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VOTERS GUIDE

TO THE 2023 PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY

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PENNSYLVANIA

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Description of office: 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: $244,793
Candidates were asked: What criteria would you consider in deciding a case that could affect long standing precedent?

Democrat
Vote for one

DANIEL MCCAFFERY
Philadelphia County
www.judgemccaffery.com
Education: Temple University School of Law, J.D., 1991 Temple University, bachelor's degree, 1988 Father Judge High School, 1982
Occupation: Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court
Qualifications: 32 years as an attorney, trial and appellate court judge, tried more cases and presided over more litigation than any other candidate. Highly recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar, the only veteran on state's Appellate Courts. Judge, Court of Judicial Discipline, supervising judge for state wiretap applications.
Response: Every case must be considered based on the facts of the individual case, the laws pertaining to the case and were the appropriate constitutional rights and protections fairly applied to the people and case in question.

DEBBIE KUNSELMAN
Beaver County
www.kunselmanforpa.com
Education: J.D. Notre Dame Law School; bachelor's degree Penn State
Occupation: Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania
Qualifications: 17 years of judicial experience: 12 years as a trial court judge in Beaver County and five years as a state appellate court judge, experience handling civil, criminal, family and juvenile cases; eight years as chief county solicitor.
Response: Usually, overruling long standing precedent is warranted when (and only when) a precedent is "manifestly absurd or unjust" as in Brown v. Board of Education. The U.S. Supreme Court in Ramos v, Louisiana gives three guides I would consider: 1) Is the prior decision not just wrong, but grievously or egregiously wrong? In deciding this, I would look at the quality of the precedent's reasoning, consistency and coherence with other decisions, changed law or facts, and workability. 2) Has the prior decision caused significant negative jurisprudential or real-world consequences? 3) Would overruling the prior decision unduly upset reliance interests? These considerations set a high standard and require much deliberation before changing precedent.

Republican
Vote for one

PATRICIA A. MCCULLOUGH
Allegheny County
judgemccullough4supremecourt.com
Education: B.A. University of Pittsburgh, magna cum laude; J.D. University of Pittsburgh School of Law
Occupation: Statewide Appellate Court Judge- Commonwealth Court of PA
Qualifications: Judge, Commonwealth Court 12 years; ruling on cases that go directly to Pennsylvania Supreme Coourts; trial judge, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas; assistant general counsel, University of Pittsburgh.; private practice attorney.
Response: While the concept of stare decisis is traditionally applied by judges in assessing cases, courts are at times confronted with whether to overrule prior precedent. Criteria to be carefully considered includes inconsistency with related decisions, erroneous or incomplete facts, misinterpretation of law, or the unconstitutionality of prior precedent. Brown v Board of Education is a longstanding example of the U.S. Supreme Court overruling prior precedent on the basis that it violated the Constitution, specifically the Equal Protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Brown ended the unconstitutional precedent of "separate but equal" in Plessy v Ferguson. The US Supreme Court focused on Constitutional reasons in other cases.

CAROLYN CARLUCCIO
Montgomery County
www.judgecarluccio.com
Education: Dickinson College, Widener University School of Law
Occupation: Court of Common Pleas Judge
Qualifications: First female president judge of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas serving in the Criminal, Family, and Civil Court Benches. Montgomery County Chief Deputy Solicitor, Director of Human Resources, Chief Public Defender, Assistant United States Attorney.
Response: In deciding a case that could affect long-standing precedent, just as in any case that comes before me, I will apply the law as it is written in the constitution. Justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court must not allow themselves to be swayed by the media, executive or legislative branches, and certainly not by the popular opinion of the day. Even our own personal beliefs must be tempered to ensure that the judiciary remains unbiased and only make rulings based on the law.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Description of office: 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: $230,974
Candidates were asked: Pennsylvania's three co-equal branches of government – executive, legislative, and judicial – each act as a check on the power of the others. In practical terms, what does this relationship of checks and balances mean to you?

Democrat
Vote for two

PAT DUGAN
Philadelphia County
judgepatdugan.com
Education: Juris Doctorate Rutgers School of Law
Occupation: President judge and Veterans Court judge
Qualifications: Judge 16 years, four years president judge (elected by a vote of 27 judges), 13 years attorney focused on criminal defense and child advocacy, 23 years Army (and Reserves) Infantry paratrooper, Civil Affairs, judge advocate general with five years overseas, started

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ELECTION INFORMATION
Contact your county board of elections or go to www.VotesPA.com. The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Information Center also provides election information. Call 717-234-1576 with any questions or go to www.Vote411.org.

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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. May 9. Completed absentee and mail-in ballots must be received back to the board of elections by 8 p.m. May 16. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the May 9 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: palwv.org. Information about the Lehigh Valley candidates may be found at lwvlehighcounty.org in the Voters Guide pages.

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a Veterans Court 2010, married father of six.
Response: The concept of the three branches of government is the foundation for our republic and our commonwealth, as the separation of powers assures a fair and equal system of checks and balances, as it prevents overreach by any one branch over the other two. It is the court's obligation to interpret the laws and acts of the executive and legislative branches. It is the court's obligation to interpret laws, and not legislate from the bench, but to umpire and call balls and strikes fairly and independently.

TIMKA LANE
Philadelphia County
www.judgelaneforpa.com/
Education: Howard University – bachelor's degree, Rutgers Law School – Doctor of Law (JD)
Occupation: Judge
Qualifications: Elected in 2013 to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and immediately assigned to one of the busiest trial divisions in Pennsylvania. Judge Lane has presided over thousands of jury and bench trials and authored over 100 judicial opinions. She currently serves in the civil division.
Response: Checks and balances are an integral part of our government, essential to ensuring that no one branch can overpower its boundaries. The role of the judicial branch ensures that the legislative and executive branches maintain constitutional rights within the law, furthering that justice be equally, effectively and lawfully maintained and upheld. In short, checks and balances are critical to a functioning government and must be maintained.

JILL BECK
Allegheny County
www.JillBeck.com
Education: bachelor's degree criminal justice – George Washington University (cum laude graduate); J.D. – Duquesne University School of Law (cum laude graduate)
Occupation: Commercial litigator and appellate attorney
Qualifications: Jill has practiced in every area the Superior Court hears, has practiced in the Superior Court and appellate courts across the country, and spent 10 years on the other side of the bench as a law clerk – six on the Superior Court, four on the Supreme Court – where she drafted over 500 decisions.
Response: The judiciary is a separate but coequal branch of government. It is not the role of the court to legislate, but neither is it permissible for the court to serve as a rubber stamp for the legislative and executive branches of government (or the courts below). Appropriate deference to these bodies must be given when reviewing and interpreting their work, but it is solely in the court's purview to determine the constitutionality of the measures taken and the legal correctness of their actions. The court serves a critical role of interpreting our statutes and our constitutions (federal and state), which must be viewed in terms of the intent of the drafters at the time of their passage as well as the evolving standards of decency of our society.

Republican

Vote for two
MARIA BATTISTA
HARRY F. SMAIL JR.

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT

Description of office: 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: $230,974
Candidates were asked: Pennsylvania's three co-equal branches of government – executive, legislative, and judicial – each act as a check on the power of the others. In practical terms, what does this relationship of checks and balances mean to you?

Democrat

Vote for one

MATT WOLF
Philadelphia County
www.judgemattwolf.com
Education: bachelor's degree political science, LeMoyne College; J.D., Loyola University School of Law, numerous judicial education training courses.
Occupation: Judge
Qualifications: The only sitting judge in the race. Twenty-five years of civil rights trial experience. Five years plus of judicial experience, with a majority of that as a supervising judge. 20 years of military experience, 17 as an Army judge advocate general, awarded Bronze Star Medal, service in Iraq and Afghanistan.
Response: The rule of law. Each branch of government serves as a check on the others. Legislatures pass laws, sometimes in reaction to judicial decisions and executive actions. Courts interpret the law and the facts and the executive essentially carries out the functions of the government, subject to the laws as interpreted by the courts. People who serve as elected officials usually take an oath of office to uphold the laws and the state and federal constitutions. I take such oaths seriously and would commit to upholding the law, as should each member of the other branches of government.

BRYAN NEFT
Allegheny County
www.bryanneft.com
Education: bachelor's degree political Science, University of Pennsylvania 1986; J.D. Boston University School of Law, 1989
Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications: I have practiced law for 33 years. I was a law clerk for the Honorable William F. Cercone of the Pennsylvania Superior Court. I have practiced in 30 Pennsylvania counties and all of the Pennsylvania appellate courts including the Commonwealth Court.
Response: Each branch of government has a role in limiting overreach by a co-equal branch of government. In order for the judiciary to serve as a check on the legislative and executive branches, the judiciary must be independent and allowed to decide cases brought to it without fear of reprisal or retribution. Courts have authority within their jurisdiction to interpret laws and the Constitution. It is within the province of the the legislature and the executive branches to change the law if a court ruling creates an unintended result.

Republican

Vote for one

JOSH PRINCE
Berks County
www.PrinceForJustice.com
Education: Graduated with honors from McGill University in 2004 – bachelor of arts, double major in political science and world religions; Widener Law School 2006-2009 – Juris Doctorate, graduated cum laude and as a member of Law Review
Occupation: Attorney at Prince Law Offices, P.C. and Civil Rights Defense Firm, P.C.
Qualifications: I've spent my 13-year career defending our civil rights in the state and federal courts. Beyond having successfully litigated numerous appeals in the Pennsylvania courts, including before the state Supreme Court, in just the past four years, I've successfully litigated eight cases before the Commonwealth Court.
Response: It is the constitutionally mandated and necessary separation of powers to ensure that no one branch of government becomes too powerful or usurps the power of the people. We have, unfortunately, in recent times seen the harmful effects of when branches of government overstep their constitutionally limited boundaries. For example, when a judge legislates from the bench – thereby usurping the powers of the executive and legislative branches – the constitutionally mandated separation of powers is violated and the people's confidence in the judiciary is eroded. This is why it is imperative that we only elect judges who will uphold the law as written and Constitution as intended, without consideration for one's personal views or beliefs.

MEGAN MARTIN
Cumberland County
meganmartinforpa.com/
Education: Juris doctor, May 1994, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg; Bachelor's degree, June 1991, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.
Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications: I am honored to be endorsed by the Pennsylvania Republican Party and recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. I also have the unique distinction of having served in all three branches of our state government and as an attorney for the Navy. My qualifications stand alone in the race for Commonwealth Court.
Response: I respect the very different yet equally important roles of the three branches. When it comes to our judges, the people deserve to have judges who are fair and impartial, respect and defend the rule of law, protect our Constitutional rights and freedoms, apply the law as it was written by our General Assembly and who hold government accountable because government must follow the law, too. Our judges must be exemplary public servants who act in the public's interest, not to further any political agenda or their own personal agenda. Judges must not make policy decisions from the bench that are reserved for our elected representatives to make. We need our judges to be independent as our Constitution created them to be. I will be that judge.

LEHIGH COUNTY

COMMISSIONER AT-LARGE

Term: Four years
Candidates were asked: What should be the priorities of Lehigh County, and how would you address and pay for them? Please be specific.

Democrat

Vote for not more than four
VICTOR MARTINEZ
No response

JOE SETTON
Occupation: Real Estate Broker
Education: Bachelor's degree Leicester University, Leicester, England
Qualifications: Former South Whitehall Township commissioner; real estate broker in Lehigh County for 39 years
Response: One of my priorities will be to improve and expand affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income families by promoting home ownership. Public safety is another of my priorities: I will monitor and find solutions to the rise of truck traffic due to the expansion of warehousing in Lehigh County.

SHEILA ALVARADO
Occupation: Legislative assistant
Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration
Qualifications: Experience in private and nonprofit sectors. Currently work in state government. Volunteered at the polls for past years.
Response: The priorities should be ease and accessibility of services offered by the county, for example the Department of Human Services. Protecting services at Cedarbrook Senior Care & Rehabilitation. Conservation and protection of open spaces. We should work hand in hand with our state and municipal governments to ensure these services.

JON IRONS
irons4lehigh.com
Occupation: Data manager
Education: Master's degree in anthropology, University of British Columbia; bachelor's degree in anthropology, Butler University
Qualifications: Ten-year career in education and student services, dedicated community organizer on housing, criminal justice reform
Response: I want to work toward a Lehigh County that puts people first by prioritizing access to affordable housing, reducing mass incarceration and encourages proactive approaches to social services. We need to work smarter, not harder, by allocating county funds to programs with the most direct impact on needy residents.

DAN HARTZELL
www.facebook.com/dan.hartzell.7
Occupation: Retired journalist
Education: Whitehall High School, 1969 — Kutztown University, bachelor's degree in English, 1973

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Lehigh

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Qualifications: Currently serving my second four-year term as a commissioner. Chairman of the Cedarbrook Committee.
Response: The main priority is providing public services as efficiently as possible. These include human services, the court system (including the DA, public defender and the jail), two nursing homes and running municipal elections. The board reviews the work of the administration and its contractors to ensure they are not wasting taxpayers' dollars. We know it's not our money.

APRIL RIDDICK
No response

MICHAEL BLICHAR JR.
www.blichar4lehigh.com/
Occupation: Higher education
Education: Bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree in student affairs from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Qualifications: Community leader, former state House candidate in District 187, chair of the Allentown Human Relations Commission
Response: Priorities include protecting our open lands, supporting our human services and ensuring government transparency with the people. Through the budget have the ability to support these causes through tax and state/federal dollars. I would ensure that taxes are being used towards programs and initiatives that benefit the people . Visit www.blichar4lehigh.com for more info.

Republican
Vote for not more than four

RITA SISSELBERGER
GARY S. FEDORCHA
PAUL MOAT
JACQUELINE RIVERA

CONTROLLER

Term: 4 years

Democrat
Vote for one
MARK PINSLEY

Republican
Vote for one
ROBERT E. SMITH JR.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Term: 4 years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
GAVIN HOLIHAN

SHERIFF

Term: 4 years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
JOE HANNA

CLERK OF JUDICIAL RECORDS

Term: 4 years

Democrat
Vote for one
MICHELLE GRAUPNER

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

CORONER

Term: 4 years

Democrat
Vote for one
DANIEL BUGLIO

Republican
Vote for one
JOSEPH ZITARELLI

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

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

LEHIGH COUNTY

DISTRICT 31-1-04

City of Allentown, Wards 12, 19
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
DAVID M. HOWELLS JR.

DISTRICT 31-1-05

Catasauqua Borough, Hanover Township, City of Allentown, Wards 14, 15
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
MICHAEL D'AMORE

DISTRICT 31-1-08

City of Allentown, Ward 16, Salisbury Township
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
KYLE B. MILLER
www.Miller.vote
Occupation: State constable
Education: Studied criminal justice administration at Lehigh Community College, certified by Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Education Board to serve as a district judge, PA ACT 49 criminal/civil law certified (PSU).
Qualifications: Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Education Board to serve as a district judge,18-year judicial law enforcement veteran, 27,500+ cases processed.
Response: Keeping our community safe. I would utilize bail and conditions of bail to keep violent and repeat offenders off our streets. An experienced district judge is imperative for our community. I am the only qualified, state certified candidate with 18 years of judicial experience. I will effectively and impartially serve our community with the utmost dignity and respect.

CHRISTOPHER RAPP
Occupation: Service consultant
Education: Bethlehem Catholic High School
Qualifications: I have served, volunteered, lived and worked in Salisbury since 1997
Response: Continuing the integrity of the Magisterial District Judge office of Salisbury Township and Allentown's 16th Ward. Serving the community in an impartial and professional manner.

DISTRICT 31-1-09

City of Allentown, Wards 6, 10
Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for one
MARK MCCANTS

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

DISTRICT 31-3-01

Slatington Borough, Heidelberg Township, Lowhill Township, Lynn Township, Washington Township, Weisenberg Township
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
TOM CREIGHTON
Occupation: Attorney
Education: Villanova Law School, J.D., Hofstra University, bachelor's degree (triple major in history, political science, and global studies)
Qualifications: Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, runs own law practice, appointed as special master in divorce, former judicial law clerk
Response: As the issues facing our community become more complex, it is essential that our judges have the proper legal training to apply the law correctly. As a licensed practicing attorney, I will bring my legal education, experience and skills from publishing legal scholarship to the bench to ensure that every citizen receives fair and correct treatment according to our laws.

DISTRICT 31-3-02

Alburtis Borough, Lower Macungie Township, Upper Macungie Township
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one

MICHAEL J. FAULKNER
Occupation: Judge
Education: Bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Shippensburg University
Qualifications: Certified by Pennsylvania to perform the duties of a magisterial district judge. Twelve years in office.
Response: Experience and integrity. One must not only have a through understanding of the law but experience to apply that knowledge in a practical, commonsense approach to cases which come before the court. A magisterial district judge must be willing to serve the community in a fair and impartial manner so that there is justice for both sides of the bench.

JULIE TAMERLER
www.tamerlerforjudge.com/
Occupation: Attorney
Education: Villanova Law School, J.D., Hofstra University, bachelor's degree (triple major in history, political science, and global studies)
Qualifications: Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, runs own law practice, appointed as special master in divorce, former judicial law clerk
Response: As the issues facing our community become more complex, it is essential that our judges have the proper legal training to apply the law correctly. As a licensed practicing attorney, I will bring my legal education, experience and skills from publishing legal scholarship to the bench to ensure that every citizen receives fair and correct treatment according to our laws.

LEHIGH COUNTY

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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

CITY COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than three

CE-CE GERLACH
www.ceceforallentown.com
Occupation: PA Justice Alliance
Education: Cedar Crest College, bachelor's degree in elementary education
Qualifications: Allentown City Council, chair Parks & Recreation Committee, Finance & Intergovernmental Committees. Community organizer
Response: People are struggling. My job as a legislator is to take your pain & problems and address them through public policy. Housing is a human right. We must pass policies and invest in affordable housing, an inclusive year-round shelter and keeping people in their homes. We can prevent violence by addressing the root causes and investing in people and neighborhoods.

LUIS E. ACEVEDO
Voteluisacevedo.com
Occupation: Manager
Education: High school, graduated in the 11 grade
Qualifications: leadership, management skills, Decision making, communication skills, English and Spanish. Ability to work under pressure
Response: Affordable homes and rent has sky rocketed in our city in the last few years. It is time to take control of this. Landlords raising the rent so high that low income families can not afford to pay is unacceptable. I will propose to enact a rent control ordinance that intends to keep living cost affordable for low income families.

RODNEY BUSHE
RodneyBusheforCouncil.com
Occupation: Realtor
Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration
Qualifications: Community engagement specialist
Response: Affordable housing is an issue that will get worse. Allentown needs to more affordable housing units, that obvious, but funding needs to come from the city. We need rental caps and jobs that give our residence economic dignity. Public safety and gun violence needs to be reimagined by using unorthodox models that are working across the country. Our residents long for safety//

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CANDIDA AFFA
Occupation: Retired bar owner
Education: High school
Qualifications: Served two terms as Allentown councilwoman
Response: Quality of life issues. I believe public safety, which is our police department, fire department and paramedics along with public works to ensure our citizens have safe streets, clean water and are most important to our infrastructure. I believe all taxpayers want and deserve quality of life, and without these departments

TINO BABAYAN
No response.

SANTO NAPOLI
VoteForSanto.com
Occupation: Self employed
Education: Bachelor's degree in marketing from Alvernia University
Qualifications: Experience matters and I've spent 25 years investing in Allentown running a small business and being a responsible landlord.
Response: We deserve a councilman who has the experience and relationships to effectively address our community's growing quality of life issues. Santo Napoli has used his 25 years of experience reinvesting in Allentown and being a responsible landlord to work towards solutions on City Council, including ordinance enforcement, landlord accountability and stronger city services.

SARINA TORRES
Occupation: Small business owner
Education: Kutztown University
Qualifications: Resident for 13years, current student of Kutztown for social work and business. Pa Latino Convention Award Winner.
Response: A major issue that I'm experiencing in this campaign is people underestimating my ability or willingness to make change and support my community, especially due to my age. I look forward to addressing this issue by continuing to learn from my community around me and putting my best foot forward for the people of Allentown and continuing to show up.

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

CITY CONTROLLER

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
JEFF GLAZIER

Republican
Vote for one

No candidates

LEHIGH COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

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

HANOVER

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than two
MICHAEL J. WOOLLEY

Republican
Vote for not more than two
ANTHONY P. ROSSI
ROBERT LAWLOR

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

HEIDELBERG

SUPERVISOR

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one

STEVE BACHMAN
Education: Associate degree in electrical engineering, Lehigh County Community College
Qualifications: Eighteen years as Heidelberg Township supervisor, five years on Planning Commission, two years Military Police, Northwestern University graduate
Occupation: Electrical engineer
Response: The most important issue for me is keeping Heidelberg Heidelberg. We live in one of the most beautiful areas in the Lehigh Valley, and keeping our farms, our farmers and the farm-based community vibrant will keep this amazing area available for our next generations to enjoy. I will continue to be an active participant with our regional comprehensive plan to keep us rural.

JAY D. SCHEFFLER
No response

LOWER MACUNGIE

COMMISSIONER

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than two
No candidates

Republican
Vote for not more than two

RON R. BEITLER
www.facebook.com/RonRBeitler
Education: Mechanical engineering
Qualifications: Two-term Lower Macungie commissioner. lifelong county resident. 45-year Lower Macungie resident.
Occupation: Retired lineman
Response: Quality of life. During my time on the board we've preserved a historic amount of farmland and open space including the 190-acre Weiner Tract, 130-acre Lichtenwalner Farm and most recently 110 acres on Lower Macungie Road. Areas we can't preserve we encourage high quality projects. Goal is to continue preservation focusing on the South Mountain and areas along Route 100.

MAURY G. ROBERT
Education: Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in business administration, Lehigh University
Qualifications: Current township commissioner, 33 years on the township Planning Commission, eight years on the East Penn School Board, four years in the Navy.
Occupation: Retired-Air Products
Response: We enjoy a good quality of life in the township but we need to maintain and enhance our resources including creeks, greenways, paths, bridges, stormwater systems, sewer systems, parks, buildings and services. I support protecting open space, enhancing walkability and providing new services to meet the needs of the residents, all in a fiscally responsible manner.

GREGORY S. CHAPUTA
Education: Bachelor's degree in business management from Nyack College; Associate degree in electronics engineering
Qualifications: Thirty-four years as a biomedical engineer with Roche Diagnostics with 17 years in a people leader and project management role
Occupation: Biomedical manager
Response: My purpose is to provide oversight on future land development projects in order to preserve our environment and represent the voice of the community.

LOWER MILFORD

SUPERVISOR

Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one

DONNA WRIGHT
Qualifications: Served three terms as Lower Milford Township supervisor, multiple classes on zoning, planning and government administration.
Occupation: Agricultural preservation.
Education: Some college
Response: Continued open communication with residents. Maintaining and improving our roads, and other infrastructure. Working with our neighboring communities to support our residents' needs.

TIMOTHY COUGLE
No response

LOWHILL

SUPERVISOR

Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one

JOSEPH M. KALUSKY
Occupation: Township roadmaster
Education: High school diploma
Qualifications: Maintaining roads for safety of the public while maintaining a healthy road budget for the taxpayers.
Response: As protection of the future of our township, I do not favor big industry overtaking the rural nature of our township. I am strongly in favor of enforcing zoning laws and our municipal code.

MICHAEL B. DIVERS
Occupation: Business owner/ sale
Education: High school
Qualifications: Planning Commission, fire company trustee, church president and business owner
Response: Rural smart growth. I believe the infrastructure needs to be addressed on the roads and the area that surrounds the rural village hillsides we live in. Making changes to the current Northern Lehigh Multi-Municipal plan by addressing some of the current issues that have arisen in the township.

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one

CURTIS DIETRICH
Education: Graduate Northwestern Lehigh; Bachelor's degree Penn State; Master's degree Lehigh University; Doctorate Lehigh University
Occupation: Superintendent (retired)
Qualifications: Extensive leadership experience as a school superintendent and school board president. Vast experience in zoning matters.
Response: The Lowhill Township zoning ordinances are in significant need of updating. Prudent planning is needed in order to avoid the type of development which residents do not favor and our roads cannot handle.

JOSEPH KALUSKY
Education: High school diploma
Occupation: Township roadmaster
Qualifications: Maintaining roads for safety of the public while maintaining a healthy road budget for the taxpayers.
Response: As protection of the future of our township, I do not favor big industry overtaking in the rural nature of our township. I am strongly in favor of enforcing zoning laws and our municipal code.

LYNN

SUPERVISOR

Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

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Republican
Vote for one

FRITZ NAJARIAN
Education: Penn State University
Qualifications: Farm owner and 50-year resident of Lynn Township. Current member of Lynn Agricultural Security Committee and Planning Commission.
Occupation: Farm owner
Response: Our residents are fortunate to live in Lynn Township's rural community; we have purposely chosen to thrive here. I believe that protecting our family-owned farms is of the upmost importance to Lynn Township. Attentive planning to support their continued success will maintain Lynn's rural character into the future. I believe common sense will guide Lynn Township's progress.

RONALD JERDON
Education: High school graduate, every level of leadership/management education offered by the Army to include the Sergeant Majors Academy
Qualifications: Resident of Lynn Township for 17 years, serve on the Zoning Hearing Board, proven leadership as a successful business owner
Occupation: Business owner
Response: Our township needs continued proven leadership to strengthen our community in a responsible and unified way.
Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

NORTH WHITEHALL

SUPERVISOR

Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
DENNIS KLUSARITZ

SALISBURY

COMMiSSIONER

1ST WARD

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
HEATHER LIPKIN

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

3RD WARD

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
DEBRA BRINTON

5TH WARD

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
ALOK PATNAIK

SOUTH WHITEHALL

COMMISSIONER

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than three
THOMAS J. JOHNS

Republican
Vote for not more than three

CHRIS PEISCHL
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090458083681
Occupation: Paramedic
Qualifications: Township resident since 1968, member township water and sewer authority, member Public Safety Commission, member township emergency management
Education: Parkland High School class of 1982. Muhlenberg College class of 1988 and Kutztown University secondary teaching certificate 1988.
Response: Balancing growth and open space/farmland preservation is one of the issues. The township has developed a master plan for future boards to use as a road map. In the past, this has not been the case. As commissioner, I will make sure we follow this plan and encourage and recruit resident's input to help guide decisions. will look to find ways to preserve farmland.

BEN LONG
Electbenlong.com
Occupation: Business owner
Qualifications: Previous South Whitehall Township commissioner, board member of Parkland Education Foundation and Western Lehigh Chamber
Education: Bachelor's degree, DeSales University
Response: As a small business owner, I understand the daily challenges businesses face. I want to be an advocate to ensure South Whitehall Township is open for business. I will fight to: keep taxes low, hold the line on government spending, protect our quality of life to ensure the township remains a great place to raise a family, and support our brave fire, police and EMS personnel.

JACOB ROTH
votejacobroth.com
Occupation: Township commissioner
Qualifications: Incumbent commissioner; former Parks and Recreation Board member; attended nearly all BOC and PC meetings since 2018; Eagle Scout
Education: Parkland High School (Diploma – 2020); The Pennsylvania State University Schreyer Honors College (bachelor's degree expected May 2023)
Response: We must take a multifaceted approach to protect our quality of life. I will seek to prevent overdevelopment by balancing moderate growth and land preservation. To ensure public safety, police, fire and EMS must be fully supported and road improvements made. Finally, I will oppose unnecessary tax increases to reduce the burden on young families and those on a fixed income.

DIANE KELLY
www.votedianekelly.com
Occupation: Retired
Qualifications: President township Board of Commissioners; four-year member township Planning Commission; 12-year Volunteer Emergency Management
Education: High school graduate
Response: Trust in your local officials who make decisions that affect your daily life. Responsibly planning growth that protects natural, historic resources. Preserving community character and diversity. Supporting police, fire, public safety. Improving walkability in neighborhoods. Our citizens deserve accountability, 10 years of past due audits was unacceptable.

UPPER MACUNGIE

SUPERVISOR

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
JEFFREY FLEISCHAKER

Republican
Vote for one

DOUG GERNERD
Education: Some college
Qualifications: Raised in the township. Been in emergency services for more than 40 years
Occupation: Program coordinator
Response: Public safety by assuring that the township has plans to help meet the needs of our emergency services not only for the present but also for the near future

GREG WHEELER
www.vote4greg.net
Education: Doctor of osteopathic medicine
Qualifications: Emergency room team leader, political committeeman
Occupation: Physician
Response: We must continue to provide necessary emergency services, road infrastructure, essential utility operations and free market to businesses so that all citizens can enjoy a safe and prosperous community. I am committed to no tax increases and will work towards tax refunds. Farming is vital to our community, and I will work to increase farmland preservation.

UPPER MILFORD

SUPERVISOR

Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for one
JOYCE K. MOORE

Republican
Vote for one
ANGELA ASHBROOK

UPPER SAUCON

SUPERVISOR

Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for not more than two
TIMOTHY FOLEY
ANTHONY M. MURPHY

Republican
Vote for not more than two
JOHN G. INGLIS III
DENNIS E. BENNER

WASHINGTON

SUPERVISOR

Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one

THOMAS F. DENGLER
Education: High school diploma
Qualifications: Worked 20 years with the township as a laborer, with the last 10 years as road master and lived in the township 64 years.
Occupation: Road master
Response: I believe there is a need for hands-on experience to be applied to the position of supervisor. I bring a full working knowledge of the road work, park maintenance and equipment needs. I would make sure taxpayer revenue is applied wisely, and I will treat voiced concerns with fairness and honesty. I am humbly asking for your support. Thank you.

TIM O'BRIAN
Education: Three years of studying criminal justice at Lehigh County Community College. Graduate of the Allentown Police Academy in 2003.
Qualifications: I am an elected official of Washington Township for the past five years.
Occupation: Deputy sheriff
Response: Keeping a balanced budget and avoid frivolous spending. In the five years of being a Washington Township supervisor, we were able to provide essential services to our residents, add more donations to our fire and EMS, help our community in funding local parks and the Slatington pool. We were able to do this without going over budget or taking on loans.

WEISENBERG

SUPERVISOR

Term: Six years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
LINDA GORGAS

WHITEHALL

MAYOR

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one

JOSEPH J. MARX. JR.
Josephjmarxjrformayor.com
Education: High school diploma William Allen High, Allentown. Honorable discharge Marine Corps. Active duty and Reserves
Occupation: Owner Handyboy, Inc.
Qualifications: Current president Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, past vice president Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners.
Response: Experience, I am the only

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candidate that has the experience to manage an Incorporated business. Whitehall Township is an incorporated business. My opponent has no experience in this capacity, having never served on any board or commission. I am the clear choice when it comes to experience, leadership and the knowledge required to serve us as the next mayor of Whitehall.

MICHAEL COCCA
www.MikeCoccaForMayor.com
Education: Whitehall High School; Bachelor's degree in political science and business administration, King's College in Wilkes-Barre
Occupation: Sales consultant
Qualifications: Lifelong Whitehall resident with 20 years of relevant business experience, and a pulse on the needs/wants of our community
Response: Reinvest in Whitehall as a community from its stance as a keystone of the Lehigh Valley for retail, community development, recreation development and public safety. We need to adapt to new opportunities to help provide a more robust and diverse economy. To improve all our recreation areas and expand access to the Senior Center. To strengthen our police presence.

Republican
Vote for one

TINA JO KOREN
Tinakorenformayor.com
Education: College
Occupation: Tax coll treasurer
Qualifications: Administration management finance, management ethics training, human resources facilitator training.
Response: The citizens of Whitehall need assurance the township is there for them. We need to provide the convenience to taxpayers to pay their taxes bills online and with credit cards. We need to study the future of recreational facilities and continue a source of revenue for depreciation of facilities. We need to do a feasibility study to increase the fire department personnel.

JOHN C. HERSH
Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing
Occupation: Account executive
Qualifications: Thirty plus years of customer relationship management experience, working with local governments and public safety personnel.
Response: Three major issues. Returning trust and confidence to the office of mayor. The current environment is not good. Second, we need to focus on the issues and challenges faced by our volunteer fire department, which includes limited volunteer manpower and extended response times. Finally traffic safety on MacArthur Road. Aggressive driving is a major safety issue.

COMMISSIONER

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than four

VICTOR NASSAR
Qualifications: Resident of Whitehall for 30 years. I know what's important to my fellow citizens on improving the quality of our Township.
Occupation: Business consultant
Education: Whitehall Coplay High School Class of 2001
Response: I strongly believe many of my fellow residents are not pleased with the direction of our township. We need prompt action to improve our beautiful township. Major issues that will be a priority:
- Crime / Safety
- Drag racing
- Illegal dirt bikes & ATVs
- Budget
- Taxes / Seniors need relief
- Litter / beautification
- Parks & Recreation
- Honesty & Transparency

JEFFREY J. WARREN
Qualifications: Commissioner for five years, board member and past president of WTICDA, Successful grant writer advocating for Whitehall projects.
Occupation: Manager/geophysicist
Education: Bachelor's degree in geology
Response: Maintaining public safety (fire/police), encouraging smart development and investment in public amenities are vital to a sustainable community and quality neighborhoods. Support redevelopment of underutilized commercial properties to eliminate blight and lessen the tax burden on residents. Ensure strong financial controls and annual audits to restore public confidence.

MICHAEL DEE
Qualifications: Served two years as township commissioner. Member of Recreation Commission, WTICDA, IRT Oversight Commission
Occupation: State government
Education: Freedom High School, Boston University
Response: We need smart development in Whitehall. Warehouses have a place, but not in the township. We need to preserve open space, and not turn every field into a housing development which leads to more traffic. In addition, we need to make it more user-friendly for businesses to start up or relocate here.

RANDY ATIYEH
Qualifications: Lifetime resident in the township. Several years of experience in positions of leadership. Finished full term as commissioner
Occupation: Athletic director
Education: Bachelor's degree, East Stroudsburg University; Master's degree in educational leadership, Wilkes University
Response: Looking to provide the residents of Whitehall with representation that will improve the quality of life in our township for all who live here.

KEN SNYDER
Whitehall1st.com
Qualifications: Whitehall Planning Commission, Traffic Impact, Comprehensive Recreation Committee 2004, attends commissioners' meetings
Occupation: Builder – Realtor
Education: Whitehall High School graduate; Associate degree in business administration, Lehigh County Community College
Response: Whitehall residents' concerns: Recreation: I would update our Comprehensive Recreational Plan. Public safety: We need to work hard to fill our police department vacancies and we need to investigate a paid and volunteer fire department. Budget: I would do a "deep dive" into how are tax dollars are being utilized. Develop a personnel transition plan.

Republican
Vote for not more than four
ELIZABETH FOX
LORIANN FEHHEL

LEHIGH COUNTY

BOROUGHS

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

ALBURTIS

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for not more than four

ASHLYNN RIVERA
No Response.

CHAD D. ATKINS
Education: Brandywine Heights Area School District
Qualifications: Current Borough Council kember
Occupation: Consultant
Response: As a current member of borough council, I will continue to represent the people of the borough and keep an open dialog with the residents. I will encourage people to be active and bring issues to council so we can address them.

JOHN J. ALESZCZYK
Education: Master's degree in business administration from Moravian College; bachelor's degree in accounting from Penn State University
Qualifications: Multiple years of planning and budgeting experience. Fiscal responsibility to ensure lowest taxes possible.
Occupation: ERP systems analyst
Response: The borough of Alburtis continues to be faced with fiscal responsibility challenges. Expenses continue to increase and we need to focus on smart efficient spending of every dollar. I don't play the political party games and just focus on spending every dollar as if it was my own money. I am proud to say that we have not had a tax increase in many years with no debt.

MEHMET K. BIRTEK
No response

RON DELACO
Education: Bachelor's degree in education 1970, master's degree in special education Lehigh University 1983 doctoral candidate, Ursinus University 2003
Qualifications: Alburtis Borough Council 1976 to 1989, Alburtis mayor 1990 to 2002, Alburtis Council 2016 to present
Occupation: Teacher
Response: Truck traffic in the Borough. Alburtis is surrounded by warehouses that are serviced by 18 wheelers, 24/7. Many of those trucks travel into the borough, causing damage to property and infrastructure. Alburtis has a number of infrastructure projects that need to be completed.

CATASAUQUA

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than four
VINCE SMITH
BRIAN BARTHOLOMEW
ROBERT NAPPA

Republican
Vote for not more than four

EUGENE H. SCHLEGEL
Occupation: Business owner
Education: Catasauqua High School graduate 1968
Qualifications: Borough councilman, Recreation chair, Shade Tree chair, Friends of Catasauqua Parks chair, Public Safety member
Response: My main objective is to tell the truth. I have been working tirelessly to bring to light and correct the financial shortfalls of this community. I will not stop until this ship is running on an even keel and is moving forward.

ABBY L. TOMASIC
No response.

KIMBERLY BRUBAKER
No response.

VIRGINIA G. SCHLEGEL
Occupation: Minister
Education: Bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in divinity
Qualifications: Appointed to fill a council vacancy position until December 2023. Past member of the Zoning Hearing Board.
Response: While there are many concerns to be addressed in our small community, my focus is on blighted properties. Those that are in disrepair or abandoned. These properties lower the value of neighboring homes, attract rodents and in a few instances become attractive nuisances that may lead to property damage. I plan to work closely with Code Enforcement to correct this issue.

ROBERT S. ZAKOS JR.
Occupation: Health care
Education: Master's degree from West Chester University, two bachelor's degrees from Penn State University and incomplete JD from Widener Law School
Qualifications: Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board, Lehigh County Department of Aging Advisory Council, Catasauqua Shade Tree Commission
Response: No response.

TAMMI A. HAUSER
Occupation: Teacher/real estate
Education: Bachelor's degree in accounting, master's degree in education
Qualifications: 50+ years in borough, previous appointment to council, currently on Planning Commission.
Response: Currently the most pressing issue is the lack of funds and the debt that has been incurred over the past several years. With a background in accounting and finance, I would carefully look for areas we can cut costs and areas where we could increase revenue, or share expenses with a neighboring community.

COOPERSBURG

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than three
DICK POOT

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Republican
Vote for not more than three
BRIAN M. RITTER
WILLIAM KANE

COPLAY

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than three
RICHARD W. KERN JR.

Republican
Vote for not more than three
No candidates

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one
MICHAEL DREISBACH

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

EMMAUS

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than four
CHRIS HOENSCHEID
KATHERINE WATT

Republican
Vote for not more than four
CHAD BALLIET
NATHAN BROWN
TREVOR SCHNECK
JOHN F. BELIN JR.

FOUNTAIN HILL

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than three
DOUGLAS D. TROTTER
JAMIE JOHNSON
ANNAMARIE JORDAN

Republican
Vote for not more than three
No candidates

MACUNGIE

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than three

No candidates

Republican
Vote for not more than three
CARL SELL JR.
RON KARBOSKI
TODD RITTER

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one

Republican
Vote for one
RACHAEL VERMEULEN

SLATINGTON

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for not more than four
KRIS BUREK
THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW
RYAN E. MAYBERRY

Republican
Vote for not more than four
KEVIN STECKEL
DAVID R. SCHNAARS
WALTER NIEDERMEYER

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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

LEHIGH COUNTY

ALLENTOWN

Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT
Vote for not more than five
ANA T. TIBURCIO
ZALEEAE SIERRA

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN
Vote for not more than five
ANDRENE BROWN NOEWLL
EVELYN J. SANTANA
AUDREY MATHISON

BETHLEHEM AREA

See Northampton County portion of this guide.

CATASAUQUA

Catasauqua Borough and Hanover Township, Lehigh County; North Catasauqua Borough, Northampton County
Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN
Vote for not more than five
LAUREN CIESLAK
JILLIAN EMERT

EAST PENN

Alburtis, Emmaus, and Macungie Boroughs and Lower Macungie and Upper Milford Townships
Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT
Vote for not more than five

BRIAN WESSNER
Occupation: Specialist, OpEx
Education: Master's degree business administration, DeSales University; bachelor's degree, Lock Haven University
Qualifications: Involved, educated and informed father of four with two still in the school district. Actively participating in several districtwide committees.
Response: There is not one issue facing the board but many impactful issues that need to be addressed and resolved through listening to the community, parents, students, educators and administrators' perspectives. Hearing everyone's concerns, reviewing data and information to formulate insightful decisions and equitable resolutions through independent and critical thinking.

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN
Vote for not more than five

JOSHUA LEVINSON
Levinsonforeastpenn.org
Occupation: Engineer
Education: Master's degree and Ph.D., chemical engineering, Stanford University, 1995/1999; bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering, MIT, 1993/1994.
Qualifications: Board president; Education Foundation Board; 22+ years professional/managerial experience; Scouting/youth volunteer
Response: A district must balance the needs of all students, staff and taxpayers. School boards should advocate for high-quality educational opportunities while being efficient and fiscally responsible. Districts must apply good governance using fair and thoughtful financial- and program-based in economics and political science.
Qualifications: 25+ of business experience, including as a business owner and 15 years of experience as a director with non-profits
Response: We need to focus on creating a culture that produces well-rounded students, high levels of parental engagement, strong morale among our educators and grounded in the principle of stewardship for taxpayer funds. Creating and maintaining that culture requires leadership and intentionality; it will not just happen. I have the experience to help lead that effort.

ANGELIC SCHNEIDER
www.eastpennvoice.com
Occupation: Teacher
Education: Master's degree in elementary education
Qualifications: I am a public school teacher and parent who can offer significant insight into how districts are run.
Response: A major issue in this campaign is to continue to make sure all students have a safe and secure learning environment in a culture that provides exemplary academic and vocational programs so that every student can thrive. Student attitudes toward learning, parent involvement and teacher moral effect the overall safety and performance of a district.

SHONTA FORD
www.fordforeastpenn.org
Occupation: Small business owner
Education: Studied speech language and hearing sciences at Rutgers University, bachelor's degree. Attended Phoenix University for master's business administration work
Qualifications: Business owner, corporate background in project management, health care, and mental health. Parent, volunteer and activist
Response: Parents have a heightened interest in all aspects of the classroom experience. Teachers and administrators have a deep investment in that experience. Neither wants to be left out of the decision making. I would like to work towards ensuring all voices are heard; including the students. My goal is ensuring no one is omitted from the conversation or the work.

KRISTOFER DEPAOLO
No response

TIMOTHY KELLY
Occupation: Teacher
Education: Master's degree in education, bachelor's degree in mathematics, currently working towards a masters degree in data science
Qualifications: Teacher, JV baseball and football coach, student executive adviser, gifted advisor, AP and IB teacher, Fulbright teacher mentor
Response: I think the biggest issue we face is the amount of fear mongering and hostility towards the school community. I'm here to support our district- students, parents, and employees. My goal is to listen and represent our community interests and concerns. I think there needs to be less blame and more collaboration for effective solutions.

LAWRENCE HUYSSEN
No response

JEFFREY JANKOWSKI
www.facebook.com/Jankowski4EastPennBoard
Occupation: Attorney
Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Pittsburgh; Juris Doctorate, University of Pittsburgh
Qualifications: Incumbent school board director
Response: The strength of education and school safety. I have been a school board director for four years and have worked collaboratively with our administration and board with the best interests of our students and teachers at the forefront. I will continue to work hard to make sure our students and teachers have the support in place for a safe and effective education.

MATT MULL
www.eastpennvoice.org
Occupation: Commercial operation
Education: Bachelor's degree industrial and manufacturing engineering
Response: Clear communication of the goals and needs of the administration, the teachers, support staff, parents and the students needs to happen at all levels. In

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this hyperpartisan political environment it is more important now then ever to listen all of the stakeholders, celebrate the good but also not shy away from ways we can improve.

GABRIELLE KLOTZ
Occupation: Underwriter
Education: Bachelor's degree in creative writing
Qualifications: Parent of a current East Penn student, 27 years in P/C Insurance, vice president of LMMS PTO
Response: The acceptance, appreciation and inclusion of all types of diversity is the key issue in this campaign. When our children are supported by their community, and are accepted for who they are, they will be able to have greater focus on their education. I will fight for our children by supporting initiatives focused on teaching inclusion and acceptance.

NORTHERN LEHIGH

Slatington Borough and Washington Township, Lehigh County; Walnutport Borough, Northampton County
Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five

ANGELA WILLIAMS
No response
MATHIAS MATT GREEN
No response
GLENN A. WILLIAMS
No response
GALE N. HUSACK
No response

REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five

DONNA M. KULP
No response
ROBERT L. KERN JR.
No response

NATALIE S. SNYDER
Occupation: Small business owner
Education: Associate degree in applied science
Qualifications: I have a background in management and supervision, business and finance, and policies and procedures.
Response: I believe their is a lack of public trust in the public school system. I will address this by listening to students and community members concerns and be a voice and advocate for them. Additionally, I will strive to form positive relationships with board members and school administrators and personal to help build trust between the school district and the community.

Term: Two years

DEMOCRAT

Vote for not more than two
No candidates

REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than two
RHONDA FRANTZ

NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH

Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn and Weisenberg Townships
Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five
WILLARD DELLICKER
JOSEPH E. FATZINGER
RACHAEL L. SCHEFFLER
TODD LEISER

REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five
JOHN CASCIANO

PARKLAND

North Whitehall, South Whitehall and Upper Macungie townships, and part of Allentown17th Ward, 4th District and 18th Ward, 2nd District
Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT

Vote for not more than five

JOANNE DILLMAN
Joannedillman.com
Occupation: Training manager
Education: Master's degree in secondary education
Qualifications: With 15 years of experience in business and 10 years as a high school teacher, I know what students need to succeed
Response: Making sure that students graduate career ready and with the emotional intelligence to negotiate this highly technical, highly stressful world. I will ensure that students receive vocational education, know all their options besides college, learn social skills, compassion and empathy, and learn how to become informed and productive citizens.

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five

LISA A .ROTH
Occupation: Project coordinator
Qualifications: School board incumbent, 30-year district resident
Response: I see two major issues for our community to consider. First is learning loss experienced by our students during the pandemic – second is strategic and fiscally responsible planning for our district's needs in next five years. I plan on addressing both with the same passion/attention to helping all students and respect for all taxpayers that I've demonstrated the last 14 years.

PATRICK H. FOOSE
www.fooseforparklandschoolboard.com
Occupation: Customer service
Education: Bachelor's degree in English/political science from Moravian University, MEd Curriculum and Instruction from Kutztown University
Qualifications: Former chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Member of the LCTI Joint Operating Committee
Response: My three major issues for this campaign are supporting students, protecting taxpayers, and ensuring full transparency. We can do this by spending wisely on proven tools that will help our students become functioning members of society. In terms of transparency, we need to utilize good governance practices and embrace debate at board meetings.

LAURA WARMKESSEL
No response

JAY ROHATGI
Facebook.com/JayRohatgi
Occupation: Vice president product management
Education: Master's degree in computer applications
Qualifications: Board member, Parkland Education Foundation, Springhouse Science Olympiad, Indian American Association of LV
Response: Join me in supporting Parkland schools – a beacon of excellence with lowest Lehigh Valley taxes, collaborative community and amazing achievements in academics, arts and athletics. Let's avoid culture wars and bickering that harm our kids' education and eventually our property values. Choose candidates who prioritize efficiency and excellence in all areas.

BOBBY LANYON
Occupation: CEO
Education: Bachelor's degree
Qualifications: Parent of high school, middle school and elementary school students. Business owner. Special needs parent and author. Immigrant.
Response: I believe that the school district needs to be more transparent in curriculum and budgets. Curriculum material must be fully available, not pseudo-transparent. In addition, Parkland is an educational institution, it must be intentional to not get sucked into social, gender-ism pseudo-educational topics that ultimately degrades education experience.

MARISA ZIEGLER
zieglerforparkland.com/
Occupation: Teacher
Education: Bachelor's degree in elementary and early childhood education, Temple University; master's degree in education, Kutztown University
Qualifications: Public school teacher for 16 years, parent of two children in the district, current school board vice president
Response: Parkland is a highly desirable school district to live in because of the academics, athletics and arts programs. The challenge, then, is the school board and administration must address increased enrollment and future strains on our facilities. I will continue to work with the administration to plan for future growth while also passing fiscally-responsible budgets.

CHRISTOPHER PIRROTTA
pirrottaforparkland.com
Occupation: Vice president marketing
Education: Peters Township High School 1993, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park 1998
Qualifications: As an active Parkland father of three and an experience global business leader, I bring unique skills to help our kids succeed.
Response: As a candidate for Parkland school director, I'm committed to maintaining stability, safety and support for our students, teachers and staff. I believe in keeping politics out of our schools and ensuring fiscal responsibility. As we grow as a community, let's continue the success of Parkland together.

GEORGE RIVERA
Occupation: Managing partner
Qualifications: *Managed employees for over 20 years *Strong problem solving skills *Specializes in profit management
Response: Transparency and communication are key issues. We need open communication between parents and the board to ensure accountability and trust go hand in hand. Education for all students in a safe environment that supports excellence should be a number one priority.

NATALIE JANOTKA
Occupation: LPC
Education: Master's degree in clinical and counseling psychology
Qualifications: Licensed professional counselor, History of working with children and adolescents for 15 years
Response: Protecting all students while preserving parental rights. My goal is to improve communication between taxpayers and the school by providing feedback at board meetings which will allow residents to feel heard. I will use my experience as a mother, taxpayer and counselor to make well-informed decisions to help protect children.

MIKE MILLO
www.facebook.com/MikeForParkland
Occupation: Retired teacher
Education: Master's degree
Qualifications: Dad, high school teacher and college instructor; business owner; chairman of a Chamber of Commerce; Rotary board of directors
Response: Parkland School Board raised our taxes in 2022, with more than $22 million in reserve. Under my leadership, we will have responsible usage of tax money and transparency of expenditures. My friend's son was at home struggling to learn algebra on his cell phone. I thought, it is time for a change in leadership. Parents must be given a choice on how to best educate their child.

MICHAEL DEERING
No response

CAROL L. FACCHIANO
Occupation: Office administrator
Education: Bloomsburg University-bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting (1986), William Allen High School (1982)
Qualifications: School board director for seven years (current president), LCTI JOC Member for seven years, Parkland Education Foundation Board representative for seven years.
Response: Based on the current feasibility study, the Parkland School District is going to see extensive growth over the next decade. To ensure that the district can provide the same standard of excellence, the district needs a proactive group of directors working with the administration to address building capacity and future programming needs.

BETH FINCH
Occupation: Office management
Education: Early childhood education
Qualifications: Mother of three, community advocate, communications
Response: Trust, transparency and communication are key issues. Board meetings offer an opportunity to express opinions, but currently there isn't any feedback from the board. We need open communication between parents, taxpayers and the board to ensure accountability, transparency and gain trust. This safeguards responsible spending and protects our children's best interests.
Term: Two years

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN

Vote for one

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LISA A. ROTH
Occupation: Project coordinator
Qualifications: School board incumbent, 30-year district resident
Response: I see two major issues for our community to consider. First is learning loss experienced by our students during the pandemic – second is strategic and fiscally responsible planning for our district's needs in next five years. I plan on addressing both with the same passion/attention to helping all students and respect for all taxpayers that I've demonstrated the last 14 years.

JAY ROHATGI
Facebook.com/JayRohatgi
Occupation: Vice president product management
Education: Master's degree in computer applications
Qualifications: Board member, Parkland Education Foundation, Springhouse Science Olympiad, Indian American Association of LV
Response: Join me in supporting Parkland schools – a beacon of excellence with lowest Lehigh Valley taxes, collaborative community and amazing achievements in academics, arts and athletics. Let's avoid culture wars and bickering that harm our kids' education and eventually our property values. Choose candidates who prioritize efficiency and excellence in all areas.

SALISBURY

Salisbury Township
Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five

JOSEPH S. KUZO
CAROL A. KLINGER
JOSEPH GALLAGHER
THOMAS P. SPINNER
SARAH A. NEIMITZ

SOUTHERN LEHIGH

Coopersburg Borough and Lower Milford and Upper Saucon Townships
Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five

CANDI KRUSE
www.voteforkruse.com
Education: Master's degree business administration, DeSales University; master's degree, University of Chicago; bachelor's degree, Capital University
Qualifications: Fifteen years in procurement, facilities management and negotiation; board president, Southern Lehigh Public Library
Occupation: Legal manager
Response: We must maintain our status as a district of choice. Our students need access to top notch curriculum, engaging extracurriculars, and teachers and staff with the tools to provide an excellent learning experience. As a collaborative business and nonprofit leader, I'll work tirelessly with administration in strategic planning to make every penny count toward that goal.

ERIC BOYER
www.voteforboyer.com
Education: Bachelor's degree at East Stroudsburg University
Qualifications: Contract management, budgeting, construction, project management, operational decisions, coaching volunteering
Occupation: Senior project manager
Response: My primary focus is on quality of education. This comes down to teacher retention and curriculum enhancement. Today, we face massive teacher shortages, with good teachers leave the profession every day. It's essential that we retain our effective educators. We must also set a curriculum that not only meets state minimum standards, but that also supports future needs.

PAUL DEEBEL
www.facebook.com/PaulDeebelforSLSD
Education: Bachelor's degree, chemical engineering, Bucknell University
Qualifications: Community member active in parent and student advocacy groups.
Occupation: Sales manager
Response: We need to ensure that all students are getting the attention and resources they need to succeed academically. We need to make sure the curriculum is focused on the academic needs of students without the interjection of politics and divisive ideas. Our classrooms need to a place where parents feel safe that their students are being educated, not indoctrinated.

JAMES PICA
m.facebook.com/p/100091534475398/
Education: Bachelor's degree in athletic training and sports medicine
Qualifications: Great at organizing and simplifying information. A member of the community for over 30 years, I can relate to the needs it faces
Occupation: Disability
Response: Hiding information about children from parents and keeping the district financially responsible. Children and parents need to be brought together in all manners of life by better use of the tools already in place. Taxes need to be the last resort to financial issues. Better planning and care of projects needs to happen to make sure budgets are met.

TIMOTHY KEARNEY
VoteforKearney.com
Education: Lehigh (Master's degree/principal certification); Millserville (Bachelor's degree education); DeSales (management/business certification)
Qualifications: Educator for 34 years; 1,500 collaborative parent-teacher conferences; created a community volunteer program
Occupation: Retired educator
Response: My priority is student success. Success and safe places for our children are best achieved through trusting relationships between schools and community. I have that experience at the individual, class, building, region, state and national level. I will promote responsible citizenship. I want to join hands, not point fingers. I want to lift up not put others down.

EMILY GEHMAN
VoteforGehman.com
Education: Bachelor's degree accounting, University of Richmond; Pennsylvania teacher certification, elementary education, Albright College
Qualifications: Longtime resident. Mother of two Spartans. Professional experience in business and education. Current SLSD and CLIU board member.
Occupation: Accounting assistant
Response: Fiscal stewardship. A school directors' most important duty is to responsibly use taxpayer resources to do what is in the best interest of kids. I'll enact policies that comply with state and federal statutes, support curriculum that has proven outcomes and help create an environment of respect where teachers, staff, students and parents are set up to excel.

MELISSA TORBA
torba4slsd.org
Education: Moravian University
Qualifications: Twenty-five years experience working with school districts
Occupation: Client success manager
Response: As a lifelong learner and community member, I am deeply committed to ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality education. I am running for school director because I believe that I can use my skills, experience, and passion to make a positive difference in our schools. We must bring the focus back to education.

REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five

LANCE TITTLE
Education: Bachelor's degree, accounting and industrial relations, Ursinus College, 1987
Qualifications: Forty-five years accounting experience in manufacturing and material procurement contracts
Occupation: Retired
Response: It's important to put families first to ensure all parents have the right to know what curriculums are being taught. All children have the right to privacy and the most fundamental right to make sure all children are safe at their schools. School safety should be a high priority for all residents and parents deserve to know their children are safe.

DANELLE ROY
Education: Bachelor's degree in health care administration
Qualifications: Conservative in values and financial responsibility. I have experience in training, finding solutions and decision making.
Occupation: Med lab technician
Response: Our schools should be a safe place for all children. No one group should be put over or under another, all should be working together, treated equally and with respect. Politics does not belong in the classroom; it is not what our children need to succeed. I intend to keep the classroom for learning and not for political agendas.

MARIA L. SCHANTZ
Education: Registered nurse. Master's degree in nursing. Ph.D. in Spanish language, literature and linguistics.
Qualifications: Lifelong resident of Southern Lehigh School District. Married. Christian and conservative Republican
Occupation: Retired college professor
Response: School's lack of transparence in sharing school curriculum with parents. In addition, failure to provide both bathroom and locker rooms safety and privacy to biological female students. These students' once private facilities are being invaded by transgender "girls" i.e., biological males. I commit to restore these biological females' their rights for safety and privacy.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY

Coplay Borough and Whitehall Township
Term: Four years

DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five

NICOLE L. HARTMAN
Occupation: Nurse practitioner
Education: DeSales University
Qualifications: Current school board director
Response: No response

PATTY D. GAUGLER
Occupation: Self-employed
Education: Bachelor's degree in elementary education and early childhood education
Qualifications: Twelve years experience on Whitehall Coplay School Board, LCTI board member, business owner and volunteer in the school district.
Response: Funding is and always will be the most difficult issue facing school districts. We need to continue to balance the needs of the district with the fiscal responsibility to the community. We need to continue with our commitment to provide the best education to our children so they have the foundation needed after high school in the path of their choosing.

FADY SALLOUM
Occupation: Realtor
Education: Associate degree
Qualifications: Passionate, hardworking, helpful and knowledgeable.
Response: It's all about being transparent and communicate with the people to learn their issues and work with them towards finding solutions. As many that know me or have reached out, they know how passionate I am about helping my community.

SETH KUBAT
No response

GEORGE MAKHOUL
Occupation: Medical device sales
Education: Whitehall High School; Moravian College
Qualifications: Proven leader, innovator, collaborator, problem solver, experienced school board member and executive team member
Response: Supporting our students and staff in order to close the gap from the lack of in-person learning caused by the pandemic. It was clear during the pandemic that the lack of in-person education would greatly impact students. The data has proven that and we must ensure we do everything possible to rectify it.

REPUBLICAN

Vote for not more than five

WILLIAM GROLLER
Occupation: Retired: U.S. Navy
Education: 1979 graduate of Whitehall High School; bachelor's degree Muhlenberg College; master's degree, Penn State University
Response: As an integral part of the community, Whitehall Coplay Schools must: (1) Provide an academically challenging but physically safe learning environment; (2) Provide parents with detailed information on what their children are being taught; (3) Operate within the financial means of taxpayers to fund them; (4) Put all proposed school tax increases to a vote by residents

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LORI ANN FEHNEL
Occupation: Patient service representative
Education: Some college
Qualifications: I have been active in school board meetings since 2018.
Response: One of the biggest complaints is the tax hikes that have occurred in our district. We have struggling families and it seems current school board members have repeatedly raised taxes without asking questions and approving new positions that are questionable. My plan would be for independent auditor to evaluate what positions are needed and not needed.

NORTHAMPTON

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

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Term: 10 years
Salary: $212,495

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one

BRIAN PANELLA
Education: DeSales University; Widener University Delaware Law School
Occupation: Attorney with Goudsouzian & Associates
Qualifications: Extensive experience in multiple legal disciplines; Solicitor for multiple municipalities; tax appeal hearing officer; Served as the Northampton and Lehigh Counties' custody master; Teach law at Northampton Community College
Response: The people of Northampton County need a judge with real experience and commitment to our community. As a custody master and tax appeal hearing officer, I have acted as a fair and impartial officer while presiding over hearings, preparing orders and opinions that are binding on the parties. As the attorney for multiple municipalities, I have the unique experience of making decisions that impact entire communities. I will continue to serve with commitment to all.

NANCY AAROE
No response

COUNCIL

DISTRICT I

City of Bethlehem, Hanover Township and Hellertown Borough.
Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
KEN KRAFT

Republican
Vote for one
WILLIAM ROWE

DISTRICT II

City of Easton, boroughs of Glendon, Stockertown, Tatamy, West Easton and Wilson, townships of Forks, Palmer and Williams
Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
KELLY KEEGAN

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

DISTRICT III

Boroughs of Bath, Freemansburg, Nazareth, Northampton and North Catasauqua; townships of Allen, East Allen, Lower Nazareth and Lower Saucon.
Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
JEFF WARREN

Republican
Vote for one
CASEY FOREMAN

DISTRICT IV

Boroughs of Bangor, Chapman, East Bangor, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Walnutport and Wind Gap; townships of Bushkill, Lehigh, Lower Mount Bethel, Plainfield, Upper Mount Bethel, Upper Nazareth and Washington.
Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
TOM GIOVANNI

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Term: Four years
Salary: $211,495

Democrat
Vote for one

STEPHEN G. BARATTA
Education: Bangor Area High School, Lafayette College, Fordham University School of Law
Occupation: Retired judge
Qualifications: Northampton County attorney for 42 years; private practice 17 years; attorney for Children and Youth for four years; county solicitor four years; first assistant district attorney six years; judge Court of Common Pleas 25 years
Response: The district attorney is underserving Northampton County. He has an unacceptably low conviction rate, unprecedented turnover and has made no effort to diversify staff. The district attorney and his first assistant unethically receive outside compensation. I will train and professionalize staff and impose a strict ethical code, expand drug and mental health courts, oppose cash bail for nonviolent offenders, protect the right to reproductive health care and will respect Gov. Shapiro's moratorium on the death penalty.

TERRY HOUCK
Education: Bachelor's degree, LaSalle; master's degree, Villanova; law degree, Temple
Occupation: Northampton County elected district attorney
Qualifications: Police officer for nine years: Numerous awards for merit and bravery; chief prosecutor for 32 years handling child abuse, violent crime and homicides; Victims Advocate Awards received in Lehigh Valley and Bucks; supervises staff of approximately 50 attorneys, detectives and support staff.
Response: Combatting crime and the opioid epidemic for the safety of our community is a continued priority of my administration. The DA's office has successfully sued Big-pharma to the tune of $2.1 million which has gone directly into drug abatement and rehabilitation programs. Our increased community involvement attending over 60 events and the creation of a full-time drug task force, we have seen over a 20% drop in crime over the past three years.

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

CONTROLLER

Term: Four years
Salary: $80,000

Democrat
Vote for one

NADEEM QAYYUM
Education: Master's degree in administration; bachelor's degree in law; Bachelor's of Arts
Occupation: Self employed
Qualifications: My background in law and business administration gives me a unique edge among the other candidates for Northampton County controller. I possess the financial savvy and investigative mindset needed to be an effective fiscal watchdog.
Response: As controller, I will audit our county's budget to detect inefficient spending. Based on my findings, I will propose improved spending plans that I believe will help to benefit our local economy and improve quality of life for all county residents. The controller must be independent, not beholden to political favors, and quick to expose any fraud or corruption, regardless of who is the culprit.

TARA ZRINSKI
Education: Bachelors' degree in philosophy, Drew University; master's degree in pastoral counseling and master's degree in theological studies at Moravian Seminary
Occupation: Adjunct professor, solar consultant, county commissioner
Qualifications: Two-term commissioner, chair EELU and EconDev Committee serving on LVPC, LVEDC, WC and multiple committees.
Response: My goal is to maintain fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers by creating a transparent and efficient budget for intergovernmental transfer funds, grants and taxpayer dollars. Prioritizing farmland preservation, human services such as Gracedale and fair compensation packages for employees and retirees, I will promote economic development, job growth, infrastructure development and environmental protection.

Vote for one
JOHN CUSICK

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

DISTRICT 03-1-04

City of Bethlehem Ward 14 & Hanover Twp.
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
VIVIAN ZUMAS

DISTRICT 03-2-04

Freemansburg, Hellertown and Lower Saucon Twp.
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
ALAN MEGE

DISTRICT 03-2-11

City of Bethlehem Wards 5, 15, 16, & 17.
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
NICK ENGLESSON

DISTRICT 03-2-12

City of Easton Wards 7-8, Wilson and West Easton
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
RICHARD H. YETTER III

DISTRICT 03-3-02

Bath, Bushkill Twp., Chapman, Moore Twp. Eastern & Pt. Phillips, Plainfield Twp. Plainfield Church, Stockertown & Wind Gap
Term: Six years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
DOULGAS H. SCHLEGEL SR.

DISTRICT 03-3-03

Bangor, East Bangor, Lower Mt. Bethel Twp., Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Upper Mt. Bethel Twp., Washington Twp., Plainfield Twp., Belfast, Delabole and Kesslersville

Term: Six years
Vote for one
ALICIA ROSE ZITO

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

CITIES

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

BETHLEHEM

COUNCIL-AT LARGE

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three

CELESTE DEE
No response

RICKY BUTLER
Education: Associate degree, Northampton Community College
Occupation: Residential mortgage loan originator
Qualifications: My personal relationships as a lifelong resident in Bethlehem. Connection to the community through my community service as a youth leader/minister, coach and mentor. Lastly my general care for the future of Bethlehem, as well as my desire to connect and engage with all residents of the city.
Response: I believe the city is currently in great shape, but an area of opportunity in my opinion is representation. We are a very diverse community but unfortunately, our local government has not historically been as diverse as the community they serve.

COLLEEN LAIRD
Education: Bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, Moravian University
Occupation: Assistant chief information officer for strategy & communication, Moravian University
Qualifications: Chair, Economic Vitality Committee, Northside Alive Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative vice president, William Penn Elementary PTO member, Environmental Justice Steering Committee, City of Bethlehem troop leader, lifetime member, Innovator Award winner, Girl Scouts of Eastern PA co-founder, former board chair and Communications Committee co-chair, Bethlehem Food Co-Op
Response: Bethlehem is at a stage where revitalization and growth must be responsibly balanced with respect for the existing community. I am committed to driving sustainable growth, promoting transparency, empowering small businesses and positive worker experience and addressing housing and environmental concerns to build a vibrant and inclusive city for everyone.

MICHAEL G. COLON
Education: Bachelor's degree political science, Penn State; master's degree candidate Kutztown University (expected completion in 2024)
Occupation: Admissions manager, Gracedale Nursing Home
Qualifications: Current City Council president, two-term councilmember
Response: The American Reserve Plan put Bethlehem in a position to address community needs including affordable housing, serving the homeless and supporting our nonprofit service partners. Goals aren't achieved in a year. This term I would advocate for continued dedication to reaching our goals. These initiatives will have a positive impact on some of our community's most vulnerable residents.

BRYAN CALLAHAN
Education: Bachelor's degree journalism/public relations, Lock Haven University; bachelor's degree health and physical education East Stroudsburg; master's degree education, Wilkes University
Occupation: Owner and CEO – Callahans Driving School & Test Center
Qualifications: City Council – eight years, Finance and Economic Development chairman
Response: There are two major issues in Bethlehem. One is the affordable housing crisis and dramatic rental increases. The second major issue is keeping City Hall accountable to our taxpayers and citizens. Communication with City Hall has been nonexistent. The mayor has discontinued past mayors meeting times with residents and doesn't accept phone calls and emails. Threatening to take three churches' property by eminent domain and knocking down a resident's house is unacceptable.

Republican
Vote for three
DEVIN BRUNGES
THOMAS GINTHER

TREASURER

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

EASTON

MAYOR

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one

PETER MELAN
Education: Masters' degree in public administration from Ohio University 2020
Occupation: Owner of PolityInc.com, a consulting firm primarily focusing on government operations and data analytics
Qualifications: Current member of Easton City Council as a two-term member. Established record of creative solutions to complex problems facing Easton moving forward.
Response: Ineffective planning creating a downward effect of infrastructure challenges and a looming financial crisis due to underfunded pensions and a fundamental misunderstanding of fiscal prudence. My goal is to use decades of experience in data to investigate and formulate a cohesive plan that allows for residents to not rely on fictitious budgets presented in previous years. The future of our city needs a better plan to help us grow both carefully and methodically.

SAL PANTO JR.
Qualifications: Kutztown State University bachelor's degree in secondary education/social studies; Lehigh University master's degree in administration; Lafayette College – honorary doctorate degree
Occupation: Mayor of Easton
Response: Easton is on a path of positive change and the goal would be to keep Easton on the path of positive change and to build on the success and provide the services the residents deserve without raising taxes and continuing to decrease crime. Easton is much better today, and it needs to remain a clean and safe city to raise a family and attract visitors without losing its charm as a small city.

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

COUNCIL – AT LARGE

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three

KURT CARLSON
www.kurtforeaston.com/
Education: Bachelor's degree, master's degree, Ph.D. History of Community Identity
Occupation: Consultant
Qualifications: Fifteen years in community/housing development, education, women's health advocacy in the U.S. and Europe. Leader in two major affordable housing plans in the Lehigh Valley. Created vital employment paths for vulnerable women in Northampton County.
Response: Data trends show that housing in Easton will become completely inaccessible to working class residents within five years. Luxury development and limited space has created a cost-of-living crisis among homeowners and will leave most Easton residents (median income) without reasonable rents or home prices. I will prioritize enforceable policy aimed at irresponsible leasing practices, incentivize housing and business development outside of downtown, and provide paths to homeownership (and home retention) for the working class.

KEN BROWN
Education: East Stroudsburg University
Occupation: Northampton County director of court services
Qualifications: Current Easton Council member/ vice-mayor, Easton Finance Committee liaison, former executive director of Shiloh Manor Senior Housing (25 years), former Easton School Board president and former chairperson for CIT Board.
Response: It's lack of access to affordable housing. As council person, I'll look into the city's blighted properties, determining best path to converting them into affordable housing options, for first-time home buyers. Also, I look forward to collaborating with entities, who will support establishing low- to moderate-income rental homes, allowing Easton residents to focus more of their efforts on nutrition and health care, without having to choose which basic need they have to forego.

FRANK PINTABONE
Education: Easton Area School District and Northampton Community College
Occupation: Small business owner and investor
Qualifications: Member of Easton Planning Commission, past president of Easton Area School Board, former member of Northampton County General Purpose Authority
Response: Affordable housing is the biggest issue, and I plan to offer incentives to developers to build low- to moderate-income units instead of high-market rate units.

LANCE M. WHEELER
No response

CRYSTAL ROSE
Education: Bachelor's degree
Occupation: First vice president/marketing director
Qualifications: Easton Civil Service Board, America's Grow-A-Row Board member, Easton Block Watch sector leader, Community Action League Housing Counseling Advisory Board, Leadership Lehigh Valley Graduate, Bistro Committee, Third Street Alliance, KSAT Community Movie Night Organizer.
Response: Easton needs fresh energy and new ideas. We need to focus on all neighborhoods of the city – not just downtown. I will fight for community-led planning conversations, affordable housing, smart development, increasing home

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ownership amongst residents, absentee landlord solutions and programs to help the homeless. If you vote for me, you'll get an experienced, competent leader who will listen to you and connect you to the necessary resources.

DAVID O'CONNELL
Education: Bachelor's degree, Boston College; master's degree business administration, Syracuse University
Occupation: Retired
Qualifications: Two-term Easton councilperson
Response: There are a number of challenges the city still faces and one of them is providing more affordable housing. The city has partnered with Pirhl Developers to provide 55 affordable housing units on the South Side's Mill at Easton and is facilitating another partnership between Shiloh and Pirhl for more affordable units. We are forming a nonprofit affordable housing development corporation to work on infill projects using $4 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

KEN GREENE
No response

Republican
Vote for three
No candidates

CONTROLLER

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
CHRIS HEAGLE

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

BOROUGHS

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

BANGOR

COUNCIL – AT LARGE

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three
MARC SPERLING

Republican
Vote for three
ROSEMARIE CAPONE
FORREST MEYERS
BARRY SCHWEITZER

BATH

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for four
No candidates

Republican
Vote for four
FRANK HESCH III
SAMANTHA L. ANGST
EMANUEL T. MIRABITO

CHAPMAN

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for four
No candidates

Republican
Vote for four
No candidates

EAST BANGOR

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three
No candidates

Republican
Vote for three
JOHN R. COUCH
PETER ZAZULAK

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

FREEMANSBURG

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for four
HOMER G. LORRAH
JUSTIN "PEANUTS" LABAR
JIM SMITH
COLLEEN GALLAGHER

Republican
Vote for four
No candidates

GLENDON

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three
JEFFREY M. MUSCHLITZ
MICHAEL VERES
DONNA BREIDINGER

Republican
Vote for three
KURT OSTRANDER
KATHRYN J. HARSTINE

HELLERTOWN

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three

MICHAEL T. MCKENNA
Education: Delaware County Community College, Cabrini College
Occupation: Supply chain specialist
Qualifications: Hellertown Borough Council – 10 years. Hellertown Borough Authority – 11 years. Dewey Fire Company – 13 years. LVCC, Hellertown-Lower Saucon, borough liaison.
Response: We all suffered under the worldwide pandemic. The borough's recovery has been steady and remains strong. The focus of the next few years will be to get back to our prepandemic fiscal strength. I will ensure a strong fiscal policy, including long-term budgeting and management of our infrastructure and capital assets. I will also continue to focus on our stormwater infrastructure making certain our compliance with the NPDES permit for our municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s).

LYNLEY SOLT
No response

LIZ THOMPSON
Education: In addition to her project management professional certification and Harvard University coursework, Liz holds a master's degree in education from Fitchburg State College and a bachelor's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
Occupation: Liz is currently working as a senior product delivery manager for a global consultancy company. Her current focus is on delivering high quality, transformational customer experiences through a variety of mobile designs. She founded and runs a nonprofit to assist veterans, both locally and nationally.
Qualifications: As a member of both the Hellertown Borough Council and Planning Commission Liz has a proven track record of listening to residents and speaking out against large developments. She is dedicated to local businesses and helping the community thrive. Liz was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps.
Response: If elected to remain on council, I will continue to work to resuscitate the partnerships between Lower Saucon Township and the borough, a relationship that has been strained due to actions by a majority of Lower Saucon Township Council members; continue to support fiscally responsible spending, look for opportunities to recoup revenue owed to the borough and continue to be a voice for residents against developers who don't have Hellertown's best interest in mind.

LARRY SUTTON
Education: Military Special Leadership Program; Saint Francis University, accounting degree; Insurance Institute, risk management; Penn State, Management Program.
Occupation: Retired. Held financial and management positions in hospital, manufacturing, real estate development and nonprofit organizations.
Qualifications: A demonstrated leader who has also served on 11 various community boards, accumulating 66 service years.
Response: Hellertown is struggling like other communities have since we built interstates and malls outside of town and social media to spread our "community" around the world. Small communities can thrive in an ever-changing environment by promoting policies that attract businesses and residents to our community. My vision is a collaborative effort by businesses, government (including neighboring jurisdictions) and residents. Constructive dialogue will find middle ground to achieve common goals. I can provide the leadership.

Republican
Vote for three
ANDREW HUGHES

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one

LARRY SUTTON
See above.
MICHAEL T. MCKENNA
See above.
LYNLEY SOLT
No response
LIZ THOMPSON
See above.

NAZARETH

COUNCIL

WARD 1

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for two
MICHAEL KOPACH
KAYLA GREEN

Republican
Vote for two
No candidates

WARD 2

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for two
LAUREEN PELLEGRINO
CARL FISCHL

Republican
Vote for two
No candidates

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one
JEFFREY CORPORA

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

WARD 3

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
DANIEL R. CHIAVAROLI

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

NORTHAMPTON

COUNCIL

WARD 1

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
JUDITH A. HALDEMAN

Republican
Vote for one
THOMAS GEHRINGER

WARD 2

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
JULIA KUTZLER

WARD 3

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
TREVOR STONE

WARD 4

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
ANTHONY S. LOPSONZSKI SR.
No response
JASON DONOHUE
No response

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Boroughs

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Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

NORTH CATASAUQUA

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three
MICHELE HAZZARD
ADAM R. LANDIS
JESSICA COPE

Republican
Vote for three
SCOTT HOLMES
MARK S. GIOIELLI

PEN ARGYL

COUNCIL

WARD 1

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
TAMMY KEMP
Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

WARD 2

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
JANELL CONNOLLY

Republican
Vote for one
STEVEN A. GOFFREDO

WARD 3

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
JOHN APGAR

WARD 4

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
JOANN ANDERSON

Republican
Vote for one
CHARLES J. KANDL JR.

PORTLAND

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for four
No candidates

Republican
Vote for four
WENDY H. KLUG
STEPHANIE STEELE
KAREN PFEIFFER

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

ROSETO

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three
JOSEPH C. ANGELINI
CARL RENNA

Republican
Vote for three
MARK A. GOFFREDO JR.

STOCKERTOWN

MAYOR

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one
ROSEMARIE WENZEL-BERGER

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for four
KATHLEEN ZDONOWSKI
CYNTHIA M. HOWER
ROSEMARIE WENZEL-BERGER

Republican
Vote for four
A. JOSEPH GOSNELL
HAROLD C. GREENE

Term: Two years

Democrat
Vote for one
KATIE SANTIAGO

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

TATAMY

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for four
PAMELA PEARSON
DANIEL DEWEY

Republican
Vote for four
MICHAEL LESTER
JOE TORRISI
DEBORAH E. FRACE
ROBERT C. WAGNER

WALNUTPORT

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three
MICHAEL GASTON
DAVID STANKOVIC

Republican
Vote for three
No candidates

WEST EASTON

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three
No candidates

Republican
Vote for three
No candidates

WILSON

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

WARD 1

Democrat
Vote for two
SCOTT PALINKAS
JAMES MCGOWAN
Republican
Vote for two
No candidates

WARD 2

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for one
No candidates

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

WARD 3

Democrat
Vote for two
RUSSELL J. LIPARI

Republican
Vote for two
No candidates

WIND GAP

COUNCIL

Term: Four years

Democrat
Vote for three
No candidates

Republican
Vote for three
GEORGE F. HINTON JR.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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

BANGOR AREA

AT-LARGE

Boroughs of Bangor, Roseto, Portland; Townships of Upper Mt. Bethel, Lower Mt. Bethel and Washington

Democrat
Vote for five
TONI E. LYNCH
No response

Democrat/Republican
Vote for five
ANNAMARIE T. ROBERTONE
No response
MICHAEL GOFFREDO
No response

COUTRNEY GILMOUR
Education: Some college courses
Occupation: Foster parent
Qualifications: Foster parent and advocate for children for over 17 years. Worked closely with parents and educators to ensure continuity in education for kids in care. Mother of three Bangor Area students who participate in a variety of school activities.
Response: I strongly believe that the biggest issue facing the Bangor Area School District is ensuring all of our students have better access to opportunities, throughout the student's educational journey. We can achieve this by bridging the gap between educators and parents to better collaborate and ensure we're giving students the tools they need to succeed.

COLLEEN SCHIAVONE
Education: Bachelor's degree in biology – Gettysburg College
Occupation: Retired
Qualifications: I was a teacher since 1973. I taught at Parkland High School, Bangor Middle School and Bangor High School. My children were students in the Bangor school system.
Response: My main concern is the decline in the quality of education in the United States. We need to teach children to become functioning adults, not standardized test takers. We should return to teaching basics, responsibility and behavior. Hopefully as a school director I can have an impact on changing the system. Our school system is fragmented. Collaboration between the teachers, administration and parents is imperative to fixing the education dilemma.

TANYA PEIFLY
No response
ZACHARY MILLER
No response
CHRISTOPHER MAROZZI
No response

Republican
Vote for five
MELISSA SMITH
No response

BETHLEHEM AREA

AT-LARGE

Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for three

EMILY ROOT SCHENKEL
Education: Bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from Boston University
Occupation: Account executive
Qualifications: Current district school board director, founder of public education advocacy group, BASD Proud Parents and a passion for public education, parent of two district students.
Response: The major issue is support for public education. I will address that by being an advocate for all students, families, educators and taxpayers. I will work hard to see that all of our students are receiving the education they deserve with equity and care, that all of our educators are getting the support they need and that our community is brought together for its most valuable asset, our students.

KAREN BECK POOLEY
Education: Brighton High School; Bachelor's degree, Wellesley College; Master's degree in urban planning and policy, New School University; Ph.D. in city planning, University of Pennsylvania
Occupation: Professor of practice (Lehigh University) and director of research and analytics (czbLLC),
Qualifications: District school director since 2015, PSBA sectional advisor, Steering Committee member of Pennsylvanians for Fair Funding
Response: My major issue is ensuring (as I have for the last eight years) that the Bethlehem Area School District provides a top-quality education for all of our children. I'll also continue to advocate for more state funding for our district, to ease the burden on local taxpayers. Our advocacy work has already meant millions more for the district from Harrisburg, making it possible for us to invest in our programs

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and schools without raising local taxes.

M. RAYA LEVY
Education: Master's degree in library science from Simmons University
Qualifications: Board member of Bethlehem's Human Relations Commission, State Historical Records Advisory Board and previous executive board member of the Moravian Historical Society.
Response: The attempt to erase and silence our educators by burying the truth about the American historical experience is a major issue. Therefore, educating parents that the truth is not a threat but rather an emancipation of the miseducated mind. To stifle the truth from our children is an injustice to their growth and the changing world that awaits them in the future. Change is inevitable as it is not a constant but a variable.

REGION II

City of Bethlehem Wards 7, 8, 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 14-1, 15-1, and Hanover Township
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
MICHAEL RECCHIUTI

REGION III

City of Bethlehem Wards 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6, 14-7, 14-8, 15-2, and Bethlehem Township
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one

KIM SHIVELY
Education: Ph.D., Brandeis University
Occupation: Professor, Kutztown University
Qualifications: I have served on the district school board for four years and I am the chair of the curriculum committee and district representative to the Colonial IU. I am an educator from a family of educators.
Response: Fair funding for public schools: I will continue to advocate for greater state support for district schools to take some of the burden off of local taxpayers while maintaining robust educational and extracurricular programming. Increasingly, our schools are challenged with supporting students who are dealing with emotional and social issues. By acquiring grants and increased state and federal funding, I will also work toward investing more in mental health and wellness resources in our schools.

CINDY A. O'BRIEN
See above.

Republican
Vote for one
ANTHONY M. GENTILE
No response

CATASAUQUA AREA

AT-LARGE

Catasauqua Borough, Hanover Township, Lehigh County and North Catasauqua Boroughs, Northampton County
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for five
LAUREN CIESLAK
JILLIAN EMERT

EASTON AREA

REGION I

Palmer Township
Term: Four years

Democrat/ Republican
Vote for one
BILL WHITMAN
No response
JODI HESS
No response

REGION II

City of Easton Wards 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8E, 8W, 9, 10, 11, and 12

Democrat
Vote for one
GHENNIFER ZANDO-DENNIS

Republican
Vote for one
No candidates

REGION III

City of Easton Ward 3, Forks Township and Lower Mount Bethel Lower Independent
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
EDWARD KEEGAN
No response

MICHAEL SIMONETTA
Education: Bachelor's degree in business and finance
Occupation: Business manager, Pleasant Valley School District
Qualifications: Forty years' experience providing strong financial management in school districts throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Ten years as Easton School District's chief operating officer with complete understanding of district operations. Experienced in negotiating fair and sustainable union contracts. Balanced budgets. Strong fiduciary watchdog. Decision making for the long term.
Response: The main issue is the financial future and ability to sustain is at risk. Spending has increased without accountability projecting significant deficits. The burden of rectifying the current financial crisis will be placed on the taxpayers, but my overall experience validates my ability to comprehend the complete picture and make informed decisions to get the finances in order. As a director, I know the questions to ask, have the history of the district and will be able to provide the educated oversight needed.

NAZARETH AREA

REGION I

Bushkill Township, Tatamy and portion of Palmer Upper West
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for two
JEFF C. GREENER
No response

SARIANN L. KNERR
Education: Nazareth High School graduate. Bachelor's degree in journalism, Rutgers University; Bachelor's degree in elementary dducation, Bloomsburg University.
Occupation: Teacher
Qualifications: More than 22 years working with students from pre-K to high school; served on numerous elementary school committees and as PTO teacher representative; volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Celtic Classic, ArtsQuest Ambassador
Response: Pennsylvania's school funding system is failing students. Four out of five districts are inadequately subsidized, including Nazareth. The burden, consequently, falls on the school board to either raise taxes or cut programs. Currently, 73% of Nazareth's funding comes from taxpayers. As a school board member, I would press state leaders to use the billions in surplus to relieve taxpayer burden and to ensure that all students receive an adequate, equitable education in safe schools.

Republican
Vote for two
MELINDA G. GLADSTONE
No response
ELMO L. FREY JR.
No response
ERIN FERGUSON
No response

REGION II

Lower Nazareth Township and Upper Nazareth East
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one

CHRISTOPHER G. MILLER
Education: 1985 graduate of Nazareth High School, three years at the University of Pittsburgh, completed 562 hour Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Course
Occupation: Detective, City of Easton Police Department
Qualifications: Over 25 years in law enforcement, numerous trainings and certifications related to public safety, mental health issues, negotiations, etc.
Response: I believe there are many issues but, my main concern is the safety of all students and staff to include their mental health. With nearly 30 years in law enforcement, I have various specialized trainings/ certifications which I feel are an asset I can bring to the table. I have several ideas I would like to discuss with other board members, students, parents and staff in hopes of implementing some of them.

JASON M. SWAILS
Education, Occupation, and Qualifications: I attended public schools before earning undergrad and doctorate degrees at public universities in New York and Florida. I write software to support research to discover new drugs to treat cancer. As a Nazareth Schools' parent, I understand the goals and concerns of district parents.
Response: The politicization of school boards threatens to tarnish Nazareth School District's reputation for excellence. Battles over partisan ideology distract from our educators' core function of providing a high quality education to our students. I will work to keep partisan politics out of the school board. I will instead focus on attracting and retaining top quality educators, and implementing and maintaining first class academic and extracurricular programs (with particular attention to science, math and technology).

REGION III

Nazareth and Stockertown Boroughs and Upper Nazareth West
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
GREGORY C. LEH

NORTHAMPTON AREA

REGION I

Allen and Lehigh Townships

Democrat/Republican
Vote for two
MARC KERCSMAR
No response
JOHN BECKER
No response
ROBERT MENTZELL
No response
KRISTIN LORAH-SOLDRIDGE
No response

REGION II

East Allen Township and Northampton Borough

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
MICHAEL BAIRD
No response

Republican
Vote for one
WILLIAM G. JONES JR.
No response

REGION III

Bath and Chapman Boroughs and Moore Township

Democrat/Republican
Vote for two
DAVID GOGEL
No response
BRIAN MCCULLOCH
No response
JOSHUA HARRIS
No response
ANTHONY MANISCALCO
No response

NORTHERN LEHIGH

AT-LARGE

See Lehigh County portion of this guide.

PEN ARGYL AREA

REGION I

Pen Argyl Borough
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one
LISA HACKMAN

Term: Two years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one

THOMAS KNORR
Education: Master's degree
Occupation: Retired
Qualifications: Thirty-eight years as a teacher and administrator; recognized nationally as an Outstanding Science Teacher. Extensive experience with all aspects of education. Proven leader: president and regional executive of PHA and SCCA (racing organizations ...17 years).
Response: Continue the advancement of positive learning experiences for all Pen Argyl students.

LISA HACKMAN
No response

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Republican
Vote for one
JAMES A. FREY
No response

REGION II

Plainfield Township
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for two
JEFF MOYER
No response
ROBERT C. RUTT
No response

Democrat
Vote for two
NANCY O'KEEFE
Education: Bachelor's degree in philosophy, DeSales University
Occupation: Not employed
Qualifications: Business owner; substitute teacher
Response: A positive learning environment for students should be the most pressing issue facing any school board director. This begins with a constructive collaboration between schools, parents, and community, which is necessary to create an classroom that ensures students' needs are met. Another urgent issue facing the school district is determining why teachers are leaving their positions after a short tenure. This situation negatively affects cohesiveness among students and faculty. It's the school board's task to find ways to attract and retain quality faculty, which will help foster a productive and cohesive environment for students. The schools will become stronger, and the community at large will benefit, if these matters can be addressed.

JOSEPH COLOSI
Education: Ph.D. in botany, North Carolina State University, 1979; Master's degree in botany, University of North Carolin, 1975; Bachelor's degree, Rutgers University, 1971
Occupation: retired
Qualifications: I taught biology for 38 years at DeSales University. My three children went to both private and public schools. All my education since the 3rd grade has been in public schools.
Response: The school board should enhance the educational opportunities of students to give them excellent preparation for college and trades. The school board should set policies so that every student feels safe, supported, and respected in school. The school board should work to increase teacher retention. The school board should create an atmosphere of respectful cooperation and collaboration between teachers, administrators, and parents.

Republican
Vote for two
DEBRA MOUISSET
No response

REGION III

Wind Gap Borough
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for two
JASON KEENHOLD
JOHN DALLY JR.

SAUCON VALLEY

AT-LARGE

Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for five

LAUREL ERICKSON-PARSONS
Education: Pennsylvania State University; Drexel University College of Medicine
Occupation: Pediatrician, pediatric residency program director
Qualifications: Currently serving on the school board. Over eight years of physician leadership experience including physician education for the past two years. Community involvement including: co-president of the Saucon Valley Performing Arts Association and coach of youth sports.
Response: As a mother of four children who attend Saucon Valley School District, I am committed to providing high quality education to our students in a safe and appropriate environment while keeping taxes affordable, especially for senior citizens. I am concerned about the injection of national political issues into public schools and want to keep the focus on education, which can only happen through collaboration among all stakeholders and clear communication with parents and the community.

BRYAN EICHFELD
No response

SUSAN BAXTER
Education: Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, University of Delaware; Master's degree in business administration, Lehigh University
Occupation: Retired
Qualifications: Saucon Valley School Board director, president; Northampton Community College Trustee; negotiated a five-year teacher's contract March 2023 requiring no tax increase; kept schools open during the pandemic. Strong believer in honesty, open communication, courtesy and respect for others.
Response: Teach our children strong academic disciplines and critical thinking skills absent from current political influence. Focus on a positive school climate for students, teachers, and parents within the schools. Spending must be balanced with providing a quality education. I will continue to ask questions which is a very important component of checks and balances.

BILL BROUN
Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees in English, Miami University; Master's degree in creative writing, University of Houston
Occupation: College professor, writer
Qualifications: Expert in strategic communications and online learning and pedagogy. Twenty-five-plus years' experience teaching and curriculum development. Professor, East Stroudsburg University (17 years). Past lecturer at Yale University (four years). Former editor-in-chief of newspapers. Community volunteer.
Response: I'm absolutely determined to see Saucon Valley School District raise its game when it comes to academic achievement. No issue matters more to me, although underlying problems (particularly, low teacher and staff morale; irresponsible fiscal stewardship; partisan politics; and communications chaos) play into our deteriorating ratings. I have a competitive, driven personality, and I'll be relentless in pursuing excellence — and without political bias. Learn more: sauconchoices.org.

JAY SANTOS
Occupation: Public sector solutions engineer
Qualifications: Computer science bachelor's degree
Response: The major issues in this campaign are a school board that prioritizes politics over education, addressing the teacher turnover, lack of maintenance on facilities and the inadequate curriculum. These issues can lead to a decline in the quality of education, safety concerns and a toxic and divisive environment within the community. It is up to us to demand transparency and accountability from our leaders, and take action to ensure that our schools are serving our children's needs. In summary, we must prioritize our children's education and well-being by holding our leaders accountable and seeking innovative solutions to pressing issues.

SHAWN WELCH
Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration; Master's degrees in human resources management and joint campaign planning strategy (National Defense University).
Occupation: Serve on two nonprofit boards and co-chair of a Secretary of the Interior Federal Advisory Committee. Retired Army engineer colonel.
Qualifications: Over 15 years national level policy and resource management experience.
Response: Continue the board's focus on sound fiscal and policy management. An example of such success is the new five-year teacher's union contract which does not exceed the district budget projections. Improve elementary school academic performance to be commensurate with Middle and High Schools, and then raise all higher. Improve extracurricular offerings. Increase parental access to educational program materials. Ensure a classical education building critical thinking skills without injecting contemporary political overtones.

VIVIAN A. DEMKO
Education: Graduate of Saucon Valley High School; Bachelor's degree in elementary education, East Stroudsburg University; Master's degree in computers in education, DeSales University; Master's degree in curriculum and supervision, Edinboro University.
Occupation: Retired
Qualifications: Served in teacher and leadership positions at Saucon Valley for 28.5 years. Lifelong resident of the community. Extensive community involvement; PSEA-PACE Endorsed.
Response: All students and their achievements are central issues. As scores tumble, our district needs more authentic leadership to build a path for future achievement. The board must return to involving all stakeholders by meeting with teachers regarding significant issues and public meetings that are open, seeking, and respecting input. Curriculum resources need to be evaluated for effectiveness. The choice is yours. I will deliver the leadership necessary to give our community hope for the future.

MICHAEL KARABIN
Qualifications: Trained by the United States Army as an operating room technician for my time in the military service. Retired from the Bethlehem Steel as an accounts receivable pricing analyst. Worked with Saucon Valley School Board for over 20 years. Co-founder of the Lehigh Valley Regional Charter School and served on their board for six years.
Response: All issues are important, I believe that listening and working with administration, board and any staff to address any circumstance that comes before us is the most important way to come to solutions to better the district. It must be a collaborative effort in accomplishing what needs to be done and not just anyone's idea. Getting everyone's input and making a sincere effort to work with everyone expressing what one thinks can only lead to positive results.

DONALD L. CARPENTER III
Education: Valedictorian, Freedom Area High School; Bachelor's degree in materials science and engineering, Lehigh University; Master's degree in materials science and engineering, Lehigh University
Occupation: Researcher
Qualifications: President of a nonprofit (independent labor union), extensive community service including Little League coaching and STEM Outreach, PSEA-PACE Endorsed
Response: Main Issue: Saucon Valley School District is in the top 10% of spending per student within Pennsylvania, yet our rankings are slipping and our seventh grade math scores rank in the bottom 33%. We need school board directors capable of running a high-performing district. A district that lifts up all students and effectively uses the community's resources. I have proven executive experience and know how to bring people with diverse opinions together to achieve shared goals.

Republican
Vote for five

J. BARRETT GEYER
No response

WILSON AREA

REGION I

Wilson Borough Wards 1 and 2
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for two
JANIS E. KRIEGER
LINDA ANN BASKWELL

REGION II

Wilson Ward 3, Glendon, and West Easton
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for one

HOLLY WAUGH
No response

JEFFREY L. BREIDINGER SR.
No response

Republican
Vote for one
ANNELLE DISANTO
No response

Term: Two years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for two
No candidates

REGION III

Williams Township
Term: Four years

Democrat/Republican
Vote for two
JUDITH A. HERBSTREITH

Democrat
Vote for two

JOHNATHAN JONES