



GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
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U.S. PRESIDENT

How Elected

Every four years, political parties nominate candidates to run for president of the United States in a general election that is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Although all parties use conventions to nominate their candidates, in most states the Democratic and Republican parties also run statewide primary elections or caucuses. The results of the primary influence how the delegates to their respective party's convention will cast ballots for candidates for president. The degree to which the result of the primary influences the votes of delegates at conventions varies from state to state.

Ground Rules

All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five specific questions. Candidates qualified if they met the following criteria: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for her/his party's nomination for president; 2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website; and, 3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes. Responses were limited to 400 characters and were truncated thereafter. If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not responded." is printed.

Duties

The president is the head of state of the United States of America and is the chief executive officer and the commander in chief of all military forces. The powers of the president are described in the Constitution and federal law. Subject to Senate approval, the president appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court justices and federal judges. The president, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The president may also recommend legislation to the U.S. Congress.

Salary: \$400,000 per year

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

Candidates were asked:

Question 1: What will you do to support a vibrant economy across the U.S.?

Question 2: What, if any, actions will you support to create a pathway to citizenship?

Question 3: What should government do to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12?

Question 4: What actions would you support the U.S. undertake to protect its interests abroad?

Question 5: What kinds of policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice for all Americans?

Vote for one

Democrat

HILLARY CLINTON

www.hillaryclinton.com

Occupation: Former U.S. Secretary of State

Personal statement: I'm running for president to make a difference in the lives of all Americans. I'll build an economy that works for everyone, continue my fight for children and families, and work to keep our country safe. And I'll unite Americans to take on all the challenges we face — because we're stronger together.

Top three goals: 1. Grow and strengthen our economy. 2. Curb the outsized influence of big money in American politics. 3. Ensure we have the partnerships to keep our country safe.

Response 1: My first priority will be to grow and strengthen our economy. I will invest in good-paying jobs, expand access to higher education, encourage companies to follow policies that put families first, and fight so that everyone pays their fair share. Every American deserves a good job, a successful career, and a productive life. Together, these efforts will work to make that a reality.

Response 2: In my first 100 days, I will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship. An estimated nine million lawful permanent residents are eligible to become U.S. citizens. As president, I will work to expand fee waivers and enhance outreach, so that more of the working poor can assume the full rights and responsibilities of becoming U.S. citizens.

Response 3: Every child deserves a high-quality education. I will double our investments in Early Head Start programs and ensure every 4-year old has access to high-quality preschool. I will do more to support our teachers, modernize our classrooms, and support STEM programs so that all public school students can learn computer science. We must give children the foundation to succeed, from pre-K to grade 12.

Response 4: The U.S. needs to exercise leadership and shape global events rather than be shaped by them. So many of our interests — our security, our economy, and our fight against climate change — require cooperation with our friends and allies, and with countries we may agree with on some things, and disagree with on others. As president, I'll ensure our country remains a source of leadership around the world.

Response 5: Too many Americans still face discrimination and mistreatment. I

will fight to break down barriers and build ladders of opportunity. We will reform our criminal justice system, protect transgender individuals, defend voting rights, fight environmental injustice, fight for comprehensive immigration reform, end the epidemic of gun violence, and ensure the citizens of Puerto Rico are treated equally.

Republican

DONALD TRUMP

www.donaldjtrump.com/

Occupation: Businessman

Personal statement: The government of the US should be focused on serving the people of this great nation, not special interests. The government now rules rather than governs. The American people want their government back and together we will make America great again.

Top three goals: Secure our nation by restoring our leadership in the world; restore economic growth thru tax, trade, immigration, & energy reform; restore constitutional limits on government.

Response 1: I have proposed tax, trade, energy and immigration reforms that will bring trillions of dollars and millions of jobs back to the United States. Through immigration reform, we will restore wage growth and reduce the related fiscal burdens on state and local governments. These reforms will help lift wages and will create opportunities for millions of Americans to get back in the workforce.

Response 2: We must re-establish the rule of law in this country. Criminal illegal immigrants will be deported. No one should be given the gift of U.S. citizenship based on illegal behavior.

Response 3: My administration will provide states with incentives to increase school choice options for parents and local school districts. Allowing the entrenched Washington education establishment and federal bureaucrats to leverage federal funds to dictate educational practices, curriculum and outcomes must be stopped. Control of K-12 education must be returned to parents and citizens locally.

Response 4: We are the leader of the free world — whether we like it or not — and we must ensure we seek partners willing to make sure our national interests are defended. We only gain this respect from both adversaries and allies by having a strong military, being clear about defeating radical Islam & stopping rogue nations from attacking/threatening our citizens, economic interests, resources and allies.

Response 5: The best way to ensure social & racial justice is to return constitutional limits on government & appoint Supreme Court justices who will defend the Constitution, not rewrite it. The president must provide leadership & make sure the government works for the people. We must ensure low income & minority children learn to read at grade level &

not trap them in failing schools based on zip code.

Constitution Party

DARRELL L. CASTLE

Candidate did not qualify to be in this guide.

Green Party

JILL STEIN

Occupation: Physician

<http://jill2016.com>

Personal statement: After a career in clinical medicine, I am now practicing political medicine, running for president to help heal our ailing nation. Your vote for me sends a clear signal that you want a new, principled politics that puts people, planet and peace over profit.

Top three goals: 1. Green job-creation to fight climate change. 2. A fair economy that eliminates unemployment 3. Justice, true democracy and respect for all human beings.

Response 1: Eliminate unemployment by creating a job for every American who needs work. Repeal NAFTA and other trade agreements that export our jobs overseas and create immigration surges. Create 20 million green jobs to stimulate the economy improving our health by cleaning up our land, air, and water. Protect consumers and small businesses from big banks and Wall Street predators.

Response 2: First, end the massive deportation schemes that have torn families apart. I would also end the so-called Secure Communities program that has led to abuse of both citizens and non-citizens. End the misguided free trade agreements and regime change wars that have forced people to emigrate for their own survival. Finally, provide a welcoming and legal path to citizenship for current immigrants.

Response 3: 1) Protect our public schools from privatization schemes that will inevitably undermine the American dream of quality public education for all.

2) Increase federal funding of public schools to make sure all school districts have the financial resources they need to provide quality education.

3) Ensure that kids come to school ready to learn: healthy, nourished, and secure.

Response 4: Forge a new foreign policy based solidly on diplomacy, international law, respect for human rights, and consistent nonviolent support for democratic movements around the world. End the misguided policies of militarism that have produced terrorist organizations, refugee crises, failed states, and a bloated military that we can no longer afford.

Response 5: My plan to end unemployment will transform the economic life of low income communities that are now struggling with unemployment rates two

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or three times the national average. Coupled with my commitment to quality public schools and community empowerment, we cannot just lessen racial disparity, but bring it to an end.

Libertarian

GARY JOHNSON

www.johnsonweld.com

Occupation: Former two-term governor of New Mexico

Personal statement: I am Governor Gary Johnson and along with my running mate Governor William Weld we are honored to accept the invitation of the League of Women Voters to participate in their efforts to inform the voting American public of all options available to them during this presidential election year.

Top three goals: Provide Congress a balanced budget within the first 100 days of office; Reduce (and in some cases eliminate) our military footprint abroad; liberalize trade and economic activity.

Response 1: Submit to Congress a balanced budget to provide a template to stop unsustainable growth of the national debt, debt that weighs on employers, entrepreneurs and the economy. Support a simpler, fairer tax code that won't penalize productivity or investment. Fight to provide certainty in spending, taxes, and regulation so employers, entrepreneurs and investors make decisions that put people to work.

Response 2: Ensure a pathway to citizenship for deserving immigrants by first establishing a way for non-criminal undocumented immigrants to achieve documented status. After that crucial first step, the pathway to citizenship will be the same as it is for all immigrants. No cutting the line. No unfair advantages. Just a legal status that allows immigrants to pursue the traditional path to becoming a citizen.

Response 3: Education works best when decentralized. Since President Carter created the Dept. of Education, test scores have stagnated despite any new initiatives or spending programs. Parents and teachers make the best decisions for students, not bureaucrats at the DoE. Education is traditionally a state and local responsibility, and should remain so for innovation, best practices and even competition.

Response 4: Above all, we must maintain a national defense that is second to none. Government's first responsibility is to protect us from threats abroad. If attacked, we respond. Our greatest assets are economy and culture. Blue jeans and computers did more to win the Cold War than stockpiled warheads. I will pursue vigorous diplomacy based on our economic might, not idle threats and military interventions.

Response 5: I would do everything in the presidency's power to end the militarization of the police. I would end the failed drug war, which unfairly targets communities of color. I would use the powers of

the Federal Government to protect the civil liberties of all Americans, aggressively enforcing 14th Amendment protections. I would continue the work to help all Americans to achieve equality of opportunity.

U.S. SENATOR

Job Description

The U.S. Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of two senators from each state (therefore, the Senate currently has 100 members) and that a senator must be at least 30 years of age, have been a citizen of the United States for nine years, and, when elected, be a resident of the state from which he or she is chosen. A senator's term of office is six years and approximately one-third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years.

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

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$174,000 per year

Candidates were asked:

Question 1: Partisan gridlock in Washington has brought our government nearly to

a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific.

Question 2: In *Shelby County v. Holder*, the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated provisions of the Voting Rights Act, which has led to disenfranchised voters across the U.S. If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected?

Democrat

KATIE MCGINTY

Wayne

<http://KatieMcGinty.com>

Born: 1963

Education: B.S. from St. Joseph's University, J.D. from Columbia University.

Qualifications: Former chair of President Bill Clinton's Council on Environmental Quality; former secretary of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection under Gov. Ed Rendell; former chief of staff to Gov. Tom Wolf.

Response 1: My entire career I have worked with both parties to build partnerships to achieve results. As President Clinton's chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, I worked with Newt Gingrich's Republican Congress to make a difference in public health and environmental protection. By building partnerships we strengthened laws keeping our water safe and our air clean, targeted

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VOTER INFORMATION

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FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

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

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ballot order.

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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, Nov. 1, 2016. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2016. 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. In Lehigh County, call 610-782-3194. In Northampton County, call 610-829-6260. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2016. All polling places in Lehigh County are accessible to those with disabilities. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elec-

tions.

WRITE-IN VOTING

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

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the county Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the county Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted. If you have any questions or need to report any problems, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance in English or Spanish or 1-888-API-VOTE for assistance in Asian languages.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS

If you are a new voter or if you are voting

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

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

ONLINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Voters Guide for Lehigh County is online at www.lwvlv.org. The Voters Guide for Northampton County is online at www.lwvnorthco.org. The Vote411 Online Voters Guide for Pennsylvania 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 home page: www.palwv.org.

INFORMATION

Lehigh County: 610-432-1456
Northampton County: 610-252-1339
www.lwvlv.org
www.lwvnorthco.org

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more resources to cleaning up toxic waste sites, and acknowledged the importance of environmental justice in policy making for the first time. I carried that same approach of coalition building to the Department of Environmental Protection under Governor Rendell. Even with a Republican legislature, we were able to direct major new investments to environmental protection and infrastructure improvement, enact tougher standards on toxic emissions, and accelerate the development of clean energy. Track record matters. As Senator, I will use the same approach I've always used to get past partisanship and get results.

Response 2: Voting is a fundamental right for Americans across this country. We must fully restore the Voting Rights Act to protect that right for thousands of Americans who are being disenfranchised. But we must also do more. As Senator, I will stand against partisan attempts to disenfranchise voters through new voter identification laws because we should be encouraging more people to vote, not systematically denying them that right. I also support reforms that increase accessibility and integrity in our elections like guaranteeing early voting and expanding options for voter registration.

Republican

PAT TOOMEY

Upper Milford Township
<http://www.toomeyforsenate.com>

Born: 1961

Education: Harvard University.

Qualifications: Pat Toomey is the husband of Kris and the father of Bridget, Patrick, and Duncan. He served in the U.S. House, was the president of the Club for Growth, a small business owner in the Lehigh Valley, and worked in the financial services industry.

Response 1: In the Senate, you can only make progress by working with people in the other party. That's why I have made bipartisan cooperation a key priority in my first term. I have learned that even in a time noted for partisan gridlock, it is possible to find common ground while sticking to your principles. For example, I helped write the JOBS Act with three Democratic senators, a bill President Obama signed and praised, that is helping small businesses grow and hire more workers. With Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), I was able to pass legislation that keeps our children safer in schools from dangerous predators. I also worked successfully with Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) to improve efforts to keep illicit painkillers off the streets to deal with the prescription drug abuse crisis. Identifying areas of agreement and working together builds a foundation of trust necessary to tackle the issues where the partisan divide is

wider. That is how I have worked as a consensus builder on contentious topics like the deficit, gun safety, and tax reform.

Response 2: The right to vote is the sacred foundation upon which American democracy rests. The Voting Rights Act continues to be a crucial component in upholding American citizens' ability to hold their government accountable. I believe that the federal government should vigilantly enforce the Voting Rights Act and other legislation designed to ensure equal access to the ballot box. Furthermore, it is incumbent upon legislators to consider the impact of all new legislation on our voting rights and other constitutional freedoms, and this is a responsibility that I take very seriously. As a senator, it is also my job to ensure we nominate judges and executive officials who will protect these vital rights. In my first term, I have worked across the aisle with Democratic Sen. Bob Casey to successfully confirm 16 qualified individuals to federal courthouses in Pennsylvania, the most of any state with the exceptions of New York and California.

Libertarian

EDWARD T. CLIFFORD III

Candidate did not respond by Sept. 30, 2016.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Job Description

The basic duties of the attorney general, as outlined by the Commonwealth Attorneys Act are to: serve as the commonwealth's chief law enforcement officer; collect all debts, taxes, and account due to the commonwealth; represent the commonwealth and all agencies in any action brought by or against the commonwealth; administer the provision relating to consumer protection laws; represent the commonwealth and its citizens in any action brought about for violation of the antitrust laws.

Term: 4 Years

Salary: \$158,764

Candidates were asked:

Question 1: The attorney general's office has been under a cloud for the last few years. Why do you believe you can restore public confidence in the office, and what steps will you take to make that happen?

Question 2: It is increasingly apparent that Pennsylvania's criminal justice system is deeply flawed. What do you see as the primary systemic problems within our criminal justice system and, if elected, what steps would you take to address them?

Democrat

JOSH SHAPIRO

Abington Township
<http://www.joshshapiro.org>

Born: 1973

Education: B.A., University of Rochester; J.D., Georgetown Law Center.

Qualifications: Chairman, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, 2015-present Of Counsel with Stradley Ronon law firm, 10 years state representative, 2005-2012.

Response 1: Throughout my career, I've been a reformer. In Harrisburg, they didn't like it when I stopped their perks and pushed for reform. In Montgomery County, I cleaned up an ethical mess. I'll bring this same commitment to integrity and reform to the Office of Attorney General. In my Integrity Agenda, I've laid out the steps I will take to restore integrity to the Office of Attorney General. On Day One, I will create a code of conduct and mandate ethics training. I will ban gifts. I will post all expenses online for every Pennsylvanian to see. Additionally, I will professionalize the office's human resources and establish a new Chief Diversity Officer to ensure that the Office of Attorney General looks like the public it is sworn to represent. And I will create the "Casey Commission," named for the late Gov. Robert P. Casey, to issue regular reports on integrity and transparency in our Commonwealth and recommendations for how to improve our laws. For more details on my plan visit www.joshshapiro.org/integrity.

Response 2: We need to treat addiction as a disease instead of a crime and ensure prison is used for those who are violent and pose a risk to others and not the mentally ill or those suffering from drug addiction. Far too many young people — particularly young people of color — get caught up in the system when they should not be there in the first place. This hurts individuals, communities and taxpayers. We need to put in place alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders, drug courts, smart probation and more resources for drug and alcohol treatment and mental health services. In Montgomery County, we have been nationally recognized for reducing our recidivism rate by 30 percent through a comprehensive treatment program in our prison. As Attorney General, I'll reform our criminal justice system so that everyone is treated fairly, we lower the recidivism rate, reduce the number of victims of crime, lower the burden on taxpayers and make our communities safer.

Republican

JOHN RAFFERTY

Lower Providence Township
<http://www.raffertyforag.com>

Born: 1953

Education: Bachelor's: University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; master's: Beaver College; law degree: Temple.

Qualifications: Serving as a state senator, a deputy attorney general, a private practice attorney and a small business

owner has given me a wide breadth of experience that few others have. I believe my experience makes me uniquely qualified.

Response 1: My first step to regaining the public trust is announcing on day one of my campaign that I pledge to run for Attorney General to be the Attorney General ... Not to be an aspiring Governor or United States Senator. If elected, I am committed to serving my full-term of four years and if re-elected eight years as Attorney General. The Office of Attorney General and the citizens of this great Commonwealth deserve nothing less from the next Attorney General. In making such a pledge I am making a full faith commitment to Pennsylvanians that I will remove all political agenda's from my office. As the highest ranking law enforcement official of our state it is my job to be a faithful custodian of the law by enforcing and prosecuting those that break the laws. Additionally, I will implement a strict ethics code for employees based on guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Justice. I will have the strictest guidelines in the country to ensure the public has full confidence in our office moving forward.

Response 2: I am very supportive of the Justice Reinvestment Act which reduces recidivism, increases public safety and lowers correction costs by investing in communities to defer criminal behavior. Additionally, I am very supportive of the creation of specialty courts, like the Veterans Courts. In fact, I was a member of the Supreme Court's steering committee for Veterans Courts.

AUDITOR GENERAL

Job Description

The principal role of the auditor general is to determine whether state funds are being used in accordance with the purpose and guidelines that govern each use of the commonwealth's dollars. The auditor general conducts financial and performance audits of individuals, state agencies and organizations that receive state funds, including school districts, state liquor stores and public employee pensions. These audits are designed to measure how effectively government programs are using public money to meet their stated goals and objectives. The office performs more than 6,000 audits each year and is responsible for auditing all federal funds that are allocated to Pennsylvania state programs.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$158,764

Candidates were asked: What are your top three priorities and how will you accomplish them? Please be specific.

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Democrat

EUGENE A. DEPASQUALE

West Manchester Township
<http://www.eugene4pa.com>

Born: 1971

Education: Widener University, School of Law, J.D.; University of Pittsburgh, MPA; College of Wooster, BA.

Qualifications: Auditor general: 2013-present; state representative: 2007-2013; deputy secretary, DEP: 2003-2006.

Response: I will continue to ensure schools are held accountable to taxpayers and students through our school district audits. I plan to make sure the taxpayers dollars spent on state programs are spent effectively and efficiently while working to improve those departments. I also plan to help resolve the political budget impasse through drawing attention to lost taxpayer resources and helping the sides come together.

Republican

JOHN BROWN

Bangor
<http://www.johnbrownforpa.com>

Born: 1959

Education: University of Notre Dame; Bangor High School

Qualifications: Northampton County executive; mayor of the city of Bangor. Worked in the private sector helping to turn around unprofitable businesses helping to make them more effective, efficient and successful.

RESPONSE: None

Green Party

JOHN J. SWEENEY

Falls Township, Wyoming County

Born: 1953

Education: Temple University, 1971-1974; Philadelphia College of Art, 1975, no degree

Qualifications: Only qualifications are age and residency, which I meet. I currently am in my second term as Falls Township auditor.

Response: The auditor general is the state's top watchdog when it comes to spending. I would audit the General Assembly operating budget. Return surpluses to the general fund. I would also perform an audit on the pension fund of our elected officials in the General Assembly. The auditor general also has the responsibility to see that our agencies function properly. I would conduct a performance audit of the Department of Environmental Protection to see if they are fulfilling their mission.

Libertarian

ROY A. MINET

East Donegal Township

Born: 1941

Education: Penn Manor H.S., Princeton U., physics (2Y), Northwestern U. Grad. Sch. of Mgt., Inst. for Mgt.

Qualifications: Designed and developed comprehensive, integrated business software, including all accounting functions. Consultant for multiple businesses regarding overall operations and accounting.

Response: The two old, declining parties have ruled tag-team style for decades. They have conspired to erect barriers to keep their competition out of office. As a Libertarian, I am not part of this "establishment" and can be a truly independent watchdog. I favor smaller government, lower taxes and more liberty. Thus, all operations will be carefully scrutinized through an entirely new, different and better set of eyes. Governments do not and cannot create productive jobs. Government is purely overhead. Government is needed to the extent that it secures rights, preserves order and provides truly public goods and services. These conditions allow the free market to flourish and create jobs. But governments have exploded way beyond these functions and now confiscate an incredible 31% of all income! The economy struggles to grow at a 1% or 2% rate when growth should be more like 10%. I will diligently seek ways that our state government can perform its proper role, but suck less blood out of the economy and allow it to create more jobs.

TREASURER

Job description

The duty of the Pennsylvania treasurer is to safeguard the commonwealth's financial assets, which total more than \$120 billion in public monies. The office manages several programs to better serve the financial needs of Pennsylvanians. The Treasury Department is also responsible for: reuniting unclaimed property with its rightful owner; investigating loss, theft, and fraud involving commonwealth checks; reviewing real estate leases and contracts entered into by commonwealth agencies; maintaining the Pennsylvania contracts electronic library. The treasurer has specific duties in addition to the oversight of the department: serves as chair of the Board of Finance and Revenue, which selects banks to serve as depositories for state money; sets interest rates paid on commonwealth deposits; hears and decides state tax appeals.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$158,764

Democrat

JOE TORSELLA

Whitemarsh
<http://joetorsella.com>

Born: Not provided

Education: Graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania. Studied at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

Qualifications: U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. for Management & Reform; chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education; founding president & CEO of the National Constitution Center

Response: I've spent my life in public service making public institutions more efficient, more accountable, and more innovative. First, I'll set the toughest ethics standards in the country at Treasury — by making it easy for citizens to go online and see every dollar in state spending and contracts, including political contributions made by the vendors who got those contracts, by requiring people trading public money in the stock market to disclose the trades they make on their own accounts, and by appointing a chief integrity officer. Second, I'll serve as the independent fiscal watchdog Pennsylvanians deserve in this position. Third, I will work to create more economic opportunity for all Pennsylvanians, by setting up automatic, universal savings accounts for secondary or vocational training for every child born in Pennsylvania.

Republican

OTTO VOIT

Muhlenberg Township
<http://Ottovoit.com>

Education: Pennsylvania State University, B.A., Saint Joseph's University, EMBA

Qualifications: Otto W. Voit III is a lifelong Pennsylvanian who has answered the call to service time and again and is doing so once more. Otto has the integrity and the business acumen needed to hold Harrisburg accountable.

Response: When elected, Mr. Voit's top three priorities will be to hold Harrisburg accountable, restore integrity and save the commonwealth \$1 billion. To make Harrisburg more accountable, Mr. Voit has proposed PaCheckbook.com. PaCheckbook.com will be the first of its kind, user friendly website that will show all revenue, every expenditure, the salary and every state contract at all levels of government. This information will be presented in clear everyday language, not in professional jargon. This will empower voters and help them understand what is actually going on in Harrisburg. As an Army officer and Desert Storm veteran, integrity plays a huge role in all aspects of his life. That is why Mr. Voit has pledged not to seek higher office. To truly reform the office, their must be a restored focus on serving the people, not serving political ambitions. Finally, Mr. Voit plans on saving the commonwealth \$1 billion in his first term. Mr. Voit will have a diverse investment committee that will help him find safer and investments.

Green

KRISTIN COMBS

Candidate did not respond.

Libertarian

JAMES BABB

<http://jamesbabb@mac.com>

Born: 1967

Education: James Madison University

Qualifications: Taxation is theft.

Response: Candidate did not respond.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Job Description

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

Term: Two years; vote for one

Salary: \$174,000

Candidates were asked: "Partisan gridlock in Washington has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific."

15TH 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, Kesslerville and Plainfield Church districts), Upper Nazareth (West District), Williams; boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Hellertown, North Catasauqua, Northampton and Walnutport. **In Berks County:** Townships of Albany, Bethel, Greenwich, Hereford District 1, Jefferson, Longswamp, Maxatawny, Perry, Tilden, Tulpehocken, Upper Bern, Upper Tulpehocken, Windsor; boroughs of Centerport, Hamburg, Kutztown, Lenhartsville, Lyons, Shoemaker'sville, Strausstown, Topton. **Parts of Dauphin and Lebanon counties.**

Vote for one

Democrat

RICK DAUGHERTY

Lowhill Township
www.daughertyforcongress.com

Born: 1960

Education: Graduate, Catasauqua High School, 1978, and Moravian College, 1982. **Occupation:** Executive director at Lehigh Valley Active Life, a senior center in Allen-

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town.

Qualifications: Former district administrator for congressman Paul McHale (retired). I am a concerned citizen.

Response: I will work with Republican members of the Freedom Caucus to reverse the economic damage that free trade agreements and trade with Communist China and Mexico have done to our economy. We will create trade agreements that benefit our workers, protect manufacturing jobs, bring jobs back, and give everyone a chance to earn a good living. I will support veterans, the military, and their families. I will not accept a pension and serve one term.

Republican

CHARLES W. DENT

Allentown
www.dentforcongress.com

Born: 1960

Education: William Allen High School, 1978; Foreign Service, International Politics, Pennsylvania State University, 1982; MPA, Lehigh University, 1993.

Occupation: U.S. representative (PA-15). Chairman, House Ethics Committee. Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.

Qualifications: State representative (PA-132nd) 8 years; state Senate (PA-16th) 6 years; U.S. Congress, (2005 – current).

Response: I work across the aisle on issues like funding medical research, fighting the sale of dangerous synthetic drugs and meeting the needs of our veterans. My bill stopping the sale of harmful synthetic narcotics recently passed the House with great bipartisan support. I chair the Appropriations Subcommittee for Military Construction and the VA. My bill providing funding for veterans' needs also became law by bipartisan consensus. I belong to the No Labels "Problem Solver" Caucus.

Libertarian

PAUL RIZZO

Hanover Township, Northampton County
www.Rizzo4Congress.com

Born: 1974

Education: Technical school graduate in telecommunications, Somerset Technical, Raritan, N.J.

Occupation: Telecommunications technician.

Qualifications: I was chairman of the Northampton County Libertarian Party two years.

Response: I believe the only way to move forward in this country is to start by minimizing the two party system. If elected I will work with both sides. When this country was founded, the Founding Fathers had no political affiliation; their loyalty was to the people, not the party. I envision

that a coalition government would serve the people better. It would provide the checks and balances needed if more third party and independents won elected office.

17TH DISTRICT

In Northampton County: Cities of Bethlehem, part of Ward 17 and Easton. Townships of Bethlehem, Forks, Lower Mt. Bethel, Palmer, Plainfield District Delaware, Upper Mt. Bethel, Upper Nazareth East District) and Washington; Boroughs of Bangor, East Bangor, Freemansburg, Glendon, Nazareth, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Stockertown, Tatamy, West Easton, Wilson and Wind Gap. **Parts of Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe and all of Schuylkill Counties.**

Vote for one

Democrat

MATTHEW A. CARTWRIGHT

Moosic
www.CartwrightCongress.com

Born: 1961

Education: B.A. (history), Hamilton College 1983; J.D. (law), University of Pennsylvania, 1986.

Occupation: U.S. representative, (PA-17). **Qualifications:** Current U.S. representative (PA-17).

Response: I share the American public's frustration with partisan gridlock, and I remain committed to working across the aisle. First, we must work to reduce the influence of money in politics and give a voice to every citizen. That is why I introduced the OPEN Act, which would require corporations and unions to disclose to their shareholders/members any political spending and cap political expenditures a 501(c)(4) organization can make at 10% a year, if they want to maintain tax-exempt status. In 2015, over half of the 39 bills and resolutions I introduced had both a Democratic cosponsor and a Republican cosponsors. Additionally, of the 434 bills I cosponsored in 2015, over a third were bipartisan.

Republican

MATT CONNELLY

Bethlehem Township
www.Mattconnellyforcongress.com

Born: 1965

Education: Graduate, Walt Whitman High School, 1983; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ., 1984; Univ. of Maryland, 1986; Lafayette College, 1990.

Occupation: Auto mechanic and contractor.

Qualifications: Politically active since 1992, current Northampton County committeeman, since 2014. Ran for that office in 2014 and won 5 of 6 counties.

Response: Gridlock exists because of different objectives. I will try to find the common ground between all lawmakers and pursue those goals while standing

firm on my principles. This is why we have elections — so the voters can decide the values of the leaders in their district. Gridlock isn't a bad thing, it simply exposes the direction each party wants to take the nation and let the people choose.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$85,338

Candidates were asked: "Partisan gridlock in Harrisburg has brought our government nearly to a standstill. If elected, what steps will you take to reduce partisan gridlock? Please be specific."

22ND DISTRICT

Allentown Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Div 1), 7, 8 (Divs 1, 2), 9, 10 (Div 1), 11 (Divs 1, 2), 12, 14 (Div 2), 16, 19.

Vote for one

Democrat

PETER G. SCHWEYER

Allentown
www.peterschweyer.com

Born: 1978

Education: Graduate, Allentown Central Catholic High School, 1996; B.A. in political science, Schreyer's Honors College, the Pennsylvania State University, State College, 2000; master's level coursework, elementary education, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, 2000.

Occupation: State representative.

Qualifications: State representative, 2015-current. Allentown City Council, 2008-2014. director, Community and Government Affairs, Sacred Heart HealthCare System, 2012-2014. Chief of staff to state Rep. Jennifer Mann, 2004-2012.

Response: Getting beyond partisanship can be as simple as identifying issues on which both Democrats and Republicans can agree. I recently wrote legislation that would begin to address the epidemic of veterans' suicide and it has received bipartisan support. Support for this idea is stronger due to relationships I have with my colleagues of both parties. If re-elected, I will continue to develop those relationships so that I can more effectively serve the people of Allentown.

Republican

No candidate

131ST DISTRICT

In Lehigh County: Townships of Lower Milford; Salisbury (Ward 3, Div 1); Upper Milford; Upper Saucon. Boroughs of Coopersburg, Emmaus. **In Northampton County:** Lower Saucon Twp., Districts 1, 2, 4, 7, 8.

Vote for one

Democrat

JOANNE JACKSON

Upper Saucon Township
www.jacksonforstaterep.com

Born: 1946

Education: Dieruff – 1964; Bloomsburg University, B.S., special education – 1969; Lehigh University, M.Ed., special education – 1984; Moravian College, B.S. – 1994; Columbia University – 2009.

Occupation: Educational consultant to state Rep. Daniel McNeill.

Qualifications: Secretary to Lehigh County Women's Democratic Club; 2 terms elected to ASD School Board; Bernice Cohen Award; L.C. Outstanding Democratic Women – 2016.

Response: The source of gridlock is the increasing polarization of our governor and the elected representatives. I believe in changing the legislative redistricting system because you end up with elected officials that represent a homogeneous electorate composed of extreme candidates and fewer moderates. My suggestion would be bipartisan redistricting commissions modeled after Iowa or Arizona. I also believe in term limits and decreasing the size of the House of Representatives. A smaller arena of representatives allows for more listening and as a result more action. This could be attained by opening subcommittee meetings and enable the process of bipartisan legislation.

Republican

JUSTIN J. SIMMONS

Upper Saucon Township
www.justin4staterep.com

Born: 1986

Education: Southern Lehigh High School, 2004; B.A., St. Joseph's University, 2009.

Occupation: State representative.

Qualifications: Serving the people of the 131st for six years as their conservative voice in Harrisburg, working for fiscal responsibility, economic growth, stronger schools, and leading by example on reform by refusing the taxpayer paid pensions and per diems.

Response: Partisan gridlock didn't stop Harrisburg, a legitimate debate over how we treat taxpayers did. Last year, the governor overreached on taxes and refused compromise. This year, with compromise, we passed a bipartisan budget that focuses on priorities and did not raise broad-based taxes.

132ND DISTRICT

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

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Vote for one

Democrat

MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG

Allentown
www.voteschlossberg.com

Born: 1983

Education: B.A., political science & psychology, Muhlenberg College, 2005; M.A., political science, Lehigh University, 2006.

Occupation: State representative.

Qualifications: State representative, 2012-present. Allentown City Council, 2009-2012. Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce employee, 2007-2012.

Response: First, continue to build relationships with Republicans. Those relationships have enabled me to bring dollars home for schools and transportation, and pass legislation to protect children, victims of rape and domestic violence. Second, tone down inflammatory political rhetoric; we can disagree without ugliness. Third, reform the redistricting process, which encourages extreme positions as opposed to moderation. Fourth, enact real campaign finance reform to make it more difficult to take unlimited money from secret groups.

Republican

BEN LONG

Allentown
http://longforpa.com

Born: 1993

Education: Parkland High School, 2012; B.A., DeSales University, 2016.

Occupation: Sales at family business, Lehigh Valley Water Systems.

Qualifications: South Whitehall Public Safety Commission (2015).

Response: It is easy to talk about working across the aisle, but few candidates have done so. Putting my political future on the line, I openly endorsed an individual of the opposite party. It is about time we start sending people to Harrisburg that are willing to stand up for what is right, not what is right for their own political party. There are right answers, not Democrat or Republican answers, but the right answers.

133RD DISTRICT

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

Vote for one

Democrat

DANIEL T. MCNEILL

Whitehall Township
www.mcneillforpa.com

Born: 1947

Education: Graduate, Louis E. Dieruff

High School.

Occupation: State representative – 133rd District.

Qualifications: Whitehall Township commissioner, 6 years; Whitehall Township executive, 2 years; manager, Regional Partnerships for Lehigh County, 4 years; state representative, 133rd District, 3 years; member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Finance, Labor and Industry, Local Government, and Professional Licensure committees.

Response: Unfortunately, partisan gridlock will continue in Harrisburg until two vital steps are taken. I support creating an independent redistricting committee which will end the gerrymandering of districts that has given a huge majority for Republicans in the House of Representatives. I also support the reorganizing of committees where the majority party has one extra member, allowing for more bipartisan bills to come out of committee for a full vote on the house floor.

Republican

DAVID MOLONY

Catasauqua
www.friendofdave.com

Born: 1953

Education: William Allen High School, San Francisco College of TCM, Nanjing College of TCM, others.

Occupation: Acupuncturist.

Qualifications: Years a businessman, years as nonprofit board member and executive director; years as grassroots political organizer, passing 3 state legislative bills.

Response: The Senate and House can work to adjust legislation via negotiation. There is only one place where things can totally break down because of one person. The governor's office. If the governor is beholden to Special Interests, nothing moves. The governor does not depend on his pay to support his family, so not paying him makes for no changes in what he brings to the table. Not paying the House or Senate sounds good, but doesn't make a real difference either. The governor wants to raise NEW taxes so he can give away money to his Special Interest buddies, who wish to get double or more money for themselves from what they gave him.

Libertarian

ALEXANDER HUMANICK

Coplay
www.humanickforliberty.com

Born: 1993

Education: Whitehall High School, 2011.
Occupation: Commercial Truck Tire Sales.

Qualifications: Lehigh County Libertarian Party chairman. Can balance a check-book.

Response: As a Libertarian, I have a unique voice to bridge partisan gaps; as my vote will be available to any bill that is good for the people of Pennsylvania, re-

gardless of what party that bill comes out of. I am socially tolerant and fiscally conservative. Right down the middle, just like most Americans. The people are tired of business as usual. I represent that voice. A vote for me is a vote of confidence in yourself.

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 Tipton.

Vote for one

Democrat

No candidate

Republican

RYAN E. MACKENZIE

Lower Macungie Township
http://RyanForPA.com

Born: 1982

Education: Graduate, Parkland High School, 2000; B.S., finance and international business, New York University, 2004; master of business administration, Harvard University, 2010.

Occupation: State representative, 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 always had an open door policy and take every opportunity possible to speak with individuals and groups interested in tackling the serious issues facing state government. By having an open and ongoing dialogue, I often find there is common ground and I have been pleased to pass legislation reforming state government operations and the state tax code with strong bipartisan support. If re-elected, I will continue these efforts to achieve a better Pennsylvania.

135TH DISTRICT

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

Vote for one

Democrat

STEVE SAMUELSON

Bethlehem

Born: 1960

Education: 1978, Liberty High School; 1986, Lehigh University, B.A. in government.

Occupation: State legislator.

Qualifications: I am a hands-on legisla-

tor with a long record of service to our community, and I am a consistent advocate for reform in Harrisburg.

Response: To reduce gridlock, we need to end gerrymandering by switching Pennsylvania to a nonpartisan redistricting process. Drawing legislative districts in a nonpartisan manner — as is done in states like Iowa and California — will lead to more competitive districts, more competitive elections, and bipartisan policymaking. I have been a leading advocate for nonpartisan redistricting, and I feel strongly that we need to enact this reform before the next reapportionment is triggered by the 2020 Census.

Republican

No candidate

136TH DISTRICT

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

Vote for one

Democrat

ROBERT FREEMAN

Easton

Born: 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, 1982-1994, 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: To reduce partisan gridlock, reapportionment reform is needed to create legislative districts that are drawn to reflect communities and not gerrymandered for partisan advantage. Gerrymandering creates districts where legislators are prone to play to the party base over championing pragmatic solutions, which only fosters partisan polarization. Campaign finance reform is also needed to reduce the influence of special interest money in campaigns since special interest contributions distort public policy discussions along polarized ideological lines.

Republican

No candidate

137TH DISTRICT

In Northampton County: Townships of

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

Vote for one

Democrat

DAVID MATTEI

Nazareth
www.Davem4Pa.com

Born: 1959

Education: B.S. at Muhlenberg College.

Occupation: Owner of Farmers Insurance.

Qualifications: 1) Nazareth Bath Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors; 2) Rotary International; 3) Former New Jersey state trooper; 4) local business owner.

Response: I will work on both sides of the aisle. Develop loyalty by being honest and voting for the people.

Republican

JOE EMRICK

Upper Nazareth Township
www.Joemrnick.com

Born: 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 3rd term as state representative; township supervisor, 4 years – board chairman 2 years; 18 years as a high school economics/American government teacher.

Response: None

138TH DISTRICT

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

Vote for one

Democrat

No candidate

Republican

MARCIA HAHN

No response

Libertarian

DANIEL RICHARDSON

Northampton
www.danielrichardson.com

Born: 1982

Education: High school diploma, Homeschool, Denton, N.C., 2000. Certificate in ministerial studies, Penn View Bible Institute, Penns Creek, 2006. Certificate of completion: The Economics of the Great Depression, Mises Institute, 2014.

Occupation: Pastor.

Qualifications: Executive and community leadership experience from pastoring 2.5 years, I have read the PA Constitution, I follow legislation under consideration in the General Assembly, I understand how government works, and how it has taken our liberties.

Response: As an outsider, and a Libertarian, I can work with both parties now in office and bring fresh, new ideas to the fore. I do not have to pledge obedience to the PA House leadership. I will remain true to my principles, and be open to compromise on peripheral issues. I will be accountable to my constituents on how I vote and why.

183RD DISTRICT

In Northampton County: Townships of Allen, Lehigh, Moore (Districts Beersville and KlecknerSville; boroughs of North Catasauqua, Northampton, Walnutport.

In Lehigh County: Townships of South Whitehall Districts 5, 6, 8; Washington; Whitehall Districts 7, 10, 11. Borough of Slatington.

Vote for one

Democrat

PHILLIPS ARMSTRONG

Whitehall Township
www.armstrongforPa.com

Born: 1949

Education: 1971, B.S. in education, Kutztown University; 1975, M.A. in education, Kutztown University.

Occupation: President, Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners. Retired public school teacher at Whitehall-Coplay High School (40 years); Hall of Fame basketball coach at Whitehall-Coplay, Emmaus. Parkland.

Qualifications: Whitehall Township commissioner (3 years). Current president of the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners.

Response: Before my appointment to the Whitehall Board of Commissioners they were “known for being unable to agree about anything”. Since my re-election, as the chosen nominee of both parties, I have been able to work out compromises and fight for changes that have benefited all of our residents. We have eliminated our debt, balanced our budget, funded our police pensions, and done it all without raising taxes one cent. I have a proven record of bipartisan leadership.

Republican

ZACH MAKO

Lehigh Township
No response

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

Democrat

No candidate

Republican

GARY DAY

Heidelberg Township
No response

REFERENDUMS

STATEWIDE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 AMENDING THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE

Vote Yes or No

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to require that justices of the Supreme Court, judges, and magisterial district judges be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years?

LEHIGH COUNTY

PROPOSED UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP REFERENDUM EARNED INCOME TAX INCREASE

Vote Yes or No

Do you favor the imposition by Upper Milford Township of an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.1385 (%) percent on an annual basis beginning January 1, 2017, to be used for the purpose of financing the acquisition, protection, conservation or preservation of undeveloped open spaces or areas; forests and farmlands; natural and scenic resources; and recreational or historic lands; and payments of the attendant costs associated with such actions?

PROPOSED SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP REFERENDUM WEHR'S DAM RESTORATION DEBT

Vote Yes or No

Shall debt in the cumulative sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) be borrowed over a period of five (5) years for the purpose of financing the restoration and maintenance of Wehr's Dam be authorized to be incurred as debt ap-

proved by the electors?

PROPOSED PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM LIBRARY TAX

Vote Yes or No

Shall funding for the Parkland Community Library be increased by raising the existing Library Tax from 0.10 to 0.28 mills (increasing \$18 per \$100,000 of assessed value on taxable real estate) within the Parkland School District?

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Vote Yes or No

Should the Northampton County Home Rule Charter Article VI Legislation Section 602 (b) (d) (h) and Section 606 (c) and Article VII Finance Section 702 (c) and 704 (a) be amended to allow pertinent advertisement in one newspaper of general circulation as well as posted electronically and have the Codification, Capital Improvements Plan, and Budget posted on Northampton County's website instead of being distributed to each elected official, public libraries and offices of each city, borough and township in Northampton County?

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Vote Yes or No

Should the Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 804 (b) be amended to allow each vacant position to be broadly advertised for a period of at least seven (7) days and have candidates apply for the position with the agency responsible for administering the merit personnel system?

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

Vote Yes or No

Do you favor the continued imposition of an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.25% (one quarter of one percent) on an annual basis by Lower Saucon Township for an additional five (5) years following the expiration of the previously approved and enacted open space Earned Income Tax, which expires on December 31, 2016, for the purposes of (1) retiring the indebtedness, in the approximate amount of \$867,861, incurred in the purchase of Polk Valley Park (2) financing the future acquisition of open space lands (3) financing the future acquisition of agricultural, conservation, and forest protection easements (4) financing the future acquisition of recreation or historic lands (5) utilizing up to 10% of the annual revenue collected to maintain and/or improve open space lands and (6) payment of the attendant costs associated with such actions?