



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHESTER COUNTY**

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# **NON-PARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE**

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**CHESTER COUNTY POLITICAL CANDIDATES  
GENERAL ELECTION 2016  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016  
Polls open at 7:00 a.m.**

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# CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

The U.S. Constitution requires that the House of Representative be composed of elected Representatives (also called Congressmen or Congresswomen) from each State. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives. The number of Representatives from each state is proportioned according to its population, with 18 Representatives from Pennsylvania. A 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.

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## Candidates for the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:

**Ryan Costello (R)**

**Mike Parrish (D)**

### **RYAN COSTELLO**

**Party:** Republican

### **Biographical Information:**

**Municipality:** WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

**OCD:** ocd-division/country:us/state:pa/cd:6

### **QUESTIONS:**

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Washington has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take*

*to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** - no response –

**Q:** *In Shelby County v. Holder, the US Supreme Court invalidated provisions of the Voting Rights Act, which has led to disenfranchised voters across the US. If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected?*

**A:** - no response –

## MIKE PARRISH



**Party:** Democrat

### **Biographical Information:**

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**Qualifications:** Mike served 14 years on active duty in the U.S. Army as an aviator in leadership assignments around the world, and went on to a successful career in business. Mike is not a career politician. He will use his experience to be a leader in Washington.

**Municipality:** WILLISTOWN

**OCD:** ocd-division/country:us/state:pa/cd:6

### **QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Washington has brought our government nearly to a*

*standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** I am no career politician, I am a Veteran and businessman running for Congress to bring needed leadership to Washington and continue my commitment of selfless service to our nation. Political divisiveness and partisan gridlock led me to pursue elected office. When partisan bickering shut down the government in 2013, I knew that I had to step up. The current polarizing political climate is a result of the undue influence of special interests on our political process. Career politicians are beholden to the special interests who fund their campaigns, and party leaders who have the power to direct that money. This is why we see so many elected Republicans support Donald Trump, despite knowing that he does not reflect the values of the majority of Americans, or even the majority of Republicans. I support meaningful campaign finance reform, including overturning Citizens United and establishing term limits to curb the influence of special interests as well as reduce political divisiveness and partisan gridlock.

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*Voting Rights Act, which has led to disenfranchised voters across the US. If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected?*

**A:** Voting rights are fundamental to our Democracy. I will lead the charge on any efforts to make it easier for Americans to exercise their right to participate in our Democracy. The Voting Rights Act is important legislation that has protected the rights of minority voters for generations. I am saddened that those protections have been rolled back by the Supreme Court, and

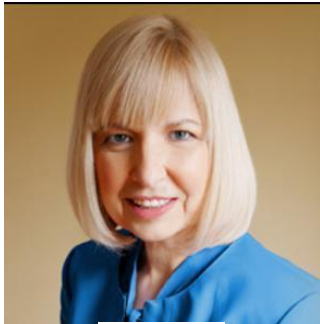
I will work hard to reinstate them. This is something that should be a priority for all Americans. I am also concerned about other attacks on the right of Americans to make their voice heard. Gerrymandering is something that we have almost come to accept as a matter of course, but it is a threat to our Democracy, and a problem that we must address. Legislative districts, whether federal or state districts, should be drawn such that citizens pick their representatives. As a result of gerrymandering, we currently have a situation wherein legislators pick the voters. This is fundamentally wrong, and it disenfranchises all of us.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

**PATRICK L MEEHAN (R)**

**MARY ELLEN BALCHUNIS (D)**

### **MARY ELLEN BALCHUNIS**



**Party:** Democrat

**Biographical Information:**

**Date of Birth:** 06/11/1954

**Education:** Ph.D., Pol. Sci., & Masters of Public Administration, Temple University  
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## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Washington has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** Congress must work with the people to pass a Constitutional Amendment that negates the Citizens United Supreme Court ruling. Additionally, Congress should establish public funding for federal campaigns, with significant penalties for those that violate the provisions. This would include mandatory television time for all federal candidates. These steps will take money out of politics and take out the need to constantly raise money. This will allow to collegiality among Congresspeople in both parties to return. In turn this will reduce gridlock.

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*Voting Rights Act, which has led to disenfranchised voters across the US. If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected?*

**A:** The Supreme Court in Shelby County v. Holder prematurely took away the substance from the Voting Rights Act. Since it did so, states have made it harder for people to vote by enacting Voter ID laws, cutting hours and locations for voting, purged the rolls, and ended same day registration. Congress must pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act as soon as possible to remedy this terrible situation. Government should make it easier for people to vote – not harder. In general, Congress should take steps to establish Internet Based Voter Registration, Same Day Registration, Early Voting and Vote-By-Mail on a nationwide basis.

## PATRICK L MEEHAN

**Party:** Republican

### Biographical Information:

**Municipality:** CHADDS FORD

**OCD:** ocd-division/country:us/state:pa/cd:7

## QUESTIONS:

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**A:** - no response -

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**A:** - no response -

# THE PENNSYLVANIA SENATE

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 next 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.

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## CANDIDATES FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S 9<sup>TH</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT:

THOMAS H. KILLION (R)

MARTY MALLOY (D)

### THOMAS H. KILLION



Party: Republican

#### Biographical Info:

**Date of Birth:** 6/19/1957

**Education:** Cardinal O'Hara High School; PSU, B.S.; American College, Certified Financial Planner Designation

**Qualifications:** I have a diverse background in business and public service. I have raised my family in this community and that experience has showed me the importance of safe communities, a strong economy, and a high-quality education system.

#### QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation.*

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**Municipality:** MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP

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**A:** I think it is always productive to consider proposals that will encourage more citizens to participate in the democratic process. I welcome the opportunity to work with interested parties and advocacy groups to help achieve that goal.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** I have always made a concerted effort to work in a bipartisan manner to address the issues that are most important to our community. I have a long record of working with legislators from both parties to prevent burdensome tax increases, preserve open space, increase funding for education, and enact new legislation to keep our communities and families safe. I have worked to build consensus among my colleagues and find common sense

approaches to addressing the problems facing Pennsylvania. I will continue to do that if trusted with the honor of representing my community in the Senate.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I support efforts to make our redistricting process fair and more transparent. I believe that reforms that ensure that the voice of all members of our community are heard are worth consideration.

## **MARTY MOLLOY**



**Party:** Democrat

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**Date of Birth:** 10/27/1976

**Education:** NELI Bryn Mawr College-  
MPA Cal State Northridge- BA Mary  
Washington College- Conestoga High  
School.

**Qualifications:** Leadership in Harrisburg will take compromise, creativity and sacrifice. As an educator and non-profit executive, I have years of experience building strong relationships with

stakeholders across a wide spectrum to get things done.

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**Municipality:** NETHER PROVIDENCE

## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF MARTY MALLOY:

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**A:** As a country and a Commonwealth we have moved to expand access to voting throughout our history. It is time we took another leap forward and made voting as simple and easy as possible. Reforms like early voting, vote by mail, 16-17 year old preregistration, and same day registrations, all increase the likelihood that voters across our communities would have an opportunity to vote and I stand on the side of enfranchising voters. Not only do these reforms assist voters, but they also provide an incentive for people to be involved in following issues and races throughout campaigns. In terms of preregistration of 16-17 year olds, research clearly shows that young voters who vote in the first election in which they are eligible to vote in are likely to be voters for life. Pennsylvania should be on the side of helping people to have their voices heard, not hindering the process.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take*

*to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** It starts with taking seemingly small steps to find common ground and to foment relationships with other legislators that build the basis for trust in the process of negotiation. While legislators on both sides of the aisle differ in the ways we want to improve the state, I believe that the overwhelming majority of legislators care deeply about making Pennsylvania an exceptional place to live and work. Building off this positive assertion and common ground, negotiations begin with clarity about those issues that are up for debate and those that are not. Many of our most difficult issues require incremental steps and sustained pressure over several legislative sessions to get passed. No one wants gridlock in the general assembly, but like anything, it starts with building relationships and getting things passed that we agree on and providing sustained focus on those items where we differ and may take more time and nuance.

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*implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** Gerrymandering is a scourge on our democracy at both the national and state levels. The term of this office runs 2016-2020 and has the opportunity to put Pennsylvania on a path that would remove partisanship from the redistricting process. Building off of what other states have done, I recommend a completely independent process by which a computer algorithm draws new congressional and state district

lines following the parameters of equal population, race and ethnicity to ensure equitable access and representation of all citizens. Once the algorithm comes up with 'ideal' districts, it is given to an independent commission made up of citizens who are neither legislators nor their staff, nor associated with any lobbying group, to approve, adjust and recommend the final districts. When left to legislators of either party, the process is bound to be unfair. I pledge to work to end this partisan charade.

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## CANDIDATES FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S 19TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

**ANDREW E DINNIMAN (D)**

**JACK LONDON (R)**

### ANDREW E DINNIMAN



**Party:** Democrat

**Biographical Information:**

**Date of Birth:** October 10, 1944

**Education:** B.A., University of Connecticut  
M.A., University of Maryland D.ED,  
Pennsylvania State University

**Qualifications:** State Senator, County  
Commissioner, School Board Member  
Professor and Higher Education  
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**Municipality:** WEST WHITELAND

## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF ANDY DINNIMAN:

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**A:** In a democracy, voting should be made easy, not made difficult. That is the reason why other states have made meaningful efforts to increase citizen ballot box access. One significant Pennsylvania step has been establishing the ability to register online that has resulted in significant new voter registration. The next step would be to allow same-day registration. Other states have systems in place to implement a safe system of same-day registration and so can we. Certainly, allowing voters the option to vote by mail and pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds are significant ballot access reforms as are easier absentee voting rules. With ever-increasing technology, the ability to safely vote on-line deserves consideration.. Additionally, I have advocated a non-partisan process for the election of school board members, not only because school boards should be non-partisan, but also because of the difficulty that registered independents have getting on the ballot. I also support citizen initiative and referendum in Pennsylvania.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** I have and will continue my efforts to reduce partisan gridlock in the legislature. First, you have to reach out to other legislators with respect and civility. You also have to be honorable and keep your word. In my work as minority chair of the Education Committee, I have successfully used the principles stated above in establishing a bi-partisan approach to education. Through dialogue, a knowledge of the issues, and a sincere desire to resolve those issues, you can create an atmosphere where agreements and disagreements are stated and, ultimately, from which constructive policies emerge. Based on my experience in the Senate, I can tell you that this approach works. Additionally, in terms of reducing partisan gridlock, the further development of bi-cameral legislative caucuses on matters and topics of shared concern is a key. These caucuses have members of both parties from both the House and the Senate who work together on areas of mutual policy concerns and develop bi-partisan legislative initiatives.

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**A:** I believe that the current practice of gerrymandering has led to the inability of the legislature to work in the interests of all

Pennsylvanians. Purposely gerrymandered districts are lopsided in terms of one-party registration, resulting in legislators who often appeal to only one group of voters and prevent seeking consensus in the legislative process. In my view, the importance of removing elected officials in the redistricting process is the main way to assure districts are established that are compact in size, geographically contiguous, and representative of the complete

demographic of a county or region. I have and will continue to support legislation that calls for an independent citizen commission to draw the maps based on fairness and statistical verification. When we establish districts that are truly representative of an area, we can increase the possibility of more competitive districts. Politically competitive districts are one of the essential steps in the election of responsive legislators who care about all.

## **JACK LONDON**



**Party:** Republican

### **Biographical Information:**

**Date of Birth:** 6/30/1968

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree, Criminal Justice, Temple University

**Qualifications:** Small Business Owner 20 years of experience in wealth management, equipment finance and private equity finance Former Police Officer, accident investigator Former World Champion Body

Builder Devoted husband and father; child attends public school

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**Municipality:** LONDON GROVE

## **QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF JACK LONDON:**

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**A:** It is critical that we preserve the integrity of our elections while ensuring ballot access is open and available to all. For that reason, I propose that voting via absentee ballot by mail should be open to all voters for any reason. This would allow for the same independent monitoring of the election that we enjoy today and afford those who would not be able to make it to their polls on Election Day the opportunity to vote.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** It's simple. If the governor and legislature fail to enact a state budget on time, they should no longer get paid until a budget is passed and signed into law. That'll solve the problem. We should also switch to

a two-year budget cycle which would reduce the politics that are played in the budget process during state election years. It would also allow us to think more long term.

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**A:** I am open to considering legislation that would reform our redistricting process. I will reserve judgement on a specific solution until such proposals are introduced.

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## **THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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 next 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.

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## **CANDIDATES FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S 13TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

**NANCY DEAN (D)**

**JOHN LAWRENCE (R)**

**NANCY DEAN**  
Party: Democrat

**Biographical Information:**

**Date of Birth:** 1/26/49

**Education:** BS, MA, Mdiv

**Qualifications:** I am a citizen who is concerned about the people of the district being truly represented. As a teacher and minister, I know the real issues most people deal with and what the "common good" means to regular folk.

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**Municipality:** LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF NANCY DEAN:**

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**A:** I will certainly support all efforts to help people vote with early voting days, same day registration, multiple options for voting, even computer voting. If we can bank on-line, surely would should be able to vote on-line. We should not impede the peoples' right to vote.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** We have to find common ground with our opposition, that is how the system was

designed to work. Finding points of interest that most people will agree on is the goal of democratic governance, and how it worked during our times of greatest progress. I disagree with extreme partisanship that always puts party before the people.

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**A:** I believe this is one of the major contributors to the voter gridlock we see at both state and national levels. We need an independent bi-partisan group who defines the districts. Making districts impossible to win is un-democratic, and more like totalitarianism. The district I'm running in is just such a gerrymander districts.

**JOHN LAWRENCE**

**Party:** Republican

**Biographical Information:**

**Municipality:** LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF JOHN LAWRENCE:**

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**A:** - no response -

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**CANDIDATES FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S 26TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

**TIM HENNESSEY (R) (Unopposed)**

**TIM HENNESSEY**

**Party:** Republican

**Biographical Information:**

**Municipality:** NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP

**QUESTIONS:**

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**A:** - no response –

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## CANDIDATES FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S 74TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

**HARRY LEWIS (R)**

**JOSH MAXWELL (D)**

### HARRY LEWIS



**Party:** Republican

#### **Biographical Information:**

**Education:** Coatesville Area Senior High School; B.S., Winston-Salem University; M.Ed., Cheyney University

**Qualifications:** As a teacher, coach and principal for more than forty years, I have lived, worked and raised my family in this community. As your State Representative, I

have fought for our community in Harrisburg.

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**Municipality:** CALN TOWNSHIP

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**A:** I am a strong proponent of open access to the ballot box. Two mechanisms we have in place now are absentee ballot voting and emergency voting. We should expand absentee ballot voting to allow for voters to utilize this method for any reason.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** If the Governor and Legislature fail to do their jobs, we shouldn't get paid. We should also consider reforming our budget process to a 2-year process passing during each odd year so our state budget isn't affected by the inevitable partisanship leading up to a state election.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** Absolutely. However, I would need to see a full reform plan before determining whether I support it or not.

## JOSH MAXWELL



**Party:** Democrat

**Biographical Information:**

**Date of Birth:** 9/3/1983

**Education:** BA in Political Sci., West Chester U, Masters in Public Administration, University Pennsylvania



**Qualifications:** Served as Mayor of Downingtown for 6 years, leading the Downingtown Police Department. Created the Downingtown Main Street Association and serve on the Board of the Downingtown Education Foundation. Advocate for education, equality and progress.

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## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF JOSH MAXWELL:

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I support early voting, vote by mail, pre-registration and same day registration. Our government works best when everyone has a chance to express their right to vote. Legislators in Pennsylvania often try to use their influence to protect their position by limiting access to voting. We need leaders to bind together and support progressive voting laws that make it easier for Pennsylvanians to vote. I will make access to voting a priority and enfranchise more of our community.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** I believe in pragmatic policy making. As a smalltown Mayor, I know that it takes all

kinds to make things happen whether it's raising money for a new library or passing a balanced budget. I do not carry and preconditions from working with anyone to move Pennsylvania and the community I represent forward. My work will focus on getting things done, not getting in the way.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I support redistricting reform that is objective and independent, changing where prisoners are counted and implementing more accurate statistical verification. Our government can best represent the people when they are given fair representation by how their districts are drawn and by being properly counted, specifically in urban areas. Voters should pick their legislators, not the other way around.

## CANDIDATES FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S 155TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

**JAMES BURNS (D)**

**BECKY CORBIN (R)**

### **JAMES J. BURNS**



**Party:** Dem

#### **Biographical Information:**

**Education:** BA Psychology Rutgers University - New Brunswick

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#### **QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support*

*increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** If elected I would work with fellow Democrats and other amenable house members to reintroduce or co-sponsor new voter initiatives. On-line voter registration was a major step forward, but not the end game in making the right to vote easier and more accessible to all.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** I would be reducing the gridlock by one vote; however, as long as we have a Democrat for Governor (and President for that matter) the majority party in the House and Senate are not taking their roles seriously enough. I'm a firm believer in "no passed budget - no pay". In light of the recently accepted budget the Republicans can say they have passed a budget without increasing taxes - which the voters should appreciate. In actuality they have kicked the can down the road and forced school districts and municipalities to increase taxes to make up for the budget short falls. I would be an outspoken critic of the gridlock and hopefully be the vocal cause that would unseat several individuals in the coming elections.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US.*

## **BECKY CORBIN**



**Party:** Republican

### **Biographical Information:**

**Education:** Chatham University, 1974, B.S. Chemistry

*Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** If Democrats are in the majority in the next census this might be okay but in actuality the redistricting should be done by an unbiased organization. The 155th is such a district where voters are disenfranchised; in one voting district the office represents voters by house number while other voters on the same street are represented by another representative. The 155th district is a geographical nightmare obviously designed to favor one party over the governed that otherwise would have similar economic and social interests if the district followed more reasonable lines.

**Qualifications:** Serving my second term as state representative; spent 21 years as

legislative aide for my two predecessors; former police commissioner, Brandywine Regional Police; zoning hearing board member and township auditor in East Brandywine Township.

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## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF BECKY CORBIN:

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I support increasing ballot access initiatives. A record number of voters are changing their political registration and registering to vote following Pennsylvania's implementation of on-line voter registration. I believe we must remain vigilant to protect the integrity of our elections by ensuring that those who do participate meet the requirements to vote.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** Pennsylvanians are tired of the heavy hand of state government, politics as usual, and partisan gridlock. The only way we can achieve real reform is to elect leaders who champion public service over self-service. We need leaders who will always do the right things for the right reasons. By putting

principles before politics, we can end the bickering and return to what President Lincoln envisioned: a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I support redistricting efforts that include more citizen participation. I also support reducing the size of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and voted in favor of House Bill 153 which would reduce the size of the PA House of Representatives to 153 members from 203. The size and cost of state government has grown out of control, and it is time to bring fiscal responsibility and accountability back to Pennsylvania. With 253 members, the Pennsylvania General Assembly is the second largest in the country even though we are ranked sixth in population. I will continue to work towards reducing the size of the legislature - Pennsylvania taxpayers deserve better.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE 156TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

CAROLYN COMITTA (D)

DAN TRUITT (R)

### CAROLYN COMITTA



**Party:** Democrat

#### **Biographical Information:**

**Education:** BS Ed: West Chester State College MS Ed: Widener University

**Qualifications:** elected official: 2006-present: Former WC Borough Council Member; Mayor; 2010-present; life-long borough and district resident; former public school teacher; business owner, municipal planning; 24 yr Bd member non-profit NGO at UN: health/environment

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#### **QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I fully support increasing access to the ballot through all reforms outlined above. Every accommodation should be made so that it is easy for every voter to be heard, to cast their ballot and every vote to be counted. Roadblocks to voting should be removed and replaced with voter-friendly options. Regarding the preregistration of 16 and 17 year olds, I would support preregistration and I also believe it would be beneficial to provide civics instruction in schools relative to voter registration, rights and responsibilities for 16 year olds. I recommend "Civics and You; Your Key to

PA Local Government", an excellent free online book about civics for high school students to use in Civics courses. Civics and You is a project of the PA Municipal League with funding from PA DCED. Regarding same day registration, I support this option for the General Election.

*Q: Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** Partisan gridlock prevents our legislators from doing their jobs! A good start at reducing gridlock would be redistricting reform and electing candidates who listen to the people and are practiced in the art of compromise. Gerrymandered districts protect incumbents, and their political party with disregard for the people! When I was first running for mayor, I asked Mayor Joe Riley of Charleston, SC, what makes a good mayor, he replied, "Listen to the people." When we listen to the people, we can work together to find common ground and a way forward that will work for most. I am the first woman elected mayor of West Chester, but am most proud that I am the first bi-partisan elected mayor of WC - twice. I put the people first. I listen. I bring together people with diverse and opposing viewpoints to find solutions - this is the only way to find practical, sustainable solutions. This is what I do as mayor and this is what I will do as a State Rep. I expect this approach will start the conversations we need to reduce partisan gridlock.

*Q: Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** Gerrymandering disenfranchises and silences voter's voices. Gerrymandering contributes significantly to the selection of candidates who represent the fringe views of their constituents and not the majority. I fully support redistricting reform instituting an independent citizens' commission as outlined above. For Census purposes, prisoners should be counted at their legal home address and not artificially increase the population at their prison address. As a new mayor of West Chester, the PA Reapportionment Commission proposed dividing our Borough in half, putting half our County Seat in a predominantly Delaware County House District! This gerrymandering would have disenfranchised half of the voters in our Borough, including a large portion of our minority voters and students. Together with two other residents, I testified and fought against this egregious gerrymandering. We prevailed in our appeal to the PA Supreme Court. Unfortunately, they split W Goshen Twp, carving out a safer seat for the incumbent. LWV:Your Vote is Your Voice.

**DAN TRUITT**

**Party:** Republican

**Biographical Information:**

**Municipality:** EAST GOSHEN

**QUESTIONS:**

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** - no response -

**CANDIDATES FOR THE 157TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

**WARREN KAMPF (R)**

**HANS VAN MOL (D)**

**WARREN KAMPF**



**Party:** Republican

## Biographical Information of Warren Kampf:

**Education:** JD, Emory School of Law BS, Yale University Phillips Exeter Academy

**Qualifications:** As Representative, I have proven my ability to be an independent voice and achieve positive results for the people I serve by leading on issues like bringing fiscal discipline to government, supporting education, and reforming the pension system.

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## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF WARREN KAMPF:

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** Nothing is more important to our democratic process than ensuring the sanctity of the ballot. That is why we must be careful before implementing wholesale changes to our election system. Too often, what seem like good ideas for reform unwittingly result in increased fraud or reduced ballot security. I do agree with recent changes allowing voter registration on-line, would allow 17 year olds who will be 18 by Election Day to pre-register, and would accept certain absentee ballot changes that make it easier for people to vote by mail.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take*

*to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** Generally, I will work with anyone, of any political party, who has good ideas that can make a positive impact for Pennsylvania's citizens. However, last year's budget impasse was not due to partisanship, it was due to a legitimate debate over the future direction of Pennsylvania and how we treat taxpayers. Of course, while that debate was occurring, too many were hurt. We must pass legislation that automatically places the prior year's budget into effect (temporarily) if a new budget is not passed by the Constitutional deadline. This would ensure that schools, social service agencies, and others who rely on state funding are not harmed while debate and discussion could continue on a new budget. This year, we passed an on-time, responsible, and bipartisan budget with record funding for education because we addressed fundamental issues up-front, built consensus and achieved results.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of*



*their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** "Disenfranchisement" means to take away someone's right or ability to vote. That

has never happened, and to say it has is untrue and does a disservice to our democracy. Every eligible voter still gets a vote for every office in the land, even if some special interest groups don't like how lines were drawn. That said, there are many things we can do to improve the redistricting process, such as increasing citizen involvement, allowing for more independent oversight, etc. that I would support.

## **HANS VAN MOL**



**Party:** Democrat

### **Biographical Information:**

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**Date of Birth:** 12/15/1988

**Qualifications:** Music Instructor: Penn Wood HS, Asst. Jazz Director: Springfield (Delco) HS, Buyer/Inventory Manager: J.W. Pepper & Son Inc, President: Chester County Pops Orchestra (youngest to date), Parliamentarian: WCU Alumni Assoc. & Chester County Democrats.

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## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES OF HANS VAN MOL:

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** Voting is critical to our democracy, and access should be as straightforward and unpartisan as possible. I support each of these voting reforms, and would expand my support to making PA registration similar to Oregon (a leader in voter registration and turnout) via an "opt-out" registration system (instead of "opt-in"): citizens would be automatically registered when issued a PA Driver's License or ID card, and would have to "opt-out" if they didn't want to register. I would also like to see PA adopt a more open primary system so that Independents (an ever growing voter group) can participate in the primary process much like their party-affiliated peers.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** My goal is to view people as people, not as Democrats or Republicans or Independents. Partisan gridlock does not benefit Pennsylvanians as a whole, and works to divide people instead of uniting them. Our elected officials need to remember that once they are elected, they represent ALL members of their districts,

not just their specific supporters or party members. No one side has all the answers to the many problems facing our Commonwealth, and I will work together with all House members and unite around ideas that we all can agree on. One of my dear friends is a Republican, and we will debate issues and ideas constantly, each defending our own position. But by the end, we respect and congratulate each other on a spirited discussion, walking away as friends once more.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** Representative and Congressional districts should be an accurate reflection of the people residing in that area. Gerrymandering to gain benefit for one particular party is cheating and should be treated as such. I support removing elected officials from the redistricting process, and an independent citizens' commission could help in that matter. We need to make sure all Pennsylvanians are counted, not just people that vote or are registered. I would work to incorporate strict methods of statistical verification to ensure no one feels their vote has no impact or meaning. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty". Legislators should not feel the need

to rig districts in their favor. If they represent their constituents in a fair and

balanced manner, then cheating wouldn't be necessary.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE 158TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

**ERIC ROE (R)**

**SUSAN RZUCIDLO (D)**

### **ERIC ROE**

**Party:** Republican

### **Biographical Info:**

None submitted.

### **QUESTIONS:**

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** - no response –

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take*

*to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** - no response –

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**A:** - no response –

## SUSAN F RZUCIDLO



**Party:** Democrat

### **Biographical Information of Susan RZUCIDLO:**

**Education:** Cazenovia College, Associates Degree in Farm Management

**Qualifications:** As an advocate I have proven history of bringing people together to develop effective solutions to complex problems. I have created several statewide programs that have protected and benefited the people of Pennsylvania.

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### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF SUSAN RZUCIDLO:**

**Q:** *Ensuring that all voters have access to the ballot box is one of the essential functions of government, yet Pennsylvania voters have some of the most restricted access to the ballot in the nation. Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states without any of the following reforms: early voting, optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I fully support increasing access to the ballot. Democracy works when there is free

and easy access to vote. I support all of these reforms.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** I think the most prominent reason for the gridlock in Harrisburg and D.C. is gerrymandering and that must be addressed but in the meantime I think requiring legislators to post not only their expenses

but also their votes on their public office website is one way to hold legislators accountable and with accountability to the people, I believe many legislators will be less likely to vote in lockstep with their leaders and instead be more responsive to their constituents.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens'*

*commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I have long supported an independent citizens commission. I also support the use of computer generated maps as a starting point for maps. We must keep political preservation out of the system of creating legislative districts. It doesn't matter which party is in power, each will try to make the maps lean towards helping their party either gain or retain power. This must be stopped. I support the work of Common Cause on this issue.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE 160TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

**STEPHEN E. BARRAR (R)**

**DAVID G. CLEARY (I)**

### **STEPHEN E BARRAR**

**Party:** Republican

#### **Biographical Information:**

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**Qualifications:** Business owner for 24 years  
Elected Township commissioner for 5 years.  
Elected State Rep...20 years

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#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF STEPHEN BARRAR:**

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*optional vote by mail, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, or same day registration. If elected, will you support increasing access to the ballot through these reforms? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** Ensuring that all voter have full access to the ballot box is something I have always supported and believed in... except for same day registration and early registration for 16 yr old future voters. I believe any changes to our voting laws must contain a strong voter indentification component to insure the integrity of our election system. As access to the ballot box is made easier, it also increases the chance of voter fraud, so serious steps must be taken to protect the integrity of the entire voting process.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** I have a good record of working with both sides of the isle in my years a state representative. As the chairman of the Veteran Affairs committee I try to make sure every bill with merit receives a vote, regardless of what party the member is from and I try to make sure every member on my

committee who has a bill in the committee get a bill passed.

**Q:** *Pennsylvania is home to some of the most gerrymandered districts in the US. Unfairly drawn districts disenfranchise voters and make it more difficult for legislators to effectively represent all of their constituents. Would you support redistricting reform through removing elected officials from the process and instituting an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps, changing where prisoners are counted, and/or implementing stricter methods of statistical verification? Please explain your answer.*

**A:** I do believe we need to make changes to the way our legislative districts are reapportioned after the census as required by the Constitution. I do not believe the legislature should be removed from this process. This legislation would need to clearly define who these independent citizens are and what the process would be to select them.

## **DAVID G. CLEARY**



**Party:** Independent

### **Biographical Information:**

**Education:** BS in Electrical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy, MBA from St. Joseph's University

**Qualifications:** I have a diverse background of professional experience that includes serving as a Naval Officer, engineering and program management. I plan to leverage my

professional experience to ensure our government better represents the average citizen.

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<http://www.facebook.com/Cleary4PAHouse>

**Municipality:** Concord Township

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF DAVID CLEARY:

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**A:** I agree that Pennsylvania has some archaic voting practices. The most critical change I would like to see made is to take the “vote party line” option off of the Pennsylvania ballots. Voters should only be able to make selections of individual candidates and not have a vote a party button. In Delaware County where I live, the Bureau Elections does not even report the number of “party line” selections in their elections results even though it is currently a selection on the ballot. Along with looking at the mentioned voting reforms, I would also like to see groups like the League of Women Voters host more debates to allow the voters to better know the candidates. I think the debates should be video recorded and posted on the Internet for voters to see. As a former military member who has voted absentee while serving overseas, posting of the debate videos on a neutral website like the LWV would be very valuable tool to

helping our service members make informed choices.

**Q:** *Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.*

**A:** I am a citizen running for elective office that is not aligned with either political party, an independent. My path to get elected will be much harder, but I believe our system of government has become to ensnared in two party politics. Our state legislators are beholden to their party caucuses and the PAC’s they get their campaign funding from, not serving the people of their respective districts or Pennsylvania. I believe my skills and experience will provide me with the ability to succeed as a legislator without needing to be managed in the background by the party caucus. There is a transparency problem in Harrisburg. The discussions of legislative affairs are often conducted behind closed doors by the party caucuses. The decisions and discussions legislators need to be moved back into the public purview. I also would move to end the use of private email and websites by the party caucuses and the legislators. All legislative business should be conducted solely on “.gov” emails and websites like is done in other states.

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**A:** Unfortunately, the elected officials that serve in the capacity of re-districting need to be more ethical in their actions. An "independent citizens' commission" would not solve the cronyism that exists now because the appointees would be selected to

the same elected officials (or same mentality) that failed to be unbiased in the last re-districting effort. We need to elected independent legislators who don't see their role on the re-districting commission as a power grab for the political party. I live in the 7th Congressional District and the way it has been Gerrymandered is a disgrace. Senator Dominic Pileggi who formerly served as the Senator for Pennsylvania's 9th District was a member of the re-districting commission. He also served as my senator and from my interactions with him, I had developed serious concerns regarding his integrity. The re-districting mess is clear example of why I think elected officials with integrity challenges have hurt Pennsylvania. We need to elect independent minded legislators with integrity.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE 167TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

**JOE DENHAM (D)**

**DUANE MILNE (R)**

**JOE DENHAM**

Party: Democrat

**Biographical Information:**

**Municipality:** WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP

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**DUANE MILNE**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Information:**

**Municipality:** WILLISTOWN

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## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The material in this Guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund. This material may not be altered or reprinted without the permission of the League. Each candidate's reply has been printed as submitted. Candidates were invited to participate in the Vote411 online voters' guide sponsored by the LWVPA-CEF and Patriot-News/PennLive 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 September 30, 2016. 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 of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund.

## FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact your county Board of Elections or visit [www.VotesPA.com](http://www.VotesPA.com). The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Information Center also provides election information. Call 717-234-1576 with any questions or go to [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org).

## ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered 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 county Board of Elections by 5 P.M., Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, November 4, 2016.** 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, November 4, 2016.** 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 county Board of Elections. 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**

### **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.**

### **ON-LINE VOTERS GUIDE**

The Vote411 Online Voters Guide is available at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). Links to this guide as well as links to Vote411 and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage: [www.palwv.org](http://www.palwv.org).

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