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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
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NONPARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE
2018 Primary Election May 15, 2018**

Polls open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

This Voters Guide may be taken into the voting booth.

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact your county Board of Elections or visit 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.

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The candidates listed are those whose names appear on the ballot as of April 18, 2018. They are listed according to their party and then alphabetically.

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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, May 8, 2018. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, May 11, 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, May 11, 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 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. 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.

US Senator

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Description:

The U.S. Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of two Senators from each State (therefore, the Senate currently has 100 Members) 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 membership of the Senate 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, as well as trial of federal officials impeached by the House.

Salary: \$174,000

Term: 6 years

Candidates (choose 1):

Lou Barletta



Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Email: info@loubarletta.com

Date of Birth: January 28

Municipality: HAZLETON CITY

County: LUZERNE

Website: <http://www.LouBarletta.com>

Twitter: twitter.com/louforsenate

Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/louforsenate>

Education: Attended Bloomsburg State College (Bloomsburg University) where I majored in elementary education.

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 three 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.

Bob Casey, Jr.

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Municipality: SCRANTON

County: LACKAWANNA

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

Jim Christiana

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: BRIGHTON

County: BEAVER

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

US Representative

6th Congressional District

Description:

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.

Candidates (choose 1):

Chrissy Houlahan

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Municipality: EASTTOWN

County: CHESTER

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

Greg Mccauley

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: PENNSBURY

County: CHESTER

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

Elizabeth Moro

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Municipality: PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP

County: CHESTER

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

Governor

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Description:

The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides that “the supreme executive power shall be vested in the Governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.” In addition to serving as chief officer of the executive branch of state government, the Governor is Commander-in-Chief of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, except when they are called into the actual service of the United States.

Appointments – The Governor appoints the secretaries of departments and heads of other cabinet-level agencies, as well as members of state boards, commissions, and councils.

Budget – The Governor must annually present to the General Assembly a balanced operating budget and a capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year, as well as a financial plan for not less than the next five succeeding fiscal years.

Executive Department Management – The Governor approves the appointment and compensation of all deputies and employees in administrative departments and boards and commissions, as well as his own staff.

Legislation – The Governor delivers messages to the General Assembly and suggests measures that the Legislature may want to introduce in bill form.

Military – The Governor is the Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth’s military forces, except when they are called into the service of the United States.

Other Powers and Duties – The Governor can remit fines and forfeitures and grant reprieves. If the Board of Pardons has first held a public hearing and made a recommendation, the Governor can also commute sentences and pardon persons, except in cases of impeachment. The Governor certifies elections for Presidential Electors in the Electoral College and provides Congressional election returns to United States officials. He also issues commissions to persons for Judge of the Supreme Court or Superior Court and for every court of record.

Salary: \$194,850

Term: 4 years

Candidates (choose 1):

Tom Wolf

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Municipality: MT WOLF

County: YORK

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

Laura Ellsworth



Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

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Date of Birth: August 13, 1958

Municipality: OHIO TOWNSHIP

County: ALLEGHENY

Website: <http://ellsworth2018.com>

Twitter: twitter.com/LauraforPA

Facebook: <http://LauraforPA>

Education: University of Pittsburgh, J.D. magna cum laude 1983. Princeton University, B.A., 1980

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: Jobs/economic development; education/workforce; restoring financial integrity (e.g. No Budget No Pay; fiscal transparency)

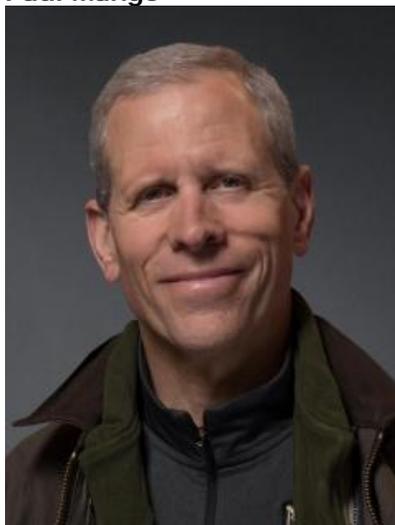
Q: *Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?*

A: I have long supported the creation of a bipartisan citizen commission, because districts should be drawn to protect the value of citizens' votes, not the self-interest of politicians.

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 the development of Cybersecurity standards; simplification of absentee/early voting; and updates of technology to enhance verification of results.

Paul Mango



Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

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Date of Birth: 2/1/1959

Municipality: PINE TOWNSHIP

County: ALLEGHENY

Website: <http://www.mangoforpa.com>

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Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/MangoforPA/](https://www.facebook.com/MangoforPA/)

Education: Distinguished Cadet, United States Military Academy, 1981; MBA, Harvard Business School, 1988

Qualifications: Served as a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division; Successfully built a \$500M global health care business during his nearly 30 year career at McKinsey and Company's Pittsburgh office; Supported numerous Veteran-related causes in the community

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: 1. Bringing our jobs and children back to Pennsylvania by prioritizing job growth in all regions in the state. This includes reducing our obscene business tax structure that kills jobs, empowering counties to eliminate school property taxes and alleviating Harrisburg's enormous regulatory burden and anti-business culture 2. Tackling the opioid epidemic more comprehensively by addressing the social and criminal aspects of the problem in addition to the criminal elements of the problem. I was the first candidate to call for a statewide emergency declaration nine months ago. We must go further to eliminate "diseases of despair" that lead to drug addiction 3. Reimagining our education system to prioritize two outcomes: are our children competitive in a global economy and are they good citizens? This involves eliminating Harrisburg mandates and re-thinking standardized testing, bringing dignity back to the trades and vocational education, and tying programs to the needs of local employers

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 model established in the state Constitution. Any proposed replacement process can be corrupted as easily as the existing process. Elections have consequences and I believe that the Constitution was quite clear on the process for drawing districts. I believe the Supreme Court overstepped its bounds by changing the congressional districts in this instance.

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: Voting is an essential element of our American democracy, and I support efforts to increase accessibility and confidence in our elections. There have been several proposals in other states that we should adopt in Pennsylvania. I support early voting, either in person or via no-excuse absentee voting. I also support requesting absentee ballots online. Finally, I would also advocate for continued federal funding for replacing voting machines that are approaching the end of their useful lives based on funding from 15 years ago.

Scott R Wagner

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP

County: YORK

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

Lieutenant Governor

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Description:

The Lieutenant Governor is President of the Senate and Chair of the Board of Pardons. He presides over the Senate, but has no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. The Constitution provides that he 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

Candidates (choose 1):

Nina Ahmad



Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

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Date of Birth: 12/28/1958

Municipality: PHILADELPHIA

County: PHILADELPHIA

Website: <http://ninaforpa.com>

Twitter: twitter.com/NinaAhmadPHL

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/NinaforPA>

Education: PhD in Chemistry from University of Pennsylvania

Qualifications: Former Deputy Mayor of Public Engagement of the City of Philadelphia, Former President of National Organization for Women--Philadelphia Chapter, Member of President Obama's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: (1) Governor Wolf has already expanded access to healthcare, moving the needle from 14% of Pennsylvanians uninsured to 10%. I want to bring that number down to zero. I believe that healthcare is a fundamental human right. (2) I will make sure that every child, regardless of the zip code they live in, has access to quality public education. This can happen through increased funding and legislative accountability. (3) I will fight mass incarceration and work with the legislature to make clemency easier to achieve, as well as end the Board of Pardons' three-year backlog.

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

A: Absolutely. Partisan legislators have long abused their redistricting power to silence poor and minority voters. Pennsylvania should form an independent redistricting commission that not only allows but encourages everyone to get involved, and most importantly, we need to actually approve and implement fair maps.

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 so many things we can do as a state to increase voter turnout and ensure that every Pennsylvanian feels involved in the democratic process. I fully support no-excuse absentee voting, as well as online absentee voting applications. I also support early voting, same day voter registration, open primaries, and funding for voting technology upgrades. Additionally, I believe election day should be a state holiday, and would advocate for legislation prohibiting employers from punishing employees who leave work to vote. Voting is the most fundamental building block of democracy, and it must never be restricted.

Jeff Bartos

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP

County: MONTGOMERY

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

Kathy Coder



Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

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Date of Birth: 9/21/59

Municipality: Bellevue

County: ALLEGHENY

Website: <http://www.electkathycoder.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/kathycodervoiceforPA>

Education: MSOL Geneva College BA Communications/BS Business Edinboro University

Qualifications: For the last 18 years I have owned a business where I help organizations develop leaders, create change, and get results. I have been a local elected official for the last nine years where I have used good leadership practices to get results.

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: 1. Leadership- Based on my experience, I will implement good leadership practices to this office and work with the Governor to set a culture of cooperation and results. We need to bring alignment at the top through creating a clear mission, vision, and plan while setting goals and a budget to accomplish the vision. 2. Accountability-This office is loosely defined and highest paid in the Country. I believe the people of PA should be able to see what the Lt. Gov is accomplishing. I would create a clear set of goals and share them with the public to have transparency. 3. Attract new businesses and work with local governments. I would use my business development background to work with the Dept. of Economic Development to recruit new businesses to PA. Using my local government experience I would help create programs to align and help municipalities save money and use resources more effectively.

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 believe there needs to be accountability in place to make this a non-political process. A truly independent commission that would have nothing to gain from the process, but to look at the redistricting from a logical, unbiased, fresh perspective. The challenge would be the process of appointing these people to the commission. As we know from past practices, these commissions end up being highly political and appointed by politicians with much to lose or gain.

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 looking at ways to modernize voting around better technology. I think our State would have to research the best technology and practices that are most secure and efficient. I'm not sure our current system is the most effective way to make voting accessible and accurate. Also, there needs to be better training for the judge of elections, local election boards, and election workers. I have seen many inconsistencies. I would like to study States who are currently using some of the other reforms to see if it's working and learn from their successes and mistakes. Without seeing how it is working it is hard for me to make a hard decision on early voting, same day registration, etc.

Kathi Cozzone



Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Email: amf0501@gmail.com

Date of Birth: September 2

Municipality: UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP

County: CHESTER

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Twitter: twitter.com/KathiCozzone

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Commissioner-Kathi-Cozzone-for-Lieutenant-Governor-275272922538004/>

Education: College of New Jersey - 1984

Qualifications: In addition to representing over 500,000 people as Chester County Commissioner for the past decade, I also I serve on two statewide advisory committees, and serve as First Vice President of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: My top three priorities are criminal justice reform, workforce development, and pipeline infrastructure and safety.

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, the redistricting process should be a nonpartisan effort conducted by an independent 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: Early voting and same-day registration are important ways to increase voter turn out, and I support them, provided counties have a say in how these measures enacted, so the cost is not onerous to counties, and subsequently to property tax payers.

John Fetterman



Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Email: hello@johnfetterman.com

Date of Birth: August 15th, 1969

Municipality: BRADDOCK

County: ALLEGHENY

Website: <http://www.johnfetterman.com>

Twitter: twitter.com/JohnFetterman

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JohnFettermanPA>

Education: Albright College 1991 Harvard University Masters in Public Policy 1999

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 Progra

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.

Peg Luksik

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: BROWNSTOWN

County: CAMBRIA

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

Ray Sosa



Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

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Date of Birth: 08/16/1966

Municipality: CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP

County: MONTGOMERY

Website: <http://raysosa4pa.com>

Twitter: twitter.com/raysosa4pa

Education: BS in Bus. Administration. Marketing minor. Insurance lic. in Life, Accident, Health and Annuities.

Qualifications: Ray was appointed by three Governors providing legislative support and coordinating Emergency Management Response and was Chairman of the Governor's Human Rights Advocacy Committee for ten years.

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: 1) Advocate for compulsory education for our prisoners and post prison opportunities. 2) Establish a permanent and reliable funding formula for our schools that protects our homeowners. Provide a safe environment for children in our schools. 3) Help for the farming community through fair taxation, infrastructure, broadband and subsidies to give our farmers the upper hand.

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 support reforming our congressional and legislative process. It must have non partisan civilian oversight to make sure districts are drawn fairly.

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 additional funding for voting technology upgrades. I would also support early voting and same day voting registration. I however consider no-excuse absentee voting risky and it exposes our system to fraud.

Mike Stack

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Campaign Phone: 412-352-0317

Campaign Email: martymarks75@gmail.com

Date of Birth: June 5, 1963

Municipality: PHILADELPHIA

County: PHILADELPHIA

Website: <http://www.stackforpa.com>

Education: LaSalle College HS LaSalle College Villanova University Law School

Qualifications: 14 years Senator from NE Philadelphia 3 years Lieutenant Governor

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: Reforming our criminal justice system to make the pardons process more accessible for lay people and to reignite the commutation process to end death by incarceration. Expanding the Lieutenant Governor's Veterans Task Force to include experts from all corners of the commonwealth and ensuring that every veteran in every county has access to a specialized Veterans Treatment Court. Ending partisan gerrymandering.

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 was a defendant in the League of Women Voters lawsuit, but I instructed my attorney not to seek removal from the case, but to help expose the secretive partisan process that produced the 2011 maps. At a fraction of the cost of the other defendants, we were successful in showing the court the partisan nature of the maps and producing our own map for the court's review. We must build in this success to reform the state legislative map-making process. It is highly suspicious that all statewide officeholders are Democrats but the Senate is two-thirds Republican. The current system is not working.

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 all of these reforms as well as the Governor's mandate that any future voting machines have paper back-up.

Diana Ireya Vaughan



Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

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Qualifications: Washington County Commissioner for 23 years, with a strong record of fiscal responsibility, and outcome-based requirements for all government programs. Washington County has low taxes, economic growth, a healthy pension fund and a AA S&P bond rating.

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: -Bringing our jobs and children back to Pennsylvania by increasing the economic fortunes for all people, in all regions in the state. This includes; creating a corporate tax structure that is encouraging, not discouraging, empowering counties to eliminate school property taxes and alleviating Harrisburg's enormous regulatory burden and anti-business culture. -Tackle the opioid epidemic by taking a comprehensive approach that acts swiftly and compassionately by going after suppliers of the drugs, improving treatment, and reinstating mandatory minimum sentences for dealers. -Criminal aliens are going unpunished by fleeing to sanctuary cities. One of my priorities will be to end sanctuary cities in Pennsylvania. If you commit a crime you should be punished, illegal aliens shouldn't be given special treatment by the law when legal citizens are not.

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 model established in the state constitution. Elections have consequences; however, I believe the Supreme Court overstepped its bounds by changing the congressional districts.

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: Voting is an essential element of our American democracy. Some voting reforms and modernization proposals I support include: * Early Voting - 2 week period prior to Election Day ending the week before Election Day for voters who will be out of town on Election Day, or those just wishing to vote early. * No Excuse Absentee Voting - It would eliminate the requirement of voting in person on Election Day if your plans changed and it would eliminate sending voted absentee ballots to the polls for poll workers to 'void' if voter voted in person. Sending the voted absentee ballots to polls can

result in lost ballots because of poll worker error. * Submit requests for Absentee Voting online via the votespa.com web site. I also support funding for upgraded voting machines that ensure the accuracy, security and reliable verification of votes cast.

State Senator

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 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.

26th Senatorial District

Candidates (choose 1):

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Education: Master of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania B.Arch., The Catholic University of America

Qualifications: Swarthmore Borough Planning Commission, 2006 - 2012 Mayor, Borough of Swarthmore, 2014 -

Questions:

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

A: My top three priorities in office are better and fairer education funding, environmental protection, and fair balanced budget.

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 our redistricting process and implementing an independent citizen's redistricting commission. There is no place for the cynical gerrymandering we have experienced in Pennsylvania. We should have fair and ethical system for drawing districts at the state and federal level and the best way to accomplish this is to have an independent 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 would support many different voting reforms including vote by mail, automatic or same day registration, early voting, and additional funding to ensure secure and fair elections.

Thomas J McGarrigle, Sr.



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Education: Vo-Tech

Qualifications: Started own auto repair business which is still in business and employing people in our community Former member of the Delaware County Council.

Questions:

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

A: Education – We need to fully fund education. I have proposed an extraction tax on Marcellus Shale with all revenues dedicated to fund our K-12 schools. I want to remove bureaucracy that gets in the way of classroom instruction. I introduced legislation to address the onerous Keystone Exams and provide alternative pathways to graduation. Economy – I will support building, construction, and other

blue collar jobs by ensuring that burdensome state and federal regulations do not get in the way of job creation. We need to hold the line on tax increases that hurt families, seniors, small business and job creation. Opioids – I am active in Delaware County’s Heroin Taskforce and the stories I hear are heartbreaking. We need to remove the stigma of addiction so people are not afraid to get the help they need, while also ensuring that we have adequate services by professional organizations who can truly help individuals overcome the challenges they face on the road to recovery.

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 we need to reform the process for redistricting, but I do not believe there is any certain way to completely remove political influence from the process. For example, the recent Congressional redistricting was established by a split party line vote by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court with the lines drawn in a way that favored the Democratic Party. While reforms are needed, the individuals on this redistricting commission will be appointed by someone, which means they can likely be influenced by the individual or governmental body that appointed them. That in turn would mean that they are not truly independent. So while I support reforms, I believe we need to be very careful about establishing the proper safeguards so that the Commonwealth does not merely create the same issues and problems under a new entity.

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 no-fault absentee voting, which allows individuals to vote using an absentee ballot without having to provide an explanation about being out of the country on travel on Election Day. I also co-sponsored Senate Bill 762 which directs our state Auditor General to conduct a comprehensive audit of the State Uniform Registry of Electors (S.U.R.E.) system to determine the accuracy of voter records, evaluate the security protocols in place, and recommend changes to ensure the database’s security in the future.

Tanner Rouse



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Education: Fordham University School of Law, J.D. University of Wisconsin, B.A.

Questions:

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

A: I want to go to Harrisburg to help find real solutions for real people. It is past time that we fully and fairly fund our public schools so that all children may receive a high quality education, regardless

of zip code. From early childhood education on through high school, trade school and college, Pennsylvania needs to prioritize high quality, affordable schooling for our children. Additionally, we need to be fighting to make sure that healthcare is a right and not a privilege. No family should have to choose between paying their mortgage or their rent and taking care of a sick loved one. Finally, if elected I would strive to create comprehensive criminal justice reform, particularly in a way that works towards combating the opioid crisis. We must address this issue from two sides of the same coin: treating those with addiction rather than stigmatizing them while providing job training and real economic options rather than more jail time.

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 it is imperative we reform our redistricting process and fully support the idea of an independent citizens redistricting commission. Districts are supposed to serve the people, not the legislators, and there is no reason the folks currently in positions of power should be able to shape them so they remain in power indefinitely. I will gladly redistrict myself out of a job if that is what it takes to give the power back to the people.

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 a large variety of reforms that allow greater access to the ballot box. I believe all states should be moving the way of automatic registration as an easy step to bring more voters to the fold. There is no reason we should still be voting on a single day based around an outdated agrarian calendar; bringing early voting to Pennsylvania would allow more people to vote more easily regardless of their busy work and life schedules. Disenfranchisement is a threat to our democracy and must be combatted aggressively and creatively. I am open and excited to hear about further ideas to modernizing voting.

44th Senatorial District

Candidates (choose 1):

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Education: BS from Penn State University, University Park, PA MS from AT Still University, Mesa, AZ

Qualifications: Adjunct professor in the Department of Kinesiology at a local university, Democratic Committee Person, co-founder and chair of Mid-Montco Indivisible, local activist

Questions:

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

A: One of my top priorities is quality and affordable healthcare for all Pennsylvanians through a fair system. Adequate healthcare is a right, not a privilege. I will support legislation that ensures every Pennsylvanian has access to affordable and quality healthcare services. Another top priority of mine is investing in Pennsylvania's future by supporting the rejuvenation of our public school system. Giving educators what is necessary to succeed should be our standard, without overtaxing hardworking citizens of the Commonwealth. I will also work tirelessly to bring balance to Harrisburg to improve efficiency in our state legislature. By breaking up the supermajority and the influence of special interest groups that stall progress, we can guarantee that our family-based values will be reflected through legislation that makes an impact and is effective.

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 that an impartial and independent citizen's redistricting commission is what Pennsylvania requires for state congressional and legislative lines to be drawn fairly and impartially. Instead of our state legislators catering to their political ambitions, we must demand that our districts be comprised of fair representation and competitiveness so that our citizens are eager to vote and to be heard.

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: Secure and fair elections are essential for a functioning democracy, and we are responsible for ensuring that our methods are legitimate. I will support legislation honoring the integrity of our democratic process, while improving and modernizing it. Options that protect ballots and prevent interference will have my full support.

John Rafferty

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: LOWER PROVIDENCE

County: MONTGOMERY

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

State Representative

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 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.

13th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

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County: CHESTER

Education: BS, Smeal College of Business, The Pennsylvania State University

Qualifications: 10+ Years Financial Professional with JPMorgan Chase Lifetime Resident of Southern Chester County

Questions:

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

A: Property Tax Relief—I have been a relentless voice on property tax reform. Rising school taxes are directly related to decisions made in the 1990's by shortsighted legislators to underfund the teachers' pensions system. I will continue to advocate 401(k) style retirement plans for all new state workers, and properly funding the pension systems to keep the promises made to current workers and retirees. Government Reform— Law-abiding citizens are tired of endless scandal in government. I will continue lead by example, declining a defined-benefit state pension, per-diem payments, a state car, and other "perks" past legislators granted themselves. Addressing Local Infrastructure—I have been a leader on efforts to fix the intersection at Old Baltimore Pike & 796 in Jennersville, and a driving force in the revitalization of downtown Oxford with the construction of a parking facility. Working with federal, state, & local officials, over \$5 million has been committed to these projects.

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 moving to a citizen's commission for legislative redistricting. I recently hosted a series of eight town hall meetings where I addressed the issues surrounding gerrymandering in detail. Many have said that it is a conflict of interest for legislators to draw legislative districts, and I agree. In a similar vein, I have introduced legislation that would put all decisions regarding legislator's compensation in the hands of a citizen's commission. Everyday citizens are increasingly skeptical of government in general and legislators in particular. Instituting these reforms would go a long way to restoring public confidence in the legislative 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: The right to vote is a paramount and cherished freedom that we must never take for granted. Chester County is one of only a handful of counties in Pennsylvania that uses paper ballots and scantron-style voting machines. I strongly believe all counties in Pennsylvania should move away from purely digital voting machines and utilize a system that includes a paper ballot. In addition to having the actual ballots available in the event of a recount, old-fashioned paper ballots are not susceptible to hacking like internet-connected or digital voting platforms.

Sue Walker



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Education: Public school education K-12. The College of New Jersey BA English/Communications

Qualifications: 20 year Franklin township resident. Educator, non-profit leader, volunteer in community. Well versed in local and state issues. Committed to putting people before politics and being accountable to constituents of the 13th district.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Pass a balanced budget on time. As the Representative for PA 13 I will be accountable with managing our tax dollars, controlling expenses, and restoring our state's credit rating. I support a fair natural gas severance tax. Proceeds from this tax must be invested in education and infrastructure. 2. Foster sustainable development. District 13 has a rich agricultural history and we treasure our farms, fields, wooded areas and natural water sources. I will protect and preserve our natural resources. Additionally, our infrastructure must be developed and managed in a way to promote our local economy in the 21st century. I pledge to invest in our future and support responsible measures to enhance our roads, bridges, utilities, digital networks and renewable energy sources. 3. Education. Public schools, technical institutions and colleges need resources to excel. Funding from the state must be increased instead of continuing to raise property taxes.

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 an independent citizen's redistricting commission in order to reform our congressional and legislative districts. Creating an opportunity for public hearings and written submissions will lend to the transparent process that is currently lacking. This process should increase the trust of voters and yield greater participation in our fairly held elections.

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's voting systems desperately need to be modernized. We are one of 13 states that doesn't allow early voting or offer no-excuse absentee voting. States that have implemented these methods (along with same day voter registration) have demonstrated an increase in voter turnout. Funding should be increased for efficiency and security of the voting process to ensure our elections are accurate and accessible.

26th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

Pam Hacker



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Education: 1977- St. Pius X High School 1987- Graduate IBEW Apprentice Program 2018- Emerge PA

Qualifications: Elected to IBEW Local 380 Executive Board Served on the Chester County AFL-CIO

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: My first and foremost priority is to be the Representative of working class families. As a union Electrician, we have played a pivotal role in securing legislation that protects workers and their rights. We need to invest in our communities and Commonwealth to create employment opportunities that offer realistic wages and benefits. As a Representative, I will support legislation that raises the minimum wage. If Legislatures can receive an increase in pay based on inflation, than the minimum

wage must also be increased. We need to rebuild a strong and stable future for the next generation. Millions of dollars are spent by special interest groups to help elect sympathetic candidates and influence the political process. Wage stagnation, weak income growth, and wealth disparities are affected by policy decisions that have eroded the bargaining power of low and middle wage workers. As a member of the working middle class I will be that lobbyist. Pennsylvania needs to get back to funda

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 would love to see Legislative district lines drawn that do not represent a partisan advantage. I believe we need to have primaries that are open to ALL voters. There should be no restrictions on a voters choice. I am facing this with my own family and friends. Although they are registered Republicans, they support me, but unfortunately cannot vote for me in the primary. Along with redrawing fair maps, we must also look at our antiquated system for the voters. If elected, my priority is to put my constituents priorities above political party. When our Legislature cannot work together, they put Pennsylvania at a huge disadvantage. I do feel that the voters are now seeing the importance of their voice in the political 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: Pennsylvanians deserve a 21st century voter registration system. Much of the many problems voters face can be traced to outdated technology and of thinking. I am in favor of Automatic Registration. Utilizing DMV's and other government agencies is a logical step giving potential registered voters the option to register or decline their right to cast their vote. On January 24, 2017, in a Democratic Partisan vote, introduced House Bill- HB 193, in favor of Automatic Registration. The bill was referred to State Government Committee, where it sits.

Tim Hennessey

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: NORTH COVENTRY

County: CHESTER

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

74th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

Amber Little-Turner



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Questions:

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

A: Providing the funding and reforms needed to ensure student success and safety. Combatting the drug epidemic that is affecting families across our state and nation. Helping to strengthen our economy so there are more good-paying, family-sustaining jobs for workers.

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

A: We need greater citizen participation in our redistricting process. That's why I support efforts to reform our current process so voters have a voice in the 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: While it is vital for our democracy to safeguard our elections from fraud, I support expanded options and access to voting. Online registration was an excellent step in the right direction, and I think no-excuse Absentee Ballot voting should be allowed. I would also support additional state funding for upgraded voting technology.

Josh Maxwell



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Education: HS: Downingtown High School BA: West Chester University MPA: University of Pennsylvania

Qualifications: Government: 3 Term Mayor of Downingtown Non-Profit: Founder Chester County Coalition to End Gender-Based Violence & Founder Downingtown Main Street Association Economic Development: Secured \$224 million to rebuild the Downingtown Train Station.

Questions:

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

A: As State Representative, I will prioritize 3 important issues: 1) Maximizing the value of education; through supporting the increase of funding for public education, development of after-school enrichment programs for K-12, seeking private and government partners for technology grants, finding financial support for special needs education. 2) Ushering economic development projects, including the train stations in Downingtown, Coatesville and Parkesburg, while preserving open space in our neighboring rural municipalities. I will make sure the long-term value of projects create jobs and represent the community. 3) Write and support legislation that will help end sexual and domestic violence in our community, including requiring Yes Means Yes rules on college campus's, forbidding the eviction of domestic violence survivors, and requiring law enforcement to be trained on the resources available to domestic and sexual violence survivors.

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've been an active advocate for independent redistricting, including signing a petition in support of the effort. I believe public policy, in order to be effective, needs to be representative of the will of the people in our community which can only be happen if the elected officials in representative government are chosen fairly by 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: I support same day voter registration, vote-by-mail, early voting, no-excuse absentee voting and additional funding technology upgrades. Voting is important in a representative democracy in order to

make sure public policy is correct. Vote should be extraordinarily easy, and 100% secure which upgrades to our voting methods and a long-term funding mechanism to make sure they are safe.

Frank Pryor



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Qualifications: Frank Pryor is a polished and dynamic professional with a 30 year track record of success in Higher Education, Government, Health Care Administration, Business Management, and Political Campaigns including serving on Gov. Wolf's 2014 Transition Team.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Increase educational funding in K-12 and Higher Education. 2. Property Tax reduction. 3. Promote Jobs & Economic Development.

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 for bills that would turn once-a-decade legislative redistricting functions over to an independent, bipartisan 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: All of them. *Voting rights reforms, including same day voter registration and the creation of new, 'no-excuse' absentee ballot voting rules, and technology upgrades.

Dan K Williams



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Education: • Biblical Theological Seminary Hatfield, PA DMin (Dr. of Ministry) • Geneva Col., Beaver Falls, BS

Qualifications: • Senior Pastor for over 28 years of The New Life in Christ Fellowship • First African American to serve on the Board of Trustees at the Biblical Theological Seminary • Community Leader working with the disadvantaged and local initiatives

Questions:

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

A: - Holding the Line on Property Taxes While Providing Quality Education for All - Promoting More Jobs & Infrastructure Improvements to Facilitate Economic Growth that Benefits All Citizens of the 74th District - Fighting for Responsible Gun Laws that Eliminate the Gun Show Loophole, Provide for More Efficient Background Checks, and Raise the Purchase Age to 21 years old

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. Independent citizens should be part of the redistricting process to ensure fair and equal elections. Recent redistricting and successful court challenges here in Pennsylvania show that redistricting by elected officials leads to gerrymandering that is not fair to voters. An independent citizen's redistricting commission should be transparent, impartial and accountable - leading to fairer districts and better representation of constituents at all levels of government.

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 strongly support all voting modernization reforms. Currently, I feel the most important is funding for voting technology upgrades. A verifiable paper trail should be a required component of the voting process in all Pennsylvania counties! We should step into the 21st century and move to early voting, and provide a secure system for online voting. Same day voter registration could be difficult to implement and nearly impossible to get passed, but I do support initiatives to allow for voter registration (and registration changes) up until 12 hours before polls open for both primary and general elections. All of these reforms should be easy to implement and keep secure since there are other states that have modernized voting processes, and we can follow their lead while learning from their mistakes and issues.

155th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

Becky Corbin

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

County: CHESTER

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

Ronald Graham



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Questions:

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

A: 1. Tax the Frackers, to improve education for all of our children, and relieve the tax burden on homeowners 2. Modernize Pennsylvania's Infrastructure 3. Redistricting: create and maintain fair voting districts 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: Yes, because everyone's vote should count; not just the party in power.

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 voting modernization reforms, such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, and additional funding for voting technology upgrades, because every vote should count.

Danielle Friel Otten



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Qualifications: Marketer - 20 years of experience in hospitality industry; Co-Founder/Organizer/Advocate – Uwchlan Safety Coalition; Co-Founder/Organizer/Advocate – Del-Chesco United for Pipeline Safety; Uwchlan Township Parks & Recreation Board

Questions:

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

A: I will fight for families' and the public's interest vs. the special interest of big money lobbyists, specifically the Oil & Gas industry, and the NRA. I will work hard for equitable, thorough and efficient

funding for public education. I will serve as an advocate and champion for hardworking people, children and senior citizens who are being squeezed by the rising cost of property taxes, healthcare, childcare and the effort to eliminate the power of organizations that promote equality and protect our rights in the workplace.

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 believe that voters should choose their elected officials. Elected officials should not be able to choose their voters. I believe that a citizen's commission would promote equality, improve representation, and build an electorate that is more engaged and trusting in the process of government.

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 measure that makes voting more accessible and equitable to all people. I am in favor of making the absentee voting process easier, allowing for early voting, same-day registration and making it a priority to utilize the latest technologies available to make elections more accessible, efficient, secure and fair.

156th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

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Education: Master of Science in Education: Widener University Bachelor of Science: West Chester State College

Qualifications: I was a West Chester borough council member for 4 years before being elected Mayor. I served in that capacity until 2017. I was elected as State Representative of the 156th Legislative District in 2016 and I love working for my constituents.

Questions:

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

A: My top three priorities in office are: 1. Protecting women's reproductive rights 2. Adequately and fairly funding education Pre-K thru college 3. Protecting environmental health and resources as well as citizens rights to clean air and clean water (as per PA Constitution: Article 1. Section 27)

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 am an avid supporter/advocate for Fair Districts PA. 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 that removes elected officials from the process and institutes an independent citizens' commission to draw the maps. During my tenure as mayor of West Chester, the PA Reapportionment Commission proposed dividing our Borough in half, putting half of 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. I will continue to fight so that every vote counts. LWV: Your Vote is Your Voice!

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 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 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. I believe 16 and 17 year olds should be able to register to vote early when applying for their driver's license. Regarding same day registration, I fully support this option be available for the General Election as well automatic voter registration.

Nicholas J Deminski



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Education: Henderson High School, West Chester, PA Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: 1. Provide the funding and resources needed to keep our schools excellent and safe. 2. Work for fiscally responsible state spending including zero-sum budgeting, further pension reform, and low taxes. 3. Combat the opioid epidemic that is gripping our nation through increased funding and expanded support programs.

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

A: It is imperative that our voters have a voice in redistricting. Our current system has flaws and a truly independent citizens commission is needed to fix the system. Our democracy and republic must ensure free and fair elections and that starts with the drawing of legislative districts.

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 expanded access to voting. No-excuse absentee balloting and same-day registration would increase voter participation in our elections. No citizens who meets the requirements to vote should ever be turned away from participating in an election. It is their right and, they should be free to exercise it.

157th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

Warren Kampf



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Education: Emory School of Law, J.D.; Yale University, B.S.; Phillips Exeter Academy; T/E School District

Qualifications: Representing the people of our community as an independent voice in Harrisburg since 2010. Former Tredyffrin Township Supervisor for 7 years. I am a concerned parent, attorney and community volunteer who cares about our community's future.

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: 1. Education: Ensuring we have adequate funding to deliver safe, quality public schools for every child, as well as support educational innovation to best prepare students for their adult lives. 2. Economic: Fiscal discipline in state operations/budgeting to protect taxpayers and control spending and debt while still focusing on priorities. Pro-growth policies that drive economic and job growth that provides our families with economic security and opportunity. 3. Quality-of-Life: Addressing the variety of issues a diverse district like the 157th faces – from concerns over gun violence, to

combating the opioid epidemic, to supporting environmental initiatives (especially open space preservation), to housing, infrastructure, and more.

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 support these reforms, and am a co-sponsor of the legislation to create an independent redistricting commission to help remove politics from this process. I made this decision after it became clear that too many in Harrisburg were unable or unwilling to come together, build consensus, and stop the political posturing over this issue.

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 agree with recent changes allowing voter registration on-line; I support early voting; I would vote to allow 17 year olds who will be 18 by Election Day to pre-register to vote; and, I would support absentee ballot changes that make it easier for people to vote by mail. However, nothing is more important to our democratic process than ensuring the sanctity of the ballot. That is why we must be careful as we implement changes to our election system. Too often, what seem like good ideas for reform unwittingly result in increased fraud or reduced ballot security. I know that, if we proceed carefully and responsibly - and put aside partisanship - we can provide greater voter access while ensuring a secure voting system.

Melissa Shusterman



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Education: Lafayette College (BA) The American University (MA)

Questions:

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

A: Education Gun Control Environment

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. Gerrymandering is a bipartisan issue that has hurt democracy and disproportionately targeted minorities. Political laziness and expediency has prevented the issue of gerrymandering from being solved. When a political party has the power to draw the lines that decide their own fate there is no longer a true democracy. These borders are tactically drawn in order to make state house races less competitive. In order to make as many districts safe or easy for a party to win, legislatures often pack as many voters from the opposing party into as few districts as possible. This limits the opposing party's power throughout the government. In the end, this can lead to a one-party dominated legislature that does not reflect the will of the people.

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 all this legislation and more, like voting by mail. Voting should be as easy and accessible as possible. It's important that all citizens are able to have their voices heard in government.

158th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

Eric Roe

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

County: CHESTER

Questions:

Q: What are your top three priorities in office?

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

Christina Sappey



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Education: BA Penn State University

Qualifications: Business background, non-profit board member, community volunteer and long time legislative aide in PA House and Senate.

Questions:

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

A: Working to end the the dysfunction in Harrisburg by collaborating with other committed bi-partisan problem solvers willing to tackle challenging issues. Moving Pennsylvania's economy toward growth in order to spur statewide family sustaining job creation. Fighting to protect and preserve our state's natural resources and environment.

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. Our current process and the gerrymandering of districts has exacerbated partisan politics and contributed to the creation of a government that protects itself instead of serving the interests and priorities of the voters.

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 currently support no-excuse absentee voting and early voting.

Don Westbrook

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: WEST BRADFORD

County: CHESTER

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -

160th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

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Education: Juris Doctorate; Hofstra University BA; University of Pennsylvania

Qualifications: -20+ years as a lawyer and advocate successfully fighting for working families - Environmental champion and Trustee, The Nature Conservancy -Experienced executive, educator and Chair of Board at Progressive school -Strong supporter of fair districts

Questions:

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

A: I believe in properly funded schools - it is our duty to educate the leaders of tomorrow. I believe in being a responsible steward of the environment - we need to focus on preservation for future generations. And I believe in fair districts - politicians shouldn't choose their voters; voters should choose their representatives.

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. While I applaud the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision--which removed 1,139 miles of unnecessary divisions between and within communities of Pennsylvania voters, divisions that Republican lawmakers put in place primarily to give themselves a political advantage over their Democratic opponents"--redrawing the 2011 congressional map is a temporary solution. Redistricting will happen again after the 2020 Census, and if it follows the same process as last time, the 2021 map is likely to be gerrymandered, too—regardless of which party is in power.

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 legislation that reduces the barriers to voting, while maintaining the intent (i.e. giving every citizen the right to vote) and integrity (safe and secure) of our voting laws, including, but not limited to: no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades.

Stephen Barrar



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Education: Interboro H.S 1972 U.S. Navy Radio Communication school

Qualifications: US Navy veteran, also owned and operated 2 small businesses for 22 years. elected and served 5 years as a township commissioner in Upper Chichester Twp.

Questions:

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

A: 1...Property tax reform that fairly fund public education and reduces the reliance on property taxes. 2...improve PA's economy with a fair tax system for corporations and small businesses that encourages new business growth and allows our state to stop the corporate welfare give aways that takes place between states and counties. The cost of these border battle to attract with our state trying to out bid other state is costing us billions and we don't always get the economic benefit we are promised. 3...our curent system of volunteers first responders is in critical condition, we need to better finance our fire & ambulance companies and create incentives to recruit and retain first responder. 20 yrs ago Pa had over 200,000 volunteer fire fighters now its less then 50,000 and every month fire and ambulance companies close there doors.

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 do support reforming our redistricting process but I believe a system requires the legislature and a independent citizen commission to work together to draft legislative and congressional district but with the legislature voting for approval of the changes as required by both the state and national constitution can work.

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 no-excuse absentee voting as a form of early voting as long as it had a strong voter ID requirement to deter voter fraud.

Cathy Spahr



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Education: Dickinson College, B.S. Environmental Sciences West Chester University, M.A. Geography

Qualifications: I have experience in local government. Currently, I work for Newtown Township and serve about 13,000 residents. I have experience in budgetary constraints, constituent services, and creating a comprehensive plan.

Questions:

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

A: My top three priorities in office are: Protecting the environment and moving towards 100% clean renewable energy. We need to make sure we leave something behind for our children. We need to have new developments that utilize solar panels, investing in job training in the renewable energy field, and ban fracking in PA. Women's Rights. We need to ensure every woman has full body autonomy and can make decisions without the government interfering. We need to close the wage gap. We need to have mandatory paid maternity/family leave as well as safe breast feeding/pumping environments in all work places. Fair-funding for Education. We need to make sure funding starts coming in at a state level. To do this, we can close the Delaware loophole, tax existing fracking sites, and raise the minimum wage, which would bring in more revenue while saving costs.

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 do support an independent citizen's redistricting reform. I believe that the power of creating the maps should not come from those who represent the districts. It creates inequality and silences the votes of individuals. We need to pass legislation to take the redistricting process out of the hands of the legislatures.

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 no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day registration, and automatic voter registration. I believe that everyone deserves the chance to vote and there should be no obstacles in their way. We need to work towards more people voting, not less. I will oppose any type of Voter ID laws proposed and support any legislation that will make it easier for people to vote.

167th Legislative District

Candidates (choose 1):

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Education: B.A. University of Pennsylvania J.D. Rutgers University

Qualifications: I studied tax law in law school and have a varied work background in non-profit administration, legal services, education and child welfare. I have been active in my community, with my children's schools and as a political volunteer.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Education at all levels. Pennsylvania needs to fairly fund public education. College education costs need to be contained so that college graduates can enter the workforce without burdensome levels of debt. Vocational training is an important alternative to college and should be supported. 2. Affordable healthcare coverage for everyone including mental health, reproductive health and prescription drugs. 3. A level playing field for women in the workforce that provides pay equity, affordable childcare, family leave and protections from sexual harassment and discrimination.

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 an independent citizen's redistricting commission. The extreme gerrymandering of Pennsylvania causes voters to mistrust the political system. Engagement at this level will restore trust.

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 have been involved in local politics and have seen first hand the low voter turnout. Pennsylvania lacks the processes necessary to increase voter engagement. I am in favor of no-excuse absentee voting and same day voter registration. Voting machines should have a paper back up and adequate security.

Jeff McFall



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Education: BA History, Old Dominion University, 2005

Qualifications: Citizen of PA willing to fight for progressive policies.

Questions:

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

A: Healthcare reform, single-payer healthcare / Medicare for All in PA. I have been included in the Healthcare4AllPA voter resource guide as a candidate supporting such legislation. <http://www.healthcare4allpa.org/voters-resource-single-payer-2018-pennsylvania-primary/> \$15/hr minimum wage - if the minimum wage had simply followed inflation since the 1960's it would be around \$20/hr. It is reprehensible that we have workers that can work a full time job and not be able to afford basic needs of life. Fund public education and expand early childhood education. This is an investment in our future and will benefit every citizen of the commonwealth.

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 - Constituents should choose 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: We should make voting and registering to vote as simple as possible. I would support any legislation that would achieve this goal.

Duane Milne

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: WILLISTOWN

County: CHESTER

Questions:

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

A: - no response -

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

A: - no response -

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: - no response -