diem payments for trips to Harrisburg without any receipts. Finally, we must end gerrymandering. We need fairly drawn districts based on nonpartisan, objective and independently informed panels that place the power back in the hands of communities instead of defining them based on political gaming.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

I am committed to ending the practice of gerrymandering through an independent commission. Research has demonstrated how gerrymandering has a damaging effect on democracy in Pennsylvania and across the country. We must pass HB22 and HB23 to allow the voters of Pennsylvania to decide via the ballot whether to add a constitutional amendment for an independent, citizen-focused commission to draw fair districts. Federal inaction on gerrymandering has abdicated this responsibility to the states, and an independent, multilateral commission is the fairest, most common-sense way forward.

REPUBLICAN

TODD STEPHENS, Horsham
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No response received as of press deadline.

District 152

District 152 includes part of the Township of Upper Dublin.

DEMOCRATIC

NANCY GUENST, Hatboro
Occupation: Mayor of Hatboro
Mailing address: 206 Academy Road Hatboro, PA 19040

Education: Graduate Hatboro-Horsham HS Studied at MCCC Graduate Defense Language Institute
Qualifications: Two-term Councilwoman Currently Mayor of Hatboro U.S. Army Veteran Current Boards: Vice-Chair The Welcome Project, Elm Street Philanthropic, Member Rotary Int'l, Member Chamber of Commerce, Past Boards: Union Library of Hatborough, Inter-Faith of Ambler, Main Street Hatboro.
Campaign website: <http://nancy4pahouse.com>
Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nancy4pahouse/>
Campaign Twitter: <http://twitter.com/Nancy4PAHouse>

Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

I feel Act 77 was a good start but until we can get online voting into law it isn't good enough. I would also aggressively support more use of the vote by mail system. A good example of this is Colorado. They are 100% vote by mail and have historically had the second highest voter turnout in the country.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

With the 2020 census underway we can look forward to a clearer picture for a fair and balanced redistricting throughout Pennsylvania. Gerrymandering has been a problem here for far too long.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

Absolutely. To expand on my comment above, the redistricting must be done independently and be non-partisan.

REPUBLICAN

KAREN HOUCK, Willow Grove
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No response received as of press deadline.

District 153

District 153 includes the Township of Abington and parts of the Township of Upper Dublin.

DEMOCRATIC

BEN SANCHEZ, Abington

Occupation: Legislator/Attorney

Mailing address: P.O. Box 53 Jenkintown, PA 19046

Education: Abington Senior High School 1993; Villanova University, Bachelor of Science, Accountancy 1997; Temple University, Juris Doctor 2004

Qualifications: I am a practicing attorney with many years of experience, including an understanding of the legislative process and constitutional law. My training as a Certified Public Accountant and experience as an auditor allows me to dissect and digest financial statements and complicated financial issues.

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Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot? PA recently implemented no-excuse voting by mail (which allows for early voting). I would also support same day voter registration and additional funding for voting technology upgrades, especially for privacy and election security. In short, I would support any and all voting modernization measures to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure. Similarly, I would also oppose any measure that serves to disenfranchise voters in any way.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

Too often these days, people have forgotten how to listen to each other. While I will always strongly advocate for my constituents and my priorities, I will be certain to communicate among my fellow representatives in order to understand their perspectives and to try to build consensus in addressing the range of basic to the most complicated issues we face. I firmly believe, regardless of party, that compromise and coalition building is essential to productive discourse and achieving meaningful results. Moreover, I will do my best to communicate these efforts to my constituents in a transparent manner consistent with the high levels of service that they expect, deserve and which we strive to provide.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

Yes, I wholeheartedly support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting processes to implement a redistricting commission comprised of independent citizens. Fairly drawn districts help to ensure representation by government that reflects the will of the peo-

ple and are the cornerstone of a representative democracy.

REPUBLICAN

No candidate.

District 154

District 154 includes all of the Townships of Cheltenham and Springfield and all of the Borough of Jenkintown.

DEMOCRATIC

NAPOLEON NELSON, Wyncote

Occupation: Finance Officer Cheltenham Township

Mailing address: PO Box 53 Wyncote, PA 19095

Education: MIT - Bachelor of Science Wharton - MBA

Qualifications: 2007-2020 Committeeperson for the Cheltenham Democratic Committee, 2nd Vice Chair 2009 Committeeperson of the Year 2011 elected to Cheltenham School Board, chaired Finance and Personnel committees & served as president 2018 appointed to Board of Trustees for Montgomery County Community College

Campaign website: <http://www.NapoleonFor154.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NapoleonFor154/>

Campaign Twitter: <http://twitter.com/NapoleonFor154>

Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot? Access to the ballot box and our exercising of the critical civic duty of voting should never be ignored or taken for granted. I support early voting, automatic registration, and the mailing of voting reminders. I also support the restoration of voting rights (not privileges) for incarcerated citizens convicted of non-voting-related crimes. Finally, I am interested in exploring options for online voting that would be secure while protecting privacy and integrity of our election process.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

Harrisburg needs to get back to the process of governing. I will do all I can to find solutions including spending time with my peers on both sides of the aisle across the state. From a process reform perspective, I support drawing fair, independent legislative districts. I support campaign finance reforms that provide public funding of campaigns. Finally, there are two measures to ensure elected officials are maintaining the integrity that is expected to when each official is sworn into office - strengthening efforts to hold elected officials liable for providing misleading statements or statements that fly in the face of resounding expert testimony and increased funding for independent, accurate, unbiased local jour-

nalism.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not? YES PLEASE! The election process should not be partisan, so why do we leave it to minority and majority party members to define. Our government's process of fair representation of residents should not be held hostage by the swings of our campaign processes and the electioneering of political parties.

GRETCHEN WISEHART, Elkins Park

Occupation: Public Finance Counsel

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Education: University of Pennsylvania, BA cum laude Philosophy, Political Science and Economics Villanova Law School, JD

Qualifications: Public Finance Attorney-20 years experience advising state and local governments, school districts, hospitals, universities; Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of Revenue; Special Counsel, SEPTA; Law Clerk, US Senate Judiciary Comm, Sen. Patrick Leahy; Economic Analyst, Philadelphia Think Tank Campaign website: <http://wisehartforpa.com> Campaign Facebook: <http://GretchenWisehartforStateRepresentative>

Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot? Thankfully Pennsylvania moved forward with enacting a voting law that allows for mail-in voting, early voting and some other needed reforms, but further action is needed to provide fair access to voting. I have worked in the field to protect voter rights for years, and would advocate for an expansion of registration to include automatic registration, same-day registration, expanded early voting and would also propose legislation designating election day as a state holiday, requiring employers to provide time off from work for all employees to allow them to vote. True election reform also requires that we include pre-paid envelopes for ballots to avoid a poll tax, campaign finance reform and non-partisan redistricting.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

Legislative reform is necessary to defeat the tyranny of the majority, which fails the majority of Pennsylvanians. Unfortunately, rules adopted by the House allow one member of leadership to stop bills in their tracks, even bills that have strong bipartisan support. I would propose rules reform that allows for bills to move rapidly through the legislative process, that includes requiring bills that have bipartisan support to be given a vote in committee and bills that are favorably reported from committee to be given an opportunity for debate. Rules

reform such as these would encourage lawmakers to work cooperatively to come up with solutions to the difficult problems the state will face in light of the coronavirus epidemic.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

Yes; Redistricting is a critical component of our electoral system and has a profound impact on representation at the state and federal level. The partisan mapping that occurs every ten years is at the whim of the political party in charge and disparately impacts the minority party, an impact that has the effect of skewing the results for future elections, thus perpetuating an unfair system. In order to end the practice of gerrymandering you need to make the process more independent and transparent to assure that communities are fully and fairly represented in the state legislature and in Congress.

RAY SOSA, Wyncote

Occupation: Banker/ Insurance Agent

Mailing address: Po Box 154 Wyncote, PA 19095

Education: Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Minor in Marketing.

Qualifications: Appointed by three US governors to chair committees ranging from emergency management coordination to health care administration audits and legislative affairs. Over 15 years experience in executive level state administration experience. Simply the most qualified candidate for this seat.

Campaign website: <http://raysosafor154th.com>

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Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot? I strongly support Gov. Wolf's signing of Act 77. The act gives extra time to register, allows for absentee ballot voting, provides funds for municipalities to improve logistics and invest in new secure voting systems, allows for no excuse mail in voting and allows for a 50 day mail in voting period. As your next State Representative for the 154th. district, I will support all legisla-

tion that provides safe, private and independent ballot access.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

Pennsylvania's gridlock is based on division caused by special interests and party affiliations. I do consider as Democrats our main mission now is to put good government first and flip our senate so that we can govern in a manner that caters to our most affected, protects our schools and taxes our natural resources mining appropriately.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

I do. Our demographics change every so often. Our duty as citizens is to insure that the population is represented accurately and fairly. Special interest have kept control of districts for too long and those districts no longer represent their population accurately. The redrawing of districts must be done by law as a constitutional amendment and I will always support it.

JAY CONNERS, Jenkintown

Occupation: Marketing Professional

Mailing address: 313 Rodman Ave Jenkintown, PA 19046

Education: Camden Catholic H.S.

Qualifications: V.P. of Jenkintown Borough Council Chair of Jenkintown Democratic Committee Chair of Jenkintown Public works committee. Chair of Jenkintown Uniform/Non-uniform pension committee

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Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

I would support reforms that made the voting process more convenient for voters such as mail in ballots and at

some point voting virtually as long as privacy and security are a priority. I would also support reforms that allowed more time to register, apply for and submit mail in and absentee ballots including up until election day. I also support act 77 and the 90 million allocated for new voting systems and improvements including privacy and security.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

I think being able to work with representatives on the other side of the aisle is a good place to start. I would start close to home with the reps that live within south-eastern PA., and have an understanding of the issues that we face together knowing that they would be informed of local challenges and sensitive to the same issues. I think this would be a good place to begin to work together and at the very least find some common ground and make some compromises.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

I do support a constitutional amendment to form a commission to redraw districts simply to put an end to gerrymandering and to make sure that every citizen is represented fairly and not give an unfair advantage to one particular party.

ADRIENNE REDD, Jenkintown

Occupation: sociology professor

Mailing address: 442 Leedom St Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046

Education: BA English, minor in computer science, minor in philosophy Lehigh University Masters Sociology Temple University Masters Human & Organizational Systems, Fielding Graduate Univ. PhD Human & Organizational Systems, Fielding Graduate Univ.

Qualifications: Over two decades of environmental activism. Worked on health care reform polity. Experience in public education governance and funding. Over two decades experience as an educator. Over two decades teaching about social problems and their proposed solutions.

Campaign website: <http://www.reddforpa.org/>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ReddForPA>

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Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot? Montgomery and the other 66 counties in the Commonwealth need a mechanism by which voters can check that their application for a mail-in ballot has been received, and that their ballot has been received after being sent. There needs to be a requirement that county election office commence counting absentee and mail-in ballots before election day itself. There needs to be greater support for people who do not have access to a computer or a printer.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

Reform of campaign finance is crucial to making legislators more accountable to the electorate. There should also be a way to track the ever-widening circle of campaign contributions from beyond the district that a legislator represents.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

I do support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts. However, this process can also be distorted by the way in which members of that commission are appointed. I believe that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court should have oversight over the appointment process.

JENNIFER LUGAR, Jenkintown

Occupation: Jenkintown Borough Councilor

Mailing address: 211 Hillside Avenue Jenkintown, PA 19046

Education: B.A. in journalism Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Qualifications: Jenkintown Borough Council, Member, 2017 - present | Everytown for Gun Safety, Survivor Fellow, 2018 - present | Lifelong activist

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Questions:

Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

Automatic voter registration, unless the citizen opts out. Pre-registering 16- and 17-year-olds so they're ready to vote as soon as they turn 18. Ballot position randomization – remove the advantage held by candidates at the

top of the ballot. This is of particular interest to me since I drew the last position on the primary ballot! Funding – ensure that election officials have money for equipment, staff, and training necessary to implement secure and accurate elections.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

Pennsylvania's procedural rules allow committee leaders to flout the will of their constituents by intentionally stalling bills that have bipartisan support. The bipartisan FairVote organization ranks Pennsylvania 0 on its Agenda Fairness Index. I will support reforms that enable collaborative legislation, including automatic advancement of bills that are heard in committee without requiring a vote or approval of the chair, as well as a rule that allows bipartisan majorities within a committee to bring legislation to a floor vote. I have faced Pennsylvania's dysfunction firsthand as an advocate for an extreme risk protection order (ERPO), or red flag law, which remains stuck in committee despite broad bipartisan support.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

Yes. Partisan gerrymandering takes power away from the citizens and puts it into the hands of political parties and outside interests. It protects incumbents and cements partisan polarization, making collaborative leadership all but impossible. This not a natural state - these rules were made by men. Now we have the opportunity to remake the rules and build a framework for the Pennsylvania General Assembly that ensures it will truly represent the people.

REPUBLICAN

KATHY GARRY BOWERS, Cheltenham

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No response received as of press deadline.

District 172

District 172 includes all of the Borough of Rockledge as well as parts of Philadelphia.

DEMOCRATIC

KEVIN J BOYLE, Philadelphia

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No response received as of press deadline.

REPUBLICAN

AARON BASHIR, Philadelphia

Occupation: Adjunct Professor

Mailing address: 2217 Glenview St Philadelphia, PA 19149

Education: Aaron has earned his MBA degree from LaSalle University, a BBA degree from Temple University, and an Associate degree from Community College of Philadelphia. Currently, Aaron is working on his

Ph.D. at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Qualifications: Aaron's vision is to make Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, a better, safer, stronger, cleaner, workable, and livable place with lower taxes and less government involvement by strengthening our communities and working families with a specific focus on the issues of senior citizens and veterans.

Campaign website: <http://aaronforstate.com>

Campaign Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Aaronforstate/>

Campaign Twitter: http://twitter.com/aaron_bashir

Questions:

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Free, fair and independent elections are an essential right for every American. All our elections must be secure and private for our citizens. I'm always open to discuss ways to protect our elections. Further, I believe the changes made to the PA Election law in 2019 are very positive for voters. We can now vote by mail in the safety and privacy of our own homes. The registration deadline has been extended, and now we have until election day to return our Mail in Ballots or Absentee Ballots. These are solid reforms that I look forward to seeing implemented. However, I am also open to future reforms with your counsel that could assist the citizens to access the ballot box which is one of the most important rights for citizens.

While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

Government is always a slow moving process. I am a firm believer we can make government more effective and efficient. While I am not settled on a single solution, I look forward to working with good government groups to formulate a plan to make the legislative process not only more effective but more transparent as well.

Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

Taking politics out of redistricting is a good goal to achieve. I am open to the idea of an independent commission but I believe there are several questions that need to be answered. How does the independent commission work? Who appoints the commission? How do we ensure participants aren't political or politically motivated? What are the accountability factors in place?



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

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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

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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.

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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

If you have a Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT-issued ID card, you can register to vote online in PA. Go to www.VotesPA.com to register, check your registration status, update your registration, or apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.

ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN VOTING

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

NEW: 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 www.VotesPA.com, 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., May 26, 2020 (postmarks do NOT apply)**. Completed absentee or mail-in ballots must be received at the Board of Elections by **8 PM on Election Day, June 2, 2020 (postmarks do NOT apply)**.

In emergency situations (such as an unexpected illness or disability and last-minute absence) following the deadline at 5 PM on May 26, you can request an Emergency Absentee Ballot. The deadline to submit your Emergency Absentee Ballot Application to the County Office of Voter Services is 8 PM on Election Day.

Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should contact the county Board of Elections.

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at (610) 278-3275, www.montcopa.org/voterservices, or visit www.VotesPA.com.

NEW PROCEDURES AT THE POLLS

Montgomery County will be operating a **reduced number of polling places** for the 2020 primary election. Visit www.montcopa.org/voterservices to download a spreadsheet of polling places.

Starting in 2019, 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. Be prepared for delays at the polls, as many voters may not yet be familiar with the new procedures.

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

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



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