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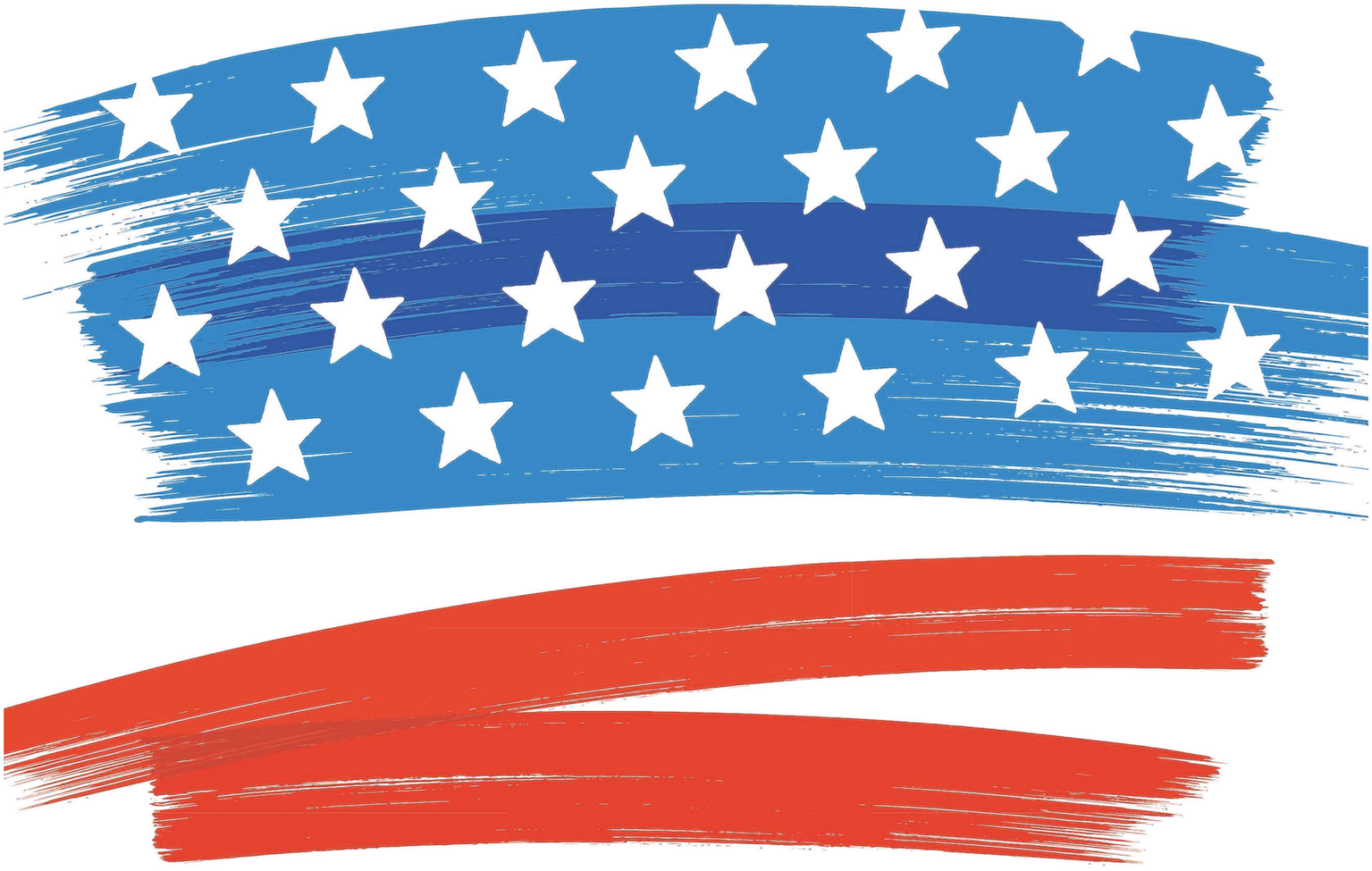

LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES

# VOTERS GUIDE

## TO THE 2021 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION

**TUESDAY NOV. 2** POLLS OPEN 7 A.M. CLOSE 8 P.M.

**COVERAGE:** Look for voter checklists on Monday, Nov. 1, and follow the election all day, Nov. 2, on the morningcall.com
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# PENNSYLVANIA

## REFERENDUM

### SUPERIOR COURT

**Vote Yes or No :** Shall **John T. Bender** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

**Vote Yes or No:** Shall **Mary Jane Bowes** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

### COMMONWEALTH COURT

**Vote Yes or No:** Shall **Anne Covey** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

**Vote Yes or No:** Shall **Renee Cohn Jubelirer** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

## JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

**Job Description:** The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is the highest court in the commonwealth and the oldest appellate court in the nation. The Supreme Court's administrative powers and jurisdictional responsibilities are vested with the seven-member court by the Pennsylvania State Constitution and a collection of statutes known as the Judicial Code. The justice with the longest continuous service on the Supreme Court automatically becomes chief justice. Administratively, the courts within the Unified Judicial System are largely responsible for organizing their own staff and dockets; however, the Supreme Court has several committees and boards responsible for writing and enforcing rules for judges, attorneys and litigants to ensure an efficient and fair judicial review. Annually, the seven justices receive over 3,000 requests for appellate review.
**Term:** 10 years
**Salary:** $215,037
**Candidates were asked:** What can you do, on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**MARIA MCLAUGHLIN**
Philadelphia County
*judgemclaughlin.com*
**Occupation**: Superior Court Judge
**Education**: Penn State 1988. Delaware Law School at Widener University 1992
**Qualifications**: Current Judge on our PA Superior Court; Served 6 years as Judge, Court of Common Pleas; Chief and ADA, Phila District Attorneys Office; Rated Highly Recommended for the Supreme Court by the PBA
**Response:** Along with being our highest appellate court, The Supreme Court overseas our statewide court system and legal community. As such we have the opportunity to set rules, educate the legal community and create special court programs dealing with human services issues like substance abuse and mental health challenges, veteran's issues and initiatives focused on autism. All geared toward providing fair treatment and equal access for people with unique circumstances.

### Republican

**KEVIN BROBSON**
Dauphin County
*www.brobsonforpa.com*
**Occupation:** President Judge, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
**Education:** Widener Commonwealth Law School, summa cum laude (2nd in class), Managing Editor Law Review; Lycoming College (B.A., Accounting/Economics), magna cum laude
**Qualifications:** President Judge of the Pa. Commonwealth Court; over 11 years as statewide appellate court judge (elected 2009, retained 2019); Pa. Judicial Conduct Board, 2015-19 (Chair); 14 years' private practice; former federal judicial clerk; "Highly Recommended" by Pa. Bar Association
**Response:** I would work cooperatively with the governor and the legislature to increase funding for legal aid programs. While in private practice, I created a program in Dauphin County to expand pro bono opportunities for lawyers to provide services to nonprofit organizations. I would encourage county bar associations to think creatively about expanding pro bono service to small and minority-owned businesses and nonprofits. I want to ensure our courts have access to interpreters for parties with limited English proficiency. I would build upon the excellent work of Philadelphia Legal Assistance with respect to the representation of low-wage workers and the unemployed by engaging law schools and other legal aid associations throughout the state.

## JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

**Job Description:** The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, established in 1895, reviews most of the civil and criminal cases that are appealed from the Courts of Common Pleas in the Commonwealth's 67 counties. The Superior Court consists of 15 judges. The president judge is elected to a five-year term by his/her colleagues. A large number of appeals flow to the Superior Court from the trial courts. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh. The court often is the final arbiter of legal disputes. Although the Supreme Court may grant a petition for review of a Superior Court decision, most petitions are denied, and the ruling of the Superior Court stands.
**Term:** 10 years
**Salary:** $202,898
**Candidates were asked:** What can you do, on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**TIMIKA LANE**
Philadelphia County
*www.judgelane.com*
**Occupation:** Court of Common Pleas Judge
**Education** West Catholic High School and went on to graduate Howard University in Washington DC and received my Law Degree in 2002 from Rutgers University School of Law in NJ.
**Qualifications** Major Trials Judge presiding over 1000 s of trials, authoring 100 s of opinions. I handle all human trafficking cases and many of the most serious criminal cases & Grand Jury matters. Certified Child Advocate and as former Exec Dir of the Senate Govt Cmte advised on the constitutionality of legislation
**Response**: As a sitting Judge, I ensure everyone in my courtroom is treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, gender, creed, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. As a member of the Access to Justice Committee, we address this issue by looking at possible barriers and how to remove those barriers to ensure everyone has equal access. As co-chair of the Local Criminal Rules Committee we recommend the qualifications for court appointed attorneys to make sure that indigent people have capable legal representation. We ensure that the local criminal rules are fair and applied equally to all who all who come before our courts.

### Republican

**MEGAN SULLIVAN**
Chester County
*www.megsullivanforjudge.com*
**Occupation:** Attorney
**Education**: Temple University Beasley School of Law, Juris Doctorate (cum laude) Saint Joseph's University (B.A.)
**Qualifications:** 20 years criminal and civil law experience. Deputy Attorney General in PA Attorney General's Office and Supervisory District Attorney, protected victims including the most vulnerable

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### ELECTION INFORMATION

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### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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### ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, may be absent from the municipality or choose to vote via mail-in ballot on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot or mail-in ballot. Completed applications for absentee and mail-in ballots must be received by 5 p.m. Oct. 26. Completed absentee and mail-in ballots must be received back to the board of elections by 8 p.m. Nov. 2. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Oct. 26 deadline, call your county board of elections for information on emergency absentee voting. In order to obtain an emergency absentee application you may need to provide proof of emergency. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county board of election.

### 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 questions or need to report any problems, call 1-866-OURVOTE for assistance in English or Spanish or 1-888-APIVOTE 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, you must bring your voter ID card or 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 an acceptable ID, then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot. If you are not a new voter and are not voting at the polling place for the first time, you are NOT required to bring or provide identification.

### ONLINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Vote411Online Voters Guide is available at www.vote411.org. Links to this guide as well as links toVote411 and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage: www.palwv.org. Information about the Lehigh Valley candidates may be found at www.lwvlehighcounty.org in the Voters Guide pages.

# State

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members of our society as a child abuse prosecutor. Asst. General Counsel at West Chester University and civil litigator.
**Response**: I believe equal access to justice is essential to maintaining trust in our courts and our justice system's legitimacy. I am committed to providing all individuals in my courtroom with equal access to justice by ensuring their voice is heard, their rights are protected, and that they are never subject to discrimination. I support efforts to enhance equal access to justice through legal aid programs that provide individuals with access to qualified attorneys. Providing interpreters for those individuals for whom English is a second language is also important. It is also important to give Individuals with disabilities full access to the courtroom. Everyone that comes before a judge should fully understand their constitutional rights.

## JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT

**Job Description:** The Commonwealth Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, established in 1968, is unlike any other state court in the nation. Its jurisdiction generally is limited to legal matters involving state and local government and regulatory agencies. Litigation typically focuses on subjects such as banking, insurance, utility regulation, and laws affecting taxation, land use, elections, labor practices, and workers compensation. The Commonwealth Court also acts as a court of original jurisdiction, or a trial court, when lawsuits are filed by or against the commonwealth. The Commonwealth Court is made up of nine judges. The president judge is elected to a five-year term by his/her colleagues. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh.
**Term:** 10 years
**Salary:** $202,898
**Candidates were asked:** What can you do, on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

*Vote for two*

### Democrat

**DAVID LEE SPURGEON**
Allegheny County
www.judgespurgeon4commonwealth.com
**Occupation**: Court of Common Pleas Judge
**Education**: McKeesport Area Senior High Duquesne University - B.A. Duquesne University School of Law - Juris Doctor
**Qualifications**: "Highly Recommended" by the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Endorsed by the PA Dem; Serving as a Judge since 2016; Appointed by the Governor and unanimously confirmed by the PA Senate; Adjunct Law Professor; National Judicial Fellow; Domestic Violence National Expert; former prosecutor family violence
**Response**: As a judge, I use my position to promote systems change that ensure that all people have more accessibility to the courts. As a Judicial Fellow, I am using those resources to study the statistics over the year of the pandemic to understand whether the use of advanced technology communications increased participation in the court process. Often times, people with limited resources face additional obstacles inherent with our established court processes. Further, we can ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to the court regardless of how you look, who you love, the language you speak and your socio-economic status. Off the bench, judges should participate in the community as a stakeholder to promote the above matters

**LORI A. DUMAS**
Philadelphia County
www.judgedumas2021.com/
**Occupation**: Judge
**Education**: North Carolina Central School of Law; Duke University; Executive Certificates from Cornell University, (D&I); University of Pennsylvania, Fels Institute of Government
**Qualifications**: Trial Court Judge since 2002; Jury and Non-jury experience; Presided in Family, Criminal and Civil Divisions; Former Corporate Executive, Non-Profit Leader; Adjunct Professor; National Leader in trauma informed courts; Led the creation of victim centered juvenile human trafficking court in Phila.
**Response**: As a judge, I must ensure that every person that comes before the Court has the opportunity to be heard. I must rule according to the law without losing sight of the ultimate goal of dispensing justice. I must remove any obstacle which prevents equal access to justice by any means necessary. As a citizen, I can involve myself with organizations and in activities which seek to educate people about the Court, its processes and procedures and to equip them with the knowledge and power to to be able to use the legal system as an advocate for themselves and their interests.

### Republican

**DREW COMPTON**
Cumberland County
JudgeCrompton.com
**Occupation**: Judge
**Education**: Phil-mont Christian Academy Dickinson College Widener School of Law
**Qualifications**: Currently a sitting Judge on the Commonwealth Court. I have authored over 100 opinions. They are balanced, well-reasoned and thoughtful. I am recommended by the PA Bar. I also serve on the Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee. I have extensive Constitutional, statutory and regulatory experience.
**Response**: As a sitting Judge I have done all in my power to treat every person that comes before me with respect and fairness. Judges must ensure those with modest means have equal access to justice. We are all created equal but as judges we must insist that all are treated equally or justice is being unfairly denied. Filing fees and other court costs must be waived for those who cannot afford them. Also, quality lawyers must be available to low income individuals free of cost for civil and criminal matters. Further as judges we must ensure that no one perceives that race or wealth or political connections are weighed when a decision is rendered. High ethical standards are vital to instill confidence in the Judiciary

**STACY MARIE WALLACE**
McKean County
stacyforpa.com
**Occupation**: Attorney
**Education**: B.A. Communications, University of Pittsburgh ('01) J.D., Duquesne University School of Law ('04)
**Qualifications**: Nearly 17 years' experience Owner: Stacy Wallace Law LLC Specially Appointed Family Law Master & SORNA Counsel Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Clerkships: McKean Co. Court of Common Pleas, PA Superior Court Certified Mediator-Conflict Resolution McKean Co. Bar Assn., President
**Response**: Throughout my career, my purpose has been to always seek justice. I was first inspired to enter the legal field by a pamphlet for Northwestern Legal Services, a legal aid organization of which I now serve on the board of directors. I've worked tirelessly to ensure that our state's most vulnerable individuals, including at-risk children and those with disabilities, have equal access to justice, and have done much of this work pro bono. If elected, I will continue to advocate for and engage with underserved communities. On the bench, I will be a steadfast defender of equal justice under the law in all matters and safeguard the rights of all citizens regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religious affiliation or financial status.

# COUNTIES

## LEHIGH COUNTY

### REFERENDUM

**Vote Yes or No:** Shall **Douglas G. Reichley** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 31st Judicial District, Lehigh County?

### JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

**Term:** 10 years
**Salary:** $186,665
**Candidates were asked:** What is the most important quality in a judge?

*Vote for three*

#### Democrat

**MARALEEN SHIELDS**
www.shieldsforlcjudge.com
**D.O.B.:** 1978
**Education:** Kenyon College, BA, 2000; University of Pittsburgh School of Law, JD, 2003 (3-Year Full Ride Scholarship, Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, University of Pittsburgh Law Review Editorial Board)
**Occupation:** Shareholder Attorney at Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, PC
**Qualifications:** I have represented doctors, hospitals, the injured, union workers, and tax payers in civil matters. I have served as arbitrator and guardian ad litem. The Bar Association of Lehigh County gave me its highest possible recommendation for this position.
**Response:** A judge must have a combination of strong critical thinking skills and practical courtroom experience. A judge must also be free of bias and have the temperament to treat everyone with a baseline level of decency and respect. Communication is essential to ensuring equal access to justice. Communication is not only about the ability to be heard and understood, but also the ability to hear and understand others. A judge must be willing to meet people where they are without regard to their background or beliefs. A judge's responsibility is to ensure that the courtroom is open and equitable. I have each of these important qualities. I am committed to improving everyday and advancing the core principles of equal justice under the law.

**ZACHARY COHEN**
cohen4judge.com
**D.O.B.:** 1977
**Education:** University of Vermont: BA in Philosophy and English. Lewis and Clark Law School: Juris Doctor
**Occupation:** Attorney at Law — Litigator
**Qualifications:** 4th gen. Allentownian. Partner at law practice and trial lawyer for 18 years. Judicial Clerk for Hon. Robert Freedberg. Past President of Bar Association of Lehigh County. Rated Exceptionally Well Qualified and Highly Recommended by Bar Association
**Response:** Fairness: Equal Justice Under Law is inscribed on the facade of the Supreme Court of the United States and it embodies my attitude towards the law. Everybody "regardless of personal politics, socio-economic status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, etc." deserves fair treatment from our courts and an impartial judge who will listen with an open mind and without bias; a judge who upholds our laws and constitutional protections for the betterment of our community. The courthouse should be a place where people can receive justice "a place where wrongs can be righted and order restored" a place that serves and protects our community.

**RASHID SANTIAGO**
www.RashidSantiagoforJudge.com
**D.O.B.:** 1984
**Education:** William Allen High School, 1999; George School, 2003; Gwynedd Mercy College, B.S., 2007; Widener University School of Law, J.D., 2010.
**Occupation:** Magisterial District Judge
**Qualifications:** As a Magisterial District Judge, I have presided over thousands of cases including criminal, civil, traffic, truancy, and landlord-tenant. I previously served as a law clerk to a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. I have been an attorney since 2010.
**Response:** Judicial temperament. According to the American Bar Association, judicial temperament consists of a candidate's ability to display compassion, decisiveness, open-mindedness, sensitivity, courtesy, patience, freedom from bias and commitment to equal justice. As an elected judge since 2014, I have had the privilege to be able to demonstrate the aforementioned qualities in a courtroom on a daily basis. Thus, I am confident that it will be a seamless transition for me to demonstrate the same judicial temperament as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

#### Republican

**TOM CAFFREY**
www.caffreyforjudge.com
**D.O.B.:** 1961
**Education:** Allentown Central Catholic High School (1979); The Pennsylvania State University (BA History 1983); The Dickinson School of Law (JD 1986)
**Occupation:** Attorney
**Qualifications:** I have extensive courtroom experience. I served in a judicial capacity as the Juvenile Master. I prosecuted felony criminal cases as an Asst. District Attorney. And I have litigated a wide variety of civil cases in both state and federal court.
**Response:** A judge must possess several different and equally important qualities. A judge must be able to maintain an open mind and decide cases based on the law and facts, and not his or her political or personal views. A judge must possess the academic ability and experience to handle complex legal matters, while also possessing the common sense and temperament required to deal with the wide variety of issues that arise on a daily basis. A judge must be willing to make tough decisions, without regard to whether they may or may not be popular. And a judge must be willing to hold people accountable for their actions, without regard to who they are, what they do for a living, or their status in life.

**TOM CAPEHART**
www.capehartforjudge.com
**D.O.B.:** 1964
**Education:** University of Akron School of Law, 1989; Dickinson College, 1986; Emmaus H.S., 1982
**Occupation:** Attorney & Partner, Gross-McGinley, LLP
**Qualifications:** Rated highly qualified by Lehigh County Bar Association. Heard and decided cases as court-appointed arbitrator. Attorney with 30+ years of vast legal experience. Highest ethical rating from national peer review. Decades of community involvement.
**Response:** There are two main qualities: the first is impartial adherence to the law. Judges must apply the law to the facts of each case regardless of personal or political opinion and render a reasoned and fair decision. Over my 30 years in the law, I have treated all parties with respect, and will do the same as a judge to afford impartial hearings for all who come before the bench. The second is experience: we deserve a fully qualified Judge. As an attorney, I have more than 30 years experience in the civil law that makes up approx. 60% of the court's caseload; this would allow me to make an immediate impact, especially in reducing significant backlogs caused by COVID. I have also heard and decided upon cases as a court-appointed arbitrator.

**DAVID RITTER**
www.ritterforjudge.com
**D.O.B.:** 1971
**Education:** B.A. The Pennsylvania State University 1993, J.D. Widener University School of Law 1996

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**Occupation:** Attorney
**Qualifications:** Assistant Public Defender Lehigh County 1997-2001, Deputy District Attorney Lehigh County 2002-2009, Conflict Attorney Lehigh County 2010-2013, Assistant Public Defender (Part-Time) Lehigh County 2014-Present, Arbitrator Lehigh County 2010-Present
**Response:** Integrity is the most important quality in a Judge. During my twenty-four year career as a trial attorney, I have developed a reputation for being an attorney who will vigorously advocate for my client, but always stay within ethical boundaries. A Judge must likewise uphold the highest ethical standards. Citizens need to know that their Judges will apply the law as written, and do so in an honest, forthright, common sense manner. That is my pledge: I will continue to be a person of character and integrity if I am so fortunate as to be elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County.

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Term:** 4 years
**Candidates were asked:** How will you continue to address the effects of COVID-19, specifically the impact on the community and economy?

*Vote for one*

### Democrat

**PHILLIPS M. ARMSTRONG**
armstrongforlehigh.com
**D.O.B.:** 1949
**Education:** Kutztown in 1971 B.S in Secondary Education and minor in social studies. Master's Degree in education in 1975.
**Occupation:** Lehigh County Executive
**Qualifications:** Current County Executive, Former Whitehall Township Commissioner & 40 yrs teaching social studies at Whitehall High School where he chaired the Social Studies Dept.
**Response:** In 2020 we distributed $33 Million dollars in COVID funding to about 770 small businesses, 150 nonprofits, school districts and human services organizations. I will continue working with state and federal government to ensure Lehigh Co receives the funding required to care for our community throughout this recovery. Elected to represent the Northeast Region at the National Association of Regional Councils an organization bringing together leaders of federal, county, state, and local governments advocating for and supporting effective inter-governmental cooperation across the U.S. My voice gives Lehigh Co a voice at the table in shaping federal policy moving forward.

### Republican

**GLENN ECKHART**
glenneckhart.net
**D.O.B.:** 1967
**Education:** Salisbury High School 1985 and Scott White Real Estate
**Occupation:** Self Employed Small Business Owner
**Qualifications:** former Lehigh County Controller (2012-2020), former Lehigh County Commissioner (2006-2012)
**Response:** As Lehigh County Executive I will continue to monitor and address the safety of all county employees and our residents at both Cedarbrook locations. I believe it is important to also support our county businesses through the grant program that is in place and focus on citizens returning back to the workforce.

## COMMISSIONERS

**Term:** 4 years
**Candidates were asked:** How will you continue to address the effects of COVID-19, specifically the impact on the community and economy?

*Vote for five:*

## DISTRICT 1

### Democrat

**LUKE SAVAGE**
savage4lehigh.com
**D.O.B.:** 1978
**Education:** B.S. - Bioengineering - University of Illinois M.B.A. - Lehigh University
**Occupation:** Associate Director, Health Care IT
**Qualifications:** Currently serving Heidelberg Township on both the Planning Commission and Environmental Action Committee.
**Response:** I believe the establishment of a Lehigh County Public Health office would help with the equitable distribution of COVID-19 care that is needed in our county. The vaccination and treatment of as many people as possible is key to reducing the threat from COVID and a Public Health office would address the areas of our county and vulnerable populations that are unable to get vaccinated or treated today. If I am elected to County Commissioner, I will use my years of experience in the health care industry to help Lehigh County tackle the immediate threat of COVID and setup a system for tracking how Lehigh County is impacted in the longer term in order to provide a safer future for us all.

### Republican

**ANTONIO PINEDA**
pinedaforcommissioner.com
**D.O.B.:** 1991
**Education:** Columbia University - B.S. Earth and Environmental Engineering, 2013. Whitehall High School, 2009
**Occupation:** Environmental Engineer
**Qualifications:** Whitehall Environmental Advisory Council member. Vice President of Whitehall Active Community Center board.
**Response:** County commissioners have a responsibility to aid those hit hardest by the pandemic. I plan to do this in two ways. 1) The county must ensure the federal recovery funding is used judiciously and effectively. 2) I will use my platform to highlight the organizations and businesses in the county hit hardest and working tirelessly to build back from the pandemic. These organizations and small businesses are the backbones of our community. COVID-19 took both lives and livelihoods over the past year and a half. We must lay aside partisan talking points and, instead, support each other as neighbors. Our response to this pandemic can show the best of our community, and as a county commissioner, I look forward to leading the way in doing that.

## DISTRICT 2

### Democrat

**MARK FEDOROV**
VoteFed.com
**D.O.B.:** 1969
**Education:** 1991 - BS Mechanical Engineering, Lafayette College. 1999 - MBA, Finance, Lehigh University
**Occupation:** Real Estate Developer
**Qualifications:** Mark runs a support group for the National Alliance on Mentally Illness (NAMI) and he has run the financial operations of large business like Air Products. Bringing this combination of compassion and fiscal responsibility will help improve the County.
**Response:** As I write this in early September, the virus is still spreading. As we help with the economic impact of the pandemic, we need to get as many people vaccinated as possible to slow the pace of the virus and protect those who are more vulnerable. At the same time, we need to help people be safe while getting back in the work force. If that means we need to mask up, so be it, we should follow the direction of our scientists and medical professionals here. The County also has the American Rescue Plan money coming from the Federal government, we should be using those funds to ease people back into work and to help people get their lives on a normal footing again.

### Republican

**RON W. BEITLER**
www.facebook.com/ronbeitlerforlowermacungie/
**D.O.B.:** 1979
**Education:** Emmaus High School Graduate 1998 B.A. Slippery Rock University 2005
**Occupation:** Owner Rising River Brewing Co. & Barnone Weddings
**Qualifications:** Served 2 terms as Commissioner in Lower Mac, past 4 years as Board President. Member of County Farmland Preservation Board. Locally, led historic farmland preservation program, reduced homeowner property taxes and removed warehouses from zoning code.
**Response:** Sadly, many small businesses were lost during the shutdown through no fault of their own. A report by the Auditor General found a controversial waiver program arbitrarily determined which businesses were allowed to remain open. It found the program flawed and administered unevenly hurting businesses and putting public health at risk. The program offered little transparency, was confusing, provided inconsistent answers and lacked accountability. Ensuring this never happens again will be a top priority as a Lehigh County Commissioner. In Lower Mac we worked with businesses ensuring local regulations did not prevent them from safely reopening and were among the first to ensure Federal money went directly into the hands of those most impacted.

## DISTRICT 3

### Democrat

**ZACHARY COLE BORGHI**
www.electzachcole-borghi.com
**D.O.B.:** 1990
**Education:** Graduated from Liberty High School
**Occupation:** Travel Sales
**Qualifications:** Managerial experience within the Corporate sector. Managed a 42 member sales and customer service team. Former Program Director of the 501c3 nonprofit Northeast Community Center. Democratic Party Precinct Committee Person
**Response:** My hope is by the time I am sworn in on January, the COVID Pandemic would be under control. This however should be the time to act, by establishing a county health department for Lehigh County. Small businesses will still be hurting from the economic effects. I want to establish additional long-term financial programs for the businesses that allow Lehigh County to prosper. The number of financially insecure residents of this county have increased tremendously during the pandemic and shown how many families are only a paycheck away from homelessness. I am going to work to address the underlying issues that made our community so vulnerable during this pandemic.

### Republican

**JACQUELINE RIVERA**
www.jriveraforcommissioner.com
**D.O.B.:** 1985
**Education:** Graduated from Dieruff High School in 2003. Studied Business Administration at LCCC.
**Occupation:** Senior Accounts Receivable Administrator
**Qualifications:** Manager 8 years, I understand process, structure and how to operate a business. Cut wasteful spending to create profit and managed budget. For 5 years now, I work in Finance at Olympus America Inc. Passionate to put our community first.
**Response:** I will start by being a leader that doesn't support decisions based off political or personal agendas. We should not mandate vaccines but ensure it's available to anyone who has not received it yet. Everyone's health isn't the same and I care about everyone's health. I will ensure there is open transparency in our local government. I will ensure the County funds and resources are being utilized properly to stay on top of covid-19. We cannot waste taxpayer money as we build back our economy.

## DISTRICT 4

### Democrat

**GEOFFREY BRACE**
www.geoffbrace.com
**D.O.B.:** 1980
**Education:** Bachelors: Ursinus College Masters: Lehigh University
**Occupation:** County Commissioner & Legislative Assistant
**Qualifications:** 8 years as Lehigh County Commissioner, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Mike Schlossberg, community volunteer (Old Allentown Pres Assoc, Zion UCC, homeless ministries, Allentown Youth Soccer Coach, CACLV, Downtown Allentown Business Alliance)
**Response:** First, we need to establish a county health bureau. Public health is a core government function. The decision nine years ago to eliminate the regional health bureau was an egregious error. We must correct it by establishing a county health bureau. Next, we need to ensure effective, sustainable and equitable allocation of federal relief dollars to support those directly impacted by the pandemic. This includes aid to residents, youth, small business owners and non-profit organizations. It also involves finishing the plan to expand and modernize Cedarbrook. The pandemic was an earthquake. It is our job to rebuild our region, not to pre-pandemic standards, but in a way that anticipates the next big threat to our health, safety and well-being.

### Republican

**MARJULEE V. COLON**
Marjuleevc7.webnode.com
**D.O.B.:** 1986
**Education:** Studied Social Sciences at LCCC but was unable to finish due to family obligations. While I attended I was on the Deans Honor List with a GPA of 3.62
**Occupation:** Medicare Insurance Management
**Qualifications:** As a data analyst for 5 yrs, my job was to review areas of opportunity; enhance profits and limit expenses. As a single mother of 3, I have to use a minimal budget to produce maximum results. Now working in the health industry provides insight on cost
**Response:** I would start working with our small businesses to safely reopen as well as being in constant communication with our state legislature on the distribution of the vaccine. I would immediately lower taxes wherever I can to give our families a break from having to pay for the government's expenses instead of putting food on the table.

## DISTRICT 5

### Democrat

**JOYCE MOORE**
mooreforlehigh.com
**D.O.B.:** 1955
**Education:** Graduate, Radnor High School 1972. Attended Beloit College, University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, and Lafayette College
**Occupation:** Financial advisor/Small Business Owner
**Qualifications:** Glendon Borough Council 1991-1995 Glendon Borough Council VP 1995-1996 Upper Milford Township Supervisor 2018-Present. 10 years experience as a Management Accountant & 30+ years experience as a Financial Advisor.
**Response:** First I want all COVID relief to be equitably distributed. Vaccines must be fairly distributed to rebuild our lives. Small businesses & restaurants need loans & grants to rebuild. We must support our medical & mental health systems in the county. I want to develop a County Health Department, to identify the basic health needs of all. We must be ready for the next health crisis. We should help our child care providers with COVID health standards. Along with mental health support for our residents, we need to focus on substance abuse, which has increased with COVID. This can be done with fiscal discipline, protecting our taxpayers. I want to fairly

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# Counties

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help our vulnerable, our seniors, and our children recover and flourish again in Lehigh County.

### Republican

**JEFFREY DUTT**
www.facebook.com/dutt1968
**D.O.B.:** 1968
**Education:** BSW - Mansfield University 1990 M.Ed - Lehigh University 1993
**Occupation:** Teacher
**Qualifications:** I have been a teacher in the Allentown School District for the past 19 years. I served as a Commissioner in Whitehall Township from 2016-2019. I was appointed to the Board of Commissioners in Lehigh County in December of 2020.
**Response:** I am proud to be part of a bipartisan response to the the effects of COVID-19 since I was appointed to the Board of Commissioners in Lehigh County last December. We have provided funds for landlords, renters, non-profits organizations, and small business to help in the recovery effort of our economy since the two government shutdowns ordered by our governor. I will continue to work with my colleagues in making sure that these funds are used in the most effective ways for our communities to recover from this pandemic. I will also make sure that these funds are used to directly benefit those in need and to make sure that these funds are not used for programs that are going to require long-term budget investment.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Term:** 4 years
**Candidates were asked:** Do you think the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has shown a need for improvements to our health care system and policies, and what would you recommend?

*Vote for one*

### Democrat

**LAMONT G. MCCLURE**
**D.O.B.:** 1970
**Education:** Duquesne University School of Law J.D. 1995; Wilkes University B.A. History and International Studies 1992
**Occupation:** County Executive
**Qualifications:** Incumbent County Executive; Served nearly a decade on Northampton Council.
**Response:** During the pandemic we took decisive action to partner with local hospitals to test for COVID-19, and now we are testing and vaccinating in cooperation with Coordinated Health at 3100 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18020. Our aggressive efforts to obtain personal protective equipment from the outset of the coronavirus pandemic helped us slow the spread. This leadership forms the basis of our ability to respond forcefully in the future.

### Republican

**STEVE LYNCH**
No response

## COUNCIL

**Term:** 4 years
**Candidates were asked:** Do you think the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has shown a need for improvements to our health care system and policies, and what would you recommend?

*Vote for five*

### Democrats

**TARA ZRINSKI**
**D.O.B.:** 1975
**Education:** Graduate of Freedom High School, 1993; graduated Drew University with a B.A., Specialized Honors in Philosophy and English, 1997. graduated Moravian Theological Seminary, Master of Theological Studies, summa cum laude, 2005; Master of Pastoral Counseling, Summa cum laude, 2007
**Occupation:** Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Northampton Community College and Solar Energy Consultant at SunPulse Solar
**Qualifications:** Current Northampton County Commissioner serving as Chair of the Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee. Member of the Economic Development Committee, Karst Geology Advisory Council, Ad Hoc Committee for Industrial Hemp, Parks, Recreation and Open space Advisory Council and previous member of the Human Services and Personnel Committees. ///
**Response:** Beyond the fact that every experience is an opportunity for self-reflection, growth and improvement, it's obvious that the global pandemic has revealed problems with our health care system and policies, among other aspects of our society, that are not equitable or just. People's health care is often attached to their employment and, in instances where it isn't, it is still expensive. As a society and especially among working class families, we have been conditioned to "survival mode" which means going to work or school pre-pandemic when sick or delaying health care because it doesn't fit in the schedule was pretty much status quo. Our country was not ready to shut down for so long. ///

**LORI VARGO HEFFNER**
**D.O.B.:** 1960
**Education:** BA Moravian College, 1982, MA Counseling, Kutztown University, 1985, EdM Adult & Organizational Development, Temple University, 2001
**Occupation:** Psychotherapist, St. Luke's University Health Network
**Qualifications:** Incumbent - serving as President, VP two years, Human Services chair 3 years, Finance Chair 2 years, Personnel Committee 4 years, General Purpose Authority member, Mental Health/Early Intervention/Developmental Disabilities & Gracedale Advisory Boards, Center for Excellence CCAP, Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman award - PFDW 2018.
**Response:** Northampton County stepped up and managed the needs of constituents during the COVID experience. First need was to protect our most vulnerable residents — elderly, incarcerated. The containment of facilities to prevent the spread was essential. County staff served admirably, via telecommunication, and in person. The County provided testing, PPE, vaccine clinics. As an employee of a large health care system as well as government, the cooperation between the two entities was admirable. The County used CARES Act money to serve the community providing small business loans, broadband access, PPE was provided to Mental Health & Drug and Alcohol agencies. Hazard pay was offered to employees who work with the most at-risk population. Accommodations for work at home options, safety equipment, vaccine availability and testing were challenges that were met ///

**PATTI BRUNO**
No response

**RONALD R. HECKMAN**
**D.O.B.:** 1949
**Education:** Northampton Area High School, East Stroudsburg University, B.A., M.Ed.
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** Currently serve on Northampton County Council. Past President of Council. Former County Human Services Director — 8 years. Chair — Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority. Member — LV Airport Authority. Past member — Board of Directors of CACLV and United Way.
**Response:** The COVID-19 pandemic is a major challenge for the health care system as well as government. On the local level, we quickly partnered with our local health networks to facilitate access to COVID testing and, eventually, vaccines. Moving forward, we must continue to collaborate with local health care providers. The county as well as municipalities should discuss our mutual efforts and how we can improve our responses to public health concerns in the county.

**WILLIAM MCGEE**
**D.O.B.:** 1964
**Education:** Liberty HS 1982, Bachelor's in labor education, National Labor College.
**Occupation:** Business Manager for the Heat & Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 23
**Qualifications:** Current Council VP, Chairman Finance Committee, Liaison to LV Planning Commission, Member, Northampton Retirement Board, Former Chair Personnel and Economic Committees & Member LV Economic Development Board
**Response:** Our Medical Personnel's swift response to the community, while overcoming the challenges of staffing and PPE shortages was outstanding. Moving forward, we need to ensure the resources are in place for required staffing levels and Medical/Testing supplies. Additional funding for Mental Health Services is needed to mitigate the toll this pandemic has taken on those in our community who have struggled with loss of loved ones, employment, Social isolation or working on the frontlines.

### Republican

**JOHN BROWN**
**D.O.B.:** 1961
**Education:** Bangor High School, 1979; B.S. University of Notre Dame, 1983
**Occupation:** Consultant
**Qualifications:** 30 years business experience, Mayor of Bangor Borough, 2011 Mayor of the Year. Four years as Northampton County Executive. Awarded Excellence in Transportation Planning, included in Federal Highway Administration Center for Innovation.
**Response:** Our health care system is robust but improvements are always warranted especially delivering care to low income and rural communities. I would expand the role of Nurses and Nurse practitioners in being able to deliver care in these challenged areas. The pandemic demonstrated that our government at all levels is unprepared to deal with a crisis such as COVID-19 and the need for better strategies to support local communities and businesses to manage throughout the crisis.

**JOHN P. GOFFREDO**
**D.O.B.:** 1988
**Education:** Pius X High School (Roseto, PA) 2006, West Virginia University 2006 — 2009
**Occupation:** Owner / Project Manager at Nu Cor Management, Inc. (Commercial Construction)
**Qualifications:** No previous public office held. Leadership and managerial skills learned from running a business and being involved in local community functions (coaching, church, Vol. Fire Dept, etc.)
**Response:** I believe we live in a country with the most sophisticated health care system by far. We have state of the art technology and treatments being implemented by the most highly trained professionals in the world. However, that hasn't translated into good dietary and exercise habits. I would recommend more conversation being built around healthier living with more access to healthy foods and encouraging more active lifestyles. Currently our system's biggest issue is employee retention.

**KRISTIN LORAH SOLDRIDGE**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Bachelor in Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Management from Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA 2008.
**Occupation:** Currently- Business Process Analyst, I have worked at a local insurance company for 14 years.
**Qualifications:** No prior government experience. Volunteering: Active member at Bethany Wesleyan Church, Cherryville Pa
**Response:** not provided

**NICOLE ROMANISHAN**
**D.O.B.:** 1980
**Education:** Bachelor's degree at Central Pennsylvania College
**Occupation:** Work for ESSA Bank & Trust
**Qualifications:** Tax Collector for Chapman Borough. On multiple non-profit boards
**Response:** Yes, our health care needs improvements. Our local, state, and federal agencies need to convey the same message and not let politics get in the way of health care. By conveying this message it is easier to treat the health of our nation.

**ANNAMARIE T. ROBERTONE**
**D.O.B.:** 1956
**Education:** Pius X H.S., 1974; ESU — BS 1978, MPH 1993
**Occupation:** Business Owner
**Qualifications:** Forty-two years in leadership roles. Thirty-eight years in business as an administrator and owner handling all aspects of business including strategic planning, budgeting, marketing, project coordination and human resources.
**Response:** We are a country of reaction vs proactive. COVID-19 has taught us that we are vulnerable and now is the time to review and completely revamp all emergency plans by bringing in the true experts in health care. Have them develop a comprehensive realistic plan from beginning to completion then have government approve it vs having non-health professionals having control over the plans development. We need health care experts who don't have an agenda or owned by government working on these critical plans otherwise what needs to be accomplished will not come to fruition and public safety will not be recognized.

# MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

**Term:** 6 years
**Salary:** $93,338

## LEHIGH COUNTY

**Candidates were asked:** What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 31-1-01

Allentown Wards, 8, 10

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**LINDA VEGA SIROP**
lindavegasiropforjudge.com/
**D.O.B.: 1978**
**Education:** Associate in Business Management, Certified by PA Judicial Board on 1st try, Certified in Public Engagement, School to Prison Workshop Training, Judicial Injustice Workshop Training, many more certifications
**Occupation:** Human Resources Director
**Qualifications:** Certified by Pa Judiciary Board, Founder of Rilyc.com nonprofit, Allentown Human Relations Commissioner & Investigator, Allentown School Board Director, Policy Committee, Board member of Self LV, GIRLS, Allentown Citywide Youth Initiative & few more
**Response:** I want to thank everyone who supported me in the May Primary, we took home the win on the Democratic ticket and now we are off to the last round on November 2nd. Let's make history together! I believe that the major issue in this campaign is that, the community

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# District Judge

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that services this district is not being educated on its Judicial system. I will reduce the crime statistics in this district by being a Community Judge, who will educate this community on judicial processes and the law. Education equals crime reduction. /// This has been a life long dream and after 20 years of working in the community in social services, elder services and youth services, I have the experience that it takes to bring fair and equal justice!

### Republican

**PATRICIA PATTI M. ENGLER**
www.linkedin.com/in/patricia-engler-01988a26
**D.O.B.:** 1969
**Education:** Graduate, William Allen High School, 1987; Certified as a District Justice, 1997 on first attempt; Certified CPR/First-Aid Instructor - 29 yrs, I instruct Lehigh County staff; Trained Judges Concerned for Judges phone support volunteer - 11 yrs
**Occupation:** Magisterial District Judge
**Qualifications:** 17 years of experience as local Judge presiding over tens of thousands of cases fairly and impartially. Performed 1,998 marriage ceremonies. Volunteer at Good Shepherd Home - 33 yrs, 8th Ward Neighborhood Group - 30 yrs, St. Luke's Church - 12 yrs
**Response:** Lifelong Allentown resident and for 33 yrs. at 8th & Tilghman, I raised two Allen graduates. The most important issue is the impact that a District Judge will have on school students and their families. Since 2004, I have held trials for every truancy case filed in my court. Instead of just fining the parents, many agreed and succeeded to have massive improvement of attendance which resulted in overall enrichment of the student's entire family. I have always sought out ways to make things better for each child. I have said we either pay now or pay later. Meaning, we either make an impression on a student when they are young and make school success within reach or we may unfortunately see them later on in the criminal justice system.

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 31-1-03

Allentown Wards 3, 13, 17, 18

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat/Republican

**RONALD MANESCU**

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 31-1-06

Bethlehem Wards 10, 11, 12 and 13, and Fountain Hill.

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**AMY ZANELLI**
www.amyzanelli.com/
**D.O.B.:** 1981
**Education:** Rutgers University, dual Bachelors in Science in Forensics and Sociology; Certifications in Criminology, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, and more.
**Occupation:** Lehigh County Commissioner and Licensed Realtor
**Qualifications:** As a state level specialized investigator of child abuse, Amy possesses a wealth of law and courtroom experience. As Chair of Lehigh County Commissioners she wrote laws to make our community a more just, equitable, and fair place to work and live.
**Response:** Everyday citizens are more likely to come into contact with magisterial courts than any other level of our judiciary. The citizens of West Bethlehem and Fountain Hill deserve a magisterial district judge who can serve as a neutral and detached arbiter of the facts. Your local judge should have no prior relationships or loyalties that may distract them from this vital role. An independent judiciary is a necessary part of the checks and balances that keep our system functional. The best way to serve the citizens, the police and the cause of justice is to maintain an inviolable separation of powers between the branches of government.

### Republican

**VAN A. SCOTT SR.**
www.vanascottsrformdj.org
**D.O.B.:** 1963
**Education:** M.S., (Criminology) St. Joseph's University, 2011; M.Ed., Temple University, Candidate; B.A., (Criminal Justice), DeSales University, 2009
**Occupation:** High School CTE Teacher/Adjunct Professor
**Qualifications:** United States Army/National Guard Veteran, City of Bethlehem Police Officer 21 years with training in courtroom presentation/defense strategies and tactics, domestic violence, ethics, child sexual exploitation investigation, and cultural diversity.
**Response:** Magisterial district judges are often the first encounter citizens have with the judicial system. Sadly, national events of the last year or so have caused skepticism of the system. However, Valley magisterial district judges are known for integrity, fairness, impartiality, commonsense, and compassion. It is crucial I maintain that example. All who come before me will be treated with dignity and respect. All will understand their rights without barriers (e.g., language, cognitive, etc.), promoting full participation. Inserting political views and other agendas is biased and unethical, and will not occur in my court. Exploring programming opportunities and educating the public through community interaction will bring creativity to my court.

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 31-2-01

Allentown Wards 1, 5, 6, 9

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat/Republican

**KAREN C. DEVINE**

# NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**Candidates were asked:** In your position you frequently must deal with the public. How do you plan to protect the health of your office staff and the people you deal with in these interactions?

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-2-01

Bethlehem Wards 6, 7, 8 and 9

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat/Republican

**ROY A. MANWARING II**

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-2-03

Bethlehem Township

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**SANDRA L. MCCLURE**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; Widener University Law
**Occupation:** Attorney
**Qualifications:** Assistant District Attorney for nearly 20 years. Chief Prosecutor of the DUI Unit. Chief Prosecutor of the Juvenile Unit. Drug Forfeiture Coordinator.
**Response:** not provided

### Republican

**ANDREW TUPONE**
**D.O.B.:** 1989
**Education:** Freedom High School, Community Service Award; Northampton Community College, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; Pennsylvania State Police Academy; Pennsylvania State University, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Minor Judiciary Education Board Certification.
**Occupation:** not provided
**Qualifications:** Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Minor Judiciary Education Board Certification, a requirement for non-attorney Magistrates. Local, county, County, State and Federal Levels
**Response:** My plan to protect the health of my office staff and the people we deal with would be simple. I would make sure we would follow the latest guidelines to ensure that the court operated in the most efficient manner without compromising the rules and guidelines set forth by the president judge and the court system.

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-2-09

Forks and Palmer townships, Tatamy

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**SUSAN HUTNIK**
**D.O.B.:** 1968
**Education:** Easton Area High School, 1971; Syracuse University, 1990; Seton Hall School of Law, 1997
**Occupation:** Senior Assistant Public Defender for Northampton County
**Qualifications:** Judicial Clerk to the Honorable James C. Hogan, 1997-1998; Private Practice, 1998-2006; Assistant Public Defender 1999-current. Admitted to practice law before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Over 23 years of service to clients, our Courts and community, appearing routinely before every sitting Magisterial Judge and trial judge in Northampton County.
**Response:** As a matter of constitutional law, Magisterial District Judges are required to assure access to the Court, regardless of the threats posed by this pandemic, whether it be a preliminary hearing in a criminal prosecution, a hearing in a landlord tenant matter, or a civil dispute between neighbors.
President Judge Michael Koury has mandated that all persons appearing in our Courts wear face masks. As well, President Judge Koury has established safety protocols as necessary to protect the litigants and the staff, whose enduring hard work is critical to our Court operations, including the installation of safety glass, social distancing regulations and cleaning and sanitization procedures. Mindful of the information continuing to be available from the Centers for Disease Control, our Courts require quarantining and leave for staff who have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. ///

### Republican

**MARC CRISAFULLI**
No response

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-2-10

Bethlehem Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat/Republican

**JORDAN KNISLEY**

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 03-3-01

Allen, Lehigh and Moore (Beersville and Klecknersville Districts) townships; Northampton, North Catasauqua and Walnutport

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**MELISSA GOGEL**
**D.O.B.:** 1981
**Education:** Master's degree in Justice Studies, Master's Certificate in Digital Forensics, Bachelor's in Criminal Justice
**Occupation:** Allentown Police Officer
**Qualifications:** Certified by PA Minor Justice Board for Magisterial District Judge, 18 years police officer
**Response:** Follow CDC guidelines. Utilize ACT (advanced communication technology) where needed. Using two-way audio-video will eliminate the need to have people interact with office staff/public.

### Republican

**ROBERT A. HAWKE**
No response

# CITIES

# LEHIGH COUNTY

## ALLENTOWN

### REFERENDUM

**City of Allentown**
**Vote Yes or No:** Shall paragraph B of Section 101 of the City of Allentown Home Rule Charter be removed from the Charter?
**Vote Yes or No:** Shall Section 606 of the City Home Rule Charter, which requires Heads of Departments, Offices and Agencies to reside within the City of Allentown within one year of appointment, be amended to require such individuals to reside within five (5) miles of the City's borders within twelve (12) months of being appointed?
**Candidates were asked:** How will you continue to address the effects of COVID-19, specifically the impact on the community and economy?

## MAYOR

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**MATT TUERK**
www.mattformayor.org
**D.O.B.:** 1975
**Education:** College of Charleston, BS in International Business, 2002; University of South Carolina, MBA in International Business, 2004.
**Occupation:** Consultant
**Qualifications:** Over a 17-year career in management, I have specialized in budgeting, operations, and marketing. During the past 12 years, I have worked to attract business investment to Lehigh Valley, helping the region's economy grow. I'm a fluent Spanish speaker
**Response:** COVID exposed weaknesses in our systems. It made clear that the mayor of Allentown needs to communicate effectively, modernize services, and invest in public health infrastructure. We need to invest in programs and policies that will pay off for Allentown's people in the long term, so we can recover as a community and be prepared for the next emergency. This means supporting neighborhood development activities, enhancing our

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# Cities

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health bureau, strengthening city infrastructure, and continuing to attract outside investment to Allentown.

### Republican

**TIM RAMOS**
timramosformayor.com
**D.O.B.:** 1984
**Education:** William Allen High School
**Occupation:** Entrepreneur
**Qualifications:** Vice-chair of the Lehigh County Republican Committee; Founder of nonprofit organization (REALM) and longtime civic activist.
**Response:** The COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to taking the lives of Allentonians, has worsened many of the existing issues facing residents and businesses who have been struggling for years with rising taxes and cost of living in the city. Businesses of all sizes are moving jobs out of Allentown to avoid the high cost of operating here, eliminating opportunities for our residents. As mayor, I will move quickly to reduce the cost of starting small businesses in the city and create low-tax opportunity zones around our abandoned industrial sites to usher in good jobs for working-class families. Long term, I will work with our auditors to balance the budget and return savings to residents.

### Independent

**SOLOMON TEMBO**
**D.O.B.:** 1963
**Education:** BA in Business
**Occupation:** Businessman
**Qualifications:** Hospitality consultant, tax preparation consultant, business advisory services.
**Response:** We need a healthy and productive workforce. Encouraging people to get vaccinated, to wear face masks, gloves, other protective gear and use of sanitizers at work, functions, restaurants and other public places will increase productivity and output that is critical for the growth and sustainability of our local economy. We understand some people don't want to get vaccinated for personal reasons. However they must also act responsibly by protecting others around them, taking precautions such as wearing masks, practicing social distancing and use of sanitizers. Collectively, we can get this done and succeed.

## COUNCIL

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat

**CYNTHIA MOTA**
cynthiamota.com/
**D.O.B.:** 1974
**Education:** Bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg University; Master's degree from Pacific Oaks College; Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from Logos University.
**Occupation:** City Council member; CEO of CM Multiservice; executive director of Light on the Horizon nonprofit; community leader.
**Qualifications:** Serving two terms on Allentown City Council. Currently vice president of City Council. Well-immersed in the Allentown community, working on behalf of the citizens of Allentown and nearby communities. Volunteers with many non-profits.
**Response:** I listen to the community. As the founder of a grassroots non-profit, I am on the ground providing the solutions the people have asked for. Working with LVHN and the Allentown Health Bureau, helping the community to obtain their COVID-19 Vaccinations. Educating the community about the importance of getting their vaccinations. Providing PPE; masks, sanitizers, soaps, etc. to the community. Sharing the importance of hand washing, social distancing and wearing masks. Working with non profits to obtain and distribute PPE. Providing food to people who have COVID-19 while they recover. Sharing my personal experiences with the community on the impacts to myself due to COVID and the vaccine. I understand government is not the only answer.

**DARYL L. HENDRICKS**
hendricksforallentown.com
**D.O.B.:** 1953
**Education:** Attended Allentown Public Schools: Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from LCCC; completed numerous degree courses from Muhlenberg College's Wescoe School.
**Occupation:** Councilman
**Qualifications:** Current member of Allentown City Council. 43 years of continuous service to the citizens of Allentown (eighth yearon Council) Allentown police captain and veteran police officer for over 37 years. Recipient of several commendations for bravery, valor, merit.
**Response:** The City will be receiving $57.5 million under the Federal Relief Bill resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic. I believe we need to fully investigate those needs most beneficial to long-term solutions. In doing this, I would make every effort to meet with community groups and allow their input regarding their most desirable needs. I would also seek advice from the city's bureau managers as to what their most pressing needs are. I would focus on those recommendations and advocate for those items with long term initiatives, rather than spending irresponsibly on quick fixes or outcomes of short duration. I would consider the granting of funds for those businesses most impacted such as individual business and the hospitality industry.

**NATALIE SANTOS**
www.votesantosrodriguez.com
**D.O.B.:** 2000
**Education:** Currently third year at Kutztown University, looking to complete BA in Spanish as well as BS in Psychology by 2022.
**Occupation:** Student
**Qualifications:** Bilingual (English & Spanish), can inspire the younger population of Allentown to get involved in local politics; has lived in Allentown for more than half their life, passionate about social justice issues.
**Response:** If elected, one of the biggest jobs that a councilperson (aside from representing their constituents) has is the city budget. To better address the effects of COVID-19, I would assure that more of the budget goes towards reinvesting in the community, PPE and cleaning supplies for essential workers, as well as housing programs like "Hope Village" for people experiencing homelessness. I would also be in huge support of a relief fund for renters and/or homeowners of Allentown who have been the most affected by COVID and as a result cannot make their rent/mortgage payments.

### Democrat/Republican

**ED ZUCAL**
**D.O.B.:** 1957
**Education:** Graduate of Northwestern Lehigh High School; attended Penn State University; graduate, Allentown Police Academy; certified paralegal; current city councilman.
**Occupation:** Retired police officer
**Qualifications:** As a current member of City Council and a retired police officer for 25 years in the city, I feel I have the institutional knowledge necessary to properly carry out the vast responsibility that's required to make legislative and budgetary decisions.
**Response:** I would continue to support the opening of small businesses. I would also encourage that government, both locally and federally, provide economic relief packages and tax cuts to those that are out of work, and also, to those caring for children due to the closing of schools. I have voted on numerous occasions to provide city funds to our health department, to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to those who wish to receive it. As we go forward, we as elected officials must help find ways to safely get our children back to school and our economy back to some sense of stability for everyone.

### Republican

**TOM HOUCK**
tomhouckforcitycouncil.com
**D.O.B.:** 1958
**Education:** Associate degree in Criminal Justice; additional courses in Business Management at CCAF. Also courses in Political Science at WESCOE.
**Occupation:** Retired law enforcement
**Qualifications:** During his service with the U.S. Air Force, and with Allentown Police Department, he gained experience in handling budgets, conflict resolution, managing personnel, developing, and writing policies, as well as numerous other traits he believes will be helpful as a candidate.
**Response:** Tom believes the challenges facing the residents resulting from COVID-19 have been detrimental to our community and need to be addressed, and we need to bring people together. Community leadership needs to press to have more vaccines available for those that wish to receive it, and to relax restrictions in order to support our small business, some of which will likely never recover. As a City Council member, I will insist that funds be available for small businesses in the form of loans or grants to assure they survive. Reversing the negative social and economic impact needs to be forefront. Opening up restaurants, theaters, and other social venues will also help ease the mental anxiety the isolation has caused by allowing social interaction.

# NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**Candidates were asked:** Do you think the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has shown a need for improvements to our healthcare system and policies, and what would you recommend?

# BETHLEHEM

## MAYOR

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat

**J. WILLIAM REYNOLDS**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** Moravian College B.A.; Liberty High School
**Occupation:** Bethlehem City Council; educator, William Allen High School
**Qualifications:** Bethlehem City Council 2008-present; finance committee chairman; former Moravian College Board of Trustees; Gov. Wolf transition team; Bethlehem Area Public Library board of directors; former Calypso Elementary School leadership Team; Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation
**Response:** The pandemic has shown why we must prioritize public health in our community. Our Bethlehem Health Bureau has done a wonderful job over the past two years and they must continue to have the necessary resources to support our city's collective health. The pandemic has also made the inequities in our health care systems even more obvious. We need to work to increase access to high quality medical care for all or our citizens.

### Republican

**JOHN KACHMAR**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** Notre Dame, 1966; Moravian College, 1972, BA.
**Occupation:** Business consultant
**Qualifications:** Served as professional city manager/county administrator of multiple municipalities in four States. Supervised departments, from planning/zoning to police/fire. Started two new cities. Submitted 28 budgets to elected officials with only one tax increase, five decreases and 22 no increases.
**Response:** Obviously, federal and state governments were not able to react to the pandemic in a timely or through fashion. Locally, public health departments (where they exist), were ill-equipped to respond (with no statutory authority to implement contagion remedies). I would advocate we redesign our local public health systems with a strong focus on disease containment in our long-term care/nursing home facilities (both public and private).

## COUNCIL

**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat

**GRACE CRAMPSIE SMITH**
**KIERA WILHELM**
**HILLARY G. KWIATEK**
**RACHEL LEON**

### Republican

**No candidates**

## CONTROLLER

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**GEORGE YASSO**

**Republican**
**No candidates**

# EASTON

## COUNCIL

### DISTRICT 1

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**ROGER RUGGLES**

**Republican**
**No candidates**

### DISTRICT 2

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**JIM EDINGER**

**Republican**
**No candidates**

### DISTRICT 3

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**TAIBA SULTANA**

**Republican**
**No candidates**

# TOWNSHIPS

## LEHIGH COUNTY

**Candidates were asked:** How will you continue to address the effects of COVID-19, specifically the impact on the community and economy?

## HANOVER

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

**Democrat**
**BRUCE E. PAULUS**
**RICK TOCCI**

**Republican**
**JOSEPH HEIMBECKER**

## HEIDELBERG

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**No candidates**

**Republican**
**DAVID O. FINK**

## LOWER MACUNGIE

**REFERENDUM**
**Vote for three:** Do you favor the imposition of an Earned Income Tax at 0.15% by Lower Macungie Township to be used to purchase, maintain, improve and retire debt associated with open space as designated on the Township's Comprehensive Plan as Township Open Space?

### COMMISSIONERS
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

**Democrat**
**No candidates**

**Republican**
**BRIAN L. SHOEMAKER**
**BRIAN P. HIGGINS**
**RICHARD V. WARD**

## LOWER MILFORD

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**LOWELL LINDE**

## LOWHILL

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**No candidates**

**Republican**
**ROBB WERLEY**

## LYNN

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**No candidates**

**Republican**
**BRIAN C. DEITRICH**

## NORTH WHITEHALL

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**ALFRED GEOSITS**

## SALISBURY

### COMMISSIONER

**SECOND WARD**
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**No candidates**

**Republican**
**ALEXANDER J. KAROL III**

**FOURTH WARD**
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**No candidates**

**Republican**
**RODNEY C. CONN**

**FIFTH WARD**
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**No candidates**

**Republican**
**ALOK PATNAIK**

## SOUTH WHITEHALL

### COMMISSIONER
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
**JOE SETTON**
**D.O.B.:** 1951
**Education:** BA Leicester University, England
**Occupation:** Real Estate Broker
**Qualifications:** My experience as a resident and a real estate broker in South Whitehall Township for over 37 years, and as a commissioner for the past 2 years, qualifies me to understand and to fulfill the needs and hopes of our community.
**Response:** As a small business owner, I understand the problems faced by those who are working hard to keep their businesses afloat. I voted to implement a COVID-19 relief program to help struggling small businesses, and I plan to expand this program to allocate funds for families and individuals who have been impacted. I will work to create and develop safe options for children who have spent much of the past 2 years interacting with computer screens rather than friends. I enthusiastically promoted the new playground and the preservation of the historic dam at Wehr's Dam Park. I will continue to increase enjoyable outdoor activities for children and families. If we work together, across party divides, we can conquer this plague and return to normalcy

**THOMAS J. JOHNS**
**D.O.B.:** 1955
**Education:** Dieruff High School Pennsylvania State University - BS
**Occupation:** Retired Contractor
**Qualifications:** Service as South Whitehall Township Commissioner for Eight Years Township Board Distinguished Service Award - December 2017
**Response:** The issue of immunization and the continued availability of vaccinations to South Whitehall residents must be addressed. A liaison between South Whitehall and local, regional and national resources, including departments of health, would assist residents to receive their vaccines in a timely manner. The impact on South Whitehall's economy is a multi-tiered challenge I wish to face. Clearly the closing of businesses, including Dorney Park, affected the tax base. Some mitigation to this loss of revenue is occurring by new construction. However, new construction needs to be monitored and balanced with a concern for over-development. With the lessening of restrictions occurring statewide, small businesses must be helped to thrive.

**Republican**
**DAVID KENNEDY**
votedavidkennedy.com
**D.O.B.:** 1951
**Education:** Villanova University B. S. Marketing and Business Administration, minor in Criminal Justice
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** South Whitehall Township Public Safety Commission - 25 yrs. Parkland Board of School Directors - 22 yrs., 3 yrs. as President LCCC Trustee Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, JOC - 22 yrs., 6 yrs. as President Partner in real estate company
**Response:** We must continue to follow CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19 and make changes as necessary. It is essential that we focus on fiscal responsibility in order to address potential needs and assist local businesses and organizations. We have to work on improving South Whitehall Township's quality of life for families to include land preservation, public safety and first responders.

**MONICA HODGES**
votemonicahodges.com
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Central Catholic High School; DeSales University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
**Occupation:** Registered Nurse (retired)
**Qualifications:** Citizen advocate and co-founder of South Whitehall Concerned Citizens who has spent the past three-plus years attending nearly every BOC and PC meeting; member of Upper Macungie Good Neighbor Coalition; Property Manager
**Response:** As a nurse with critical care experience, I understand the devastating effects this pandemic has had, and continues to have, on people's physical and mental health, their families, and the economy. With the disruption of businesses and loss of jobs, the tax revenue and financials of our township will be unclear for a number of years. We must focus on prudent government spending, protection of our essential workers and citizens, farmland preservation for sustainability, community programs supporting connectedness even if virtual, support of local agriculture, creation of more greenspace which will benefit our citizens' physical and mental well-being, and long-term community support and promotion of our small businesses

### COMMISSIONER
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**JAMAL AHMED**
**D.O.B.:** 1950
**Education:** Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Masters in Public Administration ( MPA), West Virginia University
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** Certified Internal Auditor ( CIA), Certification in Risk Management Assurance ( CRMA), Former Vice President of Internal Audit and Chief Ethics Officer at a 2 + $Billion Company. Authored two articles on national magazines regarding Ethical culture
**Response:** Continue to encourage community members , businesses, and schools to follow the guidelines from the CDC and Pa Department of Health regarding face masks, social distancing, and vaccine to mitigate the risks from the continuance of COVID-19 and its variants. Provide information to businesses and community members affected by COVID-19 regarding how they can seek assistance from Government agencies based on the programs already approved for such assistance. Work with the affected community members and businesses to see what can be done to help them at the township level to address their specific concerns as citizens of South Whitehall Township. Provide periodic educational sessions for the community regarding COVID-19 related issues.

**Republican**
**BRAD OSBORNE**
votebradosborne.com
**D.O.B.:** 1955
**Education:** Allentown Central Catholic H.S., 1974 University of Virginia, B.S. Chemical Engineering, 1978
**Occupation:** Retired Plant Manager
**Qualifications:** LC Commissioner, 2012-2020, chairman 2012, 2015-2016 SWT Commissioner, 2005-2011, president 2009-2011 SWT Board of Authority, 2003-2005 Allentown Rescue Mission, Board of Directors, 2011-2014 ARCH of Lehigh Valley, Advisory Board, 2013-2017
**Response:** In order to combat the impact of COVID-19, the township must maintain a strong financial footing. We need to prevent further tax increases, which burden low- and fixed-income residents the most, while maintaining all essential services. We should continue to explore ways of effectively helping businesses dependent on walk-in customers to remain viable and safe. We also need to ensure that our police, fire, and EMS are fully funded and well-equipped to keep us safe. Finally, we should maintain a healthy fund balance through disciplined spending to prepare for any future emergency situation. In terms of township functions, we should improve our virtual meeting capability to allow easy online participation through livestreaming technology.

**Libertarian**
**MATTHEW C. SCHUTTER**
No response

## UPPER MACUNGIE

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**SUNNY GHAI**
sunnyforuppermac.com
**D.O.B.:** 1962
**Education:** Bachelor of Science (BS), Industrial

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Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University; Graduate-level coursework in Business at Johns Hopkins University
**Occupation:** Director of Procurement
**Qualifications:** Accomplished Smart Growth Advocate; Chair of the Good Neighbor Coalition (GNC); Former UMT Planning Commission Member; Certified Citizen Planner through the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC); Global Operations and Procurement Executive
**Response:** I have the skills and experience to collaborate with the appropriate authorities and local businesses to assure that our township has the necessary resources to safely get us back to school and work. Leading multinational operations and procurement organizations has prepared me to be an effective change agent and to manage through crisis. As the Chair of the Good Neighbor Coalition (GNC), I have built lasting relationships with many local businesses and government entities. When COVID-19 emerged, our police department could not source any N-95 masks or disinfecting wipes. I reached out to local GNC businesses who generously donated them. It is an example of the leadership that will benefit the citizens of Upper Macungie Township.

### Republican
**SEAN GILL**
No response

## UPPER MILFORD

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

Vote for one:

### Democrat/Republican
**JOHN ZGURA**

## UPPER SAUCON

**REFERENDUM**
**Vote Yes or No:** Do you favor the imposition of an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.10% by Upper Saucon Township to be used to finance the acquisition of real property or interests in real property to preserve open space?

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for two:*

### Democrat
**TIMOTHY FOLEY**
www.timfoleyforsupervisor.com
**D.O.B.:** 1948
**Education:** B.S. Mathematics - Moravian College, MS Mathematics - University of Illinois, Ed. D. Educational Technology - Lehigh University "
**Occupation:** Retired (2020) Chief Technology Officer Lehigh University
**Qualifications:** Moved to the township in 1973. Retired in 2020 with 40 years of experience implementing large technology projects, budgeting, and leading diverse teams. Over the years involved in soccer and scouts. Current web page www.lehigh.edu/~tjf0/
**Response:** Hopefully by the beginning of 2022, we will have moved well beyond the current situation with the majority of people in the township being vaccinated and most of the current restrictions lifted. The township is receiving approximately $1.71 million from the recently passed COVID-19 relief bill which can be used to augment lost revenue caused by the pandemic. This money can be used to help households and businesses hurt by the pandemic as well as water, sewer, and broadband projects The development of vetted guidelines for the best use of these funds will be critical for the township supervisors. The focus of these guidelines should be to help the people, the economy, and the environment.

### Democrat/Republican
**STEPHEN WAGNER**
**D.O.B.:** 1951
**Education:** BS Industrial Engineering Lehigh University, BA Applied Science, Master Business Administration
**Occupation:** Business owner
**Qualifications:** Resident with longstanding community involvement. I have shared responsibility for the acquisition and preservation of open space, new recreational facilities and parks including the new park at Hopewell School and the Rail Trail.
**Response:** Going forward, the schools should be fully open and business should be back to normal. Major near future issues for Upper Saucon Township include land use preservation and traffic safety. The onslaught of warehouse demand in the Lehigh Valley is now becoming a major problem for Upper Saucon. Traffic problems, particularly from truck traffic, present safety problems as well as changes to the character of the township. Unfortunately, the reactive nature of past township officials has barely been adequate to address the future of development. Supervisors must look ahead one and more generations if the community is to remain viable as a nice place to raise a family.

### Republican
**BRIAN FARRELL**
**D.O.B.:** 1970
**Education:** B.S., Rutgers University
**Occupation:** Sr. Director of Sales
**Qualifications:** Incumbent member of the Board of Supervisors. Current Chairman of the Board (2nd year). Member of the Planning & Zoning committee. Chair, Appointments Review Committee. Past Chair, Administration and Finance committee. Resident for the past 12 years.
**Response:** Both the Board of Supervisors and township staff are committed to providing uninterrupted services for our residents. Since the pandemic began, we kept police staffed & on patrol, water & sewer services operational, roads plowed & maintained, parks open (with limited closures), and all other services open and available for residents. Recently, we created an incentive program to encourage municipal employees to obtain COVID vaccinations as soon as possible. As of September 2021, 83% of township staff are vaccinated. The Township was also able to apply for and receive a $275,000 grant to help offset tax revenue shortfalls. We continue to look for ways to improve services and protect the health, safety, and welfare of our community.

## WASHINGTON

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat
**No candidates**

### Republican
**SHAWN WANAMAKER**

## WEISENBERG

**SUPERVISOR**
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat
**No candidates**

### Republican
**ANTHONY C. WERLEY**

## WHITEHALL

### COMMISSIONERS
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

### Democrat
**THOMAS SLONAKER**
**D.O.B.:** 1952
**Education:** MBA Finance Wilkes University BA - Economics de Sales University - H S Allentown Central Catholic
**Occupation:** Enrolled Agent
**Qualifications:** current Whitehall Commissioner - current Enrolled Agent licensed by the IRS - former Lehigh County Controller - former Whitehall Treasurer - bank auditor Merchants Bank
**Response:** Whitehall Township has used its efforts to balance the needs of the citizens with the needs of our large retail base. The focus is to keep the citizens as best protected as can be by enforcement of the CDC guidelines in the community. The impact of our revenue base is of great concern to keep our taxes and level of service as they have been accustomed. As a current Whitehall commissioner I have committed to a budget adopted with the anticipation of revenues being lower due to the pandemic and making sure our level of expenditures balance to meet the needs of our community. My years of public service, experience and education has given me insight into understanding what the community desires and the best way to accomplish their needs.

**MICHAEL DEE**
**D.O.B.:** 1964
**Occupation:** Chief of Staff for State Representative Jeanne McNeill
**Education:** B.S. Mass Communications/Public Relations, Boston University, Boston, MA
**Qualifications:** Served 2 years on Board of Commissioners after being appointed in February of 2020. 9 years of local and state-related government experience. Serve on Whitehall Twp. Recreation Commission and Ironton Rail Trail Oversight Commission.
**Response:** I come from a background of family-owned businesses, so I certainly identify with small business owners and the impact the pandemic has had. We need to work with State and Local officials to bring federal pandemic relief funds to Whitehall small businesses and residents, and continue to promote covid19 safety guidelines in order to balance economic health and public health. I believe working cooperatively we will be able to bring Whitehall through this crisis safely and economically sound.

**JOSEPH J. MARX. JR.**
**D.O.B.:** 1965
**Education:** William Allen High School Diploma. United States Marine Corps Veteran Honorable Discharge.
**Occupation:** President Handyboy, Inc.
**Qualifications:** Current Vice President Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners. Current board member Coplay Whitehall Sewer Authority. Served 4 years on the Whitehall Township Planning commission.
**Response:** Continue to provide all support needed to our first responders and employees, Be fiscally conservative with any Federal Relief funds appropriated for a COVID 19 and make sure the monies are applied where necessary."

### Republican
**ANDY ROMAN**
**D.O.B.:** 1956
**Education:** Bachelor Degree - Organizational Mgmt. Eastern University, St. Davids, PA. Series 6, 63 Investment License Life & Health License -Medicare Specialist
**Occupation:** Senior Benefits Specialist.com
**Qualifications:** I have served Lehigh County and Whitehall Township as a Conservative Tax-payer advocate! (I will find the $78,000 stolen from Whitehall's Treasurer Dept) 20 Yr Air Force vet, 8 Yr Lehigh County Commissioner President Whitehall School Board Eagle Scout
**Response:** Whitehall First Campaign - via a "Mom & Pop" Business Initiative: 1. Declare 6-Month "Tax Holiday" for Whitehall Mom & Pop businesses who suffered during the Pandemic. 2. Install "Shop Mom & Pop Business" banners throughout Whitehall Township to promote patronage. 3. Collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce by hosting seasonal job fairs that feature Whitehall businesses. Community Collaboration initiative: 4. Educational Resources: www.timetofreeamerica.com. and www.thedrardisshow.com.and www.frontlinemds.com 5. Pass resolution encouraging our school board to allow Mom & Pop businesses to advertise on Whitehall school buses. 6. Public service announcement campaign to "Boost Your Immune System" through proper nutrition -favor health stores

**KAREN S. WILT**
Trekeroflife.blogspot.com
**D.O.B.:** 1949
**Education:** Some college
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** I'm a registered voter and resident of the township since 1991
**Response:** People need the truth right now. The main stream media is peddling lies and propaganda to keep people in fear. My blog has my take on things and has links to many places to get the truth about covid and the vaccine. Our country is in danger of losing freedom, as well as the rest of the world, by the traitors and criminals currently in the Whitehouse. It's unbelievable that so many don't see the bizarre fact that there's nothing wrong with anyone anymore, except covid.
Or that this vaccine is being FORCED on us ….
Truth is what people need to make wise choices, handle their own lives and fight for a free America, while we still have it.

**LORIANN FEHNEL**
www.facebook.com/RepublicanLoriAnnFehnel
**D.O.B.:** 1981
**Education:** Nanticoke Highschool Graduate of 2000. Paramedic graduate from Luzerne County Community College 2001.Medical Assistant Graduate from Lincoln Tech 2011
**Occupation:** Veterinary Receptionist
**Qualifications:** I have been a long time advocate for safe neighborhoods and schools
**Response:** I believe if I was elected to Whitehall Township Commissioner my number one priority is restoring transparency and integrity to Whitehall Township. I believe constituents should be able to pay their taxes online where it leaves a paper trail. I believe in having a paid fire department as soon as possible. I would like to see part time police officers hired as well. I believe in supporting small local business. My other priority would be to encourage Lehigh County to have it's own local health department. I am a strong believer in preserving open space. If elected I promise to be fair and a open minded commissioner. I will continue to advocate for all of our constituents in Whitehall Township.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**Candidates were asked:** Do you think the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has shown a need for improvements to our healthcare system and policies, and what would you recommend?

## ALLEN

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for two:*

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**Democrat/Republican**
**TIMOTHY E. PAUL**
No response

**Independent**
**ALFRED S. PIERCE**
**D.O.B.: not provided**
**Education:** Temple U. J.D., Lehigh U PhD
**Occupation:** Attorney
**Qualifications**: Township Supervisor 16 years
**Response**: No response

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**TIMOTHY E. PAUL**
See above

**Independent**
**ALFRED S. PIERCE**
See above

## BETHLEHEM

### COMMISSIONER

### SECOND WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
**JAN BEATTY**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** BA Lewis University 1982; Post BA Teacher Cert. Montclair University 1990; MA Ed. w/Supervisory Cert. East Stroudsburg University 2008
**Occupation:** Actor (retired education/administrator)
**Qualifications:** Management experience as school Principal; Management experience in former role as editor of national magazine; strong verbal/written skills; ability to work effectively with various stakeholders toward common good; Strong...
**Response:** The COVID-19 pandemic continues to highlight the value of underpaid healthcare workers (nurses, techs, aides, custodial staff) and we must seek to honor their value. This pandemic also points to the disproportionate effects of disease on the marginalized, the importance of prevention, and the need for a more equitable healthcare system. The pandemic clearly illustrates that our neighbor's health impacts our health and vice versa. We must acknowledge that our current system is seriously flawed.

**Republican**
**Steven Greco**
No response

### FOURTH WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**JOHN MERHOTTEIN**

## BUSHKILL

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**BRIEN KOCHER**

## EAST ALLEN

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**ROGER C. UNANGST**

## FORKS

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**JOHN O'NEIL**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education**: Phillipsburg Catholic High School (1980); B.S. Degree in Accounting Ft. Lauderdale College
**Occupation:** Senior Government Contract Manager — Johnson & Johnson Corp.
**Qualifications:** Seeking re-election to office after serving the last 8 years in office.
**Response:** No response

**DURRELL JOHNSON**
No response

**Republican**
**TY J. CORALLO**
No response

**MIKE ROSENBERG**
No response

## HANOVER

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**JEAN E. VERSTEEG**
No response

**Republican**
**MIKE PRENDEVILLE**
No response

## LEHIGH

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**GERALD L. PRITCHARD**
**DAVID HESS**

## LOWER MOUNT BETHEL

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**MICHAEL J. DEBERADINIS**
No response

**Republican**
**DAVID M. ASCANI**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Grad Easton Area High School; grad, 49th class Allentown Police Academy Act 120
**Occupation:** Director of Security
**Qualifications:** Previous supervisor for LMBT 6-year term; Previous police officer for LMBT 9 years; Current member of N.C. Republican Committee Executive Member; Current member of Slate Belt Republican Committee
**Response:** No comment

## LOWER NAZARETH

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years
*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**JAMES PENNINGTON**
**MARTIN BOUCHER**

## LOWER SAUCON

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**VICTORIA OPTHOF-CORDARO**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** SVHS: 2002; BA 2006; J.D. 2009
**Occupation:** Attorney
**Qualifications:** Over 10 years experience practicing municipal law, family law, and special education law. I've served on the bullying task force for SVSD, and on the boards of LWV Northampton County, Safe Harbor homeless shelter, and First Presbyterian Church, Easton PA
**Response:** COVID-19 has highlighted the disparity between those who can afford to be sick and those who can't. People deemed necessary workers often did not have quality health insurance to pay for their illness. They also were not able to afford time away from work. Everyone should have the opportunity to work without gear of getting sick. Livable wages and making healthcare more affordable without emphasis on profits is what I recommend.

**GEORGE J. GRESS**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Saucon Valley High School, graduate of 1997
**Occupation:** Welder/mechanic
**Qualifications:** Former Lower Saucon Township Council member;, past president of Se-wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company, current board member of Lower Saucon Authority, current Treasure of Lower Saucon Township Volunteer Fireman's Relief Association, assistant scoutmaster of BSA Troop 191.
**Response:** COVID-19 has shown us that we need to be better prepared for such an incident. Through thorough planning, and a coordinated effort of all agencies, I believe this can be accomplished. We need to have the full cooperation and ability for all healthcare agencies to work together to access patient information. And all those who are tasked with vaccine development and distribution must share date and information as well. As a world, we must succeed

**Republican**
**JASON BANONIS**
No response

**TOM CAROCCI**
No response

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**TOM RONEY**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** BS — Education, MS — Education, Buffalo State College
**Occupation:** Director of Leadership & Management Development (retired)
**Qualifications:** Director-level positions with major wholesale/retail organizations (25+ years), Habitat Global Village Team Leader (8 years), Chapter President — Vietnam Veterans of America (3 years)
**Response:** Our health care systems need to be connected electronically so they can "talk" to each other. If I get a COVID shot at CVS, there should be a way to upload that information to my LVHN personal account. If I go to the VA for health reasons, they should be able to access all my records from LVHN electronically. Additionally, inquiring about veteran status should be a standard question for all patients!

**Republican**
**JENNIFER ZAVACKY**
No response

## MOORE

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**JEFFREY AYERS**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** High school
**Occupation:** Retired truck driver
**Qualifications:** 12 years township Zoning Board
**Response:** Yes I feel we need to do more in the health care system. I think we should open Medicare for all and if you are under the age of 65 years your premium would be based on your ability to pay. Next fines would be in place to stop false information by people and groups. Also the government would help pay off education for doctors and nurses who work in rural areas and low income areas.

**Republican**
**MICHAEL A. TIRRELL JR.**
No response

## PALMER

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**MICHAEL BRETT**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** High school
**Occupation:** Retired truck driver
**Qualifications:** 12 years township Zoning Board
**Response:** Yes I feel we need to do more in the health care system. I think we should open Medicare for all and if you are under the age of 65 years your premium would be based on your ability to pay. Next fines would be in place to stop false information by people and groups. Also the government would help pay off education for doctors and nurses who work in rural areas and low income areas.

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**JOSEPH V. ARMATO**
No response

### Republican
**DAVID COLVER**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Easton High School — 1985; Williamsport Community College (Penntech) 1987
**Occupation:** Self-employed general contractor and real estate investor (35 years)
**Qualifications:** Owner — David E. Colver Inc. 35 years; current Palmer Tw. Supervisor 24 years; chairman 22 years; Palmer Business Association member over 30 years — past president; current president, Palmer Township Kiwanis Youth Center Project
**Response:** Palmer has aggressively and continues to address COVID-19 in our community. If re-elected to the board of supervisors, I will continue to work closely without management to address the challenges and will remain committed to being fiscally responsible. I'm proud that we have enacted strict policies with our administration and staff in all departments. We have done more with less and strive daily for a safe environment for our residents, businesses, guests and employees.

**ROBERT SMITTY SMITH**
No response

## PLAINFIELD

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat
**JOYCE A. LAMBERT**
No response

**DONALD MOORE**
No response

### Republican
**GLENN A. BORGER**
No response

**ROBERT E. CORNMAN JR.**
No response

## UPPER MOUNT BETHEL

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat/Republican
**DAVID FRIEDMAN**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education**: Easton Area High School 1977; Moravian College
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** Co-chair Zoning Update Comm.; Member Open Space Adv. Bd.; UMBT resident 44 years
**Response**: COVID-19 has shown us that we must expect the unexpected. We have faced other pandemics in the past and have relied on our health care system, science, and the procedures that they recommend to fight, cure, and in some cases eradicate some illnesses. There is no reason to change now.

**JOHN BERMINGHAM**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** B.S. Arizona State University 2000; J.D. Catholic University, 2004; M.B.A. Saint Leo University, 2013
**Occupation:** Attorney; Professor; Motivational Speaker
**Qualifications:** Board of Supervisor 6 years; Township Liaison for Upper Mount Bethel Emergency services and our Park and Recreation Committee. I love Upper Mount Bethel!
**Response:** The COVID-19 pandemic has shown improvements are needed to our health care system. What I would recommend is that we allow doctors, health care professionals and first responders dictate the policies and how our healthcare system works. Keep the politicians out, keep the governor out, and keep the president out. Let our first responders and doctors have more authority over whether businesses need to be shut down or how a pandemic should be dealt with.
**Independent**

**WAYNE SMITH**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** 1976-Started College at Morris County College with a major in Mechanical Engineering; 1978: Transferred to New Jersey Institute of Technology with a major in Mechanical Engineering. Co-authored a textbook in Mechanical Engineering with one of my professors.
**Occupation:** Head Quarters Manager at DEVCOM Picatinny Arsenal New Jersey
**Qualifications**: 1995: Joined the Knowlton Township Planning Board; 1997: Became Chairman of the Planning Board because of the success of curtailing the Golf Course Development.
**Response:** The experience from COVID-19 has shown a need to improve the current system by instituting a strong cooperative connection between Government at all levels and commercial entities. The members of the UMBT BOS, even though they have very little effect on our health care system, should always listen and work with the people of UMBT.

## UPPER NAZARETH

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat
**BRIAN SAYAGO**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Easton Area High School, Pennsylvania State University
**Occupation:** Banking consultant on consumer compliance. Previously a Lehigh Valley community bank officer.
**Qualifications**: I am an effective manager in small groups and large departments. I want to bring an effective practical approach to local government.
**Response:** Covid is the most serious public health crisis in our lifetimes. This is no time to be working a political agenda. We all have to compromise. To shorten the pandemic we need a cooperative, community based approach. We ensure our own health by looking out for the wellbeing of our neighbors. I support the Pennsylvania Department of Health and its public health measures to protect all of us.

### Republican
**DONNA M. HIRST**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Freedom High School, Cedar Crest College 1982; MBA Wilkes University 1990
**Occupation:** Doctoral Candidate
**Qualifications:** I have been a supervisor on the UNT BOS since 2015.
**Response:** No response

## WASHINGTON

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat
**RALPH FALCONE**
No response

### Republican
**R. JUSTIN HIRATIAK**
No response

## WILLIAMS

### SUPERVISOR
**Term:** 6 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat
**GEORGE L. WASHBURN**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** High school 1963; University of Pittsburgh 1972
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** Township Supervisor 8 years; President of LNCS (nonprofit), Township Zoning Hearing Board 2 years; Township Landfill oversite committee 10 years; Vietnam Veteran 1965-1967; Actively involved in Williams Township government for 35 years
**Response**: no response

### Republican
**BRYAN HAAS**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Nazareth Area H.S. 1994; Albright College BA 1998; Wilkes University BS 2006 **Occupation:** Teacher
**Qualifications:** Academic leader of a faculty cooperative; Master's degree in Educational Leadership; Athletic coach
**Response**: No response

# BOROUGHS

## LEHIGH COUNTY

**Candidates were asked:** How will you continue to address the effects of COVID-19, specifically the impact on the community and economy?

## ALBURTIS

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat
**KATHLEEN PALMER**

### Republican
**No candidates**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

### Democrat
**HECTOR VAZQUEZ**
No response

**STEPHEN NEMETH**
**D.O.B.:** 1987
**Education:** Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice Administration, masters degree in Public Administration.
**Occupation:** Fraud analyst
**Qualifications:** Years of service within the community: coaching, volunteering and working
**Response:** I have seen first-hand what child care centers have gone through and how much they have lost, but never gave up the fight. The courage and heart that those on the frontlines have given to let us have some normalcy is what we must work together to maintain. I will continue to support our local businesses and help to make my community a safe place. I will be a voice for those who are still afraid and for those who are ready to move forward. COVID-19 will not just go away, but I promise to do all I can to help alleviate the stress of it on our community. If we work together, and trust each other, we can come out of this stronger and show each other just how much we truly care about our neighbors and where we are from.

**KATHLEEN RAINES**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** High school graduate
**Occupation:** councilwoman, chair of park and recreation
**Qualifications:** Lehigh Emergency Services Training Academy ICS Orientatation I-100, NIMS IS700, Management System IS:402, FEMA IS-00022, Community Planning Workshop.
**Response:** To keep experience down so the borough taxes don't have to be raised. Apply for grants to help boost the borough economy and create jobs. Improve the borough infrastructure to improve the residents' quality of life.

### Republican
**STEVEN R. HILL**
**D.O.B.:** 1954
**Education:** Degree in Criminal Justice
**Occupation:** Production manager
**Qualifications:** 28 years on borough council.
**Response:** I would encourage everyone to get their shots and wear a mask when appropriate.

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 2 years

### Democrat
No candidates

### Republican
**CHAD DAVID ATKINS**

## CATASAUQUA

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat
**JEREMY COSTENBADER**
Facebook.com/jeremy.costenbaderj
**D.O.B.:** 1978
**Education:** Graduated from Shippensburg University.
**Occupation:** Business owner
**Occupation:** Security certificate in cybersecurity
**Response:** I want to keep a safe and open communication, follow the scientific measures but understand the freedoms we enjoy. I feel COVID is an issue we need to watch and stay safe. Our community must reopen to keep everyone included in the economy that we need to survive.

### Republican
**BARBARA A. SCHLEGEL**
**D.O.B.:** 1952
**Education:** Catasauqua High School graduate, 1970; Lehigh Community College.
**Occupation:** Business owner

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**Qualification:** Catasauqua Borough Council 10 years; Catasauqua mayor 16 years; Public Safety chairman, Recreation chairman of Catasauqua/North Catasauqua Chamber; secretary of Downtown Improvement Business Revitalization; chairman of Halloween Parade.
**Response:** I will work with the borough manager, police chief, fire chief, school district and local pharmacies, and as I have in the past, be adamant about precautions to be taken, and help as I can enforce and educate the residents of Catasauqua. Economy and business, as I always do, I help now and have helped many businesses start and keep progressing the best we can.

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

#### Democrat
**TRUDY WARNER**
**D.O.B.:** 1978
**Education:** B.S., Information Technology, Pennsylvania State University; AAS Environmental Science, Pennsylvania College of Technology.
**Occupation:** Auditor
**Qualifications:** I enjoy volunteering to work toward the betterment of our community and our citizens. I deliver groceries for Meals On Wheels, and participate in Earth Day activities. In the past few years, I have volunteered my time on community committees.
**Response:** I believe to recover from this unique time in history, we need to focus on a sense of community. The isolation and mandatory shutdowns have created a wave of problems from mental health to loss of businesses and livelihood. We must use this time to promote a sense of wellbeing and a quality of life with a focus on local businesses. These businesses have provided a familiar safe haven for some of us while the world was put on pause and have suffered as well but still served their community. As a councilwoman, I would encourage outsourcing to local businesses and ask business owners to participate in planned events throughout the year and propose new events they would like to support while building on our sense of community.

**VINCENT SMITH**
**D.O.B.:** 1966
**Education:** Graduate of Catasauqua High School
**Occupation:** CEO/President, Biery's Port Bodyworks, Inc.
**Qualifications:** Borough councilman since 2006; Council president, 2008, 2009, and 2014-2021; multi-business owner in the community since 1987. Active in borough revitalization efforts since 2000, including the new municipal complex and the Ironworks project.
**Response:** Catasauqua has been very fortunate. We have not been hit as hard with the COVID-19 virus as much of the nation and surrounding communities, meaning that the impact to our community has been more manageable on a borough level. Aside from securing grant funding from federal, state and county to help offset the additional products and services required for the borough to manage the pandemic here at home, I will continue to make sure the Ironworks project continues to move forward to completion. This will provide more quality of life enhancements for all residents, such as more goods and services, upscale housing options, higher property values, and lower taxes in the future, due to the rateables from the future site development.

**DAVID BERNINI**
**D.O.B.:** 1979
**Education:** Pennsylvania State University, Bachelor's degree in Computer Science.
**Occupation:** Software developer
**Qualifications:** I feel my most important qualification is my passion for, and dedication to, Catasauqua. I sincerely value my community and its residents. Professionally, I have nearly two decades of experience in creative problem solving and collaborative teamwork.
**Response:** As an elected Catasauqua Borough Council Member, my obligation would be to make sure all formal and recreational gatherings adhere to the latest local, state, and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19 public safety. This includes meetings and events run by the borough, as well as those occurring within its boundaries. Since the beginning of the pandemic, I've personally taken COVID-19 very seriously. I encourage mask wearing, social distancing, and elected vaccination; however, I understand public opinion varies greatly on such measures. I believe local businesses need to be open for Catasauqua to grow and thrive, so we need to be creative and put safe solutions in place, given the threats of COVID-19, not forever, but for now.

#### Republican
**PAUL CMIL**
**D.O.B.:** 1945
**Education:** B.S., Engineering, 1967, West Point; MBA, 1983, Baldwin Wallace.
**Occupation:** Manager
**Qualifications:** PA Water/ waste system operator
**Response:** We plan to propose a paid health official to the borough to deal with the effects of COVID. It is a necessary precaution and can mitigate the spread of the virus. A functional nutritional specialist can help us reduce the virus and achieve us get to herd immunity. We have seen the great strides made in technology and impact the new knowledge has had on the "gut" and we want to improve health for all residents.

**HOWARD CUNNINGHAM**
No response

**JILL SMERDON**
**D.O.B.:** 1973
**Education:** Masters degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from Penn State; Masters degree in Reading and Bachelors degree in elementary education from East Stroudsburg, and Educational leadership degree from Lehigh University.
**Occupation:** Teacher
**Qualifications:** experience planning and participating in successful community involvement initiatives as an educator
**Response:** Through open communication with community members and leaders (civic, business, education, etc.) I will facilitate consistent sharing of information and resources. I helped to start a non-profit organization in Catasauqua last spring (Friends of Catasauqua Parks) and we've raised over $5,000 through outdoor community events that provided families and businesses with recreation that was both safe and fun. We're raising funds to help sustain our parks while bringing families together with local businesses. I believe in these types of grassroots efforts to assist Catasauqua businesses while helping families get together safely outside so that taxes will remain stable and be used for essential services.

## COOPERSBURG

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

#### Democrat
No candidates

#### Republican
**GARY HOVIS**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

#### Democrat
No candidates

#### Republican
**JOE ELLENBERGER**
**PAUL DIETZ**
**CHRISTINE E. NORMAN**
**ERIC K. DOWDLE**

## COPLAY

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

#### Democrat
**STEPHEN J. BURKER**

**Republican**
No candidates

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

#### Democrat
**LOUIS L. BODISH**
**STEPHEN J. BURKER**
**CHARLES J. SODL**
**CARL A. LUCKENBACH**

#### Republican
No candidates

## EMMAUS

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

#### Democrat/Republican
**LEE ANN GILBERT**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

#### Democrat
**SHANA BAUMGARTNER**
No response

**ROY ANDERS JR.**
**D.O.B.:** 1970
**Education:** High School diploma; business school
**Occupation:** Regional director at Premium Retail
**Qualifications:** Current Emmaus Council member serving a second four-year team. Regional manager with over 500 employees servicing retail stores along the East Coast.
**Response:** One of our vital services is emergency services, in particularly we have made sure that we have properly equipped our fire and ambulance departments with all of the needed protective supplies and equipment to ensure that they and the community are protected and safe. In the borough, we cut costs and expenses over a million dollars to keep the financial impact to the taxpayers down. We will also doing everything we can to help new business to come into town easier. Democrat/Republican

#### Democrat/Republican
**BRENT LABENBERG**
**D.O.B.:** 1965
**Education:** Emmaus High grad, 1983; U.S. Navy, 1983-87
**Occupation:** Owner of DJ Dutch
**Qualifications:** Currently serving sixth four-year term, Current council president, lifelong resident, fifth generation of family living in the borough, Have demonstrated leadership, always encourage debate and questions. Always trying to make borough operations more efficient.
**Response:** The borough during the 2020 shutdown had a three-tiered plan. We made cuts and layoffs accordingly. This plan and process prevented us from having any major budget issues. Moving forward I support the same process. Any future money allocated to the borough for COVID I would support using for infrastructure if allowed.

#### Republican
**JOHN F. BELIN JR.**
**D.O.B.:** 1964
**Education:** Altoona Area High School, Pennsylvania School of Technology, Penn State University.
**Occupation:** Quality Assurance
**Qualifications:** Emmaus taxpayer and resident for the last 20 years.
**Response:** I will bring a fresh voice to Borough Council. Increase the availability of quality affordable housing. We will grow stronger on the other side of this crisis, ensuring nobody is left behind. I believe in strong partnership between and borough officials and our police department. I would like to see health care workers and our professionals respond to substance abuse, and mental health and other nonviolent Incidents. These are some of my goals as your borough councilman. And I will donate my salary back to the community in Emmaus. Thanks

**TREVOR SCHNECK**
**D.O.B.:** 1979
**Education:** Lehigh Carbon Community College
**Occupation:** Owner of Bar None Photography
**Qualifications:** Father. Husband. Athletic coach. Successfully has been a business owner for 12 years. Understanding budgets and spending.
**Response:** I will allow the community to decide for themselves how to stay safe from COVID-19. It's not my job to be their parent. If the person wants a mask to protect themselves or others, then by all means do so. If someone wants to get a vaccine to feel safe or to protect others, than they should choose that option. If a person already has had COVID-19, once again its their choice to do what's best for themselves. The government shouldn't step in and I certainly will not do so.

## FOUNTAIN HILL

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

#### Democrat
**MICHAEL JOHNSON**
No response

#### Republican
No candidates

#### Independent
**CAROLEE GIFFORD**
No response

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

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**Democrat**
**ERICA GRAHAM**
**WILL RUFE**

**Democrat/Republican**
**NORMAN E. BLATT JR.**

**Republican**
**PHILIP TRABEL**

## MACUNGIE

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**RONALD CONRAD**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**CHRISTOPHER D. CVIJIC**

**Democrat/Republican**
**BARRY BLOCH**

**Republican**
**GREGORY HUTCHISON**
**JOHN YERMAN**

## SLATINGTON

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**JERALYN WALTERS SCHOCH**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**JEFFREY HAUSMAN**
**ZACHARI HALKIAS**

**Republican**
**RONALD W. KRATZ**

# NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**Candidates were asked:** Do you think the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has shown a need for improvements to our health-care system and policies, and what would you recommend?

## BANGOR

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**MARY ELLEN DEFRANCO**

### COUNCIL-AT LARGE
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**KRISTA ASHMORE**
No response

**MICHAEL J. BILOTTE**
No response

**Republican**
**MARISSA L. DONNELLY**
No response

**JAMES W. KRESGE**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Graduate Bangor High School, 2001; A.A.S. Northampton Community College, 2005; B.A. East Stroudsburg University, 2011.
**Occupation:** Safety & training coordinator
**Qualifications:** PA National Guardsman, 10 years; borough council member, 10 years
**Response:** Fortunately, no one in my family (including myself) has had any first-hand experience with the health care system's handling of COVID-19, so I am unable to make any criticisms or recommendations.

**JOANNA PAULSON**
No response

**JAMES AUGUSTINE**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** Central York High School, 1994; Lycoming College B.A. economics and marketing, 1998; Widener School of Law, JD, 2006
**Occupation:** Deputy district attorney, County of Northampton
**Qualifications:** Former member Upper Nazareth Township Zoning Hearing Board; former Upper Nazareth Township Supervisor; current member of Bangor Borough Council; 15 years legal experience
**Response:** We owe a debt of gratitude to the frontline health care workers who worked tirelessly to get us through this pandemic with the finest knowledge and technology in the world. On a local level, I have worked to ensure the citizens of Bangor continue to receive the municipal services they have come to expect in the most efficient and fiscally responsible way possible. A vote for me is a vote for credible, fiscally responsible leadership.

## BATH

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**FIORELLA R. MIRABITO**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

**Democrat**
**MICHELE EHRGOTT**

**Republican**
**DOUGLAS HAMADYK**

## CHAPMAN

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
No candidates

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
No candidates

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
No candidates

## EAST BANGOR

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**DEREK POWELL**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**SUSAN J. RUGGIERO**

**Republican**
**JENNIFER ROSANNE REESE**

## FREEMANSBURG

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**GERALD C. YOB**

**Republican**
No candidates

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

**Democrat**
**MARGARET REICHARD**
**CHARLES W. DERR**
**RUDOLPH GALLICH**

**Republican**
No candidates

## GLENDON

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**MELODY MCALLISTER**

**Republican**
No candidates

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
**AMY LYNN WEISENBERGER-CASWELL**

**Republican**
**DONALD YOUNG**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**KATHRYN J. HARSTINE**

## HELLERTOWN

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**DAVID J. HEINTZELMAN**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**MATT MARCINCIN**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education**: Saucon Valley High School Class of 1993; B.S. Political Science, East Stroudsburg University, 2012.
**Occupation:** Private landscape contractor
**Qualifications:** Manage my own business for 15 yearys, sitting council member for the Borough of Hellertown; Hellertown Borough Council Liaison of Hellertown Area Library; Hellertown Borough Council Liaison for the Saucon Valley Rail Trail.
**Response:** The COVID-19 was an unprecedented event in our time. I believe the borough took appropriate steps in closing Borough Hall and having staff work from home so the functionality of our municipality remained constant. We also took steps to limit exposure and contamination with our essential workers, i.e. the garbage crew and the grounds and maintenance crew. Daily cleanings of the vehicles were standard and we tried to separate the crews individually by using multiple trucks.

**THOMAS J. RIEGER**
No response

**Democrat**
**GIL STAUFFER**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** Bethlehem Catholic 1959; Bethlehem Business School, various local colleges; graduate certification Institute of Financial Education.

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**Occupation:** Retired banker
**Qualifications:** Hellertown Borough Council, four years, current council V.P.; Graduate Leadership Lehigh Valley, board member, and treasurer Hellertown Historical Society.
**Response:** No response

**THERESA FADEM**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** Graduate McCorristin Catholic High School, Trenton, New Jersey, 1987.
**Occupation**: AMS designated community manager with Access Property Management
**Qualifications:** I have been a professional community manager my entire professional life. I understand the importance and value of service to one's community. I want to be a part of Hellertown's bright future.
**Response:** The CDC and Northampton County Health Department provided the public with education, resources, guidance and updates; however, there were shortages in basic equipment, hospital beds, tests and contact tracing. Vaccines, therapeutics, equitable care and safer housing (especially for seniors) are a basic human right. We must invest in the public health infrastructure going forward and increase global disease studies. We must also look to expanding and improving upon telehealth to better coordinate with specialists

**Republican**
**ANDREW HUGHES**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** B.A., Eastern University, 1995; Master certificate, Information Security, Villanova University, 2014.
**Occupation:** Information technology security professional at New York Life, holding several industry security certifications.
**Response:** The COVID-19 pandemic has materially and unexpectedly impacted all aspects of our lives. The healthcare system is certainly no different. While healthcare improved over the course of the pandemic, recognizing the divergent beliefs of both the affected and providers greatly influences the level of care that can be given and how it can be received. Hopefully we will all learn from this experience and apply this new knowledge to provide better service in the future.

**JAMES W. HILL**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** B.A., Lehigh University, 1994; J.D., Penn State University — Dickinson School of Law, 2000.
**Occupation:** Attorney-at-law
**Qualifications:** Hellertown Borough Council, eight years; Saucon Valley Partnership, three years; Hellertown Civil Service Commission, six years; Saucon Valley Rail Trail Oversight Commission; Hellertown Historical Society Board of Directors; & Hellertown Lions Club.
**Response:** No response

## COUNCIL
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**JOSEPH V. PAMPANIN JR.**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** Graduate Marian Catholic High School, 1987; B.S., Penn State University, 1991.
**Occupation:** Hardware engineer, Cisco Systems, Inc.
**Qualifications:** Member of Planning Commission, Hellertown, 2010-present: Member of Council, Hellertown, 2021-15; Member of Hellertown-Lower Saucon Library Task Force, 2011-12.
**Response:** I believe we should continue to recommend following guidelines and encourage those still unvaccinated to do so.

**Republican**
**ANDREW HUGHES**
No response

## NAZARETH

## MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one*

**Democrat**
**LANCE E. COLONDO**

**Republican**
No candidates

## COUNCIL

### FIRST WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**CHRISTOPHER D. CROOK**

**Republican**
No candidates

### SECOND WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**JESSICA TEEL SADLER**

**Republican**
No candidates

### SECOND WARD
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**LAUREEN PELLEGRINO**

**Republican**
No candidates

### THIRD WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
**CHARLES A. DONELLO**

**Republican**
**CARL STRYE JR.**

## NORTH CATASAUQUA

## MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**WILLIAM J. MOLCHANY JR.**

**Republican**
No candidates

## COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**JOHN JOSEPH YANEK**
No response

**JOSEPH T. KEGLOVITS**
No response

**Republican**
**PETER PAONE III**
No response

**DANIEL R. SNYDER**
No response

**MICHAEL MACSISAK**
No response

## NORTHAMPTON

## MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**THOMAS D. REENOCK**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** Northampton High School, 1958; U.S. Air Force; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 375,
**Occupation:** Retired from IBEW
**Qualifications:** Mayor, 28 years; council president, nine years; councilman, nine years; PA State Association of Boroughs; Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of PA Board Member; President, 2 years; PA State Mayors Association
**Response:** I would like to continue serving the community by using my lifelong Borough experience to assist it back to a productive future. The residents and businesses are working together following the guidelines recommended by government, CDC and the county. All concerns can be addressed at borough meetings, on our webpage or contacting your local council member. Small businesses were advised of Northampton County grant assistance. COVID restrictions are easing the road back to normalcy.

**Republican**
**TONY PRISTASH**
No response

## COUNCIL

### FIRST WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**KENNETH HALL**

### SECOND WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**BONNIE ALMOND**

### THIRD WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
No candidates

### THIRD WARD
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**MARYANN ADAMS**
No response

**Republican**
**TREVOR P. STONE**
No response

### FOURTH WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**ANTHONY S. LOPSONZSKI JR.**

**Republican**
No candidates

## PEN ARGYL

## MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**STEPHEN M. MALE**

## COUNCIL

### FIRST WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**SCOTT A. BRUMBAUGH**

### SECOND WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**JOSEPH LEDONNE**

### THIRD WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**JOSEPHINE C. HILDABRANT**

### FOURTH WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**STEPHANIE COOPER**

**Republican**
No candidates

## PORTLAND

## MAYOR

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**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**HEATHER FISCHER**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**ROBERT A. INVANCICH SR.**
**KAY BUCCI**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**KAY BUCCI**

## ROSETO

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**ILENE TILLMAN**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**NICHOLAS MARTINO JR.**
**DAN ENGLE**

**Republican**
**PETER J. SCARFARO JR.**
**DARLENE DUNBAR**

## STOCKERTOWN

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**KENNETH ZEMENCSIK**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

**Democrat**
**PAMELA DAVIS**
No response

**ROSEMARIE WENZELBERGER**
**D.O.B.:** Not provided
**Education:** Nazareth High School, 1971; Empire Beauty School 1972
**Occupation:** Cosmetologist
**Qualifications:** Council member 19 years; former alternate, Bushkill Stream Conservancy; former member of Recreation Committee; member of the Stockertown Youth Association.
**Response:** Hospitals and clinics were overwhelmed with difficult problems. Health care systems seem to focus on high revenue, profit before the start of COVID-19 rather than primary care, prevention and public health. After 9/11, the Department of Homeland Security was created to secure the United States from threats we may face. Public officials and workers took lessons NIMS 100 & 700 in preparing for a disaster, signed mutual agreements, communities came together.

**Republican**
**RENEE CANTWELL**
No response

**KIMBERLY HOLDEN-FORSYTH**
No response

## TATAMY

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**JAMES F. PALLANTE JR.**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three*

**Democrat**
**KRISTINE PORTER**

**Republican**
**ROBERT J. HAYES JR.**

## WALNUTPORT

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**WAYNE WEIDNER**

**Republican**
No candidates

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**JENNIFER L. WENTZ**
**IRIS V. BLUM**

**Republican**
**PATRICE HUNSICKER**

## WEST EASTON

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**DAN DEPAUL**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**PAUL G. JAMES**
**JANIE JONES BROWN**
**KENNETH E. DECKER JR.**
**MATT DEES**

**Republican**
No candidates

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**PAUL G. JAMES**
No response

**Republican**
**ROBERT ADAMS**
No response

## WILSON

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

**Democrat**
**DONALD R. BARRETT JR.**

**Republican**
No candidates

### COUNCIL

#### FIRST WARD
**Term:** 4 years
*Vote for one*

**Democrat**
**JOHN J. BURKE IV**

**Republican**
No candidates

#### SECOND WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
**JUSTIN WOODRING**
**KENNETH KURT SNYDER**

**Republican**
No candidates

#### THIRD WARD
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**SHAUN M. GABLE**

## WIND GAP

### MAYOR
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one*

**Democrat/Republican**
**WESLEY J. SMITH**

### COUNCIL
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
**DAVID HESS**
**PATRICK M. WEBBER**
**DAVID A. MANZO**

# SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**Candidates were asked:** What measures will you take to continue educating students while keeping their health and well being in mind?

## LEHIGH COUNTY

### ALLENTOWN
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**LISA A. CONOVER**
**D.O.B.:** 1968
**Education:** Columbia High School,1985. Attended the College of New Jersey in Ewing, N.J., education administration/supervision
**Occupation:** Realtors
**Qualifications:** Current four-year term school board director, education, community, youth and family advocate. Four children, two are ASD Alumni (2019, 2020), two currently in ASD one of whom will be graduating 2021 with an ASD high school diploma and an associate degree.
**Response:** The measures I will take are to continue my commitment to excellence in education in ASD and efforts in advocating

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and setting higher standards in the quality of education, mental health as it relates to ASD's milieu and mental health services in our district. I will proactively continue to empower and engage ASD administration in the construct and implementation of a comprehensive health and education plan that's designed to meet the needs of all children we serve.///

### Democrat/Republican

**JENNIFER LYNN ORTIZ**
**D.O.B.:** 1976
**Education:** High school diploma
**Occupation:** Homemaker
**Qualifications:** I have a child in the Allentown School District.
**Response:** I will listen to all concerns. I will do my part in making sure all needs are met socially, emotionally mentally and academically. I will make decisions based on the best interest of the children of Allentown School District. My goal is to do everything in my power to make it a better district for students, staff and parents of ASD. It would be an honor for me to serve on the Allentown School District Board of Directors.

**LATARSHA BROWN**
m.facebook.com/LaTarsha4ASD/
**D.O.B.:** 1982
**Occupation:** Partnership & Youth Leadership Coordinator
**Education:** Associate degree in business administration, bachelor's degree in business management with a concentration health care management
**Qualifications:** Over 20 years of youth advocacy, leadership and development of youth programming that supports their education and other health needs. Over 10 years of providing direct mental health services that are focused on youth health and safety.
**Response:** Give students and families more access to education around hygiene techniques, mental health care and the importance of engaging in preventive health care measures. While also advocating that the buildings in which our students are receiving education are properly ventilated and getting regular maintenance of those buildings are a priority, in addition I want to ensure students and families that I am here to advocate for more mental health and community services for our students and families attending ASD schools.///

**PHOEBE D. HARRIS**
**D.O.B.:** 1965
**Education:** Health care management, Bachelor of Science Liberal Arts, Associate of Arts Degree
**Occupation:** Allentown Board Member
**Qualifications:** Advocacy and Community Engagement Liaison, The Ortiz ARK Foundation community advocate, NAACP Allentown School Board director, Allentown Former Allentown Human Relations commissioner, board member at Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum
**Response:** I will continue to take extreme measures for the health, safety, and mental well-being of our students by collaborating with Allentown Health Bureau, ASD Administration, and following protocols provided by state guidelines.

### Republican

**ROBERT E. SMITH JR.**
**D.O.B.:** 1961
**Education:** New York University - Mideast studies; Middlesex County College - law, theater; Lehigh Community College - business ethics, sociology, and psychology.
**Occupation:** director of operations
**Qualifications:** 1994-1998 vice chairman of Human Relations Commission; 1998-2000 Allentown councilman: 2003-2019 Allentown school director, five years president: LCTI JOC member 16 years, two years co-chairman. Finance, Building, Athletic, Recreation committees. PSBA rep
**Response:** The safety of our students and all employees is my number one priority Every student should be back in school with the option to choose hybrid. We should offer our essential workers, which are nurses, teachers, para professionals, secretaries, food servers, security, IT and administrators, to be vaccinated. Every classroom should have humidifiers to combat germs and viruses We need to have a nurse in every school building. I proposed often testing on all employees.///

## BETHLEHEM

See Northampton County portion of Voters Guide

## CATASAUQUA

Catasauqua Borough and Hanover Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four*

### Democrat/Republican

**SHAWN P. MCGINLEY**
**CHRISTY COOPER**
**DALE K. HEIN**
**JASON M. BASHAW**

## EAST PENN

Alburtis, Emmaus, Macungie Boroughs; Lower Macungie and Upper Milford Townships
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat/Republican

**ALISA BOWMAN**
bowmanforeastpenn.com
**D.O.B.:** 1970
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Penn State
**Occupation:** Writer and editor
**Qualifications:** Four years on EPSD board; three years on CLIU board; mother of EPSD student; volunteered for: Humane Society, Wildlands Conservancy, Sierra Club, Bradbury Sullivan Center, Laubach Literacy, among others
**Response:** As we emerge from the pandemic, it's important to allow public health experts to guide our decisions. We are fortunate to have professionals at LVHN and St. Luke's to help us find the sweet spot between safety measures and optimal learning. As we move forward, it's important to also focus on problems that have nothing to do with the pandemic. Our district's virtual academy, for example, leaves a lot to be desired.///

**ADAM SMITH**
smithforepsd.org
**D.O.B.:** 1980
**Education:** Bachelor of Science, education, University of Delaware, 2003; master's degree, educational leadership, Wilkes University, 2007; master's degree, instructional technology, Wilkes University, 2010
**Occupation:** Teacher
**Qualifications:** Current East Penn school director. Father of two EPSD Students. Served 18 years as public school educator. Served on several districtwide committees, working with families, teachers, and district leadership, on nearly every facet of school operation
**Response:** Currently, safely returning students to live instruction is at the forefront of the minds of many in our community. In East Penn, our recent progress in this area marks the first of many steps forward. While recognizing this progress, we must also remain focused and vigilant on the task still at hand. Returning to traditional instruction cannot preclude us from examining the lingering impacts to student mental, physical, and academic health.///

**BILL WHITNEY**
whitneyforeastpenn.com
**D.O.B.:** 1974
**Education:** Ph.D., theater and drama, University of Wisconsin-Madison; master's degree, drama, Washington University - St. Louis; bachelor's degree, English and theater arts, Nebraska Wesleyan University.
**Occupation:** Administrative director, Office of Creative Inquiry, Lehigh University
**Qualifications:** Eleven years in higher education, co-creator of several innovative programs. I've been a classroom teacher in higher education and have worked with high school students through workshops and the arts. Involved and informed citizen. Daughter attends school in East Penn."
**Response:** I am in favor of reopening schools as soon as it is safe and prudent to do so. This decision must consider the pain and loss felt by our students and families. I don't know that we should return to the old normal we have the opportunity to learn from this pandemic about flexibility in education, facing challenges as a community, and providing a 21st-century education to all students and families.///

### Democrat

**NAOMI WINCH**
www.facebook.com/NaomiWinchEastPennSchoolBoardDirector
**D.O.B.:** 1980
**Education:** not provided
**Occupation:** Stay at home mother
**Qualifications:** Current East Penn School Board director; mother of children with various needs and abilities, certified foster parent, certified instructor of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; former vestry member, Church of the Mediator; former board member, UCC Greenawalds Nursery School.
**Response:** It is critical right now to prioritize academic skill remediation and continuation, as well as provide mental health resources to our students. It's also imperative that we continue to comply with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The recommendations are constantly changing and the district's policies need to adapt to align with them. I have voiced to the administration the need to prioritize the expansion of mental health providers in our elementary buildings.///

### Republican

**MICHAEL FELEGY**
**D.O.B.:** 1975
**Education:** Bachelor of Science in biology
**Qualifications:** not provided
**Occupation:** Production supervisor
**Response:** The health and well being of the students while keeping them in school is and always will be my number one priority. I agree it is necessary to slow down transmission of the delta variant, which as we know affects more children as earlier in the pandemic. However, in the near to immediate future, if and when the vaccine for children 12 and under is approved, I am opposed to a vaccine mandate, not knowing the long-term affects.///

## NORTHERN LEHIGH

Slatington Borough and Washington Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat/Republican

**MICHELLE HECKMAN**
**GARY S. FEDORCHA**
**ROBERT J. KEEGAN JR.**

## NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH

Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn and Weisenberg Townships
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat

**ALAN L. REX**
www.facebook.com/arexnwlsdschool
**D.O.B.:** 1967
**Education:** LCTI 1985; Northwestern Lehigh High School 1985; IBEW JATC 1990
**Occupation:** Electrician
**Qualifications:** LCTI JOC and OAC board member; Northwestern Lehigh board member
**Response:** The need to get all of our children back to a full five-day schedule but yet ensure our students and staff have a safe environment is my top priority. The only way we can get back to school as we knew it prior to March 2020 is to have all of us buy into the COVID plan the administration has adopted. The disruptions of closing for a few days, going remote those days and then reopening is not a formula for success.///

**MELISSA ARIFAJ**
**D.O.B.:** 1984
**Education:** 5/16 - Curriculum and instruction, Lehigh University; 5/13 - principal, Lehigh University; 8/09 - master's degree, education, Wilkes University; 5/06 - bachelor of science, elementary education, bachelor of arts, Spanish, Cedar Crest College.
**Occupation:** Curriculum supervisor of ELA and humanities, Whitehall-Coplay School District
**Qualifications:** 10/17 - 8/21, St. Stephen's Episcopal School Advisory Board; 1/13 - 12/17, trustee, LHHS; 8/10 - 5/11, adjunct professor, Cedar Crest College; 9/09-6/16, executive director, Cedar Crest Alumnae Association; 8/06 - 8/21, teacher, Whitehall-Coplay School District.
**Response:** Students learn best when together in school. Social, emotional, and academic growth happens when children and their peers are able to learn alongside one another and this element is currently missing from our students lives. Learning in its very essence is social. When students are not given these authentic opportunities, we are directly impeding their growth. We will always be faced with challenges and must make decisions that support the whole child.///

### Democrat/Republican

**LAUREN HUNSICKER**
**D.O.B.:** 1986
**Education:** Northwestern Lehigh High School,

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2005; PharmD., neuroscience minor, Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2011 w/ honors.
**Occupation:** pharmacist
**Qualifications:** Pharmacy Site Manager for St. Luke's University Health Network, CVS Paragon Leadership Award Winner 2017, Elementary Reconfiguration Advisory Council 2019, NYAA and Northwestern Elementary PIE volunteer.
**Response:** As a health care provider, I am familiar with objectively reviewing data to make evidence-based decisions. As a mother, I am intimately aware that a child's well-being goes beyond health. As the wife of an educator, I am also aware that a child's well-being cannot be achieved without that of their teachers' well-being. Every student achieves well-being in different ways and at different paces. The pandemic shed light on just how multi-faceted the needs of Northwestern Lehigh students are.///

### Republican

**BECKY HITE**
sites.google.com/view/becky-hite-for-school-board/home
**D.O.B.:** 1981
**Education:** Bachelor's degree from University of the Arts
**Occupation:** Vice President of Operations and Expansion
**Qualifications:** I have been involved in the PTO Executive Board at Weisenberg Elementary for over six years, PTO at Northwestern Lehigh Middle School for three years and various other community involvement from Scouts to NYAA.
**Response:** Our district has put a lot of effort into collecting data that is relevant to Northwestern Lehigh, not the Lehigh Valley as a whole and I know they will continue to do so. Working together to keep our sports and activities going, even during the winter months has been a great step in keeping the mental well-being of students in the forefront. I will advocate for the district to return to a regular five-day school week.///

**TODD HERNANDEZ**
**D.O.B.:** 1970
**Education:** Bachelor's degree business administration accounting Kutztown University; Certified Public Accountant
**Occupation:** Accounting and finance manager
**Qualifications:** Northwestern Lehigh board since 2009, vice president since 2019. Lived in the district since 1997. Wife Sheri (Dellicker) Northwestern alum. Son Nolan class of 2019, sophomore at Pitt, daughter Reagan class of 2021, will be attending Pitt. Former treasurer NYAA, serve on the Northwestern Lehigh Recreation Commission.
**Response:** I have a responsibility to analyze factual data and community input to make decisions. I believe in objective decisions for the welfare of our students and staff. I support personal freedoms, but schools must follow the laws. Factual data and proven science must guide decisions. Northwestern Lehigh is staffed with those who act with integrity to provide our students with a safe place to learn and grow. We are fortunate to have technology for remote learning.///

**JENNIFER SENAVAITIS**
jensenavaitsforschoolboard
**D.O.B.:** 1976
Occupation: School Counselor
**Education:** B.A. - Psychology - Millersville M. Ed. - Counseling Psychology - Temple K-12 School Counselor Certification K-12 Principal Certification
**Qualifications:** Over 20 years of experience working with children and families in both the foster care/mental health and education setting. Additionally, I am the School Counselor Section President and Eastern Region Representative for the PA State Education Assoc.
**Response:** I will work with parents and community members on advocating for their voices on what their children need to be successful in school. I would hope to start a parent roundtable to discuss important education issues and ways that we can work together as a community to build up our school district. Additionally, it is important to keep the lines of communication open with faculty and staff at the district. They are at the forefront of education and can speak firsthand about what it takes to educate our children. Mental and emotional health is extremely important for both students and staff. I will work with district-level administration to ensure that our students have access to programs and our staff has the supports they need to teach.

## PARKLAND

North Whitehall, South Whitehall, Upper Macungie Townships and Allentown 17th Ward 4th District, 18th Ward 2nd District
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat

**ANNETTE WILCOX**
**D.O.B.:** 1968
**Education:** Bachelor's degree elementary education - University of Michigan; master's degree education - Lehigh University; Pennsylvania administrator certification - Lehigh University
**Occupation:** Preschool director
**Qualifications:** Twenty-five years experience working in education, Pennsylvania School Principal Internship completed at Schnecksville Elementary School, 26-year resident of the district. Both children graduated from the district, district parent volunteer. Active community member. Girl Scout leader seven years.
**Response:** Research shows attention to mental health is key to school safety plans. Students must feel safe in order to focus and learn. Along with running drills, and following pandemic safety guidelines, school districts must address issues of mental health such as depression, anxiety and trauma. Having and following comprehensive procedures designed by experts to address all of the above issues, allows us to continue educating students while keeping their health and well-being in mind.

**JAY ROHATGI**
JayForParkland.com
**D.O.B.:** 1975
**Education:** Graduate degree in computer science; undergraduate degree in computer science and math
**Occupation:** Director, health care and life sciences
**Qualifications:** Member - Parkland Community Advisory Council, Parkland Education Foundation Board; administrator - Parkland Parents Facebook group where parents help each other in this difficult year; coach Springhouse science team; dedicated community volunteer.
**Response:** I came to this amazing country over 20 years ago with nothing but my education. That education, some hard work, and the generosity of people here enabled me to be a successful corporate leader and live my American dream. I want to ensure that same dream is available to each and every Parkland student in their chosen pursuit. I have seen the challenging effects of school closures on the mental and physical health of both the students and parents.///

### Democrat/Republican

**ROBERT M. COHEN**
**D.O.B.:** 1949
**Education:** William Allen High School; Pratt Institute, Bachelor of Architecture; Technology Institute of Lehigh Valley, Microsoft certified professional
**Occupation:** Retired business owner and education software consultant
**Qualifications:** Director, Parkland School Board: 1997 - present (president four years, vice president four years); director, Lehigh Career and Technical Institute (five years); trustee, Lehigh Carbon Community College (seven years); trustee, Parkland Community Library (five years)
**Response:** Parkland has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with data and science-based planning. Providing our standard of educational excellence, while maintaining safe and secure facilities has required the cooperation of all stakeholders and I have supported this effort 100%. Beyond the pandemic, Parkland parents know their children have the academic, art, and athletic resources needed to prepare our students for the 21st century. Accountability, both educationally and financially, ensures that our district remains a nationally recognized leader.///

**DAVID J. HEIN**
**D.O.B.:** 1969
**Education:** Bachelor's degree business administration/accounting
**Occupation:** Manager - financial planning and analysis
**Qualifications:** Two-term Parkland School Board member and current board president; vice chairman of Lehigh Career & Technical Institute; president-elect of Pennsylvania School Boards Association; PSBA representative on the statewide School Safety & Security Committee
**Response:** As a current school board director, I supported opening five days a week for the 2½2 school year. This school year the Parkland School Board unanimously approved an updated health and safety plan, which includes a tiered approach to face coverings while indoors. This was done prior to the Pennsylvania Department of Health issuing its universal mask mandate. Our plan undertakes a multi-faceted approach to preventing the spread of COVID-19, including recommending the vaccination for those eligible.

### Republican

**JARRETT COLEMAN**
www.facebook.com/Jarrett-Coleman-for-Parkland-School-Board
**D.O.B.:** 1989
**Education:** Parkland School District, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; bachelor's degree, MBA
**Occupation:** Airline pilot
**Qualifications:** Pilot instructor advanced instructor
**Response:** The health and well-being of all students and staff is a top priority. As a school board director I will listen to the input from professionals in the school district as well as input from parents and students to determine the best course forward.

## SALISBURY

Salisbury Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat

**REBECCA A. GLENISTER**
**D.O.B.:** 1967
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in English literature with distinction and honors, Pennsylvania State University
**Occupation:** Freelance editor
**Qualifications:** I have been a school board director since July 2020 and president of Salisbury's Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education for a decade. I am president of Salisbury's Education Foundation, a member of the Wellness Committee, and was in the PTA.
**Response:** As a director I will persist in making fact-based decisions regarding the health and safety of our students, relying on national, state, and, most importantly, local medical experts. I will continue to analyze information and make the best choice from our available options, always listening to the scientific consensus and our school district's consulting health network.

**PAUL DORNEY**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Bachelor's degree, Kutztown University; master's degree, Wilkes University; master's degree, Colorado State University
**Occupation:** Teacher
**Qualifications:** Career in education 1994-present ( public schools) graduate degrees in educational technologies, Lafayette College Summer STEM Program instructor, private sector management position 1978-1994 Twoton Inc. STSD school board member
**Response:** The district needs to address the West Salisbury Elementary building. Elementary students need a school in their neighborhood to reduce busing time to the single current building. Building a new school or renovating the existing building would give our students a neighborhood school. This decision would reduce class sizes, allow for greater flexibility in teaching and learning, allow full-day kindergarten, while ensuring social distancing for students and staff during a pandemic if needed.///

### Democrat/Republican

**LAURA MCKELVEY**
fb.com/GMFforSalisbury
**D.O.B.:** 1979
**Education:** Master's of Education, Curriculum and Instruction from Kutztown University; bachelor's in physics from Pennsylvania State University
**Occupation:** Family support at the Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center
**Qualifications:** Teacher, experience in both public and private school; PTA/PTO board; parent of middle and elementary school children
**Response:** The board needs to focus on local guidance and parent preference to determine what is best for the district. Masking and distancing are important, but if transmission levels are low or all children can be vaccinated, these things can probably be changed to optional to ensure that children's learning and development are not compromised. The district should use the grant money it received

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from the federal government to improve ventilation.///

**CHRISTOPHER FREAS**
fb.com/GMFforSalisbury
**D.O.B.:** 1981
**Education:** Bachelor's degree business administration from Colorado Technical University
**Occupation:** Project manager
**Qualifications:** Fifteen plus years working as a project delivery professional (focused on communication, on-time delivery, quality, and budget management); 10 plus years working in technology (focused on improving social interactions). Proud parent of two boys (one in the district).
**Response:** The safety of our learners will always be the top priority. For the educational environment to remain safe, but also as effective as possible, the framing of the district's Health and Safety Plan needs to align for in-person learning opportunities for as many students as possible. Measures such as increased social distancing and masking may be necessary when local data on case counts, community transmission, and positivity rates reach certain thresholds, especially for grade levels without vaccines.///

### Republican

**JOSEPH D. GNALL**
**D.O.B.:** 1976
**Education:** Lehigh University, bachelor's degree political science and government
**Occupation:** Associate director of development
**Qualifications:** not provided
**Response:** The best learning environment for most of our students is in the classroom with their teachers and classmates. To achieve this goal, I will continue to support the use of all tools possible. Masking, social distancing, and contact tracing are the best possible ways to ensure we keep our active COVID-19 cases as low as possible specifically with our younger learners who are not yet eligible for the vaccine.///

## SALISBURY

Salisbury Township
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for two:*

### Democrat/Republican

**LAURA MCKELVEY**
**CHRISTOPHER FREAS**

## SOUTHERN LEHIGH

Coopersburg Borough, Lower Milford and Upper Saucon Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat

**KATHLEEN PARSONS**
sites.google.com/view/parsonsforschoolboard
**D.O.B.:** 1957
**Education:** not provided
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** School board member for seven years. CLIU board member for four years. LCTI current board member. SL Public Library current board member.
**Response:** As a current school board director, I voted to follow the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines. We also added teachers to keep class sizes small and added summer classes to help with any learning loss due to less hours in school last year. This fall a social worker joined our guidance staff to help with needs outside of the school zone. Our students did very well, and we did not need to ask for exemptions for state testing.///

**MELISSA TORBA**
**D.O.B.:** 1972
**Education:** Moravian College, bachelor's degree sociology
**Occupation:** Client success manager, K12
**Qualifications:** Six years - Client success manager in K12, 10 years - senior implementation consultant, three years - coordinator information systems, four years- application specialist, seven years - assistant women's basketball coach, Muhlenberg College, seven years - assistant women's basketball coach, Moravian College
**Response:** I believe in putting student growth first and I will strive to identify and support new and innovative educational strategies to improve student experiences and opportunities for our children. I will work with administrators and educators to solve challenges and to focus on both the academic and personal success to help advance student social, emotional and academic development. Helping our educators create positive and consistent relationships can provide a buffer against the effects of stress on children.///

**GLENN S. LAVERTY IV**
facebook.com/voteglennslavertyiv
**D.O.B.:** 1986
**Education:** Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering
**Occupation:** Engineer
**Qualifications:** As an engineer, I solve problems and make decisions every day. I believe my professional experience, as well as my passion for the success of public schools, for my children and all others, places me in a position to serve this district well.
**Response:** It is so important that our students are learning in person as much as possible this school year. I am strongly in favor of following the guidance from the CDC, Department of Health and local health professionals regarding masking, social distancing and other mitigation strategies to help ensure our children can learn safely. I support the measures put in place by our school district and will advocate for continuing to make adjustments as we learn which strategies are effective.///

**NICOLE DOLAN**
facebook.com/DolanForSchoolBoard
**D.O.B.:** 1979
**Education:** Bachelor's degree mechanical engineering and a minor in robotics from Carnegie Melon University
**Occupation:** Stay at home parent
**Qualifications:** Previously employed at Lutron Electronics Co., Inc as a mechanical engineer, manufacturing engineer, and IT analyst. Served on the board of Moms of Multiples club for three years as treasurer and vice president.
**Response:** I believe it is important to make informed, data-driven decisions. Listening to community members, students, and school staff is essential for collaborating effective and efficient solutions. I will make sure to be well informed by listening to my community, reading through reports, and researching relevant data so that I can properly question and understand recommendations about how we can maximize the education and instruction of Southern Lehigh students while keeping their physical health in mind.///

### Republican

**CHRISTOPHER WAYOCK**
**D.O.B.:** 1979
**Education:** Bachelor's degree Ursinus College. MD, Jefferson Medical College. Residency, Winthrop University Hospital. Fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine, Johns Hopkins
**Occupation:** Physician
**Qualifications:** Doctor, maternal-fetal medicine subspecialist. Father of three school-age children. Son of a public school educator.
**Response:** As a physician who worked consistently throughout the pandemic, I know firsthand what it takes to keep people safe while ensuring an active, in-person, learning environment. Our response to this pandemic has taught us that our mental and emotional health is just as important as our physical health. The primary role of a school board director is to work with the district to return students back in school five days a week.///

**MARY JOY REINARTZ**
sites.google.com/view/maryjoyreinartz/home
**D.O.B.:** 1958
**Education:** Master of Business Administration DeSales University; bachelor's degree Temple University; Southern Lehigh School District graduate
**Occupation:** Chief operating officer
**Qualifications:** A combination of 30 years of executive leadership and board experience. Recognized competency in system design, proposal preparation, and contract negotiation. Human resource skills with record of teamwork and retention.
**Response:** Planning an instructional schedule model should focus on student learning and competency development while considering a child's social and emotional well-being. We have an unprecedented opportunity to reflect on systems that may not have worked for every child prior to the pandemic, and must evaluate the effectiveness of strategies employed during 2020-2021. It will be important to engage parents as partners and ensure an open and transparent dialogue with families, teachers, administrators and our community.

**STEPHEN R. MAUND**
sites.google.com/view/stephenmaundforschoolboard/home
**D.O.B.:** 1965
**Education:** Bachelor's degree Temple University - College of Engineering
**Occupation:** CEO, engineer
**Qualifications:** Two children, advisory committees (two) - Upper Bucks Tech School, Allentown Economic Development Corp (BridgeWorks), chair - Eastern Montco Tech School, board member (two) - Temple University College of Engineering, Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center (former member), Eagle Scout.
**Response:** It is vital that our schools are led by a team prioritizing safe, full-time, and in-person education. As CEO of a critical manufacturer for pharmaceutical, medical, and other industry sectors, I put practical policies and protocols in place at the onset of the pandemic to keep our company safely open while installing systems around the country. By working with the school administration, a clear and transparent plan can be implemented that maintains safety in an in-school and full-time environment.///

**NICOLE KING**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Bachelor's degree University of Miami
**Occupation:** Family and community advocate
**Qualifications:** Mother of four school age children. Business owner. Former coach. Booster club and committee member.
**Response:** I believe the best way to educate children is in a face-to-face environment. This is where children thrive, interacting with their teachers and peers. It is not only good for them academically but socially and mentally as well. I feel this can be accomplished safely. I will make it my mission to have all children who feel comfortable returning to school, able to do so, five days a week.///

## WHITEHALL-COPLAY

Whitehall Township and Coplay Borough
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for 4*

### Democrat

**KERI KROMER**
www.facebook.com/KeriKromerforWCSD-Board
**D.O.B.:** 1980
**Education:** Whitehall High School graduate, associate degree education
**Occupation:** not provided
**Qualifications:** Professional experience in business, management, education and student services. Held board position at Coplay Town Watch and currently hold a board position at Triboro Soccer Club. Continued volunteer work in the community.
**Response:** A safe education begins with comprehensive planning for various scenarios and changes to instructional models. I will commit to researching and analyzing accurate data. I would utilize the information to promote these measures for student success: technological access and support; mental health and social services, easy access to resources for parents, additional after school and summer academic support, tutoring and online educational resources, providing safe extracurricular activities, effectively utilizing government funding to provide adequate staffing.

**ANTOINETTE M. GUEDES**
**D.O.B.:** 1979
**Education:** Bachelor's degree business management and marketing, DeSales University; associate degree: accounting, Gulf Coast Community College; associate degree: business management, University of Alaska - Anchorage
**Occupation:** Contract/inventory specialist
**Qualifications:** not provided
**Response:** Adequate staffing for smaller classes. Alternative classroom settings: outdoor space, portable classrooms, safe and secure community buildings, and unoccupied stores within the district. Additional contact tracers. Comprehensive plan for seamless transition.

**GEORGE E. WILLIAMS**
www.facebook.com/gwwhitehallcoplayschool
**D.O.B.:** 1977
**Education:** -Bachelor's degree in business administration from Muhlenberg College. Associate degree in accounting from Churchman's Business School.
**Occupation:** School board director
**Qualifications:** not provided
**Response:** I am a member of the Whitehall-Coplay School Board. The board's role is to provide governance to the district administration. I continue to support our administration

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and faculty to ensure they have all the tools necessary to provide the greatest learning opportunities and structure that our students deserve. We have provided multiple options of learning over the past year to ensure that all our students in the district can determine what works best for them and their families.

**KAREN GLOVER**
No response

### Republican

**ALLISON SCHULTZ**
www.facebook.com/Schultz4SchoolBoard/
**D.O.B.:** 1980
**Education:** Whitehall High School (1998) DeSales University (2002), bachelor's degree medical studies, bachelor's degree biology DeSales University (2003), master's degree physician assistant studies
**Occupation:** Physician Assistant (PA-C)
**Qualifications:** Lifelong Whitehall resident and former Zephyr; strong communication skills and passion for open and truthful dialogue, especially in times of stressful, delicate matters; substantial knowledge and training in the medical and mental health fields.
**Response:** Many hardships have occurred in our education system leading to loss of learning and damage to our youth's emotional well-being. I advocate collaborating with other local districts and communities. I have worked to educate myself on the roles of a school board as well as issues not within a school board's control. I will set a standard of respect that our youth will look to adopt. I can interpret data of unbiased medical literature.
**WILLIAM FONZONE SR.**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** College graduate
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** Four years on school board. Forty-five year business career in sales and management. Taught high school for three years.
**Response:** Continue to provide safe education environment for teaching staff and students by following latest state guidelines and providing all the necessary safety materials necessary for staff and students.

**ELIZABETH N. FOX**
www.facebook.com/178321242821223/posts/752341325419209/?d
**D.O.B.:** 1978
**Education:** Thomas Edison State University Bachelor of Arts degree in: Communication
**Occupation:** Senior Administration/Assistant Accounting
**Qualifications:** A willingness to learn & a pleasant personality contribute to my ability to perform at a more than satisfactory level, with the enthusiastic, caring of education, community, diversity & transparency.
**Response:** I would start with promoting mental health and wellbeing by helping education our students, see them flourish in their education journey, build resilience against adversity, develop protective factors from mental ill-health and find a way to provide them with skills and confidence to self-seek help. Some key ways to approaches that involves everyone (schools leaders, teachers, staff and parents) to make it safe and inclusive learning culture and environments providing social and emotional skills programs, providing timely support for those with additional needs, involving students and families in decision-making.? Community, Education- Diversity and Transparency to building a better future.

**FADY SALLOUM**
**D.O.B.:** 1979
**Education:** College
**Occupation:** Realtor
**Qualifications:** not provided
**Response:** I will make sure to support all measures that are recommended to us and vote to keep students well educated. Students who are doing well in school or who have the ability to learn in person will have the best overall well-being. We need to add kids to be in-person all week adhering to as many protocols as possible. This way they can safely learn.

## WHITEHALL-COPLAY

Whitehall Township and Coplay Borough
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**No candidates**

### Republican

**FADY SALLOUM**

# NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

## BANGOR AREA

### AT-LARGE

Bangor, East Bangor, Portland, Roseto and Lower Mount Bethel, Upper Mount Bethel and Washington Townships
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat/Republican

**KENNETH L. BREWER**
No response

### Democrat

**JASON M. ALBERT**
No response

**BARRY SCHWEITZER**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Graduate Nazareth High School 1965; U.S. Army 1966-1969; Vietnam 1967-1968; Various college, 35 years industrial management
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** Six years chairman Bangor Authority; five years Bangor Borough Council
**Response:** No response

**TERRA SCHRADER**
No response

### Republican

**CRAIG J. BERGER**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Graduate — Bangor Area High School -1984; graduate — Bloomsburg University — 1988 — economics degree
**Occupation:** Business owner: **p**artner PVT TK & Trl Repair, LLC; partner: Male Road Industrial Properties, LP
**Qualifications:** Currently serving my eighth year as school board director; currently board vice president
**Response:** While I have my personal opinions on this question, I do not think as a school board director, it is my place to recommend changes to health care system. COVID-19 has presented many challenges to our school district. We must navigate the protocols put in front of us and provide the best possible education environment for our students to ensure successful student outcomes.

**THOMAS MORT**
No response

**DAVE DENARDO**
No response

## BETHLEHEM AREA

### AT-LARGE

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for three:*

### Democrat/Republican

**MICHAEL E. FACCINETTO**
No response

**SHANNON L. PATRICK**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education**: Haddonfield High School, 1994; bachelor's degree Rutgers University 1990
**Occupation:** Owner/operator, The Puppy Palace Doggy Day Care & Puppy Palace Pampering Canine Spa
**Qualifications:** School board director, 10 years; former PTA president, two years; former Youth Athletic coach, 10 years, president, West Broad Street Business Association.
**Response:** Though our local health care systems did a great job, there is still a portion of our population that was and is underserved. There is always room for improvement. Our city, county, state and federal agencies need to continue to partner with community resources to reach all of our residents.

### Democrat

**SILAGH WHITE**
No response

### Republican

**MANUEL F. PANGAIO**
No response

### REGION 1

Bethlehem 1N, 1S, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15-3, 16, 17 and Freemansburg Borough

### Democrat

**WINSTON C. ALOZIE**

### Republican

No candidates

## CATASAUQUA AREA

Catasauqua, North Catasauqua and Hanover Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

### Democrat/Republican

**SHAWN P. MCGINLEY**
**CHRISTY COOPER**
**DALE K. HEIN**
**JASON M. BASHAW**

## EASTON AREA

### REGION I

Palmer Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat/Republican

**BRIAN SNYDER**

### REGION II

Easton Wards 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8E, 8W, 9, 10, 11 and 12
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

### Democrat

**SUSAN HARTRANFT-BITTINGER**
No response

**DIONNE WELLINGTON**
No response

### Republican

**TANYA KELLER**
No response

### REGION III

Easton Ward 3, Forks and Lower Mount Bethel Lower Independent
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

### Democrat/Republican

**MEG SAYAGO**
**NEKISHA ROBERTSON**

## NAZARETH AREA

### REGION I

Bushkill Township, Tatamy Borough, Palmer Upper West-split
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

### Democrat

**CRYSTAL MULADA**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Graduate of Panther Valley School District, 1999
**Occupation:** Associate teacher
**Qualifications:** I have been an active member of the Nazareth community serving as the vice president of the Butz Elementary PTA and as the commissioner of the Nazareth Clippers Boys Lacrosse program, along with coaching multiple youth sports. My career in education combined with my volunteer experience provide me the perspective needed to serve the Nazareth Area School District.
**Response:** No response

### Republican

**WAYNE SIMPSON**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Wallenpaupack High School 1991
**Occupation:** Sales
**Qualifications:** Business owner, father seven kids
**Response:** COVID-19 has had so many negative impacts. Our health care system was almost broken, if it we're not for the men and women who sacrifice their time and energy to get us through it who knows where we would be now. This was a pandemic, one that is going to be with us for a while. Our health care system saved many lives but many were lost and we will learn from this. ///

### REGION II

**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

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**Democrat/Republican**
**MELISSA S. KALINOSKI**
**JODI MAMMANA**

### REGION III
Nazareth 1, 2, 3, Stockertown and Upper Nazareth Western
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**LINDA GERENSER STUBITS**
**KATHRYN ROBERTS**

## NORTHAMPTON AREA

### REGION I
Allen and Lehigh Townships
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**ROY J. MARANKI**
No response

**Republican**
**DOUGLAS VAUGHN**
No response

### REGION II
Northampton Borough and East Allen Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat**
**CHUCK FRANTZ**

**Democrat/Republican**
**ROSS MAKARY**

### REGION III
Chapman and Bath Boroughs, Moore Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**KIM L. BRETZIK**

## NORTHERN LEHIGH
Walnutport and Lehigh County
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**MICHELLE HECKMAN**
**GARY S. FEDORCHA**
**ROBERT J. KEEGAN JR.**

## PEN ARGYL AREA

### REGION I
Pen Argyl
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for two:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**HEATHER HAHN**
**ETHAN HABRIAL**

### REGION II
Plainfield Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**ROBERT C. RUTT**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** High school — Bangor Area School District '70; College — East Stroudsburg State College '74 — bachelor's degree - physics; Northampton County Community College '78 associate degree — fire technology (with honors)
**Occupation:** Retired
**Qualifications:** School director Penn Argyl Area School District 20 years — currently president; board member Career Institute of Technology 12 years — currently president; board member IU #20 three years
**Response:** I think there needs to be a change in the area of information provided to the public, especially with basic hospitalization numbers. We have no real idea in Northampton County of exactly how many adult and pediatric cases there are in the hospitals. This lack of data allows the public to believe that the pandemic is not that bad in this county.

**Republican**
**CHRISTINE ALBANESE**
No response

### REGION III
Wind Gap
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**MEGAN PULTZ**

## SAUCON VALLEY

### AT-LARGE
Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for four:*

**Democrat**
**VIVIAN A. DEMKO**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Graduate Saucon Valley High School; bachelor's degree East Stroudsburg University; master's degree education DeSales University; master's degree education Edinboro University
**Occupation**: Retired as teacher from Saucon Valley School District
**Qualifications**: Teacher/leadership positions at Saucon Valley School District 28.5 years; lifelong resident of the community; extensive community involvement
**Response:** Maintain adherence to the CDC guidelines to assure all preventive measures are being taken to protect the health of our school community; transparent reporting of COVID cases; use funds provided for COVID to be responsive to our school community's needs; and provide additional counseling for student to assure any mental health issues are addressed and academic support as needed.

**ROBERT K. PHILLIPS**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education**: DeSales University, 1989; MBA Moravian University, 1997
**Occupation:** Strategic account director, AT&T
**Qualifications:** Audit Committee, The Hillside School; Communications Committee, Musikfest; vice president of trustees, treasurer, Executive Committee, Central Moravian Church; Participated as a community member in Saucon Valley School District Board meetings since 2008.
**Response:** The role of a school director is to organize the district for success. Plans exist for many possible disruptions to a routine school day. The pandemic has shown a need for a new contingency plan. In the event of a public health crisis, Saucon Valley School District should have a policy that has been developed with expert and community input. At the moment of need, the district will know what steps to follow.

**RAQUEL BARBERA**
No response

**Democrat/Republican**
**TRACY MAGNOTTA**
No response

**Republican**
**SHAMIM PAKZAD**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education:** Ph.D. civil and environmental engineering, minor in statistics, UC-Berkeley 2008; master's degree in civil and environmental engineering, San Jose State University 2000; bachelor's degree civil engineering BIHE 1995
**Occupation:** Professor and chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Lehigh University
**Qualifications:** Current member of the school board; teacher and instructor for 30 years; trained and experienced administrator and policy maker
**Response:** The pandemic showed how even in modern times we still need to be creative about necessities of life, like educating our kids. I have helped our school remain vigilant and proactive, doing our best for the kids and community. We took all scientific precautions that allowed us to be the only public school in the area to remain open last year and this year, while keeping taxpayer interest in mind.///

**JOHN A. CONTE**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education**: Fox Lane High School, Bedford, New York, graduated 1971; Syracuse University bachelor's degree 1975; State University New York at Albany, MBA 1978; Grumman Data Systems Institute, systems analyst/programming certification 1983
**Occupation:** Instructional assistant, Palisades High School (Worked 36 years as information technology manager/AVP for several Fortune 1000 insurance corporations, now semi-retired.
**Qualifications**: I am a keen follower of educational ...
**Response:** No response

**CEDRIC DETMAR**
**D.O.B.:** not provided
**Education**: Bachelor's degree Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1982; MBA, UCLA 1989
**Occupation:** Small business owner
**Qualifications:** Saucon Valley School District Board member, treasurer — schools open all year, negotiated contract good for teachers, taxpayers; executive responsible for $25-million business, 100 employees; Saucon Valley Foundation — raised $80,000 in corporate donations for our schools; Saucon Valley Middle School Math Club coach, seven years.
**Response**: Saucon Valley has remained open all year for all who wanted either in-person or virtual classes., the only district in the Valley to do so. I helped set strong policies carefully following CDC guidelines and instilled confidence by sending my own children to school. We have had no known COVID-19 spread. I will push to use federal money to make up student learning losses and update ventilation and windows, all while keeping taxes low.

## WILSON AREA

### REGION I
Wilson Wards 1 and 2
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
**ALLYSON PALINKAS**

**Republican**
No candidates
**Term:** 2 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat**
No candidates
**Republican**
No candidates

### REGION II
Wilson Ward 3, Glendon and West Easton Borough
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for 2:*

**Democrat**
No candidates

**Republican**
No candidates

### REGION III
Williams Township
**Term:** 4 years

*Vote for one:*

**Democrat/Republican**
**MOLLY SUNDERLIN**