



# Voters Guide

## GENERAL ELECTION

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CONTAINING CANDIDATES LISTED ON THE BALLOTS OF UNION COUNTY VOTERS

You may take this publication into the voting booth with you.



### TO THE VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY



The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LEWISBURG AREA had hoped to return to a printed *Voters Guide* for this Election; however, COVID-19 continues to be a risk in our community. By not printing and distributing a *Guide* at this time, we can protect those who deliver copies of the *Voters Guide* throughout Union County and respect the changes made by businesses and nonprofits that have reduced public access to their spaces. We are providing this document in an online format similar to our usual printed *Guide*. We encourage our readers to print and share this *Voters Guide* with those they know who may not have internet access. For those with internet access, a more interactive experience is available on the **Vote411** website ([Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org)), where you can read and compare candidate responses, and create a personalized ballot.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You can choose to vote in person (see page 16 for polling places) or by mail. Pennsylvania now allows no-excuse mail-in ballots. You can apply for a mail-in ballot online at [votespa.com](http://votespa.com) with your PA driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number. Paper applications are also available. Important dates for this election:

- \* The **last day to register to vote** in the election is **October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.
- \* The **last day to apply for a mail-in civilian or absentee ballot** for the election is **October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Applications must be **RECEIVED** by the Union County Elections Office **by 5pm on this date**.
- \* If you choose to vote by mail, make sure to carefully follow the instructions when filling out and mailing your ballot. The U.S. Postal Service recommends that domestic, non-military voters mail their completed ballots at least one week prior to Election Day and that voters request ballots at the earliest point allowable but no later than 15 days prior to Election Day. **You can track the status of your application or ballot at:** [pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx](http://pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx).

You may also drop off **YOUR OWN** mail-in ballot at the reception desk of the Union County Government Center at 155 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Lewisburg.



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### THE GENERAL ELECTION



In this *Voters Guide*, candidates are listed by office in the order they will appear on the official ballot for the upcoming general election. All those whose names appear on the official ballot for each office are listed together by party, with the nominees for the party of the governor appearing first. Declared write-in candidates who met our guidelines are also included.

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# PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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

**How elected:** Every four years political parties nominate candidates to run for President of the United States in a general election that is held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The President and Vice President are not elected directly by the people, but by Presidential Electors who make up the Electoral College. This process was written into the U.S. Constitution in 1787. The number of each state's electors is equal to the number of Senators and Representatives that state has in Congress. Pennsylvania has 20. The campaigns choose their own electors, who are generally loyal party members who can be counted on to cast a ballot that's in line with their state's popular vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the state gets Pennsylvania's entire electoral vote. **A candidate needs 270 electoral votes to win the election.**

Although Pennsylvanians will choose the Electors and not the President and Vice President, the names of the Electors do not appear on the ballot. Instead, the paired names of the candidates for President and Vice President are on the ballot under the heading "Presidential Electors." All votes cast for the candidates for President and Vice President are counted as votes for that party's Electors.

**Term:** 4 years; limit of 2 terms

**Salary:** \$400,000

**Vote for the candidates of ONE party for President and Vice President.**

**Candidates for President of the United States were asked:**

1. *What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the U.S., both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?*
2. *What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?*
3. *How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?*
4. *What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?*
5. *What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Names of candidates for U.S. President and Vice President appearing on Pennsylvania ballots are listed below. LWVUS has invited presidential candidates who meet their criteria for participation to answer the above questions. Additional information is available at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

DEMOCRATIC  
**JOSEPH R. BIDEN**  
**KAMALA D. HARRIS**  
Website: [joebiden.com](http://joebiden.com)

REPUBLICAN  
**DONALD J. TRUMP**  
**MICHAEL R. PENCE**  
Website: [donaldtrump.com](http://donaldtrump.com)

LIBERTARIAN  
**JO JORGENSEN**  
**JEREMY SPIKE COHEN**  
Website: [jo20.com](http://jo20.com)

## THE VOTERS GUIDE

The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LEWISBURG AREA (LWVLA) publishes this *Voters Guide* as a public educational service. Candidates were sent questionnaires by the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. Each candidate was invited to enter his/her own responses on the **Vote411** website. Responses received by the deadline are reprinted in this *Guide*. We do not edit candidate responses except to maintain standard abbreviations and formatting. **Nothing in the Guide should be construed as an endorsement of any candidate by the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.**

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## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS is a nonprofit organization of women and men. Its purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

The League is nonpartisan: it does not support or oppose any candidate or party. It does, however, take positions on public issues and encourages its members to participate as individuals in the party of their choice. League members study and reach agreement upon issues before taking such public positions.

Membership is open to all women and men 16 years of age or older, and inquiries are welcome. Contributions to support this activity are greatly appreciated. You may go to our website at [lwvlewisburgarea.org](http://lwvlewisburgarea.org) or contact us at 570-524-4439. Tax-deductible contributions can be made out to LWVLA Education Fund and sent to PO Box 206, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

For more information about the League or to receive material about state and/or federal government, contact the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA at 1-800-692-7281 or 226 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102-3220; website at [www.palwv.org](http://www.palwv.org). Additional candidate and voter information can be found at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

## HOW WE GET OUR INFORMATION

Candidates were invited to enter their responses on the **Vote411** website in their own words. [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) is provided by the national League of Women Voters Education Fund. We thank the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE U.S. for creating questions and collecting information from presidential candidates and the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA for creating questions and collecting the information from other candidates.

The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LEWISBURG AREA (LWVLA) uses candidate responses submitted to [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to create our *Voters Guide*. We also include information specific to Union County voters, such as polling places and local League information. LWVLA does NOT edit candidate responses except to maintain standard abbreviations and formatting. Candidates may have updated, edited, or added to their information on [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) since the September 8<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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Find this useful publication on the LWVLA website at:  
[my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/factsforvoters2020.pdf](http://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/factsforvoters2020.pdf)

*A limited number of copies are also available at public libraries, post offices, and government buildings.*

## STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$167,838

**Vote for ONE.**

*All candidates for State Attorney General were asked:*

1. What are your top three priorities to address as Attorney General?
2. 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?
3. What role will your administration play in reforming systemic problems and supporting restorative justice in our criminal justice system?

DEMOCRATIC

### JOSH SHAPIRO

Montgomery County



**Education:** Univ. of Rochester, BA/Political Science, 1995; Georgetown Law, JD, 2002

**Occupation:** Attorney General

**Qualifications:** Not provided

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Answer to question 3:** 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.

**Website:** [joshshapiro.org](http://joshshapiro.org)



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## VOTING INFORMATION

### MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE VOTING

ALL registered voters in PA now have the option of voting by mail-in ballot. Absentee ballots are still available to those who satisfy certain criteria (illness, disability, or absence from the municipality on Election Day). COMPLETED CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS for mail-in or absentee ballots must be **received** by the Union County Elections Office, Union County Government Center, 155 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837, **by 5:00p.m. Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020** (postmark does not matter). COMPLETED CIVILIAN MAIL-IN and ABSENTEE BALLOTS postmarked by 8:00p.m. Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and **received** at Union County Elections Office **by 5:00p.m. Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** will be counted. It is recommended that you mail your ballot at least 7 days before the election or return YOUR OWN ballot to the Elections Office **by 8:00p.m. Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline and before Election Day, you may obtain an emergency application from the Elections Office.

### MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE TO VOTE

At the website [votespa.com](http://votespa.com), you can check your registration status and polling place, register to vote, or apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. If you moved or can't remember where you vote, call the **Union County Elections and Voter Registration Office** at **570-524-8681** to make sure you go to the right polling place. This information is also on your Voter Registration card.

### ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE IN VOTING

Any voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should contact the Union County Elections and Voter Registration Office. Any voter who has a disability that requires assistance in voting or using a voting machine may complete a declaration at the polling place and receive assistance.

### ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the Judge of Elections at the polling place will telephone the County Elections Office. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not, you must be given the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot. If it is determined that you are eligible to vote, your vote will be counted. Using your provisional ballot number, you can check the status of a provisional ballot at [votespa.com/provisional](http://votespa.com/provisional).

If you registered to vote while applying for or renewing a PA driver's license and you have received a Voter Registration Card, you are eligible to vote in this election. Poll workers are there to help you, show you how to work the machines, and assist with any other questions.



REPUBLICAN

**HEATHER HEIDELBAUGH**

Allegheny County



**Education:** Univ. of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, JD; Univ. of Missouri-Columbia, BA/Economics and Political Science

**Occupation:** Trial Lawyer

**Qualifications:** Experienced trial lawyer with more than 35 yrs. 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

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Answer to question 3:** 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.

**Website:** [heatherheidelbaugh.com](http://heatherheidelbaugh.com)

LIBERTARIAN

**DANIEL WASSMER**

Pike County



**Education:** Adelphi Univ., BA, 1983, MBA, 1986; New York Law School, JD, 1989

**Occupation:** Attorney / College Professor

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

**Answer to question 1:** 1) Major Criminal Justice Police Reform. 2) 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!) 3) 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])

**VOTING CHANGES IN PENNSYLVANIA**

- **VOTER REGISTRATION:** The deadline to register is now 15 days before Election Day (October 19<sup>th</sup>).
- **MAIL-IN BALLOT:** You may now apply for a mail-in ballot without an excuse using an online application at [votespa.com](http://votespa.com), by mailing in a paper application, or by submitting a paper application in person at the county elections office. Your application must be **RECEIVED** no later than **5:00p.m. on the Tuesday before the Election** (October 27<sup>th</sup>).
- **ANNUAL MAIL-IN REQUEST LIST:** When you apply for a mail-in ballot, you can ask to be added to the annual mail-in ballot list by checking the “annual mail-in request” box. You will then get an application in the mail each year to have ballots for **every election that year** mailed to you.
- **BALLOT RETURN DEADLINES:** Ballots **POSTMARKED by 8:00p.m. November 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **RECEIVED by 5:00p.m. November 6<sup>th</sup>**, will be counted. However, it is recommended you mail your ballot at least 7 days before the election OR bring **YOUR OWN** ballot to the Elections Office **by 8:00p.m. November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- **NO STRAIGHT-PARTY VOTING:** You no longer have the option to check just one box to vote for all the candidates of one political party. You must select them individually in each contest.

**NOTE:** Once your county receives your voted mail-in ballot, you are **NOT** allowed to go to the polling place to change your vote on Election Day. **If you do not return** your voted mail-in ballot by the deadline and you want to vote in person, you have two options:

1. Bring your **ballot and the envelope** with the voter’s declaration to your polling place and turn it in so you can vote on your county’s voting system.
2. If you don’t have your ballot, you can vote by **provisional** ballot at your polling place. Note your provisional ballot number so you can track it.

**Answer to question 2:** 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!

**Answer to question 3:** 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.

**Website:** [facebook.com/groups/2705423013115791](https://facebook.com/groups/2705423013115791)

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GREEN

**RICHARD L. WEISS**

Allegheny County



**Education:** Univ. of Pittsburgh, BA; Univ. of Denver, JD; American Univ., LL.M.; Univ. of Chicago, MBA

**Occupation:** Lawyer

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

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Answer to question 3:** 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](http://tinyurl.com/RonEarl).

**Website:** [greenslate2020.org/attorney\\_general](http://greenslate2020.org/attorney_general)

**STATE AUDITOR GENERAL**

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

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$167,838

**Vote for ONE.**

**All candidates for State Auditor General were asked:**

1. **What are your top three priorities in office?**
2. **What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?**

DEMOCRATIC

**NINA AHMAD**

Philadelphia County



**Education:** PhD/Chemistry; Postdoctoral Training in Molecular Genetics

**Occupation:** Former Deputy Mayor

**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

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Website:** [ninaforpa.com](http://ninaforpa.com)

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**ELECTION RESULTS WEBSITE**

Unofficial election results for Union County will be posted on the Union County website as soon as they become available. After accessing the Union County homepage at [www.unioncountypa.org](http://www.unioncountypa.org), click on "Election Results" in the Quick Links box.



REPUBLICAN

**TIMOTHY DeFOOR**

Dauphin County



**Education:** Harrisburg Area Community College, AA/Para Legal Studies; Univ. of Pittsburgh, BA/General Studies (concentration Sociology and History); Harrisburg Univ., MS/Project Management

**Occupation:** Dauphin County Controller

**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

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Website:** [defoor4pa.com](http://defoor4pa.com)

LIBERTARIAN

**JENNIFER MOORE**

Montgomery County



**Education:** Grand Valley State Univ., MBA, BBA/ Management

**Occupation:** Not provided

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

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Website:** Not provided

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GREEN

**OLIVIA FAISON**

Philadelphia County



**Education:** Queens College - Flushing, NY, BA/Biology, Minors: Chemistry and Music, 1985; Univ. 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

**Occupation:** Scientist (Retired)

**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.

**Answer to question 1:** 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!

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Website:** [greenslate2020.org](http://greenslate2020.org)

## STATE TREASURER

**Description of office:** The duty of the Pennsylvania Treasurer is to safeguard the Commonwealth's financial assets, which total more than \$120 billion in public monies. The office manages several programs in order to better serve the financial needs of Pennsylvanians. The Treasury Department is also responsible for: reuniting unclaimed property with its rightful owner; investigating loss, theft, and fraud involving Commonwealth checks; reviewing real estate leases and contracts entered into by Commonwealth agencies; and maintaining the Pennsylvania contracts electronic library. The Treasurer has specific duties in addition to the oversight of the Department: serving as chair of the Board of Finance and Revenue, which selects banks to serve as depositories for state money; setting interest rates paid on Commonwealth deposits; and hearing and deciding state tax appeals.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$167,838

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**All candidates for State Treasurer were asked:**

1. **What is the most important duty of the State Treasurer? If elected, how would you carry out that duty?**
2. **What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?**

DEMOCRATIC

### JOE TORSSELLA

Montgomery County



**Education:** Univ. of Pennsylvania, BA; New College, Oxford Univ.

**Occupation:** Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**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

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Website:** [joetorsella.com](http://joetorsella.com)

REPUBLICAN

### STACY L. GARRITY

Bradford County

**No reply received**

**Website:** [garrityforpa.com](http://garrityforpa.com)

LIBERTARIAN

### JOE SOLOSKI

Centre County



**Education:** Indiana Univ. of PA, BSBA/Accounting; Passed the CPA Examination in 1985

**Occupation:** CPA - self-employed

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

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Website:** [joesoloski.com](http://joesoloski.com)

GREEN

### TIMOTHY RUNKLE

Lancaster County



**Education:** Millersville Univ., BS/Geology

**Occupation:** Environmental Project Manager

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

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Website:** [greenslate2020.org](http://greenslate2020.org)

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## REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS: 12TH DISTRICT

Includes all of Bradford, Clinton, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Perry, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, and Wyoming Counties; and part of Centre and Northumberland Counties.

**Description of office:** Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. 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 or 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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**All candidates for U.S. Representative were asked:**

1. What would be your top priorities as a U.S. Representative over the next two years?
2. 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?
3. How would you go about finding consensus and reducing gridlock in Washington, D.C.?

DEMOCRATIC

**LEE GRIFFIN**

Northumberland County



**Education:** IUP, Bachelor's Degree/Philosophy

**Occupation:** Director of Warehouse Operations

**Qualifications:** 8 yrs. of business management experience in warehousing and distribution, leading hundreds of employees, negotiating multi-million dollar contracts with national package carriers and overseeing a multi-million dollar annual budget.

**Answer to question 1:** My top priority would be working to ensure a strong recovery from the coronavirus outbreak for everyone. Our recovery will take some time, and the federal government needs to be there to support small business, farms and workers as we rebuild our economy. Another top priority of mine is health care. Too many families can't afford the cost of treatment or medication they need. We need to bring down the costs of medications and treatments and ensure that everyone has coverage. Additionally, climate change needs to be addressed with green energy, cutting carbon emissions and carbon capture initiatives. We need to act swiftly and decisively to prevent the worst effects from happening and ensure a brighter future for us all.

**Answer to question 2:** The right to vote is an essential part of our country's foundation, and it should not be infringed upon. Voting should be celebrated, encouraged and made simple for voters. Groups like Fair Fight do great work to ensure voting rights are protected. Pennsylvania has set a strong example with Act 77, with improvements to the process that include voting from home and funding for counties to upgrade their voting systems. The federal government should provide funding to states to follow Pennsylvania's lead to make upgrades to their systems and ensure there are enough voting machines and poll workers at each polling place. The federal government should also strengthen the Voting Rights Act and work to improve access to voting across the nation.

**Answer to question 3:** Building consensus is about setting aside differences, focusing on shared goals and genuinely valuing the perspective of those you disagree with. Debate is healthy, and engaging with differing points of view makes us better. I would make it a point to build relationships with representatives from across the aisle and seek their input on issues to develop mutual respect. Unfortunately, money can also be a barrier to building that consensus. I would vote to protect our elections and lawmaking process from the influence of powerful special interests. I also support overturning the Citizens United decision as an important measure. We need representatives who are willing to work across party lines to serve the people and not special interests.

**Website:** [leegriffinforcongress.com](http://leegriffinforcongress.com)

REPUBLICAN

**FRED KELLER**

Snyder County



**Education:** Shikellamy HS

**Occupation:** Congressman

**Qualifications:** 25 yrs. in wood products manufacturing, including as Manager of Conestoga Wood Specialties' Beavertown factory overseeing \$50 million budget and 250 employees. Started a successful small business in residential construction and management. 8 and a half yrs. as state rep in the PA General Assembly.

**Answer to question 1:** My top priorities are the top priorities of the people of Pennsylvania's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, including combatting the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; helping our small businesses and workers keep more of their money by lowering taxes and reducing excessive government regulation; supporting regional infrastructure projects like the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway and the I-99 corridor project while expanding rural broadband access to support tele-health, education, and commerce; and providing relief for our nation's farmers.

**Answer to question 2:** The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the federal and state governments from denying a citizen the right to vote "on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude," and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment protects the voting rights of all sexes. As a member of Congress, I will protect these important Constitutional rights while making every effort to combat voter fraud and uphold the integrity of our elections.

**Answer to question 3:** We have already had success in working stakeholders and members of both parties to pass legislation that benefits the people of PA-12. For instance, we introduced and passed with bipartisan support language to the Older Americans Act strengthening health care protections for seniors by adding fall-related traumatic brain injuries to the list of conditions covered by the law. We worked with The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators, health care providers across PA-12, and members of Congress from both parties to find consensus. We also drafted and introduced with bipartisan support legislation to stop the Bureau of Prisons from moving inmates during the pandemic to protect the health and safety of the PA-12 residents.

**Website:** [FredKellerForCongress.com](http://FredKellerForCongress.com)

DECLARED WRITE-IN

LIBERTARIAN

LIZ TERWILLIGER

Bradford County



**Education:** Corning Community College, AS, 1991; Ball State Univ., BS/Speech Language Pathology & Audiology, 1994; Univ. of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MA/Communication Disorders-Speech Language Pathology, 1997

**Occupation:** Speech Language Pathologist

**Qualifications:** We need leaders who bring us together, listen to diverse voices and lead us forward. I've used those skills for 17 yrs. in homes of families across 6 PA counties.

We come together, listen to with respect and move forward to help their child grow. I have the experience needed to lead us forward.

**Answer to question 1:** My priority would be to shift power from politicians back to the people. To that end I would work for term limits, input from more diverse voices and single issue legislation. Term limits would balance representation across districts and create opportunities for more diverse representation. I would work to bring more voices, more perspectives, to political debates. We need to hear from more than just those in power to solve complex problems for all people. To bring in more voices, I would work to make legislation more accessible. Single issue legislation would make it easier for everyone to know what is in a bill. With term limits, more diversity and more accessibility I believe we can shift power back to the people.

**Answer to question 2:** I believe the Federal Government has a responsibility to protect the voting rights of every American citizen. That responsibility is embodied in the 14th Amendment, which states that "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States." If elected I would work to protect our election system from outside interference and to protect the rights of every citizen to vote. While I agree that we need to protect our election system from fraud, I believe that we need to encourage people to vote, not pass restrictions that make it harder. If elected, I would work to increase engagement in politics, to encourage every eligible voter to participate.

**Answer to question 3:** I've spent my career building consensus in challenging situations, helping families find common ground and a path forward. I would bring those skills to Washington. As an outsider, I wouldn't carry baggage of partisan rancor, which would help me be a mediator. I propose single issue legislation to reduce gridlock. In the recent criminal justice reform attempt, each party proposed a package that the other party wouldn't support. Both said they were trying to do something but the other side was obstructing. Meanwhile nothing got done. I would propose one reform at a time, for example a national ban on choke holds. It would be more transparent and accessible to the public, who could then hold their representative accountable.

**Website:** [lizterwilligerforcongress.org](http://lizterwilligerforcongress.org)

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Find more information about the candidates at:

[Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org)

Information is posted by each candidate and is unedited by the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. This *Voters Guide* contains information from candidates who responded by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Candidates may have posted additional information on [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) closer to the election.

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## QUESTIONS ASKED OF CANDIDATES FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE

All candidates for Senator and Representative of the General Assembly were asked:

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?
4. 2020 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> 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?

### SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The Senate consists of 50 members. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

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### STATE SENATOR: 23RD DISTRICT

Includes the counties of Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan, and Union, and part of Susquehanna County.

For questions asked of candidates, see the "Questions Asked of Candidates for the State Legislature" box above.

DEMOCRATIC

### JACKIE BAKER

Susquehanna County



**Education:** Elk Lake HS Graduate, Dimock, PA; Mansfield Univ., Mansfield, PA, BS/Education; Wilkes Univ., Wilkes-Barre, PA, Master's Degree/Education

**Occupation:** Educator

**Qualifications:** I am honest, compassionate, and fair. I am dedicated to improving the lives of all of the hard-working citizens in PA. I am a highly motivated and experienced problem-solver. I enjoy collaborating with others to achieve

a common goal.

**Answer to question 1:** If elected, I would continue to support modernizing Pennsylvania's elections to make voting in PA easy, secure, and accessible to everyone. A healthy and successful democracy depends on our right to vote. I support making voter registration easier in an effort to increase voter turnout and improve political participation. To make it easier for everyday citizens to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote, I support offering voter registration through more state and local government agencies, instituting automatic voter registration, and extending the time to register to vote right up to the day of the election. Easy access to voting and increased voter turnout is crucial to true representation in our democracy.

**Answer to question 2:** A functional, effective, and efficient government must place people before politics. Elected leaders must put the welfare of our Commonwealth and its citizens first, and not be there for their own personal gains and interests. We need to get money out of politics and elect leaders who will truly represent the people they serve, not big financial donors. Voters need to choose their legislators, not the other way around. Gerrymandering in PA must end. Politicians need to get out of the redistricting process in PA. I support the right to fair and competitive elections. I support the creation of an independent, impartial, and transparent commission to redraw district lines. Redistricting reform is a good step toward ending gridlock in PA.

**Answer to question 3:** Yes, I support a constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw district lines. I have been a member of Fair Districts PA since 2017, supporting the effort to end gerrymandering in PA. Allowing politicians, with a vested interest, to determine the voting districts undermines confidence in elections and diminishes trust in the legislative process. I support passing HB 22/ SB 1022, to create an independent citizens commission to draw state legislative districts, and HB 23/ SB 1023, to create an independent citizens commission to draw federal congressional districts, including rules for public input, transparency, and standards for minimizing splits in electoral districts.

**Answer to question 4:** As a state legislator, I will improve accessibility for people with disabilities. I believe that we can help thousands of children and adults with disabilities across the Commonwealth by supporting, funding, and providing access to quality education programs and services, including easily accessing healthcare and mental healthcare, preparing young people with disabilities to transition from secondary education to adult life, assisting adults with disabilities prepare, obtain, and maintain employment, improving access to reliable transportation to get to work, and expanding housing options and choices for people with disabilities. We must ensure that all Pennsylvanians are treated with respect and dignity, and have a chance to prosper.

**Website:** [jackiebakerforpa.org](http://jackiebakerforpa.org)

REPUBLICAN

### GENE YAW

Lycoming County



**Education:** Bucknell Univ.; Lycoming College, BA; American Univ. School of Law, JD

**Occupation:** Legislator/Attorney

**Qualifications:** 35 yrs. practicing attorney; 17 yrs. county solicitor; 12 yrs. state senator

**Answers to questions:** Not provided

**Website:** [facebook.com/GeneYawForStateSenate](https://facebook.com/GeneYawForStateSenate)

### VOTING QUOTE

"Voting is a civic sacrament."

—Theodore M. Hesburgh

## REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The 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

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*For questions asked of candidates, see the "Questions Asked of Candidates for the State Legislature" box on page 12.*

### REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY: 84TH DISTRICT

*Includes Gregg and White Deer Townships in Union County and part of Lycoming County.*

DEMOCRATIC

#### AMANDA R. WALDMAN

Lycoming County



**Education:** Bloomsburg Univ., BA

**Occupation:** Medicare Appeals Representative

**Qualifications:** Single mom, not a politician; dedicated & hard working—put myself through college while raising my kids; Lead intern in Harrisburg under Rendell's Admin.; 30+ yrs. in the Restaurant industry—all positions including manager; Case management, Medicare Policy and Procedure Appeals; Mediate, educate

**Answer to question 1:** I support early voting, pre-registration of 16 & 17 year olds, no excuse absentee voting, modernizing all of the state's systems, including voting services, create permanent funding for voter access programs, and the Voting Rights Act. Increasing voter registration is paramount to our democracy, and I will fully support any and all initiatives to boost voter registration and participation.

**Answer to question 2:** I support Rank Choice Voting and the Fair Representation Act. I also support the Clean Money Act, and term limits. I worked in Harrisburg in 2008 and saw how dysfunctional it was from the inside. Our legislators have no incentive to act in the best interests of their constituents. They feel safe in their positions, so they do not have to be responsive to the people. As a policymaker, I promise to work in collaboration with all my colleagues, regardless of party. When we work together, our state government is more efficient and effective.

**Answer to question 3:** I support an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts. Ensuring fair voting districts should not be trusted to anyone with a stake in the outcome, especially political parties. Political party involvement in the redistricting process has been destructive to our commonwealth, and the whole country, in the past. The disenfranchisement of millions of voters across the country should not be tolerated.

**Answer to question 4:** As a candidate with RRMS, increasing access for people with disabilities is very important to me. When I announced my candidacy, I was told I shouldn't be open about my MS. People would think I was frail & incapable of working long, hard hours. Nothing is farther from the truth. I have worked multiple, physically active jobs at one time while I put myself through college and raised my kids. My disability does not & cannot dictate my abilities. As a legislator I would propose additional funding to 1) educate the public about the multitude of disabilities and their unique abilities 2) incentivize business to be more accessible 3) address the unemployment rates, lower wages, lack of access to adaptive equipment & transportation & so much more

**Website:** [waldmanforthe84th.org](http://waldmanforthe84th.org)

REPUBLICAN

#### JOE HAMM

Lycoming County

*No reply received*

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## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE AND THE FOUNDING OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** is a citizens' organization that has fought since 1920 to improve our government and engage all citizens in the decisions that impact their lives. It operates at national, state, and local levels through more than 700 state and local Leagues, in all 50 states as well as Washington DC, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong, where U.S. citizens have formed Leagues. The League was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920, just six months before the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving all American women the right to vote after a 72-year fight for women's suffrage. As we celebrate our first centennial, we also salute the brave and committed women and men who fought for the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

The **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** is the only organization of its kind founded before the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment that is still in existence today. From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy. The League is proud of our rich history tied to the suffrage movement and our accomplishments at the local, state, and federal levels. Today the League is setting the stage for vibrant growth over the next century, with a new generation of leaders with the continued passion for active participation in government.

## REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: 85TH DISTRICT

Includes all of Union County EXCEPT White Deer and Gregg townships, and part of Snyder County.

### DEMOCRATIC KATIE EVANS

Union County



**Education:** Bloomsburg Univ., BS/Secondary Education - English, Cum Laude, 1969; Kutztown Univ., Master of Library Science, 1981

**Occupation:** Adjunct Instructor Penn State University

**Qualifications:** I have lived in both counties in the 85th over the past 50 yrs. I know the people and their communities, and what matters to them. As a former teacher, union representative and current college instructor I know

education, how to negotiate and resolve conflicts between workers and employers.

**Answer to question 1:** The recent passage of Act 77 providing for expanded mail-in ballots is a good first start. Allowing citizens to vote early gives people the opportunity to cast their ballot over weeks instead of just on election day. So many things can affect election day turn out from weather to personal illness to unforeseen work emergencies. Numerous states have already permanently instituted early voting along with provisions for mail in ballots and they have seen increases in voter participation. As technology continues to improve being able to vote on line would also give citizens greater access. In Pennsylvania you can securely register to vote now so allowing citizens to do so electronically should be available.

**Answer to question 2:** In 2021 one of the duties of the legislature will be to determine voting districts. The current dis-function in Harrisburg is a direct result of the gerrymandering clearly evident in the composition of the 85th district. Parts of both counties have been pulled out and placed in other districts, creating a lack of unity and cohesion in this district. We currently have a system where legislators essentially pick their constituents rather than having constituents pick their representatives. This clearly marginalizes the voices of those citizens placed in areas which may not reflect their concerns and priorities. I would also push for open primaries so that all registered voters have a say in choosing candidates to represent them.



### VOTING QUOTE



*“Every election is determined by the people who show up.”*

— *Larry J. Sabato, Pendulum Swing*



**Answer to question 3:** Yes, I absolutely support a state constitutional amendment forming an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts. The current system has resulted in fragmented districts whose configurations strain every attempted rationalization for their existence. Years of gerrymandering by both parties have resulted in districts which reflect neither the common interests of their citizens nor the diversity of their populations.

**Answer to question 4:** While the ADA is a federal law, Pennsylvania could improve accessibility first by ensuring all buildings are in compliance. A tax credit to help those businesses comply would be appropriate. The state should also ensure that intersections with traffic lights also have audio signals. Many disabled people qualify for Medicaid. However because eligibility is determined by income, an addition to the household of a working person, for example, a spouse, could cause the loss of that benefit. Only the income of the disabled person should be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid. Finally, in the past 30 years the many advances in technology need to be incorporated as reasonable accommodations.

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REPUBLICAN

### DAVID H. ROWE

Union County

*No reply received*

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## ENGAGING MILLENNIALS IN OUR DEMOCRACY

**BACKGROUND:** In 2016, the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area (LWVLA) was the recipient of a generous grant from League members Rebecca and James Mauch for the purpose of identifying and implementing strategies for engaging millennials in the civic life of our democracy.

**MISSION:** The mission of the LWVLA Mauch Millennial Project is to engage young people (aged approximately 16-35) in the civic life of our democracy in the United States in general, and specifically in the LWVLA's service area of Union County, PA. To that end, the LWVLA Mauch Millennial Project began developing and implementing a series of initiatives beginning in 2016.

**MAUCH INITIATIVES:** The initiatives include activities at local high schools and middle schools, various voter education events, community civic engagement opportunities for young adults, the Bucknell-Mauch Fellowship Program (co-sponsored with the Bucknell Political Science Department), a LWVLA-sponsored voting exhibit at the Lewisburg Children's Museum, and online resources for voters.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MAUCH MILLENNIAL PROJECT,  
VISIT THE LWVLA WEBSITE AT:  
[lwvlewisburgarea.org/Mauch-Millennial-Project](http://lwvlewisburgarea.org/Mauch-Millennial-Project)



## NEW VOTING MACHINES FOR UNION COUNTY



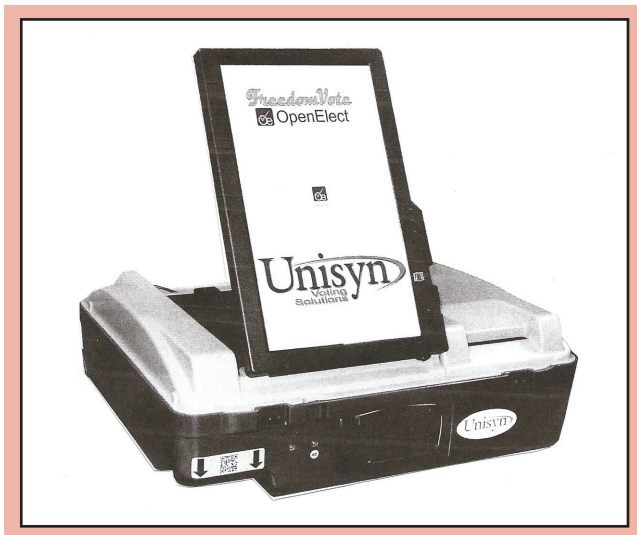
In April 2018, the Governor of Pennsylvania mandated that counties select new voting machine systems that provide a paper record and meet the 21<sup>st</sup> century standards of security, auditability, and accessibility not later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (and preferably have a system in place by the general election on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019). Our County Commissioners evaluated several approved systems and ordered the Unisyn system, which was used for the first time in the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 election.

The Unisyn Voting system has many security features and audit capabilities. It also provides actual paper ballots as documentation.

There are many similarities between the new and old systems, but there are several new procedures. Prior to the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 election: voters signed into the poll book and received a ballot card; they inserted the card into the voting machine and prepared their ballot, which was counted after "Cast Ballot" was touched on the screen; then they returned the card to a poll worker.

The new system involves **THREE STEPS**:

1. As before, voters will check in with the election board and sign the Poll Book, but they will no longer receive a ballot card.
2. Voters will go to a voting machine with a member of the election board, who will activate the machine to bring up the ballot.



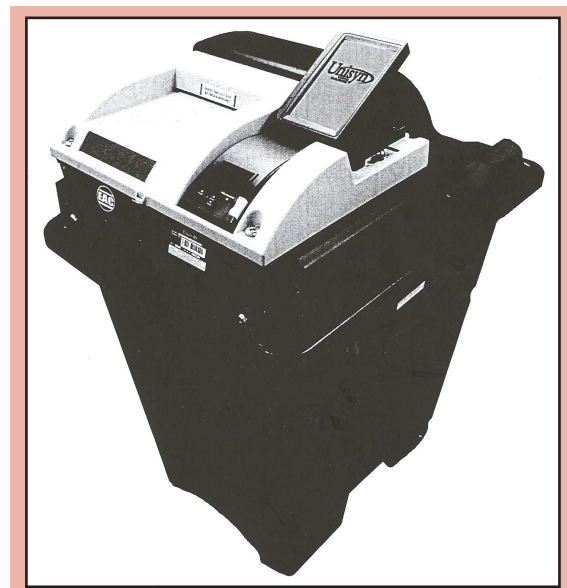
Voters will select candidates and answer ballot questions, as in the past, by touching the box on the screen next to their choice. When finished, voters will see a summary screen of all of their choices in order to make sure they are correct. After voters touch "Print," the printer attached to the machine will print out their ballot, **BUT THE BALLOT IS NOT COUNTED HERE.**

Voters will remove the ballot and check that the printed ballot is correct. If there are any errors on the printed ballot, voters should ask a poll worker for help. If the ballot is correct, voters will continue with step 3.

3. **NEW STEP:** The printed ballot must be taken to the SCANNER/BALLOT BOX to complete the voting process.

Voters will insert the printed ballot into the scanner on top of the ballot box. It will then be scanned, **COUNTED**, and will drop into the ballot box. This will provide a paper record which can be manually re-counted if necessary.

**REMEMBER:** IF YOU DON'T PUT THE **BALLOT** INTO THE **SCANNER**, YOUR **VOTE** WILL **NOT** BE **COUNTED**.





# UNION COUNTY POLLING PLACES

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**BUFFALO 1**

Buffalo Township Municipal Bldg., 2115 Strickler Rd., Mifflinburg

**BUFFALO 2**

Buffalo Valley United Methodist Church, 954 Johnson Mill Rd., Lewisburg

**E. BUFFALO 1**

East Buffalo Township Municipal Bldg., 589 Fairground Rd., Lewisburg

**E. BUFFALO 2**

Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg

**E. BUFFALO 3**

Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School, 2057 Washington Ave., Lewisburg

**E. BUFFALO 4**

Weis Center, Bucknell University, 525 Weis Dr., Lewisburg

**GREGG**

Warrior Run Fire Dept. Social Hall, 196 White Deer Ave., Allenwood

**HARTLETON**

Union Church, 115 Catherine St., Hartleton

**HARTLEY**

Hartley Township Rec. Center, 49 Ball Park Rd., Millmont

**KELLY 1**

Kelly Township Bldg., 551 Zeigler Rd., Lewisburg

**KELLY 2**

United in Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Rd., Lewisburg

**LEWIS**

Township Bldg. (on the Village Green), 116 Maple St., Millmont

**LEWISBURG 1**

Masonic Hall, 28 N. Front St., Lewisburg

**LEWISBURG 2**

Union County Court House (Lobby), 103 S. 2nd St., Lewisburg

**LEWISBURG 3**

*POLLING PLACE CHANGE - FALL 2020 ELECTION ONLY*

Weis Center, Bucknell University, 525 Weis Dr., Lewisburg

**LEWISBURG 4**

St. Johns United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Rd., Lewisburg

**LIMESTONE**

Limestone Township Municipal Bldg., 3840 Wildwood Rd., Mifflinburg

**MIFFLINBURG EAST**

Mifflinburg High School, 75 Market St., Mifflinburg

**MIFFLINBURG WEST**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Market St., Mifflinburg

**NEW BERLIN**

Community Center, 318 Vine St., New Berlin

**UNION/**

**UNION-INDEPENDENT**

Union Township Fire Company, 40 Municipal Ln., Winfield

**W. BUFFALO**

West Buffalo Township Bldg., 577 Johnstown Rd., Mifflinburg

**WHITE DEER 1**

White Deer Municipal Bldg., 2191 Creek Rd., New Columbia

**WHITE DEER 2**

New Columbia Civic Center, 224 3rd St., New Columbia

**WHITE DEER 3**

Faith Chapel United Methodist Church, 2155 White Deer Pike, White Deer

**WHITE DEER 4**

Bonanza Steakhouse, 300 Commerce Park Dr., New Columbia

