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VOTERS GUIDE—2018 GENERAL ELECTION

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Listing candidates on the ballots of **Abington, Cheltenham, Jenkintown, Rockledge, Springfield and Upper Dublin in Montgomery County**

Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. This guide may be taken into the voting booth.



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IN THIS ELECTION WE VOTE FOR:

State:

U.S. Senator
Governor
Lieutenant Governor

Local:

U.S. House of Representatives (District 4)
PA Senate (District 4)
PA House of Representatives
(Districts 151, 152, 153, 154, and 172)

Special Election: U.S. House of Representatives (old District 7)

• UNITED STATES SENATOR •

JOB DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of two Senators from each State and that a Senator must be at least thirty years of age, have been a citizen of the United States for nine years, and, when elected, be a resident of the State from which he or she is chosen. A Senator's term of office is six years, and approximately one-third of the total Senate membership is elected every two years.

The Senate has several exclusive powers not granted to the House, including consenting to treaties, a precondition to their ratification; consenting or confirming appointments of Cabinet secretaries, other federal executive officials, military officers, regulatory officials, ambassadors, and other federal uniformed officers; and trial of federal officials impeached by the House.

Term: 6 years—Salary \$174,000—Vote for one DEMOCRATIC

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Education: Holy Cross B.A. 1982 Catholic University Law Degree 1988

Qualifications: Auditor-General of Pennsylvania 1997-2005 Treasurer of Pennsylvania 2005-2007 United States Senator 2007-Present

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: The top three issues I am focused on are increasing access to affordable health care, protecting the programs Pennsylvanians depend on, and helping working families get ahead. That means stopping the Trump administration's sabotage of our health care system, defeating Republican attacks on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, and fighting to raise wages, protect the rights of organized labor, and eliminate the obstacles holding working families back.

Q: If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?

A: The right to vote has been called our most precious right, and the "primary right by which all other rights are protected." I supported The Voting Rights Recon-

struction Act of 2015, legislation which would restore the Voting Rights Act, and I oppose efforts to suppress voter turnout, and support measures to make voting easier for people. I oppose voter ID laws, and favor restoring voting rights to people after they have served their sentences. During the Kavanaugh confirmation fight, I have been working to make clear that I expect our next Supreme Court Justice to protect voting rights, and not dismantle the tools by which they are protected. No one should be stop eligible voters from casting their ballot. Earlier this year, I helped to secure \$13 million from the Election Assistance Commission to help secure Pennsylvania's election systems, and I am working in the Senate to appropriate more funds for election security.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

A: I will fight to ensure that the census is fully funded and I oppose Trump Administration efforts to under-count people in marginalized communities. It is vital that the census is accurate so that Americans are fairly represented in Congress.

REPUBLICAN

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Qualifications: As a former small business owner, mayor of Hazleton, and member of Congress, I have a strong record of standing up and fighting for people in my community.

Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: My top three priorities are keeping Pennsylvania's families safe, protecting Pennsylvania jobs, and standing up for the men and women who serve our communities. More than anything, people want someone willing to fight for them, when no one else will. That's what I have always done, and that's why I'm running for the U.S. Senate.

Q: If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?

A: Congress has a constitutional duty to preserve the integrity of our democracy and ensure that our elections are both free and fair. As a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to make sure our voting systems are secure. I recently voted for increased funding for states to improve their election security, as well as increased funding to counter Russian cyber attacks. I also spoke out against the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision to throw out Pennsylvania's bipartisan, constitutionally-drawn congressional map in the middle of the election, creating chaos and confusion among voters.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

A: The Census is important to provide legislators with accurate information to make informed policy decisions that are in the best interest of our country. I continue to support efforts to fund the Census and ensure that it accurately reflects our nation's demographics.

GREEN

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Qualifications: For the past forty years I have worked in the energy conservation and efficiency fields, currently managing a comprehensive, low-income energy affordability program in conjunction with the six investor-owned utilities, in New Jersey.

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: 1. Remove Corporate, PAC, lobbyist and other special interests' money from the political process, to end the influence of those groups on specific legislation and the buying of political favors. 2. Generate the political will at the federal level of government to implement a transition from our existing fossil fuel economy to a 100% renewable energy economy, acknowledging the existential threat that climate change represents. 3. Reform our economic model to favor all of our citizens, not just the wealthiest 1%. This will include the re-regulation of the financial industries and the recognition that the economy should support a baseline standard of living, below which no one may be allowed to fall.

Q: If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?

A: I will fight for legislation to make voter registration as accessible as possible for all citizens, reversing unwarranted restrictions on voters. I would like to see election day become a national holiday and I would support federal funding to provide election day transportation for those citizens who would otherwise be unable to reach their polling place. I will support fair districting practices throughout the country, beginning with Pennsylvania. I will also champion the cause of providing resources to bring the latest voting technology into our polling places, replacing the existing, digital screen machines with those that incorporate paper balloting. I will support legislation to demand intelligence resources be assigned to recognize and thwart any attempts to alter our electoral system, by any means, digital or otherwise.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

A: I will review the proposed process to be used for the 2020 census, and introduce legislation that will ensure an accurate, unbiased count throughout the country. This will require a large number of well-trained census workers, canvassing urban areas, and rural districts, where citizens are less available to be counted, or are not comfortable responding to census forms. The entire process will need to be overseen by a competent supervisory team, knowledgeable in the significance and importance of accurate census data, eager to maintain accurate counts and records. I will also include in the legislation, a spending request so that all necessary resources will be adequately funded.

LIBERTARIAN

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Qualifications: Founder and President of the Little Angels Foundation. Cabot Creamery Community Celebrity winner for volunteerism. Over 7 years in the non-profit sector in a volunteer capacity. Recently appointed to the James A Masterson Foundation advisory board.

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: 1) We must address the opioid epidemic and end the War on Drugs. When I get to the US Senate, I will sponsor legislation that will fundamentally change how we view drug problems and move our system to one similar to Portugal or Switzerland, where drug addiction is treated as a medical issue. 2) Education is one of the most important issues our nation and Commonwealth face. As a father to two daughters, I am not pleased with the options (or lack thereof) that most parents have. I will vote to abolish the federal Department of Education and return decisions to parents, students, and local communities. 3) Our immigration system is broken. It can take decades for individuals to immigrate to this country legally. We should welcome those who come to the United States to make a better life for their families. Our communities have been built on the hard work of immigrants. I will vote to abolish ICE and to reform our immigration system by making it easier for good people to legally immigrate.

Q: If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?

A: I would work in the Senate to ensure that those who wish to vote can do so without any unnecessary hurdles. This would include rigid enforcement of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments and support of early voting and same-day voter registration, as well as opposition to any new voter ID laws. States maintain the right to conduct their elections as they please, but they must also abide by the aforementioned constitutional requirements, which were designed to protect the sanctity of the voting booth.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

A: Like any other government agency, the census should be held to high standards and tight budget restraints. As a U.S. Senator, I will insist that all possible options are explored, and that only the best companies and individuals are selected to partake in the census. This would include a rigorous vetting and screening process. Competition and accountability will vastly im-

prove the results which we receive.

• GOVERNOR •

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Governor of Pennsylvania is an elected constitutional officer, the head of the executive branch and the highest state office in Pennsylvania. The Governor is popularly elected every four years by a plurality and is limited to two consecutive terms.

Salary: \$194,850—Term: 4 years—Vote for one

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Qualifications: Business Owner, Secretary of Governor, Governor

Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: Investing in our Kids and Schools: I have made clear my strong commitment to education in Pennsylvania by fully restoring education funding cuts made in the previous administration, providing unprecedented support to high-quality pre-k programs, and ensuring students are college and career ready by expanding opportunities for career and technical education. Grow Jobs and Support Workers: I have eliminated burdensome taxes on businesses like the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax and I am working to grow the economy by moving forward on large projects. I have and will continue to invest in manufacturing, apprenticeships, and workforce development initiatives. Protect Our Seniors and Access to Health Care: I took immediate action to provide health insurance to more than 720,000 Pennsylvanians by expanding Medicaid, and under my administration the commonwealth's uninsured rate is the lowest it has ever been. I have also increased opportunities for seniors to age in their homes.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: I have long supported a independent citizen's redistricting commission. We must eliminate partisan politics from the legislative redistricting process by enacting legislation to end gerrymandering by establishing an independent, bi-partisan commission to create future electoral maps. I also stood up to the House State Government Committee Republican majority's last-minute move to gut and replace House Bill 722, which was intended to create an independent redistricting commission, with a redistricting process that is more politically driven. To rebuild trust in Harrisburg, we must have fair

and accessible elections for all citizens from our rural communities to our big cities.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: Yes, I have long advocated for voting modernization. Upon coming into office, I launched online voter registration and now more than a million Pennsylvanians have used it. I also launched a voter information texting initiative and a program to get high school seniors to register to vote. I also directed the Pennsylvania Department of State to require new voting machines to have a voter-verifiable paper ballot or paper record of votes cast. I recently launched a 21st century voting reform plan that includes same day voter registration, automatic voter registration, modernization of absentee ballots, campaign finance reform, and gerrymandering reform.

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Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: Overhauling governmental impositions is a top priority. On day one, I will employ zero-based budgeting, introducing a transparent budget process that will make sense for taxpayers and investing in what works to end wasteful and ineffective spending. With over 153,000 regulations and a regulatory authority out of control, meaningful regulation reform must be implemented, such as my current proposal to count, cap, and reduce. Second, I have been all over Pennsylvania and I have heard my mission loud and clear, I will eliminate property taxes as Governor. Many of our children are receiving an outstanding education, but the reality is that too many students are graduating from high school without the necessary skills to be successful in college or the workforce. We must retool and redesign our education system to ensure today's students are adequately prepared to be tomorrow's adults. Without a major overhaul, we will continue to do a great disservice to our children and their educators.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision to overstep its bounds and override the legislature by drawing its own maps did a great disservice to the citizens of

Pennsylvania. In light of this travesty, I would support an independent citizens redistricting commission to ensure that Pennsylvanians will have access to fair and equal elections when it comes time to work on maps after the 2020 census.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: Pennsylvania is among only 13 states that do not use paper ballots or have paper backup systems for electronic voting machines. I support the decision of the Department of State to require counties to replace their voting machines with systems that have paper trails. Pennsylvania has received \$13.5 million in federal funding and the state is also required to provide a 5% match to this money. Thus, Pennsylvania has \$14.15 million to help counties fund the purchase of these new voting machines. It is critical that state government make sure that counties have adequate funds available to ensure that they can meet their responsibility as it relates to voting systems.

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Qualifications: Taught Urban Studies at Temple University. Taught Ecological Economics at Philadelphia University. Founder of more than a dozen organizations for ecology and justice. Author of six books on community economic development.

Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: 1. Shift the State budget toward ecology and justice. Aggressively fund energy efficiencies and expand tax credits for solar/wind/ cogeneration, to reduce demand for fossil fuels and end fracking. Move money from prisons to jobs and schools, and from roadbuilding to transit. 2. Fully employ all Pennsylvanians to rebuild cities, suburbs and farms toward balance with nature, partly with regional credits and regional stock exchanges, as described in my book Green Jobs Philly. I will establish the Green Labor Administration (GLAD) to employ 500,000 Pennsylvanians without raising taxes. The larger purpose is to begin the transition from the Middle Class to what i call the Mutual Class. 3. Permit formation of community-based medical cooperatives, to provide a genuinely nonprofit base for statewide universal health coverage that is affordable, democratic, and humane. This is how Canada's single payer system began.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Support independent drafting of legislative boundaries. Computer-generated drafts should inform the Commission. Meetings should be transparent, with public welcome.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: Favor returning to paper ballots, permitting no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day registration. The Green Party has long advocated Instant Runoff Voting, also known as Ranked Choice Voting, to end the "spoiler" argument against minor parties.

LIBERTARIAN

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Qualifications: Business Owner, Student of the Pennsylvania Constitution, Distinguished Toastmaster, Inventor with 3 U.S. Patents, Author, Husband, Father, Grandfather, and a good sense of humor.

Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: The theme of the Krawchuk campaign is Death and Taxes. My goal is to reduce both dramatically. Under the two old parties, the cost of government has been rising on average at over 3 times the inflation rate for over 50 years. To end that trend, I promise to veto every tax increase, aggressively use the line item veto, eliminate property taxes and reduce the corporate tax. To reduce deaths, it's time to end the Opioid Crisis. Four out of five opioid deaths can be prevented by following Portugal's example and ending the insane War on Drugs. Addiction should be treated as a medical issue, not a criminal one. To help save lives, the right to keep and bear arms should be strongly supported because gun control kills. John Lott, a researcher at the University of Chicago, found that if a woman resists an attacker, she's twice as likely to be seriously injured. But if she resists with a handgun, she's half as likely to be seriously injured. In other words, handguns are a girl's best friend.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: I strongly support reforming our redistricting process. Look at any map of political districts and you can plainly see that the legislature has failed horribly in its constitutionally-mandated task to create "election districts of compact and contiguous territory". An independent redistricting commission would certainly be a step in the right direction, but there is a better, broader solution, not only to redistricting, but also to midnight pay raises, unfair ballot access, illegal gun grabs, and more. That solution would be to re-establish the "Council of Censors" created by Benjamin Franklin. The Council was composed of two citizens from each city and county whose role was to "censure" the legislators by vetoing legislation that was not in keeping with the constitution, calling constitutional conventions, even ordering impeachments. The Council was eliminated a few short months after Franklin's death; it would honor Pennsylvania's most famous citizen if it were re-established.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: There are two ways to subvert an election: Stop honest citizens from voting, and stop worthy candidates from running. To make certain voting is honest, I strongly support voter-verifiable ballots. The way they work, when you vote you get two printouts of your vote. One copy is yours to keep as a record, and the other is signed by the voter and kept by the state as the official record and to be used for recounts. The chances for hacking an election vanish. To encourage worthy candidates to run, ballot access for independents and third parties should be made equal to that of the two old parties, as mandated by the Pennsylvania Constitution, not two and a half to thirty-three times higher. For example, this year I needed 5,000 signatures to get my name on the ballot for governor. The statewide candidates from the two old parties only needed 1,000 or 2,000. Is that equal? Is that fair?

• LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR •

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Lieutenant Governor is President of the Senate and Chair of the Board of Pardons. He or she presides over the Senate, but has no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. The Constitution provides that he or she shall be chosen at the same time, in the same manner, for the same term, and subject to the same provisions as the Governor, and that in case of the death, conviction or impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation, or other disability of the Governor, the powers, duties, and emoluments of the office for the remainder of the term or until the disability be removed shall devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor.

Salary: \$163,700—Term: 4 years—Vote for one

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Qualifications: Mayor of Braddock for 13 yrs - drastically reduced food and clothing insecurity - eliminated heat insecurity this year - successfully implemented community policing model Founder of Braddock Redux Director for Out-Of-School Youth Program

Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: I will be a progressive backstop for the Governor, advocate for economic justice and our forgotten communities in Pennsylvania, and utilize and transform the office of the Lt Governor to its fullest potential.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Congressional and legislative districts should be drawn to ensure that candidates and elected officials are held accountable by voters. Boundaries should protect the interests of all voters and protect voting rights, and should not show preference to one political affiliation. We recently had a huge win with redistricting in Pennsylvania. I would certainly support formalized citizen input for a more fair and unbiased redistricting process.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I support any reform that gets more people to turn out to vote, and makes voting easier. In addition to the above measures I think we should make Election Day a holiday and get more working people to the polls.

REPUBLICAN

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GREEN

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sity
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Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: 1. Reduce the future environmental damage and human suffering from climate change and the current ruination of people's health, safety and property values by banning gas and oil fracking and the building of pipelines that carry gas or natural gas liquids. We must improve energy efficiency, use less energy, and eliminate dirty energy systems of which fossil fuels are the biggest component by becoming 100% reliant by 2050 on clean & renewable energy sources. By adopting laws such as HB2132/SB1140 that reinforce the goal of becoming solely reliant on 100% clean energy we will improve our health, save lives, and create thousands of green jobs. 2. End poverty that forces people to live in unhealthy homes, be homeless, and fear that they or their family members will have to go hungry or do without vital medical/mental health services. 3. Protect the economic, social & political rights of women, racial minorities, believers of any faith & those of any gender identity or sexual orientation.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Yes. Citizens not holding political office should decide because voting is supposed to help maintain a just and orderly society and they should help decide how things should work politically because the quality of their lives will be improved or destroyed based on how these districts are organized.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: There must be online & same-day registration, early voting and an election day as a holiday. The Electoral College should be eliminated but as long as we have it legislation must be passed that forces the votes of these delegates in PA to reflect the popular vote in PA. Our elections throughout PA should be decided by STAR voting and proportional representation. New voting machines must be used throughout PA that have verifiable paper ballots and are not connected to the internet.

LIBERTARIAN

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Candidate did not provide response to questions.

• U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES •

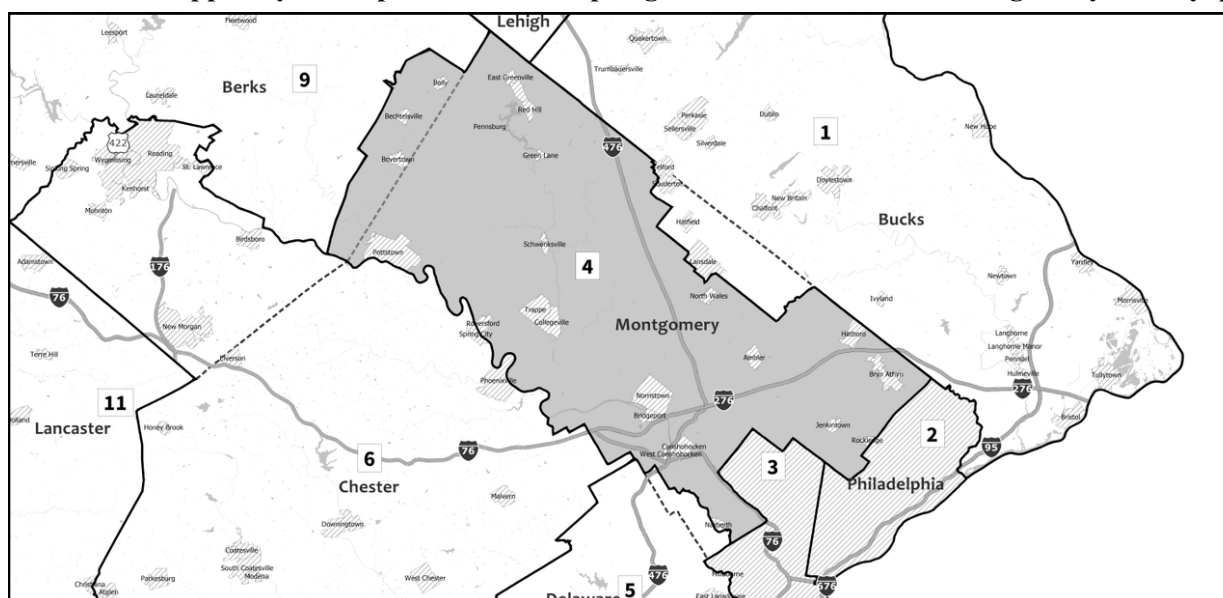
JOB DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of elected Representatives (also called Congressmen or Congresswomen) from each State. There are 435 voting members of the House of Representatives. The number of Representatives from each state is proportioned according to its population, with 18 Representatives from Pennsylvania. A US Representative must (1) be at least twenty-five years old, (2) have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and (3) be (at the time of the election) an inhabitant of the state they represent. A Representative's term of office is 2 years.

The House of Representatives is responsible for creating the budget and initiating bills to collect taxes and other money, although all bills must pass the Senate and be signed by the President. The House is also responsible for impeaching federal officials (the Senate then tries the case) and electing the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.

Term: 2 years—Salary \$174,000—Vote for one

PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS HAVE CHANGED!

New PA Congressional District 4 mapped by PA Supreme Court in spring 2018 includes most of Montgomery County, part of Berks County



Source: *Judicial opinion of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.*

<http://www.pacourts.us/news-and-statistics/cases-of-public-interest/league-of-women-voters-et-al-v-the-commonwealth-of-pennsylvania-et-al-159-mm-2017>

4th District

The new Congressional District 4 includes all of the Townships of Abington, Cheltenham, Springfield and Upper Dublin and all of the Boroughs of Jenkintown and Rockledge.

DEMOCRATIC

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Appointed a member of the Governor's Commission for Women in 2015.

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: 1. The education of all of our children. I will fight for universal pre-K; quality, equitable education in our public schools, K-12; free community college; and interest free student debt for college. How we educate our children determines not only their future, but their own. 2. Ending gun violence. That means at a national level passing legislation for universal background checks, banning assault weapons, passing lost and stolen legislation, and increasing the age required to buy a firearm, among other measures. 3. Ethical good government. Not only does this mean speaking and acting with purpose, but also being transparent, accountable to our constituents, and serving others. It is time our lawmakers serve their voters instead of serving themselves. I have taken that obligation seriously in Harrisburg, and will bring that same behavior and help foster that culture in Washington, D.C.

Q: If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?

A: To secure the voting rights of all our residents, we must increase access. President Trump's commission on election integrity was a barely concealed attempt at limiting who has access to the ballot box on Election Day. We are a democracy, a nation that prizes and relies on the beliefs of all our people. That is what makes us strong, our diversity. Here in Pennsylvania, the Republicans tried the same tactic in the form of Voter ID laws. But together we fought back that attempt to limit our electoral freedom. In Congress, I will work to pass legislation that protects every individual's right to vote, while simultaneously working to remove or prevent any policy limiting the electoral freedom of all voters. Addi-

tionally, I will work to protect our elections and our voting machines from any outside influence and tampering, ensuring the integrity of each ballot cast.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

A: The first step required is to fully fund the Census Bureau. We must make sure the administrators of that agency have the tools they need to accurately report the number of people living in America. Anything other than full funding cannot guarantee an accurate count – to the detriment of everyone. Second, I will work to make sure President Trump's attempt to not count certain residents in the census does not go forward. The census was made to ensure an accurate count of people living in all parts of the United States – not as a tool to find or scare immigrants to our country. Not only is this change a moral failing, it is also a technical one: it will not accurately report how many residents live in different cities and regions across the country, which in turn can negatively impact funding formulas for important programs.

REPUBLICAN

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Qualifications: Dan David is an accomplished business executive and entrepreneur with leadership experience in the financial and retail sectors who has spent years working to protect the retirement and other savings of American investors.

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: Economy - The most important issue affecting America today is the state of our economy. Too many Pennsylvanians are out of work while many others are under-employed. It's been said all politics are local. In today's economy, local economics are global. We need to achieve better trade deals and America's interests should be at the center of our policies. Financial Reform - I have been leading an effort to change federal law regarding the listing of China-based firms on U.S. stock exchanges. U.S. investors have been defrauded of more than \$50 billion by Chinese companies. I have lobbied dozens of members of Congress and the Senate to fix this issue in order to safeguard our retirement and other savings. Healthcare - As a small business owner and consumer of health care, I know full well the need for quality care and access to our health care system. Obamacare has caused deductibles and premiums to skyrocket and failed to cover all Americans. We should repeal and replace.

Q: If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?

A: Foreign interference in our political process undermines our national security and further divides our country. We can and must improve our election process while ensuring all Americans can express their Constitutional rights. Too often, "reform" has served lobbyists and global corporate interests at the expense of private citizens. I've endorsed the the American Anti-Corruption Act, supporting state, federal and local efforts to reform our campaign laws.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

A: Political conflicts regarding the census predate our Constitution and continue today. We need to make this process as non-partisan as possible, which can be extremely difficult. Simply trying to identify organizations that are truly "non-partisan" causes great debate. I believe that many people (some from lower income areas) are understandably hesitant to participate in the census and it is my belief that improved technology, training and better language skills can assist in our efforts to accurately count our population.

• U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES • SPECIAL ELECTION, 7th DISTRICT (old)

Vote for one

The old 7th Congressional District includes parts of Springfield and Upper Dublin Townships. This district is holding a special election for the U.S. House of Representatives, coinciding with the regular general election. The winner of the special election will serve in Congress until January 1, 2019. Going forward, most of Montgomery County, including all municipalities served by our League, will lie within and vote for races in the new 4th Congressional District.

DEMOCRATIC

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Qualifications: 35 years as an education advocate, pro bono counsel

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

A: My first priority is stopping the Trump agenda and it's attack on our American values. My focus will be on gender equity, public education and voting rights.

Q: If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?

A: I want to expand the voting rights act. We need to reauthorize the portions of the voting rights act that were gutted by the Shelby decision. I believe in a reflective democracy, and in order us to achieve that, there shouldn't be barriers to access the ballot.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

A: I will push for full funding of the Census. We must have a full accounting. I will oppose the addition of questions deliberately designed to suppress the accurate accounting of all individuals residing in the United States such as those proposed by the Trump Administration.

REPUBLICAN

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Qualifications: Served as a Senior Deputy Attorney General in PA Office of Attorney General; Served as Assistant District Attorney in the Delaware County DA's Office, where she headed the Human Trafficking Unit in the Special Victims and Domestic Violence Division.

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

A: I want to continue the nation's current economic growth by holding the line on taxes and focusing on maintaining and creating both tech and manufacturing jobs in the region. I'm particularly concerned about the impacts that federal regulations could have on our local jobs in the manufacturing and energy sectors. As the daughter of immigrants, I will work to address the issue of illegal immigration and securing our borders in some fashion so we can focus on legal immigration. I will use my experience as a prosecutor in the Delaware County District Attorney's Office to address the issues of human trafficking, sex crimes, the opioid crisis, mental health, and campus sexual assault.

Q: If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that**our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?**

A: Regardless of whether or not individuals or foreign nations were ultimately successful in attempting to hack our electoral systems, I find it both offensive and frightening to even think that it could happen. I believe the recommendation put forward by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf earlier this year makes sense – when a county or state purchases new voting machines, they should all leave a paper trail as a security measure to prevent against hacking. I also think legislation passed by the State Senate to require an audit of our electoral registration system by the state Auditor General makes sense.

Q: What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

A: I am particularly sensitive to the issue of minority populations being accurately accounted for in the 2020 census. I am aware that some experts are concerned that the underfunding of the census may exacerbate the undercounting of some populations, including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which currently account for 6.8 percent of our nation's U.S. population. If elected to Congress I will work to ensure we are properly funding the census program and will also work to engage the philanthropic community to assist with performing additional outreach and engagement of groups that are traditionally undercounted.

GREEN

BRIANNA JOHNSTON

No information on candidate.

LIBERTARIAN

SANDRA TERESA SALAS

No information on candidate.

• PA SENATE •

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Pennsylvania Senate is the upper house of our bicameral (two house) legislature. There are 50 members who sit for four year terms. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election and must live in their districts during their terms of service. Members of the Pennsylvania Senate are, along with the House of Representatives, responsible for passing legislation that affects all aspects of our lives.

Term: 4 years—Salary \$86,479—Vote for one

4th District

The 4th Senate District includes all of the Townships of Abington, Cheltenham and Springfield and all of the Boroughs of Jenkintown and Rockledge.

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Qualifications: 30 years as a lawyer Obama 2008

Canvassing Captain Cheltenham Twp Commissioner and President of Board Married 27 years to Julie Father of 3 adult children, all college grads Current State Senator

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

A: 1. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 hour. 2. Working with the gun violence prevention groups so that they can grow to compete for influence in Harrisburg with the NRA. 3. Increasing support for education from pre school to higher education.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Yes and am a cosponsor of SB22 which does the same. We need a nonpartisan approach to draw district lines to promote voter participation.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: All of the above: same day voter registration, early voting days, no-excuse absentee voting and money for paper trail voting machines.

REPUBLICAN

RON HOLT

Candidate did not provide information.

• PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES •

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Pennsylvania House of Representatives is the lower house of our bicameral (two house) legislature. There are 203 members who sit for two year terms in single member districts. Representatives must be 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election and must live in their districts during their terms of service. Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives are, along with the Senate, responsible for passing legislation that affects all aspects of our lives.

Term: 2 years—Salary \$86,479—Vote for one

District 151

District 151 includes part of Upper Dublin.

DEMOCRATIC

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Qualifications: Former Deputy District Attorney (Bucks Co DA's Office) with focus on Special Victims crimes; current Education Law attorney; Vice President and Policy Chair of Upper Dublin School Board

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: Increasing the State Funding of Education PA ranks #46 nationwide for state funding of public education, which leads to high property taxes and the most unequally funded schools in the country. Instead of pledging not to raise any taxes, I will fight for a severance tax on the fracking industry, cutting corporate welfare, and shrinking the size and cost of the state legislature. Gun Violence Prevention Instead of empowering the NRA to sue municipalities that require reporting lost or stolen guns (because the legislature refuses to act), I support an assault weapons ban, closing the loophole for domestic abusers to turn over guns to family members instead of law enforcement, prohibiting the private sale of "long guns" like AR-15s without background checks, and "red flag" legislation. Horsham Water Contamination I will fight for those exposed to water contaminated by the US Military so they can drink clean water and walk into their doctor's office and get a blood test at no cost.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Yes, I support reforming Pennsylvania's redistricting process including House Bill 722. Having a fair and unbiased redistricting process is a non-partisan issue and one that strikes at the heart of democracy. Politicians should not be allowed to skew the districts to entrench themselves in power while suppressing the will of their constituents.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: Every eligible voter should have their voice heard, so

I support reforms including automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, early voting, and no-excuse absentee voting. We must also ensure that our voting machines are easy to use regardless of a voter's ability, and also safeguarded against hacking. Election security and voting access are non-partisan issues, thus I support additional funding to protect the integrity of our elections.

REPUBLICAN

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Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: 1. I will continue working to advance Extreme Risk Protection Orders to reduce gun violence, improve our child protection laws in the wake of the most recent grand jury report on widespread child sexual abuse, combat the opioid epidemic that is claiming thousands of lives each year, and to ensure that our children are safe in school. 2. I will continue to fight the federal government to fulfill its obligation to Horsham and Upper Dublin Townships by providing blood tests so we can understand the nature and extent of any exposure to harmful chemicals, a health study to understand what, if any, health risks we face as a result of this exposure and eliminate any local surcharges water customers may be paying to remove these contaminants from their drinking water. 3. We must continue our investments in public education in Pennsylvania to ensure our students have access to a quality education while lowering property tax burdens for residents, especially our seniors.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: I believe gerrymandering is a threat to our democratic process. That's why I am a cosponsor on every piece of legislation in the PA House that reforms our redistricting process including the legislation supported by Fair Districts PA. Redistricting shouldn't be a political process and I believe municipalities should be kept together as much as they possibly can.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-

excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I think we should do everything we can to make it as easy and accessible for voters to cast their ballot, so long as we can maintain the integrity of our electoral process. Specifically, I believe early voting is one avenue Pennsylvania should explore to allow voters more opportunities to cast their ballots and participate in our democratic process.

District 152

District 152 includes part of Upper Dublin.

DEMOCRATIC

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Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: PAs current gun laws are ineffective. Our Legislature has heeded the gun manufacturer-led agenda, including penalizing municipalities for common sense gun measures. Access to high-capacity weapons must end. Our current background check system must be strengthened, by requiring local or state police review prior to issuing licenses. Our Legislature has failed our constitutional commitment to equal rights. The majority continues to support a male leadership that failed to discipline even one legislator accused of sexual harassment, while passing bill after bill that threaten women's access to secure health care protected under the U.S. Constitution. We've failed to assure that all students, including those with special needs, get access to quality education, while imposing extraordinary property tax and tuition payments increases. State support for education has dropped drastically over the last decade, resulting in an ever-increasing burden on suburban residents.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Pennsylvania has become a national example of how not to draw the boundaries of its legislative and congressional districts. We have seen our local communities, such as Upper Dublin and Upper Moreland, divided by totally arbitrary lines unrelated to the interests of local residents. We need an independent process, such as pro-

posed by Fair Districts PA. It is time that we put the interest of citizens ahead of the interests of incumbent politicians in securing lifetime health benefits for them and their families after ten years of service. It is time for the voters to pick their representatives, not the other way around.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: Pennsylvania has a system worthy of the 19th century, including voting for dozens of offices in which voters never get information while subsidizing incumbents with tens of thousands of dollars a year. Most states have same-day registration, early voting and absentee ballot methods that will give all citizens the ability to vote in every election. We need to safeguard our election process by preventing a takeover by undisclosed and hidden forces, whether foreign or domestic. The Legislature's failure to act has a purpose, to hide special interests behind a screen to avoid public scrutiny while discouraging voting. That neglect of the public interest must end.

REPUBLICAN

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Qualifications: Upper Moreland School Director, 4 years; Township Commissioner, 10 years; State Representative, 11 years. U.S. Army, served in Iraq; Founder, Upper Moreland Historical Assn., Coach, Upper Moreland Soccer Club, Little League, Hoops, and CYO.

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: We must address the opioid epidemic - Pennsylvania's biggest public health challenge. Our approach must be multi-disciplinary and treat addiction as a disease, increase access to treatment, aggressively prosecute drug dealers, amend Medicaid rules so reimbursements can be made for the treatment of addictions, and reform our criminal justice system to prioritize treatment and recovery. We also need to address gun violence by expanding the Gun Violence Task Force beyond SE Pennsylvania, prosecuting prohibited purchasers who fail background checks, expanding background checks to cover private sales of long guns, revising laws against straw purchasing, and establishing a lost or stolen gun reporting requirement. Finally, we must im-

prove how we care for Pennsylvanians struggling with mental illness. Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) is a proven treatment protocol that needs to be offered in Pennsylvania. I have authored HB 1233 to establish AOT as an approved option in Pennsylvania.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Pennsylvania ranks third worst in the nation for the fairness of its electoral boundaries. This is a result of the Gerrymandering of our legislative boundaries. I support implementation of an independent citizen's redistricting commission to address the need to reform the congressional and legislative redistricting process. I am an original sponsor of House Bill 722 which is a bipartisan bill that amends the Pennsylvania Constitution by establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission. Such a commission would provide a nonpartisan process for redistricting in the Commonwealth for State Senate, State House, and Congressional districts. The Independent Redistricting Commission would be tasked to draw boundary lines and would be beholden to politicians, political leaders, nor political parties. This proposal ensures that State Legislature and Congressional districts are drawn in an equitable, fair, and impartial manner and would address Gerrymandering in a meaningful manner.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: It is time that voting policies and procedures in Pennsylvania, be updated to be in-sync with the technologies of the 21st century. All such updates to the voting processes in the Commonwealth, should at all times, protect the integrity, security, and secrecy of the voting process. These updates should include: 1) Allowing a qualified voter to apply for an absentee ballot at any time prior to an election. 2) Allowing a qualified voter to obtain an absentee ballot without having to state a reason. 3) Improving the processes we use to mail, receive, and tally absentee ballots, especially from overseas voters, including our military men and women and their families. 4) Articulate polling place accessibility requirements and standards for compliance so as to allow Pennsylvanians with disabilities the right to cast their vote in-person if they so desire. 5) Allowing voter registration in-person or on-line up to Election Day. This will improve voter turnout as it has in many other states.

District 153

District 153 includes the Township of Abington and parts of the Township of Upper Dublin.

DEMOCRATIC

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Qualifications: I am a practicing attorney, certified public accountant, parent, compassionate listener, and life-long resident of the 153rd Legislative District where I have served as an Abington Township Commissioner since 2014.

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: My top three priorities include supporting and strengthening public education, demanding action and accountability for gun safety, and continuing the high level of responsive, accessible and informative constituent service that each and every member of our community deserves.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Yes, I wholeheartedly support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting processes to implement a redistricting commission comprised of independent citizens. Fairly drawn districts help to ensure representation by government that reflects the will of the people and are the cornerstone of a representative democracy.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I would support any and all of those voting modernization measures to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure. Similarly, I would also oppose any measure that serves to disenfranchise voters in any way.

REPUBLICAN

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Qualifications: Committeeman, Ward 8, Abington (2016-Present)

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: 1) Education 2) Crime Prevention 3) Local Infrastructure Improvement

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: I do not think that an additional redistricting process would have the desired impact that is intended for Pennsylvania. The idea of an "independent" redistricting commission is a wonderful idea, but it invents a false narrative that the commission would be entirely unaffected by personal biases and party goals. It is better to allow any redistricting commission to commence without putting on a façade of impartiality, and rather let all parties come to a mutually beneficial agreement on how to do what's best for all the various voices of different people in our state. I am more dedicated to being honest with the voters of Pennsylvania than I am about trying to play "fair" when it is inevitable that not everyone will be completely satisfied with the final outcome.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I am in favor of requiring an ID to vote at the polls to ensure that our elections are less corruptible. I am also in favor of mandating one system of voting rather than the several different types of voting booths that are currently scattered throughout Pennsylvania. One agreed upon method of tallying votes to make the process more uniform would be ideal to further eliminate any fraudulent processes.

LIBERTARIAN

MARC BOZZACCO

Candidate did not provide information.

District 154

District 154 includes all of the Townships of Cheltenham and Springfield and all of the Borough of Jenkintown.

DEMOCRATIC

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Qualifications: Social Studies Educator, 35 years Union Activist, 30 years State Representative, 6 years

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: Along with providing the best possible constituent services to all of the people in the district, my top three priorities would be to first continue fighting for more support for public education while holding nonpublic schools and charters more accountable for the use of public money. My second priority would be protecting our environment ensuring clean air and water as guaranteed under our state constitution. This would also include holding the fossil fuel industries more accountable for their impact on the environment. And my third priority would be increasing the ability of all people to enjoy a productive life, including living wages, income based property tax relief, childcare tax credits, student loan forgiveness and the passage of nondiscrimination legislation long overdue for Pennsylvanians.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Yes, I support the reform of our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission. It has become apparent that the Legislature under its current leadership is not capable of substantial change through constitutional reform. Therefore, it will be necessary to press for a change of congressional redistricting through legislative action to impose an independent Citizens Commission. I will continue to support that effort.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I support a series of reforms that would make it easier to vote in Pennsylvania including no-excuse absentee voting, limited early voting, same day voter registration, pre-registration for 16 and 17-year-olds and additional funding for voting machine upgrades and election integrity measures. I will also support an effort to allow voting over an extended period and to make it possible for all working people to have time off from work to vote on election day.

REPUBLICAN

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ham High School, and resident of house district #154 for over 50 years

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: Government Reform This is about the people, not politicians. I'll fight for common sense, kitchen table policies. Child Support Reform, Divorce Law Reform, Term Limits, Revoke Per Diem & eliminate corruption. Tax Reform Pennsylvania is among the highest in business taxes; an economy crusher. And, some municipalities are buried in School Property Taxes. I will fight every day for fair, common sense tax structures. Education For Every Child We just need to do better. Our future depends on it. I will fight hard so my fellow Pennsylvanians reach our highest potential by improving workforce development by matching education to job skills.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: I support the position of our current Speaker of the House in forming an Independent Citizen's Redistricting Commission. We must be very careful in doing this, to insure this commission is formed of regular citizens, and not make this into a political commission.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I do believe our voting technology should be the same all across Pennsylvania, with each polling place having the same voting technology. We should ensure that our technology is efficient, secure and tamper proof. We need to address our absentee ballot voting, as this process currently is not assuring that all citizens votes are being counted in a timely manner, being counted at all, even when submitted properly. A full review of this process should take place, with both parties participating.

District 172

District 172 includes all of the Borough of Rockledge as well as parts of Philadelphia.

DEMOCRATIC

KEVIN J BOYLE, Philadelphia

Candidate did not provide information.

REPUBLICAN

No candidate.

INFORMATION ON PENNSYLVANIA VOTING PROCEDURES AND YOUR VOTING RIGHTS FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at (610) 278-3275 or visit www.VotesPA.com.

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Information Center also provides election information. Call 717-234-1576 with questions or go to www.Vote411.org.

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ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill or disabled or who 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 county Board of Elections by 5 P.M., Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018.** If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call your county Board of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. **An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 5 P.M. on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018.** Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN VOTING

Information for write-in voting will be available at the 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 Montgomery County Board of Elections at (610) 278-3275. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the county Board of Elections 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 it is later determined 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 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance in English or Spanish or 1-888-API-VOTE for assistance in Asian languages.

Forms for voter absentee ballots, emergency absentee ballots and alternative ballots can be downloaded from the Resource Center at www.votespa.com.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS

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 must 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 required to bring or provide identification.

CERTIFICATION NOTE

As of the publication date of this guide, the slate of candidates listed herein is accurate based upon the Pennsylvania Department of State's Bureau of Elections unofficial ballot.



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