

VOTERS GUIDE

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This year the League is offering candidates a way to post their information on the internet at **SMART VOTER - www.smartvoter.org**. This award winning on-line VOTERS GUIDE has been serving California for 10 years and this year is being established for the entire state of Pennsylvania. Be sure to use the ballot look-up feature in the upper right side of the page. By typing in your street address you will get a ballot with just the candidates you will see on your voting machine on election day.

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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 accept-

able 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.

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.

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 absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections by 5 P.M., Tuesday, October 28. Completed absentee BALLOTS must be

received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, October 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. on Friday, October 31. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections.

League of Women Voters of Delaware County
610 449-0977 www.palww.org/delco

Delaware County Bureau of Elections 610 891-4673

League of Women Voters of PA Citizen Information Center
800 692-7281

www.palww.org

Polling Places - Voter Registration Office 610 891-4659

<http://www.smartvoter.org/2008/11/04/pa/state/ballot.html>
for on-line voter information

Ballot Question

Water and Sewer Improvements
Bond Referendum

Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness by the Commonwealth of \$400,000,000 for grants and loans to municipalities and public utilities for the cost of all labor, materials, necessary operational machinery and equipment, lands, property, rights and easements, plans and specifications, surveys, estimates of costs and revenues, prefeasibility studies, engineering and legal services and all other expenses necessary or incident to the acquisition, construction, improvement, expansion, extension, repair or rehabilitation of all or part of drinking water system, storm water, nonpoint source projects, nutrient credits and wastewater treatment system projects?

The Electoral College

The Electoral College was a compromise written into the U.S. Constitution in 1787, with the result that the President and Vice President are not elected directly by the people, but by Presidential Electors. Electing the President indirectly through the Electoral College rather than directly by the voters was seen by the founders as a hedge against "popular passion."

The number of each state's electors is equal to the number of Senators and Representatives a state has in Congress. Pennsylvania has 21 and each political party's presidential nominee has chosen that number of Presidential Electors committed to the nominee. The candidate receiving the highest number of popular votes gets the state's entire electoral vote.

While Pennsylvanians will choose the Electors and not the President and Vice President at this election, the names of the electors do not appear on the ballot. Instead, the paired names of the candidates for President and Vice President are on the ballot under the heading "Presidential Electors." All votes cast for the candidates for President and Vice President are counted as votes for that party's Electors. The Electors, in turn, will cast Pennsylvania's vote for President and Vice President.

Presidential Candidates

(Vote for one)

DEMOCRATIC

President - BARACK OBAMA

Vice President - JOE BIDEN

REPUBLICAN

President - JOHN McCAIN

Vice President - SARAH PALIN

INDEPENDENT

President - RALPH NADER

Vice President - MATT GONZALEZ

LIBERTARIAN

President - BOB BARR

Vice President - WAYNE ROOT

Attorney General

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Attorney General, as Pennsylvania's chief legal and law enforcement officer, represents the Commonwealth in legal actions brought against it, furnishes legal advice to the Governor or any state agency, and prosecutes organized crime and public corruption. The department's law enforcement program includes criminal investigations, drug law enforcement, direction of statewide and multi-county investigative grand juries, and a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Other duties include review of all proposed rules and regulations of state agencies and administration of provisions relating to consumer protection. Under the state constitution the Attorney General must be a member of the bar in Pennsylvania.

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$141,565.00

(Vote for one)

QUESTION: What specific priorities do you have if elected to the office of Attorney General?

DEMOCRATIC

JOHN M. MORGANELLI

Bethlehem

DATE OF BIRTH: 11/12/1955

EDUCATION: 1977, Moravian College, B.A. 1980, Villanova Law School, J.D.

OCCUPATION: District Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: District Attorney - 16 years; Prosecuted Numerous murder cases, PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency - 5 years, President, PA District Attorneys Assn. - 2 years, Special Deputy Attorney General, Special Prosecutor

ANSWER TO QUESTION: 1. Pass a gang statute that makes gang membership a crime so as to attack the gangs before they commit their next murder or drug deal. 2. Address the proliferation of handguns into the hands of criminals, young children and those with mental illness. 3. Abolish parole for violent criminals. 4. Crackdown on illegal criminal aliens who have no respect for our laws, commit crime and use fraudulent identities.

REPUBLICAN

TOM CORBETT

Allegheny

DATE OF BIRTH: 06/17/1949

EDUCATION: 1971, Lebanon Valley College, B.A., 1975, St. Mary's University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Attorney General

QUALIFICATIONS: Attorney General of PA - 4½ years, Assistant District Attorney in Allegheny County, 3½ years, Assistant US Attorney, 3½ years, US Attorney for the Western Div. of PA, 4 years, Chairman, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, 8 years, Private Practice Attorney, 12 years, Corporate Government Affairs and Relations, 3 years, Member, PA Army National Guard 28th Infantry Div., 13 years, Chairman, US Attorney General's Advisory Committee, Member, Pres-

ident Ronald Reagan's Drug Task Force - Great Lakes Region, Commissioner, Shaler Twp, 2 years

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Throughout my career, I have fought to protect all Pennsylvanians and as Attorney General I will continue to aggressively pursue those who prey on the most vulnerable of our communities - our children and our seniors. I am committed to providing safety and security for PA's families in our homes, neighborhoods, schools and businesses. As Attorney General I will: Protect our children from child sexual predators and child pornography, ensure that our schools are safe havens where our children can learn without the threat of violence.

LIBERTARIAN

MARAKAY ROGERS

York

DATE OF BIRTH: 03/01/1962

EDUCATION: 1981, Wilson College, B.A.; 1984, Dickinson School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Practicing attorney with criminal defense and civil rights experience

ANSWER TO QUESTION: My particular areas of concern are stopping the unnecessary, wasteful prosecution of victimless crimes, abolishing the death penalty, and the protection of citizens' rights, including defending Pennsylvanians' right to privacy from government intrusion.

Auditor General

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Auditor General is responsible for ensuring that all money to which the Commonwealth is entitled is deposited in the State Treasury and that public funds are disbursed legally and properly. The Department performs over 6,500 yearly audits of state departments, government agencies, state hospitals, universities, state pension funds, district justices and institutions receiving state aid. It also audits the approximately \$9 billion in federal funds allocated to Pennsylvania programs. Special audits are performed by the department when deemed necessary by the Auditor General or requested by the Governor.

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$141,565.00

(Vote for one)

QUESTION: What specific priorities do you have if elected to the office of Auditor General?

DEMOCRATIC

JACK WAGNER

Pittsburgh

DATE OF BIRTH: 01/04/1948

EDUCATION: 1974, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, B.S., Safety Management

OCCUPATION: Auditor General

QUALIFICATIONS: Auditor General since 2005, State Senator, 10 years (Allegheny County), Pittsburgh City Councilman, 10 years (President, 4 years), Certified Safety Professional, 10 years, Marine Corps, Vietnam combat veteran, husband and father, 2 children

ANSWER TO QUESTION: I look forward to continuing to work in an independent and bipartisan way

to protect the taxpayers' hard-earned money and improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians. I will continue to focus on creating jobs, strengthening education, improving infrastructure, and protecting pensions. I am the only candidate with over 30 years of experience in both the public and private sectors watching the bottom line, reforming operations, and protecting working families.

REPUBLICAN

CHET BEILER

Penn Township

DATE OF BIRTH: 05/19/1963

EDUCATION: 1987, Pepperdine University, B.S.**OCCUPATION:** Business Owner, CEO

QUALIFICATIONS: 20 years of business building, County Chairman, 2 years, Rotary Club of Lancaster, 6 years. As a business builder, I know the value of a dollar and have experience developing systems that promote economic efficiency.

ANSWER TO QUESTION:

- Empower our auditors and honor their findings by systematically making more audit results public.

- Expand performance audits.

- Be an independent fiscal watchdog who does not play favorites; no government department or entity will be off limits as we seek to protect your tax dollars

- Hold quarterly press conferences to report on progress.

- Ensure state agencies are receiving their appropriate allocated tax monies and that they are spending those funds correctly while operating effectively & efficiently.

LIBERTARIAN

BETSY SUMMERS

Wilkes Barre, No reply received

State Treasurer

JOB DESCRIPTION: The State Treasurer, as chief executive officer of the Treasury Department, is official custodian of Commonwealth funds.

Fundamental duties of the department are receipt and deposit of moneys received from state agencies, investment in short-term securities of moneys exceeding the daily needs of more than 140 separate funds, management of securities within its custody, pre-auditing all requisitions for expenditure of state funds as to legality and correctness, and payment of state moneys to those entitled to them.

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$141,565.00

(Vote for one)

QUESTION: What specific priorities do you have if elected to the office of State Treasurer?

DEMOCRATIC

ROBERT McCORD

Lower Merion

DATE OF BIRTH: 03/05/1959

EDUCATION: 1982, Harvard University, AB 1989, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, MBA

OCCUPATION: Full-time candidate after 15 years as a financial executive

ROBERT McCORD (continued)

QUALIFICATIONS: 15 year career in finance, Managed more than 1 billion dollars in assets Raised money for start-up companies that have created more than 2,000 jobs in Pa.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: In these uncertain economic times, it is more important than ever to have a State Treasurer with appropriate business and financial expertise. As a business leader who has managed over \$1billion in assets and helped fund startup companies that created over 2,000 PA-based jobs, I will serve as a catalyst for positive economic change. In addition to generating jobs, I plan to help improve pension performance, cut wasteful spending, and invest in environment-protecting technologies.

REPUBLICAN

TOM ELLIS

Cheltenham **DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/14/1959

EDUCATION: 1982, University of Pennsylvania, B.A. (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) 1985, University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D. (cum laude, Editor, Law Review)

OCCUPATION: Public Finance Attorney – Partner, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, 1985

QUALIFICATIONS: Chairman, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, 2004-07-reduced property taxes, saved \$30 million; Cheltenham Board of Commissioners, 1990-02 (Chair, Finance Committee); 22 years experience in finance

ANSWER TO QUESTION: 1.) Use over 22 years of public finance experience to protect tax dollars and ensure financial responsibility in office of Treasurer. Saved over \$30 million in debt service as County Commissioner. 2.) Enhance 529 college savings program to make best in nation – encourage college savings and provide incentives to save, such as matching funds (not taxpayers dollars).3.) Implement policy prohibiting investment in nations that sponsor terrorism (enacted as County Commissioner).

LIBERTARIAN

BERLIE ETZEL

Ashland Twp., No reply received

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U.S. Representative – 7th District

There are 535 members of the US House of Representatives but the number for each state is adjusted via reapportionment after each 10 year census. U.S. Representatives are elected every 2 years.

TERM: 2 years **SALARY:** \$169,300

QUESTION: What should the federal government do to ensure that every American has health insurance coverage?

DEMOCRAT

JOE SESTAK

Edgemont **DATE OF BIRTH:** 12/12/1951

EDUCATION: Cardinal O'Hara High School; U.S. Naval Academy; Harvard University, M.PA/Ph.D.

OCCUPATION: U.S. Congressman

QUALIFICATIONS: Current U.S. Congressman. Previously served 31 years in the Navy rising to the rank of 3-star Admiral, including command of the *George Washington* carrier battle group in combat operations in Iraq & Afghanistan and as President Clinton's Director of Defense Policy in the White House.

ISSUE STATEMENT: We need a universal health care system that is a shared responsibility between individuals, businesses and government which ensures everyone has affordable, accessible and quality health care. Competition and transparency will discipline costs. Mandating participation ensures the healthy are in the risk pools, driving down premiums. Small businesses should be permitted to band together as large bargaining units to negotiate lower premiums from private insurers. The health care plans that are available to Congress should be the basis for coverage for all Americans.

REPUBLICAN

CRAIG WILLIAMS

Concord Township **DATE OF BIRTH:** 11/23/64

EDUCATION: 1987, Duke University, B.A.; 1997, University of Florida College of Law, J.D.; 2001, Columbia University School of Law, LL.M.

OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Assistant United States Attorney; Deputy Legal Counsel, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chief Prosecutor, Camp Pendleton ; Member Joint Terrorism Task Force;

Marine Combat Veteran, Operation Desert Storm – 56 combat missions; Decorated seven times

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Every American should have access to affordable health insurance. This starts with access to sustaining jobs. And the lynchpin for competing in the job market is training and education in new technologies and sciences. The federal government can have an immediate impact on the availability of health insurance to every working American by creating and building on incentives to small and large businesses alike to provide health coverage in the employee compensation packages.

Pennsylvania General Assembly

The legislature passes laws, provides for public education, maintains the national guard, and sets up a system for registering land transfers and titles. There are 50 state senators and 203 state representatives.

Senate

TERM: 4 years **SALARY:** \$76,163

Senate District 9 (Vote for one)

QUESTION: What should state government do to ensure that every American has health insurance coverage?

DEMOCRATIC

JOHN LINDER

Chester **DATE OF BIRTH:** 9/13/47

EDUCATION: 1976 – Widener U. – BA in Behavioral Sciences; 1979 – Kutztown U. – M.Ed in Higher Educations

OCCUPATION: Professor of Behavioral Sciences at Delaware County Community college; Headmaster at the Village Charter School; Honorary Doctorate – in Human Sciences; Carkhuff Institute for Human Technology – McLean, Virginia

QUALIFICATIONS: 30 years of work in the educational field; 25 years committed to community development in a large cross section of areas, people and cultures. Contributor to the development of books and materials on interpersonal skills and human productivity.

ISSUE STATEMENT: I would start with Governor Rendell's Prescription for Pennsylvania, to be crafted as a model for the nation. It has to be an

BRYAN LENTZ (continued)

Veterans' Affairs and Judiciary. He was an officer in the 82nd Airborne Division and also the Army Reserves in Iraq and Bosnia. Lentz was a prosecutor in Philadelphia for six years.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Reducing the overall cost of healthcare is one way state government can help. We have taken some important steps already by enacting legislation to reduce hospital acquired infections that take thousands of lives each year and by expanding access to primary care by giving health-care professionals the right to practice to the fullest extent of their skills and experience. Now we must enact into law the bill passed by the State House, PA Senate Bill 1137, which ensures access to affordable health insurance by expanding government subsidized basic health and reducing the cost to all premium payers of treating the uninsured.

REPUBLICAN

JOSEPH HACKETT No reply received

House District 168

DEMOCRAT

IAN THOMAS

West Chester **DATE OF BIRTH:** 4/9482

EDUCATION: 2004 , Rollins College, B.A. Biology, Cum LaudeNMTI Massage Institute, Certified Massage Therapist Graduate Study at the International Institute of Restorative Practices

OCCUPATION: Massage Therapist

QUALIFICATIONS: Ecological research of invasive species in the Great Lakes (Round Goby/Zebra Mussels) and in the Everglades (Water Hyacinth) ; Study of sustainable development in Costa Rica; Genetics research at the Wistar Institute; Commitment to community service

QUESTION: I support Rendell's Rx for Pennsylvania. By covering all Pennsylvanians, we can inspire our nation to follow suit. To effectively cover all Pennsylvanians we need more than access to insurance; we need to cut down on hospital-acquired infections, retain our doctors, train more nurses and eliminate their mandatory overtime. With such a plan, I see a Pennsylvania with higher worker productivity, morale and ingenuity with fewer medically preventable deaths, house foreclosures and bankruptcies.

inclusive program, comprehensive to address all facets of health care, including addressing the issues of Physician retention, educational development, particularly at the voc-tec level in our secondary schools to supplement College level needs. The nature of legal liabilities must also be part of this inclusive approach.

REPUBLICAN

DOMINIC PILEGGI

Chester **DATE OF BIRTH:** 12/15/57

EDUCATION: St. Joseph's University, A. B., Villanova University, J. D.

OCCUPATION: State Senator

QUALIFICATIONS: State Senator, since 2002;Mayor, City of Chester, 1998-2002; Chester City Councilman, 1994-1998; School Board Member, Chester-Upland School District

ANSWER TO QUESTION: First, we should focus on the rising cost of health care and find ways to reduce it. Pennsylvania took some big steps in this area by enacting a strong law to fight hospital-acquired infections and help control costs of medical malpractice insurance. We have two good programs, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and AdultBasic, providing health insurance to those who would otherwise be uncovered. By continuing to focus on reducing the costs of health care, we can do even better.

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

QUESTION: What should the State government do to ensure that every American has health insurance coverage?

House District 161

DEMOCRAT

BRYAN LENTZ

Swarthmore **DATE OF BIRTH:** 6/5/64

EDUCATION: Valley Forge Military Junior College AA 1984; Georgetown University BS Philosophy 1986; Temple Law JD 1993; United States Army Infantry School 1987; United States Army Ranger School 1987

OCCUPATION: Attorney/Legislator

QUALIFICATIONS: Rep. Bryan Lentz is a member of the State House of Representative and serves on several committees including; Appropriations,

REPUBLICAN

THOMAS KILLION

Middletown **DATE OF BIRTH:** 6/19/57

EDUCATION: B.S. Penn State, 1979.

OCCUPATION: Pa. House member

QUALIFICATIONS: 2003-present Pa House member; 1992-2000 member of Delaware County council; Vice-Chair 1996-1998; Chairman 1998-2000

ANSWER TO QUESTION: In Pennsylvania we currently have about 9% of our residents without medical insurance. The house has been working to increase the availability and affordability of medical insurance. We have expanded the AdultBasic and the CHIP program for children. I am the Republican Vice Chairman of the Insurance Committee and a member of the House Health Care Task Force. This task force has introduced several bills which will help make medical insurance available to more Pennsylvanians and I look forward to working on this important issue for the remainder of this session.

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