

# Attorney General

## Pennsylvania Attorney General

### Description:

**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:** \$167,838

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### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Josh Shapiro



**Party:** Dem

#### Biographical Info:

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 22635 Philadelphia, PA 19110

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of Rochester, Class of 1995. Juris Doctor degree, Georgetown Law, Class of 2002.

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#### Questions:

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

**A:** We must continue battling the heroin and opioid crisis that is taking 12 Pennsylvanians' lives each day. Our efforts must focus on a multi-pronged approach of prosecuting high-level drug dealers, holding pharmaceutical companies accountable and making treatment more accessible and affordable. We must stand up for consumers against predatory lending companies, scammers, and others trying to take advantage of Pennsylvanians. That includes ensuring Pennsylvanians have access to affordable, quality health care. We must keep our communities safe, by collaborating effectively across law enforcement, reforming our criminal justice system to ensure equal enforcement, taking crime guns off our streets, and much more.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** Throughout my career in public service, I've always been someone who has stood up to defend all Pennsylvanians—no matter what they look like, where they come from, who they love, or who they pray or don't pray to. I have consistently defended the rule of law and Pennsylvanians' rights against anyone, from high-level drug dealers, to predatory lending companies, to greedy pharmaceutical companies, to the federal government, and more. The laws of our Commonwealth and our country must be applied equally, and that can only be done by enforcing the law without fear or favor. We must also ensure the highest ethical standards across law enforcement and our entire government.

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

**A:** I've taken steps to reduce PA's prison population and recidivism rate, and to instead focus on data-driven programs to eliminate bias in the system. I've also worked with Governor Wolf to form PA's first statewide reentry council to reduce barriers for those returning from prison. And I've created a statewide Conviction Integrity Unit to review past convictions. This year, I brought together law enforcement, union leaders, and activists from across the Commonwealth to pass a bill that ends the practice of law enforcement agencies unknowingly hiring officers with documented patterns of excessive use of force or other misconduct. I'm committed to finding fair methods that will reduce incarceration rates and discrimination.

## **Heather Heidelbaugh**



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Mailing 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

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** 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.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** 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.

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

**A:** 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.

## **Daniel Wassmer**



**Party:** L

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Pike

**Mailing Address:** 1433 Route 590 Hawley, PA 18428

**Education:** BA - Adelphi University 1983 MBA - Adelphi University 1986 JD - New York Law School 1989

**Qualifications:** Educator, government attorney and someone with actual knowledge from courtrooms not a self aggrandized aspirational political office seat warmer....

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/groups/2705423013115791>

**Questions:**

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

**A:** -Major Criminal Justice Police Reform. -Decriminalize Marijuana (and other drugs) shifting to a medical treatment options (someone with a state authorized "license" can sell drugs reaping a huge profit but a person selling a nickel bag of marijuana is charged with a crime - shouldn't be!) -Stopping the threat of Anti-Trust litigation by BOTH old parties which is used simply as a ploy to leverage "campaign contributions" as a form of legalized extortion against our competitive big tech firms and permitting a real "free market" to pick winners and losers (Note: This is the only time in modern history where companies delivering "convenience" and "lower prices for consumers" have been shaken down allegedly to protect consumers [what nonsense])

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** Education and I am the only educator in the field! Secondly Police Reform and I am the only person who has ever worked in a firm handling matters as an FOP outside counsel. In that role I personally saw the negatives of policing as well as people who were honest hard working "peace keeping" officers. We need fewer police and more peacekeepers. I have a plan including a non-confrontational resolution option which PA ought to explore as well as a plan to remove bad officers by removing the "wall of silence" within police departments. Lastly the silencing of people with "atypical ideas" created by the two OLD PARTIES needs to stop! Both of these parties purposefully engage in speech chilling behavior which is detrimental to IDEAS!

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

**A:** That is my number one concern. The PA criminal system is a joke and the incumbent has literally done nothing to address it! He now wants 4 more years. Moreover the other OLD PARTY candidate also simply looks at this as a mental health issue and fails to address: economic issues, educational opportunities, rehabilitation, purposeful systematic discrimination literally caused by the US government, disparity in sentencing, how the justice system operates, etc.. I don't see that the incumbent has ever held a position ever in the private labor market! Moreover the other OLD PARTY candidate seems inclined to handle election law challenges as a primary function. This is NOT what we need in PA from an Attorney General.

## **Richard L. Weiss**



**Party:** Grn

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Mailing Address:** 107 Old Village Lane Bethel Park, PA 15102

**Education:** B.A. University of Pittsburgh J.D. University of Denver LL.M. American University M.B.A. University of Chicago

**Qualifications:** Admitted to the Attorney Bar in Pennsylvania and New York.

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** 1. Save the taxpayers' money. Reduce prison population by 50%, by not seeking cash bail, not bringing charges merely for drug possession or consensual relations between adults. Only those who are actually a threat to the community should be incarcerated. Others should be diverted from the prison system to programs designed to help them pay their debt to society and reintegrate into the community. Prosecutorial resources can then be directed to addressing violent crime, combating corruption and consumer protection. 2. Reformation of the system of policing. Citizen Review Boards are only a start. Community and police must establish standards of conduct and need special prosecutors for police misconduct. 3. Promote Restorative Justice.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** The primary responsibility of the Attorney General is public safety, with the goal of attaining peace characterized by a community that is inclusive and harmonious. Conflict must be resolved in a way that restores peaceful social life. This can only be accomplished through respect of all members. The

primary challenge now is lack of faith of the community in the police and of the police in the community. Our system of justice is based on the principle that it is better to let a guilty person go free than to convict an innocent one. I would rather take a bullet than shoot an innocent person. Let us develop a system of policing based on that principle. We must refrain from attacking, arresting or shooting anyone not actually a threat.

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

**A:** My administration will support restorative justice, which is another way of viewing crime and how to respond to it. Restorative justice includes all parties in a collaborative process of apology, changed behavior, repair of the harm, and reintegration of parties with their communities. This process has a better record of reforming offenders and healing victims than simply punishment which has had a low success rate. It also diverts offenders from incarceration to alternatives like community service, but as agreed by offenders and victims, who are more likely to view it as a sincere apology if voluntarily undertaken than sentenced. I support the statements of former Austin District Attorney Ronnie Earl in this video: [tinyurl.com/RonEarl](https://tinyurl.com/RonEarl).

# Auditor General

## Pennsylvania Auditor General

### Description:

**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:** \$167,838

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### Candidates (choose 1):

**Nina Ahmad**



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

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**County:** Philadelphia

**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

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your top three priorities in office?*

**A:** Healthcare, Education and Jobs: To reduce healthcare costs I will find efficiencies in reimbursements to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), 3rd -party administrators of prescription drug programs. I will lead the design of an audit to assess pandemic preparedness incorporating the lessons learned from the current COVID-19 pandemic on all fronts including healthcare, education, and the economy. Developing data-driven analyses to identify funding gaps in education, I will advocate for equitable funding, universal pre-K, and affordable post-secondary education. I will harness science and technology to create family sustaining jobs of the future and will advocate for work force development dollars to be invested in this sector.

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

**A:** I believe the Auditor General's office can be a powerful tool for progressive change. As the chief fiscal watch dog, I will ensure tax dollars are used with integrity, transparency and accountability and assess the equitable use of the dollars. As a scientist trained to understand the value of data, I will use audit data to generate public policy information to support equitable legislation. As a small business owner and a former Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia, I am well versed in looking for efficiencies to maximize the impact of our dollars. As the former President of the Philadelphia chapter of the NOW and having served on President Obama's Commission for AAPI, I deeply understand the power advocacy and its role in equitable public policy.

## **Timothy Defoor**



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Dauphin

**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

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your top three priorities in office?*

**A:** 1) We are in a COVID-19 world. Both the federal and state governments are distributing grants and other COVID-19 funding to individuals, small business, and large businesses. My first priority as Auditor General is to make sure those funds were allocated to those individuals and businesses for who they were intended. 2) 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. 3) 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.

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

**A:** My 25 years of experience fighting fraud and waste sets me apart from other candidates. I feel passionately about the need to ensure government accountability and have devoted my career to eliminating fraud from both public and private sectors. I first served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Special Agent for the Office of Attorney General. I then served as a Special Investigator for the Office of Inspector General. After that I ventured into the private sector as an internal auditor and fraud investigator for University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health Plan and various federal contractors. I currently serve as the Dauphin County Controller, being the only African American to be elected as a Row Officer in Dauphin County history.

**Jennifer Moore**



**Party:** L

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Montgomery

**Mailing Address:** 209 Lovers Ln Upper Providence, PA 19453

**Education:** Master's of Business Administration-Grand Valley State University Bachelors of Business Administration-Management, Grand Valley State University

**Qualifications:** Chair of the Board of Auditors, Upper Providence Township

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your top three priorities in office?*

**A:** 1. Transparency: How many times have you heard a fellow Pennsylvanian joke about the "temporary" Johnstown flood tax that we have been paying since 1936? How about the the gas tax, or turnpike tolls that are consistently repurposed for other projects? Taxpayers deserve to know where their money is going. Funds should be spent on what they were appropriated for. 2. Covid-19 has significantly impacted our state. Areas like education, healthcare, small business and unemployment have all been affected. It will be very important to audit the performance of related programs as well as ensuring that funds were properly allocated. 3. Combat government waste and inefficiency. I will work to ensure effective use of taxpayer dollars.

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

**A:** As a Libertarian, I am independent of the politicians who are making financial decisions for the Commonwealth. As an Auditor, this allows me to be a truly non-partisan fiscal watch dog. Professionally, I have spent almost twenty years in healthcare finance. I have extensive experience in

looking for irregularities in financials and insuring data integrity. I was elected to the Upper Providence Board of Auditors in 2017 and have been serving as the Chair of the Board for the past two years.

## **Olivia Faison**



**Party:** Grn

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Philadelphia

**Mailing Address:** 5522 Spruce St Philadelphia, PA 19139

**Education:** Queens College - Flushing, NY BA Degree - February, 1985 Major: Biology - Minors: Chemistry; Music University of Nebraska Medical Center - Minority Health Careers Opportunity Baccalaureate Program 1983 Highest Academic Achievement Award - 4.0 GPA - 1983 Oratory Award - 1983 Citizenship Award - 1983

**Qualifications:** I am a mother, a grand mother and a great grand mother (my most impressive qualifications). I have worked as a receptionist, a legal secretary, and a medical secretary, a lab technician, a computer, math, and science teacher, an analytical chemist and a scientist at the time of my retirement.

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your top three priorities in office?*

**A:** 1) There is a desperate need for a third party. I welcome the values that the Green Party Pillars describe - Grassroots Democracy, Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, and Peace. (I would like to throw in Honesty and Respect). 2) Racist Laws like the Supreme Court's Dred Scott Decision show how deep racism is ingrained in our society. Unfair laws and practices like voter suppression, purging voters off lists, and long voting lines must end. 3) Quality Education & Climate Change - Growing up, I remember the fog being so thick, you could not see down the street. Upon my return, no one can recall the last time they have seen fog hit the streets of Philly. We have lost a very important regular occurring weather pattern without anyone noticing!

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

**A:** I was not groomed to be a politician, however having been blessed with a natural curiosity, and being a highly trained profession analytical chemist, I am well-equipped for the task of problem solving. The scientific approach enables me to view problems from a fresh point of view.

# **State Treasurer**

## **Pennsylvania State Treasurer**

**Description:**

**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; 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

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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:** \$167,838

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## Candidates (choose 1): Joe Torsella



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Montgomery

**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

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

**Questions:**

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

**A:** From Day One, my most important duty has been restoring integrity to an office too often marred by scandal: 3 of the last 5 elected Treasurers have been indicted. Upon taking office, I immediately banned the use of middlemen to win investment contracts and introduced Treasury's first conflict-of-interest policy and Chief Integrity Officer. My top priority now is building solutions to help Pennsylvanians recover from Covid-19 on solid financial ground. We created the Keystone Scholars program, which gives at-birth college and career savings accounts to every child born or adopted in Pennsylvania, and we fight to hold Wall Street accountable to taxpayers, as trustees for our public pension systems and through legal action when necessary.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?*

**A:** 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.

## **Stacy L. Garrity**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 383 Gateway Industrial Park Road Athens, PA 18810

**Questions:**

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

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?*

**A:** - no response -

## **Joe Soloski**



**Party:** L

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Centre

**Mailing Address:** 141 Buckhorn Rd Port Matilda, PA 16871

**Education:** Indiana University of Pennsylvania -- Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration -- Accounting Major Passed the CPA Examination in 1985

**Qualifications:** I'm a Libertarian that advocates for small government. I also operated my own accounting practice for more than 30 years.

**campaign website:** <http://joesoloski.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/SoloskiForLiberty>

**Questions:**

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

**A:** The State Treasurer must monitor the revenue inflows and disbursement outflows of the Commonwealth, as well as managing the invested funds of the State of Pennsylvania. My years of background as a Certified Public Accountant lend themselves well towards those responsibilities. Managing and working with people within the Treasurer's Office is also an important requirement. Having worked with hundreds of clients, over the years, as well as working with my clients' employees, I will take that operating experience with me to the Office of the Treasurer to make that Office a great place to work as well as operating the Office at the lowest cost and most efficient way possible.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?*

**A:** I am a Libertarian. My principles are very liberty-minded and I abhor wasteful and unnecessary government. I will be bringing a fresh attitude that advocates for the Taxpayers of Pennsylvania. The position of Treasurer is an administrative one; not one that enacts policy, as does the State Legislature and the Governor. To that end, I will be working to influence the Governor and the Legislature to minimize taxes, and cut the costs of government wherever possible. The budget of the Commonwealth has exploded over the past 20 years and the Republicans and Democrats, who have been in power for more than 150 years, are doing little to curb the runaway growth of state government and advocate for the taxpayers of Pennsylvania.

## Timothy Runkle



**Party:** Grn

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Lancaster

**Mailing Address:** 15 Teakwood Circle Elizabethtown, PA 17022

**Education:** BS Geology, Millersville University

**Qualifications:** EcoDistricts Accredited Professional, Green Party of Pennsylvania Treasurer (2017 - present)

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** Through the many boards on which the State Treasurer serves, they function as the head investor of the Commonwealth's financial investments. The State Treasurer has the ability to direct sustainable and ethical investments including which banks hold your tax dollars or how the state pension funds are managed. The duty of transparency, through right-to-know legislation requires the State Treasurer to be clear about the State's business. I will take the office beyond transparency and to a place of responsible management of your investments.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?*

**A:** I intend to use my office to push forward an agenda that is future focused and serves the people of Pennsylvania. Every monetary decision I make will consider how we can 1) prepare the State for a Green New Deal by investing in sustainable jobs and eliminating dirty industry handouts, 2) restructure our outdated tax code by closing corporate tax evasion loopholes and providing for equitable taxation, and 3) reform the criminal justice system by ending cash bail and reducing incarceration and recidivism.

# U.S. House of Representatives

## Pennsylvania US House District 1

**Description:**

**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 in both houses is necessary to pass a law. All bills must pass the House and Senate and be signed by the President. The U.S. Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of elected Representatives (also called Congressmen and Congresswomen) from each State. There are 435 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 U.S. Representative must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and be an inhabitant of the state they represent at the time of the election. The House of Representatives is responsible for creating the budget and initiating bills to collect taxes and

other money. 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

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## Candidates (choose 1): Christina Finello



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks County

**Mailing Address:** 15 Valentine Road Warminster, PA 18974

**Education:** Christina earned a JD and PhD in Clinical Psychology through Villanova University School of Law and Drexel University's Clinical and Forensic Psychology joint program. She received a BA in Biologic Basis of Behavior from University of Pennsylvania.

**Qualifications:** Ivyland Borough Council, 2017-Present Bucks County Deputy Director of Housing and Human Services, 2014-2020 Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services, 2008-2014

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**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/FinelloForPA>

**Questions:**

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

**A:** Health care and increasing economic security for working people are among my top priorities. Too many families are struggling to make ends meet each month because of the high cost of healthcare. We must expand the affordable care act to ensure everyone has access to quality affordable health coverage, reduce the cost of prescription drugs and expand access to mental health treatment. Tackling the cost of healthcare is just one piece of the puzzle to improving economic security for hard-working Pennsylvanians. We must also address the burden of student loan debt, support the creation of high-quality middle-class jobs, and work to make sure people, not corporations, are at the center of our economic policies going forward.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** In addition to expanding early voting and instituting same-day voter registration, I support expanding access to voting by increasing options to vote for all states such as no-excuse absentee

voting or vote by mail as we recently adopted here in Pennsylvania. This is particularly important in this election because no voter should be made to choose between their health and their right to vote, but these methods of voting should be available long term as well. Furthermore, we might fight against voter suppression tactics such as voter purges, onerous voter ID requirements and polling place consolidation. Finally, our in-person voting machines must produce voter-verified paper trails to ensure the integrity of our elections.

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

**A:** From working across the aisle as the only Democratic member of the Ivyland Borough Council to bringing together representatives from opposing constituencies to implement reforms to reduce prison overcrowding in the Bucks County corrections system, I have worked to bring together stakeholders to find consensus and implement policy solutions throughout my career. I am excited to continue this in Congress as well.

## **Brian Fitzpatrick**



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 939 Langhorne, PA 19047

**Education:** La Salle University (BS) Pennsylvania State University (MBA) Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle (JD)

**Qualifications:** For over a decade, I served our country as an FBI Supervisory Special Agent where my focus was fighting political corruption and supporting global counterterrorism efforts. As a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, I prosecuted violent drug and gun offenders to stem the tide of abuse and violence.

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** My top priorities would be combatting the opioid and addiction crisis by expanding access to treatment and providing resources (like in my INTERDICT Act that was signed into law) for our law enforcement to stop the illicit flow of deadly drugs like fentanyl into our communities. We must also fix a broken Washington and break through the partisan gridlock with a government reform plan that challenges career politicians: term limits for members of Congress, pass a budget or don't get paid, and balance the budget. Finally, I will fight to expand economic opportunity and create an environment where our small businesses can invest, grow, and hire, especially given the challenges faced by our community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** In response to the Shelby v. Holder decision and to make elections more accessible and secure, I have voted for H.R. 4 Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would protect the fundamental right to vote by modernizing the Voting Rights Act so that preclearance covers states and localities with a

recent pattern of discrimination. I also support cracking down on partisan gerrymandering, which causes lawmakers to focus on accumulating power rather than serving constituents and has contributed to the growing divide of partisanship that grinds the gears of government to a halt. We need independent, nonpartisan commissions to redraw congressional maps and allow access to political party primaries for Independents or non-affiliated voters.

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

**A:** Hyper-partisanship is the single biggest threat facing our Nation. Bipartisanship is the only remedy that will save and heal our nation. Which of these paths one chooses determines whether they desire to be part of the problem or part of the solution. If one chooses partisanship and condemns those who think differently, they are part of the problem. If one chooses bipartisanship and seeks to build bridges with those who think differently, they are part of the solution. As the #1 most bipartisan Member of Congress in the entire nation earning the highest bipartisan score ever recorded in history by the Lugar Center. I will continue to choose the path of bipartisanship and problem solving because I love the USA, the great country on Earth.

## PA State Representative

### Pennsylvania Representative District 18

**Description:**

**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 House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1): Harold Hayes



**Party:** Dem

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** First and foremost, any election reforms must make it easier for people to vote, not harder. The recent changes that allow for online registration and voting by mail are a big step in the right direction. The legislature should next consider allowing for same-day registration, rather than requiring voters to register 15 days prior to the election. Adequate funding must be provided to our boards of election so that mail-in-ballots can be counted quickly and efficiently, and so polling locations are not forced to close or consolidate.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** We need to elect legislators who will actually work across the aisle—not just pay lip service to bipartisanship. Too many bills are locked away in committee, even though they may have widespread support from citizens as a whole. Changes to our electoral process, such as fair redistricting will help hold elected officials accountable to the voters and make it harder for either party to gain a super majority, which will require both parties to work together in order to pass legislation.

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

**A:** I strongly support an independent commission that determines district boundaries. Voters should choose their elected officials—not the other way around. Legislative boundaries should be drawn with the intention to keep common communities together.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** The ADA was landmark legislation, but we still have work to do to ensure that every American has equal access and opportunity. The ADA requires our schools to provide for special education, but the legislature does not adequately fund these programs, leaving districts like Bensalem with the difficult challenge of closing a multi-million dollar budget gap. As your representative, I will be an advocate for fairly funding our public schools, ensuring that every child has access to a world class education.

**Kathleen Kc Tomlinson**



**Party:** Rep

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** Pennsylvania has already made great strides in making sure every citizen has the right to vote; in the past two years, the Legislature has allowed voters to register online, and voters to mail in their votes. Before we advance any additional reforms, it is critical that the House work with the Senate and with the Governor to ensure that the existing changes to the way we conduct our elections are operating as effectively as possible. We must make sure that voters have confidence that their vote will be counted in a secure, fair, and timely manner.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I am proud to represent a District that has almost 5,000 more registered Democrats than registered Republicans. This is because we put the party politics aside and look for ways to get things done. We are sent to Harrisburg for a reason, that is not to work for just Republican voters or Democratic voters, but to represent all voters. I believe one legislative action we could begin with is Redistricting Reform. This would be a huge step in the right direction, legislators shouldn't draw their own districts; we need to have an independent commission that is focused on keeping municipalities whole despite their voter registration numbers.

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

**A:** I do support Redistricting Reform. I think it is critical that we pass this legislation takes the redistricting process out of legislator's hands and into an independent commission. Lawmakers shouldn't be able to pick and choose which communities they want to represent; when allowed to do this, we see what the results are: districts that span multiple communities focused on voter registration. We should develop an independent commission that places an emphasis on keep municipalities whole despite voter registration.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** One of the most important aspects of our job is to protect our most vulnerable citizens, especially those with disabilities. As State Representative, I will work tirelessly to increase the funding to the Human Services budget; Human Services funding encompasses everything from Autism services, long term living programs, behavioral health, services for developmental disabilities, and Medicaid. It is imperative that we work in a bipartisan manner to find ways to increase funding to this line item of the budget. Secondly, I will always support Medicaid. This is the best way to make sure that those with disabilities can secure health insurance and the receive the treatment they need.

## **Pennsylvania Representative District 29**

### **Description:**

**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 House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

## **Candidates (choose 1):**

## Marlene Katz



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** 5629 Kingfisher Ln Doylestown, PA 18902

**Education:** University of Connecticut; Bachelors of General Studies, focus on Multi-Cultural Relations

**Qualifications:** Prior to running for office, I was a corporate product development specialist and a small business owner for several decades in the wellness industry. Upon selling my business, I became an Ordained Interfaith Minister. I have been very active in Bucks County politics and was the Deputy Chair of BCDC

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I am happy to have accessible, reliable, and safe mail-in voting available for every registered voter in Pennsylvania. I believe that the more accessible voting is for the population, the better representation we can have in our federal, state, and local governments. Mail-in voting accessibility is a great start, but there is so much work that can still be done. Unfortunately, some legislators are working to undermine mail-in voting by restricting access. Voting machines need to be upgraded, paper ballots should be used so there is a safe tracking method for counting all votes. The state needs more resources to secure our elections from cyber attacks and maintain that our elections are free and fair. I will act to secure accessible voting.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I believe in building coalitions to get things done. I know that any effective legislation that will really help the people will only be achieved when passionate legislators work together to find the right solutions. Too often, legislators forget who they were elected to represent and that is evident in how they vote and what bills they put their names on. I will only support bills that truly help the people of Pennsylvania and residents of my district. In addition, I will fight for the interests of those who elected me, even if that means starting from the grassroots and doing the work to build new coalitions that go back to working for constituents and not a select few who do not have constituents' interests at heart.

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

**A:** I support state constitutional amendments that restrict and undermine gerrymandering. Under current districting, voters are misrepresented and maps are drawn haphazardly to ensure electoral success for particular political parties. This can ultimately affect the voting outcome to favor one party over another. It is not democratic, and it is wrong. I will advocate for a bipartisan independent commission to ensure fairly-drawn districts.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** The ADA has been instrumental in making life more equitable and accessible for all Americans. Unfortunately, even in 2020, many institutions are still having to be forced to meet the ADA's standards by the courts. I will advocate for strict adherence to the law, to protect the rights of all Pennsylvanians. In addition, the world has changed a lot since 1990, and accessibility is needed in areas we didn't even know would exist at the time. I will fight for modernized laws that demand all Pennsylvanians have access to working and learning remotely.

## **Meghan Schroeder**



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**Education:** Central Bucks High School East Millersville University

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**Questions:**

**Q:** 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?

**A:** I am open to additional reforms to the Pennsylvania election code, but I think it is important to see the effects of the already-enacted reforms before we make any further changes. I was proud to support giving the voters the option to vote by mail and extending the voter registration deadline. It is so important that our elections are accessible and secure, and any future reforms must be made with that goal in mind.

**Q:** 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?

**A:** Specific reforms to the legislative process may be helpful on the margins, but the only way to break partisan gridlock is a willingness by individual members to look past party registration and find common ground where we can. I will never compromise my core principles, but I do believe that there are some issues that we must come together, in a bipartisan way, to address. An example of how we can get this done is the water contamination issue in my district. Working with the Governor's office, we were able to secure \$2 million in grant funding to help provide clean, accessible, affordable water to my constituents. There are some issues that go beyond partisanship, and we must be willing to work together to deliver results.

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

**A:** I believe that we do need to reform the redistricting process, making it more transparent and promoting greater accountability. I will only support a proposal that is fair and transparent.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** I am a proud member of the bipartisan Mental Health Caucus in the House. As with all disabilities, we must continue to remove the stigma from those who struggle with mental health issues. Eliminating that stigma and becoming a more inclusive society should be our collective goal, as it was when the Americans with Disabilities Act was first enacted.

## **Nate Schmolze**



**Party:** Asp

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** 786 West Bristol Road Warminster, PA 18974

**Education:** Kutztown University, 2003-2007

**Qualifications:** I've done political activism and campaigns supporting bills of abolition in several states. Working as a senior software engineer gives me experience "refactoring" (simplifying) complex issues into more natural solutions. PA Code greatly needs a fresh emphasis on simplification and deregulation.

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** We need to find a way to make the entire election process available (while at the same time secure) from a web browser. For example, the nomination procedure for independents like myself requires us to bother people in their homes to collect physical signatures, which is incredibly inconvenient for people who are used to engaging with non-governmental services through social media and other websites. Bitcoin provides an interesting model of distributed security, where no one party is responsible for securing financial transactions; several clients verify each transaction to ensure nothing is being falsified. A similar model could be deployed to secure nominations and elections without having to trust large security firms or server farms.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I would argue that we actually need to make it less effective, in two senses. 1. The governor needs to be stripped of emergency legislative capabilities. A single man or woman can assume control over both the executive and legislative branches by declaring an indefinite state of emergency, returning us to an effective monarchy. 2. We are trying to solve too many things through legislation. Welfare for example should be done through charities, not legislated, compulsory giving through taxation -- that is a form of socialism, which I oppose. We need a review board to determine if a given bill rests within the limited purpose and jurisdiction of civil government, or if it is trying to use law in an unlawful way.

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

**A:** It would really depend on how the commission is held accountable. I agree that the legislature should not be able to redraw districts, because that can be leveraged to further strengthen the party currently in control. But giving that power to a small committee would have similar or worse

drawbacks, if left unchecked. Probably the safest check would be to create an independent commission that simply proposes new districts, together with an explanation of the rationale for each change. Then the proposal would be submitted to the popular vote as a state-wide referendum in the general election.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Probably the foundation to improving accessibility is to encourage people with disabilities to become more involved in Pennsylvania government. My professional expertise is primarily in website and web application development, so I would be open to cosponsoring a bill that would set accessibility standards for PA government websites, in particular to make greater use of ARIA screen reader attributes. Additionally, we would need a review of government websites by the visually impaired community to determine the success of deploying new standards.

## Pennsylvania Representative District 31

### Description:

**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 House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1): Perry Warren



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks County

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**Education:** Colgate University, B.A., cum laude, with Honors University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, J.D., with Honors

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I'm pleased with our work to make participating in our electoral process easier. The adoption of voting by mail and inclusion of postage on 2020 mail ballots will help voters vote safely. Still, the 2020 primary election revealed shortcomings, and the pandemic and the statements and actions of people who wish to suppress the vote highlight the need for further reform. We need to streamline registration for new voters. Voters need to be able to cast their ballots safely and without intimidation, including early voting and a secure dropbox option. Ballots must be counted accurately and efficiently. And, the language of referenda and ballot questions should be written in plain language and simple to understand.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** Legislators can work together. Two bills I originally introduced became law this spring, both with Covid-19 related amendments and with bipartisan cooperation. I worked for 3 years with a Republican colleague to pass the bill to end child marriage. My municipal liquor referendum bill (a voting rights bill!) also passed with a take-out beverages amendment proposed by a Republican colleague. But, systemic barriers can inhibit the progress of good legislation. The majority party leaders can and do stop consideration of bills like my universal background check bill and the independent redistricting bill, despite strong support. Any bill with substantial support should get a vote in the general assembly so the voices of the people are heard.

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

**A:** Yes. I was a cosponsor of the original House bill to create an independent redistricting commission, and I continue to support legislation, up to and including a constitutional amendment to ensure fair districting.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** I support protecting all Pennsylvanians with disabilities from efforts made by the federal government to reduce or restrict their rights. Additionally, more needs to be done to continue the progress of the ADA, and I support state efforts to expand upon the rights under federal law. Further I support measures like voting by mail and braille ballots that make it possible for persons with disabilities to vote. And, I support state funding for accessibility and accommodations for persons with disabilities.

**Charles Adcock**



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

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**Education:** Attended 2 years of College for Automotive marketing at Northwood University.

**Qualifications:** I have operated 3 successful businesses for the past 15 years. My family moved to Bucks county in 1985 to escape the breakdown of our community due to poor decisions made by politicians in Chambersburg NJ. I do not want to see the same mistakes made in Bucks.

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** Election security is paramount. We have to be sure those who vote in person can do so securely. We currently have security measures for many online systems And networks in other sectors. Our current system of poll voting and absentee ballots has worked for a long time. I believe it is possible to vote electronically sometime soon but must be done safely and thoughtfully. This will require a great amount of effort and diligence and I am happy to be a part of that future.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** Political posturing is part of the problem. Term limits would be a great start to decreasing gridlock. It would also promote citizen legislators instead of career politicians which was the intent of our founding fathers.

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

**A:** It would depend on the reason for the redistricting and the target for the future. Goals of redistricting in the past have been know to target one party or the other. It should not be about party influence but what is best for the majority of the citizens of the state of Pennsylvania.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** I think the biggest problem for people with disabilities is the lack of public knowledge. An information campaign of how people can help and how business can employ and empower people with disabilities would go a long way. I'm not convinced that more legislation is always the answer to solving problems.

## **Pennsylvania Representative District 140**

### **Description:**

**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 House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### **Candidates (choose 1):**

**John T. Galloway**



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** 74 Viewpoint Ln Levittown, PA 19054

**Education:** PMI Institute for Project Management

**Qualifications:** State Representative 14 years Pennsbury school board member 1997-2001

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** The right to vote. Not the privilege, the RIGHT to vote. It's Article ONE of the United States Constitution. 1. We want to give county election boards more time to get ballots prepared for counting. Not counting them early, simply getting them out of the mailing envelopes and security envelopes and preparing them for counting. The counties asked for three weeks. Republicans want to give them three DAYS 2. We want to give the people even more places to drop off ballots safely and securely using drop boxes placed in secure locations by county election boards and in multiple locations – if more than one municipality has a county office, they could have a drop box.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** you cant legislate morality or the way in which people operate. that's all i can speak to is that I have been effective in working across party lines and ideological boundaries in tackling one of the most divisive issues of our time - immigration. the only real skill set I have brought to Harrisburg is the ability to develop relationships, find common ground, reach a consensus and get things accomplished. Harrisburg and Washington are filled with people who strictly fall upon ideological lines. I believe this is intellectually weak and lazy. governing happens in the center.

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

**A:** Of course I do. I have supported Fair Districts from the beginning. I have seen first hand how the republican majority used this process for political gains and even to force legislators to vote a certain way. allowing legislators to draw their own districts has to end. As Fair Districts states - "we are united by the conviction that free and fair elections are the foundation of our democracy. We believe Pennsylvania needs to reform its redistricting rules to promote competitive elections and partisan fairness—so that our government truly is of, by, and for the people. " I agree.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** 1. Healthcare 2 Housing 3. Community services and support these are the areas we have made the least progress in and the areas now we have the greatest demand. assuring participation for seniors and people with disabilities. 4. Low employment rate for people with disabilities. we have to continue

to push for employment opportunities. people with disabilities are not getting hired in numbers they should be. 5. getting people out of institutions and into local communities.

## **Jeanine McGee**

**Party:** Rep

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** - no response -

# **Pennsylvania Representative District 141**

**Description:**

**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 House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

**Candidates (choose 1):**  
**Tina Davis**



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks County

**Mailing Address:** 409 Harris Ave Croydon, PA 19021

**Education:** BA, Computer Science, LaSalle University, 1978-1983

**Qualifications:** Representative, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania House of Representatives, District 141, 2011-present Member/Vice President, Bristol Township Council, 2006-2010 -

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** The new election reforms in Pennsylvania are a step in the right direction, but we need to do more to modernize the process and make voting safe and accessible for all eligible voters. Mail-in Ballots are an important new reform that will help citizens vote in a safe and simple manner, but there is much confusion between Absentee Ballots vs. Mail in Ballots. I would like to combine the two and simply use Mail in Ballots. Another way to increase access to the ballot box, is to allow voters to register to vote up to Election Day and vote on the same day. This has been successfully done in many other states. Finally, I would like to see eligible voters automatically registered through DMVs and other government agencies.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** The legislature needs to put people first, not politics. Now more than ever, we need to work together to help the people of the Commonwealth who are suffering due to the COVID-19 crisis. Many have experienced just how tedious the unemployment process is to maneuver. Simple fixes like automatic assignment of PINs would go a long way in reducing the wait time for benefits. We should also work together to transfer funds to help bring life-saving equipment to our frontline workers, freeze property taxes during the pandemic, and order banks to take applications for the Paycheck Protection Program, which will help small businesses to keep paying their workers and stay in business.

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

**A:** Yes, I support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts. I believe this is the best way to draw fair district lines that reflect the real community, and it will give the people of a district a larger voice. Pennsylvania is one of the most gerrymandered states in the country. The districts are drawn by the party in power and do not represent the people. When district lines are drawn this way, the voters have less of a voice.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** I strongly support the Governor's proposed 27% increase in funding for MAWD as well as the 12% in the Intellectual Disabilities Community Waiver Program, but am deeply concerned about cuts to the Autism Intervention Services line item and I will work to restore that funding. As a state legislator I

will continue to prioritize funding for Early Intervention and Special Education. The proposed 2020-21 budget only increases Special Education funding by 2%. While that is good, it doesn't come close to covering local school districts' Special Education costs. Children in need of extra resources will be left behind, creating greater issues down the road. Moreover, it creates a situation where local property taxes are increased to offset the cost

## **Kelly Bellerby-Allen**



**Party:** Rep

### **Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** 803 Third Avenue Croydon, PA 19021

**Education:** Bristol Jr. Sr. High School Bucks County Community College Levittown Beauty Academy

**Qualifications:** Bristol Township Republican Committeewoman for 4 years. President of the Bristol Business Association. Caring & Passionate Resident of the 141st.

### **Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** - no response -

## **Pennsylvania Representative District 142**

### **Description:**

**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 House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335



**Vote for ONE.**

## **Candidates (choose 1): Lauren Lareau**



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** 1801 Old Lincoln Hwy, Apt 4 Langhorne, PA 19047

**Education:** Master's in Education, UPenn 2012; Bachelor of Arts, FIU 2003

**Qualifications:** Middletown's Environmental Advisory Council Chair, Lower Bucks Addiction Task Force Member, Entrepreneur, Mom

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**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/vote4lareau>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** PART 1: ADOPT CAP RECOMMENDATIONS 1. Voter-verified paper ballots 2. Replace old voting machines (1 and 2 are implemented within Bucks) 3. Robust post-election audits. 4. Update, secure outdated voter registration systems and e-poll books 5. Cybersecurity standards for voting infrastructure. 6. Mandatory pre-election testing 7. Threat information sharing 8. Increased state and federal coordination. 9. Demand federal funding. PART 2: VOTER ASSISTANCE The state should allocate pre-existing election assistance funds toward a state-sanctioned dedicated voter assistance hotline with the authority to print and mail specialized ballots (braille, large print) so that voters with disabilities are not required to show up to polls during a pandemic.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg is largely the result of polarization in both parties, Republican and Democrat. Electoral gerrymandering has caused one-party districts that encourage partisanship and extremism instead of collaboration and good faith governance. Because the legislature controls the redistricting process, one political party can have complete power to choose your representative. Fair Districts Pennsylvania has created a bipartisan proposal for an independent commission to draw all legislative maps in Pennsylvania (House Bill 2638). If elected, I pledge to co-sponsor HB2638 because voters should choose their representative, not the other way around.

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

**A:** Yes! A constitutional amendment will prevent a single party from changing the rules when in power. As mentioned in the previous question, voters deserve to choose their representatives, not the other way around. Thus far, the process has been too partisan. When the Republicans had control in

2010, they gerrymandered districts in order to have disproportionate control. In Maryland, at the same time, Democrats (my political party) did the exact same thing. Republican or Democrat, gerrymandering is wrong. Especially as our communities and small businesses like mine attempt to recover from the current pandemic, we can't afford partisan gridlock stalling necessary recovery legislation.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** Frustratingly, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is an unfunded mandate -- an order without funding for its implementation. As a result, many small businesses and older buildings have not yet been renovated to comply with the ADA. The solution is not to penalize local businesses that are unable to fund modification. Instead, as our State Representative, I would direct my staff to reach out to local small businesses and connect them to grants and loans for the purpose of increasing their accessibility. In addition to being equitable, increased accessibility would have the added benefit of growing a business's customer base.

## **Frank Farry**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 203 National Avenue Langhorne, PA 19047

**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** - no response -

# **Pennsylvania Representative District 143**

**Description:**

**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 House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Wendy Ullman**



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 16 Fountainville, PA 18923

**Education:** BA - English - SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam NY MA - English - University of Maine, Orono, ME

**Qualifications:** 30 year career as a Community College Teacher State Representative, 143rd District

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**Facebook:** <http://Wendy Ullman for the 143rd>

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** True Mail-In Voting with ballots mailed in to all registered voters. Pre-Registration option when 17 year olds get their driver's licenses. Re-redistricting reform so that districts are not gerrymandered to reduce effective representation of individuals by creating manipulated voting blocks

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I would begin with reform of the House rules. Committee makeup should be proportionate to percentage of Republicans & Democrats in the House - the current rule is 15/10 majority make up of each committee (15 Rs & 10 Ds) This guarantees that any Democrat bill can be locked up in committee and never see a floor vote. Each Representative should be guaranteed at least one Bill receive a floor vote each year. Another rule in the house allow bills that have passed through committee and are ready for a floor vote to be sent to another committee, where they are bottled up in committee indefinitely. A tiny percentage of Democratically sponsored bills ever get to the floor for a vote. An even smaller percentage of minority Bills pass into Law.

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

**A:** Absolutely. An independent commission, properly made up of people who are beyond political influence or pressure can make rational decisions about boundaries that conform to logic and common sense. To entrust such an integral part of representative democracy to a group of individuals - the current legislators - who have much to gain and have proven to be demonstrably partisan in the past decades is a mistake. I have tremendous respect for my fellow Representatives, but my respect for representative democracy is greater. Too much is at stake, and recent history has shown what happens when partisan politics manipulates the system..

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** One initiative I support is enabling individuals with disabilities to earn and save greater amounts of money while still maintaining eligibility for life sustaining benefits. I have a constituent who has a disability who has chosen not to legally be married or have her name of the mortgage of the house she and her partner share because doing so would remove her of the basic care she needs to live

independently. I would also increase funding for disability services, especially for Early Intervention (birth - 3) which is critically important but has gotten smaller increases in funding than other groups. I would also increase wage minimums for Early Childhood Ed and offer tuition support for Early Childhood Ed /Special Ed

## **Shelby Labs**



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** Po Box 594 Plumsteadville, PA 18949

**Education:** Central Bucks High School West Temple University

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I was pleased to see the Pennsylvania legislature take action on some much-needed reforms to the election code. The ability to vote by mail from the safety of your own home is proving to be particularly important given the current pandemic. Equally important were the safeguards and protections included in these reforms that will help to guarantee the security of our elections. After reviewing the impact of the latest reforms on this year's election, I am hopeful that the legislature can continue to find ways to improve the electoral process for all Pennsylvanians.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** The best way to break partisan gridlock is to elect men and women who are willing to look beyond party lines to find common ground on the issues that matter to Pennsylvania. This does not mean we can throw away our principles in name of expediency, but we must be willing to work together to address the issues that face our communities. If elected, I am looking forward to working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to deliver real results for our district.

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

**A:** It is critical that the voters have confidence in the system by which we draw our Congressional and legislative districts. The only way we can guarantee this is by creating a system that is transparent, accountable, and fair. The details of any specific proposal will be important, but I believe that the constitutional amendment process would provide both the legislators and the public with the information needed to earn their support.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** The Americans with Disabilities Act has been an important lifeline for so many in our Commonwealth, and I am eager to find ways to improve accessibility for those who need it most. In particular, I believe that we can, and must, do more for our nation's veterans. According to a study by

the federal government, nearly 30% of recent veterans report having a service-connected disability. We must do all that we can to support these men and women, and their families.

## Pennsylvania Representative District 144

### Description:

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**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Gary Spillane



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** PO BOX 34 Chalfont, Pennsylvania 18914

**Education:** Boston University, Bachelor of Arts, English

**Qualifications:** Gary Spillane is a dedicated husband, father and business owner. He and his wife have called Bucks County home for over 25 years where he raised his two daughters and owned and operated his business Atlantic Building Products, where he paid fair wages and provided healthcare to all of his employees.

**campaign website:** <http://electgaryspillane.com>

**Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/electgaryspillane>

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I think Act 77 was real progress but it could go even further to ensure that every Pennsylvanian has the ability and access to vote. I support early voting, mail-in ballots, same-day registration,

automatic voter registration when a citizen turns 18, and other proven reforms that make it easier for all Pennsylvanians to vote safely and securely.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I support increased transparency and accountability across the board in Pennsylvania. I don't agree with any elected official putting profit over people or party over progress. Given the current global pandemic, we cannot play politics with people's lives and well-being. I think we need to find more common ground and common goals to help each other not just across the aisle but in each other's communities as well.

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

**A:** I support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts. I also support Fair Districts PA, the coalition calling for non-partisan redistricting at the state level to stop partisan gerrymandering. I think ending gerrymandering will encourage more moderate candidates open to productive dialogue and consensus leadership.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** As a state legislator, I would audit all existing programs to determine where they fall short and work to ensure there is a plan to fully fund those programs that will directly impact people with disabilities. I also support inviting partners and stakeholders to public hearings for their input to help determine immediate needs and solutions for people with disabilities.

## **Todd Polinchock**



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks County

**Mailing Address:** 426 Winding Ln Chalfont, PA 18914

**Education:** United States Naval Academy

**Qualifications:** Incumbent Legislator; Military Veteran; Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, former president.

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**Questions:**

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**A:** While I support many of the recent election reforms, I am growing concerned about the length of time it may take to certify election results. I would support reforms that securely, privately and accurately ensure votes are counted swiftly.



**Q:** 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?

**A:** I make every effort to ensure legislation I introduce has Democratic support. Good ideas are good ideas.

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

**A:** I am open to considering any proposals which increase the voice of voters. I co-sponsored "Fair Districts" legislation.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** As a service-disabled veteran, I am keenly aware of accessibility issues for the disabled. I will always serve as their voice.

## Pennsylvania Representative District 145

### Description:

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**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Robyn Colajezzi



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 913 Quakertown, Pennsylvania 18951

**Education:** BA Kutztown University

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**Questions:**

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**A:** Every voter should have access to cast their vote by mail, or other electronic means. I will always support progressive reform for voting rights!

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I believe reform starts with the individuals. I hope to set an example, by fighting for what's right, regardless of which party sponsored which bill.

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

**A:** YES! We need to give control back to the people to end unfair districts and gerrymandering.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** I would create a local committee within my district to monitor any discriminatory acts against people with disabilities. In 30 years we have come very far to accommodate their needs but individual businesses sometimes fall through the cracks of compliance. If each district had independent councils/committees to address these needs, collectively as a state we could make sure all business is compliant.

**Craig Staats**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Mailing Address:** 1613 Salem Lane Quakertown, PA, PA 18951

**Education:** BS Johnson & Wales University

**Qualifications:** Currently serving the 145th Legislative District as State Representative since 2015. Former Richland Township Supervisor, Planning Commission, member and Preservation Board, Chairman. 30+ years of private sector experience in the hotel/restaurant industry.

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**Questions:**

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**A:** I was proud to vote for the recently-passed reforms to the Pennsylvania election code, and believe that we must continue to work to ensure that these changes are working as we intended. The Primary Election demonstrated that additional, immediate reforms may be necessary, and I am hopeful we are able to reach an agreement with the Senate and the Governor. I am certainly open to additional reforms that are aimed at improving accessibility, transparency, and accountability, while eliminating

the potential for fraud. Voters must be confident that their vote will be counted securely, fairly, and in a timely fashion.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** I recognize some of the frustration with the political process in Harrisburg, and I believe the solution lies with us, the members of the House. It is critical that legislators work across partisan lines, without compromising their core principles, to achieve real results for the people of Pennsylvania. I am always willing to work with my Democratic colleagues on key pieces of legislation. We need to be able to work together on shared priorities like property tax reform and aid for our senior citizens.

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

**A:** I am certainly open to the idea of an independent commission, but would need to see details of any specific proposal. Any new system for drawing these districts would need to guarantee transparency and independence to earn my support.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** At the state level, we are always looking for ways to partner with our counterparts in the federal government on initiatives like the Americans with Disabilities Act. I have a great deal of personal experience with the ADA from my time in the private sector during my years in restaurant industry. It is very important to me that we do everything we can to support reasonable accommodations for the Pennsylvanians protected under the ADA.

## **Pennsylvania Representative District 178**

### **Description:**

**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 House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 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.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### **Candidates (choose 1):**

**Ann Marie Mitchell**



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks County

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 261 Ivyland, PA 18954

**Education:** Ann Marie attended the University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated from the Wharton School of Business with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and a concentration in Finance. Later Ann Marie earned her Juris Doctorate from The University of Pennsylvania Law School.

**Qualifications:** Ann Marie has over 20 years of experience in business and law in Bucks County, including serving voter protection.

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** As your Representative, I will fight to safeguard voting rights and to protect the vote from outside interference, fraud and gerrymandering. I support the modernization of PA's registration and voting options, early voting and voting by mail to make things easier and safer for people to make their voices heard. In order to protect our Constitutional rights, I support pre-registration and automatic registration of all US citizens eligible to vote in PA. Attacks on our U.S. postal service have shown the need for secure drop-off ballot boxes so that seniors, those with health and other limitations, and citizens who keep Pennsylvania working around the clock, many caring for our elderly and small children, can all vote safely and securely.

**Q:** *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?*

**A:** Leadership with good values and public service is needed. Republicans control the legislature right now. With the current Representative from this area, they chose a lobbyist and an extremist as the leader - who controls which bills come up for a vote. So no real bipartisan work would get done. The current Representative voted 97% with her party, cementing her as part of the gridlock. Fixing gridlock takes hard work and difficult compromises, not political doublespeak. I've done the hard work and built successful coalitions with tough parties throughout my entire career. In Harrisburg, I will focus on working together with my colleagues across Pennsylvania to deliver for you.

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

**A:** PA voters want a fair election process and to pick their own representatives, not the other way around. Backroom deals and dark money have no place tilting the playing field to buy seats for corporate insiders. But that's what happens with gerrymandering. I will support an independent commission and districts drawn in a sensible, logical, and fair manner. Despite pretending support, the current representative all but guaranteed that a fair commission would never come to be by voting for a majority leader who made sure fair election legislation never even made it to a vote on the state house floor.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** As the parent of a child with disabilities, I know how important fair access to housing, employment and education is to ensure fairness and equal treatment. Many disabilities are not visible, and kindness and listening play an important role in improving accessibility. People with disabilities must have a seat at the table to break down barriers more efficiently. I will work together to create real workable solutions for our neighbors in schools, public spaces, homes and businesses. And while the Republican led state legislature votes to cut back access, I will fight for affordable healthcare and lowering the cost of life-saving drugs like insulin to protect those with disabilities and other pre-existing conditions.

## **Wendi Thomas**



**Party:** Rep

### **Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks County

**Mailing Address:** 107 Gleniffer Hill Road Richboro, PA 18954

**Education:** Hatboro-Horsham High School - 1979 Gettysburg College (BA) - 1983

**Qualifications:** Current State Representative; nearly 15 years working in the health care industry helping people address insurance issues ; former Council Rock School Board member

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### **Questions:**

**Q:** 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?

**A:** As Representative, I supported the recent state election reforms, including shortening the voter registration time before an election, requiring hand-marked ballots, and allowing no-excuse absentee ballot voting. There are certainly other reforms that can be made to encourage voting (such as pre-registering of 17 year olds who will be 18 at time of election), and these should be considered in concert with efforts to stop voter fraud to ensure the integrity of our elections.

**Q:** 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?

**A:** Our government is based on the idea of debating ideas and how we approach issues, so in some ways "dysfunction" is how the system is designed to work. That said, I am proud that my career has been one of bringing people with different ideas and approaches to solving issues together to find common ground. Now more than ever, that is what we must do while focusing on the steps necessary to safely restart our economy after the coronavirus crisis. We must also protect the balance of power in government intended by our founders to guarantee that no single politician can unilaterally make decisions that affect millions of Pennsylvanians without transparency.

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

**A:** I am, and have been, a sponsor of legislation to create an independent redistricting commission and will continue that effort provided the commission truly removes politics from the process. I have spoken at town meetings, written letters to the editor, and attend a significant number of events to support this. When redistricting occurs, we should make sure that new districts are compact, contiguous, and do not take into account incumbency or party registration of electors.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** The ADA provided more freedom and opportunity for disabled Americans and has continued to be improved upon over the past three decades. As Representative, I will continue to work with advocates for the disabled to investigate and pass possible additional improvements. In addition to helping address the unique issues individuals with disabilities face, the best thing we can do today for all Americans – disabled or not – is to ensure they have access to good jobs and the ability to retain the money they earn. That is why my immediate focus in the legislature will be restarting Pennsylvania’s economy and bringing strong fiscal discipline to Harrisburg to protect taxpayers.