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2014

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GOVERNOR

Duties: The governor, in addition to serving as chief officer of the executive branch of state government, is the commander-in-chief of the commonwealth's military forces, except when they are called into the actual service of the United States. To be eligible for election as governor, a person must be at least 30 years old, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the commonwealth for a minimum of seven years before the election, unless he or she has been absent on the public business of the state or the nation. The governor must annually present to the General Assembly a balanced operating budget and a capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year, as well as a financial plan for not less than the next five succeeding fiscal years. The governor has extensive appointive powers and may approve or veto every bill passed by both Houses of the General Assembly. The governor may serve only two terms in succession.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$187,256

Candidates were asked: You are in the midst of an expensive election campaign. What are your thoughts on campaign finance reform?

Vote for not more than one

Republican

TOM CORBETT

Shaler Township, Allegheny County
<http://www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com>

D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: B.A., political science, Lebanon Valley College; J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law.

OCCUPATION: Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

QUALIFICATIONS: Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; attorney general, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; United States attorney, Western Pennsylvania; captain, PA National Guard; assistant district attorney, Allegheny County; teacher, Pine Grove Area High School.

RESPONSE: We must continue implementing reforms to make campaign finance more open and transparent. I would err in favor of broadly construing constitutional rights, especially where First Amendment protection of free expression is concerned. Total transparency of campaign finances and political spending by interested parties is the most effective method for maintaining accountability. It is for this reason the Department of State recently revamped the campaign



Corbett



Wolf

finance website to provide the public with greater access to campaign finance reports.

Democrat

TOM WOLF

Mt. Wolf
<http://www.wolfforpa.com>

D.O.B.: 1948

EDUCATION: 1972, Dartmouth College, B.A.; 1978, University of London, M. Phil.; 1981, MIT, PhD.

OCCUPATION: Chairman, Wolf Organization.

QUALIFICATIONS: I have a different background that uniquely positions me to promote the values we all share. I served in the Peace Corps, I built a business twice, and I served as Gov. Rendell's secretary of revenue. Read my story: <http://tom.wolfforpa.com/>.

RESPONSE: I believe stronger campaign finance and disclosure reforms can help reduce the potential for corruption in state government while providing transparency in the political process in Pennsylvania. As governor, I will support legislation to establish a public finance program, set campaign contribution limits, and create stricter reporting requirements for contributions and late filing fees. You can read more about my campaign finance reforms on my website: www.wolfforpa.com

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$157,293

Candidates were asked: You are in the midst of an expensive election campaign.



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Stack

What are your thoughts on campaign finance reform?

Vote for not more than one

Republican

JIM CAWLEY

Middletown Township, Bucks County
<http://www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com>

D.O.B.: 1969

EDUCATION: B.A., political science, Temple University; J.D., Temple University School of Law.

OCCUPATION: Lt. governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

QUALIFICATIONS: Lt. governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; president, Pennsylvania Senate; commissioner, Bucks County Board of Commissioners; former member, Bristol School Board, Bristol Township.

RESPONSE: I support Gov. Corbett's objective of making Pennsylvania's campaign finance system more open and transparent. We must continue to promote public accountability while preserving the First Amendment rights of all Pennsylvanians.

Democrat

MIKE STACK

Philadelphia
<http://stackforpa.com>

D.O.B.: 1963

EDUCATION: LaSalle College High School; LaSalle University, Villanova School of Law, 1992.

OCCUPATION: State senator, attorney.

QUALIFICATIONS: State senator, 13 years; Democratic chair of the Banking and Insurance Committee; captain in PA National Guard, 7 years; served in Gov. Casey's administration.

RESPONSE: Campaign contributions must be fully disclosed in a timely manner, with steep penalties for breaking the law. I support the prohibition of corporate dollars being used in Pennsylvania campaigns. I disagree with recent Supreme Court decisions that will allow more unregulated money in federal elections.

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ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be received at the Board of Elections by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call your county Board of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$174,000

Candidates were asked: How do you believe the Voting Rights Act should be amended in the light of the U.S. Supreme Court actions?

15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

All of **Lehigh County**. In **Northampton County**: city of Bethlehem (Northampton County portion except parts of Ward 17); townships of Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Hanover, Lehigh, Lower Nazareth, Lower Saucon, Moore, Plainfield (Belfast, Kesslerstown and Plainfield Church districts), Upper Nazareth (West District), Williams; boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Hellertown, North Catasauqua, Northampton and Walnutport. Parts of **Berks, Dauphin, and Lebanon** counties.

Vote for one

Republican

CHARLES W. DENT

Allentown
www.dentforcongress.com

D.O.B.: 1960

EDUCATION: Allen High School, 1978; Penn State University, B.A., foreign service

and international politics, 1982; Lehigh University, master's of public administration (MPA), 1993.

OCCUPATION: U.S. congressman.

QUALIFICATIONS: U.S. congressman; 15th District (2005-present); state senator, 16th District (1999-2005); state representative, 132nd District (1991-1998).

RESPONSE: I strongly oppose the disenfranchisement of any voter based on race or color. In 2006, I voted in favor of the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In light of the recent Supreme Court ruling that struck down a key component of the law, Congress should make reforms that conform to the court's decision and ensure our nation lives up to the guiding principal that all men and women are created equal.

Democrat

No candidate

17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

In **Northampton County**: cities of Bethlehem (Northampton County portion) Ward 17 all except blocks 1026, 1123, 2018 and 2055 of tract 11300, and Easton; townships of Bethlehem, Forks, Lower Mt. Bethel, Palmer, Plainfield District Delaware, Upper Mt. Bethel, Upper Nazareth District East and Washington; boroughs of Bangor, East Bangor, Freemansburg, Glendon, Nazareth, Pen Argyl, Portland, Rose-to, Stockertown, Tatamy, West Easton, Wilson and Wind Gap; parts of **Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe** and all of **Schuylkill** counties.

Vote for one

Republican

DAVID J. MOYLAN

Auburn

docmoylan.com

D.O.B.: not provided

EDUCATION: BS. (life sciences) Massachusetts Institute of Technology; MD Georgetown University School of Medicine.

OCCUPATION: Radiation oncologist; medical director of Simon Kramer Cancer Institute and Joint Center for Therapeutic Oncology; Schuylkill County coroner.

QUALIFICATIONS: More than 30 years of practice as a radiation oncologist; more than 20 years as a small business owner; served as assistant professor of radiation oncology at Thomas Jefferson University Medical College; Schuylkill County coroner since 2012.

RESPONSE: In light of the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which struck down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act as unconstitutional, further amendment is unnecessary. Thanks to the Court's decision, states will no longer be discriminated against or under heightened scrutiny due to geographic location alone.

Democrat

MATTHEW A. CARTWRIGHT

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www.CartwrightCongress.com

D.O.B.: 1961

EDUCATION: 1983, Hamilton College, bachelor of arts, history; 1986, University of Pennsylvania, juris doctorate, law.

OCCUPATION: U.S. representative, PA-17. **QUALIFICATIONS:** U.S. representative, sworn in Jan. 3, 2013.

RESPONSE: *Shelby v. Holder* essentially gutted the Voting Rights Act. As a result of the decision the VRA's "pre-clearance" process was substantially weakened. However, legislation has been introduced to expand pre-clearance and add other protections currently lacking in the act. This legislation is not the answer, but is a good start.

STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$84,012

Candidates were asked: Internet registration, no-excuse absentee ballots, and staying registered when you move are some ways to improve access to the polls for voters. How would you make it easier to vote in Pennsylvania?

16TH DISTRICT

In **Lehigh County**: city of Allentown; townships of Heidelberg; Lower Macungie; Lower Milford; Lowhill; Lynn; North Whitehall; South Whitehall; Upper Macungie; Upper Milford; Upper Saucon; Washington; Weisenberg; boroughs of Alburtis; Coopersburg; Macungie; Slatington.

Vote for one

Republican

PATRICK M. BROWNE

Allentown

www.patbrowneforsenate.com

D.O.B.: 1963

EDUCATION: 1982, Allentown Central Catholic High School; 1986, University of Notre Dame, B.A. in business administration/accounting; 1993, Temple University School of Law, J.D.

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ity of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN VOTING

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

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the county Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, you can go 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. Problems at the polls can be reported to the PA Department of State at www.votespa.com and to the Election Protection Hotline, 1-866-OurVote or www.866ourvote.org. Forms for voter absentee ballots, emergency absentee ballots and alternative ballots can be downloaded from the Resource Center at www.votespa.com.

IDENTIFICATION FOR NEW VOTERS

If you're voting for the first time in an upcoming election, the information below can help you ensure you're prepared once you arrive at the polls. All voters who appear at a polling place for the first time

must show proof of identification. Approved forms of photo identification include:

- Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card
- ID issued by any commonwealth agency
- ID issued by the U.S. government
- U.S. passport
- U.S. Armed Forces ID
- Student ID
- Employee ID

If you do not have a photo ID, you can use a non-photo identification that includes your name and address. Approved forms of non-photo identification include:

- Confirmation issued by the county Voter Registration Office
- Non-photo ID issued by the commonwealth
- Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. government
- Firearm permit
- Current utility bill

- Current bank statement
- Current paycheck
- Government check

If you do not have any acceptable ID then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

ONLINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Voters Guide and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania home page: www.palwv.org and clicking on Smart Voter at <http://www.smartvoter.org/sv/pa/state/> and at www.lwvlv.org and www.lwvnorthco.org.

CERTIFICATION NOTE

As of the publication date of this guide, the slate of candidates listed is accurate based upon the Pennsylvania Department of State's Bureau of Elections unofficial ballot.

SENATE

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OCCUPATION: state senator, 16th District; attorney; certified public accountant

QUALIFICATIONS: member of state Senate, May 2005 to present; member of state House of Representatives, 1995 to May 2005; Senate majority whip, 2010 to present; Senate Majority Caucus administrator, 2009 to 2010; Senate Finance Committee chairman, 2007 to 2010

RESPONSE: With advancements in technology, I believe it is important that we pursue easier and more convenient means to improve Pennsylvanians' abilities to register and to vote. I am a co-sponsor of a bill that would allow individuals to register to vote online. I would support Internet and voting by mail, provided it is secure to ensure accuracy and validity. I would also support multi-day voting similar to voting provisions in other states.

Democrat

WALTER FELTON JR.
www.WalterFelton.org
Allentown

D.O.B.: 1957

EDUCATION: graduate of Salisbury H.S., 1975; Lehigh County Community College and courses attended; served active and reserve duties U.S. Army (1979–1981); Air Force Nat Guard (1981–1982), Naval Reserves (1982–1985); graduated Allentown Police 34th Class and elected Sgt at Arms (1984); attended APD Investigator School (1987)///

OCCUPATION: deputy sheriff of North-

ampton County
QUALIFICATIONS: actively involved with community of Lehigh County, 21 yrs as law enforcement officer; 11 years with U.S. military active and reserve components; nine years with Northampton County Sheriff Dept.; former Allentown Human Relations commissioner///

RESPONSE: One way that I would make voting easy for the constituents is to support "No Excuse" absentee ballots. One of the most important privileges one has is being able to vote. Providing No Excuse absentee ballots to all registered people in our state so that they can vote either at the polls or via No Excuse absentee ballot in a timely manner is fair.

18TH DISTRICT

In Lehigh County: city of Bethlehem (Lehigh County portion); townships of Hanover, Salisbury, Whitehall, boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay, Emmaus, Fountain Hill. **In Northampton County:** city of Bethlehem (Northampton County portion); city of Easton; townships of Bethlehem, Lower Saucon, Palmer, Williams, boroughs of Freemansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, North Catasauqua, Northampton, Stockertown, Tatamy, West Easton, Wilson.

Vote for one

Republican/Democrat

LISA M. BOSCOLA
Bethlehem
www.lisaboscola.com

D.O.B.: 1962

EDUCATION: B.A., political science, Villanova University, 1984; M.A., political sci-

ence, Villanova University, 1985.

OCCUPATION: state senator, District 18. **QUALIFICATIONS:** representative, PA House, 1994–1998; senator, commonwealth of PA, 1999–present; Minority Policy Chair, Commonwealth of PA Senate, 2011–present.

RESPONSE: The role of government is not only to encourage citizens to vote, but to remove barriers making participation easier. Many of the ideas you suggest are good ones. I am the prime sponsor of SB 363, The Voter's Bill of Rights, that permits Independents to feel less disenfranchised by allowing them to participate in the primary process. Additionally, the bill would permit same day registration the day of the primary election.

40TH DISTRICT

Northampton County: townships of Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Forks, Hanover, Lehigh, Lower Mount Bethel, Lower Nazareth, Moore, Plainfield, Upper Mount Bethel, Upper Nazareth and Washington; boroughs of Bangor, Bath, Chapman, East Bangor, Nazareth, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Walnutport and Wind Gap. Parts of **Monroe County.**

Republican

MARIO M. SCAVELLO
Mount Pocono
Scavello for Senate (Facebook)

D.O.B.: 1952

EDUCATION: Theodore Roosevelt High School; City College of New York.

OCCUPATION: state legislator.

QUALIFICATIONS: mayor of Mount Pocono, 1994–1999; chairman, Monroe County commissioners, 2000–2002;

state legislator, 2002–present.

RESPONSE: I believe with motor-voter a person can register fairly easy. I would support no excuse absentee. We are blessed with an adequate system of voting. Having provisional ballots available has assisted voters casting their vote on Election Day. Our problem is not getting people registered it is getting them out to vote. I believe educating voters on the importance of local elections would help improve the voter turnout on Election Day as well.

Democrat

MARK AURAND
Nazareth
www.MarkAurandforSenate.com

D.O.B.: 1960

EDUCATION: 1978, Fleetwood High School, Fleetwood; 1982, B.A., Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.; 1988, J.D., Temple University Law School, Philadelphia.

OCCUPATION: attorney/partner at Davison & McCarthy.

QUALIFICATIONS: 25 years of legal experience; board member, various community organizations; worked closely with local entrepreneurs and small business owners.

RESPONSE: Currently, it is too difficult to vote in Pennsylvania. My first priority would be to repeal the Voter ID law. I would also push for same day registration and online registrations. Our students should receive better civics education. I would also strongly support Pennsylvania creating an opportunity for early voting or on a weekend like many other states. All of these steps would contribute to greater citizen participation in our democratic process.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Vote for one

Republican

SANTOS STEVEN RAMOS
No response

Democrat

PETER G. SCHWEYER
www.peterschweyer.com
D.O.B.: 1978

EDUCATION: Penn State University; B.A. w honors, 2000; Allentown Central Catholic HS, 1996.

OCCUPATION: director, Community and Government Affairs, Sacred Heart Hospital.

QUALIFICATIONS: Allentown city councilman, 6 years; chair, Finance Committee, City Council, 2 years; chief of staff to Rep. Jennifer Mann, 8 years; LANTA Board of Directors (past chair), 7 years.

RESPONSE: As state representative, I will hold natural gas drilling companies accountable so that our open spaces will be

preserved for future generations. I support a stronger extraction fee so that we can adequately fund our Department of Environmental Protection and generate added income that will allow us to address our school funding and property tax crises. I strongly support funding for our public transportation system (LANTA) as a key way to reduce our carbon emissions.

131ST DISTRICT

In Lehigh County: townships of Lower Milford, Salisbury (Ward 3, div1), Upper Milford, Upper Saucon, boroughs of Coopersburg, Emmaus. **In Northampton County:** Lower Saucon Twp., Districts 1, 2, 4, 7, 8. **In Montgomery County:** township of Upper Hanover; boroughs of East Greenville, Pennsburg, Red Hill.

Vote for one

Republican

JUSTIN J. SIMMONS

Upper Saucon Township
www.justin4staterep.com

D.O.B.: 1986

EDUCATION: Southern Lehigh Senior High School, 2004; Saint Joseph's University, B.S., political sciences, 2008.

OCCUPATION: state representative – 131st District.

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as state representative for the 131st District since my election in 2010, and previously worked as a legislative aide in the state Senate.

RESPONSE: I am committed to ensuring that the natural assets of Pennsylvania are protected for future generations. That's why, as state representative, I helped make Pennsylvania's environmental regulations covering natural gas exploration among the toughest in the country — to protect our water as we spark economic growth in this endeavor. It's also why I supported important funding for programs that help to protect and

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preserve Pennsylvania's open spaces and environmental assets.

Democrat**MICHAEL WILLIAM BEYER**

Lower Saucon Township
www.votebeyer.com

D.O.B.: 1984**EDUCATION:** Saucon Valley HS, 2002; B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2008; J.D., University of Pittsburgh, 2013.**OCCUPATION:** Law graduate.**QUALIFICATIONS:** Securities Arbitration Clinic at University of Pittsburgh; research staffer, Urban Affairs Committee.**RESPONSE:** Pennsylvania's constitution represents an unwavering commitment to conserve the environment and its natural beauty. The Corbett administration and his friends in the Legislature severely cut the Department of Environmental Protection's funding during a critical time of expansive drilling for natural gas. I believe DEP must have the necessary funding to protect our citizens and preserve our natural resources. I propose that DEP be funded by gas companies through a severance tax and not by our citizens.**132ND DISTRICT**

In Lehigh County: Allentown Wards 6 (div 2), 8 (divs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), 10 (divs 3, 4), 11 (divs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), 13, 14 (div 1), 15, 17, 18. South Whitehall Township Districts 1, 2, 7.

Vote for one

Republican**No candidate****Democrat****MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG**

Allentown
www.voteschlossberg.com

D.O.B.: 1983**EDUCATION:** B.A., political science & psychology, Muhlenberg College, 2001; M.A., political science, Lehigh University, 2005.**OCCUPATION:** state representative, 132nd Legislative District.**QUALIFICATIONS:** Chamber of Commerce employee (2007-12), former aide to Representative Mann and County Executive Cunningham, state-certified urban revitalization specialist.**RESPONSE:** We should tax Marcellus Shale extraction and use the portions of the proceeds to increase funding to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. I oppose ongoing efforts to weaken environmental protec-

tions and support efforts to enact Pennsylvania's Climate Action Plan; I believe that one of the biggest issues we will face over the next few decades is climate change, and Pennsylvania should have a leadership role in combating this issue.

133RD DISTRICT

In Lehigh County: city of Bethlehem (Lehigh County portion); townships of Hanover; Salisbury Wards 1, 2, 3 (div 2); Whitehall Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12; boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay, Fountain Hill.

Vote for one

Republican**DAVID EDGAR MOLONY**

Catasauqua
www.friendofdave.com

D.O.B.: 1953**EDUCATION:** Allen HS, 1971; San Francisco College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine; North American Academy of Advanced Asian Medicine; doctor of Oriental medicine.**OCCUPATION:** licensed practitioner of Oriental medicine; small business owner, Lehigh Valley Oriental Medicine Centre, Tian Ming Herb and supplement supply, Qi Spa Day Spa.**QUALIFICATIONS:** small business owner for more than 25 years. Passed 3 bills through Legislature.**RESPONSE:** "Clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment" to quote our commonwealth's constitution, are an intrinsic part of our life on this planet. The question always seems to come down to whether we want to expend a million dollars of effort and new pollution to deal with excessive and antiquated regulations and lawsuits that make trial lawyers and NPO's wealthy, or to expend that effort in creating efficiency and cost reduction that creates less pollution and allows us to enjoy nature's bounty. ///**Democrat****DANIEL T. MCNEILL**

Whitehall Township
http://McNeillforPA.com

D.O.B.: 1947**EDUCATION:** Dieruff H.S., 1965.**OCCUPATION:** state representative 133rd.**QUALIFICATIONS:** I have worked in local government, state government and already was elected to hold seat for 133rd. Settled contracts for unions and municipalities without tax increases.**RESPONSE:** Whatever action our Legislatures take action to do so.**134TH DISTRICT**

In Lehigh County: townships of Lower Macungie; Salisbury Wards 4, 5; South Whitehall Districts 3, 4; boroughs of Alburtis, Macungie. **In Berks County:** townships of Hereford, Longswamp, Richmond, Rockland; borough of Topton.

Vote for one

Republican**RYAN E. MACKENZIE**

Lower Macungie Township
http://RyanForPA.com

D.O.B.: 1982**EDUCATION:** graduate, local public schools; dual degree in finance and international business, New York University; master of business administration, Harvard University.**OCCUPATION:** state representative, 134th District.**QUALIFICATIONS:** current state representative committed to protecting taxpayers, creating jobs, strengthening education and reforming government. Former director of policy for PA Department of Labor & Industry.**RESPONSE:** I have been proud to work hand in hand with residents of our area on local projects where environmental preservation issues were at stake and environmental protection concerns were raised. As economic growth and expansion occur, they need to be handled responsibly. This means that we must always consider both the economic and environmental impacts as our community and the economy move forward.**Democrat****135TH DISTRICT**

Northampton County: city of Bethlehem (Northampton County portion); township of Bethlehem (Part, Wards 02 and 03 [Part, Divisions 01, 02, and 03]).

Vote for one

Republican**No candidate****Democrat****STEVE SAMUELSON**

Bethlehem

D.O.B.: 1960**EDUCATION:** 1978, Liberty High School; 1986, Lehigh University, B.A. in government.**OCCUPATION:** state legislator.**QUALIFICATIONS:** I am a hands-on legislator with a long record of service to our community, and I am a consistent advocate for reform in Harrisburg.**RESPONSE:** I am proud of my environmental voting record, which often earns scores of 100 percent from environmental organizations. I support the enactment of

an extraction tax on natural gas drillers. I voted no on the flawed Act 13. And I opposed Gov. Corbett's cuts to the budget of the Department of Environmental Protection. I will continue to support policies that protect our environment.

136TH DISTRICT

Northampton County: city of Easton; townships of Lower Saucon (Part Districts 03, 05, and 06), Palmer (Part, Districts Eastern, Middle [Part Division 02] and Western) and Williams; boroughs of Freemansburg, Glendon, Hellertown, West Easton and Wilson.

Vote for one

Republican**No candidate****Democrat****ROBERT FREEMAN**

Easton

D.O.B.: 1956**EDUCATION:** 1975, Easton Area High School; 1978, Moravian College, B.A., history & political science, magna cum laude; 1984, Lehigh University, M.A., history.**OCCUPATION:** legislator.**QUALIFICATIONS:** state representative, 1982-94, 1998-present; Democratic chairman, House Local Government Committee; authored Elm Street law to revitalize older neighborhoods; expertise in smart growth, farmland preservation, urban revitalization.**RESPONSE:** I have a solid record on environmental protection, receiving high ratings from Penn Environment and Sierra Club. I co-sponsored legislation to impose a moratorium on fracking in state forests, and require tougher standards on fracking to protect water sources and properly transport and dispose of fracking waste water. I support a gas-drilling tax, using a portion of the revenue for environmental programs. I sponsored legislation to establish a more comprehensive approach to stormwater management.**137TH DISTRICT**

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

Vote for one

Republican**JOE EMRICK**

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Upper Nazareth Township
www.Joemrick.com

D.O.B.: 1970

EDUCATION: 1989, Bangor High School; 1993, Lycoming College, B.A.; 1999, Kutztown, M. of Education.

OCCUPATION: state representative, 137th Legislative District.

QUALIFICATIONS: serving my 2nd term as state representative; township supervisor, 4 years – board chairman 2 years; 18 years as a high school economics/American government teacher.

RESPONSE: As both state representative and an avid outdoorsman, I've worked to ensure the future of our state's environment. That is why I supported environmental regulations covering the natural gas industry that are among the strictest in the nation. It is critical that we are good stewards of our open space, farmland and other natural assets. I want to ensure future generations benefit from a clean environment and have worked to make that happen.

Democrat

No candidate

138TH DISTRICT

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

Vote for one
Republican

MARCIA HAHN

No response

Democrat

LESLIE ALTIERI

Bethlehem Township
www.LeslieAltieri.com

D.O.B.: 1980

EDUCATION: B.A., political science and sociology-criminal justice, Moravian College, 2002; William Tennent High School, 1998.

OCCUPATION: sales consultant with Thirty One; previously juvenile detention officer/counselor.

QUALIFICATIONS: president, Northampton County Council of Democratic Women; elected county Democratic committeewoman and area chair; State Committee member; 15 years of political campaign field organizing, management and volunteering.

RESPONSE: I'm committed to making our neighborhoods a better place to live in & work. This includes protecting/preserving our environment for future generations. We should invest in the growth of renewable energy. I support a permanent moratorium on oil/gas drilling in state parks/forests & on new sites until an adequate plan to protect all Pennsylvanians from its hazards are taken. We need to tax the Marcellus shale fracking at a minimum of 5% which will pay to restore funding for education, veterans/seniors benefits & social services.

183RD DISTRICT

In Lehigh County: townships of South

Whitehall Districts 5, 6, 8; Washington; Whitehall Districts 7, 10, 11; borough of Slatington. **In Northampton County:** townships of Allen; Lehigh; Moore Districts Beersville and Klecknersville; boroughs of North Catasauqua; Northampton; Walnutport.

Vote for one

Republican

JULIANN L. HARHART

North Catasauqua

No response

Democrat

TERRI LYNN POWELL

Northampton
www.powellforpa.com

D.O.B.: 1962

EDUCATION: B.A., social and behavioral psychology, California State University @ Longbeach.

OCCUPATION: president/CEO, TLP Holdings LLC.

QUALIFICATIONS: business owner/president of TLP Holdings LLC; board member for Connected in Lehigh Valley; president of Northampton Cty Democratic Women's Group; Northampton team leader for OFA (2012); community volunteer for heart, cancer charities; ran for Allen Township supervisor (2012).

RESPONSE: As an elected official I will (1) work to impose stricter regulations on the coal, gas & oil industries, (2) seek more renewable energy research & development, (3) impose higher fees/taxes on natural gas extraction, (4) give more power to our state regulatory bodies, (5) lead a discussion on restricting fracking on our lands. We need to protect our environ-

ment.

Independent

MICHAEL MOLOVINSKY

South Whitehall Township

D.O.B.: 1946

EDUCATION: Emerson College, communications, 1970

OCCUPATION: real estate investment
QUALIFICATIONS: a non-partisan advocate on local issues of significance for many years.

RESPONSE: Generally there is no lack of regulations in Pennsylvania. The relevant issue is the enforcement of the regulations, especially in the realm of hydraulic fracturing. Furthermore, regulations and enforcement must be made on a public health basis, devoid of any political considerations.

187TH DISTRICT

In Lehigh County: townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Upper Macungie, Weisenberg. **In Berks County:** Maxatawny Township; boroughs of Kutztown, Lyons.

Vote for one

Republican

GARY DAY

No response

Democrat

No candidate

REFERENDUMS

LEHIGH COUNTY

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Vote Yes or No

Shall Sections 3.08 and 6.09 of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to delete the reference to the Penal Code and substitute a reference to the Crimes Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 550

Purpose: The purpose of the Charter amendment to Sections 3.08 and 6.09 of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter is to update the Charter to current state law so that there exists in the Charter a proper and correct reference to the Crimes Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Limitations: The General Assembly can always change the references to particular codified laws, but that is why the amending language includes after the reference to the "Crimes Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," the phrase "or succeeding Pennsylvania criminal laws."

Effects: The effect of the change is to eliminate possible questions regarding the references in the Charter to the laws to be followed by keeping them updated and by referencing any possible succeeding laws which the General Assembly enacts.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Article IX of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to conform with the Pennsylvania Constitution by removing references to the recall of elected officials?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER

ORDINANCE NO. 552

Purpose: The purpose of the Charter amendment is to eliminate any Charter provision permitting the recall of elected officials as the Supreme Court has ruled since the Citizens Committee to Recall Rizzo case that such provisions are unconstitutional under the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1968.

Limitations: There are no real limitations as the above-referenced ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court makes it clear that such action is inconsistent with the State Constitution.

Effects: The effect of the amendment would be to make the Charter consistent with Pennsylvania law and would prevent confusion among the citizenry of the Township so that if they are dissatisfied with the acts or failures to act of any elected official they do not waste time and effort to try to recall such an official. Rather, they can expend their time and effort to publicly question the official and to seek to elect another in his or her place.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Sections 3.06 and 3.07 of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to delete procedures for forfeiture of elected office because the subject is governed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 553

Purpose: The purpose of this Charter amendment to Sections 3.06 and 3.07 of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter is to update the Charter regarding forfeiture of the elected office of members of township council by deleting the Charter language on such forfeiture. It confirms that any Charter provision which would be inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can have no effect. There-

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fore, the elimination entirely of language of forfeiture of such office will prevent confusion.

Limitations: There are no real limitations as the only applicable procedures for forfeiture of elected office are those provided in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Effects: If adopted the deletion of the language should prevent voter confusion so that voters know what avenue to pursue so that voters and public officers know what procedures apply to forfeiture of elected Township office. This should save time and effort on the part of the citizens and public officials dealing with such a situation.

Vote Yes or No

Shall the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended so that all references to “Chairman,” “he,” and “him” are deleted and replaced with the words “Chairperson,” “he/she,” and “him/her”?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTIONS 1 & 2

Purpose: The purpose of the amendments to the Charter are to make gender references in the Charter neutral.

Limitations: Such general neutral references may not be known to or accepted by all individuals, but over time they should become familiar to all citizens and accepted as the preferred references.

Effects: The changed references should lead to no confusion as to who acts as the “chair” for a particular board or for a particular meeting because there will be no references based solely on one gender.

Vote Yes or No

Should the definition of “Defalcation” in Section 1.04 of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to read “Embezzlement or misappropriation of Township funds for personal or other non-Township purposes”?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 3

Purpose: The purpose of updating the definition of “Defalcation” is to both clarify and to more particularly state the definition as currently used for government purposes.

Limitations: The definition becomes more specific, which can have both a positive and a negative influence, but it is

believed that the amending definition better defines the offending conduct. Therefore, any employee or official should better understand the conduct covered by the definition so that it is avoided.

Effects: The definition is clarified and more specific, and thus it is more targeted. It better identifies the conduct which is prohibited and which is sought to be prevented.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Section 1.09 of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to update the reference to the applicable Pennsylvania statutes governing the use of eminent domain by the Township?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 4

Purpose: In 2006, the General Assembly significantly revised the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code from what had existed under a previous 1964 Act. This amendment updates the reference to the 2006 Act so that the Charter is consistent with current Pennsylvania law regarding eminent domain.

Limitations: The Charter may have to be amended again whenever the General Assembly would significantly change the Eminent Domain Code. However, after the new reference to the “Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code” remains the language “as amended.” The two references together should prevent any confusion until and if Pennsylvania’s Eminent Domain law is changed to a reference besides “Eminent Domain Code”.

Effects: The amendment updates the Charter to be consistent with the current law as enacted in 2006 and thus it is aimed to prevent both Township public official and employee, as well as citizen, confusion on the matter.

Vote Yes or No

Shall the requirement in Section 3.01 (b) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter that only “qualified voters” are eligible to be members of Township Council be amended to require that only “qualified electors” are so eligible?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 4

Purpose: The term “voter” is not an improper term in the laws of the Commonwealth for elections and for stating one of the qualifications for candidates to hold public office. However, the reference in the Pennsylvania Constitution to citizens who are properly registered to vote uses the term “elector.” Thus, the amendment

aims to update and correct the Charter references on such term.

Limitations: While it is not incorrect to refer to persons properly registered to vote and properly qualified to hold office as “voters”, the use of the term “elector” does make the Charter more consistent with Pennsylvania statutory and constitutional provisions. This amendment may not eliminate all confusion on the part of citizens, or even employees and officials of the Township, but it does better state the legal nature of the term to be used.

Effects: The amendment brings the Charter more in line with Pennsylvania statewide law and the Pennsylvania Constitution so that the Charter becomes a more exact, correct and specific document.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Section 3.06(c) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to clarify that persons appointed to fill vacancies on Township Council serve only until the end of the term of the vacated position?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 6

Purpose: The purpose is to clarify the Charter provision regarding the filling of vacancies in the office of a member of Township Council. The amendment specifies that the appointed person holds the position vacated by the prior person holding the office until the end of the term or until the first Monday of January and following the next regular municipal election at which a person is elected to serve the remainder of the term, whichever occurs first.

Limitations: There are no real limitations as the amendment clarifies how long a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve.

Effects: The effect is to have an individual appointed to fill a vacancy as a member of Township Council, an elective office, be as short as possible until another election can be held and the individual then elected may begin to serve. It aims to better reflect the will of the citizens of the Township.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Sections 3.10(a) and 3.13(b) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended so that notice required for meetings of Township Council be provided as prescribed by the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and that notice of ordinances and public hearings for ordinances be published on the Township’s internet website?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER

ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTIONS 7 & 8

Purpose: The purpose of the amendments to Sections 3.10(a) and 3.13(b) is two-fold. First, it requires adherence to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act in providing notice of meetings and secondly it requires that notices of ordinances and public hearings be published on the Township internet website.

Limitations: The only limitations are the fact that there is always more notice that could be provided.

Effects: Within the limitations of the time of Township staff and the cost to Township taxpayers, the amendment assures adherence to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act as far as notice of meetings of Township Council and it formally recognizes that electronic notice of ordinances and public hearings advances public knowledge of ordinances and public hearings at a relatively low cost. Thus, there is increased notice to the citizens of the Township without significant increase in the cost of providing that notice.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Section 3.16(a)(2) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to delete the requirement that ordinances and resolutions adopted by Township Council be filed with the Lehigh County Clerk of Courts?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 9

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to bring the Charter in line with Pennsylvania law and to eliminate a provision of the Charter which required filing ordinances and resolutions with the Clerk of Courts of Lehigh County. Pennsylvania law does not require such filings with the Clerk of Courts and there are better methods for providing notice to the average citizen of the Township.

Limitations: The elimination of the filing requirement does decrease the number of places where such ordinances and resolutions may be found.

Effects: The elimination of the requirement will save staff and official time and the expenditure of funds by eliminating a filing requirement that provides a relatively low level of notice of formal Township action.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Section 3.17(b) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended to change the maximum amount of a fine for violation of any Township Ordinances from Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars to the maximum amount permitted by Pennsylvania

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PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 10

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to change the maximum amount of a fine for violation of Township ordinance and to make the Charter more consistent with Pennsylvania law.

Limitations: The limitation is that Pennsylvania law governs the maximum amount of a fine which may be provided for in Township ordinances.

Effects: The immediate effect will be to open the possibility that Township ordinances may provide for greater than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollar maximum fines as Pennsylvania law now allows.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Section 4.02(3) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended by deleting the last sentence which prohibits review by any court or agency of the action of Township Council when it suspends or removes a township manager?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 11

Purpose: Presently the Charter allows Township Council to suspend or remove a

Township manager without review by any court or agency. The Pennsylvania courts have been very clear in saying that such a limitation is a violation of a constitutional right of municipal managers, and thus the amendment brings the Charter in line with Pennsylvania law.

Limitations: The removal of the provision does not inform a suspended or removed Township manager of their right to seek review by a court or other agency.

Effects: The amendment brings the Charter in line with Pennsylvania law and better provides for the adherence to the rights of suspended or removed Township managers.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Section 6.03(b) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended by replacing the current general conflict of interest prohibitions with the requirement that all Township officials, officers and employees shall abide by the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, as it may be amended?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 12

Purpose: The intention of the amendment is to update the Charter to be in line with Pennsylvania law. Presently the Charter provides a fairly specific listing of general ethical requirements for Township elected officials, officers and employees. However, it is clear that the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, or as it is colloquially known, the Pennsylvania Ethics Code, is the governing state-

wide law that applies. This law and the interpretations of it by the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission and the courts of the Commonwealth provide the precepts that govern the actions of Township elected officials, officers and employees.

Limitations: The amendment limits the ability of the Township to enact more specific, ethical requirements, but it also clarifies that one statewide law provides the ethical principles to govern the conduct of Township officials, officers and employees.

Effects: The amendment will clarify the interpretation and enforcement of ethics law when there is a question of actions or omissions by Township elected officials, officers or employees.

Vote Yes or No

Shall Section 9.06(b) of the Hanover Township Home Rule Charter be amended so that the deadline for submission of initiative or referendum questions to the County Election Board to appear on a ballot is governed by the Pennsylvania Election Code instead of the present Charter provision which requires that such questions should appear on the ballot at the election to be held sixty (60) or more days after the Township Clerk files the petition with the County Election Board?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 564 SECTION 13

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to bring the provisions of the Charter regarding the filing of petitions for

initiatives and referenda with the County Election Board in line with Pennsylvania law.

Limitations: There are no real limitations as the present Charter language is inconsistent with Pennsylvania law and can only create confusion among citizens attempting to act on their rights to file petitions for initiative and referenda.

Effects: The amendment brings the Charter in line with Pennsylvania law so that the governing provisions of the Pennsylvania Election Code or other statewide statutes or law is recognized as setting the deadline by which petitions for initiative and referenda must be filed with the Election Board for such ballot questions to appear on an election ballot. It also thus recognizes the time constraints under which County election officials operate to effectively and fairly prepare for and hold an election involving such ballot questions.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP

Vote Yes or No

Do you favor the continued imposition of the additional earned income tax at the rate of 0.25% by Williams Township to be used for financing the acquisition of open space; for the purpose of acquiring forest and agricultural conservation easements; and for the purpose of acquiring property development rights?

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