

# VOTERS GUIDE—2022 GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Listing candidates on the ballots of Abington, Cheltenham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Rockledge, Springfield and Upper Dublin



Polls open 7 AM to 8 PM.
This guide may be taken into the voting booth.





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# IN THIS ELECTION WE VOTE FOR:

#### Statewide:

United States Senator
Governor
Lieutenant Governor

#### Local:

U. S. House of Representatives (District 4)

PA Senate (Districts 4, 12)

PA House of Representatives (Districts 151, 152, 153 and 154)

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elsewhere in
Montgomery County,
in Pennsylvania, and
across the nation.



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#### • UNITED STATES SENATOR •

JOB DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of 100 members (two Senators from each state). One third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years. A senator must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years and a resident of the State from which s/he is chosen at the time of the election. Senators write and vote in favor of or against final bills and serve on various policy committees. The Senate has several exclusive powers not granted to the House, including advice/consent on presidential nominations and treaties and conducting the trial of Federal officials impeached by the House.

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

#### DEMOCRATIC

JOHN FETTERMAN, Allegheny County **Occupation**: Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania **Education**: Albright College, B.S. 1991 University of Connecticut., M.B.A. 1993 Harvard University Kennedy School, M.P.P. 199

Qualifications: Risk-Management Insurance Underwriter, Chubb & Son 1993-1994 Member, AmeriCorps 1995-1997 Program Coordinator, Braddock Out-Of-School Youth 2001-2007 Founder & President, Braddock Redux 2003-2017 Mayor of the Borough of Braddock, 2006-2019 Lieutenant A: I am very happy that President Biden is rebuild-Governor of Pennsylvania, 2019-Presen

Campaign Website: http://johnfetterman.com/ **Facebook**: http://www.facebook.com/

JohnFettermanPA

Twitter: http://twitter.com/JohnFetterman Link to position on abortion: http:// www.prochoiceamerica.org/2022/07/01/naral-prochoice-america-endorses-john-fetterman-for-u-ssenate-in-pennsylvania/

#### **Ouestions:**

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

A: Among my top issues are tackling income inequality and economic injustices; raising wages and benefits for working families; reforming the criminal justice system; codifying Roe v. Wade into federal law; passing anti-discrimination protections for the LGBTQ+ community; protecting and expanding the right to vote; and protecting and expanding the union way of life.

**Q:** What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections? **A:** I would strongly support legislation in Congress, such as the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, the For the People Act, and the Freedom to Vote

Act, which aim to expand voting rights. It is important that we make it easier for people to vote. eliminate dark money in politics, and knock down restrictions that marginalize voters, mostly voters of color. I would proudly eliminate the filibuster to do it. In the aftermath of the 2020 elections, I was removed from the floor of the PA state Senate after resisting Republican efforts to refuse to seat Senator Jim Brewster after he fairly won his election. We must enshrine the right to vote into federal law to stop Republicans from undermining it, and as Senator I will do everything to make that happen. **O:** What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change? A: Climate change is an existential threat, and we need to transition to clean energy as quickly as possible. I have never taken a dime from the fossil fuel industry, and I never will. It's a totally false choice that we have to choose between jobs and a clean environment. We can have both, that's why I am always going to fight for creating thousands upon thousands of good-paying green union jobs as we transition, all while increasing our energy independence. My plan for the transition to clean energy starts with immediate investments into research and development and innovation; expanding renewable energy sources; and ensuring clean transportation infrastructure; and investing in environmental justice measures.

**Q:** How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international communitv?

ing the US's standing in the international community after former President Trump damaged it so much. As a world leader, America must first and foremost ensure proper diplomatic relations, protect its allies, and engage in vigorous diplomacy across the globe. In addition, where there is a need, and to the extent that we can, America must help. That includes accepting refugees fleeing war in their countries, or providing humanitarian aid, military aid, and other support to countries like Ukraine that are defending themselves from attacks on their sovereignty by brutal dictators like Putin.

#### REPUBLICAN

**MEHMET OZ**, Montgomery County No response received.

#### **LIBERTARIAN**

**ERIK GERHARDT**, Montgomery County **Occupation**: master carpenter Education: high school diploma Campaign Website: http://erik4pa.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/erik4pa **Twitter**: http://twitter.com/erik4senate? t=S4tVUuPbGdYSsknEZDoWO&s=09h

Link to position on abortion: http://twitter.com/ erik4Senate/status/1555299114857938946?s=19 **Questions:** 

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

A: the economy is my main issue, i would like to build small business incentives to grow the small business industry, i will work with both sides to accommodate my plans and start a true tri-partisan way forward.

**Q:** What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections? **A:** i will back legislation that makes id for voting and add in blockchain technologies to secure elec-

**O:** What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change? A: i will not support bills that move away from free market capitalism

**O:** How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international communitv?

A: we need to renegotiate nato or flat out leave it as it serves no purpose.

#### **GREEN**

RICHARD L. WEISS, Allegheny County

**Occupation**: Lawyer

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

Qualifications: I am born and raised in Pennsylvania. My parents owned Weiss Bakery in the Brentwood boro of Pittsburgh. My first job as an attorney was for the federal government in the General Counsel's Office of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Washington, D.C. and I have worked overseas

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**Twitter**: http://twitter.com/RichardLWeiss Link to position on abortion: http:// ivoterguide.com/candidate? elecK=778&raceK=11199&canK=56347&

**Ouestions:** 

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

**A:** The Covid-19 pandemic underlines the need for universal healthcare. Many who lose their job cannot afford to maintain their health insurance. In the modern gig economy, many do not receive health insurance through their employer. They may face the choice of paying for rent or healthcare, but not

both. Current health insurance has too many deductibles, copays and limitations on coverage. Employers who provide healthcare will benefit from Medicare for All by having costs reduced. Employers who do not provide healthcare will benefit from Medicare for All by having healthier workers. Medicare for All costs less for better care. Also, Ranked Choice Voting eliminates any so-called "spoiler effect." See ballotpedia.org/Ranked-choice\_voting\_(RCV).

**O:** What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections? A: Every citizen should be registered to vote at birth or be allowed to register on the spot at the polling station. If they do not have photo ID then there should be a fingerprint reader available and they should be allowed to vote after giving their fingerprint. The fingerprint readers can be connected nationwide and eliminate any chance of double voting. They should be allowed to vote first and any objections they are not entitled to vote could be filed after they vote first. Voting by mail should be allowed. Make Election Day a holiday. Paper ballots. Hand marked. On camera. The hand count on camera is the official count. Ballots on camera from the time they enter the polling place as blanks to the time they're completely counted.

**Q:** What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change? A: The latest UN report on climate change underscores the need to immediately make all efforts to stop emissions of greenhouse gases. This can be accomplished through a "just transition" to renewable energy that provides jobs, and does not cause cancer like mining and burning fossil fuels. The technology exists today. All we need to do is implement it. The first step is to halt fracking which is ruining the water and health of Pennsylvania. Fossil fuels provide fewer jobs which are temporary, produce more expensive energy, leave behind environmental disasters and cause cancer. Renewable energy provides more and permanent jobs, produces cheaper energy, preserves the environment and doesn't cause cancer. Cancer is a high tax to pay. **Q:** How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international commu-

nity? **A:** Negotiate peace in Ukraine, reduce overseas bases to pre-9/11 levels, bring troops home and spend that money at home. Climate change is the greatest national security threat. We should not be afraid of China and engage with them on an equal basis to reduce tensions. Stop funding terrorists and pass the Stop Arming Terrorists bill proposed by Tulsi Gabbard. The U.S. promoted radical Islamic fundamentalism in Afghanistan to fight against Russia, which was a violation of American values. Freedom of contract is a fundamental Constitution-

al right including the right not to purchase, i.e. boycott. Create a Palestinian state. End U.S. support for the war in Yemen. Transition to renewable energy as quickly as possible. www.GP.org/platform. that we actually are dealing with a real problem. As a student at one of the first "environmental science" universities in the US I was handed a theoretical paper known as the "Global 2000 report".

#### **KEYSTONE**

**DANIEL WASSMER**, Pike County

Occupation: Attorney / College Professor

Education: BA, MBA, JD

**Qualifications**: Former appointee to the DRJTBC, Assistant County Solicitor, Lecturer on Law, Government and International Business issues.

Campaign Website: http://www.wassmer4pa.com

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Wassmer4USSenate

Twitter: http://www.twitter.com/4wassmer

Link to position on abortion: http:// www.wassmer4pa.com/about---my-positions

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

A: To list all of my major concerns would be virtually impossible nevertheless there are numerous issues that I have detailed on my website. Each is quite important to me. Simply prioritizing one over the other minimizes the importance and impact of a number of very important issues. So for the sake of avoiding a declaration that I am specifically focused on one issue as opposed to a variety of interrelated issues seems more appropriate to my approach. To deal with the plethora of issues I would have to work with other like minded individuals and extend invitations to all who would be inclined to participate. Please visit my website to read more exacting responses to each inquiry in this questionnaire.

**Q:** What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections? A: Suppressive behavior, long a problem in the US generally starts with a variety of fully constructed problems by the two major political parties. This has actually created an atmosphere ripe for "losers" to disparage results and seek to "mob"ilize any ideologue who will listen! The sad state of buying into the perception that any particular candidate is somehow their sole acting "savior" and the opponent is actually the "enemy" of democracy absolutely undermines the ideals we as US citizens ought to be striving for. Unfortunately both parties play this dangerous game and for quite some time have done so in a concerted fashion. To resolve "voting impediments" we need to have an honest discussion and create ease of access for voters. **Q:** What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

A: First we need a dialogue to convince even for-

mer environmental science majors such as myself

that we actually are dealing with a real problem. As a student at one of the first "environmental science" universities in the US I was handed a theoretical paper known as the "Global 2000 report". The report commissioned by the Carter administration had one of the first references to the theories of "acid rain" as well as "global warming'. For almost 40 years I have followed "the science" (empirical data) via actual reliable sources including: NASA, NOAA, various colleges and university studies and have asked pertinent questions related to this issue. To date these have not been satisfactorily answered. Remedies should not be potential harms.

**Q:** How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A: I have listened to and follow the guidance of University of Chicago International policy Professor John Joseph Mearsheimer. Mearsheimer takes a realist view of international policy. While the US plays an important role in international leadership we also need to disconnect from having our international policy guided by the military industrial complex which often times pushes policy in the direction of improper interventionist fiascos. In addition I would note that a role of the US senate is to be engaged in advising and consenting to US treaties. I remain appalled at the leadership of both the republican and democratic parties at sidestepping those checks and balances and merely ruling by proclamation in the field of treaty making, etc..

### • GOVERNOR •

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Governor is the chief executive officer of the Commonwealth, executing the laws of the state through Executive Agencies. A Governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a US citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he manages the financial affairs of the state and must annually present a balanced budget to the General Assembly. The Governor has extensive appointive powers, may recommend legislation, and signs or vetoes bills passed by both houses of the General Assembly (subject to 2/3 override). S/he is Commander-in -Chief of the state National Guard, except when they are called into the actual service of the United States. The Governor can grant reprieves, pardons, and paroles. The holder of this office may only be reelected once.

**Term: 4 years—Salary: \$213,026** 

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#### DEMOCRATIC

JOSH SHAPIRO, Montgomery County

**Occupation**: Attorney General of Pennsylvania Education: University of Rochester, BA;

Georgetown University Law Center, JD

**Qualifications**: Whether as a State Rep., the leader of PA's third-largest county, or Attorney General, I've brought people together to get things done. As Governor, I'll continue to tackle the challenges facing Pennsylvanians and will move our Commonwealth forward.

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**JoshShapiroPA** 

**Twitter:** http://twitter.com/joshshapiropa

**Ouestions:** 

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

A: As Governor, my top priorities are creating opportunity for Pennsylvania children by improving our education system, building a stronger economy by creating jobs, cutting taxes and lowering costs, and making our communities safer all across the Commonwealth. In order to move Pennsylvania forward and build a better future for our children. we must work together to achieve these key priorities. Throughout my career – and every day as Attorney General – I work hard to bring people together, solve problems, and get things done for Pennsylvania. As Governor, I will continue to do just that so that we can solve our biggest problems – because that's how we will deliver results for people across our Commonwealth and move Pennsylvania forward.

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

**A:** Defending democracy is the foundation for making progress in Pennsylvania. I believe that if we want to grow our economy, improve our schools, and make our communities safer, then we need a stable democracy where all Pennsylvanians? voices can be heard. As Governor, I will continue my work to ensure voters have access to the ballot box and that every legal vote is counted in every election. That's why I released a ten-step plan to defend democracy, ensure access to the ballot, and improve our elections by appointing a prodemocracy Secretary of State, allowing counties to pre-canvass and cure ballots, establishing automatic voter registration and early in-person voting, and vetoing any attempt to restrict mail-in voting in Pennsylvania.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: Throughout my entire career. I have worked to defend Pennsylvanians' constitutional right to clean air and pure water – and as Governor, I will continue that work by investing in clean energy and clean transportation, adopting the 2020 Grand Jury Report recommendations to minimize health hazards arising from fracking, plugging orphaned and abandoned oil and gas wells, and addressing lead contamination in order to keep protecting Pennsylvania's environment. As Governor, my priority will be ensuring Pennsylvania has a comprehensive climate and energy policy that protects consumers, creates jobs, capitalizes on our strength as an energy hub, safeguards our environment, and moves our Commonwealth forward.

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

**A:** Every Pennsylvanian deserves to feel safe at home, at school, and in their community – and I know we can achieve that while upholding Pennsylvanians' rights and traditions. Throughout my career, I have worked with my colleagues in law enforcement and with local communities across our CHRISTINA DIGIULIO, Chester County Commonwealth to fight gun violence and keep Pennsylvanians safe, taking thousands of illegal guns off our streets, shutting down gun trafficking rings, and working to close the ghost gun loophole. As Governor, I will support common sense gun legislation to close background check loopholes, keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals, and work with the legislature to increase funding for gun safety training programs.

#### REPUBLICAN

**DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO**, Franklin County

**Occupation**: Senator

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

Qualifications: 1986-Commissioned in the US Army, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (2ACR) on the Iron Curtain, 2ACR Desert Storm in Iraq, Afghanistan (three deployments), Senior leader of NATO unit in Afghanistan comprised of 18 nations, Award winning author, Professor of Army War College (Carlisle)

Campaign Website: http://doug4gov.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Fight4pa **Questions:** 

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

**A:** Infrastructure, Energy Production, Road / Transportation Improvements, School Choice, the Right to Life

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

A: Voter ID, Poll Watcher Protection, Increased Penalties for violating voting law. Repeal Act 77 **Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, nure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would vou take to protect these rights?

**A:** I'm an Eagle Scout and respect the environment - we are stewards of the land

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

A: Uphold the constitutional protections delineated in our state and federal constitutions

#### LIBERTARIAN

MATT HACKENBURG, Northampton County No response received.

#### GREEN

**Occupation**: Scientist (analytical chemist)

**Education**: BS Biology-Chemistry

**Qualifications**: Community watchdog and organizer, Research and Development scientist for ORISE, DoD & it's contractors, USP. Contract Officer Representative and DoD Acquisition Certified, SPRDE -SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MGR LEVEL 2

Campaign Website: http://greenslate2022.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/PKforPA **Twitter**: http://www.twitter.com/PKforPA Link to position on abortion: http:// www.greenslate2022.com/platform **Ouestions:** 

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

A: I agree with my running mates' responses 100%. As a scientist, I know we must take immediate action to protect this and future generations. In Pennsylvania, I will advocate for the creation of an agency for a just equitable transition. I will call for a ban on all new fracking wells; a five year decommissioning period for existing wells, a program to ensure proper capping of those wells; and reparations. To keep oil & gas companies, lobbyists, & those who profited equally accountable for the part they knowingly played, I will advocate for a required lifetime maintenance policy of their decommissioned & abandoned wells, including funding research into sustainable solutions for all wells.

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

A: I will work hard for the elimination of ballot access laws and rules that discriminate against smaller parties and independents, and otherwise place undue burden on the right of citizens to run for office. I will work to end partisan gerrymandering ensuring every Pennsylvanians' vote counts, that all U.S. voting systems are verifiable, transparent, and accurate. I will prioritize enacting proportional representation voting systems for legislative seats on municipal, county, state, and federal levels, and provide full public financing of federal, state and local elections, and focus on equitable requirements in regards to public access for all candidates.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: We need to act on climate now... actually ... yesterday. Since we did not act earlier, we must act aggressively now. We must work to stop burning fossil fuels, eliminate greenhouse admissions by 95% by 2050, end all fossil subsidies, and redirect any research dollars to resiliency research. Qualified scientists must be the ones who guide policy. A scientist must not have any conflict of interest. Objective think tanks must be created to ensure the focus is on the health & safety the people, and the environment. There will be no more foxes in the hen house. The people will have more power at the table vs. industry. The think tanks will be comprised of the people, not the corporations with interest in profiting.

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

A: We need to address and heal the foundations of society. Gun violence is a systemic problem with multiple roots that need to be treated by "fixing" those roots instead of avoiding them. All people should have access to quality health care (including mental, dental, reproductive), quality education,

and jobs. In addition, we need sensible gun laws, accountability for gun companies, mandatory training for gun owners, support for high quality gun violence research, & accountability for law enforcement officers & private security. We must treat gun violence as a public health emergency, We must start requiring psychological impact studies as a part of policy & legislation decisions, especially, in known injustice areas. Treatment for trauma.

#### KEYSTONE

JOE SOLOSKI, Centre County Occupation: CPA (Retired)

**Education**: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Qualifications: Certified Public Accountant Campaign Website: http://joesoloski.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/joe.soloski Twitter: http://twitter.com/joesoloski

Link to position on abortion: http://

joesoloski.com

**Ouestions:** 

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

A: Pennsylvania's budget is bloated and mismanaged. Our operating budget has more than doubled, from \$20 billion to over \$41 billion in just 20 years. Pennsylvania doesn't have a revenue problem; it's got a spending problem! I will be working to cut our state budget by at least 5% per year, starting with my own salary. Pennsylvania has the 3rd highest paid Governor in the Nation; over \$205,000 per year. I'll be cutting my salary by 65% to just under \$70,000 per year. I'll be leading by example. If the Legislature doesn't go along with my budget cuts, then I'll veto every budget bill they put on my desk. We have the highest paid Legislature in the Nation and I'll be working to slash their pay, benefits, and ban them from receiving gifts.

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

A: Every Pennsylvanian who wants to vote should have the best and easiest opportunity to do so. I will work to see changes made that will allow independent, third parties to be on the ballot. The Democrats and Republicans do all that they can to make laws and rules to prevent third party competition. Also, like Maine and Alaska, I will be working to see Ranked Choice Voting implemented here in Pennsylvania. That will give voters a better bang for their buck when it comes to their vote. Because of that, better representatives will be elected. I'm also a big advocate for term limits for our state legislators. Implementing Ranked Choice Voting and Legislative term limits will be extremely popular with Pennsylvania voters.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: As Governor, I will charge the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources to continue its work to manage, preserve, and conserve our state parks, and I will enforce regulations to preserve our air, water, and our environment. Nuclear energy is the cleanest, safest, and most cost-effective form of energy generation that we have. I will work to promote and streamline the process of getting more nuclear power plants constructed and online. Renewables, like solar panels and windmills, face difficult and costly disposal problems at the end of their useful lives. That's a growing environmental hazard. At the same time, those renewables cannot be relied upon to provide the necessary energy to meet market demands.

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

**A:** As stated in the Pennsylvania Constitution: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned". I

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Voters Guide Editor: Mary Felley 1570 The Fairway, Apt. 104E Rydal, PA 19046 (215) 886-1604 think that our Constitution is pretty clear on this issue. "Shall not be questioned". I am in complete agreement. I will always defend our inherent right to defend ourselves. As Governor, I will veto any bill that attempts to curtail our right to own a gun and to defend ourselves and our families. More specifically. I want to see Pennsylvania become a 'Constitutional Carry state'. You won't hear that from any of my gubernatorial challengers. Red flag laws are a very slippery slope and I oppose them. Firearm safety classes are readily available and should be promoted.

#### • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR •

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Lieutenant Governor will be elected jointly with the Governor in the General Election although candidates are nominated separately in the Primary. A Lieutenant Governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a US citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he is President of the Senate, presiding over the Senate but having no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. S/he is Chair of the Board of Pardons and the PA Emergency Management Council. The PA Constitution provides that in case of the death, conviction or impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation, or other disability of the Governor, the powers, duties, and compensation of the office shall be transferred to the Lieutenant Governor for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed. There are no term limits to this office.

**Term: 4 years—Salary: \$178,940** 

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#### DEMOCRATIC

**AUSTIN DAVIS**, Allegheny County **Occupation**: State Representative

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Political Science

from the University of Pittsburgh

**Qualifications**: Austin Davis is currently a PA State Representative where he serves as Chair of the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation and Vice Chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. Previously, Austin served as Senior Advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for 6 years.

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AustinDavisPA

Twitter: http://twitter.com/AustinDavisPA

**Ouestions:** 

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

A: The issues I plan to prioritize as Lt. Governor are working to create family sustaining jobs, building ladders of opportunity for folks to help them succeed, and ensuring every child receives a quality education, regardless of their zip code. I have a track record of getting things done as a State Representative, and I will continue to use my platform as Lt. Governor to push these issues forward.

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

A: The right to vote is sacred, held by all Pennsylvanians, and I will always work to strengthen that right for every member of our Commonwealth. I believe expanding access to democracy is always the right thing to do and I would support measures such as automatic voter registration to do this.

**O**: Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: Every Pennsylvanian deserves the right to clean air, pure water, and a good environment. Unfortunately, this isn't the case in many instances across the Commonwealth. I believe in holding bad actors who pollute our communities accountable and I have a track record of doing so as State Representative. However, in order to further protect these What is your position on these measures? constitutional rights, we must reinvest in our Department of Environmental Protection, which has been gutted over the past several decades. We must strengthen their ability to enforce existing laws, as well as increase their funding which will allow them to do a more efficient and effective job at protecting Pennsylvania's environment.

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

A: Gun violence has become all too common across the country, including right here in Pennsylvania. I support common sense gun reforms, such as the ones listed above, in order to better protect our communities. I also support the idea of classifying gun violence as a public health issue, which would allow for more resources to be used to combat it. In fact, as senior advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, I helped to create the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Health to do just that.

#### REPUBLICAN

CARRIE LEWIS DELROSSO, Allegheny Coun-

**Occupation**: Member of State House of Representatives

**Education**: University of Pittsburgh

**Qualifications:** Oakmont Council Member 2018-

2020: State House Member 2021

Campaign Website: http://www.CarrieForPA.com

Facebook: http://facebook.com/carrieforpa **Twitter**: http://twitter.com/carrieforpa

**Ouestions:** 

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

A: Lower CNIT- Push for PA to more attractive state to manufacture and produce Provide a better return on investment with k-12 education Fully fund law enforcement Fully fund infrastructure Secure Elections Promote Ag Growth

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

**A:** Voter ID Provide a more efficient system for early/absentee voting and deadlines Voter Confidence -ballot security

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would vou take to protect these rights?

A: Promote energy growth and independence in PA while always mindful of our environment.

**Q:** There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training.

A: Protect our 2nd Amendment; right to people to bear arms

#### **LIBERTARIAN**

TIM MCMASTER, York County

**Occupation**: IT Analyst / Farmer **Education**: Central Penn College (MCSE, CCNA)

Qualifications: Business owner, Citizen Campaign Website: http://tim4pa.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/

McMasterLtGov2022

**Twitter**: http://twitter.com/Tim4PA Link to position on abortion: http:// www.facebook.com/McMasterLtGov2022/posts/ pfbid02H9Fq8B3HvomDMoejx2AcuuFuhUvvmbLtuAa2xrGepM9BxTH2a2V9sZvqq27 hsftC1

#### **Ouestions:**

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

**A:** I would work with willing members of the PA General Assembly to find ways to reduce, on a path to the total elimination of the onerous and destructive property tax. The very first way that I see to do this is to reduce excessive spending in the local school districts and focus on educating to the student, and not to the tests.

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

A: Voting is a sacred right that all citizens enjoy and a privilege that we should all exercise. However, to maintain the confidence of voters and the integrity of the system, some robust measures to ensure that sanctity must be employed. Universal mail-in balloting is a very bad idea in theory and nearly impossible to secure in practice. In this current age, some simple, vet effective means of verification must be employed.

O: Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: My first step would be to hold polluters personally responsible for their pollution. No more decades long 'arbitration' cases and then a fine to the 'Super Fund' as a way out. If you or your entity have personally violated the property (or health and well being) of others, you should be held to account. No exceptions or government 'favors' for large donors or allies.

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

A: The PA Constitution is quite clear and unambiguous on this matter. It states in Article 1, Section 21: "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."

#### **GREEN**

MICHAEL BAGDES-CANNING, Butler County **Occupation**: Retired teacher, community organizer (volunteer) with Marcellus Outreach Butler, Better Path Coalition, Beyond Extreme Energy, grant committee for Direct Support Fund and Frontline Community Fund

Education: BS, Education, Slipperv Rock University. MS, Education, Clarion University

Qualifications: 33 years in elected office (Cherry Valley Borough, Council and Mayor), union leader, community organizer, serve on the board of several community organizations, founder of local, statewide and national organizations.

Campaign Website: http://greenslate2022.com

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/

mikebagdescanning

Twitter: http://www.twitter.com/BagdesCanning

Link to position on abortion: http:// www.greenslate2022.com/platform

Other websites: https://www.instagram.com/ mike4pa64/

**Ouestions:** 

**O:** What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how

would vou work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A: I call on Congress to pass the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021 or equivalent legislation. A woman's right to control her body is nonnegotiable and it is essential that the option of a safe, legal abortion remain available. I support a comprehensive gift ban, an end to the per diem, campaign finance reform, an end to outside jobs for our full time legislators, and an end to partisan gerrymandering. We are facing the existential crisis of climate catastrophe. We must take immediate action to protect this and future generations. Access to universal, comprehensive, national single-payer health plan is a priority. Healthcare is a human right. Criminal justice, immigrants, and tax reform are also issues I would like to tackle immediately. **Q:** What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A: As noted above, I would work to end partisan gerrymandering. Establish guarantees that every citizen's vote counts, and that all U.S. voting systems — including electronic ones — are verifiable, transparent and accurate. I am also for the elimination all ballot access laws and rules that discriminate against smaller parties and independents, and otherwise place undue burden on the right of citizens to run for office. We must enact proportional representation voting systems for legislative seats on municipal, county, state and federal levels. Provide full public financing of federal, state and local elections, including free and equal radio and television time on the public airwayes for all ballotqualified candidates and parties.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** We need to act on climate YESTERDAY. Since we didn't, we must act aggressively NOW. We must work to stop burning fossil fuels, eliminate greenhouse admissions by 95% by 2050, end all fossil subsidies and redirect any research dollars to resiliency research. We must ensure that workers and communities are offered a just transition as we move away from fossil fuels. We also must de-

mand that corporations that have spent decades poisoning our air, water, and soil clean up their messes. We must make people harmed by ecological devastation be made whole. We must adopt a policy that rescinds the right of serial offenders of environmental laws to do business in the state. We must build resiliency on a local and state level.

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

A: All of these pieces of legislation treat the symptoms, not the disease. Gun violence is a systemic problem with multiple roots and needs to be treated by "fixing" those roots. A lack of political will to make a change and an underinvestment in prevention is huge. All people should have access to quality health care including mental health, healthy communities, quality education, jobs, and treatment for trauma. In addition, we need sensible gun laws, accountability for gun companies, mandatory training for gun owners, support for high quality gun violence research, and accountability for law enforcement officers and private security. Finally, we must treat gun violence as the public health emergency. This is more than the 2nd Amendment.

#### **KEYSTONE**

**NICOLE SHULTZ.** York County

**Occupation**: Self Employed

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Small Business

Administration and Entrepreneurship

Qualifications: Auditor Windsor Twp., Small

business owner.

Campaign Website: http:// Www.Nicoleshultz.com

Facebook: http://WWW.Facebook.com/

ShultzforPALtGov

**Twitter**: http://WWW.Twitter.com/

NicoleShultzforPA

Link to position on abortion: http://

WWW.NicoleShultz.com

**Ouestions:** 

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

**A:** Misappropriation of our state's tax revenue is one of the most important problems we face. Redirected funds end up staling out important statewide projects with little to no transparency for Pennsylvania's constituents to know where their

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money is actually being spent. As a moderate third party, I am uniquely positioned to work with anyone in government to find actual solutions without being beholden to guard a party line

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

A: Open primaries and equalization of ballot access rules across all candidates would be a good start. Up to twenty-five million dollars of Pennsylvania's tax monies are spent on primary season alone. The number of Pennsylvania voters that are registered as third party, independent, or other is at 1.2 million and growing; leaving a large number of citizens without a voice until election day while they contribute to footing the bill. And many of their best qualified choices may never even make the ballot.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: As an example, fracking in Pennsylvania provides jobs to over 20,000 Pennsylvanians and brings in revenue of over 500,000,000 dollars. There is no doubt that industry is an important part of our economy. However, the rush to grow it has led to an oversight of the environmental impact to surrounding communities. I would like to see emphasis put into predicting the ramifications of business practices that could negatively impact the environment, guidelines put in place to prevent that from happening, and stricter penalties for failing to meet those guidelines. The goal is to create incentives that would make it profitable for business to be conducted in our state, but in a safe manner that doesn't leave us resourceless in the future.

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

A: I believe red flag laws could be easily manipulated to wrongfully strip law abiding citizens of their rights. And any time individual's rights are involved, we should tread carefully. Any laws put in place to limit inalienable rights should be as limited as possible. Background checks, in this regard, are more acceptable as they are less prone to being used in malice. Firearm Safety courses could go a long way in dispelling the fear and misunderstandings surrounding gun debates. If implemented correctly I see that as a positive. Ultimately all of these things dance around the issue that no one seems to want to name. We desperately need to address mental health issues and how they relate to gun related crimes.

# • REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS •

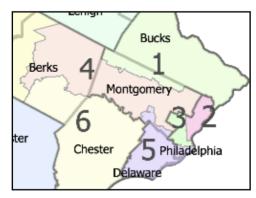
**Description of office:** The US Constitution reguires that the House of Representatives be composed of Representatives from each state, elected in proportion to population. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives, with 17 Representatives allotted to Pennsylvania after the 2020 census. A US Representative must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and be a resident of the state they seek to represent at the time of the election (though not necessarily the same district). The House of Representatives is responsible for introducing and voting on bills, resolutions and amendments, and for approving the budget. Representatives also serve on various policy committees. The House may send Articles of Impeachment of elected officials to the Senate and elects the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.

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

#### 4th District

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

This district has lost some area in Montgomery County and gained area in Berks County in the latest redistricting. It still covers all municipalities covered in this Voters Guide.



#### **DEMOCRATIC**

MADELEINE DEAN, Montgomery County

**Occupation**: Member of Congress

Education: Undergraduate, La Salle University;

Law School, Widener University

**Qualifications**: Member of Congress, PA-04 (2019-present); State Representative, PA HD-153 (2012-18)

Campaign Website: http://www.mad4pa.com/

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Mad4PA/ Twitter: http://twitter.com/MadeleineDean Ouestions:

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

A: Though there are many pressing issues, two that I am keenly aware of are the need to address both gun violence and the opioid epidemic. In 2020 alone, nearly 2,000 Pennsylvanians lost their lives to gun violence, and another 4,300 died from opioid-related overdoses. Such loss is tragic – and it's also preventable. I've authored multiple pieces of legislation to combat these epidemics. For example, I worked in a bipartisan manner to introduce and pass the Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act— which would boost competition in innovative treatments for opioid use disorder. I also worked to get full funding for FY 2022 for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) in order to combat gun violence in our communities.

**O:** What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections? A: As someone who had the chance to run for Congress after our State Supreme Court ruled that the PA GOP had unconstitutionally gerrymandered our districts. I am a firm believer that voters should choose their representatives – not the other way around. Now, with the 2022 Congressional maps, Pennsylvania has new, compact districts. In Congress, I have supported legislation to expand voting rights, lessen the influence of money in politics, and establish more stringent ethics standards for lawmakers. Additionally, as an impeachment manager, I defended our Constitution and the sanctity of the 2020 Presidential Election. I will stand against any and all efforts to overturn the will of voters – because doing so is an assault on our democracy.

**Q:** What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change? **A:** Article I, Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees residents the right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. While I'm no longer a state representative, I remain committed to preserving these rights for generations to come. Climate change is a crisis that requires immediate attention, and we must rapidly transition our economy to clean, renewable energy sources to get to net-zero greenhouse emissions by 2050. I've been pleased to cosponsor various legislation to mitigate climate change. This includes the THRIVE Act – the largest single investment in communities to transition to clean energy, build green infrastructure, and invest in impacted communities – all while increasing well paying, union jobs.

**Q:** How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A: As a global leader in democracy, the United States has a responsibility to exemplify moral leadership in our policies and decision-making – both at home and abroad. Thus, whenever possible, we must strive to provide security and humanitarian aid to those in dangerous, precarious situations. Yet the US must not tackle international issues alone. We are stronger and more secure globally when nations work together; we must continue to lead through partnerships with – and rely more heavily on – our allies in NATO, the EU, and the UN to deal with global strife. Further, we must work with world leaders to offer asylum assistance to refugees and those fleeing tense situations. The US will continue to lead through collaboration and compassion.

#### REPUBLICAN

# CHRISTIAN NASCIMENTO, Montgomery County

Occupation: Executive

Education: Graduated from Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School; went on to get degrees from Widener University (BS) and Villanova University (MBA). Qualifications: Corporate executive, focused on technology and innovation serving small businesses; former school board president; Adjust Professor of business; University Trustee, and board member of for and non-profits.

Campaign Website: http://www.cn4pa.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/CN4PA Twitter: http://twitter.com/CN4PA4 Ouestions:

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

A: I would prioritize getting small businesses back on their feet and keeping our children in school. To do this, I would prioritize three core issues: 1) Bringing the global supply chain and manufacturing jobs back to the United States; 2) Passing legislation that would provide school choice to all parents; and 3) Strengthening our digital infrastructure to ensure that we are prepared to defend the United States against cyber attacks, either from rouge nations or independent bad actors. I would accomplish this the same way that I have accomplished things in both the public and private sector: by building coalitions and working with people from across all walks of life to find common ground and common sense solutions.

**Q:** What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections? **A:** I have seen firsthand the opportunity for issues to occur at polls. One only has to look in our own

district, at the recent video of an Upper Dublin woman violating laws around the delivery of mailin ballots. We need to make sure that our citizens have faith in their elections, so I would support the following: 1) Voter ID requirements – Requiring proof of identity should not be controversial. These requirements can be designed in a way does not add burden to the voter, but will verify that identify of the person voting. 2) Harsh penalties for fraudulent activities 3) Cyber security remediations to ensure that voting devices cannot be hacked 4) Using Congress' oversight functions to demand full transparency at every level.

**Q:** What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

A: America must be energy independent – this is a critical economic and national security imperative. We cannot continue to put ourselves at the mercy of other nations, especially when we have the resources here to take advantage of. I would support measures that would increase fossil fuel production in the US in the short term, while also strategically moving towards other fuel sources, such as the increased use of nuclear power. If the US had a strong and responsible domestic production plan our gas prices would not be so high and the world would be a safer place. Additionally, Congress should pass legislation, including tax incentives, that encourages innovation in this sector, such as the creation of technology to store solar power.

**Q:** How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A: When the US demonstrates weakness, it leads to chaos in the world. We have an obligation to lead in the global community – not only from a moral standpoint, but also from a strategic standpoint: when we do not lead, we allow adversaries like China to fill that void. All we have to do is look at the Administration's disastrous foreign policy decisions (botched withdrawal in Afghanistan, failure to properly prepare Ukraine to defend itself from Russia) to see what happens when we do not lead. The military should only be used in the case of a direct attack on American interests. However, the US should use it's influence to ensure stability globally. This could include arms to nations like Ukraine and Israel, that face existential threats

# • SENATOR IN THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY •

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the

lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA Senate consists of 50 members, representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election. and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The Senate develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the House of Representatives). In addition, the Senate tries officials impeached by the House and authorizes executive appointments. Senators serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation. There are no term limits to this office.

Term: 4 years—Salary \$95,432—Vote for ONE

#### District 4

The 4th Senate District includes all of Abington, Cheltenham and Springfield Townships, as well as the Boroughs of Jenkintown and Rockledge. It also includes part of Philadelphia.

#### **DEMOCRATIC**

#### ART HAYWOOD

**Education**: Morehouse College, London School of Economics, Michigan Law School

Occupation: lawyer Qualifications: Advocate Campaign Website: http:// haywoodstatesenate.com

**Ouestions:** 

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

**A:** Gun violence prevention, raising the minimum wage and fairly funding public education.

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

A: Protect mail in voting

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Create renewable energy incentives for energy companies

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

**A:** I support restrictions to access to guns including requiring a permit to purchase a firearm

#### REPUBLICAN

#### TODD JOHNSON

No response received.

#### District 12

The 12th Senate District includes all of Lower Moreland and Upper Dublin Townships.

It also includes the townships of Franconia, Hatfield, Horsham, Lower Gwynedd, Montgomery, Plymouth, Salford, Upper Moreland, Whitpain and Worcester and the boroughs of Ambler, Bryn Athyn, Hatboro, Hatfield, Lansdale, Souderton and Telford (Montgomery County Portion).

#### **DEMOCRATIC**

#### MARIA COLLETT

Education: BA English Literature, JD, BSN

**Occupation**: State Senator

Qualifications: I started my career as a Deputy Attorney General in NJ before becoming a Registered Nurse and working at the bedside for 10 years. I have been representing the 12th District of Pennsylvania as the State Senator since my first election in 2018.

Campaign Website: http://www.mariaforpasenate.com

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MariaforPA/

**Twitter:** http://twitter.com/mariaforpa **Link to position on abortion:** http://www.mariaforpasenate.com/priorities

Other websites: www.instagram.com/mariaforpa/Ouestions:

Questions.

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

A: Government must operate efficiently and with transparency on issues of post-pandemic economic recovery, access to affordable, quality healthcare, and appropriate funding of public schools. As minority chair of the Senate Aging & Youth Committee I challenged the Governor and DOH for transparency around distribution of PPE and vaccines during covid and worked with the administration to ensure that federal relief dollars were allocated based on need and covid impact. I successfully advocated for \$20m dollars in student loan relief for nurses using federal Covid relief dollars. As your State Senator, I will continue to be at the table when the economic security of our communities, personal health of its residents, and schools are being impacted.

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

A: Voting rights continue to be of critical concern

in the Commonwealth. I voted for Act 77 in 2019 and continue to fight for it to remain law. Act 77 granted all Pennsylvania voters the ability to vote by mail, allowed our county governments to implement the use of drop boxes and allowed voters to begin voting up to 50 days before election day so that they could cast their ballot at a time and in a location convenient to them. These reforms were approved almost unanimously by our legislature and signed into law by our Governor and the defense of these reforms is critical to maintaining free and fair elections in Pennsylvania.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: As your Senator since 2019, I have defended this right and will continue to serve as a trustee for our natural resources. One of the biggest concerns is cleaning up from the devastating impact the spread of PFAS from firefighting foams used on local military bases in Warminster & Horsham has had on soil and groundwater. That's why - before even being sworn into office - I introduced bills to help hold polluters accountable and help make our communities' drinking and groundwater safe. The legislation would set a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for the most common of these chemicals to require that water suppliers clean the drinking water to levels that are safe and protect us without putting financial burden to the ratepayer.

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

A: I support responsible gun ownership in the Commonwealth of PA including comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, firearm safety training and closing loopholes. I firmly believe that common sense gun safety legislation can be enacted and be complementary to individual rights. As your State Senator, I introduced legislation to protect local governments from penalties that seek to restrict possession of firearms on government property through local ordinance in places like administration buildings and parks. Our local elected officials know our communities best and we must give them the tools to provide their residents with safe places to work, live, play, and thrive.

#### REPUBLICAN

#### **ROB DAVIES**

Education: B.A. in International Relations, Saint

Joseph's University

**Occupation**: Futures Trader

**Qualifications**: Over 30 years business experience in finance and economics. Over 20 years of in-

volvement with local government.

Campaign Website: http://rob4pasenate12.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/

Rob4PASenate12

**Twitter**: http://twitter.com/Rob4PASenate12 **Ouestions**:

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

A: The most pressing current issue is the economy and bringing down the cost of energy is the fastest way to improve it. PA has vast supplies of clean natural gas that should be utilized to the fullest extent possible. In the longer term a skilled and educated workforce is the key to a growing economy. We spend enough on education to have it, but much of it is wasted on administrators and bureaucrats that seek to indoctrinate students in radical ideologies while ignoring basic education. Basic financial education is critical too. A strong economy also requires reliable infrastructure, such good roads and bridges, but we also need a reliable electric grid, highspeed internet, and pipelines to bring natural resources to market.

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

A: Election integrity is a critical issue. Voters need to believe that their vote matters or they will not participate or have confidence in the results. Mandatory voter ID is essential to this. The widespread mass mailing of ballots combined with unsecured and unmonitored collection boxes makes electoral fraud easy to commit. Any changes to election laws must be done according to the constitutionally prescribed process.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: For over 20 years I have served on the board of a municipal wastewater authority, for 15 years as Chairman. I know first hand what it takes to achieve the goal of a clean environment. At times, excessive and narrow regulation can actually be a hinderance to solving problems. Any serious plan to reduce carbon emissions must include a role for clean, affordable, and plentiful natural gas, which has already significantly reduced emissions. And while it may be controversial, nuclear power is clean, reliable, and safe. There have been advances in technology in the 40 years since Three Mile island. We cannot afford a future without it.

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

**A:** Universal background checks have never been shown to prevent crime, because criminals rarely

purchase firearms legally. All they do is impose costs, inconvenience, and legal icopardy on the law would you work with others in government to get abiding. This should be no surprise, since that is their true purpose. Red flag laws violate the right to due process and do not solve the problems they are meant to. They seize guns, but leave all manner of dangerous instruments in the hands of their target, who is then left without any help that might actually prevent violence. I was taught gun safety when I was 6 years old and I have spent my life since studying, practicing, and teaching it. It would be wise to approach gun safety the same way we teach about other potentially dangerous activities.

# • REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PA **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** •

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA House of Representatives consists of 203 members representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Representatives must be at least 21 years old. have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one vear before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The House develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the Senate). The House also has the exclusive authority to impeach public officials. Representatives also serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation.

# Term: 2 years—Salary \$95,432—Vote for ONE

#### District 151

District 151 includes part of Upper Dublin Twp. It also includes Horsham Township, Montgomery Township (part), and the borough of Ambler.

#### **DEMOCRATIC**

#### **MELISSA CERRATO**

**Occupation:** Former District Office Director **Qualifications**: As the District Office Director for Rep Liz Hanbidge I have seen first hand the work that needs to be done both locally for constituents as well as in Harrisburg. I have learned the most efficient ways to support the community.

Campaign Website: http://missyforpa.com Facebook: http://facebook.com/Missy4PA **Twitter**: http://twitter.com/Missy4PA **Questions:** 

**O:** What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how legislation passed and signed into law?

A: Our communities and all Pennsylvanians are coming out of what may have been the most difficult few years of their lives physically, emotionally and financially. We need to listen to the concerns of our neighbors and do everything in our power to assist. The state needs to pull funds from the extreme surplus in the rainy day fund to assist with small businesses, increase childcare funding, increase mental health resources and help with tax breaks to allow people to get back on their feet. We need to see legislators who are truly working for the people and not just the party and we need to create bills protecting the rights of all Pennsylvanians. I will prioritize laws the people of my district want to see enacted as their representative.

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

A: I believe that we should be taking whatever legal measures we can to ensure that all eligible voters are able to have their voices heard. I would work to make early voting and vote-by-mail easier by expanding drop box locations, doing away with secrecy envelopes, introducing policies like automatic registration, and educating voters on their options. The misinformation spread during the 2020 election and beyond has hurt our democracy. I am dedicated to fighting back against the voter suppression we have seen in this state. It is my priority to make voting as accessible as possible to all Pennsylvanians.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: I would vote with bills that would align with Article 1. Section 27 of the PA constitution in order to ensure that our families and communities are guaranteed pure air, water and green space during their lifetimes and beyond. There is much we could do to protect our environment while supporting small businesses and economy, like transitioning to renewable energy. I would work with environmental activists, organizations, and other legislators working on these issues to create common sense policies that benefit our community and our environment.

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

**A:** While I do not believe that guns are inherently bad, I do believe that we need to adopt sensible gun legislation that protects our communities and schools from the deadly violence that has become all too common across our country and commonwealth. I fully intend to support comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training in order to reduce gun violence and keep our communities safe.

#### REPUBLICAN

TODD STEPHENS. Horsham No response received.

#### District 152

District 152 includes Lower Moreland Township and part of Abington Township (Wards 05, 08, 10 [PART, Division 02], 14 [PART, Division 01] and 15 [PART, Division 02]).

It also includes Upper Moreland Township and the boroughs of Bryn Athyn and Hatboro.

#### DEMOCRATIC

#### NANCY GUENST

Occupation: State Representative HD152 Education: Studied at Montgomery County Community College. Graduate of Defense Language Institute, Monterey CA.

Qualifications: Current incumbent of HD152. Previous offices - Mayor of Hatboro 2017-2020, Two term Councilwoman

Campaign Website: http://Nancy4pahouse.com Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ nancv4PaHouse

**Twitter:** http://twitter.com/@nancy4pahouse **Questions:** 

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

**A:** Whenever something becomes an issue it needs to be prioritized. On any given day "in session", the General Assembly is tackling a multitude of Bills. My district's priorities are protecting working class families, environmental concerns, adequate funding for infrastructure projects, concerns over voter suppression and equality and diversity issues. There are a number of issues we all agree with and a number of issues that we do not. On both sides of the aisle we all look for ways to get a crossover. It happens, but is fairly rare. It is easier to work through our differences at the Committee level, where proposed bills are voted on prior to reaching the floor. We've made a lot of headway this year, but we can always do better.

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

**A:** I believe Act 77 of 2019 (PA Election Code) was well written and passed through the House and Senate in a unanimous vote. Since President Trump's loss in 2020 the House has been fighting over the validity of that Act. I don't believe it

should be amended in any way.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would vou take to protect these rights?

A: As Vice-Chair to the Climate Caucus I take all of our environmental concerns very seriously. All of my votes concerning these issues are extremely important to me and to our district. We have received numerous grants as well for our townships and boroughs to combat stream and stream bank mitigation efforts and flooding issues. I will continue to fight for environment concerns on all levels.

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

A: First let me say, as an avid hunter and fishing enthusiast, I'm not trying to take anyone's guns away. That being said, we need common sense gun laws in place to keep our kids from shooting each other. I believe we should make it mandatory that a tory! Mail in ballots must be scrutinized more thorgun lock should accompany any gun sale. Also, that every purchaser continues to need a background check and that every person who wants to open carry needs to have a permit to do so. Yes, my opposition in the House is trying to pass legislation that allows for no permit carry and for the age of ownership for a gun to be reduced from 21 to 18 yrs old. It's Bills like these that take up delicate time, only to be voted through on partisan levels and gets vetoed when it hits the Governor's desk.

#### REPUBLICAN

#### JOHN WEINRICH

**Occupation:** REMAX ACTION REALTOR **Education**: St David's School, Willow Grove Cold Spring Elementary, Upper Moreland Upper Moreland Middle School La Salle College High School Villanova University, BA Villanova University, Master's Work Study Abroad University of Madrid, Spain, Honors Penn State, Real Estate

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Qualifications: In my 28+ year career (1994 - present) as a self-employed, professional RE/MAX realtor, I have learned to negotiate and manage hundreds of home purchases and selling transactions for my fellow citizens. In a 10 year period, I personally sold more Upper Moreland residential homes than any other realt

Campaign Website: http:// www.votejohnweinrich.com

#### **Questions:**

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

A: I support absolute elimination of school tax on residential real estate with no reduction of school funding - accomplished by spreading school funding across all PA residents, not just homeowners (this is already implemented in many other states); reducing gun violence; eliminating the 2,400+ redundant offices of tax collectors for the entire state; providing treatment options, not jail, for those suffering from addiction -- all are issues that I am passionate about. I believe in increasing PA's minimum wage; there has been no increase in the past 11 years! Other initiatives would be to abolish the state store liquor and create free enterprise for lower prices and greater flexibility/hours, as well as no cost community college--term limits

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

A: The integrity of our democracy is at stake. Safeguards must be instituted to confirm that the system is protected from any domestic or international corrupted threat. Providing an ID must be mandaoughly to detect fraud. Act 77 is currently in the courts and the constitutionality will be decided by the next election. Like other states, citizens should be able to vote in person several days leading up to election day. If we had several voting days in person, we could drop the "no excuse" mail-in option. These are important aspects that need to be discussed with the community. I look forward to examining all our options and hearing from the constituents.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** We absolutely need to be responsible stewards of our environment. The single use of plastic items must be removed from the market place. As an avid fisherman. I have seen firsthand in the ocean and rivers all the trash in the food chain. These items are destroying our ecosystems and strong measures need to be enacted to protect our food sources. The installation of more and more car charging stations is essential to supplying the demand from clean operating electric vehicles. Like other states, slow moving electric vehicles should be permitted to travel on any highway with 25 mph or less and the Pa. registration fees should be zero. Any citizen using these environmentally clean cars should have high yearly fees waived by the Commonwealth.

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

**A:** I have always been an advocate of the 2nd

Amendment. This provision is in both the Federal & Pennsylvania constitutions. Our citizens have a right to defend themselves in their homes and while they are out and about. We are very fortunate to live in a state that has the "Castle "and "Stand Your Ground "doctrines in our legal system. Background checks administered by the county Sheriff's dept., when obtaining a permit to carry must never be weakened. We need to aggressively enforce and prosecute violators of our gun laws, however, forcing judges to issue mandatory sentences is a not prudent path to follow. Judges need to rule on their cases with their expertise, experience and discre-

#### District 153

District 153 includes the Borough of Rockledge, part of Abington Township (Wards 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 09, 10 [PART, Divisions 01 and 03], 11, 12. 13. 14 [PART, Division 02] and 15 [PART, Division 01]), and part of Upper Dublin Township (Districts 01 [PART, Divisions 01 and 03], 02 [PART, Divisions 01 and 02], 04 and 05).

#### **DEMOCRATIC**

BEN SANCHEZ, Abington

**Occupation**: Attorney/Legislator

Education: Juris Doctor, Temple University, 2004; Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, Villanova University, 1997; Abington Senior High School 1993

Qualifications: Attorney, Accountant, Incumbent (2 Terms)

Campaign Website: http://bensanchez.org **Questions:** 

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

**A:** My top legislative priorities will be public health and safety (ensuring accessible and affordable healthcare for all), including economic recovery, in light of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) crisis; strengthening and supporting public education; demanding action for gun safety, and protecting our rights when it comes to equality and our precious environment; and of course, all under the overarching considerations of social justice. I am always a consensus builder.

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

**A:** Broadly, I would support any measures to "enfranchise" people and oppose any measures to "disenfranchise" potential voters. I am strongly in favor of pre-canvassing and the elimination of secrecy envelopes creating a defect. I am also in favor of allowing counties to cure or disregard minor technical defects and to require minimum numbers

of "drop boxes" based on population and distance.

O: Article 1. Section 27 of the PA constitution

guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: I am a staunch defender of the environment. I have a track record of water quality improvement securing \$3.5 million in funding for PFAS remediation at the North Hills Well for clean drinking water and have also secured and enabled millions more to help storm water management. I also supported joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to reduce carbon emissions in PA.

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

**A:** I am a co-sponsor (firmly support) all of these measures and have several of my own measures pending - such as lost and stolen reporting, waiting periods and banning multi-burst trigger activators.

#### REPUBLICAN

LARRY ULRICH, Abington

Occupation: retired
Education: Some college
Oualifications: American Citizen

Campaign Website: http://larry-ulrich-pa-district-

153.com/ Questions:

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

**A:** Election integrity, Remove woke ideology from education curriculums and sports, reduce government spending and taxes

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

**A:** 1 day in person with paper ballots with picture ID and proof of citizenship. No machines.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

**A:** Support reasonable legislation to protect these rights.

Q: There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background

checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A: I support back ground checks and safety training. No Red Flag Laws!

#### District 154

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

#### DEMOCRATIC

NAPOLEON NELSON, Cheltenham Twp.

**Occupation**: State Representative

Qualifications: 2007-2020 Committee person for the Cheltenham Democratic Committee. 2nd Vice Chair 2009 Committee person of the Year. 2011 elected to Cheltenham School Board, chaired Finance and Personnel committees & served as president. 2018 appointed to Board of Trustees for Montgomery County Community College.

Campaign Website: http://napoleonfor154.com/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/

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Twitter: http://twitter.com/NapoleonFor154
Ouestions:

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

A: Our campaign theme this year which I believe represents everyday people, is "Our Future is Together". For the past few years, politics has divided us. But as we turn the page, our future doesn't have to belong to the politicians, the mega-wealthy, or the talking heads. Our future is for the PhD's, the high school drop-outs, small business owners, faith leaders, the currently incarcerated, the Veteran for Foreign Wars, and each of us in between. Our future is what we, ALL OF US, make it. We need to put forth legislation that works for all-- not just the people writing them. We need to strengthen voting rights, and reproductive health justice, and further emphasize the need for a stronger educational system.

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

A: We need to make voting more accessible—not harder. Access to the ballot box and our exercising of the critical civic duty of voting should never be

ignored or taken for granted. I support early voting, automatic registration, and the mailing of voting reminders. I also support the restoration of voting rights (not privileges) for incarcerated citizens convicted of non-voting-related crimes.

**Q:** Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A: Clean air, water, and the preservation of our environment should never be an afterthought. We need to invest in minority communities throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to study the environmental degradation and health impacts certain measures have on them. I will continue to advocate for putting the "environmental pillar" within the African American agenda. As a state, we also need to move away from fossil fuel energy and move toward clean energy instead. Will it be hard to do? Yes, but it can and should be done for the betterment of our environment!

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

A: My district borders one of the most negatively impacted cities in the entire country when it comes to gun violence. The reason for that— is because of the inadequate measures being taken by our State Government in trying to prevent such violence. If someone is suspected of being dangerous to themselves or others, they should not have a firearm. If someone isn't safely trained on how to handle and carry a firearm, they shouldn't have one. If someone fails a background check, they shouldn't be able to go buy a "ghost gun". As a matter of fact, if someone wants a firearm, they should pass a background check in general—period. These are all measures that we label as "common sense"—we need to start acting like it as lawmakers.

#### REPUBLICAN

**ANGELINA BANKS**, Springfield No response received.

Many residents of our communities will vote in new districts due to redistricting following the 2020 census.

To view maps and descriptions of the new Pennsylvania General Assembly Districts, visit:

https://www.vote.pa.gov/Pages/Pennsylvania-Redistricting-House-of-Representative.aspx https://www.vote.pa.gov/Pages/Pennsylvania-Redistricting-State-Senate.aspx

#### THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920, over a century ago, to help women exercise their hard-won right to vote. At one time, only women could join the League, but the League's charter was modified in 1973 to include men. Today the League operates in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The League is a grassroots organization that believes the freedom to vote is a nonpartisan issue. We work to empower and educate voters and defend democracy. We work for voters by sharing election information (such as this *Voters Guide*), conducting candidate forums, and organizing interviews with our elected officials.

The League is firmly nonpartisan and neither supports nor opposes any candidate running for office at any level of government. However, we do take positions on important issues affecting the country, and we strive to increase the public's understanding of these issues.

Although the League of Women Voters remains associated for many with the U.S. Presidential debates, it has not hosted them for decades. The League sponsored the Presidential debates in 1976, 1980 and 1984. But on October 2, 1988, the League's trustees voted unanimously to pull out of the debates, and issued a press release condemning the demands of the major Democrat and Republican candidates:

The League of Women Voters is withdrawing sponsorship of the presidential debates...because the demands of the two campaign organizations would perpetrate a fraud on the American voter. It has become clear to us that the candidates' organizations aim to add debates to their list of campaign-trail charades devoid of substance, spontaneity and answers to tough questions. The League has no intention of becoming an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public. —League President Nancy M. Neuman, LWV October 03, 1988

The League's local chapter, the Abington-Cheltenham-Jenkintown Area League of Women Voters, works to get citizens involved in local civic affairs and democracy in Pennsylvania. Our League is active in the communities of Abington, Cheltenham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Rockledge, Springfield and Upper Dublin in southeastern Montgomery County, taking in seven municipalities and six school districts with a combined population of nearly 160,000. We are working to increase our service area to include more of Montgomery County.

It is your local League that writes and distributes the *Voters Guide* you are reading now. Funding for this Guide comes solely from League members and the local business sponsors listed on the back page. No government funding is used to compile this Guide.

Our League seeks conscientious, civic-minded members who want to understand and act on important issues affecting our government and our society. We welcome both men and women as members. If you care about accountable government, fair elections, and an informed and engaged electorate, join us today!

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Our League is active in local government. We create opportunities for citizens to meet their legislators, moderate forums for local elections, and provide this nonpartisan *Voters Guide* before each election. We support legislative and information projects at the state and national levels. We register voters and support equal access to the polls at all levels. The League is a way for us all, men and women, to be involved with how things happen at all levels of government. The more participation we have, the better we can be heard by those who make decisions. Join us today!

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

#### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The material in this Guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund. This material may not be altered or reprinted without the permission of the League. Each candidate's reply has been printed as submitted. Candidates were invited to participate in the Vote411 online voters guide via email. All reasonable efforts were made to encourage candidates to participate.

The candidates listed are those whose names appear on the official ballot. They are listed according to their ballot order.

Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement or non-endorsement of any candidate. of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund.

#### \*CERTIFICATION NOTE\*

candidates listed herein is accurate based upon the Pennsylvania Department of State's Bureau of lots must be received at the Board of Elections by Elections unofficial ballot.

#### PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE LEAGUE

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is nonpartisan: it does not support or oppose any political parties or candidates.

#### **ONLINE VOTERS GUIDE**

is available at www.vote411.org. This site also has useful links to online voter registration and other election information. The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage can be found at www.palwv.org.

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION AND BALLOT **APPLICATIONS**

If you have a Pennsylvania driver's license or the voter marks by pen, which then go through an PennDOT-issued ID card, you can register to vote optical scanner. You may bring your own black online in PA. Go to vote.pa.gov to register, check pen. Be prepared for delays at the polls, as many your registration status, update your registration, or voters may not yet be familiar with the new proceapply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.

#### ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN VOTING

Registered voters who are ill or disabled or who will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot.

**NEW**: With the passage of Act 77 of 2019, any Pennsylvania voter may apply for a mail-in ballot that requires no excuse.

party or initiative by the League of Women Voters Apply for your ballot online at vote.pa.gov. or mail in an application. Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots or mail-in ballots must be appears on the County records. Or you can ask for received by the County Board of Elections by 5 As of the publication date of this guide, the slate of PM, Tues., November 1, 2022 (postmarks do mined that you were eligible to vote, your ballot **NOT apply).** Completed absentee or mail-in bal-8 PM on Election Day, November 8, 2022 If you have any questions at the polls or need to (postmarks do NOT apply).

> In emergency situations (such as an unexpected IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR illness or disability and last-minute absence) following the deadline at 5 PM on November 1, you can request an Emergency Absentee Ballot. The deadline to submit your Emergency Absentee Ballot Application to the County Office of Voter Services is 8 PM on Election Day.

The League of Women Voters online voters guide accessibility of a polling place should contact the county Board of Elections at (610) 278-3275.

#### FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact Montgomery County Voter Services by phone at (610) 278-3280, www.montcopa.org/ voterservices, or visit vote.pa.gov.

#### NEW PROCEDURES AT THE POLLS

Montgomery County now uses paper ballots that

Visit www.montcopa.org/voterservices to download a spreadsheet of polling places.

#### **ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS**

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the Judge of Elections at the polling place should telephone the Montgomery County Board of Elections at (610) 278-3275. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later deterwill be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

report any problems, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

# **NEW VOTERS**

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time, then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government-issued ID. Some forms of Any disabled voter having questions regarding the non-photo ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID, then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.



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