



Voters Guide

GENERAL ELECTION

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LEWISBURG AREA
CONTAINING CANDIDATES LISTED ON THE BALLOTS OF UNION COUNTY VOTERS

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THE GENERAL ELECTION

Get voting information
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Oct. 21st!

Pennsylvania voters will elect:

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| Presidential Electors* | PA Attorney General |
| U.S. Senator | PA Auditor General |
| U.S. Representative | PA State Treasurer |
| | PA Senator (Odd-numbered districts) |
| | PA Representative |

* See page 3 for more on the U.S. Presidential election process.

Read the most
up-to-date candidate
responses online at
Vote411.org

In this *Voters Guide*, the nominees are listed by office in the order they will appear on the official ballot. The nominees for the party of the governor appear first. This publication is provided free of charge by members of the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area. The League thanks the Union County businesses and individuals who so generously contributed to the financing of this Guide. For business and individual contributors, see [page 11](#).

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HOW WE GET OUR CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidates were invited to enter their responses on the **VOTE411** website in their own words. Vote411.org is provided by the national League of Women Voters Education Fund. We thank the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) for contacting and collecting information on the Presidential candidates. We thank the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA) for contacting and collecting information on candidates running for U.S. Congress and state government offices.

The League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area (LWVLA) used candidate responses submitted to Vote411.org by September 5, 2024 to create this *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 formatting. Candidates may have updated, edited, or added to their information on Vote411.org since September 5th.

Please note: Despite repeated outreach from the League and **VOTE411**, fewer candidates have responded to our questions this fall than in 2020, the last presidential election year. You can help hold candidates accountable for providing voters with information about where they stand. Contact any candidates you are interested in who have not answered the questions on **VOTE411** and indicate concern about their missing information. Campaign website addresses are listed in this Guide when available.



On **VOTE411.org** you can:

- Enter your address to see all races appearing on your ballot
- Read answers submitted by presidential candidates to questions posed by LWVUS
- Read candidates' answers side by side and link to their websites
- Check election info and link to state voting websites
- Click "Find What's on Your Ballot" and select "All Races" to view any race in PA

Answers to questions on Vote411.org are posted by each candidate in their own words and are unedited by the **League of Women Voters**. Those submitted by September 5th are reprinted in this *Voters Guide*.

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, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

Term: 4 years; limit of 2 terms

Salary: \$400,000

Vote for ONE.

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

Candidates for President of the United States were asked:

1. What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including for families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?
2. What steps will you take to ensure all Americans have access to quality and affordable health care, including reproductive care and prescription drug coverage?
3. What steps will you take to curb gun violence and build safe and healthy communities for communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence in the United States?
4. What are the most important steps you will take to improve U.S. immigration policies, including creating an accessible path to citizenship?
5. What actions will you take to address the threats facing the United States due to climate change?

At the time of publication, LWVUS had invited Harris, Trump, and Stein to answer questions on VOTE411.org. Oliver qualified to appear on the ballot in PA but did not meet all of the LWVUS criteria listed above to receive a VOTE411 invitation.



THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS OF ELECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



Every four years political parties nominate candidates to run for President of the United States in the General Election that is held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. This year, that is November 5, 2024. The process of electing the President and Vice President is written in Article II, Section I and the 12th, 20th, and 23rd Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. In the General Election, **the President and Vice President are not elected directly by the people, but by Presidential Electors who make up the Electoral College.** The number of each state's electors is equal to the number of Senators and Representatives that state has in Congress. Additionally, Washington D.C. has 3 electoral votes. Currently, there are 538 electors; **Pennsylvania has 19 electoral votes.**

"The Electoral College process consists of the selection of the electors, the meeting of the electors where they vote for President and Vice President, and the counting of the electoral votes by Congress." ¹

1. Before the General Election, the political parties select their electors. They choose party members who can be counted on to cast a ballot that is in line with their state's popular vote. During the General Election, **the paired names of the candidates for President and Vice President appear on the ballot under the heading "Presidential Electors."** The paired candidate names that obtain the most votes in the General Election have their associated electors appointed to vote at the meeting of the Electoral College.

2. After the General Election, the Electoral College meets on the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December to cast votes for President and Vice President. On December 17, 2024, electors will vote on separate ballots for President and Vice-President. Forty-eight of the states and Washington D.C. allocate all their electoral votes to the candidate that wins the popular vote in that state. Nebraska and Maine split those votes based on who wins the popular vote in each congressional district in that state. **All of Pennsylvania's 19 electoral votes are awarded to the candidate with the highest vote total in the state during the General Election.**

NOTE: There is no state law in PA, Constitutional provision, or Federal law "that requires electors to vote according to the results of the popular vote in their States. Some States, however, require electors to cast their votes according to the popular vote. These pledges fall into two categories—electors bound by State law and those bound by pledges to political parties." ²

3. In January, the newly elected Congress, sworn in on January 3, 2025, meets to count the votes of the Electoral College. **The candidate with at least 270 electoral votes wins the nationwide election.** If no candidate has received the required 270 electoral votes, the Congress elects the President and Vice President. The House of Representatives chooses the President from the top electoral vote winners, not to exceed three candidates. However, the individual House members do NOT each get a vote. Instead, each state gets one vote. To become President, a candidate must receive the votes of at least 26 state delegations in the House of Representatives. If no candidate for Vice-President receives 270 electoral votes, each individual member of the Senate votes to elect the Vice-President from the top two electoral vote winners for that office. To be elected Vice-President, the candidate must receive at least 51 votes in the Senate. If a Presidential candidate fails to get the support of 26 state delegations in the House of Representatives by Inauguration Day, then the person elected Vice-President becomes President.

¹ U.S. National Archives website: www.archives.gov/electoral-college/about

² U.S. National Archives website: www.archives.gov/electoral-college/electors#why-vote

The names of the candidates for President and Vice-President that appear on Pennsylvania ballots are listed here. Their answers were not available in time to be published in this Guide. Additional information on presidential candidates is available at VOTE411.org.

Democratic
KAMALA D. HARRIS
TIM WALZ
Website: kamalaharris.com

Republican
DONALD J. TRUMP
J.D. VANCE
Website: donaldjtrump.com

Libertarian
CHASE OLIVER
MIKE TER MAAT
Website: votechaseoliver.com

Green
JILL STEIN
RUDOLPH WARE
Website: jillstein2024.com



UNITED STATES SENATOR

Description of office: The U.S. Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of 100 members (two Senators from each state). One third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years. A Senator must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years and be a resident of the State from which s/he is chosen at the time of the election. Senators write and vote in favor of or against final bills and serve on various policy committees. The Senate has several exclusive powers not granted to the House, including advice/consent on presidential nominations and treaties and conducting the trial of federal officials impeached by the House.

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$174,000

Vote for ONE.

Candidates for United States Senator were asked:

1. **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?**
2. **What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?**
3. **What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?**
4. **How do you view the role of the U.S. in responding to challenges facing the international community?**

Democratic

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.

Lackawanna County



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

Occupation: U.S. Senator

Qualifications:

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

ELECTION SECURITY

The PA Department of State addresses Election Security with:

- More Security in Voting
- More Robust Post-Election Audits
- Safe & Secure Voter Registration & Voting Systems

For more information, see the LWVLA "Integrity of the Ballot" pamphlet here: my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/integrity_of_the_ballot.pdf

Printed posters and pamphlets are also available in libraries, post offices, the CommUnity Zone, and the Campus Theatre.

For information from the PA Department of State, go to:

vote.pa.gov/About-Elections/Pages/Election-Security.aspx

Answer to question 1: I'm fighting for our rights, lower costs for working families, economic freedom for workers, and our country's children, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. I see each of these fights as critical for our country. I've supported legislation to defend democracy, protect a woman's right to choose, and a worker's right to organize. I'm holding big corporations accountable for greedflation and raising prices on working people while they rake in record profits. I've helped pass legislation that will create tens of thousands of new jobs in Pennsylvania and saved pensions for tens of thousands of workers. I also helped pass the PACT to provide care to veterans who have suffered after being exposed to toxic burn pits.

Answer to question 2: I support increasing ethical standards in Washington and reducing conflicts of interest to hold government officials to the high standards that Americans expect of them. I'm an original co-sponsor of the For The People Act, which would increase restrictions on coordination between Super PACs and candidates. I also co-sponsored and helped pass the Stock Act, which banned members of Congress from trading stocks based on non-public information and I back efforts to stop members from trading stocks entirely. I believe all of these steps aimed at increasing transparency and accountability will help make our Congress work better for Americans. I will continue to fight for greater transparency in politics.

Answer to question 3: I am working hard to protect the fundamental right to vote from extreme MAGA Republicans across the country who are trying to erect new barriers to voting. I co-sponsored the Freedom to Vote Act to ensure every American can access the ballot box on an equal basis, including by setting minimum standards for early and mail voting, modernizing voter registration, and ending partisan gerrymandering. I am also an original co-sponsor of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would ensure that voters in states with a history of voting rights violations have equal access to voting as all other Americans. In addition, I sponsored the Accessible Voting Act of 2021 to make it easier for seniors and those living with a disability to vote.

Answer to question 4: I believe we must protect our interests abroad with diplomatic engagement, working with allies, and foreign assistance, coupled with our national security apparatus. Our Nation is currently facing immense national security challenges, including competing with China, combating climate change alongside global allies, fighting terrorism, countering Russia's aggression, supporting our ally in Israel and providing humanitarian aid in Gaza, and combating the threat of nuclear terrorism. I have worked to address these challenges as a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence, where I have pursued a national security strategy that protects our interests, promotes human rights throughout the world, and supports those who serve our country.

Website: bobcasey.com

Republican
DAVE McCORMICK

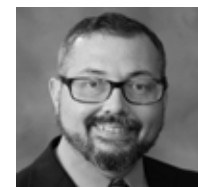
Allegheny County

Response not submitted

Website: davemccormickpa.com

Libertarian
JOHN C. THOMAS

Armstrong County



Education: Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Occupation: Educator

Qualifications: Dedication to Liberty

Answer to question 1:

The most pressing issue is the loss of liberty due to the ever increasing size of the federal government. We lose economic liberties when the government prints money, devaluing our currency. We lose civil liberties when the government works with tech companies to police speech. We lose personal liberties when the government spies on us. This process is accelerated by America's involvement in foreign wars. We address these problems by getting back to the Constitution. The only wars America should be involved in are those posing a direct threat, declared by Congress. The only spending should be that directly authorized by Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution. Every Amendment, especially those of the Bill of Rights, should be protected.

Answer to question 2: The United States Senate is a cartel of political elites, focused on extracting power and wealth from regular Americans and giving it to their cronies. I do not want them to be efficient or effective. We need Senators who are willing to slow the process. I will do all that I can to block the legislation elites use to make Washington more powerful at the expense of Pennsylvanians' liberty. As long as the Senate is controlled by elites of the two major political parties, we should work to make them as inefficient as possible.

Answer to question 3: Elections are a state issue. I am running for a federal office. I would block any legislation that would strip states of their rights to determine how to run elections. I would prefer that Pennsylvania pass voter ID laws, so every legal vote counts, and no votes are offset by illegal votes. However, I am not running for the PA legislature, so that is just the personal opinion of a PA citizen.

Answer to question 4: The US is too involved in internal affairs of foreign states. United States Senators should be focused on getting America to be less involved in international affairs. Pennsylvanians are going broke, as our resources are making foreign bureaucrats rich. I would work to keep resources here in PA, so that we can be peaceful and prosperous.

Website: linktr.ee/johnthomaspa

**Green
LEILA HAZOU**



Education: MBA
Occupation: Business Owner
Qualifications: A concerned American that wants to see change for the good of

the people.

Answer to question 1: The economy - we need to stop funding wars across the globe and spend our money here at home. Human rights - everyone deserves basic human rights and all people must have total control over their own bodies and their health. The environment - we need to move away from fossil fuels and build clean energy infrastructure. Healthcare and housing - every American should have healthcare and housing. If we stop spending \$800 billion per year in defense, we can easily guarantee this.

Answer to question 2: Remove money from our politics. Corporate and special interest lobby money shouldn't determine policy.

Answer to question 3: We need to pass the John Lewis Act to modernize and revitalize the Voting Rights Act by strengthening legal protections against discriminatory voting policies. We need to ensure that our technology and methods are secure so that voters have confidence in election outcomes.

Answer to question 4: The US needs to be a model for peace, not for endless wars and regime change.

Website: leilaforsenate.com

**Constitution
MARTY SELKER**



Education: Not provided
Occupation: Truck Driver
Qualifications: Not provided

Answer to question 1: The most pressing issues facing our country are the erosion of constitutional liberties, fiscal irresponsibility, and federal overreach. As your U.S. Senator, I will fight to restore our rights to free speech, religious freedom, and the Second Amendment, while cutting wasteful federal spending and balancing the budget. I'll work to return power to the states, allowing them to manage their own affairs without intrusive federal interference.

Answer to question 2: To make Congress function more efficiently and effectively, I would support several key changes. First, implementing term limits for members of Congress would reduce career politicians' influence and encourage fresh perspectives. Second, I advocate for a return to a strict adherence to the Constitution, ensuring that legislation is within the federal government's enumerated powers. Third, reducing the size and scope of government by eliminating unnecessary agencies and programs would streamline congressional focus. Lastly, I would push for transparency and accountability, ensuring that bills are thoroughly reviewed and understood before being passed, allowing for informed decision-making and reducing wasteful legislation.

Answer to question 3: To protect voting rights and ensure free and fair elections, I would support legislation that upholds the integrity of the electoral process while safeguarding individual liberties. This includes implementing voter ID laws to prevent fraud, ensuring that all eligible voters have access to identification. Additionally, I advocate for measures that enhance transparency, such as requiring paper ballots or secure, verifiable electronic systems. I also support decentralizing election oversight, empowering states to manage their own processes without undue federal interference, thereby preserving the integrity of each state's election system.

Answer to question 4: I believe the role of the U.S. in responding to international challenges should be grounded in a policy of non-interventionism and respect for national sovereignty. Our focus should be on maintaining a strong national defense to protect our own borders while avoiding entangling alliances and unnecessary foreign conflicts. The U.S. should prioritize diplomacy and trade over military intervention, seeking peaceful solutions that respect the rights of other nations to govern themselves. By leading through example, promoting liberty, and supporting free markets, we can positively influence the world without imposing our will through force.

Website: martyselkerforsenate.com



VOTING INFORMATION



REGISTRATION

October 21, 2024 is the last day to REGISTER to vote in the November General Election or to change your address or party registration. Register online at vote.pa.gov or contact the Union County Elections Office for an application.

Pennsylvania recently became the 24th state to implement automatic voter registration. Since September 19, 2023, residents obtaining new or renewed driver's licenses and ID cards have responded to questions to complete or update their voter registration, unless they opt out. Previously, the Department of Motor Vehicles asked residents if they wanted to fill out a separate form to register to vote or update their registration.

MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE VOTING

ALL registered voters in PA have the option of voting in person or by mail. For more information, see the **"MAIL-IN and ABSENTEE VOTING" box on page 7.**

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE TO VOTE

At the website vote.pa.gov, 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, contact the County Elections Office to make sure you go to the right polling place. This information is also on your Voter Registration card. 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. For a list of Union County polling places, see **page 16** of this Voters Guide.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE IN VOTING

Any voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should contact the County Elections 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

Poll workers are there to help you, show you how to work the machines, and assist with any other questions. 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. You can check the status of your provisional ballot by calling the County Elections Office.

COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE: CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS: Union County Elections Office
Union County Government Center
155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837

Phone: 570-524-8682

Website: unioncountypa.org (under **Departments**, choose **Elections & Voter Registration**)



STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$197,748

Vote for ONE.

Candidates for State Attorney General were asked:

1. What are your top three priorities to address as Attorney General?
2. What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?
3. What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?

Democratic EUGENE DePASQUALE

Allegheny County



Education: BA from The College of Wooster (OH), an MPA from the University of Pittsburgh and a JD from Widener University School of Law.

Occupation: Attorney / Adjunct Professor

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

Answer to question 1: My top priorities are protecting our democracy, defending reproductive freedom, and protecting against corporate greed. Protecting our Democracy is the greatest task and potential crisis we face - which the Attorney General will be front and center on. Reproductive freedoms are under attack across the country. From when to choose not to have a family through abortion to when to choose to have a family through IVF treatments, I believe Pennsylvanians should have the freedom to make those decisions for themselves. As Attorney General, I will be your legal advocate against corporate greed. I will crack down on businesses and CEOs taking advantage of consumers and help defend workers from wage theft, stop price gouging, and close tax loopholes.

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

You can find your voter registration status online using any of the following:

- Name & Date of Birth
- PA Driver's License Number
- PENNDOT ID Number

Go to:
pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx

Answer to question 2: As Attorney General, I will work with law enforcement to protect our communities by investing in prevention tactics and holding those who threaten our safety accountable. I will work to restore trust between residents and local law enforcement to ensure our police can best serve and protect the Commonwealth.

Answer to question 3: There are so many places that we have challenges achieving equality under the law, including LGBTQ protections, the criminalization of addiction, and disparities in how the law treats people of different races and ethnicities. As Attorney General, I would enforce the law equally, but also advocate for changes in the law that gave Pennsylvanians greater protections from these inequalities.

Website: depasqualeforag.com

Republican DAVE SUNDAY

York County



Education: Finance Degree, Penn State, 2002 & Juris Doctorate, Widener Law, 2007

Occupation: District Attorney

Qualifications: Dave Sunday is the twice elected District Attorney of York County. He started as a line prosecutor & prior to his election rose to Chief Deputy Prosecutor of Litigation where he supervised Major Crime cases and the Felony Narcotics Unit. Under his watch crime & recidivism has dropped in York County.

Answer to question 1: 1) Addressing the Fentanyl epidemic by coordinating with our federal partners and local prosecutors and law enforcement to target the organizations that traffic it to our communities. 2) Ensuring our seniors and consumers are protected from fraud by using the tools at our disposal to target those who prey on Pennsylvanians. 3) Protecting our youth from exploitation.

Answer to question 2: Our criminal justice system is in need of focus. For too long I believe Attorneys General in Pennsylvania

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

Answer to question 3: Inequal application of the law is a major challenge. Prosecutors who put their own personal agendas and beliefs ahead of the written law create a situation where what is a punishable crime in one jurisdiction is not in a neighboring one. This sends the wrong message to offenders and the community. Our criminal justice system and our entire society is built on the idea of Equal Justice Under the Law. When that principle is broken faith in our institutions is shattered and chaos and lawlessness follow.

Website: davesundayforag.com

Libertarian ROBERT COWBURN

Allegheny County
Response not submitted

Website: cowburnforag.com

Green RICHARD L. WEISS

Allegheny County



Education: B.A.(Pitt), J.D., LL.M., M.B.A.

Occupation: Lawyer

Qualifications: Admitted to PA Attorney Bar

Answer to question 1:

1) End slavery by requiring prison labor to be paid market wages. Prison labor benefits a few with cheap labor while the public pays for their incarceration. 2) Protect renters, the homeless and workers from unfair practices, like price-fixing, lack of affordable housing and shelter, discrimination and wage theft.

3) Pursue polluters for cleanup of over half a million uncapped wells in Pennsylvania, and drug makers for the consequences of the side effects of their products. Pursue politicians to return gifts and support a gift ban to make corruption illegal. The Green Party accepts no corporate donations. Support the Green Party of PA by donating here gpofpa.org/donate. The Green Party works for the people not the corporations.

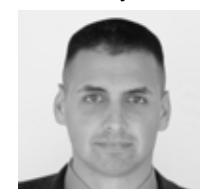
Answer to question 2: My campaign will challenge the state to pay market rates for prison labor. The Philacor program installed ten industry shops where laborers make pennies an hour. When there isn't a profit motive to keep prisoners incarcerated, then incarceration and the costs to the public will fall. I am also a proponent of the Disability Integration Act which will help patients with disabilities access in home and long term services prior to being institutionalized or incarcerated. Incarceration should be for dangerous actors only. Most can be directed to non-carceral programs. Restorative justice programs have shown less recidivism than incarceration. Treat drug abuse as a medical issue, not with incarceration. Decriminalize cannabis.

Answer to question 3: Pennsylvania has the fifth highest rate of discrimination cases of any state and some of the most proportionately disabled cities and counties in our country. People with disabilities often require reasonable accommodations. It will take an attorney general who holds workplaces and institutions accountable for their lack of accountability for addressing systemic discrimination in hiring and reasonable accommodation practices. Ending prison slave wages will remove the profit motive for incarceration, lowering prison population and reducing costs to the public. End cash bail: the judge should determine whether the actor is a danger to the public and must be held pending trial Those jailed must be prioritized for a speedy trial.

Website: gpofpa.org/donate

Constitution JUSTIN L. MAGILL

Erie County



Education: B.A. Criminal Justice-Edinboro University, M.A. Public Policy-Liberty University, J.D.-Roger Williams School of Law

Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications: Practicing attorney since 2017

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

Answer to question 2: Ingrained, wrongheaded thinking on how the criminal justice system is supposed to work has created an assembly line of criminality. The protection of juries against bad laws and bad government actors has been pushed aside in favor of plea deals and a high-speed assembly line that allows Pennsylvania residents to be abused by bad law. As Attorney General my office will, in our advisory role, work to educate Pennsylvania’s public functionaries and the general public on how we can work towards correcting the system. The excellent attorneys of the Office of Attorney General will also assist with refocusing the goals for the future in protecting Pennsylvanians.

Answer to question 3: Equality under the law is achieved by securing the individual rights of every human being. When governments move from securing those rights to violating those rights, we see inequality and abuse under the law. We see those abuses regularly in Pennsylvania as one group of human beings is allowed to terminate other human being. We saw businesses being closed and prevented from operating because they were deemed “unessential.” We see homes taken away Pennsylvanians can’t afford to give government enough of their money. Until government is returned to its limited role of securing our rights, there will be continued abuses of individuals and groups. I will work hard to educate our public functionaries on securing our rights.

Forward
ERIC L. SETTLE
Montgomery County



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

Occupation: Attorney

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

Answer to question 1: KEEPING PENNSYLVANIANS SAFE. The AG has direct responsibility for prosecuting drug trafficking, child predators, organized crime and public corruption. As AG, I will work to reduce the number of illegal guns on the streets, often the direct cause of the violence that citizens are experiencing. PROTECTING DEMOCRACY. As an independent AG who is not beholden to either major party, I will ensure that election challenges are handled fairly, and that the proper winner of any election will be recognized as the elected official. PROTECTING HEALTHCARE ACCESS. I am concerned about non-profit hospitals being acquired by for-profit businesses. With my unique healthcare experience, I can hold them accountable and protect healthcare access.

Answer to question 2: The criminal justice system is challenged by the need to reduce crime in Pennsylvania and to address the historical unfairness in the justice system, particularly as it relates to people of color. We see this duality play out in cities like Philadelphia where progressive prosecutors are seen by many as being soft on crime as they prioritize redressing historical grievances. In the end, a prosecutor must put the effective administration of justice as a higher priority to support the efforts of law enforcement and to seek a safer environment in the community. At the same time, we must find the resources necessary to create impactful diversion and rehabilitation programs to reduce the number of offenders who truly require incarceration.

Answer to question 3: I think that implicit bias plays a very large role in the inequity in the criminal justice system. We must recognize that law enforcement, prosecutors and judges need to recognize that this bias is real and often unconscious and try to avoid treating defendants differently based on factors like race. Greater diversity in the judiciary and in law enforcement will improve this but more work is necessary to make the justice system truly equal.

Website: ericsettle4ag.com



MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE VOTING

- **MAIL-IN BALLOT:** ALL registered voters in PA now have the option of voting by mail-in ballot. You may now apply for a mail-in ballot without an excuse using an online application at vote.pa.gov, by mailing in a paper application, or by submitting a paper application in person at the County Elections Office.
- **ABSENTEE BALLOT:** Absentee ballots are still available to those who satisfy certain criteria (illness, disability, or absence from the municipality on Election Day).
- **BALLOT APPLICATION DEADLINES:** Completed civilian applications for mail-in or absentee ballots must be **RECEIVED** by the County Elections Office by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before Election Day (October 29, 2024 - postmark does not matter). 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 County Elections Office.
- **RETURNING YOUR BALLOT:** Return your mail-in or absentee ballot by mail – you must provide postage. You can also drop off **YOUR OWN** mail-in ballot at the reception desk of the Union County Government Center. They will be open additional hours prior to the election for dropping off your ballot, including two Saturdays (Oct. 26th and Nov. 2nd from 8am-12pm). Evening hours may also be added. Contact them to confirm (see contact information at the bottom of this box).
- **BALLOT RETURN DEADLINES:** Completed civilian mail-in or absentee ballots must be **RECEIVED** by the County Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - postmark does not matter).

••••• **NOTE:** Once the 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 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.

••••• **TRACKING YOUR BALLOT:** If you requested an application or ballot online, you can track the status of your application or ballot at vote.pa.gov/MailBallotStatus

••••• **IMPORTANT:** Direct all questions about your mail-in or absentee ballot to the Union County Elections office.

COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE: CONTACT INFORMATION
ADDRESS: Union County Elections Office
 Union County Government Center
 155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837
Phone: 570-524-8682
Website: unioncountypa.org (under **Departments**, choose **Elections & Voter Registration**)

STATE AUDITOR GENERAL

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

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

Candidates for State Auditor General were asked:

1. *What improvements, if any, would you make to the Auditor General's office?*
2. *How can you make the work of the Auditor General's office more transparent to the public?*

Democratic **MALCOLM KENYATTA**

Philadelphia County



Education: B.A. in Public Communications and a minor in Political Science from Temple University, M.S. in Strategic and Digital Communications from

Drexel University, and completed the Harvard Kennedy School's Executives in State and Local Government program

Occupation: State Representative

Qualifications: He is a member of State Government Committee with oversight of state agencies and elections, where he chairs the Subcommittee on Government Operations; Chair of Automation and Technology in the Commerce Committee; and as a member of the Finance and Judiciary committees

Answer to question 1: As Auditor General, I will rebuild the bureau of school audits, restart the annual compliance audits ended by the current Auditor General, and demand accountability from all our schools — including cyber charter schools. I will stand up for our workers by creating the first ever Bureau of Labor and Worker Protections and use the power of the office to take on wage theft, employee misclassification, and union busting. I will use the office to measure and support efforts to make communities healthier and safer. We need transparency on how huge hospital nonprofits and long-term care providers use state dollars.

Answer to question 2: I'm running for Auditor General because it's time for the underdog to be a watchdog for Pennsylvania's working families. To ask the tough questions, to help reimagine and streamline government, and to help build the coalitions to fix what's wrong. It's what I've done as a State Representative for nearly five years, working to protect workers' rights, enact common-sense gun safety policies, and root out government corruption and waste. We deserve a government that works for working families. That starts with being serious about fixing what's broken. And it means having an Auditor General who isn't afraid to stand up for those too often forgotten by our government.

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Republican **TIM DeFOOR**

Dauphin County



Education: Associate degree in paralegal studies from Harrisburg Area Community College. University of Pittsburgh- Bachelor's degree in psychology

and earned a second Bachelor's degree in sociology and history. Master's in project management from Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

Occupation: Auditor General

Qualifications: Dauphin County Controller from 2016 to 2020. Elected Pennsylvania Auditor General in 2020. Over 30 years of experience as a Special Investigator with Pennsylvania's Office of Inspector General, as a Special Agent with Pennsylvania's Attorney General and in the private sector and federal government.

Answer to question 1: Under Tim's leadership, the Auditor General's office has focused on transforming the office in various ways, which include: how the Department recruits and retains employees; how it audits, making the work more efficient and effective for the taxpayers; and how it is building the next generation, focusing on the need for financial literacy education to be taught across the entire Commonwealth through the 'Be Money Smart' initiative.

Answer to question 2: Tim has transformed and improved how the Auditor General's office conducts public and charter school audits to ensure that administrators and school boards are accountable and transparent with taxpayer dollars.

Website: defoor4pa.com

Libertarian **REECE SMITH**

Allegheny County



Education: Bachelors Degree in Economics

Occupation: Financial Services

Qualifications: I have spent years holding local government

accountable by attending meetings, asking questions, and informing my neighbors of things happening.

Answer to question 1: First, I would actually audit the State Government. In the past four years the Auditor General's Office has conducted about 20 audits of State departments, agencies, and funds. In that same time span they conducted over 12,000 audits in total. That means only 0.17% of their audits look at the State government. As well, I want to Audit the Governor's office and the offices of the leaders in the legislature, as personal offices are some of the most high risk places for corruption, especially for the most powerful. Additionally, I want to have regular press conferences reviewing audit results and letting people know exactly what their money was spent on. When was the last time you heard about the results of an audit?

Answer to question 2: I want to make the Auditor's General office more transparent by holding regular press conferences reviewing audit results and letting people know exactly what their money was spent on.

Website: votereece.com

American Solidarity **ERIC K. ANTON**

Dauphin County
Response not submitted

Constitution **BOB GOODRICH**

Tioga County



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

Occupation: Retired

U.S. Army, Christian school principal

Qualifications: Husband, father, Christian

Answer to question 1: Focus on being honest, efficient, and helpful.

Answer to question 2: Welcome public inquiries and provide timely responses to questions.

STATE TREASURER

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

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

Candidates for State Treasurer were asked:

1. *What improvements, if any, would you make to the State Treasurer's office?*
2. *How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?*

Democratic **ERIN McCLELLAND**

Allegheny County



Education: BS Psychology & Economics, MS Economics

Occupation: Process Improvement Consultant

Qualifications: Founded and ran a small business, Spent a year training on process improvement and organizational problem solving under former US Treasury Secretary O'Neill, 9 years doing process improvement for government systems in Allegheny County

Answer to question 1: I would expand the information you could see in the database of state contracts, including searching vendors by union/non-union as well as women and minority-owned businesses. I will provide a recommended vendor list that complies with US trade policies for fulfilling state purchases such as ensuring we are not purchasing from companies that use slave labor, child labor, or conflict-mined materials. I would not invest in foreign holdings and would reinstate the pension investment standards that existed before pension de-regulation in 2003.

ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE 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 young people in the civic life of our democracy.

MISSION: The mission of the LWVLA Mauch Millennial Project is to engage young people 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

Answer to question 2: Transparency is a word that is thrown around loosely in politics. However, it is only truly achieved if it is demonstrated at times when it is inconvenient and when we make mistakes. Elected officials identifying errors in the interest of improving performance rarely happens. That must change. The current Treasurer's Asset report only states what is going well. It does not identify opportunities for improvement. I would let the taxpayers know where I think we could improve or mistakes we may have made, the cause of the mistake and the correction. I also hope to move toward incorporating ESG (environmental, sustainability, governance) ratings into investment standards if that rating should be established as a viable measure.

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Republican
STACY GARRITY
Bradford County



Education: Bachelor of Science in Finance/ Minor in Economics Bloomsburg University | Certificate Cornell University Business Management Institute

Occupation: Pennsylvania State Treasurer

Qualifications: Thirty-year decorated member of the U.S. Army Reserve with three deployments to the Middle East including a Battalion command | 34 years in private sector manufacturing, retiring as one of the first female vice presidents of Global Tungsten & Powders, an international refractory metals co.

Answer to question 1: I will build on the progress made during my time in office. Since January 2021, I've worked with my bipartisan team at the Treasurer's office to set a new record for returning unclaimed property (more than \$274 million in a single year, and more than \$600 million altogether), to earn the first-ever Gold Rating from Morningstar for our PA 529 College & Career Program (making it one of the top two programs in the nation), and to nearly triple the assets in the PA ABLE savings program for people with disabilities (to over \$115 million). I will continue cutting fees for both of Treasury's savings programs: PA 529 (so far, I've saved account owners more than \$11 million) and PA ABLE (so far, I've cut fees three times).

Answer to question 2: Transparency is a core principal under my watch. Every dollar that comes to Treasury, and every dollar paid out, belongs to the taxpayers. They deserve to see exactly what's happening with their money. Before I took office, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department received a "C" rating for transparency. That's unacceptable, so I immediately went to work improving transparency at all levels. I added many

new features to the Transparency Portal on Treasury's website, making it easier for people to see our state's expenditures, revenue, and budget. I added county-level data for all of Treasury's programs, and I revamped the Fiscal Health Scorecard which allows people to easily compare Pennsylvania's fiscal performance to other states.

Website: garrityforpa.com

Libertarian
NICKOLAS CIESIELSKI
Westmoreland County



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

Occupation: Engineer

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

Answer to question 1: The biggest issue to me is state debt. The legislature should not be spending future generations of Pennsylvanians into debt. The federal debt is over \$35 trillion, with a debt per citizen of over \$104,000. The Treasury dashboard reports a debt per capita of almost another \$4,000. I will refuse to issue any bonds that would further grow the state debt. Additionally, I will push to eliminate state pensions and convert all government employees to a 457 retirement plan to prevent taxpayers from running the risk of needing to bail out the pension fund, which is currently 64% funded. I will also include a significant

Bitcoin allocation in state investment funds, including the pension fund.

Answer to question 2: The transparency portal does not provide an easy breakdown of what the investment pools are actually invested in. The public deserves to know where their money is being invested and determine if those investments align with their values. Additionally, I will make all records public and implement a system to crowdsource auditing the state treasury, allowing average citizens to earn small rewards while helping to hold their government accountable.

Website: nickcforpa.com

Constitution
TROY BOWMAN
Lancaster County

Education: Associate of Science degree from Grantham University

Occupation: Information Technology/ Network Administrator

Qualifications: Not provided

Answers to questions: Not provided

Forward
CHRIS FOSTER
Allegheny County



Education: Bachelor of Arts

Occupation: Real Estate Sales Associate

Qualifications: Not provided

Answer to question 1:

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

Answer to question 2: As State Treasurer, I'll implement user-friendly tools that empower citizens to track spending and investments, ensuring accountability. My focus will be on creating an open, clear, and responsive government, making sure everyone understands how their money is used.

Website: christofosterforpatreasurer.com

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS: 15TH DISTRICT

Includes the counties of Armstrong, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, **Union**, and Warren, and portions of Indiana, Lycoming, and Venango counties.

Description of office: The U.S. Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of Representatives from each state, elected in proportion to population. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives, with 17 Representatives allotted to Pennsylvania after the 2020 census. A 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 a resident of the state they seek to represent at the time of the election (though not necessarily the same district). The House of Representatives is responsible for introducing and voting on bills, resolutions and amendments, and for approving the budget. Representatives also serve on various policy committees. The House may send Articles of Impeachment of elected officials to the Senate and elects the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.

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

Candidates for U.S. Representative were asked:

1. *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?*
2. *What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?*
3. *What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?*
4. *How do you view the role of the U.S. in responding to challenges facing the international community?*

Democratic ZACH WOMER

Centre County



Education: B.A. in Psychology from Denison University. Current 1L in Penn State Law's Juris Doctorate program.

Occupation: Student

Qualifications: Board Member of the Centre County Mental Health, Intellectual Disability, and Early Intervention Board.



VOTING RESULTS

Unofficial vote totals for Pennsylvania will be posted on electionreturns.pa.gov as soon as they are available and will be updated as votes are counted. Keep in mind that results and projections by the media remain unofficial until the votes are certified. In Pennsylvania, the last day for county boards of elections to certify returns from the November election with the Secretary of the Commonwealth is November 25th.

Vote totals for Union County will be posted at unioncountypa.org as soon as they are available. Winners are determined by combining Union County votes with votes in the entire voting district for each race. To see them, click **Election Results** in the **Quick Links** section.

Answer to question 1: The first issue, which should concern everyone in the country regardless of political affiliation is the continued consolidation of our markets. Mergers and acquisitions of large corporations have made our markets uncompetitive, and completely subject to the whims of monopolistic corporations. We need to break up these companies to reduce their institutional power and help the American consumer. The next most significant issue is trade. NAFTA and China's entry into the WTO have destroyed former manufacturing communities, like mine. Forcing American workers to bargain against undeveloped markets is a terrible deal for the American worker, and has thus robbed workers of the American dream.

Answer to question 2: I strongly support institutional changes that remove corporate influence in elections, make congressional races more competitive, and better represent the country's voters. At present, we have an uncompetitive system backed by corporations, which causes ideological gridlock, except when those backed by corporations want to kick back to the folks who got them elected. If we want Congress to function well, we need to clean up the corruption, polarization, and nonsense in our system.

Answer to question 3: I support any and all legislation that makes it easier for American citizens to vote. Most prominently, I believe election day ought to be a national holiday so that hard-working Americans can still access the polls. Beyond that, I would support legislation that greatly enhances the civic education of Americans so that more people in the country understand just what they are voting for.

Answer to question 4: I believe that the United States certainly has a role in international aid, however, what is unacceptable is when the United States takes care of foreign nations before ensuring the needs of its own citizens are taken care of. In the present moment, there are massive issues

in the United States, and I am quite perturbed that the so-called, "elites" of our country are significantly more focused on international affairs rather than our own.

Website: womeforpa.com

Republican GLENN GT THOMPSON

Centre County



Education: B.S. the Pennsylvania State University, M.A. Temple University

Occupation: Member of Congress, PA-15

Qualifications: Former

Bald Eagle Area School Board Member; former Centre County GOP Chairman; Member of Congress PA-5 (2009-2019); Member of Congress PA-15 (2020-Current), National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award winner (2016); Chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee (2020-Current)

Answer to question 1: The metrics might suggest the economy is doing well, but at the end of the day people are feeling very different. We have more than nine million jobs open, with an alarming amount of people unemployed and under-employed. Meanwhile, our southern border remains unsecured, creating a massive humanitarian crisis and security concerns. We need to get this work done. In Congress, I have consistently worked in a bipartisan manner to achieve common ground. I credit my career in healthcare, lifetime in scouting, and working as an EMT and firefighter. Each provided me the ability to work with people from all walks of life. I believe the constituents expect no less. It is an honor to serve them and I am humbled by their continued support.

Answer to question 2: Congress was designed to have checks and balances. This was deliberate and the legislative process is not easy. However, I do not believe the process is flawed, but rather it is often hijacked by bad actors, who are starved

for media attention. Every day I work to find common ground with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle. This has led to collaboration on a lot of issues, from serving our veterans, bringing tele-medicine to rural communities, to modernizing career and technical education. Every success starts with finding common ground with my colleagues from across the political spectrum. Building better relationships is the key to success and one thing I personally strive for to ensure a better working Congress.

Answer to question 3: Free and fair elections are the foundation of our democratic system of government. It is imperative we maintain the integrity of our electoral process and ensure every eligible American's right to vote. While I encourage efforts to reduce illegal activities in our federal elections, Congress needs to respect the role state and local governments play in shaping their own electoral processes. Discrimination of any kind is completely unacceptable. This is not a partisan issue; all Americans should push for inclusion and participation in the electoral process. The 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections had the highest turn out in decades, signaling a really positive trend.

Answer to question 4: The U.S. plays a critical role in shaping international policy together with those countries that share our values. There are a number of diplomatic tools at our disposal to discourage bad actors from inflicting harm. America does more to support democracy across the globe than any other country. I am a strong supporter of the U.S. Institute of Peace, which Congress established in 1984 with President Reagan, to improve national security and global stability by reducing violent conflicts. We should always strive to mitigate conflict through diplomacy, but as an Army dad, I know we must also have the best funded, highly trained, and lethal fighting force on the planet. And we must be there for our troops when their service concludes.

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QUESTIONS ASKED OF CANDIDATES FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Candidates for Senator and Representative of the General Assembly were asked:

1. What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?
2. What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?
3. What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?
4. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's abortion laws?

SENATOR IN THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY: 23RD DISTRICT

Includes the counties of Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union.

Description of office: The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA Senate consists of 50 members, representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The Senate develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the House of Representatives). In addition, the Senate tries officials impeached by the House and authorizes executive appointments. Senators serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation.

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$106,422
Vote for ONE.

For questions asked of candidates for Senator in the PA General Assembly, see the "Questions Asked of Candidates for the State Legislature" box above.

Democratic KIM PITCHER

Bradford County



Education: Northeast Bradford Grade School/ High School Penn College/ Graphic Design

Occupation: Photographer / Former

Editor, Reporter

Qualifications: Kim Pitcher is a lifelong Bradford County resident. She has been a Democratic Committee member for nearly 10 years. Previously, she ran for County Commissioner where her main goals for seeking office were to provide public and fiscal integrity

Answer to question 1: It's not everyday I quote James Carville but, "It's the economy stupid". First and foremost I would attempt to rollback this gas tax even more. It's one of the highest in the country. Only to be outdone by California and Illinois. Even if it's just another 5 cents, it's money that adds up and back in your pocket! Second, and probably most important, how about we raise the minimum wage finally. Our minimum wage has remained unchanged at \$7.25 for 15 years. It's time for fair pay and pay equity. Also, I believe there needs to be another cost of living increase for recipients of Social Security benefits. As the cost of living has increased, Social Security benefits have not kept up with the cost of food, medications, and other necessities.

Answer to question 2: Our Elections are very secure. I have volunteered many years as a poll worker with the Bradford County Board of Elections. I've witnessed firsthand how diligent and dedicated all our election officials are to the process. I would work to expand access by providing voting materials in languages that reflect our state's population. Adding the additional languages of Pennsylvania German, French, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean and others. Also, expanding early voting, and shortening absentee ballot request time

Answer to question 3: That's a tough one. A good start would be to update our population data. Pennsylvania's most recent budget allocates it's K-12 funding to a percentage of schools whose data is 30 years old! Modernizing that data alone with information that reflects enrollment numbers, students with Individualized Education Plans, and English Language Learners can help us better understand the needs of the district. I do think it's a great opportunity to revamp the funding of our public school system. I would support any legislation that ensures students can access the type of education that does beyond the minimum standard. I'm firm in my belief we can come to an agreement to create an equitable distribution of state funding.

Answer to question 4: My job will not be done until there is an amendment to our state constitution protecting a woman's right to choose. Full stop.

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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 PA House of Representatives consists of 203 members representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The House develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the Senate). The House also has the exclusive authority to impeach public officials. Representatives also serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation.

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Answer to question 2: Safe, secure, and accessible elections depend on the work of local election officials, and I will always listen to their needs. I support allowing counties to prepare mail-in ballots for counting (not to count them) before Election Day in order to ensure that winners are determined without delay. I also support allowing people who share a primary residence to deliver mail-in ballots for each other and eliminating other non-security-related obstacles to voting by mail. I would join bipartisan support for early voting. I am open to expanding the ability of 16- and 17-year-olds to prepare for voting when they turn 18 through pre-registration programs. I also support an opt-out system for voter registration when obtaining a driver's license.

Answer to question 3: All our schools in the 85th district are underfunded and have faced a decade of costs rising far faster than state revenue support (up to six times as fast over the past decade). Property taxes have increased across the district, too, increasing the burden on local families, especially senior citizens on fixed incomes. The court's ruling demands that we do better. I support increasing state funding for public schools while also increasing accountability for all education providers receiving state funds to educate our children. I would fight for funding systems that address the needs of our district, including for vo-tech programs, increased school support staff, and resources for special education services.

Answer to question 4: Pennsylvanians have the right to the care they need for themselves and their families. The recent instances across the country of mothers, at the risk of their lives, unable to access abortion services for wanted but non-viable pregnancies demonstrate the need to protect access to healthcare in our district. That said, I believe it is essential to guarantee that health centers are transparent and accountable for the services they offer—especially when they receive taxpayer funds. More broadly, I think conversations about abortion cannot take place in a vacuum. We need to work on access to affordable childcare, early-childhood education, prenatal care and other health care services to support all Pennsylvania families.

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FIRST-TIME VOTERS AT A PRECINCT

HAVE ID AND PROOF OF ADDRESS WITH YOU!

Voters appearing at a precinct for the first time must show identification (ID). If you registered by mail, the first time you vote you must bring a photo ID or other ID that shows your name and address. Sample valid forms of ID include: a valid PA driver's license or PennDOT ID card, any other photo ID issued by a U.S. or PA government agency, a Voter Registration ID card, a valid U.S. Passport, student ID card, etc. If you do not have one of these forms of ID, call the **Union County Elections and Voter Registration Office** at **570-524-8682** to get a list of additional, acceptable forms of ID.

BECOME A POLL WORKER



Elections in Pennsylvania are made possible by thousands of citizens serving as poll workers across the Commonwealth.

We all depend on responsible workers to run smooth elections.

Get involved today!

POLL WORKER POSITIONS

These positions make up the local election board in each precinct:

- Judge of Election: the person in charge at the polling place
- Majority and Minority Inspectors of Election
- Clerk and Machine Inspector (also known as Machine Operator)

The Judge and Inspectors of Election, elected every four years, work together to manage the polling place, keep track of the number of voters, and make sure that the returns are delivered to the County Elections office at the end of the day. Clerks and machine inspectors, appointed by the County Board of Elections, help check-in voters, manage the lines, and make sure voters know where to go at each step in the voting process.

HOW TO BECOME A POLL WORKER

At the website vote.pa.gov, there is a Poll Worker Interest form. To indicate that you are interested in becoming a poll worker, follow these steps:

1. If you are interested in becoming a poll worker fill out the Poll Worker Interest Form here: <https://paebrprod.powerappsportals.us/EBR/DOS/Votes-PA-County/>
2. After you submit the form, the County Elections office will contact you.
3. You may reach out to the Elections office to follow up. You can find their contact information below.

COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE: CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: Union County Elections Office
Union County Government Center
155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837
Phone: 570-524-8682

Website: unioncountypa.org
(under **Departments**, choose **Elections & Voter Registration**; then click **How do I get involved?**)



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 Crossroads Community Church, 954 Johnson Mill Rd.,
Lewisburg

EAST BUFFALO 1

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

EAST BUFFALO 2

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

EAST BUFFALO 3

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

EAST BUFFALO 4

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

GREGG

Warrior Run Area 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., West Milton

LEWIS

Lewis Township Municipal Bldg. (Village Green), 116 Maple St.,
Millmont

LEWISBURG 1

Masonic Hall, 28 N. Front St., Lewisburg

LEWISBURG 2

Union County Courthouse Lobby, 103 S. 2nd St., Lewisburg

LEWISBURG 3

Larison Hall, Bucknell University, 521 St. George St., Lewisburg

LEWISBURG 4

St. John's 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

New Berlin Community Center, 318 Vine St., New Berlin

UNION/

UNION-INDEPENDENT

Union Township Fire Company, 40 Municipal Ln., Winfield

WEST BUFFALO

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

WHITE DEER 1

White Deer Township 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 Restaurant, 300 Commerce Park Dr., New Columbia