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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LEWISBURG AREA

CONTAINING CANDIDATES LISTED ON THE BALLOTS OF UNION COUNTY VOTERS

You may take this publication into the voting booth with you.



This *Voters Guide* lists candidates whose names appear on the official ballot for Union County voters. Candidates are listed in ballot order with the party of the governor appearing first. This November, voters will elect a U.S. Senator, PA Governor/Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Representative in Congress, and Representatives in the PA General Assembly. The option to write in a candidate is available on the voting machine and on paper ballots. There are no questions on Union County ballots this fall; for more information, see the box at the bottom of this page.

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(see Statutes of Pennsylvania, Title 25, Chapter 13).

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HOW WE GET OUR CANDIDATE INFORMATION



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UNITED STATES SENATOR

Description of office: 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. Senators must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years, and be 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.*

All candidates for United States Senator were asked:

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

United States Government

- 2. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?
- 3. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?
- 4. How do you view the role of the U.S. in responding to challenges facing the international community?

Democratic JOHN FETTERMAN

Allegheny County



Education: Albright College, B.S. 1991 University of Connecticut., M.B.A. 1993 Harvard University Kennedy School, M.P.P. 199

Occupation: Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania

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 Governor of Pennsylvania, 2019-Presen

Answer to question 1: 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 antidiscrimination protections for the LGBTQ+ community; protecting and expanding the right to vote; and protecting and expanding the union way of life.

Answer to question 2: 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.

Answer to question 3: 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.

Answer to question 4: 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.

Website: johnfetterman.com

Republican MEHMET OZ

Montgomery County No reply received *Website:* <u>doctorozforsenate.com</u>

Libertarian ERIK GERHARDT

Montgomery County



Education: high school diploma *Occupation:* master carpenter *Qualifications:* not provided

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: i will back legislation that makes id for voting and add in blockchain technologies to secure elections.

Answer to question 3: i will not support bills that move away from free market capitalism

Answer to question 4: we need to renegotiate nato or flat out leave it as it serves no purpose.

Website: <u>erik4pa.com</u>

Green RICHARD L. WEISS

Allegheny County



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

University; M.B.A. University of Chicago

Occupation: Lawyer

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

Answer to question 1: 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 <u>ballotpedia.org/Ranked-choice</u> voting (RCV)

Answer to question 2: 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.

Answer to question 3: 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. Answer to question 4: 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

MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE VOTING

- No-Excuse MAIL-IN BALLOTS: Apply for a mail-in ballot at vote.pa.gov or at the Union County Elections Office (see below for contact info). In 2019, the state legislature passed Act 77, allowing no-excuse mail-in ballots for all registered voters in PA. After the 2020 election, the law was challenged in court. On August 2nd, 2022, the PA Supreme Court ruled that the law was constitutional, overturning an earlier ruling by the Commonwealth Court. Thus, all registered voters in PA may continue to choose to vote in person on Election Day or by mail-in ballot.
- ABSENTEE BALLOT: Absentee ballots are still available to those who satisfy certain criteria (illness, disability, or absence from the municipality on Election Day).
- BALLOT APPLICATION DEADLINES: Completed civilian <u>APPLICATIONS</u> for <u>mail-in</u> or <u>absentee</u> ballots must be **RECEIVED** by the County Elections Office <u>by 5:00 p.m. on November 1st, 2022</u> (postmark does **not** matter). If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after this application deadline and before Election Day, you may obtain an emergency application from the County Elections Office.
- **RETURNING YOUR BALLOT:** If you mail your mail-in or absentee ballot, you must provide postage. Alternatively, you may drop off **YOUR OWN** ballot at the reception desk of the Union County Government Center_(see contact information at the bottom of this box).
- BALLOT RETURN DEADLINES: Completed civilian mail-in or absentee BALLOTS must be **RECEIVED** by the County Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, November 8th, 2022) (postmark does **not** matter).

- **NOTE**: Once the county receives your voted mail-in ballot, you are **NOT** allowed to go to the polling place to change your vote on
- Election Day. **If you do not return** your voted mail-in ballot and
- you want to vote in person, you have two options:
- Bring your **ballot and the envelope** with the voter's declaration to your polling place and turn it in so you can vote on your county's voting system.
- If you don't have your ballot, you can vote by provisional ballot at your polling place. Note your provisional ballot number so you can track it.
- TRACKING YOUR BALLOT: If you requested an application or ballot online, you can track the status of your application or ballot at www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx

IMPORTANT: Direct all questions about your mail-in or absentee ballot to the Union County Elections office.

COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE: CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: Union County Elections Office Union County Government Center 155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837

Phone: 570-524-8681

Website: <u>unioncountypa.org</u> (under Departments, choose <u>Elections & Voter Registration</u>)

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United States Senator, cont.

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 Constitutional 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.

Website: greenslate2022.com

Keystone DANIEL WASSMER

Pike County



Education: BA, MBA, JD *Occupation:* Attorney/College Professor **Qualifications:** Former appointee to the DRJTBC, Assistant County Solicitor, Lecturer on Law, Government and International Business issues.

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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.

Answer to question 3: First we need a dialogue to convince even former 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.

Answer to question 4: 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..

Website: wassmer4pa.com

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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 U.S. 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

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 U.S. 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.

All candidates for Governor AND Lt. Governor were asked:

- 1. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?
- 2. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?
- 3. 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?
- 4. 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?

Democratic - Governor JOSH SHAPIRO Montgomery County

Pennsylvania State Government



Education: University of Rochester, BA; Georgetown University Law Center, JD *Occupation:*

Attorney General of Pennsylvania

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.

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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 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.

Answer to question 3: 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.

Answer to question 4: 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 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. Website: joshshapiro.org

Democratic - Lt. Governor **AUSTIN DAVIS**

Allegheny County



Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh *Occupation:* State Representative

Education:

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.

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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.

Answer to question 3: 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.

Answer to question 4: 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.

Website: shapirodavis.org

Republican - Governor **DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO** Franklin County



Education: PhD, History; Masters Strategic Intelligence; Masters Airpower Theory; Masters Military Operational Art;

Masters Strategic Studies, Bachelor of Arts, History

Occupation: Senator

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)

Answer to question 1: Infrastructure, Energy Production, Road / Transportation Improvements, School Choice, the Right to Life

Answer to question 2: Voter ID, Poll Watcher Protection, Increased Penalties for violating voting law, Repeal Act 77

Answer to question 3: I'm an Eagle Scout and respect the environment - we are stewards of the land

Answer to question 4: Uphold the constitutional protections delineated in our state and federal constitutions Website: doug4gov.com

Republican - Lt. Governor CARRIE LEWIS DELROSSO

Allegheny County



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

Education:

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VOTING INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

October 24th, 2022 is the <u>last day to **REGISTER**</u> to vote in the November election or to change your address or party registration. Register online at **vote.pa.gov** or contact the Union County Elections Office for an application.

MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE VOTING

<u>ALL</u> registered voters in PA have the option of voting in person or by mail. For more information, see the <u>"MAIL-IN and ABSENTEE</u> <u>VOTING" box on page 3</u>.

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE TO VOTE

At the website **vote.pa.gov**, you can check your registration status and polling place, register to vote, or apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. If you moved or can't remember where you vote, contact the County Elections Office to make sure you go to the right polling place. This information is also on your Voter Registration card. If you registered to vote while applying for or renewing a PA driver's license and you have received a Voter Registration Card, you are eligible to vote in this election. For a list of Union County polling places, see **page 16** of this Voters Guide.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE IN VOTING

Any voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should contact the County Elections Office. Any voter who has a disability that requires assistance in voting or using a voting machine may complete a declaration at the polling place and receive assistance.

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

Poll workers are there to help you, show you how to work the machines, and assist with any other questions. 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 will telephone the County Elections Office. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not, you must be given the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot. If it is determined that you are eligible to vote, your vote will be counted. You can check the status of your provisional ballot by calling the County Elections Office.

COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE: CONTACT INFORMATION

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Phone: 570-524-8681

Website: <u>unioncountypa.org</u> (under Departments, choose <u>Elections & Voter Registration</u>)

UNION COUNTY VOTING RESULTS WEBSITE

Unofficial Union County vote totals will be posted at **www.unioncountypa.org** as soon as they are available.

NOTE: <u>Only</u> Union County votes are reported here. Winners are determined by combining Union County votes with votes in the entire district for each race.

Governor/Lt. Governor, cont.

Qualifications: Oakmont Council Member 2018-2020; State House Member 2021

Answer to question 1: 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

Answer to question 2: Voter ID; Provide a more efficient system for early/absentee voting and deadlines; Voter Confidence -ballot security

Answer to question 3: Promote energy growth and independence in PA while always mindful of our environment.

Answer to question 4: Protect our 2nd Amendment; right to people to bear arms

Website: <u>CarrieForPA.com</u>

Libertarian - Governor MATT HACKENBURG Northampton County

Education: Rochester I Technology

Rochester Institute of Technology; BS *Occupation:* Avionics Computer Engineer *Oualifications:*

Former Commissioned Officer for the Army National Guard

Answer to question 1: The biggest reason why I am running for Governor is to promote and pass Defend the Guard legislation. As an anti-war National Guard veteran, this issue hits close to home. With talks of sending reinforcements to Taiwan if China were to invade and war hawks in D.C. clamoring to get the U.S. involved with the War in Ukraine, Defend the Guard needs passed now more than ever. This prevents the government from sending our state's National Guard into conflicts without a declaration of war from Congress. They will not lose a single night of sleep for using our families and children as pawns to grandstand about "freedom and democracy". I will make the humanitarian appeal with the legislature and work with both parties to get it passed.

Answer to question 2: We should change our elections to use alternative voting methods like ranked choice voting and repeal Act 77 for elections going forward. Act 77 is legally questionable and prone to being abused by people looking to buy your vote or breaching your privacy. It is worth reminding people that Doug Mastriano was one of the biggest supporters of Act 77 in the Pennsylvania Senate until Donald Trump decided he did not like it. Our current voting system is set up so that Democrats and Republicans never have to compete with third party candidates and perpetually use the "wasted vote" argument to brush off their challengers. With ranked

choice voting, or similar alternatives, that concern no longer exists.

Answer to question 3: We should be treating pollution as a trespass violation, allowing people affected by polluters to issue court injunctions to shut them down, court orders to clean up our property, or imprisonment if they do not get off our property. I would not support the use of subsidies to prop up energy companies or allow the government to force its preferences onto the population like what California is doing with electric vehicles for example. If there is a demand for a clean environment, then a truly free market will meet that demand and we will all be better off.

Answer to question 4: The Pennsylvania Constitution states that "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned." All gun control measures are illegitimate and I will veto every single one that passes the legislature, as well as repeal all of the gun controls we currently have now. I don't believe the state should have any involvement in determining who can or cannot have a firearm. If someone is so dangerous that they can't have a firearm, that person should not be out of prison. Website: matthackenburg.com

Libertarian - Lt. Governor

TIM MCMASTER



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

Citizen

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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, yet effective means of verification must be employed.

Answer to question 3: 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.

Answer to question 4: 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."

Website: tim4pa.com Green - Governor CHRISTINA DIGIULIO Chester County



Education: BS Biology-Chemistry *Occupation:* Scientist (analytical chemist) *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

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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.

Answer to question 3: 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.

Answer to question 4: 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.

Website: greenslate2022.com

Green - Lt. Governor MICHAEL BAGDES-CANNING Butler County



Education: BS, Education, Slippery Rock University. MS, Education, Clarion University *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

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.

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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 airwaves for all ballot-qualified candidates and parties.

Answer to question 3: 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 demand 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.

Answer to question 4: 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.

Website: greenslate2022.com

Keystone - Governor JOE SOLOSKI



(Retired)

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

Occupation: CPA

Qualifications: Certified Public Accountant

Answer to question 1: 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.

Answer to question 2: 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.

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LWVLewisburgArea.org/voters-guide

Answer to question 3: 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.

Answer to question 4: 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. 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.

Website: joesoloski.com

Keystone - Lt. Governor NICOLE SHULTZ York County



Education: Bachelor's Degree in Small Business Administration and Entrepreneurship *Occupation:* Self Employed

Qualifications: Auditor Windsor Twp., Small business owner,

Answer to question 1: 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 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

Answer to question 2: 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.

Answer to question 3: 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.

Answer to question 4: 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. Website: Nicoleshultz.com

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United States Government (cont.)

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS: 15TH DISTRICT

Description of office: The U.S. 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 U.S. Representative must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and be 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.*

All candidates for PA Representative in the 15th District were asked:

- 1. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?
- 2. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?
- 3. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?
- 4. How do you view the role of the U.S. in responding to challenges facing the international community?

Democratic MIKE MOLESEVICH



Education: MS, Energy & Environmental Policy, Bucknell University, Union County, and BS, Environmental

Science, Juniata College, Huntingdon County

Occupation: Energy & Environmental Consultant/Contractor

Qualifications: Mike is a former borough mayor, council member, current business owner, energy and environmental consultant, helping communities, businesses, industries, in rural central PA for over 40 years.

Answer to question 1: My first priority is my oath of office to support and defend our constitution against all enemies both foreign and domestic, and hold other elected officials accountable to do the same. My second priority is to support a strong, ready and modern military and our allies, and support the men and women in our armed forces and veterans after they have served our nation. My third priority is to support our democracy and freedom to choose our elected officials, healthcare, reproductive rights, religion, books in our schools, and other daily choices in our lives without influence of big government or political party. Working with others begins by listening to others, all information and options to make decisions in the public interest.

Answer to question 2: Vote, support all eligible voters' right to vote. Make it easier and not more difficult to vote. Protect election employees, officials, and volunteers from threats and intimidation from groups or individuals. Review and revise election laws as needed and necessary. Review and revise the influence of money in our elections such as Citizens United. Consider open primaries and some public funding to level the playing for more candidates to seek elective office. No incumbent should run unchallenged. Ensure that redistricting is an open, transparent, and fair process to prevent gerrymandering by any political party or special interest. Answer to question 3: The future belongs to the efficient and sustainable users of our natural resources. Everything we do creates waste, heat, and carbon emissions. The laws of physics, science, and thermodynamics cannot be repealed - by anyone. The simplest and fastest ways to reduce emissions is by improving efficiency and eliminating (or recycling) waste as we transition, as quickly as possible, from burning fossil fuels to renewable and sustainable fuels for thermal, electrical and mechanical tasks. Fossil fuels will always be needed as components of consumer goods and will become too valuable to burn. We all, as users of energy and resources, must maximize efficiency, eliminate waste, transition to renewables, and use science to educate our children.

Answer to question 4: We must continue be a world leader on all fronts including economics, finance, trade, development, environment, resources, sustainability, climate, and security. Being a world leader requires competent and experienced personnel in all levels and positions to maintain our position of leadership. Website: padistrict15.org

Republican GLENN GT THOMPSON Centre County



Education: B.S. the Pennsylvania State University, M.A. Temple University *Occupation:* Member of Congress *Oualifications:*

Former Therapist and Licensed Nursing Home Administrator; Former Bald Eagle School Board Member; Former Centre County GOP Chairman; Member of Congress PA-5 (2009-2019); Member of Congress PA-15 (2020-Current).

Answer to question 1: Millions lack access to reliable, high-speed internet service, particularly in rural America. COVID-19 highlighted the urgency for connectivity, as so much of life shifted online. I will continue to work to close the digital divide and bring connectivity to rural America. Throughout my time in Congress, I have consistently worked in a bipartisan manner to achieve common ground and consensus. I credit my career in healthcare and volunteer experiences, whether scouting, as an EMT and firefighter, or on school board. Each provided me the ability to work with people from all walks of life. I believe the constituents expect this from their voice in Washington. It is an honor to serve them and I am humbled by their continued support.

Answer to question 2: Free and fair elections are the foundation of our democratic system of government. It is imperative we maintain the integrity of our electoral process and ensure every American's right to vote. While I encourage efforts to reduce illegal activities in our federal elections, Congress needs to respect

the role state and local governments play in shaping their own electoral processes. Discrimination of any kind is completely unacceptable. This is not a partisan issue; all Americans should push for inclusion and participation in the electoral process.

Answer to question 3: As Republican Leader of the House Agriculture Committee, I and my colleagues have introduced bills to improve forest management, increase access to precision agriculture, restore healthy soils, and produce responsible energy and conservation incentives. We cannot sacrifice a healthy economy for a healthy environment, and vice versa. Natural solutions work, and we know that farmers, ranchers, and foresters are the key to those solutions. I also have authored the SUSTAINS Act, which will encourage private-sector partnerships by encouraging businesses to support sustainability through investment in conservation practices. Thoughtful, science-based policies will help promote a stronger agriculture economy and healthier environment.

Answer to question 4: The U.S. plays a critical role in shaping international policy together with those countries that share our values. There are a number of diplomatic tools at our disposal to discourage bad actors from inflicting harm. I am a strong supporter of the U.S. Institute of Peace. which Congress established in 1984 with President Reagan, to improve national security and global stability by reducing violent conflicts abroad. We should always strive to mitigate conflict through diplomacy, but as an Army dad, I know we must also continue to have the best funded, highly trained, and lethal fighting force on the planet. And we must be there for our troops when their service concludes. Website: GTThompson.com



and a link to their position on abortion to their VOTE411 profiles.



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STATE LEGISLATURE

REPRESENTATIVES 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 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 Vote for ONE.

All candidates for Pennsylvania **Representative in the General Assembly** were asked:

- 1. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?
- 2. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

- 3. 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?
- 4. 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?

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 76[™] LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Includes the Boroughs of Hartleton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and New Berlin and the Townships of Buffalo, Hartley, Kelly, Lewis, Limestone, and West Buffalo; along with Clinton County

Democratic **DENISE MARIS**



Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Master's Degree in Healthcare Management

Occupation: Director of Human Resources Qualifications: Graduate of Leadership Clinton County; AmeriCorps Alumna; Member of Downtown Lock Haven Rotary Club; Member of the Centre County League of Women Voters

Answer to question 1: One of my top priorities is education. When our schools are equitably funded, our children can get the education that they deserve. A child should not be disadvantaged in their pursuit of their career goals due to where they live. Yet, so often, rural districts do not receive the funding they need to be competitive. This is something that I think all people could agree. I would work to establish connections with other legislators and use current statistics and testing data to show the disparity in our current system. Children and the education they receive are the only things that can continue to support our state through expansion of the future workforce.

Answer to question 2: Currently, there is a proposed constitutional amendment that would negatively impact voters. It would raise the voting age to 21; disenfranchising young adults. It also would put up barriers that would make it more difficult for people to vote. Stopping this legislation is my top priority, because without our vote, we have no voice. I would support making election day a holiday, so that all voters could vote in our elections. I would also support lengthening the time that voting is open. Ensuring the right and opportunity for citizens to vote in free and fare elections is a hallmark of democracy. This right should not be infringed due to work scheduling or other barriers.

Answer to question 3: Clean air, pure water, and preservation of the environment are among the most important issues facing our state and our world today. Without clean air and water, the health and well-being or our people and our planet is threatened. Legislation incentivizing companies to control their emissions and environmental impacts, including gas drilling, logging, and other industries that impact our forests and waterways

would be a first step to implementing this section of our constitution. We must all be good stewards of the environment in this beautiful state.

Answer to question 4: Comprehensive background checks are an important first step in ensuring that those who seek to own a gun meet minimum requirements. There are too many opportunities for loopholes in the current laws. Closing those would be a priority. Red flag laws could have stopped the wrong people from obtaining guns that have been used in mass shootings and suicides. Preventing someone with severe mental illness, or who has a documented history of violence from getting a gun could literally save lives. If someone is to own a gun, they should be able to demonstrate proficiency in the care and safe use of the firearm. When someone obtains a gun who has no training or knowledge of care and use poses a tremendous threat to themselves and others.

Website: denisemaris.com

Republican **STÉPHANIE BOROWICZ** Clinton County

No reply received Website: votestephanie.com

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 83RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Includes Townships of Gregg and White Deer, along with parts of Lycoming County

Democratic No candidate filed

(See Republican candidate's response on the next page)

ENGAGING MILLENNIALS IN OUR DEMOCRACY

BACKGROUND: In 2016, the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area (LWVLA) was the recipient of a generous grant from League members Rebecca and James Mauch for the purpose of identifying and implementing strategies for engaging millennials in the civic life of our democracy.

MISSION: The mission of the LWVLA Mauch Millennial Project is to engage young people (aged approximately 16-35) in the civic life of our democracy in the United States in general, and specifically in the LWVLA's service area of Union County, PA. To that end, the LWVLA Mauch Millennial Project began developing and implementing a series of initiatives beginning in 2016.

MAUCH INITIATIVES: The initiatives include activities at local high schools and middle schools, various voter education events, community civic engagement opportunities for young adults, the Bucknell-Mauch Fellowship Program (co-sponsored with the Bucknell Political Science Department), a LWVLA-sponsored voting exhibit at the Lewisburg Children's Museum, and online resources for voters.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MAUCH MILLENNIAL PROJECT, VISIT THE LWVLA WEBSITE AT:

LWVLewisburgArea.org/Mauch-Millennial-Project

Republican JAMIE FLICK Lycoming County



Education: Associates *Occupation:* Business Owner *Qualifications:* Founder/CEO/ President of

Susquehanna Software, Inc - the #1 selling Human Services software company in the Commonwealth. We serve 61 of th 67 counties. I also raised 6 kids, including 2 in the military Answer to question 1: I have worked with officials at the State for several decades - not as a lawmaker but as a business owner. I understand the red-tape that needs to be removed. My priorities are to grow the State economy, remove barriers, reduce property tax for seniors (and others), streamline government and make government accountable.

Answer to question 2: I have owned an IT company for 37 years. PA leads the nation in data breaches so it is difficult for voters (and others) to trust the State when it comes to voting. I would remove ballot boxes and restore faith in the system by combining technology with traditional voting requirements. I would also align with other house members in requiring voter ID cards.

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Answer to question 3: I would continue to make sure manufacturing and commercial industries followed exisiting rules, especial in urban areas. My theme is 'personal responsibility' buyt this would also extend to industries. Section 27 was created for a reason. Pennsylvanians deserve to enjoy the clean air and streams that make the State one of the most beautiful in the nation.

Answer to question 4: I am an 2nd amendment rights advocate. I have also developed software for Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol assessments and screenings. Some folks such as veterans are afraid they will lose their rights if they seek MH services. We must have outreach to these and other groups and hace leadership that can do more than talk - but can listen. *Website:* jamieflick.com

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 85TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Includes the Townships of East Buffalo and Union, along with Snyder County and parts of Mifflin and Juniata counties

Democratic No candidate filed

Republican DAVID H. ROWE Union County No reply received

Website: votedavidrowe.com



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2022 REDISTRICTING

After the census, which is conducted every 10 years, reapportionment and redistricting are required so that 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, 50 seats in the Pennsylvania (PA) Senate, and 203 seats in the PA House of Representatives are divided equally based on population changes. This means new district maps need to be drawn.

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

The map below shows Pennsylvania's new U.S. Congressional districts. The <u>15th U.S. Congressional district</u>, shown in white on the map below, includes the counties of Armstrong, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, **Union**, and Warren, and portions of Indiana, Lycoming, and Venango counties.



UNION COUNTY: 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Voters in Union County will now be voting for a U.S Representative as part of the <u>new 15th Congressional</u> <u>District</u> (shown in white on the map to the left).

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives serve two-year terms, and the 15th district seat is up for reelection in 2022. For information on the candidates for this seat, see <u>"Representative in the U.S.</u> <u>Congress: 15th District" on page 8</u>.

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Because the population did not grow as fast in PA as in other states, PA will now have 17 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, down from 18. The U.S. Constitution gives the primary authority to regulate Federal elections, including redistricting, to the states. The map proposed by the State Legislature was vetoed by the Governor. This dispute then went to the courts. On February 23, 2022, the PA Supreme Court chose the map referred to as "the Carter Plan" (shown above) after considering more than a dozen maps. According to the brief submitted by the Carter petitioners, their plan builds on the maps approved by the PA Supreme Court in 2018, while "preserving the cores and lines of current districts to the greatest extent possible." On March 7, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to this decision allowing this map to be used in PA for the 2022 elections.

PA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

PA STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

The Pennsylvania State Senate has 50 members. This number does not change, but the boundaries of the 50 districts have changed. Only even-numbered districts have elections in 2022. The map below shows the new PA State Senatorial districts. The <u>23rd PA Senatorial district</u>, shown in white on the map below, includes the counties of Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan, Tioga, and **Union**.



UNION COUNTY: 23rd SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Voters in Union County will still be voting for PA Senator as part of the <u>23rd State Senatorial District</u> (shown in white on the map to the left).

Members of the PA Senate serve four-year terms. The 23rd State Senatorial district is currently represented by Gene Yaw, whose term does not end until 2024. Therefore, this Voters Guide does not contain any candidates for PA Senator: 23rd District.

2022 REDISTRICTING (CONT.)

PA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (CONT.)

PA REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS

Redistricting has also changed the boundaries for the 203 PA State House of Representatives districts. Residents of Union County will now vote for PA Representatives in the new <u>76th, 83rd, and 85th districts</u>, <u>depending on their municipality</u>. The map to the right shows the new PA State House of Representative districts for Union County.

PA REDISTRICTING PROCESS

The Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC), composed of PA Legislative leaders and a committee chair, approved new maps for the PA legislature (both House and Senate) on February 4, 2022. The PA Supreme Court heard challenges to these maps but upheld them on March 16, 2022.

To learn more about 2022 redistricting decisions in the PA courts, visit: www.pacourts.us/2022-redistricting-opinions

To learn more about the LRC in PA, visit: www.redistricting.state.pa.us

76th Legislative District

UNION COUNTY: 76TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Voters will now be voting for a PA Representative of the <u>new 76th</u> <u>Legislative District</u> (shown in dark grey in the map to the right) if they reside in:

- UNION COUNTY:
 - Boroughs of Hartleton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and New Berlin
 - Townships of Buffalo, Hartley, Kelly, Lewis, Limestone, and West Buffalo
- OTHER: Clinton County

For information on the candidates for this seat, see "Representative in the 76th Legislative District" on page 10.





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FIRST-TIME VOTERS AT A PRECINCT

HAVE ID AND PROOF OF ADDRESS WITH YOU!



Voters appearing at a precinct for the first time must show identification (ID). If you registered by mail, the first time you vote you must bring a photo ID or other ID that shows your name and address. Sample valid forms of ID include: a valid PA driver's license or PennDOT ID card, any other photo ID issued by a U.S. or PA government agency, a Voter Registration ID card, a valid U.S. Passport, student ID card, etc. If you do not have one of these forms of ID, call the **Union County Elections and Voter Registration Office** at **570-524-8681** to get a list of additional, acceptable forms of ID.



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We all depend on responsible workers to run smooth elections.

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BENEFITS OF BEING A POLL WORKER



REQUIREMENTS

To be a poll worker in Union County:

- You must be registered to vote in the county.
- Government officials and government employees are **NOT** allowed to serve as poll workers. Exceptions exist for district judges, notaries public, and members of the Pennsylvania National Guard.
- You are generally **NOT** allowed to serve if your name appears on the ballot, unless you are running for Judge or Inspector of Election.
- Judges of Election must be available for the **ENTIRE** election day, from before the time the polls open at 7:00 am, until after the polls close at 8:00 pm. Poll workers generally work for the entire day on Election day, but half-day shifts are available.
- You should attend poll-worker training. Counties train poll workers on their election day duties. All poll workers are paid for the time they spend working on election day.

POLL WORKER POSITIONS

These positions make up the local election board in each precinct:

- Judge of Election: the person in charge at the polling place
- Two Inspectors of Election
- Two Clerks appointed by the Board of Elections

The Judge and Inspectors of Election work together to manage the polling place, keep track of the number of voters, and make sure that the returns are delivered to the County Elections office at the end of the day.

The Judge and Inspectors of Election are elected every four years. The last time these elections took place was 2021, and the next time will be in 2025. If there is a vacancy, the Board of Elections will appoint someone to fill the position.

HOW TO BECOME A POLL WORKER

At the website **vote.pa.gov**, there is a Poll Worker Interest form. To indicate that you are interested in becoming a poll worker, follow these steps:

1. If you are interested in becoming a poll worker fill out the Poll Worker Interest Form at:

https://paebrprod.powerappsportals.us/EBR/DOS/Votes-PA-County/

- After you submit the form, the County Elections office will contact you.
- 3. You may reach out to the Elections office to follow up. You can find their contact information below.

COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE: CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: Union County Elections Office Union County Government Center 155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837 Phone: 570-524-8681

Website: <u>unioncountypa.org</u> (under Departments, choose <u>Elections & Voter Registration</u>)

UNION COUNTY POLLING PLACES Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	
BUFFALO 1	Buffalo Township Municipal Bldg., 2115 Strickler Rd., Mifflinburg
BUFFALO 2	Buffalo Valley United Methodist Church, 954 Johnson Mill Rd., Lewisburg
EAST BUFFALO 1	East Buffalo Township Municipal Bldg., 589 Fairground Rd., Lewisburg
EAST BUFFALO 2	Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg
EAST BUFFALO 3	Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School, 2057 Washington Ave., Lewisburg
EAST BUFFALO 4	Weis Center, Bucknell University, 525 Weis Dr., Lewisburg
GREGG	Warrior Run Area Fire Dept. Social Hall, 196 White Deer Ave., Allenwood
HARTLETON	Union Church, 115 Catherine St., Hartleton
HARTLEY	Hartley Township Rec. Center, 49 Ball Park Rd., Millmont
KELLY 1	Kelly Township Bldg., 551 Zeigler Rd., Lewisburg
KELLY 2	United in Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Rd., West Milton
LEWIS	Lewis Township Municipal Bldg. 116 Maple St. (on Village Green), Millmont
LEWISBURG 1	Masonic Hall, 28 N. Front St., Lewisburg
LEWISBURG 2	Union County Courthouse, 103 S. 2nd St., Lewisburg
LEWISBURG 3	Larison Hall, Bucknell University, 521 St. George St., Lewisburg
LEWISBURG 4	St. John's United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Rd., Lewisburg
LIMESTONE	Limestone Township Municipal Bldg., 3840 Wildwood Rd., Mifflinburg
MIFFLINBURG EAST	Mifflinburg High School, 75 Market St., Mifflinburg
MIFFLINBURG WEST	First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Market St., Mifflinburg
NEW BERLIN	Community Center, 318 Vine St., New Berlin
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UNION-INDEPENDENT	Union Township Fire Company, 40 Municipal Ln., Winfield
WEST BUFFALO	West Buffalo Township Bldg., 577 Johnstown Rd., Mifflinburg
WHITE DEER 1	White Deer Municipal Bldg., 2191 Creek Rd., New Columbia
WHITE DEER 2	New Columbia Civic Center, 224 3rd St., New Columbia
WHITE DEER 3	Faith Chapel United Methodist Church, 2155 White Deer Pike, White Deer
WHITE DEER 4	Bonanza Restaurant, 300 Commerce Park Dr., New Columbia