



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHESTER COUNTY**

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# Non-Partisan Voters Guide

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**National and State Political Candidates  
General Election 2020**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

**Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of:  
7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.**

**\*If you plan to vote in person, due to the Coronavirus pandemic please check with Chester County Voter Services to confirm your polling place will be open on November 3rd**

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1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)  
(1-888-839-8682)

1-888-API-VOTE (Asian multilingual assistance)  
(1-888-274-8683)

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(1-844-925-5287)

**Chester County Voter Services**

<https://www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services>

**610-344-6410**



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# US President

**Description of office:** *Duties: The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.*

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$400,000 per year

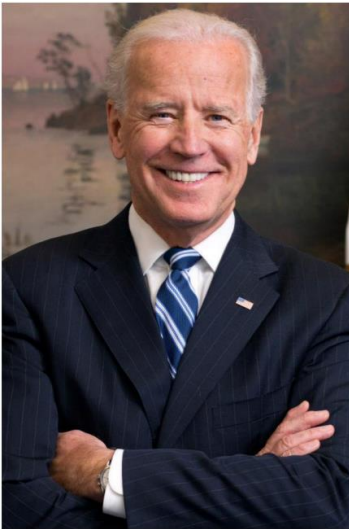
*Note: All candidates who will appear on your state's ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League's questions in this guide.*

- 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President*
- 2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.*
- 3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes*

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## Candidates (choose 1):

### Joe Biden



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**Campaign Website:** <http://www.joebiden.com>

**Campaign Email:** [info@joebiden.com](mailto:info@joebiden.com)

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/joebiden>

**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/joebiden](https://twitter.com/joebiden)

**Campaign Instagram:** <http://www.instagram.com/joebiden/>

**Campaign YouTube:** <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWNpXitY8eJ-ku6M-v25MKw>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?*

**A:** It's a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they're linked. On Day One, I'll implement the COVID strategy I've laid out since March – surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I'll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I'll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I'll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

**Q:** *What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?*

**A:** Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We're facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I'll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we're never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I'll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I'll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I'll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll work as hard for those who don't support me as for those who do. That's a president's job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

**Q:** *How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?*

**A:** America is at an inflection point. It's past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation's promise to too many for too long. I'll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I'll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I'll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

**Q:** *What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?*

**A:** My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It's past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers' arms. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that's humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.

**Q:** *What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?*

**A:** This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That's why I'll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I'll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I'll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

## **Donald J. Trump**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Campaign Website:**

**Campaign Email:**

**Campaign Facebook:**

**Campaign Twitter:**

**Campaign Instagram:**

**Campaign YouTube:**

### **Questions:**

**Q:** *What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?*

**A:** - Candidate has not yet responded.

**Q:** *What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?*

**A:** - Candidate has not yet responded.

**Q:** *How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?*

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## **Jo Jorgensen**

**Party:** Lib

**Biographical Info:**

**Campaign Website:**

**Campaign Email:**

**Campaign Facebook:**

**Campaign Twitter:**

**Campaign Instagram:**

**Campaign YouTube:**

# Attorney General

## Pennsylvania Attorney General

**Description of office:** The basic duties of the Attorney General, as outlined by the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, are to: serve as the Commonwealth's chief law enforcement officer; collect all debts, taxes, and accounts due to the Commonwealth; represent the Commonwealth and all its agencies in any action brought by or against the Commonwealth; administer the provision relating to consumer protection laws; and represent the Commonwealth and its citizens in any action brought about for violation of the antitrust laws.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$167,838

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### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Josh Shapiro



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 22635 Philadelphia, PA 19110

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of Rochester, Class of 1995. Juris Doctor degree, Georgetown Law, Class of 2002.

**Campaign website:** <http://www.joshshapiro.org/>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/JoshShapiroPA/>

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/JoshShapiroPA>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What are your top three priorities to address as Attorney General?*

**A:** We must continue battling the heroin and opioid crisis that is taking 12 Pennsylvanians' lives each day. Our efforts must focus on a multi-pronged approach of prosecuting high-level drug dealers, holding pharmaceutical companies accountable and making treatment more accessible and affordable. We must stand up for consumers against predatory lending companies, scammers, and others trying to take advantage of Pennsylvanians. That includes ensuring Pennsylvanians have access to affordable, quality health care. We must keep our communities safe, by collaborating effectively across law enforcement, reforming our criminal justice system to ensure equal enforcement, taking crime guns off our streets, and much more.

**Q:** *The Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General is responsible for law enforcement and the equal protection of law for all citizens. What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

**A:** Throughout my career in public service, I've always been someone who has stood up to defend all Pennsylvanians—no matter what they look like, where they come from, who they love, or who they pray or don't pray to. I have consistently defended the rule of law and Pennsylvanians' rights against anyone, from high-level

drug dealers, to predatory lending companies, to greedy pharmaceutical companies, to the federal government, and more. The laws of our Commonwealth and our country must be applied equally, and that can only be done by enforcing the law without fear or favor. We must also ensure the highest ethical standards across law enforcement and our entire government.

**Q:** *What role will your administration play in reforming systemic problems and supporting restorative justice in our criminal justice system?*

**A:** I've taken steps to reduce PA's prison population and recidivism rate, and to instead focus on data-driven programs to eliminate bias in the system. I've also worked with Governor Wolf to form PA's first statewide reentry council to reduce barriers for those returning from prison. And I've created a statewide Conviction Integrity Unit to review past convictions. This year, I brought together law enforcement, union leaders, and activists from across the Commonwealth to pass a bill that ends the practice of law enforcement agencies unknowingly hiring officers with documented patterns of excessive use of force or other misconduct. I'm committed to finding fair methods that will reduce incarceration rates and discrimination.

## Heather Heidelbaugh



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 23538 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Education:** J.D., University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law; B.A. in Economics and Political Science, University of Missouri-Columbia

**Qualifications:** Experienced trial lawyer with more than 35 years of courtroom experience who understands the complexities of the law, the intersection between policy and law, and how the law impacts the lives of citizens

**campaign website:** <http://heatherheidelbaugh.com/>

**Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/HeatherforAG/>

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/heidelbaugh4ag>

### Questions:

**Q:** *What are your top three priorities to address as Attorney General?*

**A:** 1. Keep PA Safe-The Commonwealth Attorneys Act states one of the main roles of the AG is criminal prosecutions. This would be my top priority. The AG works with local DAs and law enforcement to keep PA residents safe, including a strong commitment to addressing drug trafficking and the opioid crisis. 2. Put People Before Politics-Restore the AG's Office to following mandates set forth in the Commonwealth Attorneys Act and perform lawyering for the people of PA versus using the office for political gain. 3. Protect the Mentally Ill-Establish a Blue Ribbon Panel of experts from PA to examine the treatment of the mentally ill, address the current state of mental illness, and more. The panel would issue a Report suggesting structural changes.

**Q:** *The Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General is responsible for law enforcement and the equal protection of law for all citizens. What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

**A:** Keeping PA safe has to be the top priority of the AG. The AG's statutory role is the prosecutor of crime. The AG has to prioritize resources, so scarce resources are used for the highest priority tasks of the office. Crime enforcement, in conjunction with the DAs is the first priority. Crime operates across County and jurisdictional lines, so coordination with multiple County DAs is critical. Investigations that may take years and cost millions can't be wasted by prosecutors failing to follow criminal procedure. The AG must take an active role in the management of the office. The purpose of prosecuting crime is to ensure safety, not create headlines. With that purpose in mind, equal protection for all should be achieved.

**Q:** *What role will your administration play in reforming systemic problems and supporting restorative justice in our criminal justice system?*

**A:** As the County Councilperson At Large on Allegheny County Council, I was critical of the operation of the county jail. The Allegheny County jail had more suicides than any other jail in the country. I determined that one county employee had repeatedly failed to process the proper release of a large number of people from the jail, and she was terminated. Each day someone is in jail, it cost taxpayers, they become a suicide risk and lose their liberty unnecessarily. As AG, I would continue to advocate for government institutions to properly run jails and prisons. Jails and/or prisons must be properly run so we have the space to jail criminals, not those who don't belong there.

## Daniel Wassmer



**Party:** L

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Pike

**Mailing Address:** 1433 Route 590 Hawley, PA 18428

**Education:** BA - Adelphi University 1983 MBA - Adelphi University 1986 JD - New York Law School 1989

**Qualifications:** Educator, government attorney and someone with actual knowledge from courtrooms not a self aggrandized aspirational political office seat warmer....

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/groups/2705423013115791>

### Questions:

**Q:** *What are your top three priorities to address as Attorney General?*

**A:** -Major Criminal Justice Police Reform. -Decriminalize Marijuana (and other drugs) shifting to a medical treatment options (someone with a state authorized "license" can sell drugs reaping a huge profit but a person selling a nickel bag of marijuana is charged with a crime - shouldn't be!) -Stopping the threat of Anti-Trust litigation by BOTH old parties which is used simply as a ploy to leverage "campaign contributions" as a form of legalized extortion against our competitive big tech firms and permitting a real "free market" to pick winners and losers (Note: This is the only time in modern history where companies delivering "convenience" and "lower prices for consumers" have been shaken down allegedly to protect consumers [what nonsense])

**Q:** *The Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General is responsible for law enforcement and the equal protection of law for all citizens. What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

**A:** Education and I am the only educator in the field! Secondly Police Reform and I am the only person who has ever worked in a firm handling matters as an FOP outside counsel. In that role I personally saw the negatives of policing as well as people who were honest hard working "peace keeping" officers. We need fewer police and more peacekeepers. I have a plan including a non-confrontational resolution option which PA ought to explore as well as a plan to remove bad officers by removing the "wall of silence" within police departments. Lastly the silencing of people with "atypical ideas" created by the two OLD PARTIES needs to stop! Both of these parties purposefully engage in speech chilling behavior which is detrimental to IDEAS!

**Q:** *What role will your administration play in reforming systemic problems and supporting restorative justice in our criminal justice system?*

**A:** That is my number one concern. The PA criminal system is a joke and the incumbent has literally done nothing to address it! He now wants 4 more years. Moreover the other OLD PARTY candidate also simply looks at this as a mental health issue and fails to address: economic issues, educational opportunities, rehabilitation, purposeful systematic discrimination literally caused by the US government, disparity in sentencing, how the justice system operates, etc.. I don't see that the incumbent has ever held a position ever in the private labor market! Moreover

the other OLD PARTY candidate seems inclined to handle election law challenges as a primary function. This is NOT what we need in PA from an Attorney General.

## Richard L. Weiss



**Party:** Grn

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Mailing Address:** 107 Old Village Lane Bethel Park, PA 15102

**Education:** B.A. University of Pittsburgh J.D. University of Denver LL.M. American University M.B.A. University of Chicago

**Qualifications:** Admitted to the Attorney Bar in Pennsylvania and New York.

**campaign website:** [http://www.greenslate2020.org/attorney\\_general](http://www.greenslate2020.org/attorney_general)

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/richard.weiss.1485537>

**Twitter:** <http://@RichardLWeiss>

### Questions:

**Q:** *What are your top three priorities to address as Attorney General?*

**A:** 1. Save the taxpayers' money. Reduce prison population by 50%, by not seeking cash bail, not bringing charges merely for drug possession or consensual relations between adults. Only those who are actually a threat to the community should be incarcerated. Others should be diverted from the prison system to programs designed to help them pay their debt to society and reintegrate into the community. Prosecutorial resources can then be directed to addressing violent crime, combating corruption and consumer protection. 2. Reformation of the system of policing. Citizen Review Boards are only a start. Community and police must establish standards of conduct and need special prosecutors for police misconduct. 3. Promote Restorative Justice.

**Q:** *The Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General is responsible for law enforcement and the equal protection of law for all citizens. What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

**A:** The primary responsibility of the Attorney General is public safety, with the goal of attaining peace characterized by a community that is inclusive and harmonious. Conflict must be resolved in a way that restores peaceful social life. This can only be accomplished through respect of all members. The primary challenge now is lack of faith of the community in the police and of the police in the community. Our system of justice is based on the principle that it is better to let a guilty person go free than to convict an innocent one. I would rather take a bullet than shoot an innocent person. Let us develop a system of policing based on that principle. We must refrain from attacking, arresting or shooting anyone not actually a threat.

**Q:** *What role will your administration play in reforming systemic problems and supporting restorative justice in our criminal justice system?*

**A:** My administration will support restorative justice, which is another way of viewing crime and how to respond to it. Restorative justice includes all parties in a collaborative process of apology, changed behavior, repair of the harm, and reintegration of parties with their communities. This process has a better record of reforming offenders and healing victims than simply punishment which has had a low success rate. It also diverts offenders from incarceration to alternatives like community service, but as agreed by offenders and victims, who are more likely to view it as a sincere apology if voluntarily undertaken than sentenced. I support the statements of former Austin District Attorney Ronnie Earl in this video: [tinyurl.com/RonEarl](http://tinyurl.com/RonEarl).



# Auditor General

## Pennsylvania Auditor General

**Description of office:** The principal role of the Auditor General is to determine whether state funds are being used in accordance with the purpose and guidelines that govern each use of the Commonwealth's dollars. The Auditor General conducts financial and performance audits of individuals, state agencies, and organizations that receive state funds, including school districts, state liquor stores, and public employee pension funds. These audits are designed to measure how effectively government programs are using public money to meet their stated goals and objectives. The office performs more than 6,000 audits each year and is responsible for auditing all Pennsylvania state programs that are allocated federal funds.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$167,838

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### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Nina Ahmad



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Philadelphia

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 40681 Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Education:** Ph.D.in Chemistry, Postdoctoral Training in Molecular Genetics

**Qualifications:** Policy Maker (Deputy Mayor & Advisor to President Obama on AAPI) Co-owner-Community Development finance business Trustee of Foundation, Grant making Chair-\$40MM in grants and Investment Committee: oversight on half-billion-dollar endowment. Board Member, National Organization for Women

**campaign website:** <http://www.ninaforpa.com>

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

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/NinaAhmadPHL>

**Questions:**

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

**A:** Healthcare, Education and Jobs: To reduce healthcare costs I will find efficiencies in reimbursements to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), 3rd -party administrators of prescription drug programs. I will lead the design of an audit to assess pandemic preparedness incorporating the lessons learned from the current COVID-19 pandemic on all fronts including healthcare, education, and the economy. Developing data-driven analyses to identify funding gaps in education, I will advocate for equitable funding, universal pre-K, and affordable post-secondary education. I will harness science and technology to create family sustaining jobs of the future and will advocate for work force development dollars to be invested in this sector.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?*

**A:** I believe the Auditor General's office can be a powerful tool for progressive change. As the chief fiscal watch dog, I will ensure tax dollars are used with integrity, transparency and accountability and assess the equitable use of the dollars. As a scientist trained to understand the value of data, I will use audit data to generate public policy information to support equitable legislation. As a small business owner and a former Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia, I am well versed in looking for efficiencies to maximize the impact of our dollars. As the former President of the Philadelphia chapter of the NOW and having served on President Obama's Commission for AAPI, I deeply understand the power advocacy and its role in equitable public policy.

## **Timothy Defoor**



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Dauphin

**Mailing Address:** 604 North #rd Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

**Education:** Harrisburg Area Community College, Associates of Arts, Para Legal Studies; University of Pittsburgh, Bachelor of Arts, General Studies (concentration Sociology and History); Harrisburg University, Master's of Science, Project Management

**Qualifications:** Former Special Investigator, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Inspector General; Retired Special Agent, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General; Dauphin County Controller (2016 to present); Former Certified Internal Auditor with the International Organization for Standards

**campaign website:** <http://www.defoor4pa.com/>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/DeFoor4PA>

### **Questions:**

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

**A:** 1) We are in a COVID-19 world. Both the federal and state governments are distributing grants and other COVID-19 funding to individuals, small business, and large businesses. My first priority as Auditor General is to make sure those funds were allocated to those individuals and businesses for who they were intended. 2) Work to have a more transparent government. For example, I will work to end political loopholes like the "honor system" that allows state agencies to keep high-dollar, taxpayer funded contracts hidden from the public. 3) Bring in subject matter experts to audit the progress and performance of any new and expensive initiatives and projects to determine how and if tax payer dollars are being spent wisely.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?*

**A:** My 25 years of experience fighting fraud and waste sets me apart from other candidates. I feel passionately about the need to ensure government accountability and have devoted my career to eliminating fraud from both public and private sectors. I first served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Special Agent for the Office of Attorney General. I then served as a Special Investigator for the Office of Inspector General. After that I ventured into the private sector as an internal auditor and fraud investigator for University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health Plan and various federal contractors. I currently serve as the Dauphin County Controller, being the only African American to be elected as a Row Officer in Dauphin County history.

## Jennifer Moore



**Party:** L

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Montgomery

**Mailing Address:** 209 Lovers Ln Upper Providence, PA 19453

**Education:** Master's of Business Administration-Grand Valley State University Bachelors of Business Administration-Management, Grand Valley State University

**Qualifications:** Chair of the Board of Auditors, Upper Providence Township

**Questions:**

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

**A:** 1. Transparency: How many times have you heard a fellow Pennsylvanian joke about the "temporary" Johnstown flood tax that we have been paying since 1936? How about the the gas tax, or turnpike tolls that are consistently repurposed for other projects? Taxpayers deserve to know where their money is going. Funds should be spent on what they were appropriated for. 2. Covid-19 has significantly impacted our state. Areas like education, healthcare, small business and unemployment have all been affected. It will be very important to audit the performance of related programs as well as ensuring that funds were properly allocated. 3. Combat government waste and inefficiency. I will work to ensure effective use of taxpayer dollars.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?*

**A:** As a Libertarian, I am independent of the politicians who are making financial decisions for the Commonwealth. As an Auditor, this allows me to be a truly non-partisan fiscal watch dog. Professionally, I have spent almost twenty years in healthcare finance. I have extensive experience in looking for irregularities in financials and insuring data integrity. I was elected to the Upper Providence Board of Auditors in 2017 and have been serving as the Chair of the Board for the past two years.

## Olivia Faison



**Party:** Grn

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Philadelphia

**Mailing Address:** 5522 Spruce St Philadelphia, PA 19139

**Education:** Queens College - Flushing, NY BA Degree - February, 1985 Major: Biology - Minors: Chemistry; Music University of Nebraska Medical Center - Minority Health Careers Opportunity Baccalaureate Program 1983 Highest Academic Achievement Award - 4.0 GPA - 1983 Oratory Award - 1983 Citizenship Award - 1983

**Qualifications:** I am a mother, a grand mother and a great grand mother (my most impressive qualifications). I have worked as a receptionist, a legal secretary, and a medical secretary, a lab technician, a computer, math, and science teacher, an analytical chemist and a scientist at the time of my retirement.

**Questions:**

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

**A:** 1) There is a desperate need for a third party. I welcome the values that the Green Party Pillars describe - Grassroots Democracy, Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, and Peace. (I would like to throw in Honesty and Respect). 2) Racist Laws like the Supreme Court's Dred Scott Decision show how deep racism is ingrained in our society. Unfair laws and practices like voter suppression, purging voters off lists, and long voting lines must end. 3) Quality Education & Climate Change - Growing up, I remember the fog being so thick, you could not see down the street. Upon my return, no one can recall the last time they have seen fog hit the streets of Philly. We have lost a very important regular occurring weather pattern without anyone noticing!

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from other candidates who are seeking to be Pennsylvania's next Auditor General?*

**A:** I was not groomed to be a politician, however having been blessed with a natural curiosity, and being a highly trained professional analytical chemist, I am well-equipped for the task of problem solving. The scientific approach enables me to view problems from a fresh point of view.

# State Treasurer

## Pennsylvania State Treasurer

**Description of office:** The duty of the Pennsylvania Treasurer is to safeguard the Commonwealth's financial assets, which total more than \$120 billion in public monies. The office manages several programs in order to better serve the financial needs of Pennsylvanians. The Treasury Department is also responsible for: reuniting unclaimed property with its rightful owner; investigating loss, theft, and fraud involving Commonwealth checks; reviewing real estate leases and contracts entered into by Commonwealth agencies; and maintaining the Pennsylvania contracts electronic library. The Treasurer has specific duties in addition to the oversight of the Department: serving as chair of the Board of Finance and Revenue, which selects banks to serve as depositories for state money; setting interest rates paid on Commonwealth deposits; and hearing and deciding state tax appeals.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$167,838

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Joe Torsella



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Montgomery

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 626 Flourtown, PA 19031

**Education:** University of Pennsylvania (B.A.); New College, Oxford University

**Qualifications:** Current Treasurer of Pennsylvania; former Ambassador to the UN for Management and Reform; former President and CEO of the National Constitution Center; former Philadelphia Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning

**campaign website:** <http://www.joetorsella.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/JoeTorsellaforTreasurer>

**Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/JoeTorsella>

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What is the most important duty of the State Treasurer? If elected, how would you carry out that duty?*

**A:** From Day One, my most important duty has been restoring integrity to an office too often marred by scandal: 3 of the last 5 elected Treasurers have been indicted. Upon taking office, I immediately banned the use of middlemen to win investment contracts and introduced Treasury's first conflict-of-interest policy and Chief Integrity Officer. My top priority now is building solutions to help Pennsylvanians recover from Covid-19 on solid financial ground. We created the Keystone Scholars program, which gives at-birth college and career savings accounts to every child born or adopted in Pennsylvania, and we fight to hold Wall Street accountable to taxpayers, as trustees for our public pension systems and through legal action when necessary.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?*

**A:** I have spent my career in the public sector, fighting for the responsible use of taxpayer funds in our civic institutions. Before serving as Treasurer, I was the U.S. Ambassador for UN Management and Reform. Prior to that, I was the founding President and CEO of the National Constitution Center and Philadelphia's Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning. What these roles have in common is a dedication to the highest and best use of funds, contributed by the masses, toward a common goal. They each require the careful stewardship of someone else's contribution: to reinforce effective international cooperation; to build a beautiful civic resource for our nation; or to resolve a \$1.25 billion deficit and revitalize a vibrant major American city.

## **Stacy L. Garrity**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 383 Gateway Industrial Park Road Athens, PA 18810

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is the most important duty of the State Treasurer? If elected, how would you carry out that duty?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## **Joe Soloski**



**Party:** L

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Centre

**Mailing Address:** 141 Buckhorn Rd Port Matilda, PA 16871

**Education:** Indiana University of Pennsylvania -- Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration -- Accounting Major Passed the CPA Examination in 1985

**Qualifications:** I'm a Libertarian that advocates for small government. I also operated my own accounting practice for more than 30 years.

**campaign website:** <http://joesoloski.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/SoloskiForLiberty>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is the most important duty of the State Treasurer? If elected, how would you carry out that duty?*

**A:** The State Treasurer must monitor the revenue inflows and disbursement outflows of the Commonwealth, as well as managing the invested funds of the State of Pennsylvania. My years of background as a Certified Public Accountant lend themselves well towards those responsibilities. Managing and working with people within the Treasurer's Office is also an important requirement. Having worked with hundreds of clients, over the years, as well as working with my clients' employees, I will take that operating experience with me to the Office of the Treasurer to make that Office a great place to work as well as operating the Office at the lowest cost and most efficient way possible.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?*

**A:** I am a Libertarian. My principles are very liberty-minded and I abhor wasteful and unnecessary government. I will be bringing a fresh attitude that advocates for the Taxpayers of Pennsylvania. The position of Treasurer is an administrative one; not one that enacts policy, as does the State Legislature and the Governor. To that end, I will be working to influence the Governor and the Legislature to minimize taxes, and cut the costs of government wherever possible. The budget of the Commonwealth has exploded over the past 20 years and the Republicans and Democrats, who have been in power for more than 150 years, are doing little to curb the runaway growth of state government and advocate for the taxpayers of Pennsylvania.

## **Timothy Runkle**



**Party:** Grn

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Lancaster

**Mailing Address:** 15 Teakwood Circle Elizabethtown, PA 17022

**Education:** BS Geology, Millersville University

**Qualifications:** EcoDistricts Accredited Professional, Green Party of Pennsylvania Treasurer (2017 - present)

**campaign website:** <http://www.greenslate2020.org/>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/Tim4ElectedOffice>

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/LancasterGreens>

### **Questions:**

**Q:** *What is the most important duty of the State Treasurer? If elected, how would you carry out that duty?*

**A:** Through the many boards on which the State Treasurer serves, they function as the head investor of the Commonwealth's financial investments. The State Treasurer has the ability to direct sustainable and ethical investments including which banks hold your tax dollars or how the state pension funds are managed. The duty of transparency, through right-to-know legislation requires the State Treasurer to be clear about the State's business. I will take the office beyond transparency and to a place of responsible management of your investments.

**Q:** *What distinguishes you from your opponents in the general election?*

**A:** I intend to use my office to push forward an agenda that is future focused and serves the people of Pennsylvania. Every monetary decision I make will consider how we can 1) prepare the State for a Green New Deal by investing in sustainable jobs and eliminating dirty industry handouts, 2) restructure our outdated tax code by closing corporate tax evasion loopholes and providing for equitable taxation, and 3) reform the criminal justice system by ending cash bail and reducing incarceration and recidivism.

# U.S. House of Representatives

## Pennsylvania US House District 6

**Description of office:** Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. All bills must pass the House and Senate and be signed by the President. The U.S. Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of elected Representatives (also called Congressmen and 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 U.S. Representative must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and be an inhabitant of the state they represent at the time of the election. The House of Representatives is responsible for creating the budget and initiating bills to collect taxes and other money. The House is also responsible for impeaching federal officials (the Senate then tries the case) and electing the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$174,000

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Chrissy Houlahan



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** All of Chester and parts of Berks

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 222 Devon, Pennsylvania 19333-0222

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Stanford University; Master of Science in Technology and Policy from MIT

**Qualifications:** An Air Force veteran, engineer, entrepreneur, educator, and now U.S. Representative, Chrissy is the first woman to represent this district. She is the daughter of a Holocaust survivor who built several thriving PA companies and did Teach for America before scaling a nonprofit focused on literacy.

**campaign website:** <http://www.chrissyhoulahanforcongress.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/HoulahanForPA/>

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/HoulahanForPa>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What would be your top priorities as a U.S. Representative over the next two years?*

**A:** In 2018, I ran on ensuring quality, affordable healthcare for Pennsylvanians, great schools for every child, growing our economy, protecting our environment and combating climate change, reducing gun violence, and restoring civility and decency to our politics. These are still important to my community. During my time in office, I have worked across the aisle to be a leader on delivering 12 weeks of paid parental leave for all federal workers, helping servicewomen/female veterans, and building support for national service programs. Since the pandemic



hit, I have been focused on 1) protecting first responders/medical staff, 2) helping small businesses get the support they need, and 3) figuring out how to make sure this never happens again.

**Q:** *The landmark Shelby v. Holder decision overturned protections in the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that required certain states and local governments to obtain federal preclearance before implementing voting laws or practices. Since then, the U.S. has experienced a surge of legislation that makes it more difficult for many people to vote. What voting reforms do you see as essential to making U.S. elections accessible and secure?*

**A:** The first bill I sponsored after taking office was H.R. 1, the For the People Act, which provides for automatic voter registration, online voter registration, same-day voter registration, the restoration of voting rights to those with felony convictions, the end of partisan gerrymandering, expanded early voting, and expanded vote-by-mail, among other things. I am proud to live in a state with "no-excuse needed" vote by mail. In only my second month in office, I sponsored H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which updates the preclearance formula struck down in Shelby v. Holder to restore the protections provided under the Voting Rights Act. I was proud to vote for passage of this bill in Dec 2019 and am eager to see it become law.

**Q:** *How would you go about finding consensus and reducing gridlock in Washington, D.C.?*

**A:** I come from a purple place; on the same day in 2016, my district voted for both Hillary Clinton for President and Republican Pat Toomey for Senate. My community is pragmatic and solutions-oriented, as am I. In my first year in office, I've co-founded For Country, a bipartisan caucus made up of servicemen and women who, apart from their service, have little in common except a desire to work together. Over half of the bills I've introduced have Republican cosponsors. I founded the Servicewomen and Women Veterans Caucus which is both bipartisan and bicameral. I have also been deliberate in introducing myself to Republicans and getting to know people outside the Democratic Caucus.

## John Emmons



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 102 West Grove, PA 19390

**Education:** Bachelor of Science (BS) in Chemical Engineering, Cum Laude, State University of NY at Buffalo

**Qualifications:** I have served as Rep. Committeeman in New London Twp & chairman of Area 28 of the Chester County GOP. I have worked for candidates at all levels. I am a problem-solver and will always work to do the right thing, using common-sense solutions. I will fight for our district and our country!

**campaign website:** <http://www.emmonsforcongress.com/>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/EmmonsForCongress/>

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/Emmons4Congress>

### Questions:

**Q:** *What would be your top priorities as a U.S. Representative over the next two years?*

**A:** Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, my top priorities were health & healthcare reform, growing good jobs & the economy, and fixing the broken immigration system. Now, having seen how tenuous our nation's critical supply chain is, I would push for policies to bring key manufacturing back to the United States. Likewise, we need to work with countries across the globe to be ready to detect, contain, and fight dangerous disease outbreaks.

**Q:** *The landmark Shelby v. Holder decision overturned protections in the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that required certain states and local governments to obtain federal preclearance before implementing voting laws or practices. Since then, the U.S. has experienced a surge of legislation that makes it more difficult for many people to vote. What voting reforms do you see as essential to making U.S. elections accessible and secure?*

**A:** I would push for a voter ID process. We also need to make sure that our registration lists are updated and accurate. We must ensure that there are systems in place to eliminate fraud associated with absentee and mail-in ballots to help ensure that everyone gets to cast their own vote and that all votes are counted accurately.

**Q:** *How would you go about finding consensus and reducing gridlock in Washington, D.C.?*

**A:** I believe we need to establish term limits to eliminate the possibility of lifetime politicians. We should change the law to require members of Congress, and their staffs, to forfeit compensation if there is a failure to reach agreement on important issues, such as budgets, spending authorizations and increasing the debt limit.

# PA State Senator

## Pennsylvania Senate District 9

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The Senate consists of 50 members. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### John I. Kane



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester

**Mailing Address:** 209 Harding Avenue Havertown, PA 19083

**Education:** Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1978

**Qualifications:** I'm a lifelong union member, and have spent my career fighting on behalf of working people. At a time when income inequality is higher than ever, we need elected officials focused on protecting working families and their needs. We need better public schools, higher wages, and better healthcare.

**campaign website:** <http://kane4senate.com>

**Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/kane4senate>

#### Questions:

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** We need same day voter registration, a longer vote by mail window, and more early in person polling sites.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** Yes I do. The commonly used phrase is, "Voters should pick their elected officials. Elected officials shouldn't pick their voters." We need truly non-partisan

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## Thomas H. Killion



**Party:** Rep

### Biographical Info:

**County:** I represent parts of Delaware and Chester counties.

**Mailing Address:** 323 W. Front St. Media, PA 19063

**Education:** BS in Criminal Justice from Pennsylvania State University.

**Qualifications:** I served on Delaware County Council from 1992-2000, in the General Assembly from 2003-2016, and in the PA Senate since 2016. My office is a public trust. Promoting the best interests of my constituents and community will remain my top priority.

**campaign website:** <http://Killionforsenate.com>

**Facebook:** <http://Facebook.com/KillionforPA>

**Twitter:** <http://Twitter.com/KillionforPA>

### Questions:

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** I was a co-sponsor of and voted for Pennsylvania's historic new vote-by-mail law, which was the most comprehensive election reform law in more than 80 years. The legislation included funding for new voting machines that provide paper trails, no excuse mail in ballot voting and longer periods of time to register to vote. I will continue to support common sense legislation that encourages voter participation, which is why I co-sponsored and voted for a bill that allows Pennsylvania's 800,000 unaffiliated voters to cast ballots in our Primaries.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** As State Senator, I have worked well with my Democratic colleagues in both the House and Senate. For the past three years, I have voted for bi-partisan bills that improve the lives of Pennsylvanians that were signed by a Democratic Governor. I will continue to work with my friends across the aisle to fight for the interests of my community.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** Yes, I proudly introduced SB 1023 and co-sponsored SB 1022 to reform our redistricting process. I firmly believe citizens should pick their legislators, not the other way around. I look forward to working with my colleagues to get these bills passed and ensure fair districts are created in a transparent manner for all Pennsylvanians.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** I have been a strong supporter of the Americans with Disabilities Act and expanding rights for individuals with disabilities. I have always fought for the interests of these individuals and will continue to do so if re-elected.

# Pennsylvania Senate District 19

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The Senate consists of 50 members. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

## Candidates (choose 1):

### Carolyn Comitta



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester County

**Mailing Address:** 115 S. Brandywine St. West Chester, PA 19382

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

**Qualifications:** I am currently the State Rep for the 156th District. I am also the CFO and VP of TCA, Inc. I was the first woman elected Mayor of West Chester. I was an educator in the Octorara School District for 10 years.

**campaign website:** <http://votecarolyncomitta.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/carolyntcomittachesco/>

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/carolyncomitta>

#### Questions:

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** As a long time member of LWV, I support all of their election reform policies. I fully support Act 77 of 2019, the first election reform bill to be passed by then PA legislature in 80 years. I am devoting persistent legislative and campaign efforts to educate voters about the reforms. Which include mail in voting, an extra 15 days to register to vote, and an extended deadline to submit mail in and absentee ballots to 8pm on Election Day. The election reforms of Act 77 are predicted to increase voter participation by 4%. I support and fight for all efforts to give voters as many options to register and to vote as possible including open primaries and allowing 17 year olds to preregister to vote, and automatic registration.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** Again, I support all LWV positions on state government reform. I am particularly focused on the education of legislators and staff to follow ethics rules and give excellent service to our constituents. Keeping up with the latest in social media, communicated clearly and in a timely way with constituents and responding quickly to their needs are paramount. Transparency and clear communication are priorities that every legislator should follow to help me more effective in their work. It has always been my ideology to build coalitions with politicians and community leaders to get things done. We need to work together across the aisle to affect change and create a better future for all.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** I support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts because we need a fair and transparent process to end gerrymandering. We need an independent citizens' commission to bring a balance of perspectives and clear standard against dividing counties more than needed.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** People with disabilities deserve to have the same rights and accessibility as people without disabilities. In Harrisburg, I continue to fight to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. Accessibility for all is a necessity. For instance, Act 77 of 2019 will make it easier for people with disabilities to vote. Mail in voting for all and extended deadlines for voter registration and ballot return will help all voters, and I believe will especially help those with disabilities.

## **Kevin Runey**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 95 Inniscrone Dr Avondale, PA 19311

### **Questions:**

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

# PA State Representative

## Pennsylvania Representative District 13

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Richard Ruggieri



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 12, Oxford, PA 19363

**Education:** BS Information Sciences & Technology, Penn State University.

**Qualifications:** US Air Force: ten years. The Military taught me honor, service, and being part of something larger. Pragmatic problem solver and leader.

**campaign website:** <http://www.RuggieriPA13.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/RichardRuggieriPA13/>

**Twitter:** <http://https://twitter.com/RuggieriPA13>

#### Questions:

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** I support various progressive election reforms, including automatic or same day registration, early and expanded voting period, making election day a holiday, and ensuring the right to vote for felons who have paid their debt to society.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** I support the efforts to end gerrymandering, such as those championed by Fair Districts PA. I also believe that ranked choice voting, multi-representative districts, and other innovative ideas should be seriously considered. I also support regulation of money in political elections as well as public funding options.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** I do. I believe that as our data mapping technologies have become sophisticated enough to gerrymander districts to untold degrees, we must take action to ensure that, regardless of party, those with power are not able to become entrenched.



**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** I support efforts to expand equal opportunities, increase participation in our workforce, and improve accessibility to independent living for people with disabilities. People of all walks of life deserve to be full members of our civic community, especially access to the ballot.

## John Lawrence



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 331, West Grove, PA 19390

**Education:** Penn State University, BS, Smeal College of Business Administration

**Qualifications:** 10+ Years Financial Professional with JPMorgan Chase, Lifetime Resident of Southern Chester County. Consistent voice for reform in Harrisburg. Deputy Whip. Serve on Appropriations, Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Transportation, Professional Licensure, Gov't Oversight, & Rules Committees.

### Questions:

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** Pennsylvania's Election Code had not seen major updates in decades until this year. I voted YES to change Pennsylvania's Election Code to ensure every Pennsylvanian uses a paper ballot that is secure and cannot be hacked, and to give every Pennsylvanian the ability to vote by mail. I also voted YES to provide Chester and Lancaster counties state funding to purchase new voting machines for every precinct. The right to vote is a paramount and cherished freedom that we must never take for granted.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** Both parties have contributed to the toxic partisan environment we see in Washington and Harrisburg. During my time in office, I have sought to work with folks from both sides of the aisle whenever possible. Almost all of the my legislation in Harrisburg has passed the House with broad bipartisan support. As an example, I worked with Democratic State Representative Brandon Neuman to pass important legislation protecting victims of domestic violence from being financially harmed during divorce proceedings. I also worked together with Senator Dinniman and both Democrats and Republicans on the Penn Township Board of Supervisors to fix the Red Rose Intersection at 796 and Old Baltimore Pike, a project that had languished for decades.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** I support moving to a citizen's commission for legislative redistricting. I was a YES vote on HB 2402 and several other bills that instituted a independent redistricting commission, and I have publicly called for Chairman Garth Everett to move similar legislation this session. 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 committee. Everyday citizens are increasingly skeptical of government, and I believe instituting these reforms would go a long way in restoring public confidence in the legislative process.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Every Pennsylvanian deserves the opportunity to thrive and succeed. As State Representative, I have supported significant increased state funding for services to those with physical and intellectual disabilities, as well as funding

for Special Education for our youngest citizens. I have also worked locally, even working to address something as simple as broken sidewalks in Oxford, which makes getting around a real challenge for some of our residents who struggle with mobility. Working with folks on both sides of the aisle, I was able to secure over \$700,000 in grant funding to address this issue. There is still much to be done in this area and I will continue to advocate both in Harrisburg and with officials in Washington.

## Pennsylvania Representative District 26

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Paul Friel



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 307 Valley Hunt Dr., Phoenixville, PA 19460

**Education:** Temple University Business Law American College: MS Leadership and management

**Qualifications:** Member of the Owen J. Roberts School Board & public school parent -Small business owner with over 25 years of experience in executive and management roles, including in public, private, and family-owned organization

**campaign website:** <http://www.PaulFriel.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/PaulforPA>

**Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/PaulFrielforPA>

#### Questions:

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** To increase voter participation, I support automatic registration, greater ease of online registration, same-day registration, early voting, and expanded mail-in voting. I support efforts to allow for pre-registration, or registration to vote before age 18. This pandemic has emphasized the need for greater access to mail-in and absentee voting. Specifically, I oppose the recently-passed Pennsylvania House Bill 2626 which seeks to suppress voters by limiting access to ballot drop boxes and allowing out-of county poll observers to intimidate voters.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** I know that we can make a transparent, accountable, and well-functioning government a reality in Pennsylvania. I'm committed to people over politics, and will always put my community over partisan political needs. I will work toward a more democratic system by increasing accessibility to voting through changes to

registration and election processes. We also need greater campaign finance reforms to help increase transparency and accountability from our elected officials. We must put into place common-sense limitations on donations to ensure legislators represent their constituents and communities– not special interests. Reforms taken against gerrymandering will also help ensure a fair and effective legislature.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Yes, I support an amendment to form an independent commission. Pennsylvania is one of the most gerrymandered states in the country, and this damages our citizen engagement and cohesion in the political process. Communities should be able to vote together, and our current system splits them up for political gains. All parties should have a fair chance to govern, and legislators should be able to represent geography- and community-based districts, which will make both the campaigning and legislative processes more effective. I'm committed to ensuring that communities can vote together and be governed by a common legislator, rather than being split up to advance partisan political needs.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** We must address the structural ways that discrimination and barriers to access impact people with disabilities. While the ADA addresses many of the physical barriers, our ever-increasing online systems must consider accessibility concerns before they are launched. Beyond logistical concerns, we must ensure equity in resources and opportunity for people of all backgrounds. I will also pursue further investments in healthcare and social services to make services more accessible and affordable so that all people can manage their wellbeing and pursue meaningful lives. We must also reform our systems to address bias against people with mental disabilities so that they have the same access to services as those with physical disabilities.

## Tim Hennessey



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 1178 Foxview Rd., Pottstown, PA 19464

**Education:** St. Pius X High School St. Joseph's University Villanova Law School  
Qualifications Legal degree. 28 years of Legislative experience.

**campaign website:** <http://votehennessey.com>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/TimHennesseyforPA>

### Questions:

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** I was pleased to vote to expand mail-in voting opportunities for all citizens who want to vote by mail, for any reason. Some fear the corona virus threat, while others wish to do so for convenience. We should not question the reason why a voter chooses to vote by mail or in person, so long as the vote is legitimately cast. I recently voted to lengthen the window to apply for mail-in ballots, and to streamline the preparation of mailed-in ballots for counting on election day.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** Republicans and Democrats need to work together to get bills passed, and often do, much more frequently than people think. In the committees I've chaired, I've made sure that bills from both parties are brought up for

consideration and discussion and then for a vote. Disagreeing on matters of principle is not the same thing as "partisan gridlock."

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Yes!! I have co-sponsored House Bills 22 and 23 and have prepared through the Legislative Reference Bureau an amendment to expressly state that our Pennsylvania legislature would relinquish its authority over redistricting, which was a key consideration in the US Supreme Court's decision in the Arizona Redistricting Case in 2015.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** The Americans with Disabilities Act is a wonderful law, which has provided many opportunities for our citizens who have handicaps. This is an act with national scope, but we can allocate funds at the state level to implement the on-going construction projects (sidewalk ramps at crosswalks), which would need to be completed.

## Pennsylvania Representative District 74

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### **Dan K. Williams**

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 21 Wick Dr Parkesburg, PA 19365

#### **Questions:**

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## Dale Hensel

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 157 Cowan Rd. Parkesburg, PA 19365

### Questions:

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

# Pennsylvania Representative District 155

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: The Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

## Candidates (choose 1):

### Danielle Friel Otten

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 400 Devon Dr Exton, PA 19341

### Questions:

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## **Michael Thomas Taylor**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 462 Creekside Drive Downingtown, PA 19335

### **Questions:**

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

# **Pennsylvania Representative District 156**

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

## **Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Dianne Herrin**

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester

**Questions:**

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Len Iacono**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 1324 Mary Jane Ln West Chester, PA 19380

**Questions:**

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

## Pennsylvania Representative District 157

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

## Candidates (choose 1):

### Melissa L. Shusterman



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester County and Montgomery County

**Mailing Address:** 385 Shelbourne Lane Phoenixville, PA 19460

**Education:** Master's in Film & Video '93 BA Lafayette College '89 High School Degree, Conestoga '85

**Qualifications:** Before running for office, Melissa worked in the video production industry. She worked for large networks like Food Network, VH1, and HGTV before returning to Pennsylvania to raise her son as a single mother. There, she started her own successful business, a video production company. Melissa's busin

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

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/MelissaForPA>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** Fighting the unfairness of gerrymandering was one of the cornerstones of my campaign. Once I became the State Representative of the 157th, I signed onto the Fair Districts legislative package to end gerrymandering and I also signed onto the legislation to make 'fair rules' for the house. I am supportive of same day voter registration, continued the use of no excuse absentee ballot, curbside voting (for Senior Citizens and people with physical disabilities) and an early voting period.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** More than 60,000 people count on each of us to literally represent their views and our communities, and these people bring great ideas that are too often bottled up and never receive a vote. We need to change the House Rules to fix this. Under my plan, each House Member would get one Priority Bill per session. In our state, lobbyists outnumber legislators five to one. And many of these lobbyists are former public officials who left office to pursue lucrative contracts working for special interest groups. Public officials in PA need only wait one year before lobbying the people they formerly worked with. HB 2263, my bill would put a "stop to the revolving door" banning legislators from lobbying.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Yes. I believe in the proposals that the bipartisan group FAIR DISTRICTS has created. I would prefer immediate legislative action and then a Constitutional amendment.



**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** I am honored to be co-chair of the Autism and Intellectual Disabilities caucus. We work closely with people with physical and intellectual disabilities to make sure they are heard, they remain safe and valued within our communities. My district office has held events to bring together family's and celebrate this vibrant community. I was also able to co-sign a piece of voting legislation for a Braille option for blind voters as well as a piece of legislation to enforce the harshest penalties to those who violently attack people with disabilities. Securing money to create ADA compliant sidewalks as well as money secured for an All Abilities Playground for my district was another way to improve accessibility.

## **Bryan D. Walters**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester

**Mailing Address:** 1361 Valley Forge Rd Phoenixville, PA 19460

### **Questions:**

**Q:** Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?

**A:** Candidate did not respond. Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

# **Pennsylvania Representative District 158**

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

## Christina Sappey



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester

**Mailing Address:** 1431 Telegraph Rd West Chester, PA 19380

**Education:** BA Penn State University

**Qualifications:** Current state representative experienced in business, local government, agriculture, basic and special education, mental health and veteran's affairs policy.

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**Facebook:** <http://@christinasappeypa158>

### Questions:

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** I support, and have cosponsored legislation on, campaign finance reform to increase transparency and to end the undue influence of corporate and special interests in our elections. I support early voting to increase voter access, extending the start of counting of mail in and absentee ballots from 7am election day to at least 24 hours before election day and extending the vote to registered Independents in primary elections.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** The legislative agenda is currently driven by the majority party. It would help eliminate gridlock to amend current House rules to end the partisan committee process, allow more legislation out of committees in a bipartisan manner and to the full house for a vote.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Yes. It is vital to our democracy that we enact redistricting reform to end gerrymandering with the creation of an independent redistricting commission to draw legislative boundaries. Legislators should not draw districts to their individual or party advantage.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** Our fellow citizens with disabilities and their families deserve the right to self determination. So many in the disability community are caught in the systemic bureaucracy we have created over the years in PA. The scaffolding we provide for those with disabilities is fraught with a lack of funding and lack of support and advancement for those who care for the disabled. Changes I am eager to see include an increase in the number of qualified care providers, a living wage for these professionals, quality housing options and job opportunities for the disabled.

## Eric Roe



**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester County

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 3283 West Chester, PA 19381

**Education:** University College London (M. Sc. in Public Policy) American University (B.A. in Political Science) Henderson Senior High School

**Qualifications:** As our state representative, I invested more in public education funding, fought against partisan gerrymandering, blocked efforts to pollute our one and only environment, protected victims of domestic violence, and passed fiscally responsible state budgets without raising taxes.

**campaign website:** <http://www.ericroe.org/>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfEricRoe/>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** In 2018, I introduced legislation to allow voters with physical disabilities to vote by curbside from the comfort of their cars. Since Pennsylvania does not require working wheelchairs to be available at every voting precinct, it's important to allow voters to cast their ballots on Election Day, even if they did not return their absentee ballots on time. 24 other states have already implemented similar measures, and it is time Pennsylvania join them.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** The biggest reason for partisan gridlock in Harrisburg is partisan gerrymandering. When Republicans and Democrats are packed into certain districts, the only candidates to seem to win in them are ultra liberal or ultra conservative, and as a result, fewer moderates like myself are able to get elected. The 158th Legislative District deserves a leader who will build consensus in a bipartisan way. That's why I was the Republican prime sponsor of HB 722 in 2017, which would create an independent redistricting commission tasked with redrawing the legislative boundary lines of Congress and the General Assembly in Pennsylvania. I worked on that bill with the help of Fair Districts PA, as well as my Democratic colleague Steve Samuelson.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Yes, I introduced the bill. See above.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** Yes, please see the first question. I'd also like to increase the payouts for the in-home nurses and medical staff who care for Pennsylvanians with disabilities. Their jobs are critical for the well being of Pennsylvanians who live with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities.

# Pennsylvania Representative District 160

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

## Candidates (choose 1):

### Anton Andrew



**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester

**Mailing Address:** 26 Southridge Drive Kennett Sq, PA 19348

**Education:** I was able to go to college thanks to federal Pell Grants, scholarships, student loans and part-time jobs. I graduated with a political science degree from the University of Pennsylvania and earned my doctor of jurisprudence from Hofstra University

**Qualifications:** I have spent my career as a public defender, in public higher education, and building local non-profit organizations, standing up against injustice and fighting to give a voice to those who had none.

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**Facebook:** <http://antonandrewforpa>

**Twitter:** <http://@FriendsofAntonA>

#### Questions:

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** PA's Act 77 did much to improve voting access to its citizens but more progress still needs to be made with improving access with hope to improve voter participation. The following are measures I would support and recommend: Automatic Voter Registration with Driver's licensing, including pre-registering 16-17 year-olds. Voter registration deadlines closer to election day. Voter registration for those living in shelters. Open primaries, allowing everyone an opportunity to participate in the selection of candidates. Mail-in ballot due date designated by election day post mark.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** 1. Currently the chairs of the individual committees decide whether to bring a bill out of committee and forward for consideration on the floor. This allows the balance of power of important legislation to be held by one partisan leader, regardless of how many sponsors a bill may have. The procedural rules, which allow this action, must be changed. 2. Only 10 states allow gifts to their legislators and Pennsylvania is one of them. I would support and recommend a ban on gifts to elected officials along with more stringent and detailed reporting of income outside their legislator pay. 3. Campaign finance rules need to be enhanced with limits on PAC and individual donations.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** I fully favor redistricting reform and have supported the initiatives of Fair Districts PA and attended workshops and rallies in Harrisburg in support of a constitutional amendment to effect such change. The current system for determining the types of voting districts is flawed. First, it uses two separate methods for creating Congressional districts and the State Senatorial and House districts. The latter is described in the PA State Constitution. The Congressional districts are inherently partisan following the same methods used for passing bills into law. And in both cases the group that works on creating boundaries are political appointees.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** It is a travesty that many of our polling places in Pennsylvania are not fully accessible as described by the Americans with Disability Act including problems with entrances, route from parking lot to entrance, and the voting area. I would support legislation and funding requiring every polling place to avail a safe and accessible space to vote for every voter. I will also work diligently to promote legislation which: improves disability service protects the rights of and empowers members of the disabled community and provide them technical and training assistance; so people with disabilities can live the lives they choose

## **Craig Williams**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:** 61 Running Brook Road Glen Mills, PA 19342

### **Questions:**

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

# **Pennsylvania Representative District 167**

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House of Representatives consists of 203 members. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been citizens and lived in their respective districts one year before their election, and must live in their districts during their terms of service.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$90,335

**Vote for ONE.**

## Candidates (choose 1):

### Kristine Howard

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Chester County

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 252 Malvern, PA 19355

**Education:** University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers Law

**Qualifications:** My background includes serving as Director of a legal aid clinic, providing legal representation to children in foster care and working as a child abuse investigator. In 2018 I was elected State Rep in 167th District and serve on Human Services, Children and Youth and Finance Committees in the House.

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#### Questions:

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** In the legislature, I supported the bill that legalized vote by mail in Pennsylvania. I support further expanding voting by mail by going to an all mail-in election where all voters are sent ballots in the mail and the application process is eliminated. If we cannot achieve this reform permanently at this time, then I believe we should establish it temporarily as long as COVID-19 remains a threat.

I support automatic voter registration when an individual attains their 18th birthday. In the absence of full-on vote by mail, I support same day registration on election days.

I support establishing and widely expanding in-person early voting.

I support paper back-up voting systems.

I oppose photo identification laws.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** I believe the most critical reform we can make is fair and balanced redistricting. As it is today with the aid of sophisticated voter databases, district lines are drawn in such a way that highly partisan election jurisdictions are created that incentivize legislators at all levels to continually curry favor with their bases and resist compromise and consensus for fear of being challenged in their primary elections from the right or left respectively. Also, committee chairs have too much power. A chair can single-handedly and capriciously bury legislation in committee. We need a mechanism to get legislation out of committee to be considered by the legislature as a whole where it often has enough votes to pass in a bipartisan way.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** I do not favor tampering with our constitution when the legislature has the power to address issues on our own. I am also reluctant to convene a constitutional convention that could open up other constitutional protections to revision or elimination. However, if the legislature fails to address the issue of fair redistricting, I would support amending the constitution. Unfortunately, if we cannot muster the votes to reform redistricting legislatively, it is unlikely we can find the votes to amend the constitution and I fear the compromises we would have to make to convene a constitutional convention would be a non-starter for me.

The best option is to elect a new majority, a majority that works in Harrisburg.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** We must prioritize addressing existing barriers for employment of people with disabilities.

Many workplaces are not covered by the accessibility rules that apply to public places of commerce. We need to address:

- Physical environments that are difficult to navigate or simply inaccessible - To often workplaces Lack technologies and/or assistive tools to help the disabled better function on the job. - People with disabilities often encounter a lack of understanding or negative attitudes from co-workers and supervisors - Many places of employment come up short when it comes to services and policies in the workplace that facilitate and protect disabled workers  
The state needs to financially incentivize employers to address these issues.

## **Wendy Graham Leland**

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**Mailing Address:**

### **Questions:**

**Q:** *Access to the ballot box is one of the most important rights for a citizen. Although Pennsylvania recently modernized its election code, there are other reforms that would further modernize Pennsylvania's elections. If elected, what reforms would you support to ensure that all citizens who want to vote are able to securely, privately, and independently cast a ballot?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *While there have been some positive legislative actions recently, partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has taken its toll, and many people feel that Pennsylvania's state government is dysfunctional. What types of reforms, if any, would you support to make the legislative process in Harrisburg more effective?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *Do you support a state constitutional amendment to form an independent commission to redraw Congressional and legislative districts? Why or why not?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.

**Q:** *2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, many barriers still exist for people with disabilities. What will you do as a state legislator to improve accessibility for people with disabilities across the Commonwealth?*

**A:** Candidate did not respond.