

Voters Guide

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR

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 ONE.

All candidates for Governor AND Lt. Governor were asked:

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

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

3. 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?

4. 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?

Democratic
JOSH SHAPIRO
Montgomery County
Occupation: Attorney General of Pennsylvania



Josh Shapiro

Education: University of Rochester, BA; Georgetown University Law Center, JD
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 Common-

wealth forward.

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Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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

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Bellefonte residents vote at the Faith United Methodist Church polling location on Nov. 2, 2021.

KEY INFORMATION

- To vote in Centre County, you must be registered in Centre County.
- To vote in the upcoming primary election you must be registered as either a Republican or Democrat.
- Register to vote by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 2.
- Check your registration status at centrecountyvotes.gov
- Apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10
- Election Day is Tuesday, May 17.
- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- This Voters Guide may be taken into the voting booth.
- Mail-in ballot applications and ballots can be tracked at centrecountyvotes.gov

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Go to centrecountyvotes.gov for election information and answers to questions or contact the Centre County Elections Office: Elections@centrecountypa.gov; 814-355-6703.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The material in this guide was compiled by the candidates and the League of Women Voters of Centre County with assistance from the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania. This material may not be altered or reprinted without the permission of the LWVCC. Each candidate's reply has been printed as submitted by the candidate. Candidates were invited to participate in the Vote411 online voter's guide via email. All reasonable efforts were made to encourage candidates to participate. The candidates listed are those whose names appear on the ballot as of when the ballot was approved by the Pennsylvania Department of State.

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.

APPLYING FOR MAIL-IN VOTING

Any Centre County registered voters 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 centrecountyvotes.gov. Completed applications for mail-in ballots must be received by the Centre County Elections Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. If you are registered in another county, you must request your application from that county.

APPLYING FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

Centre County registered

US HOUSE AND SENATE

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. 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.

All candidates for United States senator were asked:

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

2. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?

3. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

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

Democratic
ALEX KHALIL
Montgomery County
Education: BS Electrical



Alex Khalil

Engineering Technology from Temple, MS Information and Library Science from Drexel, JD, from Temple Law School

Occupation: IT Quality Specialist

Qualifications: I am a Jenkintown Boro council member elected twice, activist, attorney, single mom of a dyslexic child and a daughter of immigrants, educator and small business owner

Answer to question 1: Lower prescription drugs, bring back manufacturing to the US, economic and environmental renewal. Focus on clean water, air and healthy soil. Combat climate change. Stand for Human Rights. Healthcare as a human right

Answer to question 2: Alex supports and will protect the right of every eligible American citizen to vote by mail in ballot or in person voting. Voter suppression will not be tolerated in any form and will fight for the right to vote. Alex supports stiff penalties for those who try to suppress the vote. Voting is a part of democracy and should be protected.

Answer to question 3: Stop the confiscation of Native American lands by mining companies. Support regenerative farming to prevent runoff that can harm PA waterways. Alex supports providing tax credits to farmers who switch to regenerative farming. Provide more regulation and oversight on all mining to ensure protection of waterways. Currently

\$15 billion worth of mine reclamation yet to be completed in PA. Convert old coal mines to geothermal systems. Convert old coal power plants to battery storage facilities. Ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to clean drinking water. Stop pipeline construction near fresh water and all water ways, schools, homes and parks. Require Methane capping for gas and oil wells.

Answer to question 4: We need a Marshall Plan for the United States not endless wars. Over the last 50 years our foreign policy has cost us the opportunity to ensure the economic security of the American people. Stop supporting brutal dictatorships and focus on fighting poverty and promoting peace worldwide. Alex opposes all dictatorships and encourages and supports fair elections around the world. Alex supports the boycott of any country that utilizes child labor or benefits from child labor. The US must speak out in support of political prisoners around the world including the Uyghurs and Tibetans of China. Alex supports the boycott of products from any company, state or country that profits from human suffering.

Website: www.alexkhalilforussenate.com

Democratic
CONOR LAMB
Allegheny County

Education: BA, University of Pennsylvania; JD, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Occupation: U.S. Representative, PA-17

Qualifications: U.S. Marine 2009-2013; Asst. U.S. Attorney 2013-2017; U.S. Representative, 2018-current

Answer to question 1: My



Conor Lamb

first priority is to do my part to help protect our democracy. That starts, I believe, with eliminating the filibuster so that we can pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act. I will also work to pass the many other important bills that we've passed in the House — including to raise the minimum wage, protect the right to choose, cut prescription drug prices, prevent gun violence, and Build Back Better, among others.

Answer to question 2: I will vote to eliminate the filibuster and to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act, as I have in the House, so that we can prevent states from passing the kind of discriminatory voting restrictions that we're seeing come out of Republican state legislatures across the country. I will also continue working to reform our campaign finance laws.

Answer to question 3: The world emits 51 billion tons of greenhouse gases each year, and we need to get to zero by 2050 to avoid the worst effects of climate change. I support a comprehensive plan to accomplish that, and a flexible energy policy that invests in several different energy sources. I believe natural gas has a role to play as a bridge fuel as we continue to expand renewable energy sources and develop the technology we need to store renewable energy at grid scale. In the House, I helped increase research funds for solar and

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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.

Answer to question 3: Throughout my entire career, I have worked to defend Pennsylvanians' constitutional right to clean air and pure water — and as Governor, I will 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.

Answer to question 4: 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.

Republican
LOU BARETTA
Luzerne County
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Republican
DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO
Franklin County



Education: PhD, History; Masters Strategic Intelligence; Masters Airpower Theory; Masters Military Operational Art; Masters Strategic Studies, Bachelor of Arts, History

Occupation: Senator
Qualifications: 1986-Commissioned in the US 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)

Answer to question 1: Infrastructure, Energy Production, Road / Transportation Improvements, School Choice, the Right to Life

Answer to question 2: Voter ID, Poll Watcher Protection, Increased Penalties for violating voting law, Repeal Act 77

Answer to question 3: I'm an Eagle Scout and respect the environment — we are stewards of the land

Answer to question 4: Uphold the constitutional protections delineated in our state and federal constitutions

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Republican
NCHE ZAMA
Northampton County
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Website:

www.zamaforpa.com
Republican
DAVE WHITE
Delaware County
Did not respond
Website: www.davewhiteforgovernor.com



Melissa Hart

Republican
MELISSA HART
Allegheny County
Education: J.D. University of Pittsburgh, B.A. Washington & Jefferson College
Occupation: Attorney and Consultant
Qualifications: Attorney and former State Senator and Congresswoman with significant accomplishments and coalition building as a Republican from a Democratic district

Answer to question 1: Cut bureaucracy, end regulatory overreach, and work with the legislature to effect change — cut out excessive use of executive orders and constitutional amendments. Have respect for the process developed by the Founders.

Answer to question 2: Repeal Act 77 and clarify that our voting system be compliant with the PA constitution allowing for voting on election day in person and also by absentee ballot for voters who qualify, to be received by mail or delivery by the voter by election day at the board of elections with an absentee ballot that a voter must apply for in advance, voter ID must be instituted. No delivery other than by the voter or by the post office should be permitted, that is no "drop boxes" or other places that are not secure.

Answer to question 3: Enforce regulations that are designed to allow development and industry with an eye to long term impact on air water and the environment. We must balance our responsibilities to maintain our beautiful state with the people's needs for a robust economic environment. If we do this, we will see more advances in clean energy production and environmentally sensitive development because Pennsylvanians will be able to create and develop new technologies with resources from a robust economic environment.

Answer to question 4: I support the 2nd amendment and a citizen's rights to own firearms. Communities and organizations offer safety courses for young and old all over the commonwealth. I am supportive of these and have participated in them.

PA currently has laws requiring background checks.

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Republican
BILL McSWAIN
Chester County
Did not respond
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Republican
CHARLIE GEROW
Cumberland County
Education: JD Villanova Law School



Charlie Gerow

Occupation: Businessman
Qualifications: Business owner, vice chairman of CPAC

Answer to question 1: My priorities will be a thriving economy, a great education system and election integrity. I will do as I have always done, building coalitions and finding common ground to find winning solutions to the challenges we face.

Answer to question 2: I would sign a law to repeal Act 77. I will appoint a Secretary of the Commonwealth who is both experienced in conducting elections and fully com-

mitted to the rule of law.

Answer to question 3: The constitutional guarantees of Article 1, Section 27 are vital to the future of Pennsylvania. As governor, I will appoint cabinet and agency officials committed to the protection of our environment and good stewards of our natural resources.

Answer to question 4: I am deeply committed to the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Pennsylvanians gun owners as well as Article 1 Section 21 of the Pennsylvania constitution.

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Republican
JOE GALE
Montgomery County
Did not respond
Website:
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Republican
JAKE CORMAN
Centre County

Education: Jake received an Associates Degree from the Pennsylvania College of Technology and then a Bachelor of Arts from the Pennsylvania State University.

Occupation: President Pro Tempore, Pennsylvania State Senate

Qualifications: Dedicating his life to public service, Jake built a reputation as a champion for personal freedoms, education, creating jobs, public safety and as a strong fiscal watchdog for Pennsylvania taxpayers, defeating all of Tom Wolf's tax increases.

Campaign Website: www.cormanforpa.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CormanForPA
Twitter: twitter.com/CormanForPA

Answer to question 1: Election reform, education, jobs and public safety. I have a track record of working with members of my own party and Democrats to forge compromise. As Americans, we must be committed to a government that seeks compromise, while also fighting for what we believe to be right. I've been able to help Pennsylvania make historic investments in the education of our children, while defeating tax increases that would hurt working families. We negotiated my pension reform bill with a Democrat governor but defeated tax increase proposals. We can't be ruled by partisanship and talking points; we have to be willing to roll up our sleeves and get things done. When I'm governor, I'll get to work immediately with our legislature and put people first.

Answer to question 2: If we don't have faith in our elections, we have nothing. That's why I launched our review of the 2020 election in a transparent fashion. Gov. Tom Wolf ignored Act 77 by giving illegal, last-second directions to county voting offices on mail-in ballots. This behavior led two counties in one senatorial district to tabulate votes differently and change the outcome of an election. Our Supreme Court, outside of their judicial mandate, added unsecured ballot drop boxes. As governor, I will support reform legislation that eliminates drop boxes, institutes photo ID requirements, and ends what has been a disastrous, no-excuse mail-in-ballot program.

Answer to question 3: I have a strong track record of supporting our environment and natural resources, namely Pennsylvania's landmark Growing Greener program. In June 2002, we doubled the funding to over a half billion dollars. In doing so, we've cleaned up abandoned mines; funded local parks and trails; expanded farmland

preservation and protected some of Pennsylvania's most beautiful open spaces. I believe we have a responsibility to be guardians of our natural resources.

Answer to question 4: Further gun control measures concentrate more power in the hands of government. If we go down the path of giving government more authority to decide who can and cannot possess a firearm, that's a slippery slope that could seriously erode our Second Amendment rights. We all want safer streets and safer communities. Our prosecutors must be committed to prosecuting criminals who commit crimes with guns, not let them walk free like we're seeing in Philadelphia with District Attorney Larry Krasner and his soft-on-crime mentality.

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 ONE.
Candidates for Lt. Governor were asked the same questions as the candidates for Governor.

Democratic
AUSTIN DAVIS
Allegheny County
Did not respond
Website:
joshshapiro.org/austin/

Democratic
RAY SOSA
Montgomery County
Education: Leadership Certified, Harvard University. BS in Business Administration. Insurance licensed in all 50 states (8 lines of authority)



Ray Sosa

Occupation: Consultant to Management

Qualifications: Ray has been appointed by three different US Governors to lead districts in coordinating Emergency Management Response. Ray was the Chairman of the Governor's Human Rights Advocacy Committee for 10 years, fighting for hospitals, juvenile justice centers, foster care, equality, and nursing homes.

Answer to question 1: Criminal Justice Reform, have a fairer bond regulation that does not impact our minority, and indigent population, and meritory commutations of sentences with a path to rehabilitation. Revamping our emergency response system and infrastructure to withstand a natural disaster due to climate change. I have 15 years of experience reaching across the aisle to get legislation signed into law. As the future president of PA senate, I would be the peacekeeper of the senate. Keeping in mind that the PA Lt. Governor is the Lt. Governor for everyone, there are plenty of opportunities to create good will if I allow everyone regardless of political party to share their points and voice their opinions.

That's how you get things done!

Answer to question 2: There is a growing trend in PA where electoral maps are being challenged and redrawn to benefit only one party. There is also a trend to restrict the manner in which you choose to cast your vote. I would oppose any law that seeks to limit voting rights or represents an attempt at voter suppression. Our focus must be in facilitation and extending our voting options to defend our constitutional right to cast our vote. This is regardless of the party you belong to.

Answer to question 3: I believe that our incumbents have not paid any attention to our air and water quality for the last 10 years, at least. The water quality in most of our major cities is deplorable and as a result the air quality is disastrous as well. It has come to a point that most water resources are unusable and represent a threat to the health of the population. I would support legislation that aggressively imposes fines for polluters in the state. I would also support funding for programs that actively reverse the damage. I consider this well within the duties of the Lt. Governor as the chair for the Emergency Management Commission for the state. Our water and air quality is an emergency and it should be treated as such.

Answer to question 4: I believe that while we all have the right to bear arms, it should be contingent on a background check to assess criminal or violent behavior history. I am a firm believer in keeping military style weapons away from the general population, banning "Ghost Guns" and any attachments that could be used to make a regular weapon automatic. Firearms safety courses should be mandatory and we should eliminate the "Gun Show Loop". As a society we must balance the rights of our community with the safety of our people.

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Democratic
BRIAN SIMS
Philadelphia County

Education: J.D. in International and Comparative Law, Michigan State University College of Law; B.S., Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania



Brian Sims

Occupation: Pennsylvania State House Representative (D-182)

Qualifications: I've served as a PA Rep. for a decade. I worked as a disability and civil rights attorney and served as staff counsel at the Philadelphia Bar Association. I also served as the president of the board of directors of Equality Pennsylvania and as the chairman of Gay and Lesbian Lawyers of Philadelphia.

Answer to question 1: The Lt. Governor serves as the President of the Pennsylvania Senate and chairs the Board of Pardons. Pennsylvania needs a progressive President of the Senate who knows how to operate in, under, and around Republican rules to stop the onslaught of bigoted and discriminatory legislation from advancing and promote the passage of equity-focused legislation. I will be the first civil rights attorney to chair the Board of Pardons and will work towards decarceration. Our state has unjustly imprisoned far too many individuals, and while the deeply racist and classist roots of our criminal justice system make reforming it impossible, the Board of Pardons is one of the few places where we can bring justice to those who are falsely imprisoned.

Answer to question 2: I've spent a decade fighting for legislation to ensure access to the ballot for all. I'm a member of the State Government committee — the committee that passes laws regarding elections — and I've sponsored legislation to create early voting, expand vote by mail, and make registration easier. I'm the prime sponsor of a package of bills that aim to make voting more accessible for returning citizens. As Lt. Governor I'll stand against voter suppression laws that come through the Senate and will use the statewide platform to push for early voting, automatic voter registration, election day as a public holiday, and the re-enfranchisement of returning citizens. I'll do everything in my power to protect and expand voting rights for all Pennsylvanians.

Answer to question 3: I am the only candidate in the race for Lt. Governor that is against fracking. Pennsylvanians deserve clean air and water, and the continuation of fracking in our Commonwealth is in direct opposition to that goal. I am the proud sponsor of HB 100 which aims to transition Pennsylvania to one hundred percent renewable energy by 2050. Our state needs to invest in renewable energy sources and green infrastructure in order to complete the transition away from fossil fuel dependence. As Lt. Governor, I will work with Democratic leaders in the Senate and the Governor to eliminate fracking in the Commonwealth and pass necessary legislation like HB100 that will transition Pennsylvania to one hundred percent renewable energy sources.

Answer to question 4: With a gun violence epidemic affecting families across Pennsylvania, we desperately need comprehensive background checks and safety training. I support the enforcement of red flag laws, lost-gun reporting laws, eliminating straw purchases, and comprehensive background checks to decrease the likelihood that guns fall into the wrong hands. I am the prime sponsor of HB393 which would only allow licensed firearms dealers to sell ammunition and businesses to use existing licenses to sell both firearms and ammunition. Nearby states have passed such laws, and there is no reason Pennsylvania cannot do the same. As Lt. Governor, I will work with members of our legislature to curb gun violence so that our Commonwealth is a safer place for all.

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Republican
CLARICE SCHILLINGER

Montgomery County
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Website:
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Republican
JAMES EARL JONES
Montgomery County
Education: BS/MBA

Occupation: Petroleum Consultant
Qualifications: Military Retired/Businessman

Answer to question 1: I would prioritize legislation and laws to focus on the economy, environment, education and energy programs. Economy: use various measures to control and regulate both private and public sectors. Environment: support legislation to protect jobs and industry while reducing threats to the environment and increasing public health. Education: allow for school choice in providing for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education. Energy: sup-

James Earl Jones

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wind, as well as for modernizing the grid. I also passed a law to reinstate tough methane standards. And I support major investments in carbon and methane capture technology. You can read more about my plan at <https://conorlamb.com>

Answer to question 4: That's a very broad question, particularly when there are so many challenges to the international community right now, and different challenges require very different responses. In general, I think it is important for the U.S. to stay actively engaged with the rest of the world, to play the leading role in building international coalitions to confront problems like climate change and COVID that affect all of us, and to support democracies and promote peace and human and civil rights wherever they are threatened.

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Democratic
MALCOLM KEN-YATTA

Philadelphia County
Education: Bachelors - Temple University, Masters - Drexel University

Occupation: Representative in Pennsylvania General Assembly

Answer to question 1: I'm in this race to make sure

the basic bargain is accessible to all folks, good jobs backed by a union, the ability to go to the doctor and to afford the prescription you may need and to go to a safe school and get an education.

Answer to question 2: The insurrection on January 6, where armed white supremacists tried to execute elected officials to forcibly overturn the certified results of a fair

and free election, has already begun inspiring lawmakers throughout the US to make it harder for marginalized communities to vote. 48 states, including Pennsylvania, have introduced or passed oppressive voting bills that restrict access to the ballot box. Increased voting by mail allowed a surge in democratic participation across communities and demographics in 2020. I have outlined an 8 point plan for protecting our democracy and moving forward legislation that matters here.

https://malcolmforpa.medium.com/a-new-day-for-american-democracy-an-eight-point-plan-24bd7f32f324

Answer to question 3: Our planet is rapidly approaching the point of no return as global temperatures continue to rise. The United States must lead the world in responding to the climate crisis on the scale, scope, and urgency this moment requires. But climate justice isn't limited to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. That means we need a moratorium on new fracking and to end tax breaks to oil and gas giants, shifting our resources to fund a just transition and investments in green energy technology so Pennsylvania remains an energy leader. Climate justice means investment in green union jobs for workers leaving the fossil fuel industry, accountability for the communities poisoned by fossil fuel extraction, and innovation.

Answer to question 4: The US must continue to protect our NATO allies, Israel, and other major non-NATO allies across the world.

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Democratic
JOHN FETTERMAN
Allegheny County

Education: Albright College, B.S. 1991 University of Connecticut., M.B.A. 1993 Harvard University Kennedy



John Fetterman

School, M.P.P. 199
Occupation: Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania
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

Answer to question 1: 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. 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.

Answer to question 2: 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.

Answer to question 3: 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.

Answer to question 4: I am very happy that President Biden is rebuilding the US'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.

Website: johnfetterman.com
Republican
KATHY BARNETTE
Montgomery County
Education: College Graduate
Occupation: MOM | Veteran | Author | Political Commentator



Kathy Barnette

sought-after conference speaker, & conservative political commentator. Kathy served her country proudly for 10 years in the Army reserves.

Answer to question 1: I will work to make America energy independent again. As your U.S. Senator in Pennsylvania, I sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that reverses the hostile environment in the energy sector that Biden and Democrats have created and reinstate drilling for natural gas and oil on federal lands. I will work to grow our economy by creating an environment where our companies do not have to flee our nation to escape onerous taxes and regulations. I will work to create an economy where the middle class are not perpetually squeezed. And, I will work to create an economy where those who find themselves below the bottom rung of the economic ladder believe there is hope for them to work to create a different life for themselves.

Answer to question 2: If the election of 2020 has taught us anything it is that elections have consequences and that nothing is more important than the people knowing that their vote counts. I will work to enforce the obvious fact that IDs matter and must be shown before a person is allowed to vote. I will work to remove dead people from the voter rolls. I will work to remove those people who no longer live in the state. I will work to reverse Act 77. I will work to make it illegal for third-party entities to spend massive amounts of money to assist states with their elections (i.e., Zuckerberg's entities spending money to install drop boxes in certain areas)

Answer to question 3: I will work to make America energy independent again.

No one is going to produce energy as clean and as safe as America.

Answer to question 4: America is the face of freedom. When we "lead from behind" we create a vacuum and as we are all watching unfold today, despotic regimes will move rapidly to fill that void. Today, the Biden Administration's foreign affairs strategy looks like a game of wack-o-mole. There's no discernible end game. There's no deliberate strategy and as a result the world is now a more dangerous place. If your concern is the health of the climate then the Biden Administration's lack of a credible foreign affairs strategy is enemy #1. America's #1 challenge today is the need to reprioritize what is important to America first. Our nation must be made strong again.

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Republican
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Republican
CARLA SANDS
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GOVERNOR

port governmental actions affecting the production, distribution, and consumption of energy in a business manner. As President of the Senate, I would advocate meeting with both the Senate leaders and the House of Representatives on a monthly basis.

Answer to question 2: To me, voting is a sacred American right. In the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article 7 is clear on how voting in the Commonwealth is conducted. After the 2020 election, I see the need to push for more restrictive voting laws (such as voter identification) designed to protect against accusations that future elections will not be stolen with fraud and against security failures. Also, due to issues created with Act 77, I would support an RFP (Request for Proposal) to address specific gaps or complaints discovered in the current electronic machines to increase voter integrity. I will work to protect our right to vote and protect our election systems from partisan or foreign interference, and help build trust in our democracy.

Answer to question 3: One of the pillars of my campaign is protection of the Commonwealth's environment and our natural resources. I would urge the Governor to remove the job killing REG-GI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) and any other obstructive legislation. Regulations protecting our natural resources must be (1) compliant with all applicable statutes relevant to the protection of the public's natural

resources (2) demonstrate a reasonable effort to reduce the environmental incursion to a minimum (3) more beneficial in reducing environmental harm than the costs incurred implementing the regulations. I would push for improving technology and educating the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) on the best measures to safeguard our natural resources.

Answer to question 4: The language is clear in Article I, Section 21 of the Pennsylvania State Constitution, stating: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned". Additionally, the US Constitution, 2nd Amendment states those rights "shall not be infringed". My position on red flag laws is they are unconstitutional. I am in favor of gun merchants and local law enforcement background checks and individual requested firearm safety training programs.

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Republican
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Republican
CHRIS FRYE
Lawrence County
Education: Bachelors from Gannon University in Social Work and Masters from University of Pittsburgh in Social Work



Chris Frye

with a concentration in Community Organizing and Social Administration

Occupation: Mayor (New Castle, PA)
Qualifications: Current mayor (New Castle), responsible for day-to-day management of employees; chief executive, proposes & manages \$26M budget; 15 years of executive/management experience; serves on executive and legislative committees Municipal League; workforce development & juvenile probation experience.

Answer to question 1: As lieutenant governor, my role would be to primarily work to advance the governor's agenda. However, it is my desire to work as a conduit between the governor's office and the more than 2,500 municipalities. I know, first hand, as mayor of a Pennsylvania municipality, that Harrisburg often disregards us. They never ask what we need. They pass unfunded mandates and leave us to fend for ourselves. I will support and push an agenda that take into consideration the effects legislation has on local communities. As mayor, I have an agenda, but that agenda is based in large part on input from the community. I take a bottoms up approach. Listen to the voters & community so they can help shape the agenda and have a stake & say-so in their community.

Answer to question 2: I support limiting mail in ballots. I support requiring ID to vote. I support auditing to be sure that we have integrity in our elections.

Answer to question 3: I believe in legislation that protects our environment; however, we must allow the private sector to tap into our natural resources, specifically our energy resources, to bring in new revenue sources and lower the tax burden on our taxpayers. I am not opposed to limited government oversight to insure that our environment is not destroyed, however, I do not believe a large government bureaucracy that regulates an industry into the ground is what we need.

Answer to question 4: I support the second amendment and am myself a conceal carry permit holder. I believe that the government has no right to interfere with our right to bear arms. I am not opposed to limited laws that are truly intended to prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands. However, I would fight against legislation that makes it hard for good, law abiding citizens to purchase fire arms. We cannot allow the minority (criminals) to dictate our laws.

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Republican
JEFF COLEMAN
Cumberland County
Education: BS, Liberty University
Occupation: Principal, Churchill Strategies

Qualifications: Small business owner, former borough councilman, former two-term state representative

Answer to question 1: The centerpiece of my campaign has been the urgent need to restore

civil discourse in our public dialogue. While the lieutenant governor's role in policy is limited to the priorities of the governor, I believe there is a need to expand the participation of parents in the education of their children, offer a renewed vision for struggling small towns, and create a path to work, community, and good citizenship for ex-offenders.

Answer to question 2: Maintaining — and in too many cases, restoring — public confidence in our electoral process is a challenge that can be addressed in a level-headed, bipartisan way free of rancor over past or looming elections. I am confident that with the right leadership Pennsylvania can do this without sacrificing our centuries-old tradition of welcoming the vote of every citizen.

Answer to question 3: As a son of rural Pennsylvania I am deeply aware of the beauty of our environment and the harm that has been done in the past exploiting natural resources. It is a core mission of government to properly balance the obligation to protect the environment with the need to ensure that farmers are not harmed and the economic life of small communities is not destroyed.

Answer to question 4: I support the provisions of the federal and state constitutions outlining the rights and responsibilities of gun ownership, which I do not believe to be inconsistent with maintaining public safety. While the lieutenant governor has no vote on these or other policy issues-outside of breaking a tie on procedural votes-I am a strong advocate for promoting of safe, responsible use of firearms.

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Republican
CARRIE LEWIS DEL-ROSSO
Allegheny County
Education: University of Pittsburgh
Occupation: Member of State House of Representatives



Carrie Lewis DelRosso

Qualifications: Oakmont Council Member 2018-2020; State House Member 2021

Answer to question 1: 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

Answer to question 2: Voter ID; Provide a more efficient system for early/absentee voting and deadlines; Voter Confidence-ballot security

Answer to question 3: Promote energy growth and independence in PA while always mindful of our environment.

Answer to question 4: Protect our 2nd Amendment; right to people to bear arms.

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Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., has sponsored a resolution that would prevent a president from withdrawing from the NATO treaty without first getting congressional backing.

Senate treaty oversight has grown weak

BY RACHEL OSWALD
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON

Pressing national security concerns stemming from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Iran's nuclear development are highlighting anew just how much the Senate has allowed its capacity to oversee treaties and international agreements to deteriorate.

In large part due to

political polarization, the Senate often cannot muster the two-thirds support needed to approve major treaties. With Congress divided, presidents have increasingly skirted the two-thirds vote by entering international agreements that don't require it. That has contributed to the concentration of foreign policy power in the executive branch.

Meanwhile, presidents, particularly Republican ones, have moved to uni-

laterally withdraw from ratified treaties, and Congress has not objected, further weakening its oversight power.

"I frankly think a president should not be able to withdraw from any treaty without congressional approval," said Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., in a press call last month on his push for a vote on a resolution he sponsored that would prevent any president from withdrawing from the NATO treaty without

first getting congressional backing. "Because treaties require the Senate to get into them, I don't think you should get out of them without congressional involvement."

Kaine's measure, which the Senate Foreign Relations Committee advanced in late March by a 21-1 vote, would require a two-thirds majority vote in the Senate or an act of Congress before any president can withdraw from the Western military alliance.

The impetus for the committee vote on Kaine's resolution, which has been around in one form or another since 2018, was lawmakers' desire to send a signal to Europe and

Russia amid the war in Ukraine.

"The reason this bill is frankly getting a full hearing and a recorded vote is because we're realizing the importance of NATO in a way we haven't, frankly, in my lifetime," said Kaine.

Kaine added that the Biden administration supports his resolution as do ambassadors from both NATO and non-NATO member countries.

"They believe it will send a very powerful message about the Article 1 branch support of NATO," said Kaine, referencing Congress' place in the Constitution.

But the other, much less-publicly acknowledged reason why the Senate is now taking steps to protect the NATO treaty are worries about what a future president might do to undermine the alliance.

Last week at a Heritage Foundation event, former President Donald Trump appeared to confirm reports that he had called into question at a NATO summit in Brussels in 2018 whether he would honor the U.S. commitment to come to the defense of alliance members if he felt they weren't spending enough on their own security.

According to Trump's recollection, another NATO member country's leader asked him whether he would defend it from Russia if Trump felt the leader's country wasn't spending enough on its own defense. "I said that's exactly what it means," Trump said, justifying his threat as a negotiating tactic to convince allies to spend more on their militaries.

U.S. participation in the multinational accord to constrain Iran's nuclear program has gone through similar about-faces with Trump in 2018 pulling the

United States out of the Obama-negotiated pact. Though the Biden administration is searching for a way back into the accord, 49 out of 50 GOP senators have essentially promised that Washington will exit any renewed Iran deal just as soon as there is a Republican back in the White House.

Republicans are also raising anew their demand that any such atomic agreement be treated as a treaty and submitted to the Senate for approval.

The Constitution's requirement of a two-thirds vote for Senate treaty approval is higher than the bar facing legislation, which in theory only needs simple majorities from both chambers.

And so it is notable that the Constitution is silent on the process for withdrawing from treaties. In the only real test case in 1978, in which lawmakers challenged President Jimmy Carter's decision to withdraw from a defense treaty with Taiwan, the Supreme Court said that Congress and the president needed to work out the details themselves.

The balance of power remains ambiguous.

"It's a gray area because the Congress wants to leave it a gray area," said Melvyn Leivitsky, a professor of international policy and practice at the University of Michigan and a former career diplomat who served as ambassador to Brazil and Bulgaria. "They want to insist on their right but not to test it when the president seems to violate it."

Republicans, for example, are insisting it's reasonable to demand that President Joe Biden negotiate a return to the Iran nuclear agreement as a treaty, even as they threaten that a future president could withdraw from it without a Senate vote.

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SENATE

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REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. CONGRESS: 15TH DISTRICT

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 introduc-

ing 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.

All candidates for U.S. representative were asked:

1. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?
2. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?
3. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?
4. How do you view the role of the U.S. in responding to challenges facing the international community?

Democratic No candidate filed Republican GLENN 'GT' THOMPSON

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



Occupation: Member of Congress
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).

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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 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.

Answer to question 3: 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.

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. 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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INFORMATION

voters who are ill, disabled or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots must be received by the Centre County Elections Office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. 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 centrecountyvotes.gov. 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 directions. Use a pen with black ink to blacken circles of the candidates you select. The completed ballot must be placed, first, in the envelope, marked "Official Election Ballot" and sealed. This secrecy envelope, then, must be placed into the outer envelope that is addressed to the Centre County Elections Office in Bellefonte. Seal this envelope and complete the declaration on the back, *being sure to sign your name and date it*. If you do not, your ballot will not be counted. You may then place your ballot in the U.S. Mail (postage required), drop it in one of the secure Elections Office drop boxes (locations are provided at [\[trecountyyvotes.gov\]\(http://trecountyyvotes.gov\)\) or take your completed ballot in person to the Elections Office at the Willowbank Building in Bellefonte.](http://www.cen-</p>
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Completed ballots must be **received** by the Elections Office no later than 8 p.m. on May 17.

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.

POLLING LOCATIONS

You can identify or confirm your polling place on www.centrecountyvotes.gov. If you have questions about the accessibility of a polling place, consult the Centre County Elections Office.

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. 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 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. 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 VOTERS 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.

PENNSYLVANIA 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
District 77
Vote for ONE.
H. Scott Conklin
Party: Dem
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 serve as Chair, prior to being elected into his current role as State Representative.

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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 Pennsylvania, 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 Yetso
Party: Rep
 Did not respond
District 82
Vote for ONE.
Paul Takac
Party: Dem
Occupation: Senior Account Executive

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

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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 would be fair funding for public education, creating clean energy jobs, and ensuring that working families and small businesses in our communities have what they need to thrive. In my business career, I always begin by trying to establish some common ground. It is always easier and more successful to start there and build outward than to start in opposition and work back toward an agreement. Likewise, my fellow Council members and I routinely work through many complicated issues facing our community — and from many different perspectives — and are incredibly successful at reaching consensus. I would bring that same process and good faith to Harrisburg.

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

A: The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy. It is imperative that we make it easier — not harder — for every eligible citizen to



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

vote. I believe that in addition to maintaining all of the benefits of Act 77 (no-excuse absentee voting, vote-by-mail, and extended registration deadlines) we should explore additional measures such as automatic and/or same-day voter registration, early in-person voting (including weekend and extended hours), concerted efforts to eliminate barriers for our student, elderly, and marginalized voters, and pre-canvassing to ensure that all votes can be counted and reported as soon as possible after 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: As the Chair of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission and an avid trout fisherman, I know how valuable and unique our game lands and waterways are. Pennsylvania has been a leader in energy production for the last 120 years, and if we want to be a leader for the next 120 years, we must continue to shift into a renewable energy economy, participate in programs to reduce our carbon emissions, modernize the grid, expand ecotourism business, fully fund programming and staff within the Department of Environmental Protection, and invest in workforce development for good-paying, clean-energy jobs to eliminate the need for fracking and other fossil-fuel based industries.

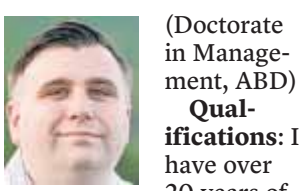
Q: There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A: As the son and grandson of policemen, I learned from a young age how to respect the Second Amendment while maintaining responsibility with weapon use. I would take a commonsense approach by closing the background check loophole, registering weapons sold in online and private sales, and restricting Permittless Carry and Reciprocity Laws. I would actively work to bring ERPO laws to the floor, which will both protect people from domestic abuse with a weapon and also decrease the rate of gun-inflicted deaths by suicide. I would also work with local gun shops, police departments, and community outreach groups to ensure that every gun owner has a gun lock for each weapon they possess, and advocate for the safe storage of weapons and ammunition.

Justin V. Behrens
Party: Rep
 Did not respond
District 171
Vote for ONE.

Robert Zeigler
Party: Dem
Occupation: Assistant Manager

Education: B.A. in Political Science, MBA/MPA (Business and Public Administration), DM



Robert Zeigler
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 Gigabit speed broadband, solar for our municipality, offer our employees a living wage and paid parental leave, and cut taxes.

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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 training 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: As someone who has lived in rural PA for most of his life and used to hunt, I appreciate responsible gun ownership. I support people first, amending rights for people who know how to properly use a firearm so they can defend themselves and their property. I do not think that a recent domestic abuser or someone with a recent history of violence should have easy access to a firearm. Our background check system is solid but can be improved. Investing in improving and increasing the system we have can help reduce wait times for law abiding citizens. Generally, law abiding citizens, regardless of party, 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

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.

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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 stu-

dents, 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 natural habitats in the world. Outdoor recreation and environmental preservation are at the core of our Commonwealth's history. We need an all-of-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 every 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.

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: Pennsylvania already has one of the most stringent gun background check laws in the country. In order to keep Pennsylvanians safe, we do not need additional restrictions on gun ownership, but we do need people to follow and 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.

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