

Voters Guide

US SENATE

PENNSYLVANIA US 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. Senators 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 (choose 1):

John Fetterman
Party: Dem
County: Allegheny



John Fetterman

Occupation: Lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania
Education: Albright College, B.S. 1991 University of Connecticut., M.B.A. 1993 Harvard University Kennedy School, M.P.P. 1999
Qualifications: Risk-management insurance underwriter, Chubb & Son 1993-1994; member, AmeriCorps 1995-1997; program coordinator, Braddock

Out-Of-School Youth 2001-2007; founder & president, Braddock Redux 2003-2017; mayor of the Borough of Braddock, 2006-2019; lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, 2019-Present

Campaign Website: johnfetterman.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/JohnFettermanPA

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/JohnFetterman

Link to position on abortion: prochoiceamerica.org/2022/07/01/naral-pro-choice-

america-endorses-john-fetterman-for-u-s-senate-in-pennsylvania/

Questions:
Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: Among my top issues are tackling income inequality and economic injustices; raising wages and benefits for working families; reforming the criminal justice system; codifying Roe v.

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MATT ROURKE AP, file

Pennsylvania voters will choose the commonwealth's next governor in the Nov. 8 election.

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PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR

Description of office: The governor is the chief executive officer of the commonwealth, executing the laws of the state through executive agencies. A governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a U.S. citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he manages the financial affairs of the state and must annually present a balanced budget to the General Assembly. The governor has extensive appointive powers, may recommend legislation, and signs or vetoes bills passed by both houses of the General Assembly (subject to 2/3 override). S/he is commander in chief of the state National Guard, except when they are called into the actual service of the United States. The governor can grant reprieves, pardons, and paroles. The holder of this office may only be reelected once.

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$213,026
Vote for the candidates of ONE PARTY for governor and

lieutenant governor.

Candidates (choose 1):

Josh Shapiro
Party: Dem
County: Montgomery
Occupation: Attorney general of Pennsylvania
Education: University of Rochester, BA; Georgetown University Law Center, JD



Josh Shapiro

Qualifications: Whether as a state rep., the leader of PA's third-largest county, or attorney general, I've brought people together to get things done. As governor, I'll continue to tackle the challenges facing Pennsylvanians and will move our commonwealth forward.

Campaign Website: joshshapiro.org
Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/JoshShapiroPA
Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/joshshapiro

Questions:
Q: *What issue(s) would you*

prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A: As governor, my top priorities are creating opportunity for Pennsylvania children by improving our education system, building a stronger economy by creating jobs, cutting taxes and lowering costs, and making our communities safer all across the commonwealth. In order to move Pennsylvania forward and build a better future for our children, we must work together to achieve these key priorities. Throughout my career — and every day as attorney general — I work hard to bring people together, solve problems, and get things done for Pennsylvania. As governor, I will continue to do just that so that we can solve our biggest problems — because that's how we will deliver results for people across our commonwealth and move Pennsylvania forward.

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

A: Defending democracy is the foundation for making progress in Pennsylvania. I

believe that if we want to grow our economy, improve our schools, and make our communities safer, then we need a stable democracy where all Pennsylvanians' voices can be heard. As governor, I will continue my work to ensure voters have access to the ballot box and that every legal vote is counted in every election. That's why I released a ten-step plan to defend democracy, ensure access to the ballot, and improve our elections by appointing a pro-democracy secretary of state, allowing counties to pre-canvass and cure ballots, establishing automatic voter registration and early in-person voting, and vetoing any attempt to restrict mail-in voting in Pennsylvania.

Q: *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

A: Throughout my entire career, I have worked to defend Pennsylvanians' constitutional right to clean air and pure water — and as governor, I will

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KEY INFO

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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Candidates are listed according to their party and then alphabetically. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement or non-endorsement of any candidate, party, or initiative by the League of Women Voters.

KEY INFORMATION

- **To vote in Centre County, you must be registered in Centre County.**
- Check your registration status at lwvcentrecounty.org
- Register to vote, make changes to name, address or party by **5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24.**
- Apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot by **5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1.**
- Election Day is **Tuesday, Nov. 8.**
- Polls are open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** in-person voting
- This Voters Guide may be taken into the voting booth
- Mail-in ballot applications and ballots can be tracked at lwvcentrecounty.org

ELECTION INFORMATION

ONLINE:
Go to centrecountyvotes.gov
Use resources at lwvcentrecounty.org

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US HOUSE

PENNSYLVANIA U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 15

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 (choose 1):

Mike Molesevich
Party: Dem
County: Union
Occupation: Energy & environmental consultant/contractor



Mike Molesevich

Education: MS, energy & environmental policy, Bucknell University, Union County, and BS, environmental science, Juniata College, Huntingdon County
Qualifications: Mike is a former borough mayor, council member, current business owner, energy and environmental consultant, helping communities, businesses, industries, in rural central PA for over 40 years.

Campaign Website: padistrict15.org
Campaign Facebook URL:



ABBY DREY adrey@centredaily.com

Voting booths set up at the Halfmoon Christian Fellowship Church for the primary election on May 17.

facebook.com/FriendsofPA15

Link to position on abortion: padistrict15.org/issues

Questions:
Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: My first priority is my oath of office to support and defend our constitution against all enemies both foreign and domestic, and hold other elected officials accountable to do the same. My second priority is to support a strong, ready and modern military and our allies, and support

the men and women in our armed forces and veterans after they have served our nation. My third priority is to support our democracy and freedom to choose our elected officials, healthcare, reproductive rights, religion, books in our schools, and other daily choices in our lives without influence of big government or political party. Working with others begins by listening to others, all information and options to make decisions in the public interest.

Q: *What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?*

A: Vote, support all eligible voters' right to vote. Make it easier and not more difficult to vote. Protect election employees, officials, and volunteers from threats and intimidation from groups or individuals. Review and revise election laws as needed and necessary. Review and revise the influence of money in our elections such as Citizens United. Consider open

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PA HOUSE

PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE

Description of office: The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA House of Representatives consists of 203 members representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The House develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the Senate). The House also has the exclusive authority to impeach public officials. Representatives also serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation.

Term: 2 years
Salary: \$95,432
Vote for ONE.

Pennsylvania State Representative District 77

Candidates (choose 1):
H. Scott Conklin
Party: Dem
County: Centre
Occupation: State representative

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

Qualifications: Scott has devoted his life to



public service and bettering our communities. Prior to entering public service, he ran a small business and remained a loyal member of his union. He was elected a commissioner and served as chair, prior to being elected into his current role as state representative..

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/conklinforpa

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/conklinforpa

Questions:
Q: What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A: As the co-chair of State Government Committee, I strongly advocate for voter rights and accessibility to our democratic process, especially when we've seen these basic rights under attack in recent years. I have also introduced legislation to prohibit domestic abusers from holding elected office, because I am of the firm belief that anyone attempting to use any position of power to harm another person has no place in public service. I also intend to work further with my union brothers and sisters as well as environmentalist allies to seek common ground on pursuing green energy, union jobs throughout Pennsylvania.

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

A: Ensuring accessibility to the ballot box for all eligible voters is critical, and I understand the realities and obstacles to put things into place. Throughout my service as a county commissioner and chairing the election board, implementing policies like automatic and same day voter registration are a given. Beyond this, it's critical that we work directly with county commissioners across the political spectrum, throughout Penn-

sylvania, to ensure that the policies we put in place align with what county election offices are able to implement. This kind of honest and thorough governmental collaboration is what we really need and in the very least what the people deserve.

Q: Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: I have been a consistent ally and fighter on behalf of environmental sustainability throughout the years. My voting record alone indicates this, but I intend to work directly with environmental organizations in the near future to double down on these efforts both in my district and in the legislature.

Q: There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A: As a gun owner myself, my top priority is gun safety. I believe in the Second Amendment and our right to own firearms, but also acknowledge how the times that have changed since then. Responsible gun owners, like myself, have nothing to fear from common sense laws focused on gun safety, which we can all agree on.

Steve Yetsko
Party: Rep
County: Centre
Questions: Did not respond
Pennsylvania State Representative District 82

Candidates (choose 1):
Paul Takac
Party: Dem
County: Centre
Occupation: Previously, educational technology sales

Education: B.A., State University of New York at Buffalo - 1987; M.A., Southern Methodist University - 1991; M.S., Maryland University of Integrative Health - 2018

Qualifications: College



Township council member; chair of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission; chair of the Centre Region Council of Governments Public Safety Committee; participant in volunteer and community organizations; long-time resident of Centre County with family

Campaign Website: paultakac.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/PaulTakacPA

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/paultakac_pa

Link to position on abortion: onwardstate.com/2022/05/06/state-representative-candidate-to-host-rally-for-reproductive-rights-may-8/

Questions:
Q: What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A: My priorities are ensuring full and fair funding for public education, support for working families (like access to affordable healthcare, a living wage, and removing barriers to employment such as childcare and eldercare), protecting rights (including reproductive, LGBTQ+, and voting rights), and making investments in the environment and workforce to support the transition to a clean-energy economy. My success in business has always been dependent on my ability to find common ground, establish shared goals, and craft creative solutions that

address the long-term needs of everyone involved. I have found that those skills have translated well into local government, and will take that approach in the state House of Representatives.

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

A: I believe that we must make it as easy as possible for every eligible person to vote and participate fully in our democracy. I support maintaining and protecting the beneficial provisions of Act 77, including vote-by-mail and extended registration deadlines, as well as the use of secure, conveniently-located drop boxes, for use by residents, particularly in lower-propensity voting communities to increase accessibility.. In addition, we should remove or minimize structural barriers to voting, and so I support same-day registration and full participation in primaries by those registered as independents or third parties. I also support extended in-person voting and making Election Day a paid holiday.

Q: Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: We can — and must — encourage both a sustainable environment and a prosperous economy. I would seek to expand and fully fund existing agencies like the Department of Environmental Protection, as well as programs and grants that support environmental initiatives and empower local/regional governments and organizations. We should seize this opportunity to make investments to support the transition to a clean-energy economy and the millions of jobs that could be created. We should begin to eliminate unfair subsidies to fossil fuel industries and strengthen enforcement of environmental regulations. And we should account for the impacts of our reliance on carbon and greenhouse gas-emitting fossil fuels and create incentives for innovation.

Q: There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A: As the son and grandson of police officers, I learned from a young age how to use and store weapons responsibly. I am proud to be endorsed by Moms Demand Action and CeaseFire PA for my support of common sense gun regulations such as comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. I support legislation that holds gun owners responsible for safe storage of their weapons, as well as keeps guns out of the hands of criminals and those who pose a danger to themselves or others. I also support funding for mental health and violence prevention programs in schools and local communities.

Justin V. Behrens
Party: Rep
County: Centre
Occupation: Executive director/CEO

Education: Bachelor of Social Work from Misericordia University/Master's in Social Work from Temple University

Qualifications:

Served as an auditor for Wright Twp, Served on the board for NASW-PA, A proven record of running a nonprofit transforming homeless lives to sustainability, social work dealing with people's struggles on a regular bases

Campaign Website: behrensforcentrecounty.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/BehrensforCentreCountyPA

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/behrensstaterep

Other websites: instagram.com/behrensforcentrecountypa/

Questions:
Q: What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A: I promise that I will always look for the best interest of the 82nd District. Our youth deserve the best educational experience. We should equip our teachers with the resources to teach language arts, science, and mathematics. I will work to fund our trade schools and universities to provide research and development to ensure the success for every student. Our seniors deserve better, and I will ensure that we make healthcare more affordable and accessible. I will stand up against wasteful spending and tax increases. And finally, I will serve like I did in the military with honor, respect, and integrity.

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

A: Our election process has continuously been in the news. During my military service, I have seen what happens in other countries when they do not have election laws. I support increasing ballot access initiatives, but it is also imperative we protect the integrity of our elections by ensuring those who participate meet the eligibility requirements to prevent voter fraud and ballot harvesting.

Q: Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: The 82nd District has some of the best parks and beautiful areas in the commonwealth. Working together with local businesses, farmers, conservation managers and residents, we can reduce the pollutants in our rivers, streams and air. However, the Department of Environmental Protection has implemented new policies that are stifling Pennsylvania's economic growth and hurting our small businesses and family farmers. The commonwealth has the one of the largest energy resources in the country with our abundant natural gas. Safe and environmentally responsible extraction of this critical resource will lead to energy independence, lower energy costs and more family-sustaining jobs.

Q: There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A: As a veteran of the United States military, I am pro 2nd Amendment. Pennsylvania has amongst the most comprehensive gun laws in the nation. We need to focus our energy on educating the public on gun safety and mental health reform. As a licensed social worker, I have built programs to educate and empower those with extreme mental illness. I am fully supportive of our rights in the Second Amendment Federal Constitutional rights and in Article 1, Section 21 Pennsylvania State Constitution that guarantees our ability to keep and bear arms can never be questioned.

Pennsylvania State Representative District 171

Candidates (choose 1):
Robert Zeigler
Party: Dem
County: Centre



Occupation: Assistant manager

Education: B.A. in Political Science, MBA/MPA (Business Administration), DM (Doctorate in Management, ABD)

Qualifications: I have over 20 years of management and trainer experience in addition to my education. I have been in local government for over three years, where we: have gotten up to 1 Giga-bit speed broadband, solar for our municipality, offer our employees a living wage and paid parental leave, and cut taxes.

Campaign Website: zeiglerforpa.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/ZeiglerForPA

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/ZeiglerForPA

Other websites: Instagram: instagram.com/zeiglerforpa/

Questions:
Q: What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A: I think the two main issues are campaign, election, and legislative reform along with economic justice. Passing gift ban legislation that would limit gifts to lawmakers is an obvious first step. Legislators should be working for their constituents, not corporate interests, and I would push for this common sense measure immediately. Raising the minimum wage is a key issue in my district. We have people in my area choosing between heating their home or having enough food to eat. I am an advocate of getting our minimum wage to \$15 an hour. If you don't support a living wage, you're supporting a dying wage. Bipartisan town halls for community input and support are key to help get such legislation up for a vote.

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

A: I am an advocate for ranked choice voting and would work to allow third party candidates to petition for the same amount of signatures as the major party candidates. To take it a step further, I would push for legislation to permit independents to vote in the primary of their choice (Democratic or Republican) so they have a voice for their ideal candidate. These ideas coincide with Article 1, Section 5 of the PA Constitution. Good governance means expanding voting rights, not restricting them. I am also a supporter of same-day registration, automatic voter registration (with an option to "opt out"), and keeping no-excuse mail-in voting as an option. I also believe ballot boxes are great as long as the locations are secure and monitored.

Q: Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: Our state resources are to benefit our citizens. Protecting these rights involves holding corporations accountable for their actions or their inaction in the face of climate change. The GOP led legislature has neglected this part of the PA Constitution and failed to protect Pennsylvanians. We need to tax gas extraction, have a cap and trade tax on the industries polluting our air, and make corporations pay to cap their abandoned mine and well sites. It works in other states, so it will work here. We need to transition to green energy and provide job train-

ing to union workers for that transition. I would support legislation to make these actions occur because we went to green energy in Millheim Borough. It can be done at the state level.

Q: There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A: I appreciate responsible gun ownership as someone who has lived in rural PA for most of his life and used to hunt. I do not think that individuals convicted of domestic abuse and other violent crimes should have access to firearms. On this note, our background check system in Pennsylvania needs to be improved. We can invest in improving and increasing the system we have to help reduce wait times for law abiding citizens. Generally, law abiding citizens support common sense gun laws, we just need to ensure that we make things efficient and not costly for responsible gun owners.

Kerry A. Benninghoff
Party: Rep
County: Centre
Education: State College Area High School, Penn State University, certified coroners training program

Qualifications: Prior work experience in health-care industry and construction. Served as assistant Centre County coroner, then elected Centre County coroner before being elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Currently serve as House majority leader.

Campaign Website: Benninghoff171.com

Questions:
Q: What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A: During my time in the House of Representatives, I have developed a history of success in delivering for the people of Centre and Mifflin counties by fighting to keep state spending low, opposing broad-based tax increases, investing in students, voting to advance pro-life legislation, fighting for Second Amendment rights, empowering families, and ensuring constituents receive the state services they need and deserve. My tenure in the General Assembly has been marked by a record of significant legislative achievement and continued trust among my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to lead on sound principles that put the people of Pennsylvania and our local community first.

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

A: People cannot have faith in their government officials if they do not have faith in the system that elects them. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania faces a dual challenge of having a severely outdated election law that has been grossly misinterpreted by the courts. I have consistently supported, and will continue to do so, election law changes that engender confidence in our elections by providing for badly needed modernization and security. Enhancing our current voter identification requirements is a necessary change that is supported by a large bipartisan majority of Pennsylvanians. Modernizing the Election Day process and updating voting records is critical to the necessity of having reliable election results on Election Day.

Q: Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: Pennsylvania is home to some of the most beautiful

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primaries and some public funding to level the playing field for more candidates to seek elective office. No incumbent should run unchallenged. Ensure that redistricting is an open, transparent, and fair process to prevent gerrymandering by any political party or special interest.

Q: *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?*

A: The future belongs to the efficient and sustainable users of our natural resources. Everything we do creates waste, heat, and carbon emissions. The laws of physics, science, and thermodynamics cannot be repealed — by anyone. The simplest and fastest ways to reduce emissions are by improving efficiency and eliminating (or recycling) waste as we transition, as quickly as possible, from burning fossil fuels to renewable and sustainable fuels for thermal, electri-

cal and mechanical tasks. Fossil fuels will always be needed as components of consumer goods and will become too valuable to burn. We all, as users of energy and resources, must maximize efficiency, eliminate waste, transition to renewables, and use science to educate our children.

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

A: We must continue to be a world leader on all fronts including economics, finance, trade, development, environment, resources, sustainability, climate, and security. Being a world leader requires competent and experienced personnel in all levels and positions to maintain our position of leadership.

Glenn “GT” Thompson
Party: Rep
County: Centre
Occupation: Member



Glenn Thompson

of Congress
Educational: B.S. the Pennsylvania State University, M.A. Temple University

Qualifications: Former therapist and licensed nursing home administrator; former Bald Eagle school board member; former Centre County GOP chairman; member of Congress PA-5 (2009-2019); member of Congress PA-15 (2020-current).

Campaign Website: GTThompson.com

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: Millions lack access to reliable, high-speed internet service, particularly in rural America. COVID-19 highlighted the urgency for connectivity, as so much of life shifted online. I will continue to work to close the digital

divide and bring connectivity to rural America. Throughout my time in Congress, I have consistently worked in a bipartisan manner to achieve common ground and consensus. I credit my career in healthcare and volunteer experiences, whether scouting, as an EMT and firefighter, or on school board. Each provided me the ability to work with people from all walks of life. I believe the constituents expect this from their voice in Washington. It is an honor to serve them and I am humbled by their continued support.

Q: *What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?*

A: 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 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 shap-

ing 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.

Q: *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?*

A: As Republican leader of the House Agriculture Committee, I and my colleagues have introduced bills to improve forest management, increase access to precision agriculture, restore healthy soils, and produce responsible energy and conservation incentives. We cannot sacrifice a healthy economy for a healthy environment, and vice versa. Natural solutions work, and we know that farmers, ranchers, and foresters are the key to those solutions. I also have authored the SUSTAINS Act, which will encourage private-sector partnerships by encouraging businesses to support sustainability through investment in conservation practices. Thoughtful,

science-based policies will help promote a stronger agriculture economy and healthier environment.

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

A: 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. 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 abroad. We should always strive to mitigate conflict through diplomacy, but as an Army dad, I know we must also continue to 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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Wade into federal law; passing anti-discrimination protections for the LGBTQ+ community; protecting and expanding the right to vote; and protecting and expanding the union way of life.

Q: *What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?*

A: I would strongly support legislation in Congress, such as the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, the For the People Act, and the Freedom to Vote Act, which aim to expand voting rights. It is important that we make it easier for people to vote, eliminate dark money in politics, and knock down restrictions that marginalize voters, mostly voters of color. I would proudly eliminate the filibuster to do it. In the aftermath of the 2020 elections, I was removed from the floor of the PA state Senate after resisting Republican efforts to refuse to seat Senator Jim Brewster after he fairly won his election. We must enshrine the right to vote into federal law to stop Republicans from undermining it, and as Senator I will do everything to make that happen.

Q: *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?*

A: Climate change is an existential threat, and we need to transition to clean energy as quickly as possible. I have never taken a dime from the fossil fuel industry, and I never will. It's a totally false choice that we have to choose between jobs and a clean environment. We can have both, that's why I am always going to fight for creating thousands upon thousands of good-paying green union jobs as we transition, all while increasing our energy independence. My plan for the transition to clean energy starts with immediate investments into research and development and innovation; expanding renewable energy sources; and ensuring clean transportation infrastructure; and investing in environmental justice measures.

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

A: I am very happy that President Biden is rebuilding the U.S.'s standing in the international community after former President Trump damaged it so much. As a world leader, America must first and foremost ensure proper diplomatic relations, protect its allies, and engage in vigorous diplomacy

across the globe. In addition, where there is a need, and to the extent that we can, America must help. That includes accepting refugees fleeing war in their countries, or providing humanitarian aid, military aid, and other support to countries like Ukraine that are defending themselves from attacks on their sovereignty by brutal dictators like Putin.

Mehmet Oz

Party: Rep

County: Montgomery

Questions:

Did not respond

Erik Gerhardt

Party: L

County:

Montgomery

Occupation:

Master carpenter

Educational:

High school diploma

Campaign Website:

erik4pa.com

Campaign Facebook URL:

facebook.com/erik4pa

Campaign Twitter URL:

twitter.com/erik4senate

Link to position on abortion:

twitter.com/erik4Senate/status/1555299114857938946?s=19

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: The economy is my main issue. I would like to build small business incentives to grow the small business industry. I will work with both sides to accommodate my plans and start a true tri-partisan way forward.

Q: *What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?*

A: I will back legislation that makes ID for voting and add in blockchain technologies to secure elections.

Q: *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?*

A: I will not support bills that move away from free market capitalism

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

A: We need to renegotiate NATO or flat out leave it as it serves no purpose.

Richard L. Weiss

Party: Green

County: Allegheny

Occupation: Lawyer

Educational: B.A. University of Pittsburgh; J.D. University of Denver;



Richard L. Weiss

LL.M. American University; M.B.A. University of Chicago

Qualifications:

I am born and raised in Pennsylvania. My parents owned Weiss Bakery in the Brentwood boro of Pittsburgh. My first job as an attorney was for the federal government in the General Counsel's Office of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Washington, D.C., and I have worked overseas

Campaign Website: greenslate2022.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/richard.weiss.1485537

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/RichardLWeiss

Link to position on abortion:

ivoterguide.com/candidate?elecK=778&raceK=11199&canK=56347&

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: The COVID-19 pandemic underlines the need for universal healthcare. Many who lose their job cannot afford to maintain their health insurance. In the modern gig economy, many do not receive health insurance through their employer. They may face the choice of paying for rent or healthcare, but not both. Current health insurance has too many deductibles, copays and limitations on coverage. Employers who provide healthcare will benefit from Medicare for All by having costs reduced. Employers who do not provide healthcare will benefit from Medicare for All by having healthier workers. Medicare for All costs less for better care. Also, ranked choice voting eliminates any so-called "spoiler effect." See ballotpedia.org/Ranked-choice_voting (RCV).

Q: *What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?*

A: Every citizen should be registered to vote at birth or be allowed to register on the spot at the polling station. If they do not have photo ID then there should be a fingerprint reader available and they should be allowed to vote after giving their fingerprint. The fingerprint readers can be connected nationwide and eliminate any chance of double voting. They should be allowed to vote first and any objections they are not entitled to

vote could be filed after they vote first. Voting by mail should be allowed. Make Election Day a holiday. Paper ballots. Hand marked. On camera. The hand count on camera is the official count. Ballots on camera from the time they enter the polling place as blanks to the time they're completely counted.

Q: *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?*

A: The latest U.N. report on climate change underscores the need to immediately make all efforts to stop emissions of greenhouse gases. This can be accomplished through a "just transition" to renewable energy that provides jobs, and does not cause cancer like mining and burning fossil fuels. The technology exists today. All we need to do is implement it. The first step is to halt fracking which is ruining the water and health of Pennsylvania. Fossil fuels provide fewer jobs which are temporary, produce more expensive energy, leave behind environmental disasters and cause cancer. Renewable energy provides more and permanent jobs, produces cheaper energy, preserves the environment and doesn't cause cancer. Cancer is a high tax to pay.

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

A: Negotiate peace in Ukraine, reduce overseas bases to pre-9/11 levels, bring troops home and spend that money at home. Climate change is the greatest national security threat. We should not be afraid of China and engage with them on an equal basis to reduce tensions. Stop funding terrorists and pass the Stop Arming Terrorists bill proposed by Tulsi Gabbard. The U.S. promoted radical Islamic fundamentalism in Afghanistan to fight against Russia, which was a violation of American values. Freedom of contract is a fundamental constitutional right including the right not to purchase, i.e. boycott. Create a Palestinian state. End U.S. support for the war in Yemen. Transition to renewable energy as quickly as possible. gp.org/platform.



Daniel Wassmer

Daniel Wassmer

Party: Key

County: Pike

Occupation: Attorney / college professor

Education: BA, MBA, JD

Qualifications: Former appointee to the DRJTBC,



ABBY DREY adrey@centredaily.com

College Township residents vote at the Mount Nittany United Methodist Church on Nov. 2, 2021.

assistant county solicitor, lecturer on law, government and international business issues.

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Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/Wassmer4USSenate

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/4wassmer

Link to position on abortion:

wassmer4pa.com/about---my-positions

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: To list all of my major concerns would be virtually impossible nevertheless there are numerous issues that I have detailed on my website. Each is quite important to me. Simply prioritizing one over the other minimizes the importance and impact of a number of very important issues. So for the sake of avoiding a declaration that I am specifically focused on one issue as opposed to a variety of interrelated issues seems more appropriate to my approach. To deal with the plethora of issues I would have to work with other like minded individuals and extend invitations to all who would be inclined to participate. Please visit my website to read more exacting responses to each inquiry in this questionnaire.

Q: *What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?*

A: Suppressive behavior, long a problem in the U.S. generally starts with a variety of fully constructed problems by the two major political parties. This has actually created an atmosphere ripe for "losers" to disparage results and seek to "mob" vilify any ideologue who will listen! The sad state of buying into the perception that any particular candidate is somehow their sole acting "savior" and the opponent is actually the "enemy" of democracy absolutely undermines the ideals we as U.S. citizens ought to be striving for. Unfortunately both parties

play this dangerous game and for quite some time have done so in a concerted fashion. To resolve "voting impediments" we need to have an honest discussion and create ease of access for voters.

Q: *What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?*

A: First we need a dialogue to convince even former environmental science majors such as myself that we actually are dealing with a real problem. As a student at one of the first "environmental science" universities in the U.S. I was handed a theoretical paper known as the "Global 2000 report." The report commissioned by the Carter administration had one of the first references to the theories of "acid rain" as well as "global warming." For almost 40 years I have followed "the science" (empirical data) via actual reliable sources including: NASA, NOAA, various colleges and university studies and have asked pertinent questions related to this issue. To date these have not been satisfactorily answered. Remedies should not be potential harms.

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

A: I have listened to and follow the guidance of University of Chicago international policy Professor John Joseph Mearsheimer. Mearsheimer takes a realist view of international policy. While the U.S. plays an important role in international leadership we also need to disconnect from having our international policy guided by the military industrial complex which often times pushes policy in the direction of improper interventionist fiascos. In addition I would note that a role of the U.S. Senate is to be engaged in advising and consenting to U.S. treaties. I remain appalled at the leadership of both the Republican and Democratic parties at sidestepping those checks and balances and merely ruling by proclamation in the field of treaty making, etc.

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continue that work by investing in clean energy and clean transportation, adopting the 2020 grand jury report recommendations to minimize health hazards arising from fracking, plugging orphaned and abandoned oil and gas wells, and addressing lead contamination in order to keep protecting Pennsylvania's environment. As governor, my priority will be ensuring Pennsylvania has a comprehensive climate and energy policy that protects consumers, creates jobs, capitalizes on our strength as an energy hub, safeguards our environment, and moves our commonwealth forward.

Q: *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

A: Every Pennsylvanian deserves to feel safe at home, at school, and in their community — and I know we can achieve that while upholding Pennsylvanians' rights and traditions. Throughout my career, I have worked with my colleagues in law enforcement and with local communities across our commonwealth to fight gun violence and keep Pennsylvanians safe, taking thousands of illegal guns off our streets, shutting down gun trafficking rings, and working to close the ghost gun loophole. As governor, I will support common sense gun legislation to close background check loopholes, keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals, and work with the legislature to increase funding for gun safety training programs.

Douglas V. Mastriano
Party: Rep
County: Franklin
Occupation: Senator
Education: PhD, History; Master's Strategic Intelligence; Master's



Airpower Theory; Master's Military Operational Art; Master's Strategic Studies, Bachelor of Arts, History
Qualifications: 1986-Commissioned in the U.S. Army, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (2ACR) on the Iron Curtain, 2ACR Desert Storm in Iraq, Afghanistan (three deployments), senior leader of NATO unit in Afghanistan comprised of 18 nations, award winning author, professor of Army War College (Carlisle)

Campaign Website: doug4gov.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/Fight4pa

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: Infrastructure, energy production, road/transportation improvements, school choice, the right to life

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

A: Voter ID, poll watcher protection, increased penalties for violating voting law, repeal Act 77

Q: *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

A: I'm an Eagle Scout and respect the environment — we are stewards of the land

Q: *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and*

firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A: Uphold the constitutional protections delineated in our state and federal constitutions

Matt Hackenburg
Party: L
County: Northampton
Occupation: Avionics computer engineer
Education: Rochester Institute of Technology; BS



Matt Hackenburg

Guard

Campaign Website: matthackenburg.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/MattHackenburgPA

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/matthackenburg

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: The biggest reason why I am running for governor is to promote and pass Defend the Guard legislation. As an anti-war National Guard veteran, this issue hits close to home. With talks of sending reinforcements to Taiwan if China were to invade and war hawks in D.C. clamoring to get the U.S. involved with the war in Ukraine, Defend the Guard needs passed now more than ever. This prevents the government from sending our state's National Guard into conflicts without a declaration of war from Congress. They will not lose a single night of sleep for using our families and children as pawns to grandstand about "freedom and democracy." I will make the humanitarian appeal with the legislature and work with both parties to get it passed.

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

A: We should change our elections to use alternative voting methods like ranked choice voting and repeal Act 77 for elections going forward. Act 77 is legally questionable and prone to being abused by people looking to buy your vote or breaching your privacy. It is worth reminding people that Doug Mastriano was one of the biggest supporters of Act 77 in the Pennsylvania Senate until Donald Trump decided he did not like it. Our current voting system is set up so that Democrats and Republicans never have to compete with third party candidates and perpetually use the "wasted vote" argument to brush off their challengers. With ranked choice voting, or similar alternatives, that concern no longer exists.

Q: *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

A: We should be treating pollution as a trespass violation, allowing people affected by polluters to issue court injunctions to shut them down, court orders to clean up our property, or imprisonment if they do not get off our property. I would not support the use of subsidies to prop up energy companies or allow the government to force its preferences onto the population like what California is doing with electric vehicles for example. If there is a demand for a clean environment, then a truly free market will meet that demand and we will all be

better off.

Q: *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

A: The Pennsylvania Constitution states that "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned." All gun control measures are illegitimate and I will veto every single one that passes the legislature, as well as repeal all of the gun controls we currently have now. I don't believe the state should have any involvement in determining who can or cannot have a firearm. If someone is so dangerous that they can't have a firearm, that person should not be out of prison.

Christina DiGiulio
Party: Green
County: Chester
Occupation: Scientist (analytical chemist)
Education: BS Biology-Chemistry

Qualifications: Community watchdog and

organizer, research and development scientist for ORISE, DoD & its contractors, USP. Contract officer representative and DoD acquisition certified, SPRDE — science and technology manager level 2

Campaign Website: greenslate2022.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/PKforPA

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/PKforPA

Link to position on abortion: greenslate2022.com/platform

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: I agree with my running mates' responses 100%. As a scientist, I know we must take immediate action to protect this and future generations. In Pennsylvania, I will advocate for the creation of an agency for a just equitable transition. I will call for a ban on all new fracking wells; a five year decommissioning period for existing wells, a program to ensure proper capping of those wells; and reparations. To keep oil & gas companies, lobbyists, & those who profited equally accountable for the part they knowingly played, I will advocate for a required lifetime maintenance policy of their decommissioned & abandoned wells, including funding research into sustainable solutions for all wells.

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

A: I will work hard for the elimination of ballot access laws and rules that discriminate against smaller parties and independents, and otherwise place undue burden on the right of citizens to run for office. I will work to end partisan gerrymandering ensuring every Pennsylvanian's vote counts, that all U.S. voting systems are verifiable, transparent, and accurate. I will prioritize enacting proportional representation voting systems for legislative seats on municipal, county, state, and federal levels, and provide full public financing of federal, state and local elections, and focus on equitable requirements in regards to public access for all candidates.

Q: *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

A: We need to act on climate now ... actually ... yesterday. Since we did not act earlier, we must act aggressively now. We must work to stop burning fossil fuels, eliminate greenhouse admissions by 95% by 2050, end all fossil subsidies, and redirect any research dollars to resiliency research. Qualified scientists must be the ones who guide policy. A scientist must not have any conflict of interest. Objective think tanks must be created to ensure the focus is on the health & safety the people, and the environment. There will be no more foxes in the hen house. The people will have more power at the table vs. industry. The think tanks will be comprised of the people, not the corporations with interest in profiting.

Q: *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

A: We need to address and heal the foundations of society. Gun violence is a systemic problem with multiple roots that need to be treated by "fixing" those roots instead of avoiding them. All people should have access to quality health care (including mental, dental, reproductive), quality education, and jobs. In addition, we need sensible gun laws, accountability for gun companies, mandatory training for gun owners, support for high quality gun violence research, & accountability for law enforcement officers & private security. We must treat gun violence as a public health emergency, We must start requiring psychological impact studies as a part of policy & legislation decisions, especially, in known injustice areas. Treatment for trauma.

Joe Soloski
Party: Key
County: Centre
Occupation: CPA (retired)

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Qualifications: Certified public accountant
Campaign Website: joesoloski.com

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/joe.soloski

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/joesoloski

Link to position on abortion: joesoloski.com

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: Pennsylvania's budget is bloated and mismanaged. Our operating budget has more than doubled, from \$20 billion to over \$41 billion in just 20 years. Pennsylvania doesn't have a revenue problem; it's got a spending problem! I will be working to cut our state budget by at least 5% per year, starting with my own salary. Pennsylvania has the 3rd highest paid governor in the nation; over \$205,000 per year. I'll be cutting my salary by 65% to just under \$70,000 per year. I'll be leading by example. If the Legislature doesn't go along with my budget cuts, then I'll veto every budget bill they put on my desk. We have the highest paid Legislature in the nation and I'll be working to slash their pay, benefits, and ban them from receiving gifts.

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

A: Every Pennsylvanian who wants to vote should have the best and easiest

opportunity to do so. I will work to see changes made that will allow independent, third parties to be on the ballot. The Democrats and Republicans do all that they can to make laws and rules to prevent third party competition. Also, like Maine and Alaska, I will be working to see ranked choice voting implemented here in Pennsylvania. That will give voters a better bang for their buck when it comes to their vote. Because of that, better representatives will be elected. I'm also a big advocate for term limits for our state legislators. Implementing ranked choice voting and legislative term limits will be extremely popular with Pennsylvania voters.

Q: *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

A: As governor, I will charge the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources to continue its work to manage, preserve, and conserve our state parks, and I will enforce regulations to preserve our air, water, and our environment. Nuclear energy is the cleanest, safest, and most cost-effective form of energy generation that we have. I will work to promote and streamline the process of getting more nuclear power plants constructed and online. Renewables, like solar panels and windmills, face difficult and costly disposal problems at the end of their useful lives. That's a growing environmental hazard. At the same time, those renewables cannot be relied upon to provide the necessary energy to meet market demands.

Q: *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

A: As stated in the Pennsylvania Constitution: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned". I think that our constitution is pretty clear on this issue. "Shall not be questioned." I am in complete agreement. I will always defend our inherent right to defend ourselves. As governor, I will veto any bill that attempts to curtail our right to own a gun and to defend ourselves and our families. More specifically, I want to see Pennsylvania become a "constitutional carry state." You won't hear that from any of my gubernatorial challengers. Red flag laws are a very slippery slope and I oppose them. Firearm safety classes are readily available and should be promoted.

PENNSYLVANIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Description of office: The lieutenant governor will be elected jointly with the governor in the general election although candidates are nominated separately in the primary. A lieutenant governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a U.S. citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he is president of the Senate, presiding over the Senate but having no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. S/he is chair of the Board of Pardons and the PA Emergency Management Council. The PA Constitution provides that in case of the death, conviction or impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation, or other disability of the governor, the powers, duties, and compensation of the office shall be transferred to the lieutenant governor for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed. There are no term limits to this office.

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$178,940
Vote for the candidates of ONE PARTY for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Candidates (choose 1):
Austin Davis
Party: Dem
County: Allegheny
Occupation: State representative

Education: Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh

Qualifications: Austin Davis is currently a PA state representative where he serves as chair of the Allegheny County House Democratic delegation and vice chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. Previously, Austin served as senior advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for 6 years.

Campaign Website: shapiro.davis.org

Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/AustinDavisPA

Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/AustinDavisPA

Questions:

Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: The issues I plan to prioritize as Lt. governor are working to create family sustaining jobs, building ladders of opportunity for folks to help them succeed, and ensuring every child receives a quality education, regardless of their ZIP code. I have a track record of getting things done as a state representative, and I will continue to use my platform as Lt. governor to push these issues forward.

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

A: The right to vote is sacred, held by all Pennsylvanians, and I will always work to strengthen that right for every member of our commonwealth. I believe expanding access to democracy is always the right thing to do and I would support measures such as automatic voter registration to do this.

Q: *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

A: Every Pennsylvanian deserves the right to clean air, pure water, and a good environment. Unfortunately, this isn't the case in many instances across the commonwealth. I believe in holding bad actors who pollute our communities accountable and I have a track record of doing so as state representative. However, in order to further protect these constitutional rights, we must reinvest in our Department of Environmental Protection, which has been gutted over the past several decades. We must strengthen their ability to enforce existing laws, as well as increase their funding which will allow them to do a more efficient and effective job at protecting Pennsylvania's environment.

Q: *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

A: Gun violence has become all too common across the country, including right here in Pennsylvania. I support common sense gun reforms, such as the ones listed above, in order to better protect our communities. I also support the idea of classifying gun violence as a public health issue, which would allow for

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KEY INFO

IN PERSON:
Contact the Centre County Elections Office: Elections@centrecoun.tyva.gov; 814-355-6703
420 Holmes St., Bellefonte, PA 16823
APPLYING FOR ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN VOTING
Centre County registered voters who are ill, disabled or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. In addition, **any Centre County registered voter** may choose to vote using the no-excuse mail-in ballot. You can request an application be mailed to you by calling the Centre County Elections office at 814-

355-6703 or you can apply online at “Vote by Mail” at centrecountyvotes.gov. Completed applications for absentee or mail-in ballots must be received by the Centre County Elections Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1. *If you are registered in another county, you must request your application from that county.*
COMPLETING YOUR MAIL-IN OR ABSENTEE BALLOT
When you receive your mail-in or absentee ballot, **carefully follow the accompanying directions.** Completed ballots must be **received** by the Elections Office no later than 8 p.m. on Nov. 8.

If you did not use the secrecy envelope before submitting your ballot or you damaged your ballot, please contact the Centre County Elections Office for instructions, 814-355-6703.
POLLING LOCATIONS
You can identify or confirm your polling place on centrecountyvotes.gov. If you have questions about the accessibility of a polling place, consult the Centre County Elections Office, 814-355-6703.
WRITE-IN VOTING
Information for write-in voting will be available at your polling place.
ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS
If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the

polling place should telephone the Centre County Elections Office, 814-355-6703. The problem can be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the Centre County Elections Office, 420 Holmes St., Bellefonte, where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively, you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If the Elections Office determines that you were eligible to vote, your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted. If you have any questions or need to report any problems, call 866-OUR-VOTE for assistance in English or Spanish

or 888-API-VOTE for assistance in Asian languages.
VOTER IDENTIFICATION
If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time, then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver’s license, student ID or some other form of federal or state government-issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check that contains your current address. If you do not have any acceptable ID, then you will be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.
If you are not a new voter and are not voting at your polling place for the first time, you are not at this time required to provide identification.

ONLINE VOTER’S GUIDE
VOTE411.org provides voters with a personalized ballot that includes candidate information from this Voters Guide as well as important election information. Links to this guide as well as other useful information for voters can be found on the LWVCC’s website at lwvcentrecounty.org.
Membership in the League is open to all genders 16 years of age or older, and inquiries are welcome. Contributions to support this activity are greatly appreciated. Visit lwvcentrecounty.org to make a tax-deductible contribution to LWVCC Education Fund or mail to LWVCC, P.O. Box 962, State College, PA 16804.

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more resources to be used to combat it. In fact, as senior advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, I helped to create the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Health to do just that.

Carrie Lewis DelRosso
Party: Rep
County: Allegheny
Occupation: Member of state House of Representatives
Education: University of Pittsburgh
Qualifications: Oakmont Council member 2018-2020; state House member 2021

Campaign Website: carrieorpa.com
Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/carrieorpa
Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/carrieorpa

Questions:
Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*
A: Lower CNIT- Push for PA to more attractive state to manufacture and produce Provide a better return on investment with k-12 education Fully fund law enforcement Fully fund infrastructure Secure Elections Promote Ag Growth
Q: *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?*

A: Voter ID Provide a more efficient system for early/absentee voting and deadlines Voter Confidence -ballot security
Q: *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*
A: Promote energy growth and independence in PA while always mindful of our environment.
Q: *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*
A: Protect our 2nd Amendment; right to people to bear arms
Timothy D. McMaster
Party: L
County: York
Occupation: IT ana-



Education: Central Penn College (MCSE, CCNA)
Qualifications: Business owner, citizen
Campaign Website: tim4pa.com
Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/McMasterLtGov2022
Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/Tim4PA

Link to position on abortion: facebook.com/McMasterLtGov2022/posts/pfbid02H9Fq8B3HvomDMoejx2AcuuFuhUvmbLtuAa2xrGepM9BxTH2a2V9sZvqq27hsftCl
Questions:
Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: I would work with willing members of the PA General Assembly to find ways to reduce, on a path to the total elimination of the onerous and destructive property tax. The very first way that I see to do this is to reduce excessive spending in the local school districts and focus on educating to the student, and not to the tests.
Q: *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?*

A: Voting is a sacred right that all citizens enjoy and a privilege that we should all exercise. However, to maintain the confidence of voters and the integrity of the system, some robust measures to ensure that sanctity must be employed. Universal mail-in balloting is a very bad idea in theory and nearly impossible to secure in practice. In this current age, some simple, yet effective means of verification must be employed.
Q: *Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?*

A: My first step would be to hold polluters personally responsible for their pollution. No more decades long “arbitration” cases and then a fine to the “Super Fund” as a way out. If you or your entity have personally violated the property (or health and well being) of others,

lyst/farmer
Education: Central Penn College (MCSE, CCNA)

Qualifications: Business owner, citizen
Campaign Website: tim4pa.com
Campaign Facebook URL: facebook.com/McMasterLtGov2022
Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/Tim4PA

Link to position on abortion: facebook.com/McMasterLtGov2022/posts/pfbid02H9Fq8B3HvomDMoejx2AcuuFuhUvmbLtuAa2xrGepM9BxTH2a2V9sZvqq27hsftCl

Questions:
Q: *What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?*

A: I would work with willing members of the PA General Assembly to find ways to reduce, on a path to the total elimination of the onerous and destructive property tax. The very first way that I see to do this is to reduce excessive spending in the local school districts and focus on educating to the student, and not to the tests.
Q: *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?*

A: Voting is a sacred right that all citizens enjoy and a privilege that we should all exercise. However, to maintain the confidence of voters and the integrity of the system, some robust measures to ensure that sanctity must be employed. Universal mail-in balloting is a very bad idea in theory and nearly impossible to secure in practice. In this current age, some simple, yet effective means of verification must be employed.
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A: The PA Constitution is quite clear and unambiguous on this matter. It states in Article 1, Section 21: “The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.”

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A: I call on Congress to pass the Women’s Health Protection Act of 2021 or equivalent legislation. A woman’s right to control her body is nonnegotiable and it is essential that the option of a safe, legal abortion remain available. I support a comprehensive gift ban, an end to the per diem, campaign finance reform, an end to outside jobs for our full time legislators, and an end to partisan gerrymandering. We

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Q: *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?*
A: As noted above, I would work to end partisan gerrymandering. Establish guarantees that every citizen’s vote counts, and that all U.S. voting systems — including electronic ones — are verifiable, transparent and accurate. I am also for the elimination all ballot access laws and rules that discriminate against smaller parties and independents, and otherwise place undue burden on the right of citizens to run for office. We must enact proportional representation voting systems for legislative seats on municipal, county, state and federal levels. Provide full public financing of federal, state and local elections, including free and equal radio and television time on the public airwaves for all ballot-qualified candidates and parties.
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A: We need to act on climate YESTERDAY. Since we didn’t, we must act aggressively NOW. We must work to stop burning fossil fuels, eliminate greenhouse admissions by 95% by 2050, end all fossil subsidies and redirect any research dollars to resiliency research. We must ensure that workers and communities are offered a just transition as we move away from fossil fuels. We also must demand that corporations that have spent decades poisoning our air, water, and soil clean up their messes. We must make people harmed by ecological devastation be made whole. We must adopt a policy that rescinds the right of serial offenders of environmental laws to do business in the state. We must build resiliency on a local and state level.
Q: *There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?*

A: All of these pieces of legislation treat the symptoms, not the disease. Gun violence is a systemic problem with multiple roots and needs to be treated by “fixing” those roots. A lack of political will to make a change and an underinvestment in prevention is huge. All people should have access to quality health care including mental health, healthy communities, quality education, jobs, and treatment for trauma. In addition, we need sensible gun laws, accountability for gun companies, mandatory training for gun owners, support for high quality gun violence research, and accountability for law enforcement officers and private security. Finally, we must treat gun violence as the public health emergency. This is more than the 2nd Amendment.
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start. Up to twenty-five million dollars of Pennsylvania’s tax monies are spent on primary season alone. The number of Pennsylvania voters that are registered as third party, independent, or other is at 1.2 million and growing; leaving a large number of citizens without a voice until election day while they contribute to footing the bill. And many of their best qualified choices may never even make the ballot.
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A: As an example, fracking in Pennsylvania provides jobs to over 20,000 Pennsylvanians and brings in revenue of over 500,000,000 dollars. There is no doubt that industry is an important part of our economy. However, the rush to grow it has led to an oversight of the environmental impact to surrounding communities. I would like to see emphasis put into predicting the ramifications of business practices that could negatively impact the environment, guidelines put in place to prevent that from happening, and stricter penalties for failing to meet those guidelines. The goal is to create incentives that would make it profitable for business to be conducted in our state, but in a safe manner that doesn’t leave us resourceless in the future.
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the-above energy strategy that prioritizes and recognizes the vast home-grown natural gas energy resources we have available to us that are critical to

our national energy independence and growing our state’s economy while also utilizing the latest technology to expand alternative energy resources. Without onerous government mandates, PA has made great strides in lowering our greenhouse gas emissions. We do not

need bigger government, additional regulation, and small business restrictions to continue what we are already successfully doing.
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enforce the laws already on the books. I am fully supportive of our Second Amendment federal constitutional rights and our Article 1, sec. 21 Pennsylvania Constitutional right to guarantee our ability to keep and bear arms is never questioned.