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VOTERS GUIDE

TO THE 2026 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION

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VOTERS GUIDE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

GOVERNOR

Description of office: The governor is the chief executive officer of the Commonwealth, executing the laws of the state through executive agencies. A governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a U.S. citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he manages the financial affairs of the state and must annually present a balanced budget to the General Assembly. The governor has extensive appointive powers, may recommend legislation, and signs or vetoes bills passed by both houses of the General Assembly (subject to two-thirds override). S/he is commander in chief of the state National Guard, except when it is called into the actual service of the United States. The governor can grant reprieves, pardons and paroles. The holder of this office may only be reelected once.

Term: 4 years
Salary: $253,870
Candidates were asked: What are the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvania residents, and how would you address them?

Vote for one:

Democrat

JOSH SHAPIRO
County: Montgomery
Occupation: Governor of Pennsylvania
Education: University of Rochester, BA; Georgetown University Law Center, JD
Qualifications: Governor of Pennsylvania, who is fighting every day to Get Stuff Done and protect real freedom in our Commonwealth.
Campaign Website: joshshapiro.org
Facebook URL: facebook.com/JoshShapiroPA/
X Handle: JoshShapiroPA
Instagram URL: instagram.com/joshshapiropa/
Response: I've met with Pennsylvanians on our farms, in our cities, and everywhere in between, and I've found that most people want the same key things: good schools, safe communities, good-paying jobs, and their freedoms protected. As Governor, I've worked hard to get stuff done on these pressing issues — cutting taxes ten times, securing over $41 billion in private-sector investment, creating over 25,000 good-paying jobs, delivering historic public education funding, and improving public safety by supporting law enforcement and violence prevention programs — but there's more work to do, and I'm going to keep fighting to ensure all Pennsylvanians have the freedom to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed here in our Commonwealth.

Republican

STACY GARRITY
County: Bradford
Occupation: Pennsylvania State Treasurer
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Bloomsburg University
Qualifications: 30 year U.S. Army Reserve Veteran with three Combat Deployments (Col., Ret.) | Former VP at Global Tungsten & Powders
Campaign Website: garrityforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/GarrityForPA
X Handle: GarrityForPA
Instagram URL: instagram.com/stacyforpa/
Response: Pennsylvania families are being squeezed by higher energy bills, failing schools, rising crime, and a government that spends too much while delivering too little. My goals are simple: make life affordable again, give every family real school choice, keep our communities safe, and restore fiscal responsibility in Harrisburg. That means unleashing Pennsylvania energy to lower utility bills, empowering parents' on matters of their children's education, standing with law enforcement, and cutting wasteful spending so the next generation inherits opportunity — not debt. As Treasurer, I returned more than $1 billion to Pennsylvanians. As Governor, I'll bring that same results-driven leadership to Harrisburg.

Libertarian

KEN KRAWCHUK
County: Montgomery
Occupation: Entrepreneur
Education: BS Physics; Graduate of the Abington Citizens Police Academy
Qualifications: Student of the Pennsylvania Constitution; President of Amendment 16 Ltd., a 35-year-old Information Technology consulting firm; Patented inventor; Professional public speaker; Distinguished Toastmaster, Husband; Father; Grandfather
Campaign Website: KenK4Pa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/KenK4Pa/
X Handle: KenK4Pa
Instagram URL: instagram.com/KenK4Pa
Response: Aside from our failing schools, the most pressing issue facing Pennsylvania is taxation. The cost of government has been rising at more than 3 times the rate of inflation for over 50 years, but when I'm elected, that trend will end. I promise to veto all tax increases, and use the line item veto to eliminate all unconstitutional, special interest, and pork barrel spending.
But THE worst tax is the property tax. Seniors risk being foreclosed out of their homes. First-time buyers struggle to afford a home at all. And every homeowner faces an eternal mortgage they can never pay off. Property tax must be eliminated, starting with the oppressive, ever-rising school tax. Details at KenK4Pa.com/education

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Description of office: The lieutenant governor will be elected jointly with the governor in the General Election, although candidates are nominated separately in the Primary. A lieutenant governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a U.S. citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he is president of the Senate, presiding over the Senate but having no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. S/he is chair of

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ELECTION INFORMATION
Contact your county board of elections or go to pa.gov/vote. The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania also provides election information. Call 717-234-1576 with any questions or go to www.Vote411.org.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE
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ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING
Registered voters who are ill, disabled, may be absent from the municipality or choose to vote via mail-in ballot on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot or mail-in ballot. Completed applications for absentee and mail-in ballots must be received by the county board of elections by 5 p.m. Oct. 27. Completed absentee and mail-in ballots must be received back to the board of elections by 8 p.m. Nov. 3. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Oct. 27 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.
Lehigh County Board of Election: 17 S. Seventh St, Allentown; 610-782-3194
Northampton County Board of Election: Lower Level of the Northampton County Government Center, 669 Washington St., Easton; 610-829-6260
Voters who applied for and received a mail ballot and then decide they want to vote at the polls must bring their mail ballot, including the outer return envelope, with them to be voided.

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 a problem, call or text 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance in English, 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA for assistance in Spanish, or 1-888-API-VOTE for assistance in Asian languages.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS
If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time, then you must bring your voter ID card or photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of federal or state government-issued ID. Some forms of nonphoto ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID, then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot. If you are not a new voter and are not voting at the polling place for the first time, you are NOT required to bring or provide identification.

ONLINE VOTERS GUIDE
The Vote411 Online Voters Guide is available at www.vote411.org. Links to this guide as well as links to Vote411 and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage: www.palwv.org.Information about the Lehigh Valley candidates may be found at www.lwvlehighcounty.org in the Voters Guide pages.

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the Board of Pardons and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council. The Pennsylvania Constitution provides that in case of the death, conviction or impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation or other disability of the governor, the powers, duties and compensation of the office shall be transferred to the lieutenant governor for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed. There are no term limits to this office.
Term: 4 years
Salary: $213,248
Candidates were asked: What are the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvania residents, and how would you address them?

Vote for one:

Democrat

AUSTIN DAVIS
County: Allegheny
Occupation: Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh
Qualifications: From serving as a State Representative to now as the current Lieutenant Governor, Austin Davis is delivering real results for all Pennsylvanians and will continue working to move our Commonwealth forward.
Campaign Website: davisforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/AustinDavisPA/
X Handle: AustinDavisPA
Instagram URL: instagram.com/austindavispa/
Response: We're focused every day on building a good education for our kids, safer communities, economic opportunity, and protecting Pennsylvanians' rights and freedoms. I'm proud of the work the Governor and I have done to deliver real results for all Pennsylvanians on these critical issues — creating thousands of good-paying jobs, attracting over $40 billion in private-sector investment, cutting taxes seven times, investing our schools, and supporting both community-based violence intervention programs and state and local law enforcement. I'm committed to fighting for all Pennsylvanians — and we are going to keep working to create real opportunity for our families to get ahead and be able to live the American dream right here in our Commonwealth.

Republican

JASON RICHEY
County: Allegheny
Occupation: Attorney
Education: Allegheny College, BA (Economics/Political Science Double Major); The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, JD.
Qualifications: Growing up in Aliquippa, I saw the impact of economic decline & learned the value of hard work. I became a 3-time NCAA Academic All-American at Allegheny College. I worked in a steel mill through law school. Over a 30-year legal career, I've led high-stakes cases & teams across major industries.
Campaign Website: richeyforpa.com/
Facebook URL: facebook.com/JasonRicheyforPa/
Instagram URL: instagram.com/RicheyforPA
Response: The most pressing issue facing Pennsylvanians is affordability. Families are struggling with rising energy costs, high taxes, and housing costs. Pennsylvania sits atop the Marcellus Shale, one of the largest natural gas reserves in the world, yet it has not been fully leveraged to benefit our citizens. I will expand responsible natural gas development, streamline permitting related to drilling and infrastructure, and position Pennsylvania as a world leading energy producer. This growth will lower energy costs and generate new revenue to reduce taxes, especially property taxes to lower housing costs. By connecting energy policy to tax relief, we can create jobs and make Pennsylvania more affordable.

Parking spaces are reserved for voters on Election Day in 2025 near Muhlenberg College's Seegers Union Building in Allentown.
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Libertarian

JOHN THOMAS
County: Armstrong
Occupation: Educator
Education: BA in Political Science / Pre-Law; BS in Education
Qualifications: I am not qualified to run your life. But I am the only Lt. Gov. candidate in the race who recognizes that about himself.
Campaign Website: KenK4PA.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/people/John-Thomas-for-Lieutenant-Governor/100090842456490/
X Handle: JohnThomasPA
Response: Pennsylvania is shedding young people. People are moving to states where they see more opportunities and better affordability. By making Pennsylvania the state with the best educational system in the country (by cutting government, rather than growing it) and cutting regulations that stifle innovation and job growth, we can keep Pennsylvanians in the state.
Our education plan includes eliminating school-related property taxes that make housing unaffordable to families. It encourages families to make decisions that build their capital, allowing young people to enter adulthood with educational and monetary capital that will make them more competitive in our changing economy. This will allow families to stay and grow here in PA.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Description of office: The U.S. Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of representatives from each state, elected in proportion to population. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives, with 17 representatives allotted to Pennsylvania after the 2020 census. A U.S. representatives must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and be a resident of the state they seek to represent at the time of the election (though not necessarily the same district). The House of Representatives is responsible for introducing and voting on bills, resolutions and amendments, and for approving the budget. Representatives also serve on various policy committees. The House may send articles of impeachment of elected officials to the Senate and elects the president if there is a tie in the Electoral College.
Term: 2 years
Salary: $174,000
Candidates were asked: What are the most pressing issues facing your district and our country, and how would you address them?

Vote for one:

7TH DISTRICT

All of Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton counties and part of Monroe County.

Democrat

BOB BROOKS
County: Northampton
Occupation: President of the Pennsylvania Professional Firefighters Association.
Education: Drury High School (MA)

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Qualifications: I'm a former 20 year Bethlehem Firefighter, current President of the Pennsylvania Professional Firefighters Association, which represents the union fire service members in Pennsylvania, and current varsity baseball coach at Nazareth Area High School. I am also a father of four.
Campaign Website: brooksforcongress.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/VoteBobBrooks/
X Handle: VoteBobBrooks
Instagram URL: instagram.com/votebobbrooks/
Response: I think housing, healthcare, childcare, education and wages — all under the umbrella of affordability. Here in the Lehigh Valley we have the second highest occupancy rate and it's almost impossible to find affordable housing, not to mention that the average age of a first time homebuyer is over 40 years old! People's healthcare premiums are skyrocketing and those without are scared to go to the doctor because of the costs. People are paying more per month on childcare than their mortgage. My son came out of a Penn State satellite campus with over $100k in debt, which is more than my first house cost. Please go to my website https://brooksforcongress.com/issues/ to read my broad based plan to deal with each of these issues.

Republican

RYAN MACKENZIE
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Member of Congress
Education: Parkland High School, Allentown, Pa., 2000; B.S., New York University, New York, N.Y., 2004; M.B.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 2010
Qualifications: United States Department of Labor (2007), Pennsylvania Dept. of Labor and Industry (2011), Pennsylvania State Representative (2012-2024)
Campaign Website: mackenzieforcongress.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/MackenzieForCongress
X Handle: ryan_mackenzie
Instagram URL: instagram.com/mackenzieforcongress/
Response: The most pressing issue facing all of us is affordability. I am addressing it by working with Republicans and Democrats to find commonsense solutions. While this issue did not arise overnight and won't be solved overnight, in Congress I have begun the fight. I supported historic tax cuts for workers, families, and seniors (including on tips, overtime, and Social Security); doubled the Child Tax Credit; passed a landmark housing affordability law; stood up to big corporations to control prescription costs; split with my party to call for extension of the ACA Tax Credits; delivered new money for health care providers across our state and community; and, secured vital grants to address local needs without asking local taxpayers for more.

STATE SENATOR

Description of office: The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The Senate consists of 50 members, representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The Senate develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the House of Representatives). In addition, the Senate tries officials impeached by the House and authorizes executive appointments. Senators serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation.
Term: 4 years
Salary: $113,591
Candidates were asked: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing residents of your district, and how would you address them?

Vote for one:

14TH DISTRICT

Lehigh County: Allentown Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 17 and 19 and the townships of Hanover, Salisbury, South Whitehall Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 and Whitehall and the boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay, Emmaus and Fountain Hill.
Northampton County: the townships of Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Hanover, Lehigh and Moore and the boroughs of Bath, Chapman, North Catasauqua, Northampton and Walnutport.

Democrat

NICK MILLER
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Pennsylvania District 14 State Senator and small business owner
Education: Bachelor of Science in Finance — Penn State University; Masters in Law — Penn Carey Law School — University of Pennsylvania; Masters of Public Administration — University of Pennsylvania
Qualifications: State Senator Nick Miller is a fifth-generation Allentown resident, small business owner, and former IBM project manager who previously served on the Allentown School Board. After three years of delivering results for the Lehigh Valley, he is seeking reelection.
Campaign Website: nickmillerforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/nickmiller4pa
X Handle: nickmillerforpa
Instagram URL: instagram.com/nickmillerforpa/
Response: The biggest challenge facing families in our district is affordability. Too many people are paying more for housing, transportation, utilities, and everyday essentials while trying to get ahead. In my first term, I've focused on delivering real relief by bringing more than $150 million in state resources back to the Lehigh Valley to support housing, transportation, infrastructure, public safety, and cybersecurity. I've also supported property tax relief and the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit to put more money back in people's pockets. Lastly, I've fought for historic investments in our public schools, universities, and trade programs, because lowering costs today and creating family-sustaining jobs go hand in hand.

Republican

OMY MALDONADO
County: Northampton
Campaign Website: omyforpa.com/
Facebook URL: facebook.com/OmyforPA
No response

16TH DISTRICT

Lehigh County: Allentown Wards 13 and 18 and the townships of Heidelberg, Lower Macungie, Lower Milford, Lowhill, Lynn North Whitehall, South Whitehall Districts 3, 6 and 8, Upper Macungie, Upper Milford, Upper Saucon, Washington and Weisenberg and the boroughs of Alburtis, Coopersburg, Macungie and Slatington.
Bucks County: the townships of Bedminster, Bridgeton, Durham, East Rockhill, Haycock, Hilltown, Milford, Nockamixon, Richland, Springfield, Tinicum and West Rockhill and the boroughs of Dublin, Perkasie, Quakertown, Richlandtown, Riegelsville, Sellersville, Silverdale, Telford (Bucks County portion) and Trumbauersville.

Democrat

MARK PINSLEY
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Controller of Lehigh County
Education: Northeastern University BSBA Kelley School of Business MBA
Qualifications: I am a Dad, a Veteran, and the Lehigh County Controller, where I serve as an independent watchdog over public spending and government operations. As Controller, I have delivered results for taxpayers. As State Senator, I will bring that same commitment to to accountability to Harrisburg.
Campaign Website: votemarkpinsley.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/VoteMarkPinsley/
Instagram URL: instagram.com/markpinsley/
Response: The biggest issue facing Pennsylvania families is the cost of living. I will fight to raise Pennsylvania's minimum wage to $22 an hour and adjust it annually to keep pace with the cost of living. I will push to standardize property assessments so wealthy homeowners pay their fair share while easing the burden of school taxes on working families. I will fight to cap out-of-pocket costs for medications like insulin and cut out middlemen who drive up prescription drug prices. I also support a moratorium on new data centers until the Legislature passes laws that hold developers accountable to the community. I approach public service with a simple belief: I am for the people, not the powerful.

Republican

JARRETT COLEMAN
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Senator
Education: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University MBA, B.S. Aeronautics
Qualifications: Vice President — State Public School Building Authority, Vice President Pennsylvania Higher Education Facilities Authority, Pennsylvania Public School Retirement Board, Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board
Campaign Website: mrcolemangoestoharrisburg.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/JarrettColemanPASenate
Response: Affordability is the biggest challenge facing my constituents, touching nearly every area of their lives. My approach has been to look at how government makes things more expensive, then tackle those issues. For example, in June I voted for House Bill 1667 to eliminate the gross receipts tax on electric bills, lowering costs for consumers by almost $2 billion a year, and to create a sales tax holiday for school supplies. That bill is now awaiting action in the House. I've also focused on cutting red tape to make homes more affordable. According to the PA Home Builders Association, nearly one-third of a new home's cost comes from complying with state and local regulations — almost $100,000 of a $300,000 home. That's unacceptable

18TH DISTRICT

Lehigh County: Bethlehem
Northampton County: Bethlehem and Easton and the townships of Bethlehem, Forks, Lower Mount Bethel, Lower Nazareth, Lower Saucon, Palmer, Plainfield, Upper Mount Bethel, Upper Nazareth, Washington and Williams and the boroughs of Bangor, East Bangor, Freemansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, Nazareth, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Stockertown, Tatamy, West Easton, Wilson and Wind Gap.

Democrat

LISA BOSCOLA
County: Northampton
Occupation: State Senator — Pennsylvania General Assembly
Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees from Villanova University cum laude
Campaign Website: lisaboscola.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/LisaBoscola1
Response: Rising costs have hurt hard working families. Government must first tighten our belt. I have introduced bills to shrink the size of the legislature, to help families cover

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rising utility costs and to support efforts with making their homes more efficient. I continue to challenge our reliance on local property taxes to fund our schools, which has a disproportionally negative impact on fixed-income seniors, working families & school districts. With one of the highest gas taxes in the Country, I proposed suspending the gas tax for 60 days to help working families with current surge in price. I have also proposed a "back to school" supplies sales tax holiday, something many other states do, to provide teachers & families with some relief.

Republican

SCOTT JANNEY
County: Northampton
Occupation: Charitable Fundraiser
Education: Doctor of Education — Temple University; Master of Divinity — Princeton Theological Seminary; Bachelor's Degree — Asbury University; High School — Keystone High School
Qualifications: Director of 28-person team directing $1B to hunger relief, housing, addiction recovery & education. Former Democrat & United Steelworker. PA native, 10th-generation American & 2nd-gen from immigrant roots. Pastor, author, leadership degrees, dozens of articles and presentations. Two term pledge.
Campaign Website: scottjanney.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583136781837
X Handle: @JanneyScott1
Instagram URL: instagram.com/drscottjanney/
Response: Our issues are the economy, affordability, and government that too often puts Pennsylvanians last. We need: 1) Stronger Economy: real growth, tax relief for working families, seniors, and businesses, cut red tape, and root out government waste, fraud, and abuse. We can bring manufacturing back, support local farms, and become a magnet for investment in our workers and job seekers. 2) PA Energy: control PA's natural gas, coal, lumber and nuclear power, don't let New York, New Jersey or D.C. Fight for pro-production policies that streamline permits for responsible drilling, invest in pipelines and grids that keep power affordable, and block regional mandates that make rates soar. 3) Citizens First in voting, benefits, policing, everything.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Description of office: The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The House consists of 203 members representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The House develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the Senate). The House also has the exclusive authority to impeach public officials. Representatives also serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation.
Term: 2 years
Salary: $113,591
Candidates were asked: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing residents of your district, and how would you address them?

Vote for one:

22ND DISTRICT

Lehigh County: Allentown Wards 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6), 9, 10, 11 (Division 2), 14 and 15 and the Township of Salisbury Wards 1, 2 and 3 (Division 2).

Democrat

CE-CE GERLACH
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Case Manager
Education: Cedar Crest College-Bachelor of Science in Education
Qualifications: Allentown City Council-6 years, Allentown School-8 years, Community Organizer, Small Business Owner
Campaign Website: ceceforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/cece4pa
Instagram URL: instagram.com/ceceforpa/
Response: The main issues facing people are the rising cost of living, access to good paying jobs, underfunded schools and a system that gives billionaires and huge corporations tax breaks while the rest of us choose between gas and groceries. I will address these challenges with a specific legislative agenda. We must renew home repair funding to help low and moderate homeowners stay in their homes. I will fight to pass rent stabilization because stable rents mean stable communities and successful schools. Corporations shouldn't be allowed to use artificial intelligence to inflate our grocery prices. I will fight to ban this practice. Finally, we can fully fund our schools by making billionaires and mega corporations pay their fair share in taxes.

Republican

ROBERT E. SMITH JR.
County: Lehigh
Occupation: I currently serve as a Program Specialist for New Vitae Wellness and Recovery, where I provide care for individuals with brain injuries and intellectual disabilities.
Education: Lehigh Carbon Community College: Business Ethics; New York University: Middle East Studies; Middlesex County College: Law and Theatre
Qualifications: Allentown School Board: Board Member (2003—2019); elected President five times by peers. Served on Finance (Co-chair), Building (Co-chair), Recreation, Athletic, and Legislative committees. Served as PSBA Board Representative. Lehigh Career & Technical Institute (LCTI): JOC Member (2003—2019)
Campaign Website: Smithforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/SmithforPa
Response: Inflation and the rising cost of living are top concerns. Seniors are struggling to remain in their homes as the costs for food, medicine, and utilities outpace fixed incomes. I advocate for lowering property taxes without raising sales or income taxes by increasing state revenue through skill games and

A voter drops off their mail-in primary ballot on Election Day in 2025, at the Lehigh County Government Center in Allentown.
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recreational cannabis. We must also balance economic development with quality of life. Our neighborhoods are currently struggling with traffic and noise resulting from massive warehouse and data center expansions. I support zoning that protects open space and ensures that developers, rather than taxpayers, fund infrastructure upgrades for projects such as the Allentown State property.

131ST DISTRICT

Lehigh County: the townships of Lower Milford, Salisbury Ward 3 (Division 1), Upper Milford and Upper Saucon and the borough of Coopersburg.
Northampton County: the township of Lower Saucon (Districts 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8)
Montgomery County: the townships of Marlborough, Salford and Upper Hanover and the boroughs of East Greenville, Green Lane, Pennsburg and Red Hill.

Democrat

MERIAM SABIH
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Freelance Journalist
Education: Masters in Political Science from Lehigh University, Bachelors in English and Psychology from Rutgers University
Qualifications: I have a Masters in Political Science, am a long time community organizer, volunteer, precinct person, a mom of three boys. The issues we're facing today are deeply personal to me. As a freelance journalist I write about politics and holding government accountable.
Campaign Website: meriamforpa.com/
Facebook URL: facebook.com/MeriamforPA/
X Handle: meriamsabih
Instagram URL: instagram.com/MeriamforPA/
Response: Our families are struggling to make ends meet with high costs of everyday essentials, cost of gas, and inflation. We are concerned about having affordable accessible healthcare, good public schools, and childcare for our families. We are concerned for our children to be able to afford homes and have jobs. We need better representation and someone who will fight for our shared values in Harrisburg and act as a guardrail against the overreach of government and attacks on our civil rights and democracy. I will work tirelessly to reduce the costs of living, make sure we are funding our public schools effectively, stand up to protect our democracy, and I will fight to make sure we are doing everything we can to make life better.

Republican

MILOU MACKENZIE
County: Northampton
Occupation: State Representative
Education: Graduate, Cedar Crest College
Qualifications: As a former small business-woman, educator, working mom, and current State Representative, I understand the challenges faced by our communities and families. I carry that understanding to Harrisburg to address the issues that impact all of us.
Campaign Website: mac4rep.com/
Facebook URL: facebook.com/mac4rep
Response: People are concerned with rising costs impacting their personal budgets. That's why I am working to ensure that PA's budget is focused on our priorities — education and public safety among them — without spending more than taxpayers can afford.
I am also supportive of measures like "Tax Holidays" that temporarily eliminate taxes passed on to consumers for things like cell phones, household energy, and more. This is a commonsense approach that will provide immediate, and needed, relief for everyone.
I am also protecting the state's Rainy Day Fund. This ensures money is there for emergencies and helps keep our credit rating strong, which reduces debt costs and saves tax dollars.

132ND DISTRICT

Lehigh County: Allentown Wards 8 (Divisions 4 and 7), 11 (Divisions 4, 5, 6 and 7), 13 (Division 4), 17 and 18, and the townships of South Whitehall and Upper Macungie Districts 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

Democrat

MIKE SCHLOSSBERG
County: Lehigh
Occupation: State Representative, 132nd Legislative District (2013 — Present)
Education: BA, Muhlenberg College (Political Science & Psychology), MA, Lehigh University (Political Science)
Qualifications: State Representative (2013-Present), Majority Whip (2024-Present), Chair & Founder of House Mental Health Caucus, former member, Allentown City Council
Campaign Website: voteschlossberg.com/
Facebook URL: facebook.com/MikeSchlossberg
X Handle: MikeSchlossberg
Instagram URL: instagram.com/Mike-Schlossberg
Response: Reducing costs.
First, housing and rent costs are far too high. The Governor's Housing Action Plan represents a real effort to increase supply and reduce costs. We need to make it easier to build more housing, enhance the existing housing stock, and reduce unnecessary governmental regulations.
Electricity prices are also skyrocketing. We need to build more generation, enact stronger price controls, and invest in green energy to both increase supply and protect our environment.
We should examine ways to generate more revenue that don't burden the vast majority of Pennsylvanians. This includes regulating and taxing skill games, legalizing adult-use marijuana, raising the minimum wage and increasing state funding for education.

Republican

CAREN LOWREY
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Pennsylvania Certified Prevention & Education Specialist
Education: University of Delaware — B.A., Criminal Justice & Sociology; Parkland High School alum
Qualifications: PA Certified Prevention, Recovery & Education Specialist working with students, families, teachers & staff in Lehigh County schools. Member, Lehigh County Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board. South Whitehall native, Parkland parent of 3, and part of a family business serving the Lehigh Valley since 1988.
Campaign Website: Carenforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/CarenLowreyPA132
X Handle: carenlowrey
Instagram URL: instagram.com/carenforpa
Response: The most pressing issues in our district are the cost of living, keeping our schools strong and accountable, and managing rapid development so residents are not left paying the price. As a parent of three in Parkland schools and someone who works in local schools everyday, I see these pressures firsthand. In Harrisburg, I would work to reduce Pennsylvania's gas tax, protect families and small businesses from rising electricity costs, and demand responsible budgeting and spending. I would also protect local zoning authority and ensure large developments, including data centers, bear the infrastructure costs they create rather than shifting those costs onto residents.

133RD DISTRICT

Democrat

JEANNE MCNEILL
Lehigh County: Bethlehem and the townships of Hanover and Whitehall and the boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay and Fountain Hill.
County: Lehigh
Occupation: State Representative
Qualifications: Current Chairperson, Children and Youth Caucus, passed legislation that protected pets, and bought community funds back to the 133rd District
Facebook URL: facebook.com/jeanne.mcneill.3
Response: Affordability continues to be a great concern to me. As a representative, I will continue to fight for legislation in Pennsylvania that brings costs down for families as it relates to housing, food, and general affordability.

134TH DISTRICT

Lehigh County: Allentown Wards 2, 3, 11 (Divisions 1 and 3), 12, 13 (Divisions 1, 2 and 3), 16 and 19, and the township of Salisbury Wards 4 and 5 and the borough of Emmaus

Democrat

PETER SCHWEYER
County: Lehigh
Campaign Website: peterschweyer.com/
Facebook URL: facebook.com/Schweyer-ForStateRep
No response.

Republican

MIRIAM MALDONADO
County: Lehigh
No response.

135TH DISTRICT

Democrat

STEVE SAMUELSON
County: Northampton
Occupation: Legislator
Education: Liberty High School, Lehigh University (B.A.)
Qualifications: I am a hands-on legislator with a proven record of service to our community. My constituent services office in Bethlehem is among the busiest in the state. In Harrisburg, I chair the House Finance Committee.
Response: I support increased state investments in Pre-K programs and public education. I was the prime sponsor of the law which increased eligibility for the Property Tax / Rent Rebate program, which benefits seniors and individuals with disabilities. As Chair of the Finance Committee, I have helped enact laws to provide a new student loan interest deduction when filing state taxes, and to create the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit which will benefit more than 900,000 people in PA.

Republican

JOE POPLAWSKI
County: Northampton
Occupation: Construction Manager, Construction Inspector
Education: Associate's degree Architecture NCC
Qualifications: Former Small Business Owner, Extensive Infrastructure Improvement Experience, Municipal Engineering, Problem Solver
Campaign Website: joe4pahouse135.com/
Response: Affordable Housing, Economic Opportunity, Infrastructure Improvements

136TH DISTRICT

Northampton County: Easton and the townships of Lower Saucon Districts 3, 5 and 6, Palmer Districts Eastern and Western (Division 1) and Williams and the boroughs of Freemansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, West Easton and Wilson.

Democrat

ROBERT FREEMAN
County: Northampton
Occupation: Legislator
Education: Easton Area High School; Moravian University, BA history and political science, magna cum laude; Lehigh University,

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MA history.
Qualifications: State Representative, 1982-1994, 1998-present; Chairman, House Local Government Committee, serves on State Planning Boad and Local Government Commission; authored Elm Street program to revitalize urban residential neighborhoods; expertise in smart growth, farmland preservation, land use planning.
Facebook URL: facebook.com/FreemanForRep/
Response: Address affordability crisis of high utility rates, housing, and health care insurance. Increase the minimum wage, provide for paid family and medical leave, increase funding for public education. Enact my tutoring bill providing credit to high school seniors and juniors who tutor lower grade students. Promote affordable housing by passing my Lease to Purchase legislation offering pathway for families to purchase the homes they rent. Pass my Property Tax Circuit Breaker bill to ensure property taxes don't exceed a set percentage of household income. Enact my affordable public option health care insurance bill. Protect women's right to reproductive health care. Address climate change. Reduce negative impact of warehouses and data centers.

Republican

PILAR CAVALLO-CAMPISI
County: Northampton
Occupation: Owner Norwegian spa/Tree Froggy Skin care
Qualifications: Business owner/Farmer
Campaign Website: www.pilarforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/pilarforpa
Response: People here in Northampton County are worried about rising taxes, job opportunities, secure elections, Health care costs, and keeping our community safe all fight to lower taxes support local businesses to create good jobs and back our police so they have what they need to protect us. Simple common sense solutions that put our families first. I oppose the 50 million state affordability program because expanding government subsidies increases taxpayer burdens and discourages personal responsibility. Instead, we should focus on reducing regulations of promoting competition to lower healthcare cost sustainability without expanding government dependency. More government less freedom.

137TH DISTRICT

Northampton County: the townships of Bethlehem, Hanover (District 5), Lower Nazareth, Palmer Districts Middle, Upper Eastern, Upper Western and Western (Division 2) and Upper Nazareth and the boroughs of Nazareth and Tatamy.

Democrat

JEFF WARREN
County: Northampton
Occupation: Director of Community Outreach at CASA SHaW (nonprofit helping foster youth)
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Penn State University; Master's Degree in Electronic Media from Kutztown University
Qualifications: Currently, County Commissioner on Northampton County Council (Chair of Economic Development Committee, Chair of Human Services Committee); Former Member of the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors; Former Member of Easton City Council (Chair of Public Safety Committee)
Campaign Website: jeffwarrenforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/thewarrencampaign
Instagram URL: instagram.com/jeffwarrenforpa
Response: I will be laser focused on lowering the everyday costs facing working folks and families in our communities. By expanding attainable housing, supporting accessible child care, and working to reduce healthcare expenses, my goal is to initiate and support common sense proposals to ease financial burdens, strengthen our workforce, and ensure everyone has the opportunity to live and thrive in our communities.
Our kids deserve the best education possible because their future is what's on the line. Our state government needs to fairly fund our schools, which currently is not the case. I'll work every day as State Representative to make sure Harrisburg is sending more dollars back to our school districts so our kids have the tools to succeed.

Republican

JOE EMRICK
County: Northampton
Campaign Website: votejoeemrick.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/Emrick4Rep
No response.

138TH DISTRICT

Northampton County: the townships of Bushkill, Forks, Lower Mount Bethel, Moore Districts Eastern and Pt. Phillips, Plainfield, Upper Mount Bethel and Washington and the boroughs of Bangor, Chapman, East Bangor, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Stockertown and Wind Gap.

Democrat

JARED BITTING
County: Northampton
Campaign Website: bitting4pa.today
Facebook URL: facebook.com/Bitting4PA
Response: The economy in Pennsylvania and the country is the most pressing issue that needs to be dealt with. We need to consider suspending the gas tax temporarily to reduce gas prices and find a way to reduce prices across the board.
We also need to deal with the development of data centers in our local area and work to ensure they do not have a negative impact on our way of life here in Northampton County.

Republican

ANN FLOOD
County: Northampton
Campaign Website: vote4ann.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/voteannflood
No response.

183RD DISTRICT

Lehigh County: the townships of Lowhill and North Whitehall and the borough of Slatington and part of Northampton County consisting of the townships of Allen, East Allen, Lehigh and Moore Districts Beersville and Klecknersville and the boroughs of Bath, North Catasauqua, Northampton and Walnutport.

Democrat

DEIRDRE KAMBER TODD
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Forensic Document Examiner
Education: BA- Brandeis University, MA (Distinguished) — University of Limerick, JD- Hofstra University School of Law
Qualifications: 23 years as Business and Civil Rights Attorney; 5 years as a Forensic Document Examiner; Secretary of Community Services for Children; decades of social justice volunteer pursuits
Campaign Website: dkt4pa.com/
Facebook URL: facebook.com/profile.php?id=61588339277396
Response: In District 183, too many constituents face crises as to our basic needs: afford-

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able and secure housing, food access, road safety, and accessible healthcare. I will fight to end the gouging housing costs, to secure livable wages, and protect those on fixed incomes. I will seek grants and funding for the improvement and growth of our local businesses and our transportation infrastructure. I will seek to hold health insurers responsible for undue denials and regulate telehealth as an affordable and accessible option as a gateway for care. I will stand against AI data centers seeking to open in our backyards. Finally, I will fight the government's overreach into our personal lives, including our bedrooms, our bathrooms and our doctors' office

Republican

ZACH MAKO
County: Northampton
Campaign Website: zachmakoforpa.com
Facebook URL: facebook.com/mako4pa
No response.

187TH DISTRICT

Lehigh County: the townships of Heidelberg, Lower Macungie, Lynn, Upper Macungie (Districts 3, 7 and 8), Washington and Weisenberg and the boroughs of Alburtis and Macungie.

Democrat

RACHEL CUEVAS
County: Lehigh
Occupation: Candidate for State Representative
Qualifications: Rachel Cuevas brings experience coordinating cross-functional operations, Human Resources, and logistics in manufacturing while working closely with local partners and small businesses. She is active in community engagement across District 187 and focused on practical, transparent government.
Campaign Website: voterachelcuevas.com/
Facebook URL: facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587210484569
Response: Residents across District 187 are facing rising costs, pressure on farmland and open space, infrastructure needs, and access to good-paying local jobs. I support policies that lower everyday costs for families, invest in roads and bridges, protect farmland, and strengthen workforce pipelines with career and technical education. I will work with municipalities, unions, small businesses, and farmers to ensure state investments reflect local priorities and support sustainable growth that benefits our communities.

Republican

GARY DAY
County: Lehigh
Facebook URL: facebook.com/gary.day.52
No response.

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REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

Vote yes or no:

LEHIGH COUNTY

Shall the Lehigh County Home Rule Charter be amended to expand the membership of the Election and Registration Commission from 3 voting members to 5 voting members, consisting of 2 members from each of the two largest political affiliations in the County, and 1 member from the third largest political affiliation (inclusive of non-affiliated/independent), and to revise the appointment process to provide residents the opportunity to apply for the Commission?
Shall multiple sections of the Lehigh County Home Rule Charter be amended to allow the County to publish notices in at least one newspaper of general circulation instead of the currently required two newspapers?
Shall Section 606 of the Lehigh County Home Rule Charter be amended to eliminate the requirement that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners serve on the Lehigh County Retirement Board, and replace the Chair with another member of the Board of Commissioners?

ALLENTOWN

Do you favor amending the City of Allentown Public Health Code by adding a new chapter titled "Paid Sick Leave Act?" Such an addition would require businesses to provide paid sick time to employees.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY

Shall Section 3.10 of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to allow Council Members to participate remotely in meetings and count toward a quorum and vote?

NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Do you favor North Whitehall Township imposing an additional earned income tax at the rate of 0.15% in order to fund the purchase of land to preserve open space?

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Do you favor Whitehall Township removing the current Office of the Treasurer and replacing it with an Office of Finance Director, who would be appointed by the mayor and will have the expanded duties of both Treasurers and Tax Collectors?