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# VOTERS GUIDE

**MIDTERM ELECTION**

# 2018

**TUESDAY, NOV. 6**  
**POLLS OPEN 7 A.M.-8 P.M.**

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## ELECTION INFORMATION

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## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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## ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections by 5 p.m. Oct. 30. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 p.m. Nov. 2. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call your county Board of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 5 p.m. Nov. 2. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections.

## WRITE-IN VOTING

Information for write-in voting will be available at the polling place.

## 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 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance in English or Spanish or 1-888-API-VOTE for assistance in Asian languages.

## 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 nonphoto 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 are not a new voter and are not voting at your polling place for the first time, you are NOT required to bring or provide identification.

## ONLINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Vote411 Online Voters Guide is available at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). Links to this guide as well as links to Vote411 and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage: [www.palvv.org](http://www.palvv.org). Information about Lehigh Valley candidates may be found at [www.lvv.org](http://www.lvv.org) in the Voters Guide pages.

**This Voters Guide may be taken  
into the voting booth**

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## GOVERNOR

The state constitution provides that "the supreme executive power shall be vested in the governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

**Appointments:** The Governor appoints the secretaries of departments and heads of other cabinet-level agencies, as well as members of state boards, commissions, and councils.

**Budget:** The Governor must annually present to the General Assembly a balanced operating budget and a capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year, as well as a financial plan for not less than the next five succeeding fiscal years.

**Executive Department Management:** The Governor approves the appointment and compensation of all deputies and employees in administrative departments and boards and commissions, as well as his own staff.

**Legislation:** The Governor delivers messages to the General Assembly and suggests measures that the Legislature may want to introduce in bill form.

**Military:** The Governor is the Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's military forces, except when they are called into the service of the United States.

**Other Powers and Duties:** The Governor can remit fines and forfeitures and grant reprieves. If the Board of Pardons has first held a public hearing and made a recommendation, the Governor can also commute sentences and pardon persons, except in cases of impeachment. The Governor certifies elections for Presidential Electors in the Electoral College and provides Congressional election returns to United States officials. He also issues commissions to persons for Judge of the Supreme Court or Superior Court and for every court of record.

**Salary:** \$194,850

**Term:** 4 years

**Candidates were asked:** 1. What are your top three priorities in office? 2. Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not? 3. Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

Vote for one

### Democrat

#### TOM WOLF

Mount Wolf, York County  
**Website:** www.wolfforpa.com  
**Campaign email:** Info@WOLFFORPA.COM  
**D.O.B.:** Not provided  
**Education:** Dartmouth College (BA), the University of London (MA), and M.I.T. (PhD)  
**Qualifications:** Business Owner, Secretary of Governor, Governor.

**Response 1:** Investing in our Kids and Schools: I have made clear my strong commitment to education in Pennsylvania by fully restoring education funding cuts made in the previous administration, providing unprecedented support to high-quality pre-k programs, and ensuring students are college and career ready by expanding opportunities for career and technical education. Grow Jobs and Support Workers: I have eliminated burdensome taxes on businesses like the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax and I am working to grow the economy by moving forward on large projects. I have and will continue to invest in manufacturing, apprenticeships, and workforce development initiatives. Protect Our Seniors and Access to Health Care: I took immediate action to provide health insurance to more than 720,000 Pennsylvanians by expanding Medicaid, and under my administration the commonwealth's uninsured rate is the lowest it has ever been. I have also increased opportunities for seniors to age in their homes.

**Response 2:** I have long supported a independent citizen's redistricting commission. We must eliminate partisan politics from the legislative redistricting process by enacting legislation to end gerrymandering by establishing an independent, bi-partisan commission to create future electoral maps. I also stood up to the House State Government Committee Republican majority's last-minute move to gut and replace House Bill 722, which was intended to create an independent redistricting commission, with a redistricting process that is more politically driven. To rebuild trust in Harrisburg, we must have fair and accessible elections for all citizens from our rural communities to our big cities.

**Response 3:** Yes, I have long advocated for voting modernization. Upon coming into office, I launched online voter registration and now more than a million Pennsylvanians have used it. I also launched a voter information texting initiative and a program to get high school seniors to register to

vote. I also directed the Pennsylvania Department of State to require new voting machines to have a voter-verifiable paper ballot or paper record of votes cast. I recently launched a 21st century voting reform plan that includes same day voter registration, automatic voter registration, modernization of absentee ballots, campaign finance reform, and gerrymandering reform.

### Republican

#### SCOTT R. WAGNER

Spring Garden Township, York County  
**Website:** www.wagnerforgov.com/  
**Campaign email:** scott@wagnerforgov.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1955

**Education:** No response  
**Qualifications:** No response  
**Response 1:** Overhauling governmental impositions is a top priority. On day one, I will employ zero-based budgeting, introducing a transparent budget process that will make sense for taxpayers and investing in what works to end wasteful and ineffective spending. With over 153,000 regulations and a regulatory authority out of control, meaningful regulation reform must be implemented, such as my current proposal to count, cap, and reduce. Second, I have been all over Pennsylvania and I have heard my mission loud and clear, I will eliminate property taxes as Governor. Many of our children are receiving an outstanding education, but the reality is that too many students are graduating from high school without the necessary skills to be successful in college or the workforce. We must retool and redesign our education system to ensure today's students are adequately prepared to be tomorrow's adults. Without a major overhaul, we will continue to do a great disservice to our children and their educators.

**Response 2:** The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision to overstep its bounds and override the legislature by drawing its own maps did a great disservice to the citizens of Pennsylvania. In light of this travesty, I would support an independent citizens redistricting commission to ensure that Pennsylvanians will have access to fair and equal elections when it comes time to work on maps after the 2020 census.

**Response 3:** Pennsylvania is among only 13 states that do not use paper ballots or have paper backup systems for electronic voting machines. I support the decision of the Department of State to require counties to replace their voting machines with systems that have paper trails. Pennsylvania

has received \$13.5 million in federal funding and the state is also required to provide a 5% match to this money. Thus, Pennsylvania has \$14.15 million to help counties fund the purchase of these new voting machines. It is critical that state government make sure that counties have adequate funds available to ensure that they can meet their responsibility as it relates to voting systems.

### Green

#### PAUL GLOVER

Philadelphia  
**Website:** www.paulglover.org/governor  
**Campaign email:** paul5glover@yahoo.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1947

**Qualifications:** Taught Urban Studies at Temple University. Taught Ecological Economics at Philadelphia University. Founder of more than a dozen organizations for ecology and justice. Author of six books on community economic development.

**Response 1:** Shift the State budget toward ecology and justice. Aggressively fund energy efficiencies and expand tax credits for solar/wind/ cogeneration, to reduce demand for fossil fuels and end fracking. Move money from prisons to jobs and schools, and from roadbuilding to transit. 2. Fully employ all Pennsylvanians to rebuild cities, suburbs and farms toward balance with nature, partly with regional credits and regional stock exchanges, as described in my book Green Jobs Philly. I will establish the Green Labor Administration (GLAD) to employ 500,000 Pennsylvanians without raising taxes. The larger purpose is to begin the transition from the Middle Class to what I call the Mutual Class. 3. Permit formation of community-based medical cooperatives, to provide a genuinely nonprofit base for statewide universal health coverage that is affordable, democratic, and humane. This is how Canada's single payer system began.

**Response 2:** Support independent drafting of legislative boundaries. Computer-generated drafts should inform the Commission. Meetings should be transparent, with public welcome.

**Response 3:** Favor returning to paper ballots, permitting no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day registration. The Green Party has long advocated Instant Runoff Voting, also known as Ranked Choice Voting, to end the "spoiler" argument against minor parties.



## Libertarian

### KEN V. KRAWCHUK

Abington, Montgomery County

**Website:** www.KenK4Pa.com

**Campaign email:** Campaign@KenK4Pa.com

**D.O.B.:** 1953

**Education:** B.S. Physics St. Joseph's University, Abington Citizens Police Academy

**Qualifications:** Business Owner, Student of the Pennsylvania Constitution, Distinguished Toastmaster, Inventor with 3 U.S. Patents, Author, Husband, Father, Grandfather, and a good sense of humor.

**Response 1:** The theme of the Krawchuk campaign is Death and Taxes. My goal is to reduce both dramatically. Under the two old parties, the cost of government has been rising on average at over 3 times the inflation rate for over 50 years. To end that trend, I promise to veto every tax increase, aggressively use the line item veto, eliminate property taxes and reduce the corporate tax. To reduce deaths, it's time to end the Opioid Crisis. Four out of five opioid deaths can be prevented by following Portugal's example and ending the insane War on Drugs. Addiction should be treated as a medical issue, not a criminal one. To help save lives, the right to keep and bear arms should be strongly supported because gun control kills. John Lott, a researcher at the University of Chicago, found that if a woman resists an attacker, she's twice as likely to be seriously injured. But if she resists with a handgun, she's half as likely to be seriously injured. In other words, handguns are a girl's best friend.

**Response 2:** I strongly support reforming our redistricting process. Look at any map of political districts and you can plainly see that the legislature has failed horribly in its constitutionally-mandated task to create "election districts of compact and contiguous territory". An independent redistricting commission would certainly be a step in the right direction, but there is a better, broader solution, not only to redistricting, but also to midnight pay raises, unfair ballot access, illegal gun grabs, and more. That solution would be to re-establish the "Council of Censors" created by Benjamin Franklin. The Council was composed of two citizens from each city and county whose role was to "censure" the legislators by vetoing legislation that was not in keeping with the constitution, calling constitutional conventions, even ordering impeachments. The Council was eliminated a few short months after Franklin's death; it would honor Pennsylvania's most famous citizen if it

were re-established.

**Response 3:** There are two ways to subvert an election: Stop honest citizens from voting, and stop worthy candidates from running. To make certain voting is honest, I strongly support voter-verifiable ballots. The way they work, when you vote you get two printouts of your vote. One copy is yours to keep as a record, and the other is signed by the voter and kept by the state as the official record and to be used for recounts. The chances for hacking an election vanish. To encourage worthy candidates to run, ballot access for independents and third parties should be made equal to that of the two old parties, as mandated by the Pennsylvania Constitution, not two and a half to thirty-three times higher. For example, this year I needed 5,000 signatures to get my name on the ballot for governor. The statewide candidates from the two old parties only needed 1,000 or 2,000. Is that equal? Is that fair?

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Lieutenant Governor is president of the Senate and chairperson of the Board of Pardons. He presides over the Senate, but has no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. The Constitution provides that he shall be chosen at the same time, in the same manner, for the same term, and subject to the same provisions as the Governor, and that in case of the death, conviction or impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation, or other disability of the Governor, the powers, duties, and emoluments of the office for the remainder of the term or until the disability be removed shall devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor.

**Salary:** \$163,700

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

## Democrat

### JOHN FETTERMAN

Braddock, Allegheny County

**Website:** www.johnfetterman.com

**Campaign email:** hello@johnfetterman.com

**D.O.B.:** 1969

**Education:** Albright College 1991 Harvard University Masters in Public Policy 1999

**Qualifications:** Mayor of Braddock for 13 years — drastically reduced food and clothing insecurity - eliminated heat insecurity this year - successfully implemented community policing model Founder of Braddock Redux Director for Out-Of-School Youth Program.

**Response 1:** I will be a prog-

ressive backstop for the Governor, advocate for economic justice and our forgotten communities in Pennsylvania, and utilize and transform the office of the Lt Governor to its fullest potential.

**Response 2:** Congressional and legislative districts should be drawn to ensure that candidates and elected officials are held accountable by voters. Boundaries should protect the interests of all voters and protect voting rights, and should not show preference to one political affiliation. We recently had a huge win with redistricting in Pennsylvania. I would certainly support formalized citizen input for a more fair and unbiased redistricting process.

**Response 3:** I support any reform that gets more people to turn out to vote, and makes voting easier. In addition to the above measures I think we should make Election Day a holiday and get more working people to the polls.

## Republican

### JEFF BARTOS

Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County

No response

## Green

### JOCOLYN BOWSER-BOSTICK

City of Chester, Delaware County

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**Campaign email:**

jbowserb@yahoo.com

**D.O.B.:** 1960

**Education:** B.A. degree in biology from Temple University

**Qualifications:** I will excel as a Lt. Gov. because my scientific background and life experiences have prepared me to be a critical thinker, a leader and adept at conducting comprehensive research and reading and intelligently analyzing large amounts of data.

**Response 1:** Reduce the future environmental damage and human suffering from climate change and the current ruination of people's health, safety and property values by banning gas and oil fracking and the building of pipelines that carry gas or natural gas liquids. We must improve energy efficiency, use less energy, and eliminate dirty energy systems of which fossil fuels are the biggest component by becoming 100% reliant by 2050 on clean & renewable energy sources. By adopting laws such as HB2132/SB1140 that reinforce the goal of becoming solely reliant on 100% clean energy we will improve our health, save lives, and create thousands of green jobs. 2. End poverty that forces people to live in unhealthy homes, be

homeless, and fear that they or their family members will have to go hungry or do without vital medical/mental health services. 3. Protect the economic, social & political rights of women, racial minorities, believers of any faith & those of any gender identity or sexual orientation.

**Response 2:** Yes. Citizens not holding political office should decide because voting is supposed to help maintain a just and orderly society and they should help decide how things should work politically because the quality of their lives will be improved or destroyed based on how these districts are organized.

**Response 3:** There must be online & same-day registration, early voting and an election day as a holiday. The Electoral College should be eliminated but as long as we have it legislation must be passed that forces the votes of these delegates in PA to reflect the popular vote in PA. Our elections throughout PA should be decided by STAR voting and proportional representation. New voting machines must be used throughout PA that have verifiable paper ballots and are not connected to the internet.

## Libertarian

### KATHLEEN S. SMITH

**Website:** www.kenk4pa.com

No response

## U.S. SENATOR

The U.S. Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of two Senators from each State (therefore, the Senate currently has 100 Members) and that a Senator must be at least thirty years of age, have been a citizen of the United States for nine years, and, when elected, be a resident of the State from which he or she is chosen. A Senator's term of office is six years and approximately one-third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years.

The Senate has several exclusive powers not granted to the House, including consenting to treaties, a precondition to their ratification consenting or confirming appointments of Cabinet secretaries, other federal executive officials, military officers, regulatory officials, ambassadors, and other federal uniformed officers, as well as trial of federal officials impeached by the House.

**Salary:** \$174,000

**Term:** 6 years

**Candidates were asked:** 1. What are your top three priorities in office? 2. If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that

our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats? 3. What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

Vote for one

## Democrat

### BOB CASEY JR.

Scranton, Lackawanna County

**Website:** www.BobCasey.com

**Campaign email:** info@bob-casey.com

**D.O.B.:** 1960

**Education:** Holy Cross B.A. 1982 Catholic University Law Degree 1988

**Qualifications:** Auditor General of Pennsylvania 1997-2005 Treasurer of Pennsylvania 2005-2007 United States Senator 2007-Present.

**Response 1:** The top three issues I am focused on are increasing access to affordable health care, protecting the programs Pennsylvanians depend on, and helping working families get ahead. That means stopping the Trump administration's sabotage of our health care system, defeating Republican attacks on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, and fighting to raise wages, protect the rights of organized labor, and eliminate the obstacles holding working families back.

**Response 2:** The right to vote has been called our most precious right, and the "primary right by which all other rights are protected." I supported The Voting Rights Reconstruction Act of 2015, legislation which would restore the Voting Rights Act, and I oppose efforts to suppress voter turnout, and support measures to make voting easier for people. I oppose voter ID laws, and favor restoring voting rights to people after they have served their sentences. During the Kavanaugh confirmation fight, I have been working to make clear that I expect our next Supreme Court Justice to protect voting rights, and not dismantle the tools by which they are protected. No one should be stop eligible voters from casting their ballot. Earlier this year, I helped to secure \$13 million from the Election Assistance Commission to help secure Pennsylvania's election systems, and I am working in the Senate to appropriate more funds for election security.

**Response 3:** I will fight to ensure that the census is fully funded and I oppose Trump Administration efforts to undercount people in marginalized communities. It is vital that the census is accurate so that Americans are fairly represented in Congress.

## Republican

### LOU BARLETTA

Hazleton City, Luzerne County

**Website:** www.LouBarletta.com

**Campaign email:**

info@loubarletta.com

**D.O.B.:** Jan. 28

**Education:** Attended Bloomsburg State College (Bloomsburg University) where I majored in elementary education.

**Qualifications:** As a former small business owner, mayor of Hazleton, and member of Congress, I have a strong record of standing up and fighting for people in my community.

**Response 1:** My top three priorities are keeping Pennsylvania's families safe, protecting Pennsylvania jobs, and standing up for the men and women who serve our communities. More than anything, people want someone willing to fight for them, when no one else will. That's what I have always done, and that's why I'm running for the U.S. Senate.

**Response 2:** Congress has a constitutional duty to preserve the integrity of our democracy and ensure that our elections are both free and fair. As a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to make sure our voting systems are secure. I recently voted for increased funding for states to improve their election security, as well as increased funding to counter Russian cyber attacks. I also spoke out against the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision to throw out Pennsylvania's bipartisan, constitutionally-drawn congressional map in the middle of the election, creating chaos and confusion among voters.

**Response 3:** The Census is important to provide legislators with accurate information to make informed policy decisions that are in the best interest of our country. I continue to support efforts to fund the Census and ensure that it accurately reflects our nation's demographics.

## Green

### NEAL TAYLOR GALE

Abington Township, Montgomery County

**Website:** www.gale2018.com

**Campaign email:** contact@gale2018.com

**D.O.B.:** 1952

**Education:** Drexel University — Architecture

**Qualifications:** For the past forty years I have worked in the energy conservation and efficiency fields, currently managing a comprehensive, low-income energy affordability program in conjunction with the six investor-owned utilities, in New Jersey.

**Response 1:** Remove Corporate, PAC, lobbyist and other special interests' money from the political process, to end the influence of those groups on specific legislation and the buying of political favors. 2. Generate the political will at the federal level of government to implement a transition from our existing fossil fuel economy to a 100% renewable energy economy, acknowledging the existential threat that climate change represents. 3. Reform our economic model to favor all of our citizens, not just the wealthiest 1%. This will include the re-regulation of the financial industries and the recognition that the economy should support a baseline standard of living, below which no one may be allowed to fall.

**Response 2:** I will fight for legislation to make voter registration as accessible as possible for all citizens, reversing unwarranted restrictions on voters. I would like to see election day become a national holiday and I would support federal funding to provide election day transportation for those citizens who would otherwise be unable to reach their polling place. I will support fair districting practices throughout the country, beginning with Pennsylvania. I will also champion the cause of providing resources to bring the latest voting technology into our polling places, replacing the existing, digital screen machines with those that incorporate paper balloting. I will support legislation to demand intelligence resources be assigned to recognize and thwart any attempts to alter our electoral system, by any means, digital or otherwise.

**Response 3:** I will review the proposed process to be used for the 2020 census, and introduce legislation that will ensure an accurate, unbiased count throughout the country. This will require a large number of well-trained census workers, canvassing urban areas, and rural districts, where citizens are less available to be counted, or are not comfortable responding to census forms. The entire process will need to be overseen by a competent supervisory team, knowledgeable in the significance and importance of accurate census data, eager to maintain accurate counts and records. I will also include in the legislation, a spending request so that all necessary resources will be adequately funded.

## Libertarian

### DALE R. KERNS JR.

Ridley Township, Delaware County

**Website:** www.dalekerns.com

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matt@dalekerns.com

**D.O.B.:** 1983

**Education:** Widener University — Professional Studies, Project Management Sociology Master Electrician by trade

**Qualifications:** Founder and President of the Little Angels Foundation. Cabot Creamery Community Celebrity winner for volunteerism. Over 7 years in the non-profit sector in a volunteer capacity. Recently appointed to the James A Masterson Foundation advisory board.

**Response 1:** We must address the opioid epidemic and end the War on Drugs. When I get to the US Senate, I will sponsor legislation that will fundamentally change how we view drug problems and move our system to one similar to Portugal or Switzerland, where drug addiction is treated as a medical issue. 2) Education is one of the most important issues our nation and Commonwealth face. As a father to two daughters, I am not pleased with the options (or lack thereof) that most parents have. I will vote to abolish the federal Department of Education and return decisions to parents, students, and local communities. 3) Our immigration system is broken. It can take decades for individuals to immigrate to this country legally. We should welcome those who come to the United States to make a better life for their families. Our communities have been built on the hard work of immigrants. I will vote to abolish ICE and to reform our immigration system by making it easier for good people to legally immigrate.

**Response 2:** I would work in the Senate to ensure that those who wish to vote can do so without any unnecessary hurdles. This would include rigid enforcement of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments and support of early voting and same-day voter registration, as well as opposition to any new voter ID laws. States maintain the right to conduct their elections as they please, but they must also abide by the aforementioned constitutional requirements, which were designed to protect the sanctity of the voting booth.

**Response 3:** Like any other government agency, the census should be held to high standards and tight budget restraints. As a U.S. Senator, I will insist that all possible options are explored, and that only the best companies and individuals are selected to partake in the census. This would include a rigorous vetting and screening process. Competition and accountability will vastly improve the results which we receive.



**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Congress is the legislative branch of the federal government. It is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. Every law concerned with taxation must originate in the House of Representatives. Representatives are elected by district.

**SPECIAL ELECTION**

To finish the remaining term of Rep. Charlie Dent, who represented the current 15th Congressional District. The winner of this race will serve until Jan. 3. The candidates are the same as those running to represent the new 7th Congressional District for two years in the next Congress. Some voters may not be able to vote in both races if they live in an area that is only in one of the two districts, which cover different areas.

Vote for one of the following candidates, who are also running for the 7th Congressional District seat.

**Democrat**  
**SUSAN WILD**

**Republican**  
**MARTY NOTHSTEIN**

**Libertarian**  
**TIM SILFIES**

**7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**Salary:** \$174,000

**Term:** 2 years

**Candidates were asked:** If elected, what are your top three priorities while in office?

Vote for one

**Democrat**  
**SUSAN WILD**

Allentown  
www.wildforcongress.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1957  
**Education:** American University, cum laude, B.A., 1978; George Washington University Law School, with honors, J.D., 1982  
**Occupation:** Attorney and law partner at Gross McGinley LLP  
**Qualifications:** First female solicitor (chief legal officer) of Allentown (2015-2017); 35 years as an attorney with a focus on civil litigation. I have advocated and negotiated for my clients for more than three decades, ///.  
**Response:** My top priority is ensuring our economy works for all of us; I will fight for access to good-paying jobs, to protect our unions, and enact

common-sense policies that will support our working families; paid family leave, equal pay for equal work and affordable childcare. I will fight for high-quality affordable health care, to preserve Social Security and Medicare and to implement campaign finance reform to get dark money out of politics.

**Republican**  
**MARTY NOTHSTEIN**

Lowhill Township  
www.martyforpa.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1971  
**Education:** Emmaus High School, 1989; Penn State University, Attended  
**Occupation:** Owner, Gold Medal Carwash; Owner, Great Bend Farm. County Board of Commissioners  
**Qualifications:** Lehigh County Board of Commissioners 2016-present, Chairman 2017 & 2018; Olympic Gold Medalist, Team USA, Captain, 2000; Olympic Silver Medalist, Team USA, Captain, 1996  
**Response:** It is vital to keep the economy on its current path so we continue to see more good paying jobs. We must make sure everyone has access to healthcare but the government shouldn't run it. Pre-existing conditions must be covered and prescription drug prices need to be lowered. I will protect Social Security and Medicare for current recipients and make sure these programs are solvent and available for future generations.

**Libertarian**  
**TIM SILFIES**

Hanover Township  
timsilfies.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1980  
**Education:** Liberty High School, 1999; Emerson College, 2003  
**Occupation:** Freelance content creator for TV and streaming platforms  
**Qualifications:** Producer at Fox News Channel for John Stossel, Greta Van Susteren and Gov John Kasich; Co-creator of Fox Business Network shows, "The Independents" and "Kennedy;" Business Reporter for Channel 69 News.  
**Response:** 1) Reject two-party politics. America is now faced with an unacceptable reality in which establishment Democrats & Republicans are only concerned with beating the other side and increasing their own power, to serve themselves and their special interests. I'll fight for you in DC, not a party. 2) Balance the budget. America faces more than 21 trillion dollars in debt, with unsustainable programs and seemingly never-ending wars. 3) Protect all of our constitutional rights.

**STATE SENATOR**

**Duties:** The General Assembly, the legislative branch of state government, is composed of two houses —the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote of both houses is required to pass a law. Every law concerned with taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** \$87,180

**Candidates were asked:** If you are elected, what will be your top three priorities while in office?

**16TH DISTRICT**

City of Allentown. Townships of Heidelberg, Lower Macungie, Lower Milford, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, South Whitehall, Upper Macungie, Upper Milford, Upper Saucon, Washington, Weisenberg, Boroughs of Alburtis, Coopersburg, Macungie, Slatington.

Vote for one

**Democrat**  
**MARK PINSLEY**

South Whitehall Township  
www.votemarkpinsley.com  
vote4markpinsley@gmail.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1970  
**Education:** North Penn HS Graduate, BS/BA in Finance Northeastern University, MBA Indiana University  
**Occupation:** Business Owner/ Manufacturing  
**Qualifications:** South Whitehall Township Commissioner, Board member of JFS Lehigh Valley, Founding member of Unite for America, Board member of Indivisible Berks.  
**Response:** Building our Children's Futures. Our communities thrive when we invest in educational opportunities. From universal preschool to 21st-century vocational training, high quality public schools and debt-free college, I will ensure that all students have the education they need to succeed. Making health care affordable. As a business owner, I pay 100% of my employee's health care premiums because it is just the right thing to do. If I'm privileged enough to be elected, I'll fight for every family to be eligible for the same health care as the politicians that purport to serve us. Restoring sanity to our politics The daily drumbeat of dysfunction from Harrisburg and D.C. has to end.///

**Republican**  
**PAT BROWNE**

Allentown  
www.patbrowneforsenate.com  
patbrowneforsenate@gmail.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1963

**Education:** Allentown Central Catholic H.S. University of Notre Dame, B.A., Accounting Temple Law School, J.D.

**Occupation:** State Senator  
**Qualifications:** May 2005 to Present State Representative – 1995 to May 2005 Senate Appropriations Chairman – 2015 - Present Senate Majority Whip – 2010 to 2014 Senate Finance Committee Chairman – 2007 to 2010 Certified Public Accountant Attorney.

**Response:** 1. As Senate Appropriations Chairman, develop responsible budgets that provide funding for education, health care, community based long-term care and veterans services without increasing income or sales taxes. 2. Increase K-12, Early Childhood, STEM/Technical education funding, continue to invest funding in school safety initiatives and reform Higher Education funding by targeting funds based on performance in career placement. 3. Implement evidence-based practices for prevention and treatment of opioid addiction and PTSD for veterans.

**18TH DISTRICT**

**Northampton County:** City of Bethlehem (Northampton County portion), city of Easton. Townships of Bethlehem, Lower Saucon, Palmer and Williams. Boroughs of Free-mansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, North Catasauqua, Northampton, Stockertown, Tatamy, West Easton, and Wilson. **Lehigh County:** City of Bethlehem (Lehigh County portion). Townships of Hanover, Salisbury and Whitehall. Boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay, Emmaus and Fountain Hill.

Vote for one

**Democrat**  
**LISA BOSCOLA**

www.facebook.com/Lisa-Boscola1  
**D.O.B.:** 1962  
**Education:** Graduate of Freedom High School; Bachelors ad Masters degrees from Villanova in Political Science, 1985  
**Occupation:** State Senator, 18th Senatorial District  
**Qualifications:** Two 2 year terms in the House of Representatives, 1994-1998; Five 4 year terms in the Senate, 1998-2018; Prior to becoming a legislator, employed as Deputy Court Administrator for Northampton County from 1987-1993.  
**Response:** I've worked tirelessly to bring property tax reform to homeowners by sponsoring bills to eliminate property taxes, redirect table game revenues to the Property Tax Relief fund and institute a senior citizens' freeze. I've sponsored legislation seeking

to stop gerrymandering by creating an Independent Citizens Commission, allow independents to vote in primaries and provide for direct initiative and referendum. My restitution bill requires those who steal from non-profits and government to pay the money back.

**Republican**  
No candidate

## 40TH DISTRICT

In **Northampton County**: Townships of Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Forks, Hanover, Lehigh, Lower Mt. Bethel, Lower Nazareth, Moore, Plainfield, Upper Mt. Bethel, Upper Nazareth and Washington. Boroughs of Bangor, Bath, Chapman, East Bangor, Nazareth, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Walnutport and Wind Gap. Also parts of **Monroe County**.

Vote for one

**Democrat**  
**TARAH PROBST**

Stroudsburg  
tarahprobstforsenate.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1971  
**Education:** East Stroudsburg Area High School, 1988; King's College, Bachelor of Arts in Communications 1992;; Widener University School of Law, Juris Doctor 2003  
**Occupation:** Second term Mayor of Stroudsburg Borough; Small business owner..  
**Qualifications:** Regional Police Commission; Codes Committee; Public Relations Committee; Downtown Business Association; interstate 80 Task Force; Community and Business Advocate.  
**Response:** 1) Property Tax Relief – Enact a natural gas severance tax, close corporate tax loopholes, lower corporate tax rate and build economic stimulus, and use increased revenues to help fund our underfunded schools. 2) Economy – Build sensible economic development and technical and skills training that creates jobs with living wages. 3) Justice – Fight for social, economic and environmental justice; fighting discrimination, working for affordable healthcare, combatting the practice of biosolids application to farmlands, and protecting waterways.

**Republican**  
**MARIO M. SCAVELLO**

Mount Pocono  
www.Facebook/Scavello for Senate  
**D.O.B.:** 1952  
**Education:** Theodore Roosevelt High School, Bronx N.Y.; City College of New York  
**Occupation:** State Senator  
**Qualifications:** State Senator 2015-present; State Repre-

sentative 2002-15; Chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners 2000-2002; Mayor of Mount Pocono 1994-1999.  
**Response:** 1) School property tax elimination 2) infrastructure improvements 3) all-day vocational-technical education to attract quality jobs to the area.

**Libertarian**  
**ADAM REINHARDT**

Middle Smithfield Township  
www.adam4freedom.com/  
**D.O.B.:** 1990  
**Education:** BA Religion, Houghton College, 2012; M.Div, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2016  
**Qualification:** My experience as a clergy person has given me skills in leadership, communication, conflict resolution, crisis management, budget creation, and oversight of personnel.  
**Response:** 1) Abolishing taxation on land and property - nobody should have to pay rent to the government to own their home. Property tax hurts seniors on fixed incomes and lower socio-economic status people the most. 2) Criminal justice reform - I would propose Campaign Zero's platform as a template. www.joincampaignzero.org/solutions/#solutionsoverview 3.) Abolish the Liquor Control Board - because why do we even have one? Most states in the country do not. It is an expensive and ineffective bureaucracy that is altogether too intrusive into the economic and personal lives of Pennsylvanians/and it has nothing to show for it. ///

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Duties:** The General Assembly, the legislative branch of state government, is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote of both houses is necessary to pass a law. Every law concerning taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.  
**Term:** 2 years  
**Salary:** \$87,180  
**Candidates were asked:** If you are elected, what will be your top three priorities while in office?

## 22ND DISTRICT

Allentown wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (div 1), 7, 8 (divs 1, 2), 9, 10 (div 1), 11 (divs 1, 2), 12, 14 (div 2), 16, 19.

Vote for one

**Democrat**  
**PETER G. SCHWEYER**

Allentown  
www.peterschweyer.com

www.facebook.com/schweyerforstaterep  
**D.O.B.:** 1978  
**Education:** Graduate, Allentown Central Catholic H.S., 1996; B.A. in Political Science, Schreyer's Honors College, Pennsylvania State University, State College, 2000; Masters Level Coursework, Elementary Education, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, 2000  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Qualifications:** State Representative 2015-current; Allentown City Council 2008-2014; Director, Community and Government Affairs, Sacred Heart HealthCare System, 2012-2014; Chief of Staff to State Rep. Jennifer Mann 2004-2012.

**Response:** I grew up in Center City Allentown, the son of blue-collar parents. They had jobs that supported our family and send me to a doctor, while encouraging my education. That explains a lot about me – and my priorities. They are: 1) Improving Pennsylvania's business climate so we can create family sustaining jobs. 2) Protecting access to health care. 3) As an ASD parent, ensuring that Allentown's students get their fair share of state funding.

**Republican**  
No candidate

## 131ST DISTRICT

**Lehigh County:** Townships of Lower Milford; Salisbury (Ward 3, div 1); Upper Milford; Upper Saucon. Boroughs of Coopersburg, Emmaus. **Northampton County:** Lower Saucon Township, districts 1, 2, 4, 7, 8. In Montgomery County: Upper Hanover Township; Boroughs of East Greenville, Pennsburg, Red Hill.

Vote for one

**Democrat**  
**ANDY LEE**

Coopersburg  
www.andyleeforstaterep.com  
www.facebook.com/Andy-Lee-for-State-Representative-508532116197135  
**D.O.B.:** 1964  
**Education:** B.A. Central Connecticut University 1987  
**Occupation:** Business Owner  
**Qualifications:** Started and run several successful companies, including Braveheart Highland Pub and Taps Tavern, all of which pay a fair wage to over 80 local employees.  
**Response:** I will fight to fix our state's education funding system and work with Gov. Wolf to keep rolling back the cuts the Republicans put in place that shifted the burden onto our property taxes. We need to pass the shale gas severance tax and use the proceeds to fund our schools,

community colleges, and apprenticeship programs to ensure that we aren't left with a hollowed out economy after the gas is gone – and to ensure that the gas extraction companies pay more than the 1.3% they currently pay. I will support Governor Wolf's proposal to stop paying legislators if they can't pass the budget – nobody else in this state gets to refuse to do their jobs day in and day out and still collect paychecks.///

**Republican**  
**JUSTIN J. SIMMONS**

Upper Saucon Township  
www.justin4staterep.com  
www.facebook.com/justinsimmons  
**D.O.B.:** 1964  
**Education:** St. Joseph's University; Southern Lehigh H.S.  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Qualifications:** As Representative, I have a proven record of achieving positive results for the people I serve on issues like fiscal discipline, education, and government reform. I also lead by example by refusing the legislative pension and per diems.  
**Response:** My top priorities mirror those expressed to me by the thousands of residents I have met with as their State Representative, and I am proud of the positive record I have built on them. 1. Standing strong for fiscal discipline, and for commonsense reforms that control spending and save tax dollars. I helped stop proposed income and sales tax increases on our residents, and passed historic pension reforms that will save taxpayers billions of dollars. 2. Fulfilling our top budget priorities: education, job creation, infrastructure and public safety.///

## 132ND DISTRICT

Allentown wards 6 (div 2), 8 (divs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), 10 (divs 3, 4), 11 (divs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), 13, 14 (div 1), 15, 17, 18. South Whitehall Twp districts 1, 2, 7.

Vote for one

**Democrat**  
**MIKE SCHLOSSBERG**

Allentown  
www.voteschlossberg.com  
www.facebook.com/VoteSchlossberg  
**D.O.B.:** 1983  
**Education:** BA, Political Science & Psychology, Muhlenberg College, 2005; MA, Political Science, Lehigh University, 2006  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Qualifications:** State Representative, 2012-present. Allentown City Council, 2009-2012. Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce employee, 2007-2012.



**Response:** First, increase state funding to our students at all levels, including pre-K, primary and higher education, ensuring that all students have access to a world class education (regardless of their zip code) while holding the line on property taxes. Second, create more and better jobs by growing proven job creation programs and creating a fairer tax system. Third, protect the elderly and vulnerable by ensuring proper investments in our social safety net.

**Republican**  
**No candidate**

**133RD DISTRICT**

City of Bethlehem (Lehigh County portion). Townships of Hanover; Salisbury wards 1, 2, 3 (div 2); Whitehall districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12. Boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay, Fountain Hill.

Vote for one

**Democrat**

**JEANNE McNEILL**  
Whitehall Township  
**D.O.B.:** 1960  
**Education:** Freedom High School, Bethlehem  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Qualifications:** Currently serving as State Representative for the 133rd District since January 2, 2018.  
**Response:** As a former Skills Trainer working with mentally challenged adults, I will fight for the right of mentally and physically challenged adults and children to have the same opportunities as the rest of the residents of our state. I will continue to address the heroin and opioid epidemic that continues to claim the lives of our family members, friends and neighbors. Finally, I will support legislation that protects working families, seniors and children with an increase in the minimum wage, lower property taxes, and increase in funding for early childhood education programs as well as protecting our citizens from discrimination of any kind.///

**Republican**  
**No candidate**

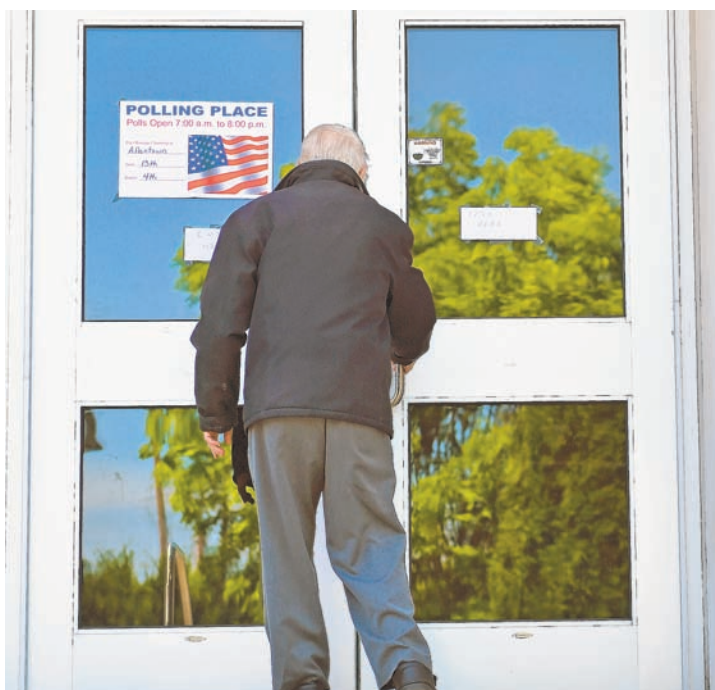
**134TH DISTRICT**

**Lehigh County:** Townships of Lower Macungie, Salisbury wards 4, 5, South Whitehall districts 3, 4. Boroughs of Alburtis, Macungie. **Berks County:** Townships of Hereford, Longswamp, Richmond, Rockland. Borough of Topton.

Vote for one

**Democrat**

**TOM APPLEBACH**  
Lower Macungie Township  
www.applebachpa134.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1962



APRIL GAMIZ/MORNING CALL FILE PHOTO

Pennsylvania's polling places will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 6. Voters can find their polling place on www.VotesPA.com.

**Education:** BGS - Political Science, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1991; MPA, Kutztown University, 2017  
**Occupation:** Director, Lehigh County Office of Veterans Affairs  
**Qualifications:** US Air Force and US Army, Iraq - 2004-2005, retired in 2006 after 21 years of service. Founder and Chair, Lehigh Valley Homeless Veteran Task Force. Governor Wolfs Advisory Council on Veteran Services, Committee Member.

**Response:** Reforming the property tax system to reduce or replace the regressive burden especially our seniors. 2. Level the playing field for public education funding and quality to ensure all of our students are equally prepared for college to trade schools. Provide additional funding to our state system of higher education to encourage our children to stay in-state while reducing the debt burden on the students and parents. 3. Ensure that our veterans get a fair shake from the system. We need to focus on increasing the number of Veteran Treatment Courts across the state.///

**Republican**

**RYAN E. MACKENZIE**  
Lower Macungie Township  
www.RyanForPA.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1982  
**Education:** Graduate, Parkland High School, 2000; B.S., Finance and International Business, New York University, 2004; Master of Business Administration, Harvard University, 2010  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Qualifications:** Current state Representative committed to

protecting taxpayers, creating jobs, strengthening education, and reforming government. Former Director of Policy for PA Department of Labor & Industry.

**Response:** As state representative, I am proud to have authored numerous pieces of legislation that were signed into law. This includes legislation that protects taxpayers from fraud by tax collectors, helps veterans start new businesses, and improves health-care. I have also never voted for a tax increase, and refuse per diems and a state car. If re-elected, I will continue my efforts to reform government and stay focused on protecting taxpayers, creating jobs, and strengthening education.

**135TH DISTRICT**

**Northampton County:** City of Bethlehem (Northampton County portion); Township of Bethlehem (Part, Wards 2 and 3 [divisions 1, 2, and 3]).

Vote for one

**Democrat**

**STEVE SAMUELSON**  
Bethlehem  
**D.O.B.:** 1960  
**Education:** 1978, Liberty High School; 1986, Lehigh University, B.A. in Government  
**Occupation:** State Legislator  
**Qualifications:** I am a hands-on legislator with a long record of service to our community, and I am a consistent advocate for reform in Harrisburg.  
**Response:** I am proud of my record on environmental issues, and I am a strong supporter of education who agrees with Ben Franklin that "an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." I am the prime sponsor of HB 722 to create an independent

citizens redistricting commission to draw legislative maps. This bipartisan legislation has been cosponsored by more than half of the House. The time to end gerrymandering is now.

**Republican**  
**No candidate**

**136TH DISTRICT**

**Northampton County:** City of Easton; Townships of Lower Saucon (Districts 03, 05, and 06), Palmer (Districts Eastern, Middle [Division 02] and Western) and Williams; Boroughs of Freemansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, West Easton and Wilson.

Vote for one

**Democrat**

**ROBERT FREEMAN**  
Easton  
**D.O.B.:** 1956  
**Education:** Easton Area High School, 1975; Moravian College, BA History & Political Science, magna cum laude 1978, Lehigh University, MA History, 1984  
**Occupation:** Legislator  
**Qualifications:** State Representative, 1982-1994, 1998-present; Democratic Chairman, House Local Government Committee; authored Elm Street Act to revitalize older neighborhoods; expertise in smart growth, farmland preservation, urban revitalization.  
**Response:** 1) Enact redistricting reform establishing a non-partisan commission to draw state legislative and congressional districts to end partisan gerrymandering. 2) Enact my legislation to have the State Auditor General audit the finances of the General Assembly to ensure transparency and accountability. 3) Enact my legislation to establish tutoring programs in all school districts where juniors and seniors would tutor elementary school students to improve academic performance.

**Republican**  
**No candidate**

**137TH DISTRICT**

**Northampton County:** Townships of Forks, Lower Mt. Bethel, Palmer (Part, Districts Middle [[Division 01], Upper Easton and Upper Western), Upper Mount Bethel, Upper Nazareth and Washington; Boroughs of Banger, East Banger, Nazareth, Portland, Roseto, Stockertown and Tatamy

Vote for one

**Democrat**

**AMY COZZE**  
amycozzeforstaterep.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1983  
**Education:** Southern Lehigh School graduate 2000; B.S.

University of Pittsburgh 2004  
**Occupation:** Small business owner, Cozze Cakes  
**Qualifications:** Successful small business owner, Board member of the Nazareth Business Council; Public Policy Liaison for the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce; Emerge PA 2018 Alumnae; Active Community partner; Mother of two boys.  
**Response:** Reduction of school taxes and funding of public education and health-care by enacting the Natural Gas severance tax. Raising the minimum wage, and supporting an equal and prevailing wage across the state. Health-care reform, to make it more accessible, affordable and effective.

**Republican**

**JOE EMRICK**  
 Upper Nazareth Township  
 VoteEmrick.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1970  
**Education:** Bangor High School, 1989; B.A. Lycoming College, 1993; Master of Education, Kutztown 1999  
**Occupation:** State Representative - 137th Legislative District.  
**Qualifications:** Serving my 4th term as State Representative; Township Supervisor, 4 years - Board Chairman 2 years; 18 years as a High School Economics/American Government teacher.  
**Response:** Throughout my service, I have met regularly with the people I serve to fully understand their priorities and concerns. That means controlling spending to protect taxpayers; helping create jobs to provide economic security for families, and supporting record investment in our schools to ensure a bright future for our children, I stood with residents to stop the Governor's massive tax increases; pass pension reform to save billions; and address issues important to our local community.

**Libertarian**

**ED REAGAN**  
 www.edreagan.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1968  
**Education:** Norristown High School, 1986; Drexel University, B.S. Mgmt Computerized Information Systems, 1991  
**Occupation:** Management Consultant  
**Qualifications:** Eastern Vice Chair, Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. 1 year.  
**Response:** 1) personal liberty; Ensure that individuals are free to make choices for themselves. 2) Economic Liberty; Ensure a free and competitive market where each person has the right to offer goods and services to others. 3) securing liberty; Ensure that protection

of individual rights is the only purpose of government. Government is constitutionally limited so as to prevent the infringement of individual rights by the government itself.

**138TH DISTRICT**

**Northampton County:** Townships of Bethlehem (Wards 01, 03 [Division 04] and 04), Bushkill, East Allen, Hanover, Lower Nazareth, Moore (Districts Eastern and Point Phillips) and Plainfield; Boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Pen Argyl and Wind Gap.

Vote for one

**Democrat**

**DEAN DONAHER**  
 Hanover Township  
 deanondaher.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1953  
**Education:** Graduated Liberty High School, 1971; B.A. History, Moravian College, 1975; M.Ed. Lehigh University, 1980; Ed.D. University of Pennsylvania, 2009  
**Occupation:** Retired Public school teacher and administrator.  
**Qualifications:** Member - Bethlehem Area School District Board of School Directors; Trustee - Northampton Community College; President - Five Star Heard Project; Member - Steering Committee, South Side Vision 20/20  
**Response:** Jobs/Economy - Good paying jobs that sustain a family and career, make Pennsylvania an enticing place for companies and industries to locate and thrive and provide them with a well educated, hard working, dedicated workforce.  
 Education - The fair and equitable funding of public schools, Charter School reform;  
 Environment - Protect open spaces and farmlands to maintain agriculture as an industry, support the health of the citizens and to provide opportunities for recreational and sporting activities.

**Republican**

**MARCIA HAHN**  
 No response  
**Libertarian**  
**JAKE TOWNE**  
 jaketowne.com  
**D.O.B.:** 1979  
**Education:** Nazareth High, 1998; B.S. Chemical Engineering, Lehigh, 2002; Economics, Mises University, 2009  
**Occupation:** Manager, Product Innovation, Crayola  
**Qualifications:** Current Lower Nazareth Township Auditor; Engineer, 14 years; district resident, 31 years; Board member, Crayola Employees Credit Union, 5 years, Secretary 4 years; Judge of Elections, Bethlehem Township, 4 years;

independent Congressional candidate, 2010.  
**Response:** Abolish property taxes. Governments have no right to confiscate your home if you can't pay ever-increasing taxes. You can never truly own your home if you have to pay rent on it. Abolish the state personal income tax. YOUR income from YOUR labor should belong to YOU and no one else, especially the government, has the right to steal it from you. End the state monopoly on education. Protect homeschooling. End the war on drugs.

**183RD DISTRICT**

**Lehigh County:** Townships of South Whitehall districts 5, 6, 8; Washington; Whitehall districts 7, 10, 11. Borough of Slat- ington. **Northampton County:** Townships of Allen; Lehigh; Moore districts Beersville and Klecknersville. Boroughs of North Catasauqua; Northampton; Walnutport.

Vote for one

**Democrat**

**JASON RUFF**  
 Slatington  
 facebook.com/jasonruffslatington/  
**D.O.B.:** 1977  
**Education:** Northampton High School, 1995; Kutztown University, 2010  
**Occupation:** Small Business Owner  
**Qualifications:** Small Business Owner, Vice-President Slatington Borough Council, Human and Community Services Committee Chair, member of Chamber of Commerce, D&L Steering Committee, Lehigh County Blight Task Force, and the local merchant's revitalization group.  
**Response:** I'm committed to strengthening our workforce with higher paying jobs and legislation that eliminates discrimination. I'm committed to strengthening our public school system with increased state funding and legislation that addresses the rising costs of higher education. I'm committed to smart property tax reform that supports students and our school districts, implements tax incentives for our volunteer firefighters, reduces tax burdens on seniors and community improvements that raise property values for everyone.

**Republican**

**ZACH MAKO**  
 No response  
**187TH DISTRICT**  
**Lehigh County:** Townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Upper Macungie, Weisenberg. **Berks County:** Maxatawny Town-

ship; Boroughs of Kutztown, Lyons.

Vote for one

**Democrat**

**MICHAEL Blichar JR.**  
 Kutztown  
 www.voteblicharjr.com  
 www.facebook.com/voteblichar  
**D.O.B.:** 1994  
**Education:** B.A. Political Science, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
**Occupation:** Student  
**Qualifications:** I have served in a number of appointed and elected positions in local government including the Kutztown University Council of Trustees, the Kutztown Borough Planning Commission, and the Berks County Democratic Committee.  
**Response:** Anti-corruption is at the top of my priorities. I am running to ensure that Pennsylvanians are the most important stakeholders in government and politics. Our legislatures should not be beholden to special interests and party politics that prevents real progress and reform from being made. Healthcare is another priority and as a candidate I support a Medicare for All plan that expands healthcare so that everyone has access to quality coverage. Lastly, education, specifically higher education, has always been a priority of mine.///

**Republican**

**GARY DAY**  
 Heidelberg Township  
 No response

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY REFERENDUM**

Vote Yes or No

Should the electorate of Northampton County approve a change in the Northampton County Home Rule Charter to Article IV titled "Controller," 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph of Section 4.01, commencing with the Controller's term of office which begins January, 2020, so as to provide for the following amendment: During his term of office, the County Controller shall devote full time to the office." The ballot question asks the voters of Northampton County whether the County should amend the Home Rule Charter, Article IV, Section 4.01, Titles and Status, to remove the stipulation that the Controller could not actively engage in any other business or occupation. A vote of "YES" of the ballot question approves the Controller to engage in any other business or occupation, but must devote full time to the Office of Controller.