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This guide lists all candidates for the November 8, 2022, General Election for U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representatives in Congress, State Senators in even-numbered districts, State Representatives, Special Election candidates for Pittsburgh City Council District 5. Ballot questions for residents of Allegheny County and Wilkinsburg.
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(Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM)

EMERGENCY
ABSENTEE VOTING:
If an emergency arises (such as an unexpected illness or disability or last-minute absence) after the Tuesday application deadline, call the county Board of Elections for information on the Emergency Alternative Ballot. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 8 P.M. on November 1. If it is too late to mail your emergency application or ballot, you will also need to complete a designated agent form to allow someone else to hand deliver your ballot to and from the Board of Elections. These forms are available online at https://www.allegenycounty.us/elections/resources.aspx

ACCESSIBILITY:
• Disability: Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections located at 542 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219 Room 604 (412-350-4500).
• English Proficiency: If you are not proficient in English, you may bring someone with you into the voting booth to assist you in voting. This person cannot be your employer or the judge of elections.

MAIL-IN VOTING:
Voters have the option to vote by mail without providing any reason or excuse. To apply online, go to vote.pa.gov. Contact the county election office to request a paper application. Applications for a mail-in ballot must be received by your county election office by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 6 to be counted.

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE:
The November 8 election will be held at your usual polling place. The new district maps did not affect the location of polling places. Few polling places may change for other reasons, as happens every year. If your polling place has been relocated, you will receive a postcard from the Allegheny County Elections Division.

WRITE-IN VOTING:
Information for write-in voting will be available at the polling place as well as printed on your main-in or absentee ballot. You are not allowed to use stickers or paste-on labels for write-in candidates because the ballot scanning machines cannot read them and may become jammed. The law now says that write-in names may be written or stamped.

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS:
If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the County Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the County Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively you can ask for, and vote, by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

FIND YOUR NEW DISTRICTS:
Pennsylvania has 3 new political maps defining district boundaries for Pennsylvania's US Congressional seats, and the Pennsylvania State Representatives and State Senators who serve in Harrisburg. These maps were created using the 2020 US Census data, as required by the US and PA Constitutions. There are several online tools, including vote411.org and vote.pa.org where you can enter your address and find your district numbers.

When there’s a vacuum in our democracy, when we don’t vote, when we take our basic rights and freedoms for granted, when we turn away and stop paying attention and stop engaging and stop believing and look for the newest diversion, … then other voices fill the void. A politics of fear and resentment and retrenchment takes hold.

- Barack Obama, Former U.S. President
Pennsylvania U.S. Senator

Term: 6 years

Salary: $174,000

Democratic

John Fetterman

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny
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. 1999
Qualifications: Risk-Management Insurance Underwriter, Chubb & Son Insurance
Campaign Website: http://johnfetterman.com/
Campaign Facebook URL: http://www.facebook.com/JohnFettermanPA
Campaign Twitter URL: http://twitter.com/JohnFetterman

Campaign Facebook URL: http://www.facebook.com/JohnFettermanPA
Campaign Twitter URL: http://twitter.com/JohnFetterman
Link to position on abortion: http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/2022/07/01/naral-pro-choice-america-endorsees-john-fetterman-for-u-s-senate-in-pennsylvania/

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: Candidate did not respond.
Q: What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?
A: Candidate did not respond.
Q: What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?
A: Candidate did not respond.
Q: How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?
A: Candidate did not respond.

Republican

Mehmet Oz

Biographical Info:
County: Montgomery
Occupation: master carpenter
Education: high school diploma
Campaign Website: http://erik4pa.com
Campaign Facebook URL: http://www.facebook.com/erik4pa
Campaign Twitter URL: http://twitter.com/erik4pa

Link to position on abortion: http://ivoterguide.com/candidate?elecID=778&raceID=11199&canID=56347

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Libertarian

Erik Gerhardt

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County: Montgomery
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Education: high school diploma
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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 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: A: I will back legislation that makes id for voting and add in blockchain technologies to secure elections.
Q: 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

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Erik4pa?etc=t=54VUu9pgDySuknEZDoWQc=E=09
Link to position on abortion: http://twitter.com/erik4Senate/status/1555299114857938946?

Questions:
Q: 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 community?
A: I am very happy that President Biden is rebuilding 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.

Green

Richard L. Weiss

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny
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
Campaign Website: http://greenslate2022.com
Campaign Facebook URL: http://www.facebook.com/richardweiss.1485537
Campaign Twitter URL: http://twitter.com/RichardLWeiss

Link to position on abortion: http://ivoterguide.com/candidate?elecID=778&raceID=11199&canID=56347

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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)

Q: 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

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and doesn’t cause cancer. Cancer is a high tax to pay.

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A: Negotiate peace in Ukraine, reduce overseas bases
to pre-9/11 levels, bring troops home and spend that
money legal vote is counted in every election. That’s why
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national policy. While the US plays an important role in
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dustrial complex which often times pushes policy in the
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parties at sidestepping those checks and balances and
merely ruling by proclamation in the field of treaty mak-
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KEYSTONE DANIEL WASSMER

Biographical Info:
County: Pike
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
Campaign Facebook URL: http://www.facebook.com/Wassmer4USSenate
Campaign Twitter URL: http://www.twitter.com/4wassmer

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

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: To list all of my major concerns would be virtually im-
possible nevertheless there are numerous issues that I
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 invit-
tions 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 gener-
ally 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. Un-
fortunately 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 former envi-
nronmental 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 re-
port”. The report commissioned by the Carter administra-
tion 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 reli-
able sources including: NASA, NOAA, various colleges and
university studies and have asked pertinent questions re-
lated to this issue. To date these have not been satisfacto-
ry 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?

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Pennsylvania Governor

Description of office: 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

Vote for the candidates of ONE PARTY for Governor and
Lieutenant Governor.

Democratic

Biographical Info:
County: Montgomery
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 move our Commonwealth forward.

Campaign Website: http://joshshapiro.org
Campaign Facebook URL: http://www.facebook.com/JoshShapiroPA

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: Defending democracy is the foundation for mak-
ing 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 en-
sure voters have access to the ballot box and that ev-
ery legal vote is counted in every election. That’s why
I released a ten-step plan to defend democracy, en-
sure access to the ballot, and improve our elections
by appointing a pro-democracy 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: What changes, if any, would you support making
for Pennsylvania’s voting laws?

A: Throughout my entire career, I have worked to defend Pennsylvanians’ constitutional right to clean
air and pure water—and as Governor, I will con-
continue that work by investing in clean energy and clean
transportation, adopting the 2020 Grand Jury Re-
port recommendations to minimize health hazards
arising from fracking, plugging orphaned and aban-
donned oil and gas wells, and addressing lead contam-
ination in order to keep protecting Pennsylvania’s
environment. As Governor, my priority will be en-
suring Pennsylvania has a comprehensive climate and
energy policy that protects consumers, creates jobs,
capitalizes on our strength as an energy hub, safe-
guards our environment, and moves our Common-
wealth forward.

Q: There are several pieces of gun legislation being
considered in the Commonwealth: 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 and community leaders across our Common-
welth to fight gun violence and keep Pennsylvanians safe,
taking thousands of illegal guns off our streets, shut-
ting 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 dan-
gerous individuals, and work with the legislature to
increase funding for gun safety training programs.
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
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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, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you 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
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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.
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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 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 and the State 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.

Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor

Description of office: 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

Vote for the candidates of ONE PARTY for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Maybe have the Lt. Gov candidate immediately after the Governor candidate, so the tickets stay together?

Democratic

Austin Davis

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny
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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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: 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?

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: 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 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.

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Republican

Carrrie Lewis Delrosso

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny
Occupation: Member of State House of Representatives
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Questions:
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“I don’t care what responsibilities you have today, there’s no greater responsibility than being in control of your future and your future starts now! We don’t have time, no procrastinating, don’t let the discouragement take you off course, that’s not how my people or my generation will go down...this is the loudest way to make your voice heard!”

-Rihanna, Singer
MICHAEL BAGDES-CANNING

Biographical Info:
County: Butler
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, Slippery 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, state-wide, and national organizations.

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Questions:
Q: What issue(s) 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 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 airwaves for all ballot-qualified 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 emissions 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 demand that corporations that have spent decades poisoning our air, water, and soil clean up their messes. We must make people harmed by environmental disaster 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.

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: 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.

MICHAEL BAGDES-CANNING

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NICOLE SHULTZ

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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 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 the student, and not to the tests.

Q: 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 ballo ting is a very bad idea in theory and nearly impossible to secure in practice. In this current age, some simple, yet effective means of verification must be employed.

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: 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.”
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.

Description of office: The US Constitution requires 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 elect the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.

Term: 2 years
Salary: $174,000
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Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny
Education: Summer is a proud graduate of Woodland Hills High School, Penn State, and Howard University School of Law.
Qualifications: Summer is an organizer, attorney, advocate and two-term state representative for PA’s 34th HD, the first Black woman ever elected to the legislature from Western Pennsylvania, the founder/chair of UNITED, a grassroots PAC that has helped elect progressive region-wide, up and down ballot.
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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: In Congress, I’ll bring upon the same values and track record I’ve been dedicated to as an organizer, advocate, and state legislator—bringing broad coalitions of folks together for environmental, racial, and economic justice, so we can win real victories for all working people. This means a just transition to a clean energy economy, tackling our climate crisis, taking on corporate polluters and ensuring clean air and water for all. It means supporting strengthening unions, raising the minimum wages, passing paid family and sick leave, protecting workers’ and their rights to organize with the PRO Act, passing Medicare for All, challenging mass incarceration and passing police accountability measures.

Q: What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?
A: Not only must we end racist voter ID and suppression laws, restore the full power of the Voting Rights Act, and end gerrymandering, but we must go further and provide every person in our country with the right to vote - from previously incarcerated people to immigrants, everyone deserves a voice in our democracy. Congress should be making it easier to vote, not harder, that means automatic voter registration, nationwide early and mail voting, federal holidays for election days, and same day voter registration. As long as corporations can funnel billions into elections, our democracy will continue to belong to the highest bidder—we must pass comprehensive campaign finance reform and end Citizens United.

Q: What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?
A: We must pass a Green New Deal through a just transition to a 100% clean and renewable energy economy, centered in good-paying union jobs, with strong protections for workers and frontline communities who’ve born the brunt of environmental racism. This includes ending fracking, which poses a disproportionate threat to communities like the Mon Valley community where I was born and raised, and which I represent today. We must hold corporate polluters accountable, invest in infrastructure to mitigate impacts from extreme weather events, landslides and erosion, fix aging and lead pipes, and ensure clean water for all, to ensure a livable future for this and future generations.

Q: How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?
A: I believe in a human rights and diplomacy centered approach to foreign policy. This means moving diplomatic solutions like the new version of the JCPOA/Iran Deal forward, and building a clean energy economy, away from Big Oil and the authoritarians who control the wells. Instead of giving the Pentagon billions for private weapons contractors and endless war, we must pass budgets that prioritize people (education, health care, infrastructure, housing and more). We must create a functional, humane, inclusive immigration policy, starting with comprehensive immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship, welcoming asylum-seekers and stopping brutal and discriminatory policies around detention, family separation, and deportation.

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny
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: Candidate did not respond.

Q: What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?
A: Candidate did not respond.

Q: What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?
A: Candidate did not respond.

Q: How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?
A: Candidate did not respond.

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• All of BEAVER County.
**Biographical Info:**
*County:* Allegheny
*Occupation:* Lawyer
*Education:* Bishop Canevin High School, U.S. Naval Academy, George-town Law
*Qualifications:* Iraq War veteran, Voting rights attorney, union organizer

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**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: My desire to serve in Congress is animated by a core principle that we should be fighting for our common good. We should be fighting for a vibrant economy that leaves no one behind, not a system that rewards corporations and the ultra wealthy. These are values that I will bring to Congress and guide my decisions serving the people of Pennsylvania’s 17th Congressional District.

Q: **What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?**
A: As a voting rights attorney, I deeply understand what is at stake; threats to our right to vote and our democracy are dire. In states under GOP control, Republicans are erecting hurdles to voting, locking in majorities through gerrymandered maps, and taking advantage of our post-Citizens United campaign finance landscape. I know these issues (elections, especially) well from my work at Pitt Cyber and the Brennan Center, and I would hope to continue much of the good work that’s been done on bills like the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Q: **What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?**
A: I absolutely support federal investment to create and support new union energy jobs and believe that regions like mine—which are energy-producing regions most likely to be impacted by the shift away from fossil fuels —ought to benefit from federal resources to combat the climate crisis. That investment must also be buoyed by climate resilience investments from Washington. And we should be looking every single day for ways to create union jobs that improve our air and water quality: projects like capping abandoned wells and researching into carbon and methane capture and hydrogen. And I’ll work to make sure that nuclear energy remains a strong and viable part of our energy mix as the path to decarbonizing accelerates.

Q: **How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?**
A: I saw firsthand the costs of a war that we never should have fought (Iraq), and committed myself to work hard to make sure we never again commit such a folly. I have seen too many fellow veterans suffer with the pain of their service, and so I have worked to use my law degree to serve them: as a mentor in Allegheny County’s veterans treatment court and through pro bono work with the Veterans Consortium. We must be judicious in sending Americans to fight and die abroad, and I will not support sending your children or mine into another “Forever War” when there are other options available to protect American interests. We should support democracy and freedom abroad, provide American diplomatic leadership, and stand strong with allies.

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**Biographical Info:**
*County:* Allegheny
*Occupation:* Software Engineer, Business Founder & Entrepreneur
*Qualifications:* Former Ross Township Commissioner and Board President

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**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: The biggest issue we face is our out-of-control national debt, which surpassed $30 trillion this year. This debt puts an unbelievable burden on our children and grandchildren. We must reign in spending and act now to get America's fiscal house in order before it's too late. I will put Pennsylvania families first, invest in our infrastructure, keep our communities safe, advance economic reforms, empower parents and local schools, defend our freedoms, and put aside partisan politics to work for you. I will consen sor and vote for term limit legislation when elected so that we can put an end to career politicians.

Q: **What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?**
A: The American people deserve to feel fully confident in the outcome of our elections. In Congress, I will stand against power grabs that would undermine election integrity and voting rights. Free and fair elections are at the core of any functional democracy.

Q: **What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?**
A: It's important to protect our environment, preserve green space, and allow everyone to breathe clean air. We have done much to make our Pittsburgh area cleaner and greener; however, there is still more to do. As a volunteer for the National Park Service and a longtime member of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Friends of the Riverfront, I have always been a strong advocate for clean air and clean water, and you can expect nothing less from me as your Congresswoman. I do believe we can have vibrant industry and a clean environment—it's not an either/or choice.

Q: **How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?**
A: While Russia is wreaking havoc, China is still the greatest foreign threat facing America. We need leaders willing to stand up to the Chinese Communist Party, end our dependence on China, and bring home the manufacturing of essential products. We need to stop taking a short-term view of China and develop a long-term strategy.
As minority chair of the Senate Education Committee, I support a transparent system to fund our children’s education, from pre-K to college or trade. Education dollars must be spent fairly, transparently, and equitably to do the most good for the greatest number of students. My background as an attorney, whistleblower, and advocate has led me to want to reform state government from the inside by making it more transparent, accessible, and efficient.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?
A: The last reforms to voting passed out of the legislature were done in the shadows, with little public input and a lack of awareness of what was actually in the bill. This has led to a lot of confusion and mistrust by the public, which is why I voted against Act 77. I support permitting pre-canvassing of ballots, so that election results can be delivered more timely with less room for conspiracy. I support permitting ballot curing, a way that counties can contact voters who made mistakes on their applications or ballots. I support the expansion of safe ballot drop boxes and our vote by mail system because they make voting easier and more accessible for people.

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 don’t believe the legislature has done enough to uphold the right to clean air, pure water, and to preserve our environment. Pennsylvanians are feeling the impact of climate change - residents are experiencing flooding and property erosion more than ever. Pennsylvania can play a unique role in fighting climate change by creating standards for appliances to be more energy efficient, by taking the proceeds from carbon capture agreements to help workers who have lost their jobs and communities who have been impacted by industry, and by relying more on Pennsylvania’s own incredible food supply. I have supported many projects in my district that restore or build parks and trails for constituents to enjoy the outdoors safely.

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 - especially against our children - is an epidemic in our country. I am co-sponsor on a number of gun safety bills including expanding background checks, mandating safe storage, and the Extreme Risk Protection Act or “red flag” bill. I have supported increased funding for mental health and drug/alcohol treatment that mitigates the underlying causes of much gun violence. These support programs not only stem violence against others, but they also make a huge impact on our suicide epidemic.

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Former U.S. President
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 year 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  
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The 19th Legislative district contains several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh including Downtown, the Lower Hill, the Bluff, South Oakland, parts of the South Side, Beltzhoover, Knoxville, Allentown, Glenwood, Glen Hazel, the Northside, Manchester, Perry Hilltop, Woods Run, Northview Heights, Perry South and Summer Hill.

The 20th Legislative district contains Ross Township, Avalon, West View, Belvue, and the Perry North neighborhood in the City of Pittsburgh.

DEMOCRATIC

AERION ANDREW ABNEY

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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: Anti displacement strategies that are part of our planning, programming, and policies. Working with PHFA and City Housing Authority to provide resources to increase affordable housing in the district. Quality education that isn't determined by a students' zip code. Simplifying the funding formula and provide a more equitable funding distribution model for our schools. Creating more access to quality job opportunities that pay a living wage.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?  
A: I would push for automatic voter registration, same day registration, increased pay for poll workers, pre-canvasing and more. While the State makes laws about our election process, elections are run at the County level. However, the State doesn't provide adequate funding to Counties to consistently do things like early voting sites or to purchase drop boxes or to pay for mail ballot postage. We need to provide Counties with the resources needed to expand access to the ballot for our electorate.

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 to increase funding to the Department of Environmental Protection which has been underfunded for years. They have an important role to play in regulating and penalizing bad actors that abuse our environment. Additionally, I would push to improve our issue with storm water runoff. This not only leads to major flooding in the region but it also overwhelms our sewer systems causing rain water and waste to mix and get pushed into our rivers.

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 any measure that seeks to keep firearms out of the hands of people who want to cause others harm. Additionally, I support gun buy back programs and safety trainings.

NOMINEE for Pennsylvania State Representative District 20

EMILY KINKEAD

Biographical Info:  
County: Allegheny  
Occupation: State Legislator / Attorney  
Education: Bloomsburg University of PA; Bloomsburg, PA; B.A. Political Science, B.S. Biology | University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Pittsburgh, PA; Juris Doctor

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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: My priorities are and will continue to be criminal justice reform, ending gun violence, and growing the economy. I supported community bail funds when the GOP tried to eviscerate them. This is both a racial justice and income inequality issue. I have pushed back against permitless concealed carry and preemption of local common sense gun laws. I have brought back more than $16 million to my district and I will continue work toward passing legislation that addresses these issues. I have developed a bipartisan reputation as someone who is thoughtful, a competent legislator, and works hard. I will continue to push my bill HB 1054, which would establish an insurance and low-cost grants program for homeowners who have been impacted by landslides.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?  
A: I am a co-sponsor of the K Leroy Irvis Voting Rights Protection Act. Beyond that, I have been raising the alarm about the numerous attacks on our democracy for the year that I have been in office. See my full remarks about the Republican attacks on our democracy from my December 2021 press conference here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7yEAGPTFfA I will continue this fight for as long as it takes, on as many fronts as it takes, to ensure that we have free and fair access to our elections by every qualified voter.

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 voted twice to protect Governor Wolf's right to enter Pennsylvania into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). I have worked to secure funding to replace lead water service lines across my district and I will continue to do so. I have also worked with local advocacy groups to address air quality issues in Allegheny County. I will also advocate for finally fully funding the Department of Environmental Protection so that it can finally have adequate staff to protect our natural resources and hold polluters accountable. I will also advocate for harsher penalties so that fines for polluting can no longer be considered the cost of doing business.

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 those measures. The major uptick in gun violence we have seen since the beginning of the pandemic speaks to the incredible economic uncertainty faced by many people and the lack of investment that many kids are getting in their education. I have spent my time in office educating constituents about the programs available to support those affected by gun violence, including securing considerable grant dollars to support and expand these programs. I will continue to put this issue at the forefront of my work in the legislature.

REPUBLICAN

MATT KRUTH

Biographical Info:  
County: Allegheny  
Occupation: State Legislator / Attorney

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: Candidate did not respond.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?  
A: Candidate did not respond.

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: Candidate did not respond.

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: Candidate did not respond.
The 21st Legislative district contains Reserve Township, Shaler Township, Etna, Millvale, and several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including City View, Spring Hill, Spring Garden, Troy Hill, Lawrenceville, and the Strip District.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**SARA INNAMORATO**

**Biographical Info:**
- **County:** Allegheny
- **Occupation:** State Legislator
- **Education:** University of Pittsburgh, 2008 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Qualifications:** I’ve been a proud Lawrenceville resident for thirteen years, and actively work to coordinate with local community organizations on social services and affordable housing solutions. I devoted my career to nonprofit work in community development, job creation, and environmental justice.

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**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 stand with our neighbors in fighting for affordable housing, worker’s rights, guaranteeing access to affordable healthcare and reproductive rights, clean air and water, raising the minimum wage, and making smart investments in our infrastructure. Given the current composition of the state house, pushing transformational legislation that is needed to achieve a Pennsylvania for us all is highly unlikely. Still, I work with impacted community members, policy experts, and my colleagues to proactively draft legislation that residents can organize around. The only way to work toward these agenda items is to stand firm and work to build grassroots movements to include the government toward these goals.

- **Q:** What changes, if any, would you support to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?
  **A:** Everyone should be able to vote easily, whether they have a disability, are incarcerated, have an unstable address, or have an inflexible work schedule. Therefore, I support expanding mail-in voting to ballot drop boxes, same-day registration, and guaranteeing the ability to vote early. In addition, updating Pennsylvania’s voting laws shouldn’t stop at improving voting access. It’s time we let our election officials canvass mail-in and absentee ballots before Election Day, allowing for a faster and more accurate ballot count.

- **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:** 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?

- **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 strengthening background checks, closing existing loopholes, and also reinstating laws that promote responsible gun ownership. I would work to reinstate laws intended to target irresponsible gun owners and straw purchases by holding gun owners accountable for failing to report missing or stolen firearms that are later used in a crime. I would support closing the gaps in Pennsylvania that enable domestic abusers to access guns and support laws that would allow friends or family members to petition for extreme risk protective orders.

**REPUBLICAN**

**FRANK PERMAN**

**Biographical Info:**
- **County:** Allegheny

**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:** As co-chair of the PA Safe Caucus, I have fought for two decades to pass common-sense gun regulations and make our communities safer. The You’re Registered bill enables automatic voter registration when qualified citizens interact with state services. Additionally, I have supported and co-sponsored a package of bills that would boost statewide voter turnout and voter protections. Bills promoting voting rights and transparency are key to making it easier and safer for citizens to exercise their right to vote. I strongly believe in same-day registration for citizens and making no-excuse absentee voting a permanent part of the process.

- **Q:** What changes, if any, would you support to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?
  **A:** In 2019, I introduced a bill that would raise the number of residents registered to vote in Pennsylvania. The You’re Registered bill enables automatic voter registration when qualified citizens interact with state services. Additionally, I have supported and co-sponsored a package of bills that would boost statewide voter turnout and voter protections. Bills promoting voting rights and transparency are key to making it easier and safer for citizens to exercise their right to vote. I strongly believe in same-day registration for citizens and making no-excuse absentee voting a permanent part of the process.

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**Pennsylvania State Representative District 23**

The 23rd Legislative district contains several neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including Squirrel Hill, East and North Oakland, Bellefield, Shadyside, Greenfield, Swissshelm Park, and Sumpser.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**DAN FRANKEL**

**Biographical Info:**
- **County:** Allegheny
- **Occupation:** Legislator
- **Education:** The Pennington School (1974), Kenyon College (1978), and Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government’s Senior Executives in State and Local Government program (2000)

**Qualifications:** Representative of Pennsylvania’s 23rd Legislative District for 23 years, Democratic Chair of the House Health Committee, and Co-Chair of PA SAFE Caucus and LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus.

**Campaign Website:** http://electdanfrankel.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:** Equality, the environment, firearm policy reform, government reform, and reproductive rights will be my priorities in my next term. I have been fighting for these progressive values for two decades and have worked to build coalitions of lawmakers to advocate with me. For example, I founded the Women’s Health Caucus and the LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus. These caucuses have become passionate groups of leaders fighting for policies there were often disregarded just 20 years ago.

- **Q:** What changes, if any, would you support to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?
  **A:** Relying on oil, coal, and natural gas for Pennsylvania’s energy needs is an unsustainable path for our people and planet. The role of the General Assembly should be to invest in green energy solutions while we effectively tax and regulate polluters. I always have and always will oppose giveaways and incentives that exclusively benefit the fossil fuel industry and will continue to work to close the Methane Loophole, which allows too many fracking wells to go unregulated in Pennsylvania. Lastly, I will continue to lead the fight in the PA House against the medical “gag rule” that prevents doctors from speaking with their patients about the chemicals in fracking and its potential impact on their health.

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A: I support comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. You can read more about my stance on gun control at a link on my website: http://www.jaytingwalker.com/issues.
**DEMOCRATIC**

**BRANDON J. MARKOSEK**

**Biographical Info:**
- **County:** Allegheny
- **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: Candidate did not respond.
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**REPUBLICAN**

**STEVE SCHLAUCH**

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**REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 28**

**DEMOCRATIC**

**ALISON DUNCAN**

**Biographical Info:**
- **County:** Allegheny
- **Occupation:** Owner and Creative Director, Duncan Design
- **Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Mass Communication and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art from the Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- **Qualifications:** Small business owner for 20+ years; Progress PA (Board Member and Communications Direc-

**REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 27**

**DEMOCRATIC**

**ALISON DUNCAN**

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**Other websites:**
- Instagram: @duncanforpa
- Twitter: @duncanforpa
- Facebook: Facebook.com/duncanforpa
- Website: Duncanforpa.com

**Campaign Website:** http://duncanforpa.com
**Campaign Facebook URL:** http://facebook.com/duncanforpa
**Campaign Twitter URL:** http://twitter.com/duncanforpa
**Link to position on abortion:** http://www.duncanforpa.com/issues-1

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 right to safe, clean air and water is being threatened. We all want to be able to drink, fish, and swim in clean water. We all want to feel secure that the land we play, garden, and hunt on is safe. And we all want the air we breathe to be pure. These resources and the natural areas where we live and play are vulnerable to unchecked pollution—enabled by legislatures who aren’t willing to enforce regulations on their corporate donors. As a member of the State House, I will put the people of PA first. I will work to: regulate and hold polluters accountable; make sure the Dept. of Environmental Protection has the resources needed to enforce regulations; and encourage practical, increased use of alternate energy sources.

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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 stepfather kept a gun in the house and in his truck for protection, and I fully respect the Second Amendment’s guarantee of the right to bear arms. However, we are clearly experiencing an ever-worsening gun violence epidemic, and while there is no perfect solution, changes must be made. I support stronger comprehensive background checks and red flag laws, and I would work to pass legislation requiring training on the safe handling and storage of firearms.
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**REPUBLICAN**

**ROB MERCURI**

**Biographical Info:**
County: Allegheny

**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:** Candidate did not respond.

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**A:** Candidate did not respond.

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**PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 30**

The 30th Legislative district contains Kilbuck, McCandless, and Ohio Townships, the Boroughs of Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Emsworth, Franklin Park, and parts of Hampton Township.

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**DEMOCRATIC**

**ARVIND VENKAT**

**A:** As a nurse, I will prioritize the growing mental health epidemic in our commonwealth. Between the isolation of pandemic lock-downs and inflation based economic hardships, our communities are hurting. We must increase the supply of mental health professionals and the accessibility of services for patients. We can look at cross state licensure, expanded telemedicine, increase and student counseling services. Mental Health is a complex topic that will need to be targeted from many angles.

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**Questions:**

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**A:** Voters must have confidence in the security and transparency of elections. We must support universal voting access for every legal voter. This could include increased funding for county election departments. We need to codify uniformity of vote counting and mail in ballot guidelines between counties to avoid conflicting rulings. I believe that a voter ID program that insured free voter ID’s for non-drivers would go a long way to restore public confidence in our voting system. It is critical that every legal vote is counted.

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**A:** I strongly support the preservation of parks and green-space. We must support legislation to enhance our drinking and waste water infrastructure. Managing runoff through combined proactive planning of all levels of government will help mitigate flooding and waste water into our rivers. We must also guide federal infrastructure dollars towards a more efficient smarter power grid that will lessen the impact of pollutants on our air.

**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:** If I look at gun legislation through the lens of public health of preventing gun violence, not prohibiting gun ownership - which does have a constitutional basis. I believe there is an individual right to own a gun under the Second Amendment. No right, however, is absolute—one cannot scream ‘fire’ in a theatre. For example, I am therefore in favor of legislation that would mandate background checks, red flag laws with rigorous due process protections, and robust firearm safety training. None of these would prevent law-abiding citizens from owning guns while also mitigating intentional and accidental gun violence.

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**REPUBLICAN**

**CINDY KIRK**

**Biographical Info:**
County: Allegheny

**Occupation:** RN / UPMC Presbyterian Hospital

**Education:** MSN / University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing

**Qualifications:** Allegheny County Councilwoman Representing 100,000 people in 15 municipalities of Allegheny County; Life-long community service inc. PTA, Boys and Girls Scouts of America, church, library, community association, Southwestern PA Air Force Academy Association, Jubilee Kitchen Volunteer, etc.

**Campaign Website:** www.CindykirkPA.com

**Campaign Facebook URL:** www.facebook.com/CindyKirkPA

**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:** As a nurse, I will prioritize the growing mental health epidemic in our commonwealth. Between the isolation of pandemic lock-downs and inflation based economic hardships, our communities are hurting. We must increase the supply of mental health professionals and the accessibility of services for patients. We can look at cross state licensure, expanded telemedicine, increase and student counseling services. Mental Health is a complex topic that will need to be targeted from many angles.

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**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 stand for increased firearm safety training and stiffer penalties for those guilty of gun violence. We need to better enforce the laws already in place. We need to analyze the intersections of mental health, domestic violence, and crime; then support legislation that balances those factors with individual safety and constitutional rights.

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**TALK IS CHEAP, VOTING IS FREE:**

**TAKE IT TO THE POLLS.**

- **NANETTE L. AVERY, WRITER**
**Democrat**

**TONY DELUCA**

**Biographical Info:**
County: Allegheny

**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?
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A: Candidate did not respond.

**Biographical Info:**
County: Allegheny

**Occupation:** Nonprofit Management

**Education:** University of Pittsburgh - B.A. in Anthropology

**Qualifications:** Fox Chapel Borough Councilperson

**Campaign Website:** http://www.steelefopa.com

**Campaign Facebook URL:** http://www.facebook.com/SteeleforPA

**Campaign Twitter URL:** http://www.twitter.com/SteeleforPA

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

**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: Pennsylvania has a massive opportunity ahead of it with the infrastructure money that will be pumped into our state. I’m running because we need a representative in Harrisburg who has the experience and work ethic it will take to drive money and investment to our communities. We can rebuild our once vibrant economy through union clean energy jobs and green infrastructure projects. Putting working families at the center of this transition is essential to success. There is tremendous opportunity right now to make environmental and economic gains. This is our chance and I am ready to get it done.

Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?
A: I will support automatic voter registration or pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds and same day registrations, dropping Pennsylvania's current registration deadlines. I will support expanded early voting opportunities and adamantly oppose any forms of voter suppression, such as voter ID requirements, when any such efforts are brought forth.

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: This is an important topic that lies at the heart of what I do for my community, but one of the biggest detractors democracy could suffer.

**Questions:**
Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?
A: Act 77, from my understanding, is in violation of the PA Constitution, so that would have to be repealed and the Constitution amended first. That being said, I do like how ACT 77 eliminated someone from choosing one box to vote for everyone from one party. Moving forward, I support the maintaining of the integrity of the election process and that we need to discuss appropriate and fair ways that we can uphold a standard where everyone feels confident in its results. Losing faith in our election processes is one of the biggest detractors democracy could suffer.

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: Pennsylvania is rich with natural resources. The ability to realize the huge potential gains from extracting them can lead to economic and social develop-
The 34th Legislative district contains Wilkins Township, Braddock, Braddock Hills, Chalfant, Churchill, East Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Forest Hills, North Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg and a few neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh, including Park Place, and parts of Homewood, and Point Breeze.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**AUSTIN DAVIS**

*Party: Dem  Biographical Info:  County: Allegheny  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 Criminal Justice Committee. Previously, Austin served as Senior Advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for 6 years.*

**Questions:**

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.

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: 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 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**

**DON NEVILLS**

*Biographical Info:  County: Allegheny  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: Candidate did not respond.  Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?  A: Candidate did not respond.  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: Candidate did not respond.  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: Candidate did not respond.*

The 35th Legislative district contains Clairton, Duquesne, McKeesport, South Versailles, Homestead, Liberty, Lincoln, Munhall, Port Vue, Versailles, West Homestead, Whitaker and White Oak, and part of West Mifflin.

When we vote, we take back our power to choose, to speak up, and to stand with those who support us and each other.  
-Loung Ung, activist
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**Biographical Info:**
County: Allegheny  
Occupation: Teacher  
Qualifications: Unlike politicians I understand economics and I do not want to control your life.

**Campaign Website:** http://www.jessicabenhampolitic.com  
**Campaign Facebook URL:** http://www.facebook.com/benhampolitic  
**Campaign Twitter URL:** http://twitter.com/jessicalbenham

**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 have two priorities, economic and personal freedom. I cannot use the cliché “I will reach across the aisle” because I am an outsider and will be placed in the corner with a dunce cap. I will build coalitions with both ruling parties to expand personal freedoms. When it comes to economic freedom, I will do my best to engage both parties and educate them on economics. Politicians in both sides of the aisle believe they have the authority and the knowhow to manage an economy. I support commonsense gun legislation, including comprehensive background checks, extreme risk protection orders, firearm safety training, and safe storage laws.

**Biographical Info:**
County: Allegheny  
Occupation: Union jobs.

**Campaign Website:** http://www.benhamforpa.com  
**Campaign Facebook URL:** http://www.facebook.com/benhamforpa  
**Campaign Twitter URL:** http://twitter.com/RossSylvester2

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**Biographical Info:**
County: Allegheny  
Occupation: Teacher  
Qualifications: Candidate did not respond.

**Campaign Website:** http://www.nickpisciottano.com  
**Campaign Facebook URL:** http://facebook.com  
**Campaign Twitter URL:** http://twitter.com/RossSylvester2

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Occupation: Career Union Jobs.

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Andrew Kuzma

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny

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NATALIE MIHALEK

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny and Washington

Questions:
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A: Candidate did not respond.
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A: Candidate did not respond.

Chris Todd

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny

Occupation: Executive Director
Education: BA in History, BS in Secondary Education, JD
Qualifications: Legislator, former Mt. Lebanon Commissioner, 5 terms as State Rep, Current Minority Caucus Chair, former Mt. Lebanon volunteer fire fighter, former Allegheny County public defender and county solicitor.

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 am passionate about environmental protection for future generations, as evidenced by my most recent employment involving municipal water purification. I will carefully consider the environmental impact of any proposed legislation.
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 take common-sense steps to reducing gun violence in our communities including banning military-style assault weapons, limiting high-capacity magazines, preventing dangerous persons and/ or those experiencing a mental health crisis from buying guns, and mandatory universal background checks.

DAN MILLER

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny

Occupation: Legislator
Education: BA in History, BS in Secondary Education, JD
Qualifications: Four years as Mt. Lebanon Commissioner, 5 terms as State Rep, Current Minority Caucus Chair, former Mt. Lebanon volunteer fire fighter, a term in AmeriCorps, and former Allegheny County public defender and county solicitor.

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 spend a lot of time working on disability and mental health issues. By their nature they are non-partisan, so I try to work across the aisle as much as possible to create more opportunity and to end stigma. I host a Disability & Mental Health Summit every year to raise awareness and provide information on resources and prospective bills. It is always a bipartisan event.
Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?
A: I think we need to prioritize the recommendations from county officials about how we can help them run a smoother election. Making it easier to administer, making it easier to register and vote, and providing greater state resources would be key.
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: One of the main things we can do is to actually fund our DEP. Unfortunately over the last two decades the DEP has been decimated by cuts and hampered by indifference. The DEP needs to be re-energized to fulfill its mission in a timely fashion.
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 voted for more expansive background checks and for a bipartisan red flag bill. I am always for safety training but I can’t recall a bill in particular.

Pat Tylka

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny

Questions:
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Not voting is not a protest. It is a surrender.
- Keith Ellison, Minnesota Attorney General
The 44th Legislative district contains Aleppo, Crescent, Findlay Township, Moon Township, North Fayette, Bell Acres, Edgeworth, Glen Osborne, Glenfield, Haysville, Leet Township, Leetsdale, Sewickley, Sewickley Heights and Sewickley Hills.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**DEBBIE TURICI**

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny

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REPUBLICAN

**VALERIE GAYDOS**

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny

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The 45th Legislative district contains Collier Township, Kennedy Township, Robinson Township, Stowe, Bridgeville, Carnegie, Coraopolis, Neville Island, Kirwan Heights, McKees Rocks and Sewickley Village.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**ANITA ASTORINO KULIK**

Biographical Info:
County: Allegheny

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**General Election**

**November 8, 2022**

-Susan B. Anthony, suffragist
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County: Allegheny

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County: Washington

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Description: Pittsburgh City Council consists of nine members elected by district by the city of Pittsburgh voters. The legislative power is vested in the council. Council members in old-numbered districts are elected 2 years after the even-numbered district members are elected.

TERM: 1 year for Special Election position
Salary: $76,544

Vote for one
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Biographical Info:

Occupation: Father, Husband, Non-Profit Director, Adjunct Professor (listed in order of importance with the most important first)
Education: Master's Degree in Renewable Energy and Sustainability Systems from Penn State University and Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Slippery Rock University
Qualifications: I am passionate about serving our community. I have 10+ years working in Pittsburgh’s non-profit sector. I’ve served in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and AmeriCorps. To learn more about my qualifications, please visit my LinkedIn profile at www.linkedin.com/in/matthew-alan-mahoney-98213a27/
Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/matt.mahoney.9235/
Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/mahoney-matthewa

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Biographical Info:

Education: Tech writer
Occupation: Exec, and County Council to increase public transit service and reduce the number air-polluting cars in Pgh.

Questions:

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Biographical Info:

Occupation: Tech writer
Education: Masters Degree
Qualifications: Community organizer
Campaign Website: barbforphg.com
Campaign Facebook URL: www.facebook.com/Barb4PGH
Campaign Twitter URL: twitter.com/Barb4PGH

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COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Ballot Question: Shall Article III, Subsection 6(b) of Allegheny County's Home Rule Charter be repealed in order to allow Members of County Council the same freedom of right to seek other elected office as is accorded to all other independently elected officials in Allegheny County, such that Council Members are permitted to run for nomination or election to elected office other than that of County Council Member without first having to resign from County Council?

Summary: This ordinance, if approved, would allow sitting County Council members to remain in office while running for another elected office. Currently, a sitting member must resign from County Council in order to run for another elected office. This requirement applies only to County Council members and not to any other elected officials in the City of Pittsburgh or Allegheny County government.

Q: Yes or No vote
A YES vote would remove the current rule.

Therefore, a sitting County Council member could remain in office while running for another elected office.

A NO vote would keep the current rule in place.

This means any sitting County Council member must resign from office before they can run for another office.

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH—SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION
PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

Shall a Government Study Commission of seven members be elected to study the existing form of government of the municipality, to consider the advisability of the adoption of a home rule charter and, if advisable, to draft and to recommend a home rule charter?

The special election question asks voters if they wish to create a commission of seven members to study whether a home rule government is advisable for the borough. In August, residents had the opportunity to file papers to be a member of that commission and the election of those individuals will also be on the ballot.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

The vote is precious. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it.

- John Lewis
Making your voice heard is up to you.

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