



# **Voters Guide Primary Election April 23, 2024**



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## **Be a Super Voter – Vote Every Time**

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# League of Women Voters Guide to Pennsylvania Primary Election

## April 23, 2024

### (Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM)

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The Voters Guide listings are based entirely on material submitted by the candidates and is printed as submitted. If a questionnaire was not returned, only the candidate's name and party is listed. Every candidate was asked to submit a photograph; those received are printed.

The guide lists all candidates in the April 23, 2024 primary election for President of the United States, US Senator, PA Attorney General, PA Auditor General, PA Treasurer, Representative in Congress, Senator in the General Assembly, Representative in the General Assembly.

The candidates are listed as they will appear on the ballot. The party of the governor is, by practice, given the first position on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

Study the guide and choose the candidates who you want to vote for. You may take the guide into the voting booth to help you. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement of any candidate by the League of Women Voters. Voters who are not sure if they are registered to vote should call the Allegheny County Division of Elections, 412-350-4510. To find out what district you live in, call the Elections Division or the League of Women Voters Community Information Center, 412-261-4284, or email info@lwvpg.org.

#### Voting in a Primary Election

To vote in this pri-

mary election you must have been registered to vote by April 8, 2024.

Your registration is permanent if

- You did not change your address
- You did not change your name;

To check your registration status go to

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx>

#### Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Person's' Rights

Voters with criminal records are eligible to register and to vote:

- if they are not currently incarcerated on a felony charge, or
- if they are incarcerated but in pretrial status, or
- if they are incarcerated for a misdemeanor, or
- if they are on probation or released on parole.

#### Identification Requirements for New Voters

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time, then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If

you do not have any acceptable ID, then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot. If you voted in the prior election and are voting at the same polling place, you are NOT required to bring or provide identification unless your signature in the pollbook is challenged.

#### Provisional Ballots

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 Division 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 Division 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. Anyone may request a 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.

#### Mail-in and Absentee Ballots

##### Mail-in ballot

Any qualified voter may apply for a mail-

in ballot. You may simply request this ballot type without a reason or excuse. To apply online, go to [vote.pa.gov](http://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 pm on April 16, 2024. Completed mail-in ballots must be received by the Elections Division by 8 pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 to be counted (not postmarked by April 23rd as postmark does not matter).

##### Absentee Ballot

If you plan to be out of the municipality on election day or if you have a disability or illness that prevents you from going to your polling place on election day, you can simply use this ballot type, which still requires you to list a reason for your ballot request. Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed APPLICATIONS for absentee ballots for the primary election must be received by the Elections Division by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the Elections Division by 8 pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 to be counted (not postmarked by April 23rd).

If you wish to drop-off your mail-in or absentee ballot rath-

er than sending it through the post, the main ballot drop location for Allegheny County is in the lobby of the County Office Building, 542 Forbes Avenue.

• This location is open to voters during regular business hours—8:30 am—4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. (Extended hours are usually announced two weeks before each election).

• Ballot request, ballot replacement, and over-the-counter voting are also available at this location once mail-in ballots have been printed.

**Allegheny County has announced 5 locations for Weekend Ballot Drop Off for the 2024 Primary. The locations are:**

- Squirrel Hill Carnegie Library
- North Park Ice Rink
- South Park Ice Rink
- Boyce Park Four Seasons Lodge
- 911 Call Center—150 Hookstown Grade Road, Moon PA
- McKeesport—TBD

**These locations will provide secure Ballot Drop Only.** You cannot request a mail-in ballot or vote "over the counter" at these locations.

**Ballot Drop locations will be open during the 2 weeks before Election Day.**

Saturday, April 13,  
9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, April 14,  
11 am - 7 pm

Saturday, April 20,  
9 am-5 pm

Sunday, April 21,  
11 am-7 pm

#### Write-in Voting

Voters can also write in names to vote for people not listed on the ballot. In addition to writing in a name, you must also fill the oval next to the written-in name.

#### Election Day Problems

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

**If you have any questions or need to report any problems, call the Election Protection hotline at 1-866-687-8683 or the Allegheny County Elections Division at 412-350-4500.**

#### Voters Guide On The Internet

This Voters Guide and other useful information for voters can be found on the League's web site at [www.lwvpg.org](http://www.lwvpg.org) or by going to [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) and clicking Find What's on Your Ballot.

# WHY VOTE the Whole Ballot in the 2024 Federal and State Elections??



When a President is on the ballot, about 60%-70% of eligible voters turn out. *But voters may fail to vote for candidates “down-ballot” who are their state officials.* This election will decide who will run our Federal and Pennsylvania governments.

***If you sit out, SOMEONE ELSE will decide for you! VOTE!!!***

**EVERY ELECTION COUNTS. YOU COUNT! [www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)**

## POWER

**Who has the Power?** The President is responsible for the *direction* of the country, through the Administration and Presidential executive actions. But it's the **legislation passed by members** elected to the US Congress and the PA General Assembly--the legislators who can have a more *direct impact* on our lives!

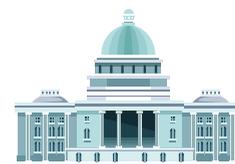
**CLAIM YOUR POWER!**



**Down-ballot in 2024**, choose the best candidates for the **US Congress**. This election will decide what **Federal laws** are written on **big issues** like Taxes, Climate, Healthcare, Tech, Infrastructure, Voting Rights, Civil Rights, Immigration.

**US Senator (1 of 2)**  
**US Representatives for Pennsylvania (ALL 17)**

**CLAIM YOUR POWER!**



But just as important in 2024 is voting for **down-ballot PA government officials** like the statewide officials and the PA General Assembly candidates.

**PA Attorney General (1)**  
**PA Auditor General (1)**  
**PA Treasurer (1)**  
**PA Senators (25 of 50)**  
**PA Representatives (All 203)**

**CLAIM YOUR POWER!**



**ISSUES, ISSUES, ISSUES!**  
**What do YOU care about?**  
State officials make rules and laws about how Federal dollars are spent and write the laws that affect **your everyday issues** like elections, workers rights, reproductive rights, gun safety, taxes, education, and healthcare.

**CLAIM YOUR POWER!**



**Warning!** Between AI, foreign countries, and bad actors, voters will be flooded with **mis- and disinformation** like never before. *Don't let cynicism or thinking “they are all bad” stop you from your right to vote!* [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) has nonpartisan candidate information you can trust!

**CLAIM YOUR POWER!**



**In 2024, research all of the candidates on your ballot to find the candidates who have the power to positively impact your your life!**

**PRIMARY is APR 23rd**  
**GENERAL is NOV 5th**

**CLAIM YOUR POWER**  
**VOTE!**

# FEDERAL AND STATE RACES

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## US PRESIDENT

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

**Term:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

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

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

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his Party's nomination for President; and,
2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

(Choose 1 of 2 for US President)

### Joseph Biden

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

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

**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/joe-biden>

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

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



Joseph Biden

**Questions:**

**Q:** What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including for families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?

**A:** President Biden and Vice President Harris will continue to invest in the American people and fight to lower costs for families. They will continue working to eliminate junk fees and call on corporations with higher markups to pass savings onto consumers. President Biden and Vice President Harris are also pushing Congress to lower the cost of housing, lower prescription drug prices for more Americans, expand access to affordable, high-quality child care and long-term care, extend the enhanced Child Tax Credit, ensure access to paid family and medical leave for every American, make preK free and college more affordable, and more. Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

**Q:** What steps will you take to ensure all Americans have access to quality and affordable health care, including reproductive care and prescription drug coverage?

**A:** The Biden Administration is lowering prescription drug prices – President Biden was the first president to take on Big Pharma and win. He has capped the cost of insulin at \$35 for seniors and finally allowed Medicare to negotiate drug prices — starting with some of the costliest, most widely used drugs used to treat blood clots, cancers, diabetes and more. The Biden-Harris Administration is also defending in court a woman's ability to access medication abortion, fighting to ensure that women receive the medical care they need in emergencies including miscarriages, working to protect the right to travel across state lines to access care, and strengthening privacy

protections for patients and doctors. <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

**Q:** What will you do to support an economy and job market that are strong and inclusive of all people?

**A:** President Biden and Vice President Harris came into office with a vision to grow the economy from the middle out and the bottom up—not the top down. They're focused on an economy that builds more in America, invests in American workers, and promotes competition to lower costs – and their economic vision is working. Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

**Q:** What are the most important steps you will take to create an accessible path to citizenship, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients?

**A:** President Biden and Vice President Harris are also using all the tools at their disposal to build a safe, orderly, and humane immigration system. While Donald Trump has repeatedly said that immigrants are poisoning the nation's blood and is calling for an extreme immigration plan that would wreak havoc across communities while doing nothing to keep us safe, the Biden-Harris Administration has both increased legal pathways for migration and increased border enforcement. And, since Day One, President Biden has called on Congress to take action to build an orderly and humane immigration system. Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

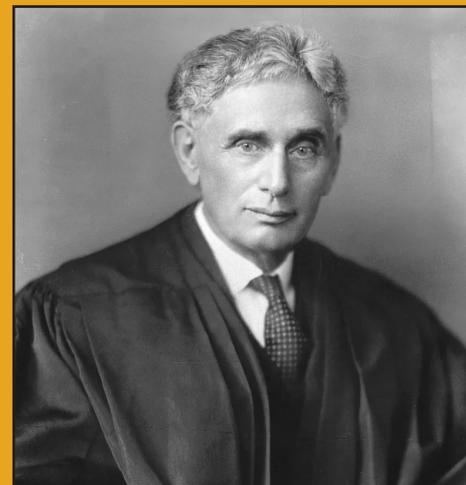
**Q:** What measures do you support to expand voter access and restore trust in our elections?

**A:** As president, Joe Biden has made the defense, protection, and preservation of American democracy the central cause of his administration. This starts with strengthening and fighting for our democratic institutions and free and fair elections and President Biden is using every tool at his disposal to do so – including through an Executive Order directing all agencies to promote voting and voter registration, calling on Congress to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act and the Freedom to Vote Act to establish national baseline standards for access to the ballot. Additional information can be found in this letter: <http://tinyurl.com/BidenHarrisLetter>

### Dean Phillips

Campaign suspended, will remain on ballot

Party: Dem



**“The most important office, and the one which all of us can and should fill, is that of private citizen.”**

**- Louis Brandeis, American Lawyer and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court**

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 2 for US President )

### Nikki Haley

Campaign suspended, will remain on ballot  
Party: Rep



NIKKI HALEY

### Donald Trump

Party: Rep  
**Biographical Info:**  
**Campaign Website:** <http://www.donaldjtrump.com/>  
**Campaign Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/DonaldTrump/>  
**Campaign Instagram:** <http://www.instagram.com/realdonaldtrump/>  
**Campaign Twitter:** [twitter.com/TrumpWarRoom](https://twitter.com/TrumpWarRoom)

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including for families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What steps will you take to ensure all Americans have access to quality and affordable health care, including reproductive care and prescription drug coverage?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What will you do to support an economy and job market that are strong and inclusive of all people?*

**A:** - no response -

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DONALD TRUMP

## US SENATOR

**Description of office:** The US Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of 100 members (two Senators from each state). One third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years. A Senator must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years and 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.**

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for US Senator )

### Robert P. Casey, Jr.

Party: Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Lackawanna  
**Occupation:** U.S. Senator  
**Education:** B.A. College of the Holy Cross and J.D. Catholic University of America  
**Qualifications:** Senator Bob Casey is one of Pennsylvania's two sitting senators and has a record of delivering for Pennsylvanians. He has helped create thousands of good-paying jobs in the Commonwealth, lowered costs for families and seniors, secured our rights, and fought for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable.  
**Campaign Website:** <http://bobcasey.com>  
**Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/BobCaseyJr>  
**X Handle:** [twitter.com/Bob\\_Casey](https://twitter.com/Bob_Casey)  
**Instagram URL:** [www.instagram.com/bobcaseyjr/](https://www.instagram.com/bobcaseyjr/)



ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?*

**A:** I'm fighting for our rights, lower costs for working families, economic freedom for workers, and our country's children, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. I see each of these fights as critical for our country. I've supported legislation to defend democracy, protect a woman's right to choose, and a worker's right to organize. I'm holding big corporations accountable for greedflation and raising prices on working people while they rake in record profits. I've helped pass legislation that will create tens of thousands of new jobs in Pennsylvania and saved pensions for tens of thousands of workers. I also helped pass the PACT to provide care to veterans who have suffered after being exposed to toxic burn pits.

**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?*

**A:** I support increasing ethical standards in Washington and reducing conflicts of interest to hold government officials to the high standards that Americans expect of them. I'm an original co-sponsor of the For The People Act, which would increase restrictions on coordination between Super PACs and candidates. I also co-sponsored and helped pass the Stock Act, which banned members of Congress from trading stocks based on non-public information and I back efforts to stop members from trading stocks entirely. I believe all of these steps aimed at increasing transparency and accountability will help make our Congress work better for Americans. I will continue to fight for greater transparency in politics.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?*

**A:** I am working hard to protect the fundamental right to vote from extreme MAGA Republicans across the country who are trying to erect new barriers to voting. I co-sponsored the Freedom to Vote Act to ensure every American can access the ballot box on an equal basis, including by setting minimum standards for early and mail voting, modernizing voter registration, and ending partisan gerrymandering. I am also an original co-sponsor of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would ensure that voters in states with a history of voting rights violations have equal access to voting as all other Americans. In addition, I sponsored the Accessible Voting Act of 2021 to make it easier for seniors and those living with a disability to vote.

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

**A:** I believe we must protect our interests abroad with diplomatic engagement, working with allies, and foreign assistance, coupled with our national security apparatus. Our Nation is currently facing immense national security challenges, including competing with China, combating climate change alongside global allies, fighting terrorism, countering Russia's aggression, supporting our ally in Israel and providing humanitarian aid in Gaza, and combating the threat of nuclear terrorism. I have worked to address these challenges as a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence, where I have pursued a national security strategy that protects our interests, promotes human rights throughout the world, and supports those who serve our country.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 2 for US Senator )

### Dave McCormick

**Party:** Rep  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Campaign Website:** <http://davemccormickpa.com>  
**Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/DaveMcCormickPA>

#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?

**A:** - no response -

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**A:** - no response -

## PENNSYLVANIA ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$197,748  
**Vote for ONE.**

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 5 for PA Attorney General )

### Jack Stollsteimer

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Delaware  
**Occupation:** District Attorney  
**Education:** Temple University's Beasley School of Law  
**Qualifications:** District Attorney Delaware County  
**Campaign Website:** <http://jackforag.com>  
**Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/jack4ag>  
**X Handle:** [twitter.com/jack4ag](https://twitter.com/jack4ag)



JACK STOLLSTEIMER

#### Questions:

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

**A:** 1) Reducing gun violence in every community 2) Prosecuting wage theft and protect the right to collectively bargain 3) Protecting our environment and women's reproductive rights.

**Q:** What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?

**A:** As District Attorney, I see everyday people in our criminal justice system who are suffering from mental health challenges and substance use disorders. We need more resources to divert these people into programs that offer hope.

**Q:** What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?

**A:** Inequality of resources will always be the primary challenge to ensuring equality under our laws.

### Eugene DePasquale

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Attorney / Adjunct Professor  
**Education:** BA from The College of Wooster (OH), an MPA from the University of Pittsburgh and a JD from Widener University School of Law.  
**Qualifications:** Eugene DePasquale is the former two-term Auditor General of Pennsylvania. Prior to his tenure as Auditor General, Mr. DePasquale was a three-term member of the state General Assembly representing the 95th District.  
**Campaign Website:** <http://depasqualeforag.com>  
**Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/DePasqualePA>  
**X Handle:** [twitter.com/DePasqualePA](https://twitter.com/DePasqualePA)



EUGENE DEPASQUALE

#### Questions:

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

**A:** My top priorities are protecting our democracy, defending reproductive freedom, and protecting against corporate greed. Protecting our Democracy is the greatest task and potential crisis we face - which the Attorney General will be front and center on. Reproductive freedoms are under attack across the country. From when to choose not to have a family through abortion to when to choose to have a family through IVF treatments, I believe Pennsylvanians should have the freedom to make those decisions for themselves. As Attorney General, I will be your legal advocate against corporate greed. I will crack down on businesses and CEOs taking advantage of consumers and help defend workers from wage theft, stop price gouging, and close tax loopholes.

**Q:** What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?

**A:** As Attorney General, I will work with law enforcement to protect our communities by investing in prevention tactics and holding those who threaten our safety accountable. I will work to restore trust between residents and local law enforcement to ensure our police can best serve and protect the Commonwealth.

**Q:** What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?

**A:** There are so many places that we have challenges achieving equality under the law, including LGBTQ protections, the criminalization of addiction, and disparities in how the law treats people of different races and ethnicities. As Attorney General, I would enforce the law equally, but also advocate for changes in the law that gave Pennsylvanians greater protections from these inequalities.

**“Please go out and vote this November. Too many people have died and sacrificed so much for us to have our voice, we have to use it. Get in formation. Use our voices to do something great for our children.”**

**- Beyoncé, American Singer**



## Joe Khan

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bucks

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** I'm a proud graduate of Philadelphia public schools (and now a proud Central Bucks School District dad). I earned my undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College before attending the University of Chicago School of Law, where Professor Barack Obama helped guide me on a path of public service.

**Qualifications:** I am the most experienced prosecutor running, having served 10 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office and 6 years in the Philadelphia DA's Office. I also have the strongest record on civil justice and won statewide recognition for defending our rights and battling corruption as Bucks County Solicitor.

**Campaign Website:** <http://joekhan.com>

**Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/JoeKhanforPA>

**X Handle:** [twitter.com/JoeKhanEsq](https://twitter.com/JoeKhanEsq)

**Instagram URL:** <http://instagram.com/joekhan252>



JOE KHAN

### Questions:

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

**A:** Aside from ensuring that the Attorney General's Office continues to promote public safety in all 67 counties, we will have three immediate priorities on Day One. First, we will need to protect Pennsylvanians from attacks on our rights, including reproductive rights and the right to vote, which will be under assault from a battery of legal challenges by election deniers in January 2025. Second, we will create Pennsylvania's first-ever Housing Justice Unit to ensure that the Attorney General's Office is doing its part to address the housing crisis. Third, we will reimagine the Environmental Crimes Unit as an Environmental Justice Unit to use the awesome power of our office broadly to enforce our constitutional right to a safe environment.

**Q:** *What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?*

**A:** Bias is the throughline between so many of our most pressing issues. As Attorney General, I'll tackle these problems by leveraging my expertise and credibility as a prosecutor, starting with our justice system's inconsistent treatment of victims of offenses such as sexual assault, domestic violence and hate crimes. I'll also provide a model for best practices and priorities on issues like bail, forfeiture, and diversion, where my success will provide templates for legislative reform. I'll root out police corruption across the state and change the culture of cronyism that flourishes in too many DA's Offices. And I will be fearless in using my role on the Board of Pardons to right wrongs that occurred in the past.

**Q:** *What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

**A:** In my experience, the scales of justice don't balance themselves. The extreme roll-back of our rights by the radical majority on the U.S. Supreme Court is a reminder that our system of justice is only as good as the people in it. As a prosecutor, I fought for justice as an advocate for vulnerable communities – and usually had to push against gravitational pulls to ensure that the law was being applied fairly and equally. Every lawsuit I filed against a big corporation was an uphill battle to get justice for the vulnerable. And when I've defended our rights, it's been against forces with much more resources. Fighting for equality is hard work, and the setbacks can be discouraging. We just need to stick together and continue the fight.

## Keir Bradford-Grey

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Philadelphia

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** BA- Albany State University; JD- Ohio Northern University Pettit School of Law

**Qualifications:** As both a federal and Chief Defender, I've pioneered legal theories for equal protection, transforming the state's largest public defender association into a community defender. I also bring effective administrative skills and unmatched expertise in improving systems and delivering just outcomes.

**Campaign Website:** <http://keirforag.com>

**Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/keirforpa>

**Instagram URL:** <http://instagram.com/keirforpa>



KEIR BRADFORD-GREY

### Questions:

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

**A:** Throughout my career, I have pushed the envelope to advance the principles of the law so that they are applicable to our current societal norms and needs. As Attorney

General, I'll challenge powerful interests, from corporate polluters to predatory lenders. My top priorities will include protecting access to vital services like healthcare and housing, ensuring financial stability by holding accountable those engaging in predatory practices, and tackling crimes committed in boardrooms, such as illegal gun distribution and pharmaceutical companies' false advertising. I am committed to being the people's lawyer, advocating for fairness, justice, and the well-being of all.

**Q:** *What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?*

**A:** Addressing the challenges within the Pennsylvania criminal justice system requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach. As Attorney General, I will actively combat racial disparities, advocating for equitable law enforcement practices and enhanced legal representation, drawing from my experience as a public defender. Improving post-conviction review processes and advancements in forensic science standards to mitigate the risk of wrongful convictions. Tackling inadequate legal representation involves bolstering public defender resources and exploring innovative approaches. Comprehensive reform for overcrowded prisons, enhancing reentry programs, and fostering positive community-police relations through transparency and accountability.

**Q:** *What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

**A:** One fundamental challenge is systemic discrimination, deeply rooted in various institutions. Overcoming this requires comprehensive reforms, including in education, employment, and housing, to dismantle discriminatory practices. Additionally, disparities in economic opportunities and healthcare also contribute to unequal outcomes, highlighting the need for policies addressing these socio-economic factors. As Attorney General, my commitment is to address these challenges holistically, advocating for policies that promote economic justice, combat systemic racism, and ensure equitable access to education and healthcare-this includes reproductive health and abortion access.

## Jared Solomon

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Philadelphia

**Occupation:** State Representative and JAG Attorney in PA National Guard

**Education:** Swarthmore College and Villanova Law

**Qualifications:** Securities and Antitrust Attorney, Community Organizer, State Representative, Chair of Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, lifetime 100% voting scorecard from Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates

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JARED SOLOMON

### Questions:

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

**A:** 1. Abortion and personal health care decisions are between a woman and her doctor, not politicians. As Attorney General, Jared will always protect and defend women's access to abortion in PA. 2. The right to vote is the fundamental right from which all other rights flow. As Attorney General, Jared will work tirelessly to ensure that all Pennsylvanians can exercise their Constitutional right to the ballot box in free and fair elections. 3. As AG, Jared would work with the legislature to finally bring commonsense gun reforms to PA, including stronger red-flag laws, a ban on assault weapons, expanded background checks, and shutting the ghost gun loophole. Jared will take on the gun lobby, reckless gun retailers, and ghost gun manufacturers.

**Q:** *What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?*

**A:** As Attorney General, Jared would support investment in training and a return of policing in our cities to pre-pandemic engagement with communities so that officers have sectional integrity in all they do and get to know the schools, churches, and businesses within their sector. Each officer needs to build connections within the community they are policing, helping with investigative work and doing preventive policing instead of reactive policing. Similarly, we must rebrand what it means to be a member of the police force in PA with a massive public-service campaign that resonates with the best and brightest of this next generation to uplift our communities from within our communities.

**Q:** *What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

**A:** The primary challenge to achieving equality under the law is the outsized influence of special interests who put padding their pocket above protecting Pennsylvanians. These special interests are at every turn: out-of-state land-

gun retailers and ghost gun manufacturers, corporate polluters and frackers to name a few. We need an Attorney General who will take on special interests, political power-brokers, and corporate cheats so that regular hard-working Pennsylvanians have a government that works for them. That's why we need an AG with Jared's record of taking on corporate greed as an antitrust and securities attorney, and of taking on Harrisburg as a State Rep.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

(Choose 1 of 2 for PA Attorney General)

### Dave Sunday

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

**A:** - no response -

### Craig Williams

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What specific challenges does the Pennsylvania criminal justice system face, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What do you see as the primary challenges to achieving equality under the law?*

## PENNSYLVANIA AUDITOR GENERAL

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

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$197,748  
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**"The ballot is stronger than the bullet."**

**- Abraham Lincoln, Former U.S. President**



## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

(Choose 1 of 2 for Justice of PA Auditor General)

### Malcolm Kenyatta

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Philadelphia  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Education:** B.A. in Public Communications and a minor in Political Science from Temple University, M.S. in Strategic and Digital Communications from Drexel University, and completed the Harvard Kennedy School's Executives in State and Local Government program  
**Qualifications:** He is a member of State Government Committee with oversight of state agencies and elections, where he chairs the Subcommittee on Government Operations; Chair of Automation and Technology in the Commerce Committee; and as a member of the Finance and Judiciary committees  
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MALCOLM KENYATTA

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What improvements, if any, would you make to the Auditor General's office?*

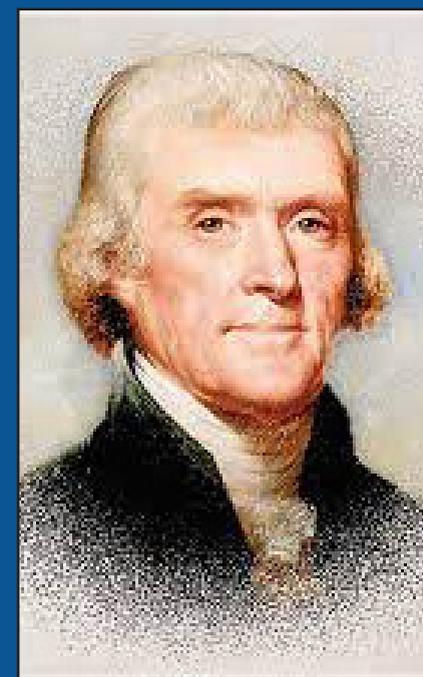
**A:** As Auditor General, I will rebuild the bureau of school audits, restart the annual compliance audits ended by the current Auditor General, and demand accountability from all our schools — including cyber charter schools. I will stand up for our workers by creating the first ever Bureau of Labor and Worker Protections and use the power of the office to take on wage theft, employee misclassification, and union busting. I will use the office to measure and support efforts to make communities healthier and safer. We need transparency on how huge hospital nonprofits and long-term care providers use state dollars.

**Q:** *How can you make the work of the Auditor General's office more transparent to the public?*

**A:** I'm running for Auditor General because it's time for the underdog to be a watchdog for Pennsylvania's working families. To ask the tough questions, to help reimagine and streamline government, and to help build the coalitions to fix what's wrong. It's what I've done as a State Representative for nearly five years, working to protect workers' rights, enact common-sense gun safety policies, and root out government corruption and waste. We deserve a government that works for working families. That starts with being serious about fixing what's broken. And it means having an Auditor General who isn't afraid to stand up for those too often forgotten by our government.

**"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."**

**- Thomas Jefferson, Former U.S. President and Founding Father of the U.S.**



## Mark Pinsley

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Lehigh

**Occupation:** Lehigh County Controller

**Education:** Northeastern University (BSBA); Indiana

**University:** Kelley School of Business (MBA)

**Qualifications:** Lehigh County Controller (2020-); DermaMed Solutions: President (2011-)

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MARK PINSLEY

### Questions:

**Q:** *What improvements, if any, would you make to the Auditor General's office?*

**A:** The Auditor General is an often-overlooked position and yet has immense power in influencing government. Just as I have as Lehigh County Controller, I will use the full powers of the position to audit for impact. As Auditor General, I vow to divest funds from anti-choice companies, as I did with Wells Fargo in Lehigh Co; audit the state healthcare system where there are hundreds of millions of dollars wasted by price-gouging insurance companies, as I did in Lehigh Co; reveal misdiagnosis of medical child abuse, saving children from wrongful separation, as I did in Lehigh Co; report on the economic costs of underfunding our schools and recommend fair funding; create a wage theft hotline for union workers to report wage theft to my office.

**Q:** *How can you make the work of the Auditor General's office more transparent to the public?*

**A:** The Auditor General position is not known because, for decades, it was improperly used or underutilized. As Auditor General, I will audit to impact Pennsylvanians. Every single dollar and cent spent by the Commonwealth impacts Pennsylvanians. My job will be to show just how that is the case--how workforce development programs are working, how the state can increase funding for public schools, how Pennsylvanians could have more access to adequate healthcare, how Crisis Pregnancy Centers incur costs on taxpayers and women's health, how Pennsylvania can have a smooth and just transition to green energy with good union jobs. The Auditor General's office's role is transparency, and it must be shown with audits that change policy.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA Auditor General )

## Tim DeFoor

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Dauphin

**Occupation:** Auditor General

**Education:** Associate degree in paralegal studies from Harrisburg Area Community College. University of Pittsburgh- Bachelor's degree in psychology and earned a second Bachelor's degree in sociology and history. Master's in project management from Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

**Qualifications:** Dauphin County Controller from 2016 to 2020. Elected Pennsylvania Auditor General in 2020. Over 30 years of experience as a Special Investigator with Pennsylvania's Office of Inspector General, as a Special Agent with Pennsylvania's Attorney General and in the private sector and federal government. Campaign Website: <http://defoor4pa.com>

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### Questions:

**Q:** *What improvements, if any, would you make to the Auditor General's office?*

**A:** Under Tim's leadership, the Auditor General's office has focused on transforming the office in various ways, which include: how the Department recruits and retains employees; how it audits, making the work more efficient and effective for the taxpayers; and how it is building the next generation, focusing on the need for financial literacy education to be taught across the entire Commonwealth through the 'Be Money Smart' initiative.

**Q:** *How can you make the work of the Auditor General's office more transparent to the public?*

**A:** Tim has transformed and improved how the Auditor General's office conducts public and charter school audits to ensure that administrators and school boards are accountable and transparent with taxpayer dollars.



TIM DEFOOR

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE TREASURER

**Description of office:** The duty of the Pennsylvania Treasurer is to safeguard the Commonwealth's financial assets, which total more than \$160 billion in public monies. The office manages several programs in order to better serve the financial needs of Pennsylvanians. The Treasury Department is also responsible for: reuniting unclaimed property with its rightful owner; investigating loss, theft, and fraud involving Commonwealth checks; reviewing real estate leases and contracts entered into by Commonwealth agencies; and maintaining the Pennsylvania contracts electronic library. The Treasurer has specific duties in addition to the oversight of the Department: serving as chair of the Board of Finance and Revenue, which selects banks to serve as depositories for state money; setting interest rates paid on Commonwealth deposits; and hearing and deciding state tax appeals.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$197,748

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## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 2 for PA Treasurer )

## Ryan Bizzarro

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Erie

**Occupation:** State Representative

**Education:** B.A. - Masters in Public Policy

**Qualifications:** 10 years experience in state budgeting process and deep connections in the legislature to implement new programs.

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RYAN BIZZARRO

### Questions:

**Q:** *What improvements, if any, would you make to the State Treasurer's office?*

**A:** As Treasurer I will create two new programs. IMPACT PA which will leverage our impressive investment ability to grow communities right here in PA focusing on communities impacted by lack of available capital, environmental injustice, and decades of disinvestment. Investstructure PA will focus on infrastructure investment and leverage public private partnerships to rebuild our infrastructure and retain and attract families to settle here. I will also modernize the unclaimed property program, making it more transparent and accessible and launching a statewide education campaign to connect more Pennsylvanians with their money.

**Q:** *How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?*

**A:** When I'm Treasurer, I'll restore integrity to the office, do my part to protect our democratic institutions from extremist officeholders, and I will do the work. I will start by publishing all information on the performance of Treasury, not just the information from my term which is all that can be found now. As the people's treasurer, I will bring them closer to the treasurer's office and make it more accessible to all Pennsylvanians. My plan will shift resources from Harrisburg to establish new regional offices across the commonwealth. We will invest in new technology to make treasury programs more widely available and accessible to people from the palm of their hands with a smartphone or from their home computer.

## Erin McClelland

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Process Improvement Consultant

**Education:** BS Psychology & Economics, MS Psychology

**Qualifications:** Founded and ran a small business, Spent a year training on process improvement and organizational problem solving under former US Treasury Secretary O'Neill, 9 years doing process improvement for government systems in Allegheny County

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ERIN MCCLELLAND

### Questions:

**Q:** What improvements, if any, would you make to the State Treasurer's office?

**A:** I would expand the information you could see in the database of state contracts, including searching vendors by union/non-union as well as women and minority-owned businesses. I will provide a recommended vendor list that complies with US trade policies for fulfilling state purchases such as ensuring we are not purchasing from companies that use slave labor, child labor, or conflict-mined materials. I would not invest in foreign holdings and would reinstate the pension investment standards that existed before pension de-regulation in 2003.

**Q:** How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?

**A:** Transparency is a word that is thrown around loosely in politics. However, it is only truly achieved if it is demonstrated at times when it is inconvenient and when we make mistakes. Elected officials identifying errors in the interest of improving performance rarely happens. That must change. The current Treasurer's Asset report only states what is going well. It does not identify opportunities for improvement. I would let the taxpayers know where I think we could improve or mistakes we may have made, the cause of the mistake and the correction. I also hope to move toward incorporating ESG (environmental, sustainability, governance) ratings into investment standards if that rating should be established as a viable measure.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA Treasurer )

### Stacy Garrity

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Bradford

**Occupation:** Pennsylvania State Treasurer

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Finance/ Minor in Economics Bloomsburg University | Certificate Cornell University Business Management Institute

**Qualifications:** Thirty-year decorated member of the U.S. Army Reserve with three deployments to the Middle East including a Battalion command | 34 years in private sector manufacturing, retiring as one of the first female vice presidents of Global Tungsten & Powders, an international refractory metals co.

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STACY GARRITY

### Questions:

**Q:** What improvements, if any, would you make to the State Treasurer's office?

**A:** I will build on the progress made during my time in office. Since January 2021, I've worked with my bipartisan team at the Treasurer's office to set a new record for returning unclaimed property (more than \$274 million in a single year, and more than \$600 million altogether), to earn the first-ever Gold Rating from Morningstar for our PA 529 College & Career Program (making it one of the top two programs in the nation), and to nearly triple the assets in the PA ABLE savings program for people with disabilities (to over \$115 million). I will continue cutting fees for both of Treasury's savings programs: PA 529 (so far, I've saved account owners more than \$11 million) and PA ABLE (so far, I've cut fees three times).

**Q:** How can you make the work of the State Treasurer's office more transparent to the public?

**A:** Transparency is a core principal under my watch. Every dollar that comes to Treasury, and every dollar paid out, belongs to the taxpayers. They deserve to see exactly what's happening with their money. Before I took office, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department re-

ceived a "C" rating for transparency. That's unacceptable, so I immediately went to work improving transparency at all levels. I added many new features to the Transparency Portal on Treasury's website, making it easier for people to see our state's expenditures, revenue, and budget. I added county-level data for all of Treasury's programs, and I revamped the Fiscal Health Scorecard which allows people to easily compare Pennsylvania's fiscal performance to other states.

## US REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

**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 elects the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$174,000

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## US REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - DISTRICT 12

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 2 for Representative in Congress - District 12 )

### Summer Lee

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** American politician who is the U.S. representative for Pennsylvania's 12th congressional district  
**Education:** I graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 2009 and earned a Juris Doctor from the Howard University School of Law

**Qualifications:** In 2022, I was the first Black woman from my region elected to represent Pennsylvania's 12th district. I secured \$1 Billion in federal investments for Western PA, which will improve our infrastructure & transit and create thousands of union jobs. I also have leadership positions in many caucuses.

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SUMMER LEE

### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?

**A:** Throughout our nation's history, we have never delivered on the promises of democracy. The legacy of slavery has carried on through gerrymandering and voter suppression, and democracy reform is the root of all issues we face today. Our region suffers from some of the poorest air quality in the nation. Environmental justice is one of our most pressing issues, which is why I've fought for a Green New Deal to transition to a renewable energy economy. Every child also deserves access to a first-rate, free public education despite their background. Right-wing extremists on the Supreme Court have gutted our right to abortion care. Congress must do everything in its power to restore our fundamental freedom to control our bodies and our future.

**Q:** What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?

**A:** I believe that we should end the filibuster, a tool used by segregationist Senators to oppose civil rights legislation, that stands in the way of progress today. We need to ban members of Congress from trading stocks because they should not be profiting off access to closed-door information about the companies they should be regulating. Members of Congress who trade stocks have a clear conflict of interest — they need to work for the people they represent, not for their own portfolios. I also want to enforce real ethics requirements, end lifetime appointments, and expand the federal courts

so that right-wing extremists can't sell our freedoms to the highest bidder. As I said, we also need to get money out of politics more fundamentally.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?*

**A:** I support the Freedom to Vote Act, which improves access to the ballot for Americans, advances commonsense federal election standards and campaign finance reforms, and strengthens our democracy. I've also cosponsored the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2023 to protect voting rights against attacks by Republican state legislatures and right wing judges by revitalizing the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and strengthening legal protections against discriminatory voting policies and practices. By improving access to the ballot and passing legislation against discriminatory voting practices, we can protect voting rights for citizens all across the nation and make elections fair and free.

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

**A:** We are a pro-peace office that believes the United States has a crucial role in the world. The United States must be a global leader in fighting climate change, promoting global economic justice, and creating a more peaceful and just world for all.

## Bhavini Patel

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Previously: Allegheny County Community Outreach Manager; Currently: Edgewood Borough Council

**Education:** University of Pittsburgh (BPhil International Area Studies, Sociology, Africana Studies); University of Oxford (MPhil International Relations)

**Qualifications:** Edgewood Borough Councilperson, Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Advisory Board, 2020 Democratic National Convention Joe Biden Delegate, Monroeville Rotarian, FBI Citizens Academy Graduate, Pitt MA of Quantitative Economics Program Board, Pitt Alumni Association Board, Sustainable PGH Board

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BHAVINI PATEL

### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?*

**A:** We must mobilize to reelect President Joe Biden and Senator Bob Casey. We have zero margin for error and democracy depends on it. Being anti-Trump is not the same as being pro-Biden. We must champion the work President Biden has done with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, CHIPS and Sciences Act, Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. I would have represented PA-12 by voting in favor of raising the debt ceiling in July 2023 because voting records are an important reflection of the electorate. Our fundamental freedoms depend on 2024, including advocating for reproductive justice, protecting our LGBTQ+ communities, holding big corporations accountable, and ending systemic racism.

**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?*

**A:** I grew up in a working-class family and believe in the power of the American Dream - we must protect it. I was raised by a single-mother from India, who dreamed of a better future for my brother and I. She became a small-business owner when she opened a food truck on Pitt's campus - my family has been running this business for 25 years. I became the first in my family to graduate from college by attending Pitt and earned my Master's from Oxford. Democracy is fragile and fringe extremism erodes the ability to deliver on the very issues uplifting working-class communities. To hold onto the promise of our shared American Dream requires uplifting diverse voices, building on collaboration and rejecting extremism. We have zero margin for error.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?*

**A:** Our elections must reflect the values of Americans and not big corporations. I'm committed to fighting to restore and protect the fundamental right to vote attacked by Republican legislators all across the nation. We must fight back against Republicans committed to disenfranchising communities of color, low-income people and individuals with disabilities. I will fight restrictive voter ID laws and closures of polling places that disproportionately impact low-income communities and college campuses. I'm committed to investing in modernized voting infrastructure to protect against cyber threats, increase funding for election administration and so much more. Americans should not have to wait long hours to exercise the power of their vote.

**Q:** *How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the interna-*

*tional community?*

**A:** In our interconnected world, challenges such as supply chain dependencies with China and the need for domestic semiconductor manufacturing are economic and national security issues. It's important to strengthen our domestic capabilities to ensure economic resilience and technological growth, while also competing effectively on the global stage. I support aid for Ukraine and Israel, alongside humanitarian aid for regions like Gaza and the West Bank. The support for aid has been met with opposition from some within our party, notably from more 'fringe' members. I believe it's crucial to deliver on America's commitment to global stability and democracy. This underpins our strategic alliances and moral obligations on the international stage.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for Representative in Congress - District 12 )

### James Hayes

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Chief Financial Officer

**Education:** B.S.F.S., International Economics, Georgetown Univ.; M.P.A., Economics and Policy, Princeton Univ.; M.B.A., Finance and Accounting, Univ. of Chicago; D.B.A., Management, Case Western Reserve Univ.

**Qualifications:** Accomplished business leader with extensive international business development, risk management, marketing, financial analysis, and strategic planning experience. Progressive leadership roles at prominent organizations, focusing on driving business growth and collaboration.

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JAMES HAYES

### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?*

**A:** 1. Loss of control of the southern border. I believe that the U.S. House's HR2 needs to become law so that the asylum loopholes are closed and there are meaningful and effective controls at the border. 2. Restoring energy independence/dominance. Congress should eliminate the restrictions placed on the energy industry, including restoring strategic pipeline infrastructure. We need permitting reform to remove the delay and uncertainty plaguing new projects and the industry needs to be free to grow while respecting environmental rules. 3. Education reform. It isn't fair that a zip code determines the quality of education a child receives. We need to implement School Choice to allow the funds to follow the child.

**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?*

**A:** I think that Congress functions exactly how the Founding Fathers intended. There are legitimate policy differences between the two major parties and Congress provides a forum for these differences to be debated, developed into a consensus position and passed into law. It isn't meant to be easy and shouldn't be because the outcomes impact the lives of so many.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?*

**A:** I believe that it is not too much to ask for voters to be required to provide a photo ID when they go to vote. This requirement exists for many less important things that we do in our daily lives. I think a photo ID requirement would go a long way to reassure voters that only legitimate votes will be cast and counted. In general I would support any measure that creates more transparency in the process between when a vote is cast and when it is counted and recorded. Such measures can include improved cyber and physical security for the voting process.

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

**A:** I believe that the constitution establishes a contract between the Government and the people of the USA. That contract is for those who are public servants to advocate for the interests of our country. The role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community should be to always work toward ensuring the safety and prosperity of our nation's citizens.

## US REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - DISTRICT 17

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for Representative in Congress - District 17 )

#### Chris Deluzio

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Education:** U.S. Naval Academy, Georgetown Law  
**Qualifications:** Iraq War veteran, Voting rights attorney, union organizer  
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CHRIS DELUZIO

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for Representative in Congress - District 17 )

#### Rob Mercuri

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ROB MERCURI

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the country, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support that would help Congress function more efficiently and effectively?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to protect voting rights and safeguard access to free and fair elections?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATORS

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA Senate consists of 50 members, representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their re-

spective districts during their terms of service. The Senate develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the House of Representatives). In addition, the Senate tries officials impeached by the House and authorizes executive appointments. Senators serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation. There are no term limits to this office.

**Term:** 4 years  
**Salary:** \$106,422  
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## PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATORS - DISTRICT 37

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Senator - District 37 )

#### Nicole Ruscitto

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Public School Teacher  
**Education:** California University Undergraduate Degree in Education; Duquesne University Master's Degree in Secondary Education  
**Qualifications:** Educator, coach, and mom. 27 year veteran of the Public School system. Served on the Jefferson Hills Borough Council.  
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NICOLE RUSCITTO

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** 1. Access to Health Care & Reproductive Freedom: I would address these issues by supporting measures to ensure access to affordable, quality healthcare and mental health care. 2. The Economy: I would take a number of measures to help those who are struggling to make ends meet, including addressing the rising cost of living by raising the minimum wage, strengthening prevailing wage protections, and protecting workers rights (strengthening unions, paid sick and family leave and public sector OSHA). 3. Public Education: I would push for full and fair funding of public schools, raising educators and education support staff minimum wage, fight vouchers and oppose state funding of failing/unaccountable private charter schools.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** Ensuring that democracy is open to all in Pennsylvania is incredibly important to me. I support open primaries, same-day registration, better funded County Elections Departments, permitting pre-canvassing and protecting mail-in-ballots.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** As a career public educator from a family of public educators, I am uniquely positioned to advance policies that ensure full and fair funding for public schools. I would oppose vouchers and support policies that prohibit the expansion of cyber charter schools. I would also support policies that ensure that charter schools need to be held to the same standards as traditional, brick and mortar public schools. I would also support the use of tax dollars to fund public schools.

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

**A:** A woman's healthcare choices should be between her and her doctor—bottom line. That's why I support policies that would ensure comprehensive access to reproductive healthcare services, including expanding access to contraception, abortion services, and maternal health resources. In addition, I would support removing the onerous hurdles that the Abortion Control Act puts on access to abortions.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Senator - District 37 )

### Devlin Robinson

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** State Senator

**Education:** Robert Morris University - Bachelor of Science, Business Administration | University of Pittsburgh—Master of Business Administration

**Qualifications:** United States Marine Corps

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DEVLIN ROBINSON

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** On a macro-level, Pennsylvania faces the challenges of many mid-Atlantic states: population stagnation, a flat economy for the vital manufacturing sector, and a general loss of confidence in government's capacity to address these issues. We still lose too many of our youth to sunbelt states because of an insufficient number of opportunities for meaningful careers. Addressing these issues will require a concerted focus by Pennsylvania's leaders, including a commitment to economic development that has been hit-or-miss because of special interest agendas. We must embrace our energy sector and encourage new businesses by establishing consistent policies when it comes to regulation and taxation.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** Pennsylvania has detailed and workable election laws and regulations. The problem has been bureaucrats at the state level who treat clearly written laws as mere advisories. From disregarding the law governing mail-in ballots to failing to advertise Constitutional Amendments in order to get them on the ballot, Pennsylvania has been ill-served by the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth. Simply put, we have the laws in place. We have only to honor them.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** Pennsylvania already is among the highest spending states, per pupil, when it comes to educational subsidy. The inequity exists at the local level, where property taxes—mostly on homeowners—provide the difference when it comes to school funding. We must find a proper way to equalize funding without causing tremendous increases in taxes on homeowners. I remain committed to seeing that the working families of the 37th District are not taxed out of their homes because of Harrisburg's failure to meet funding obligations.

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

**A:** I see no pressing need to change current laws governing abortion in Pennsylvania. Our priority should be to support women across Pennsylvania, not change settled law. Protecting women means supporting compassionate exceptions for abortions like in the cases of rape, incest, and protecting the life of the mother. Protecting women means defending the decision to use IVF as a means of family planning with no political strings attached. Elected officials must always remember the important core responsibilities of governing, protecting the people you serve, leading by example, and following the law, and in this case that means not overstepping into the relationship between a woman and her doctor.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 43

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Senator - District 43 )

### Jay Costa, Jr.

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Senator, attorney

**Education:** Associate's degree, CCAC; B.A., IUP; J.D., Duquesne Law School

**Qualifications:** Deputy Sheriff in Allegheny County, Register of Wills, previous terms

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JAY COSTA, JR.

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** I believe that adequately and equitably funded schools are the most important issue we are looking at now in the state legislature. The courts ruled that our current system is unconstitutionally unfair and we have to fix it soon. We owe high quality schools filled with well-paid teachers to every child in this state, regardless of where they're born. I also believe national attacks on reproductive freedom are a major concern, and we as a state need to remain a bulwark against abortion bans.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I believe that we should have same day registration so that folks can decide to participate in our elections with no hurdles. I'd like to see more funding to counties to better compensate poll workers, which will also allow us to recruit more people into that important role. I want counties to be permitted, clearly and legally, to pre-canvass ballots and remedy simple errors—like a wrong date or missing signature. No one should be silenced on a technicality.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** I support the recommendations of the commission, and I stand firmly against siphoning off public education dollars to private schools through voucher programs that fund unaccountable (and many unsuccessful) private schools.

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

**A:** I believe that the Abortion Control Act provides the right to abortion very clearly, but there are some adjustments that can make abortion more accessible - like the reduction of some administrative hurdles to care, and expanding the ability to practice abortion care beyond just physicians.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Senator - District 43 )

**No candidate filed**

**“The most important office, and the one which all of us can and should fill, is that of private citizen.”**

**-Louis Brandeis**



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR—DISTRICT 45

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 2 for PA State Senator - District 45 )

#### Makenzie White



MAKENZIE WHITE

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Social Worker

**Education:** Bachelors in Social Work, Masters in Social Work, Masters in Public Health

**Qualifications:** Social Worker, Community Organizer, Public Health Professional

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#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** The most pressing issues I see Pennsylvanians facing include climate and environmental justice concerns, disparities in our public education system, affordable housing, accessing quality mental and physical health services especially for those on assistance, economic inequality, protecting abortion and reproductive rights, and disability justice.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I support moves taken by Governor Shapiro recently on automatic voter registration as well as Allegheny County adding ballot drop off locations. I would also advocate for same day voter registration, preventing voter ID requirements, and protecting mail in ballot voting. Additionally, I would like to see the restoration of voting rights to those released from prison and even expanding voting rights where possible to more of those within prison.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** It has been clear long before this court ruling that our communities of color have suffered the most from the critical underfunding of our public education system in PA. This court ruling gives us an unprecedented opportunity to correct this imbalance, but we cannot be satisfied with simply increasing funding, we must seek to ensure we center the communities that have been disproportionately affected by the lack of funding and have been locked into underfunded school districts by racist red-lining policies. It is not enough to bring more funding into the system, we also must address the current alloca-

tion issues and change that so as we bring in more funding we ensure we don't make the same mistakes.

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

**A:** We must work quickly to codify and enshrine abortion rights here in PA. Abortion is healthcare, and a lack of access to abortion will only lead to unnecessary deaths as a result from unsafe abortions being performed. These deaths have also been shown to disproportionately affect rural communities and communities of color, where maternal mortality rates are already too high. The same protections should be applied in any attempts to restrict abortion access in the future. Things like mandatory waiting periods, unnecessary regulations on providers, or bans on certain types of procedures or medications only serve to harm our most vulnerable populations across the commonwealth.

#### Nick Pisciotano



NICK PISCIOTTANO

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Current State Representative; Accountant

**Education:** Washington & Jefferson College - BA Accounting, BA History; Johns Hopkins University —MA Data Analytics & Policy

**Qualifications:** State Representative for HD38 since 2020; Allegheny County House Delegation Chair since 2022; Auditor at a Global Big 4 Accounting Firm 2012 - 2020

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#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** Education is critical and my top priority. Our state is in the bottom quarter when it comes to per-student funding, and we pass the buck to local school boards who are forced to make up the difference. This has become such a big problem that Pennsylvania's court system has ordered a systemic evaluation of our public school system and determined that we chronically underfund our schools. In addition, I will continue to advocate for policies that result in fully funded schools, safe communities, and economic investments in Allegheny County.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** There are a variety of opportunities to improve election administration and to promote greater voter participation, including continuing efforts to expand early and mail-in voting, expanding ballot dropboxes, allowing for pre-cavassing efforts, and same-day voter registration. I have been supportive of omnibus legislation in Harrisburg that would modernize PA's election code to make elections secure while ensuring that the right to vote is highly accessible to everyone.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth*

**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**



*Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** The first measure that must be taken is to increase the portion of funding that comes from the state—no matter how evenly distributed, if we are funding school districts at a level that means only the wealthiest districts can meet their needs using their own tax bases, that cannot be equitable. This increased funding needs to be distributed using a fair and transparent formula that takes into account the real cost of educating students across districts, as well as the individual needs of different districts, including English language learners, children with disabilities and other needs, and students in poverty. No matter how we build that system, no district should suffer or lose needed funding while we build a future system fairer to all.

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

**A:** Abortion should be a safe, legal, and accessible choice in Pennsylvania. We need to do more to protect that choice, especially following the Dobbs decision.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 2 for PA State Senator—District 45 )

### Kami Stulginkas

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Questions:**

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## Jen Dintini

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

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**Questions:**

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**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.

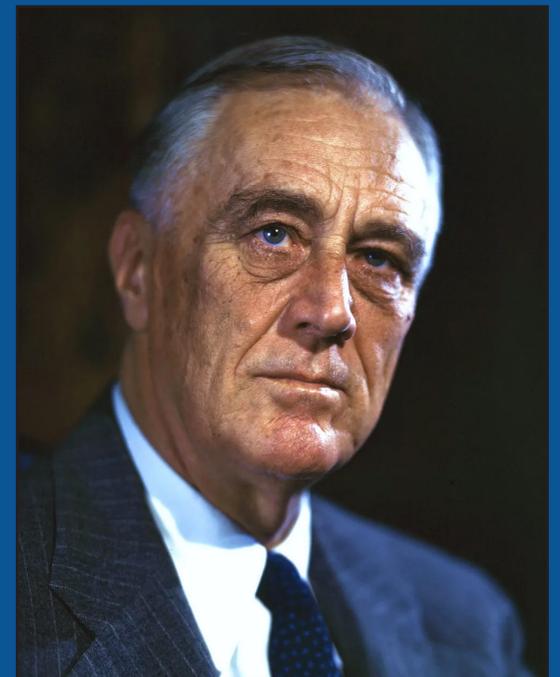
**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** \$106,422

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**- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Former U.S. President**



**PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 16****Democratic Primary Ballot:**

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 16 )

**Robert F. Matzie****Party:** Dem**Biographical Info:****County:** Beaver**Campaign Website:** <http://robmatzie.com>**Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/RepMatzie>**Questions:****Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's abortion laws?***A:** - no response -**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:**

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 16 )

**Michael J. Perich****Party:** Rep**Biographical Info:****County:** Beaver**Questions:****Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's abortion laws?***A:** - no response -**PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 19****Democratic Primary Ballot:**

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 19 )

**Aerion Andrew Abney****Party:** Dem**Biographical Info:****County:** Allegheny**Campaign Website:** <http://voteaerionabney.com>**Facebook URL:** <http://facebook.com/AerionAndrewAbney>**Questions:****Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?***A:** - no response -**Q:** *What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's abortion laws?***A:** - no response -**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:**

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 19 )

**No candidate filed****Party:** Rep

**“Voting is not only our right—it is our power.”**  
**“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**



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 20

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 20 )

#### Emily Kinkead

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** 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  
**Qualifications:** Incumbent legislator, attorney  
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EMILY KINKEAD

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** In my district, the most pressing issues are 1) blight and landslides, 2) living wages, 3) local investment. I have introduced and voted for legislation to address each of these. I have also been able to bring millions of dollars back to my region to help my communities. Some of the legislation has passed and been signed into law, some is still in the pipeline. There is a lot more work to be done—especially since Democrats only just won the majority—including increasing protections and access to reproductive healthcare, further protections and expansions of voting rights, and curbing the gun violence epidemic. This is the first time in 12 years that Democratic priorities have been moving in PA's legislature and I want to continue that.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I support expanding automatic voter registration, early voting, and making election day a holiday, among other measures to increase voter turnout and engagement. I support providing additional funding to our counties to run elections as well as allowing mail-in ballot pre-canvassing.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** As the Commonwealth Court ruled, we cannot continue to fund the lion's share of school costs on the backs of property owners in the various districts. The inequity it creates is not just unconstitutional but unconscionable. I am excited about what the Basic Education Funding Commission (BEFC) report recommends and I am enthusiastic about supporting legislation and a budget that will implement those recommendations. I know there are people who are far greater experts than I am about this issue and I believe that the BEFC report is a culmination of a year of extensive input from those experts all across the state.

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

**A:** I support removing any restrictions on access to reproductive healthcare and believe that a person should have the freedom and right to make those decisions for themselves. It is not the government's business to determine if, when, or how someone gets pregnant, keeps that pregnancy, or gives birth. The government's substantial interest when it comes to reproduction is to ensure that individuals have access to the healthcare that will ensure their health and welfare in whatever direction they choose.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 20 )

#### Matt Kruth



MATT KRUTH

**Party:** Rep  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Public School Teacher  
**Education:** BA Political Science - Grove City College / M.S.Ed. - Duquesne University  
**Qualifications:** Husband, Father, Educator, Public Servant  
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#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** The most pressing issues facing residents in our district are having more money in their pockets, feeling safe in their communities, and providing the best education for their children. I'm committed to lowering taxes and reducing daily costs to put money back in the pockets of Pennsylvanians. When it comes to safety, we need to support our first responders with the funds they need to do their jobs. We also need to prioritize victims over criminals and ensure we enforce strong penalties for offenders of violent crimes. To provide the best education, we should fully fund public education and set aside dollars for school choice. Parents should not be forced to choose between moving and sending their child to a school that meets their needs.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** Our elections need to be secure and transparent which is why I am in favor of strengthening voter ID requirements; an issue widely supported by voters across the Commonwealth. Doing so provides an additional level of security that promotes confidence in the electoral process. Additionally, we need to support local election officials by providing them with the tools, resources, and training they need to ensure accurate and efficient administration of elections.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** As a public-school teacher for 20+ years, I understand the importance of providing the best educational opportunities for all students. Districts across the commonwealth have unique challenges when it comes to funding. One of my top priorities is ensuring public schools are fully funded. Money alone cannot always fix schools that are not meeting the needs of students. In those instances, we need to ensure we have set aside additional dollars that will follow students and allow parents to choose the best educational opportunity for their child. The 20th District is blessed with three amazingly unique school districts, including the largest in the county and one of the smallest. I will do everything I can to ensure they are funded fairly.

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

**A:** Pennsylvania's current law allows legal abortions for any reason up to 6 months of pregnancy. We should encourage a culture of life but must also be willing to support compromise legislation that can be generally accepted by a majority of Pennsylvanians and does not allow for extreme positions such as a ban on abortions, criminalizing women who have abortions, taxpayer funded abortions, or late-term abortions. Society would benefit from fewer abortions not more and the Pennsylvania State government should help make abortion a last option, not a first one. Most importantly we need to support women facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 21

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 21 )

#### Lindsay Powell

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts from Wheaton College in Sociology and a Master's of Science in Public Policy Management from Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College  
**Qualifications:** Prior to election, Lindsay was the Director of Workforce Strategies for InnovatePGH, and prior to that she oversaw legislation and policy for city departments in Pittsburgh  
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LINDSAY POWELL

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** Housing—Every Pittsburgher should have access to safe and dignified housing. We must invest in building new and rehabbing existing housing to expand the city's housing stock and create a city affordable to all. Working Families—Families across our districts are worried about keeping their heads above water and making sure that their children have a bright future ahead of them. I believe without addressing rising childcare costs, healthcare reform and addressing student debt, we are failing families in our community. Jobs & the Economy—Our local economy is fueled by small businesses, entrepreneurs and workers. Pennsylvania needs to protect its workers by raising the minimum wage and making it easier to start and grow businesses.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I would support expanding automatic voter registration, early voting opportunities, and anything that can make voting more accessible and easier to do.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** I believe the work of the Basic Education Funding Commission will help us get to where we need to be in terms of equitably funding our schools and public education. However I hope to work directly with PFT and stakeholders from the Districts we represent to ensure that the proposed funding changes align with what our teachers and students want to see. The best way to fund education is through a progressive funding distribution which would allow for the state to provide sufficient per pupil funding for districts with more income restricted families. States like NJ and WI have been doing this successfully for years and also fund PreK.

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

**A:** I would support removing the current limitations on abortion in Pennsylvania so that people can have the freedom to make reproductive decisions for themselves.

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 21 )

**No candidate filed**

**Party:** Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 23

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 23 )

#### Dan Frankel

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Legislator  
**Education:** Pennington School (1974); Kenyon College (1978)  
**Qualifications:** For over 25 years, Rep. Frankel has served as the State Representative of the 23rd Legislative District. Currently, he is the Majority Chairman of the House Health Committee, where he promotes science-based policies to protect and improve the public health of the Commonwealth.  
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DAN FRANKEL

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** My priorities in my next term will be equality and justice, the environment, firearm policy reform, government reform, decriminalizing adult-use cannabis use, and reproductive rights. 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 often disregarded just 20 years ago. As the Majority Chairman of the House Health Committee, I will prioritize increasing access to quality healthcare for every Pennsylvania and will work to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**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 access to ballot drop boxes, same-day registration, and guaranteeing the ability to vote early. In addition, updating Pennsylvania's voting laws should continue beyond improving voting access; it's time we let our county elections offices canvass mail-in and absentee ballots before election day.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** The Commonwealth should implement a needs-based funding formula that considers the unique needs of each school district. This formula should take into account factors such as student demographics, socioeconomic status, English language proficiency, and special education requirements. This ensures that districts with greater challenges receive additional resources.

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

**A:** Abortions should be safe and legal- I have always supported this, and I always will. After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe V. Wade, we learned that we must take action to protect patients but also for abortion providers. States with abortion restrictions or bans have made threats of legal action against healthcare professionals providing abortion care to patients feeling abortion restrictions. We must make sure that our abortion providers in Pennsylvania can continue to provide these safe and legal abortions in our Commonwealth without the threat of punitive action against them for providing high-quality healthcare.

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 23 )

**No candidate filed**

**Party:** Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 24

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 24 )

#### LaTasha D. Mayes

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Elected Official

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Pittsburgh (1999-2003), Master of Science in Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon University (2004-2005), Executive Program in Social Impact Strategy Certificate, University of Pennsylvania (2019)

**Qualifications:** Current State Representative, Founder and Former President & CEO, New Voices for Reproductive Justice, 24 Years of Public Service to the Greater Pittsburgh Region

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LATASHA D. MAYS

#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** In spite of the pressing issues they face, Pennsylvanians are taking care of their families, going to work and contributing to their communities. Access to healthcare is a widespread issue for Pennsylvanians of all backgrounds. Access looks like traveling to other counties for basic care, being uninsured or underinsured, dealing with crushing medical debt, the inability to go to appointments or pay for prescriptions, poor quality care if you are low/no-income and fear of discrimination that can be fatal in the case of Black maternal mortality. I serve on the Health Committee that advances important legislation, I co-founded the PA Black Maternal Health Caucus and I am working to ensure everyone in my district has health insurance coverage.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** We must increase state funding to invest in free, fair and secure elections and the proposed state budget increases the Department of State line item by \$9.3 million. We now have automatic voter registration, and we must maintain its funding each year. The budget includes a \$5 million increase for voter education and direct outreach as well as additional funding for counties to administer elections which can be costly. Increasing poll worker pay is imperative to have the elections workforce we need. We must pass the K. Leroy Irvis Voter Protection Act that includes early voting locations, same day voter registration, ballot curing and pre-canvassing. As an Appropriations Member, I am working to ensure we fund the expansion of voting rights.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** The Commonwealth Court ruling was unequivocal in determining that our school funding system is unconstitutional. Depending on your zip code, a student's opportunity to learn is limited based on if they live in a low-wealth versus high-wealth school district which contributes to inequitable investments in education. Our commonwealth needs a fair funding formula that does not pit school districts against each other, increased investment in the basic education fund to address the \$5.4 billion adequacy gap across our 500 school districts and work against vouchers that imperil the financial future of our public schools. We must also increase the state's share for special education and equitably invest in career and technical education programs.

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

**A:** As a Reproductive Justice national leader, community organizer and policy advocate for nearly 25 years, I have devoted my life to ensure that we all have the Human Right to control our bodies and our reproduction. My work on state-level policy for abortion rights is rooted in my 18 years as leader of New Voices for Reproductive Justice that continues to operate across Pennsylvania and Ohio. I continue this work as State Representative and we must codify the explicit right to abortion in the state constitution which I am working on with my colleagues, I am introducing a bill with another colleague to reverse TRAP laws that closed abortion clinics over the last decade, and we successfully defunded Real Alternatives crisis pregnancy centers.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 21 )

No candidate filed

Party: Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 25

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 25 )

#### Brandon J. Markosek

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

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#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 25 )

#### John Ritter

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

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#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 27

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 27 )

#### Daniel J. Deasy

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

outcomes.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I believe we need to continue to protect access to vote-by-mail. Expanding access and opportunities to vote makes voting much more accessible especially in rural and elderly communities. We need to continue to invest in updates and funding to ensure that local election boards have the resources, technology, and staffing they need so that they can facilitate safe and secure elections. I would be in favor of making in-person voting more accessible on Election Day at the polls by passing legislation to make Election Day a state holiday in Pennsylvania.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** I would support legislation that increases oversight and reassess charter school funding to ensure responsible use of taxpayer dollars. I would support legislation that addresses funding inequities to ensure that all schools, regardless of socioeconomic status, have access to the appropriate resources. Any legislation to address the school funding system should also be done in collaboration with educators, school boards, and school administrators. A key piece of public education funding should also include early childhood education. Investing in early education can have long-lasting benefits for children. As such, I would sponsor legislation that expands access to high-quality early childhood education programs.

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

**A:** We need to protect access to abortion care and women's reproductive rights. I would not support any changes that seek to limit or further restrict access to abortion in Pennsylvania. I would support legislation that seeks to strengthen the protections on abortion access and protects the right to privacy when making healthcare decisions with your doctor.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 28 )

#### Jeremy Shaffer

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Entrepreneur / Engineer

**Education:** Carnegie Mellon - Ph.D. and Masters Degree Electrical and Computer Engineering; MBA UNC Chapel Hill; Bachelor's Computer Engineering Tulane University

**Qualifications:** Township Commissioner; Small Business Owner and job creator; Northern Tier Library Board Member; Northland Library Foundation Board Member; Youth Basketball and Soccer coach; Father of 5; Volunteer in various outdoor and environmental groups

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JEREMY SHAFFER

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** Pennsylvania's financial situation is approaching what is commonly called a "fiscal cliff." The governor's current budget proposes massive spending increases in various programs, relying in large part on the state's fiscal reserves, known as its "Rainy Day Fund." Placing one-time revenues into budget lines that require recurring funds every year is irresponsible. The only other option would be to burden Pennsylvania citizens with increased taxes and the economic decline that comes with reduced competitiveness. Despite our amazing strengths (people, schools, cultural, outdoor, etc.) Our region continues to be one of the only metropolitan areas in the country to lose population. We need to attract and retain jobs not drive them away.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** Key to functioning democracy is having all parties have trust in the election process no matter the outcome. Implementing common sense reforms such as Voter ID are ways to improve trust in the system. It is also important to support our local elections officials and workers who toil long hours with limited pay and provide them the tools they need to run efficient and safe elections.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 21 )

#### No candidate filed

**Party:** Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 28

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 28 )

#### Bill Petulla

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Chief Trial Deputy, Allegheny County District Attorney's Office

**Education:** Juris Doctor, Bachelor of Science in Journalism - University of Kansas

**Qualifications:** Criminal Prosecutor, Coach, Father, and Life-long Public Servant

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BILL PETULLA

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** My top priorities are to invest in our community, promote public safety, and address the mental health crisis. I will advocate for a plan to provide public transit options, rebuild and repair our roads and bridges, and invest in local businesses to create good-paying jobs. As it relates to public safety, I will be a strong advocate for proper funding for our first responders to ensure they have the training and resources necessary to do their jobs safely. I will prioritize access to mental health services in schools so that students can receive early intervention to help prevent the escalation of mental health problems, reduce the severity, and ultimately improve overall

Ensuring that we have clear rules that apply uniformly across Pennsylvania is something that the legislature and Governor must work together to ensure. It is unacceptable to have different counties apply conflicting guidelines when counting ballots as has been done in the past.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** I will work hard to defend our excellent school districts in the 28th District: Deer Lakes, Hampton, North Allegheny, and Pine-Richland. Our high performing schools typically spend far less per student than poorly performing districts. We should not punish districts that are doing well but empower parents and reform districts that are failing. Throwing massive amounts of new money into broken systems like Philadelphia without real reforms will not solve the problem. The clearest answer to rectifying unequal funding to is have the school funding dollars follow the student, empower parents, and have accountability on failing schools. I will fight hard to ensure that money from our school districts doesn't get siphoned off to Philadelphia.

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

**A:** I would favor clearly defined regulations and broad policies to encourage a culture of life, including support for parents dealing with unwanted pregnancies. This would include an end to the lax enforcement of child support laws which have allowed too many fathers to abandon their obligation to provide for their children.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 30

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 30 )

#### Arvind Venkat

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Physician

**Education:** Educated at Harvard College, Yale University School of Medicine, and the University of Cincinnati Department of Emergency Medicine residency program

**Qualifications:** ER Physician, Incumbent State Representative

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ARVIND VENKAT

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** 1) Defending our Democracy—Ensuring that every eligible voter has easy access to the ballot box and protecting our right to free and fair elections, regardless of the outcome; 2) Protecting abortion rights—Preserving reproductive health care and abortion rights for all Pennsylvanians; 3) Supporting Families and Workers—Fighting for equal pay, paid family leave, and affordable child care and health care—including medical debt relief, in-home care for the elderly, and mental health services.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I would support expanding voter registration through automatic voter registration, election-day voter registration, and early in-person voting.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** We need to move away from a funding system that allows the location where a child lives govern the quality of their education. While we are reliant on property taxes now along with state funding and federal grants for public education, the former creates an inequitable system. We will need to look at how we adjust the formula for allocating state education funding to reduce reliance on the property tax over time and ensuring equity in educational funding.

The state needs to look at its formula for allocating public education funds to reduce disparities in funding based on local community socioeconomic status. We have started this with increases in funding, but clearly it has not gone far enough given continued reliance on property taxes

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

**A:** Pennsylvanians current law protects a person's right to have an abortion. I support that. But we have seen attempts to remove such protections. I support codifying abortion rights along the structure of the previously overturned Roe v Wade decision as a state constitutional amendment.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 30 )

#### Nathan Wolfe

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Campaign Website:** <http://wolfepa.com>

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

**“Our political leaders will know our priorities only if we tell them, again and again, and if those priorities begin to show up in the polls.”**

**-Peggy Noonan, American Author**



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 32

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 2 for PA State Representative District 32 )

#### Joe McAndrew



JOE MCANDREW

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Education:** Fox Chapel High School, University of Dayton  
**Qualifications:** Currently serving in the role  
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#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** How are we building the middle class? What economic, housing, and infrastructure policies are we creating to help support the growth of wealth for working Pennsylvanians. While corporations exploit us, we must push to raise the minimum wage, add protections for workers, and end wage theft, among other vital policies.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** Allowing for a permanent mail-in ballot list would go a long way in solving issues seniors have when applying to mail-in-vote.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** I look forward to reviewing the proposals put forth in the near future to resolve this issue. I believe the house democrats and the governor are working on a strong plan to solve this issue. We must come up with a solution to this issue, without increasing funding to charter schools or voucher programs.

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

**A:** I would bolster protections for women seeking reproductive healthcare.

#### Pauline Calabrese



PAULINE CALABRESE

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Mayor of Penn Hills and Family Law Attorney  
**Education:** Duquesne University School of Law—J.D. Penn State University—B.A.  
**Qualifications:** As the only candidate running for this District who is an attorney, I am exceptionally qualified to serve as a law maker. As a resident for over 25 years and the Mayor in my 5th year I have measurable and verifiable success. I am distinctly qualified to represent the distinct needs of this District  
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#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** Education is the most pressing issue. The Commonwealth Court finding that our current structure of funding for public schools is unconstitutional, demands there be a complete overhaul. First, relying on property taxes is fundamentally unfair. It is a burden on seniors and others on fixed incomes. It disproportionately negatively affects poor children who live in areas with lower home values. While I recognize that there needs to be an alternative available for some families, the current charter school funding formula is lopsided and causes an undue drain. A top priority for the state legislature should be reworking the formula, exploring alternate sources of funding for public schools and re-evaluating the cost of higher education.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** To expand access, I would support early voting, an expanded time frame for voting by mail, and voter registration up to and including same day registration. I would support increased funding for local election authorities to ensure security and for proper staffing.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** Please see my answer above.

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

**A:** In our Commonwealth, abortion is regulated by the Abortion Control Act in the Pennsylvania criminal code. Abortion is an element of women's healthcare and no government at any level should interfere with a woman's personal healthcare choices. Our legislature needs to codify the protections of Roe v. Wade and reevaluate some of the restrictions passed in Pennsylvania after the Casey v. Planned Parenthood decision in 1982.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 32 )

No candidate filed

**Party:** Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 33

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 33 )

#### Mandy Steele



MANDY STEELE

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
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#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** The global energy production landscape is changing as we move the world forward as quickly and efficiently as possible to a net-neutral economy. We must pass legislation that will best position Pennsylvania to remain a leader in the energy space. The opportunity before us to revitalize local economies with clean energy manufacturing here is immense, leading to more jobs, more school funding, stronger communities—a cleaner, safer, more stable future for the people of our great commonwealth. A collaborative approach is our most expeditious path forward and I will continue to push legislation in this compelling and promising space.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** Pennsylvania has made great strides in expanding voter enfranchisement, starting with automatic voter registration. Our newly-elected County Executive, Sara Innamorato, has added ballot drop boxes around Allegheny County this year. I will continue to support any efforts that improve access to voting and increase voter education efforts.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** I support the basic education funding formula that plans to invest \$1.1 Billion in education this year alone. I'd also support legislation for proposed Cyber Charger reform that would send hundreds of millions of dollars back to public school systems.

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

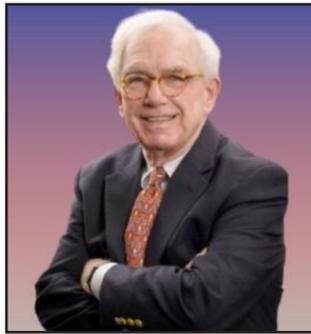
**A:** Abortion needs to remain legal and accessible in Pennsylvania.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 33 )

### Gary Lotz

**Party:** Rep  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Vice President, Dick Building Company  
**Education:** Masters of Business Administration, Tulane University BA, Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia



GARY LOTZ

#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** Population loss is a critical issue for Pennsylvania, hindering economic growth and community vitality. To combat this, we must focus on revitalizing our communities and spurring growth. This involves creating a business-friendly environment through targeted tax incentives and regulatory reforms to encourage job creation and business expansion. Additionally, we need to invest in workforce development and skills training to ensure Pennsylvanians are equipped to compete in today's economy, fostering innovation and prosperity statewide.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** When it comes to Pennsylvania's voting laws, I would begin by advocating for the implementation of voter ID. This measure would be essential to instill across the board confidence ensuring the integrity of every vote cast. Furthermore, I would support initiatives to provide better resources and increased support to local election officials, ensuring they have the tools and training necessary to administer elections effectively and efficiently. By investing in technology upgrades and training programs, we can improve the accuracy and reliability of our elections while easing the burden on local election administrators.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

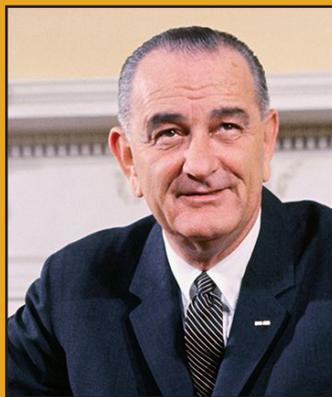
**A:** To remedy this legislation must be put forth to ensure that education dollars follow the student, allowing parents to be empowered to make the best educational decisions for their children. This approach fosters competition among schools, encouraging them to enhance their offerings and outcomes to attract students. Furthermore, school choice promotes innovation and diversity in education, providing families with a variety of schooling options tailored to their children's needs and learning styles. This approach not only tackles the issue of unequal funding but also empowers families, improves educational outcomes, and elevates the overall quality of education in Pennsylvania.

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

**A:** I don't see an urgent necessity to alter the existing abortion laws in Pennsylvania. Like most Pennsylvanians, I believe the decision to have an abortion is a deeply personal matter, and I am not running for office to put myself between a woman and her doctor.

**“A man without a vote is a man without protection.”**

**- Lyndon B. Johnson,  
Former U.S. President**



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 34

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 2 for PA State Representative District 34 )

### Abigail Salisbury

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** State Representative, Nonprofit Attorney  
**Education:** B.A. Case Western Reserve University, J.D. Pitt Law, MPPM Pitt GSPIA  
**Qualifications:** Incumbent of 1 year, nonprofit attorney, small business owner for 9 years, taught classes on First Amendment Law, international human rights law experience, 5 years on Swissvale Borough Council, former nonprofit executive director.

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ABIGAIL SALISBURY

#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** (1) Unconstitutional system of funding public education. On the Appropriations committee, I focus on shifting from a system based on local property taxes, which exacerbates structural inequities. We must instead pool resources at the state level and invest heavily in basic education funding. (2) Infrastructure. Massive state investment in roads, water, and sewage systems is necessary. (3) The burden on 2,560 municipalities to provide public services. I hold intermunicipal meetings for my 13 communities' elected officials, I am working on providing free grant-writing services to low-income municipalities to give them access to state grants. I work on intermunicipal cooperation efforts to help leverage small boroughs' resources.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** This year, the primary falls on the Jewish holiday of Passover. As a Jew, I worked hard to try to change the date of the primary so that it would not disenfranchise anyone based on their religion, but ultimately I failed. We must work harder to ensure that scheduling issues known far in advance do not harm voting rights. We must also make it as easy as possible to vote, so that small mistakes on mail-in ballots do not disqualify votes and so that people can leave work to vote in person if they choose.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** We attempted to work on this last year and failed, so right now the legislation I am focused on will be the budget bill. We just finished up education budget hearings yesterday on Appropriations and I am encouraged to see the increased state investment in school districts with lower incomes and property values, but it is not enough. Once we get through the budget period for this year, it is time to tackle the larger structural issue anew on a caucus level, and new legislation will be developed to do so. I look forward to working with our Education Chair and our leadership to accomplish that goal.

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

**A:** I support maintaining the right to choose, but that right is meaningless if people do not have the ability to pay for their reproductive healthcare choices. Abortion is healthcare. We must therefore ensure that people have affordable or free access to healthcare in PA.

## Ashley Comans

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Non-Profit Manager

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Media Arts and Communications Studies

**Qualifications:** Working Mom, Current Wilkinsburg School Board Director, Progressive political organizer, and advocate for addressing maternal and child health outcomes

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ASHLEY COMANS

### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** The biggest priority should be making life easier for poor and working families because I believe a rising tide lifts all boats. This is connected to all of the struggles that residents in my district know. For me, it means fairly funding our public schools, taking on corporate polluters, investing in clean air and water, and expanding the power and wages of workers. I know that all of these are fights and will require someone who uses this office as an organizing space both in the community and among fellow representatives and other elected officials. We need to bring more people in and engage with them to move the priorities of their community because we have the numbers to win all of these things—we just need to get organized.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I believe that our right to vote is sacred. Voting and registering to vote needs to be made easier and not harder. I applaud our new Allegheny County Executive bringing back voter drop boxes; we should expand them to be available all around the state. I furthermore support automatic voter registration for those who turn 18. I also would push Pennsylvania to join the 11 other states who have already made election days holidays.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** The court ruling that we are not funding our public schools to our required and equitable amount may be new, but the case was filed in 2014, and this issue goes back even further. We must follow the court's ruling and increase the state's investment for our public schools by \$200 million a year. In addition, we must recognize the years of disinvestment in our schools and begin to remedy it with hundreds of millions more a year invested over a period of time to update our facilities. Property taxes must not be the only way of funding our public schools because our zip codes should not determine our opportunities.

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

**A:** The overturning of Roe v. Wade is one of the most traumatic political events I, and many others, have experienced. In Western PA, we are a beacon for women and birthing people in other states who need or want an abortion. As a state legislator, I will work to enshrine abortion protections into our state constitution and legislate the appropriate amount of resources for those seeking an abortion - because abortion is healthcare. And as a mom of a young daughter, I will use all of my energy, power, and strength to fight until abortion is legal and safe across the county.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 34 )

**No candidate filed**

**Party:** Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 35

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 35 )

## Matthew R. Gergely

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** State Representative

**Education:** Indiana University of PA - Graduate

**Qualifications:** Career in local Government and Management

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MATTHEW R. GERGELY

### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** There are several, advocate and vote to help correct those issues.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** All, if properly supported

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** All

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

**A:** Allowing choice for women

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 35 )

**No candidate filed**

**Party:** Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 36

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 36 )

## Jessica Benham

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

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### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 36 )

**No candidate filed**

Party: Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 38

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 38 )

#### Anthony J. Olasz

Party: Dem

**Biographical Info:**

County: Allegheny

Occupation: LAW CLERK

**Education:** Juris Doctor- Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law/B.A. University of Cincinnati (Criminal Justice, Legal Studies)

**Qualifications:** My Law School Degree gives a wide variety of knowledge on all aspects that the Law and how governance plays into the life of everyday citizens. 3 Years Experience working in Municipal Law and School Law. B.A. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Legal Studies.

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**Questions:**

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** Building up a better infrastructure is not only key to maintain safer roadways and bridges but also a major key in building a stronger economy. I believe that infrastructure is also the unimpeded flow information and access to that information. We must continue to invest in our schools, both primary and secondary education, as well as our trade schools. As has been seen in the past year, our state has unconstitutionally underfunded our children. We need to focus on giving our children the best opportunity to thrive and grow as they become young adults, and that starts in the classroom. Born and raised in the Mon Valley I know exactly how important US Steel is in our area. 3000 workers go to work everyday. The proposed sale threatens Jobs.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** We must explore all avenues possible to ensure that every citizen has their voice heard on election day. The right to vote is a pillar of our society and one that must not be infringed. Instead of restricting voters access to that voice, we must explore options to get our citizens voices heard in the safest way possible.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** To ensure a fair and equitable opportunity for all students we must be more vigilant to make sure that all children have and equal and fair opportunity to not only just receive an education, but a great education. We do not tell a team in a football game that one team has to go 120 yards to score a touchdown and the other team only has to go 60 yards. The playing field must be leveled for every student in the Commonwealth and any legislation that levels that field I will support.

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

**A:** I am a staunch supporter of women and women's rights. The Commonwealth has been the pinnacle for protecting women's rights to access the critical care that they may need. We must continue to fight for women and continue to show the other states around the United States that we In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will do everything possible to protect our Women.



ANTHONY J. OLASZ

#### Victoria Schmotzer

Party: Dem

**Biographical Info:**

County: Allegheny

Occupation: Policy Analyst

**Education:** The Catholic University of America - M.S., Business, Busch School of Business & B.A., Philosophy, St. Thomas Aquinas School

**Qualifications:** United States Small Business Administration Human Resource Specialist, US Govt. Level 5 Security Clearance; Teacher - Early Childhood Development; Legal Intern for Pittsburgh Law Firm; Staff Auditor for CPA Firm; Wrote & Published 9 News-Based Blogs; Restaurant Server

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VICTORIA SCHMOTZER

**Questions:**

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** Pennsylvanians in the 38th District and surrounding communities face an ongoing issue of small businesses moving away from the area and taking well-paying jobs with them. I will incentivize businesses to come to our district by using my knowledge from the U.S. Small Business Administration and power within the State House to administer low-interest rate loans and rezone critical areas in the neighborhoods to be more accommodating. I will also work with the community college in the district to incentivize residents to further their career prospects and build a better future for our residents.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** The first thing the state can do when it comes to voting access and security is to continue funding county election departments so that they have the necessary resources to facilitate fair and impartial elections. Next, with an influx of residents who speak and read different languages, it is essential to accommodate these different needs. Funding should be prioritized to provide translation devices and literature at polling places.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** I will only support legislation that fixes the broken system that currently funds our schools. This legislation needs to be fair and on solid footing that ensures each community of every means receives its due share. However, every community is different, just like every school and every student. This is why I support funding allowing every student to receive an Individual Education Plan. These plans will ensure that the students, teachers, and guardians remain on the same page regarding the child's educational path.

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

**A:** The first step to protecting the right to family planning is writing it into the state constitution. I will then eliminate the 24-hour waiting period for people seeking medical treatment. A thorough conversation between them and their medical provider is sufficient to determine all options and if they are there of their own free will. The inconvenience of taking additional time away from their responsibilities and spending time and finances on travel will deter vulnerable populations from making the right decision for them. I will also offer a robust sexual education program throughout my district that encompasses all ages and appropriate topics.

**"Every election is determined by the people who show up."**

**- Larry Sabato, political analyst**



## John Inglis

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Educator

**Education:** I have a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Duquesne University and a Master's degree in School Counseling from Westminster College.

**Qualifications:** Public Educator (2009 - Current), West Mifflin Borough Councilman (2018 - Current), South Hill Area Council of Government Member (2018 - 2022), West Mifflin Community Foundation Board Member (2014-2018) & Council Liaison (2018 - Current)

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JOHN INGLIS

### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** Education, providing jobs, and keeping our community safe. Education is the root of all opportunity. Right now, our public schools are being unlawfully underfunded here in Pennsylvania. My first priority is fixing that budget gap. After we fund our schools, we must make sure that our community has good paying jobs. The best way we can do that is to expand the union way of life. Organized labor built Allegheny County, and we have to support it. Finally, to keep our community safe we need to better support our first responders. Our local volunteer fire departments are seeing some especially challenging circumstances right now. They need state help and investments.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** I think we have made a lot of progress in recent years, but there is still work to do. First, I would enact same day voter registration. Arbitrary deadlines should not stop our citizens from participating in elections. A person should be able to register and vote all on the same day. Second, I would make sure the state is providing adequate resources to county election departments. Local budget shortfalls should never be allowed to harm the security of our elections. Finally, I would look into legislation to crack down on threats made against election officials. No one should be able to intimidate the hardworking men and women who make our Democracy work.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** I am in support of the proposed Pennsylvania constitutional amendment to change our state income tax to a progressive format, making it more fair and equitable. This will benefit public education and help fill the funding gap. We also should be willing to tap into the rainy day fund. The fund currently sits at a massive 6.1 billion dollars. We can't use all of that to address the education shortfall, but it is the public's money and the education of our children should be one of the state's top priorities.

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

**A:** There must be an explicit guarantee for the right to an abortion in Pennsylvania law. Preferably, this would come in the form of a constitutional amendment, but failing that, legislation should be passed to the same effect. We are fortunate that our current state court system leans towards recognizing the right to an abortion, but as we saw on the federal level, the courts may fail in the future to uphold that right. We also must make sure that no Pennsylvanian or other American will be punished by other states for exercising their rights here in the Commonwealth.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 38 )

### Stone Sobieralski

**Party:** Rep

**Biographical Info:**

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### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 39

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 39 )

### Angela Girol

**Party:** Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Allegheny

**Occupation:** Teacher - School Board Member

**Education:** Bachelor of English degree from St. Vincent College; Master of Arts in Teaching from Chatham College

**Qualifications:** Angela Girol has been a leader in the classroom since coming to Elizabeth Forward 17 years ago and recently received national recognition for her work. She has also worked in her community for the last five years, serving as a school board member in South Park.

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ANGELA GIROL

### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** As a teacher and two-term school board member, I understands the problems facing everyday hardworking folks in the 39th District who often feel forgotten and abandoned by the political and economic elites. Issues of Focus: Good Government, Reproductive Freedom, Education, Public Safety, Environment, Worker's rights

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** I support laws to codify automatic voter registration, rank-choice voting, and open primaries.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** I fully support funding PA public schools at the state level by closing tax loopholes and breaks for the wealthy that cost PA \$4.9 billion annually. Further, I would champion legislation to lower property taxes for the working class and seniors on fixed incomes.

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

**A:** I would introduce a constitutional amendment to protect access to abortion I will always support FDA-approved contraceptive methods, and the implementation of evidence-based sexual health education programs.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 39 )

### Andrew Kuzma

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#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 40

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 30 )

### No candidate filed

**Party:** Dem

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 40 )

### Natalie Mihalek

**Party:** Rep  
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#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 42

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 42 )

### Dan Miller

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Legislator  
**Education:** JD, BS Secondary Education, BA History  
**Qualifications:** Focus on public service, 11 years as a State Representative, currently serving as Majority House Whip, 14 years as a volunteer firefighter, previous township commissioner, Team Leader in AmeriCorps  
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DAN MILLER

#### Questions:

**Q:** What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?

**A:** Education and jobs are always the most pressing concerns. We need to make sure that our public education system works for every child, and we need to make sure that Pennsylvanians can see and build their futures here with family sustaining jobs. I will continue to push for state funding that balances out inequities typically found in student disability and mental health supports and food insecurity and technology gaps. And pushing for targeted state investment and partnerships that look to bring high quality jobs to PA, hopefully union and hopefully working with as much American-made products as possible.

**Q:** What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?

**A:** I would like to see more technology support to allow people with disabilities to vote in every polling center. I think expanding automatic registration would be positive and I think the state should offer greater financial support to counties to make sure that election workers are fairly compensated.

**Q:** What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?

**A:** I believe that this year's upcoming state budget must take a big step forward in rectifying the inequality in our school funding that many of us have said has existed for years. It may take a couple of budget cycles to fully correct the system, but it is not acceptable for the state budget to ignore this.

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

**A:** I have always supported Roe v. Wade and I do not believe that a woman or doctor should be at risk of prosecution for exercising their choice and profession. Codifying these long established rights would be something I would support.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 42 )

### No candidate filed

**Party:** Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 44

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 44 )

#### Hadley Haas



HADLEY HAAS

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** Unemployed  
**Education:** B.A. - Economics & Communications  
**Qualifications:** Leadership - Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Founding Member—QV Strong, Former Chair—Friends of the Hearing Center at Children's Hospital Pittsburgh  
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**Instagram URL:** <http://www.instagram.com/hadleyforpa?igsh=ZmlmNXppNmhrdw==>

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** 1. Gun Violence - Investing in community violence intervention programs and common sense legislation are proven to curb firearm deaths and casualties, including suicide and school shootings. 2. Equity in Public Education - I support implementing the adequacy formula as recommended by the Basic Education Funding Commission and investing appropriately at the state level. I believe in the need to update the funding model for charter/cyber schools and to invest in facilities and teachers. 3. Retaining and attracting a younger population—In order to thrive, Pennsylvania must retain and attract young people. Safe, healthy communities, quality schools, and job opportunities will make Pennsylvania desirable in the years to come.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I believe we need to make voting as accessible and inclusive as possible and that it is crucial to engage young people in the Democratic process. Some initiatives I would support include: 1. Open primaries in Pennsylvania. 2. Allowing eligible citizens to both register or change their registration status and cast a ballot on the day of a primary or election. 3. Allowing 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register to vote. 4. Allowing 17-year-olds, who will be 18 years old on or before the date of a General Election, to register and vote for candidates in the corresponding Primary. 5. Simplified procedures for mail-in/absentee ballots.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** I support implementing the adequacy formula as recommended by the Basic Education Funding Commission and investing appropriately at the state level. I believe in the need to update the funding model for charter and cyber schools and to invest in modern facilities and incentives for teachers.

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

**A:** I am concerned about the Dobbs decision and the impact it is having on women's health around our country. As a result, I would support a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to an abortion.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 44 )

#### Valerie Gaydos

**Party:** Rep  
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#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** - no response -

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** - no response -

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

**A:** - no response -

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 45

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 45 )

#### Anita Astorino Kulik

**Party:** Dem  
**Biographical Info:**  
**County:** Allegheny  
**Occupation:** State Representative for the 45th District  
**Education:** B.A. Duquesne University 1985, J. D. Duquesne University 1989  
**Qualifications:** Lawyer, Former Township Commissioner (13 years), State Representative (8 years)  
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ANITA ASTORINO KULIK

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** Infrastructure repair. We need to allocate sufficient resources. Fair and equitable education systems. We need to properly fund districts that do not have an adequate tax base. Protecting the innocent victims of domestic violence.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** Early voting should be implemented. We need to stop the attacks on proper mail-in voting.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** I have long advocated for proper funding. We need to work in a bipartisan manner to properly fund education to provide every student, in every district, appropriate educational opportunities.

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

**A:** - no response -

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 0 for PA State Representative District 45 )

**No candidate filed**

Party: Rep

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 46

### Democratic Primary Ballot:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 46 )

**Alex Taylor**

Party: Dem

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Washington

**Occupation:** Unemployed

**Education:** University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown  
B.A. in Political Science

**Qualifications:** 5 years experience in Health Care,  
Degree in Political Science, Worked on several cam-  
paigns for candidates who believed in building up  
our communities.

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ALEX TAYLOR

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** Education and the Environment are two major issues I believe that Pennsylvanians face. Better-funded schools lead to a better-educated population, which leads to better opportunities for young people and could lower crime rates, I'd support legislation to better our current education system and would propose legislation to encourage higher learning. The Environmental issues we face can be dealt with by holding businesses, that operate, in the Commonwealth accountable for damage caused to our water and air by their operations, I will support and propose legislation to keep them accountable.

**Q:** *What changes would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws to expand access, ensure security, and support local election officials and processes?*

**A:** I would support automatic voter registration for any Pennsylvania resident as soon as they turn 18, I'll support legislation that would open our Primaries so that more of our citizens can take part in choosing the person who will be on the ballot in November. I'll support legislation that creates a more secure voting booth, and I'll support legislation that would provide local elections officials and their processes with the necessary man-power, and funds if needed to ensure election security and accessibility.

**Q:** *What legislation would you support to comply with the Commonwealth Court's ruling that Pennsylvania's school funding system is unconstitutional and must be reformed?*

**A:** I'd support legislation that fully and equitably funds schools across the Commonwealth and supports better pay for our educators who are often over-worked and underpaid.

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

**A:** I'd support an amendment to the state constitution to secure a woman's right to choose in the Commonwealth. Short of that I'd support any laws that strengthen the rights of women when it comes to medical decisions involving their own bodies.

## REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT:

( Choose 1 of 1 for PA State Representative District 46 )

**Jason Ortitay**

Party: Rep

**Biographical Info:**

**County:** Washington

**Campaign Website:** <http://citizensforjasonortitay.com>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvanians, and how would you address them?*

**A:** - no response -

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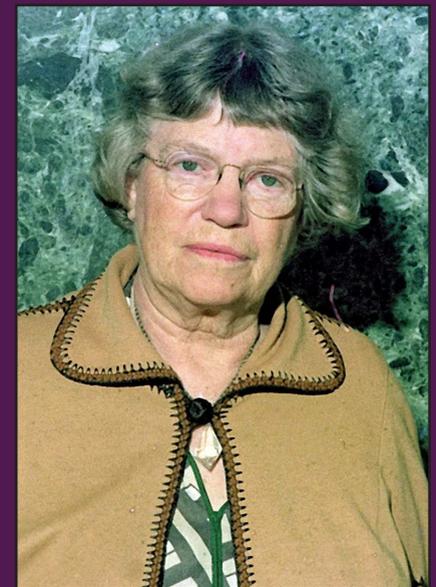
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**-Margaret Mead**



**“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**



**“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**



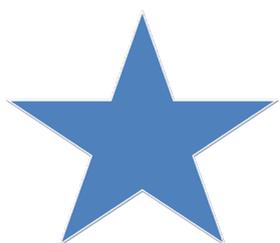
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**- Michelle Obama,  
Former First Lady**

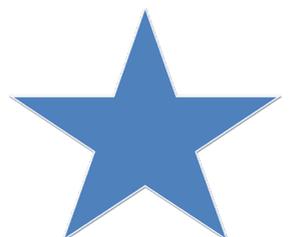


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