

2008

Primary Voters Guide

Philadelphia County

Featuring Information on
Candidates, Delegates to
the Party Conventions, and
Ballot Questions



League of Women Voters of Philadelphia

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Dear Voter,

Thank you for taking the time to review this Voters Guide. This election is important to our country and to our city. Your vote counts. The League of Women Voters has been a trusted organization providing accurate and unbiased information for over 88 years. We are your election experts. Please feel free to turn to us with any questions or comments you may have.

The volunteers at the League of Women Voters of Philadelphia have spent countless hours over the last several months developing this guide for your use. The question asked of each candidate was developed by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania. This Voters Guide is always available online at www.palwv.org/philadelphia. Also, don't forget to visit www.smartvoter.org, a League sponsored web guide with more detailed information about each candidate's positions.

If you require any further assistance please know that we will be waiting by the phones on Tuesday, April 22nd at our ABC-6/LWV election day hotline from 7 AM - 8 PM. We are there for you. To reach the hotline, you can call 1-866-978-4232.

The League of Women Voters has never endorsed or ever opposed any candidate in our 88 year history. Our information comes to you unbiased and completely nonpartisan.

Please feel free to take this guide with you to the polls. Share it with friends. Lastly, please call us if you have any questions.

Thank you again for your trust in us and for supporting our efforts.

Your Vote Matters!

Sincerely,

Kelly Green

Kelly Green
President
League of Women Voters of Philadelphia

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE LEAGUE

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parties or candidates. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement of any candidate by the League of Women Voters.

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.

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.

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The Voters Guide and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Philadelphia website at: www.palwv.org/philadelphia

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

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(on election day only)

President of the United States

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 United States Congress.

Term: 4 years. Limit of two terms

Salary: \$400,000

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 in November of years divisible by the number four. Although all parties use conventions to nominate their candidates, in most states the Democratic and Republican parties also run state-wide caucuses or primary elections. 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 convention delegates are bound by the results of the primary elections or caucuses varies from state to state. Voters in Pennsylvania have the opportunity to express their preference for a presidential nominee of their party. They may write in the name of the candidate of their choice if it is not listed on the ballot. The results of this Presidential Preference Primary are not binding on any delegate to the national nominating conventions. The following names will appear on the Pennsylvania primary ballot:

We asked candidates for President of the United States: What should the federal government do, if anything, to ensure that every American has health coverage?

(Vote for 1 in your party)

Democrats

BARACK OBAMA
Chicago, Ill.



Associated Press

Age: 46
Occupation: U.S. Senator from Illinois
Education: Columbia University, Harvard Law School.
Background: Community organizer; attorney; Illinois state senator, 1997-2004; elected to U.S. Senate in 2004.

Answer to Question: Obama will sign universal health legislation by the end of his first term, ensuring all Americans have high-quality, affordable coverage. His plan will save a typical American family up to \$2,500 annually; modernize our health care system to contain costs and improve quality; and promote prevention and public health.

Website: www.barackobama.com

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
Chappaqua, N.Y.



Associated Press

Age: 60
Education: Wellesley College, Yale Law School.
Occupation: U.S. Senator from New York
Background: Attorney, law firm partner; Arkansas first lady 1979-81 and 1983-92; U.S. first lady, 1993-2001; elected to U.S. Senate in 2000.

Answer to Question: Hillary has a plan to ensure quality, affordable health care for all Americans. Under her plan, individuals will get a tax credit to help pay for premiums; insurance companies won't be able to discriminate based on pre-existing conditions; and people won't lose coverage if they switch or lose their jobs.

Website: www.hillaryclinton.com

Republicans

RON PAUL
Lake Jackson, TX



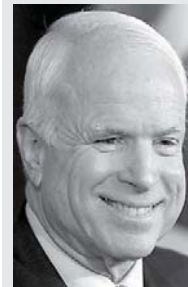
Associated Press

Age: 72
Occupation: U.S. Congressman, Texas' 14th District
Education: Gettysburg College, Duke University School of Medicine.
Background: U.S. Air Force flight surgeon; private physician; member of Congress 1976-77, 1979-1985 and 1997-present.

Answer to Question: Government health care means long waiting periods, lack of choice, and poor quality. Many Canadians, fed up with socialized medicine, come to the U.S. to obtain care. By removing federal regulations, encouraging competition, and presenting real choices, we can make our health care system the envy of the world again.

Website: www.ronpaul2008.com

JOHN MCCAIN
Phoenix, AZ



Associated Press

Age: 71
Occupation: U.S. Senator from Arizona
Education: U.S. Naval Academy
Background: Naval aviator, prisoner of war in Vietnam; elected to U.S. Congress 1982; elected to U.S. Senate 1986.

Answer to Question: The problem with American health care is not one of quality, but one of cost. I have proposed a health care plan that addresses the escalating cost of health care to ensure more American families can afford access to the finest health care system in the world.

Website: www.johnmccain.com

MIKE HUCKABEE



Associated Press

Note: Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, withdrew from the presidential race on March 4, after winning a spot on the Pennsylvania ballot.

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Delegates

Delegates to this summer's national political conventions are elected at this time. The delegates choose the party's nominees for President and Vice President and write party platforms. Alternates have no vote unless they replace a delegate. Pennsylvania delegates – both Republican and Democratic – are not bound by the results of the state's Presidential Preference Primary.

Democratic candidates for delegate run as committed to a presidential candidate, and that information is on the ballot, including the name of the candidate to whom the delegate is committed. Democratic delegates are committed to a given delegate on the first convention ballot only, and may be released by the candidate prior to that. Democratic voters may vote for any combination of delegates they choose. It does not have to coincide with their expression of preference for a presidential candidate. Delegates are elected as individuals, even if committed to a candidate, and no voter has to choose the entire slate of delegates for one candidate.

While Republican candidates for delegate may publicly express a preference for a particular presidential candidate, that information does not appear on the ballot, and they are not committed to vote for a particular candidate.

Delegate to the Democratic National Convention

(candidate committed to in italics)

Congressional District 1

(Vote for not more than 7)

4 Males, 3 Females

Alan Butkovitz – *Clinton*

Humberto Perez – *Obama*

Eileen Young Vignola – *Obama*

Tony J. Payton Jr. – *Obama*

Mark B. Cohen – *Obama*

Maria Quinones Sanchez – *Clinton*

Angel Cruz – *Clinton*

Thaddeus Kirkland – *Obama*

Lynne M. Abraham – *Clinton*

Ruthellen Landau – *Obama*

John F. Street – *Clinton*

Janet Ryder – *Obama*

Congressional District 2

(Vote for not more than 9)

4 Males, 5 Females

Blondell Reynolds Brown – *Clinton*

Michael Nutter – *Clinton*

Molly Armour – *Obama*

Cheryl A. Mobley Stimpson – *Obama*

Josh Uretsky – *Obama*

Christopher R. Booth, Jr. – *Obama*

Cindy Bass – *Obama*

Jerome W. Mondesire – *Clinton*

Bernard Anderson – *Obama*

Cherelle L. Parker – *Clinton*

Marian B. Tasco – *Clinton*

Jerry T. Jordan – *Clinton*

Vincent J. Hughes – *Obama*

Kristina Nelson – *Obama*

Wilhelmina Moore – *Obama*

Happy Fernandez – *Clinton*

Congressional District 8

(Vote for not more than 7)

3 Males, 4 Females

Congressional District 8 Continued

Helene B. Ratner – *Clinton*

Neil Samuels – *Obama*

Bonnie Chang – *Clinton*

Louise D. Boyd – *Clinton*

Joseph Sellers, Jr. – *Clinton*

Kathy McQuarrie – *Obama*

D. Gregory Holt – *Clinton*

Louis J. Farinella – *Clinton*

Clare McCann – *Obama*

Ann Crawford Roberts – *Obama*

Jules Mermelstein – *Obama*

Pamela S. Janvey – *Clinton*

Ann H Hadfield – *Obama*

Sheldon H Motley – *Obama*

Congressional District 13

(Vote for not more than 7)

3 Males, 4 Females

Analisa O. Connor – *Obama*

Pat Eiding – *Clinton*

Nathan I. Kleinman – *Obama*

Ted Kirsch – *Clinton*

Lorraine C. Bednarek – *Clinton*

Lorraine Dennis – *Obama*

Caren Moskowitz – *Clinton*

Joseph Hoeffel – *Clinton*

Catherine Scott – *Clinton*

Evelyn Sample Oates – *Obama*

Jeffery Fread – *Obama*

Harold R. Berk – *Obama*

Karen Lloyd Borski – *Clinton*

Ann Thornburg Weiss – *Obama*

Alternate Delegate to the Democratic National Convention

(candidate committed to in italics)

Congressional District 1

(Vote for 1)

0 Males, 1 Female

Diane Thompson – *Obama*

A. Elaine Tomlin – *Clinton*

Congressional District 2

(Vote for 1)

1 Male, 0 Female

John A. Jackson Jr. – *Obama*

Congressional District 8

(Vote for 1)

1 Male, 0 Female

Jordan B. Yeager – *Obama*

Congressional District 8 (Continued)

Joseph J. Knox Jr. – *Clinton*

Congressional District 13

(Vote for 1)

1 Male, 0 Female

Charles W. Quann – *Clinton*

Patrick M. Oates – *Obama*

Delegate to the Republican National Convention

(Vote for not more than 3)

Congressional District 1

Joseph N. Bongiovanni, III

Frederick W. Anton

Vito F. Canuso, Jr.

David Thayer

Brandon M. Yates

Richard Schwarz

Congressional District 2

Victoria Pingarron

Charles Kopp

Bruce M. Harris

A. Lindsay Doering

Agnes Tilley

Jessica Arin Jones

Congressional District 8

Patricia K. Poprik

Chuck McIlhinney

James Ryan

Dwight N. Carey

Joseph Schiaffino

Daniel B. Snyder

Edward R. Gudknecht

Congressional District 13

Don Ernsberger

William E. Donnelly

Alan H. Elder

Michael J. McMonagle

Sheryl S. Perzel

Laura M. Thomas

Frank W. Szabo

**Alternate Delegate to the
Republican National Convention**
(Vote for not more than 3)

Congressional District 1

Michael P. Malloy
James E. Butterly
Troy L. Bouie
Michael J. Haldeman
Gavin R. Dehler

Congressional District 2

Suzanne Cohen
Joan D. Sundheim
Gilbert W. Cox, Jr.
Rick Schlesinger
Pete Lamb
Kris Borer

Congressional District 8

George T. Kenney Jr.
George Dranginis
Raymond Goodnoe
Catherine Bonaventura

Congressional District 13

Pam Levy
Joel P. Derby
Brian J. Preski
Wallace J. Quinlan
Edward J. Furman, Jr.

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www.smartvoter.org

www.lwv.org

www.vote411.org

Attorney General

Job Description: The Attorney General shall be the chief law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be imposed by law. The Commonwealth Attorneys Act establishes the Attorney General as the chief legal and law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth and provides the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Attorney General. The Attorney General, in addition, serves as a member of the Board of Pardons, the joint Committee on Documents, the Hazardous Substances Transportation Board, the Board of Finance and Revenue, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Civil Disorder Commission and the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$141,565.00

We asked Candidates for Attorney General: What specific priorities do you have if elected to the office of Attorney General?

(Vote for one)

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.

Website: www.johnmorganelli.com

Republican

TOM CORBETT
Harrisburg



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
4 ½ years, Assistant District Attorney
in Allegheny County, 3 ½ years,
Assistant US Attorney, 3 ½ 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, President 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.

Website: None provided.

Auditor General

Job Description: The auditor general has been the commonwealth's fiscal watchdog since 1809, when it was created by an act of the General Assembly. The auditor general was appointed by the governor until 1850, when the position became an elected office. Auditors general were elected to serve three-year terms until 1909, when a constitutional amendment increased the terms to four years.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$141,565.00

We Asked Candidates for Auditor General: What specific priorities do you have if elected to the office of Auditor General?
(vote for one)

Democrat

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 Twp.



Date of Birth: 05/19/1963

Education:

1987, Pepperdine University, B.S.

Occupation: Business Owner, CEO

Qualifications: County Chairman, 2 years, Campaign Manager, various candidates, Rotary Club of Lancaster, 6 years, 20 years of business building

Answer to Question: We expect to

empower our auditors and honor their findings by systematically making more audit results public. Performance Audits will be expanded. As an independent fiscal watchdog I will not play favorites. No government department or entity will be off limits as we seek to protect your tax dollars. Quarterly press conferences will be held to report on our progress.

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INFORMATION ABOUT
THE CANDIDATES.

Your Election Day Rights

- If your name is not on the list of voters, you may be directed to another polling place or given a provisional ballot.
- Equal treatment regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender or disability
- Privacy - you can NOT be forced to show how you voted
- Assistance from poll workers if you request it
- If you have a disability, access to a voting device you can use
- Signs should be posted to assist you with voting machines, voters' rights and how to file a complaint

Polling Place Officials:

- The Judge of Elections (elected)
- Majority Inspector (elected)
- Minority Inspector (elected)
- Clerk (appointed)
- Machine Inspector (appointed)
- Interpreter (if necessary) (appointed)

Things NOT allowed in Polling Place

- Any election materials UNLESS brought in by the voter.
- Any candidate related clothing or buttons UNLESS worn by the voter.
- Candidates (unless they are voting or have a watchers certificate) should not be inside the polling place
- All electioneering should only be conducted at least 10 feet from the polling place
- Polling place officials should NEVER enter a voting booth with a voter UNLESS requested by voter.
- Weapons, Drugs or Alcohol are NOT permitted inside a polling place.
- Any form of intimidation or specific candidate information
- If voter requires assistance to use the machine, the Judge of elections should use the pink sample ballot OUTSIDE the booth.

State Treasurer

Job Description: The position of State Treasurer is an independently elected office established under the Pennsylvania Constitution. Pursuant to the Administrative Code, the State Treasurer serves as chief executive of the Treasury Department. The powers and duties of the Treasurer and the Treasury Department are delineated for the most part in The Fiscal Code and generally involve the receipt and disbursement of funds by the Commonwealth, as well as the deposit, investment, and safekeeping of moneys and securities belonging to the Commonwealth.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$141,565.00

We asked candidates for State Treasurer: What specific priorities do you have if elected to the office of State Treasurer?
(Vote for one)

Democrats

JOHN F. CORDISCO
New Hope Boro



Date of Birth:
02/17/1955

Education: 1977, Rider University, B.A.; 1987, Temple University School of Law, J.D.

Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications: Bristol Borough School Board, 1978-1981, PA House of Representatives, 1981-1986, United Vietnam Veterans Organization, Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Award, Dept. of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Legislative Award

Answer to Question: My first priority is to protect the hard-earned dollars of PA's taxpayers by making public all data concerning the performance of PA investment funds and by cutting excessive fees charged by Wall Street investment firms. Secondly, I would promote economic revitalization by using PA funds to create PA jobs. Lastly, I would invest in clean technology and alternative energy firms to help reduce global warming.

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

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 \$1 billion 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.

DENNIS MORRISON-WESLEY
Harrisburg



Education: 1974, Philadelphia Community College, G.A.S.; 2002, Almeda University, B.S.

Occupation: Account Executive, Financial Advisor

Qualifications: 19 years in the financial industry license and register investment advisor

Answer to Question: My most important job as PA State Treasurer is to seek good returns on the invested dollars of the PA citizens. My order of investment would be first in PA, secondly in the United States, and lastly in the international market. When we can get the same monetary return from a company in PA as a company outside of PA, then PA will get the fair advantage, if we invest in PA first. The same can be said about a company in the United States.

JENNIFER L. MANN
Allentown



Date of Birth:
05/17/1969

Education: 1991, Lehigh University, B.A. Government and Economics

Occupation: State Representative, 132nd Legislative District

Qualifications: First State Representative in 1998; chosen Speaker Pro Tempore by Speaker of the House; Vice-Chairwoman, House Finance Committee; National

Board Chairwoman for the Democratic Leadership Council; former successful small business owner

Answer to Question: The Treasurer is the first line of defense for Pennsylvania's taxpayers; it ensures that your tax dollars are being invested wisely. I will establish the highest ethical standards and accountability so that you know that your taxes are used appropriately. The best investments not only have the highest rate of return for the Commonwealth, but promote the common good. Therefore I will invest in companies that invest in PA first and help create jobs here.

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).

Representative in Congress

Job Description: Congress, the legislative branch of federal government, is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote of both houses is necessary to pass a law. The Senate also has the power to approve treaties and confirm presidential appointments. Every law concerning taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$169,300.00

We asked Candidates for Representative in Congress: What should the federal government do to ensure that every American has health insurance coverage?

[Vote for 1 in your district]

Congressional District 1

Democrat

ROBERT A. BRADY
Philadelphia



Date of Birth:
04/07/1945

Education: Diploma,
Saint Thomas Moore
High School, 1963.

Occupation:
Congressman

Qualifications: Introduced 16 bills in 2008 and passed 15. 100% voting record on labor and human rights issues. 1st Philadelphian appointed a full House Committee Chairman since Bill Gray. Chairs Committee on House Administration, oversees Federal elections; Congressional operations, larger police force than Peoria or Indianapolis.

Answer to Question: We must provide comprehensive, universal coverage for all Americans. I would pay for this program by allowing the sunset of the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and for companies that relocate offshore.

Website: www.bobbrady.us

Republican

MIKE MUHAMMAD
No Response Received

Congressional District 2

Democrat

CHAKA FATTAH
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 11/21/56

Education:
1986, University of
Pennsylvania Fels
Institute of State and
Local Government,

Masters Government
Administration

Occupation: U.S. Congressman

Qualifications: 14 years as U.S. Congressman; 12 years in Pennsylvania State Legislature; Author of U.S.GEAR UP law – Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Answer to Question: The government should reduce or eliminate profit-driven health care and replace it with proven government programs and non-profit healthcare management. Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP are all incredibly successful programs ensuring access to high quality care for patients and operating with unmatched fiscal responsibility. I will continue to explore other proposals, including H.R. 676, of which I am a cosponsor, with the goal of universal coverage ensuring that patients, doctors and other stakeholders are in the discussions.

Website: www.chakafattah.com

Republican

MICHAEL LIVINGSTON
Cheltenham



Date of Birth: 7/19/1956

Education: 1977, Cornell,
A.B.; 1981, Yale, J.D.

Occupation:
Professor of Law, Rutgers-
Camden School of Law

Qualifications: Nationally recognized expert on taxation and public policy; Previously legislation attorney for the Joint Committee on Taxation (U.S. Congress); Volunteered with homeless, HIV/AIDS children, and Phila. Veterans Hospital; 18-year resident of Cheltenham Township

Answer to Question: I favor increasing coverage of children and the working poor by means of the SCHIP and similar programs at the state and local level. The Federal Government can help by providing additional funding for these

programs and tax incentives for the self- and un-employed to purchase health insurance. I oppose a “single-payer” national health care system which would be inefficient and less adaptable to state and local conditions.

Website: None provided.

Congressional District 8

Democrat

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Bristol

Date of Birth:



Not given

Education:
Bucks County
Community
College, King’s College,
Widener Law School

Occupation:

Representative for Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Qualifications: Prior to being elected to Congress, I was a Captain with the 82nd Airborne Division in Baghdad from July 2003 to January 2004. I was also the youngest professor at West Point and a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Answer to Question: At a time when costs are soaring, Pennsylvania families are struggling to keep their families healthy. I am proud that I have fought to expand children’s health care for 10 million American children. I also fought to allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices for our seniors. I strongly believe that every American deserves quality, affordable health care and we must put partisanship aside to make that a reality.

Website: www.murphy08.com

Republican

TOM MANION
No response received

Congressional District 13

Democrat

ALLYSON SCHWARTZ
Rydal



Date of Birth: 10/3/48
Education:
B.A. Simmons College
in
Sociology
1970; MSW Bryn Mawr
College, 1972

Occupation: U.S.
Representative, 13th Congressional
District of Pennsylvania (2005-Present)

Qualifications: During her more than 30
years of public service, Congresswoman
Schwartz has developed a well-earned
national reputation as one of America's
leading healthcare policy experts. In
Congress, she serves on the powerful
Committee on Ways and Means and the
Budget Committee.

Answer to Question: Every American
has a right to quality, affordable health

coverage. Congress must work to fix
America's broken healthcare system by
expanding access to coverage, starting
with covering every American child and
allowing Americans to buy into Medicare
earlier. We must embrace greater use
of technology and innovation, such as
e-prescribing; work to eliminate costly
duplicities and excesses; increase focus
on prevention; invest in research; and
lessen coverage costs for families, small
businesses, and the self-employed.

Website: www.allysonschwartz.com

Republican

MARINA KATS
Abington



Date of Birth: 7/14/61
Education: 1985,
B.A. in Business from
Temple; 1988, J.D. from
Temple School of Law;
1995, L.L.M. in Trial
Advocacy from Temple
School of Law

Occupation: Attorney in private
practice: Kats, Jamison and Van der
Vein Entrepreneur

Qualifications: Educated in law,
successful employer and businesswoman,
mother of two daughters.

Answer to Question: To ensure that
every American has access to affordable
health insurance, the Federal government
must work to build a patient care system
that focuses on consumers of health
care by providing for more opportunity
through competition and savings. We
cannot have a big government solution
that would increase bureaucracy and limit
patient options. The expansion of Health
Savings Accounts, reduction in medical
mistakes, and tax credits for business
owners are the right direction.

Website: None provided.

Pennsylvania State Senate

Job Description: 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 necessary to pass a law. Every law concerning taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$76,163

We asked Candidates for Senator in the General Assembly: What should the state government do to ensure that every Pennsylvanian has health insurance coverage?

[Vote for 1 in your district] Please Note: Candidates appear in official ballot order

PA Senate District 1

Democrats

LAWRENCE M. FARNESE, JR.
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 06/01/1968
Education: 1990,
Villanova, B.A.; 1994,
Temple Law School, LL.M.
Occupation: Attorney,
Buchanon Ingersoll &
Rooney

Qualifications: Attorney dealing with
complex litigation, 10 years; Board of
Directors of Casa Farnese (formerly Casa
Fermi), Friends of the Garden of the Arts,
The University of Pennsylvania's Young
Friends of the International House and the
Academy House Condominium; volunteer
for Philadelphia Women's Clinic and
active in several civic associations.

Answer to Question:

Nearly 300,000 Philadelphians and
767,000 Pennsylvanians wake up without
health insurance coverage everyday. In
the short-term, we must enact sensible
legislation to ensure those individuals are
covered. Long-term, I support single-
payer, universal healthcare coverage. In
2007, Governor Rendell presented the
"Prescription for Pennsylvania." The
Governor's plan reduces healthcare costs,
creates additional oversight of insurance
companies and provides for additional
health clinics. The Prescription is not
ideal and long-term I support single-payer
universal care. For more information see
www.larryfarnese.com.

Website: www.larryfarnese.com

JOHN J. DOUGHERTY
Philadelphia



Date of Birth:
04/25/1960

Education: Graduate,
St. Joseph's Preparatory
High School, 1978

Occupation: Business
Manager, IBEW Local
98

Qualifications: 15 years as a labor
leader; Chairman of the Philadelphia
Redevelopment Authority;
Commissioner of the Delaware River
Port Authority; President of the Pennsport
Civic Association; Board member,
Independence Blue Cross; Board
member, Penn's Landing Corporation;
Advisory Board member, Philadelphia
International Airport; Chairman, Variety
Club of Philadelphia.

Answer to Question: I support a

single-payer system that covers all Pennsylvanians at a lower cost to business. This single-payer system empowers a government-run organization to collect all health care fees and pay all costs. The current system creates administrative waste and higher costs. In the single-payer system, hospitals, doctors, and other health care providers bill one entity. Eliminating administrative waste will save millions, which can be redirected to provide care and insurance to those who don't have it.

Website: www.doughertyforsenate.com

ANNE DICKER
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 10/10/1972
Education: 1994, Middlebury College, BA Economics
Occupation: Community Organizer

Qualifications: Co-founder, Philly for Change, 2003; Chairperson, Philly for Change, 2004-2006; Co-founder, Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront, 2006; Co-founder, Casino-Free Philadelphia, 2006

Answer to Question: Pennsylvania should lead the nation by adopting single-payer universal health care. As State Senator, I would sign onto, the *Family and Business Healthcare Security Act*, which would set up a publicly-financed system that cuts out the insurance companies and pays doctors and healthcare providers directly for their services. It would cover all Pennsylvanians regardless age, employment status, or preexisting condition; and it would save Pennsylvania families and businesses billions of dollars every year.

Website: www.AnneDicker.com

Republican

JACK MORLEY
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 06/01/1962
Education: No formal education
Occupation: Fire protection contractor
Qualifications: My ideas will solve problems

Answer to Question: Nothing, it is not an appropriate role of state government to "ensure that every Pennsylvanian has health insurance coverage." Crime is our biggest issue. Crime will be reduced when another prison is built, prisoners held for the full term of their sentence and multiple offenders can be held until trial.

Judges must compel witness testimony and stop dismissing cases for flimsy reasons. Felony waiver discounts must be banned. Violent sexual predators must be held civilly in a mental institution after their release from prison. Through legislation, I would redirect funds given to the City without condition, to build another prison.

Website: www.jackin08.com

PA Senate District 3

Democrat

SHIRLEY M. KITCHEN
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 09/18/1946
Education: B.A. in Human Services, Antioch University; Certificates in Child Care Behavior Modification, Economic

Development, Temple University
Occupation: State Senator, 3rd District
Qualifications: State Senator, 3rd District, since 1996. Elected consecutively in 2000 and 2004; Chairperson, Philadelphia Senate Delegation; Served as Director of Constituent Services for City council President's Office; Served as Executive Director for the Ludlow Neighborhood Advisory Committee; Appointed to Green Ribbon Commission; Accessible, Cost Effective Publicly Funded Health Care Panel; Task Force for Working Families; Advisory Committee on Geriatric and Seriously Ill Inmates; Fellow, PA Leadership Academy; Honorary Chair, AIDS Education Month; Has won numerous Leadership and Community Service Awards throughout her career.

Answer to Question: Provide the necessary funding and resources so that each Pennsylvanian, regardless of income, has access to affordable healthcare, preventative care and prescription drugs. The CHIP, Adult Basic, Cover All Kids and PACE/PACENET programs are great models of where Pennsylvania needs to be as far as healthcare. However, more needs to be done to ensure all Pennsylvanians are covered.

Website: None provided

Republican

ROBERT S. NIX
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 10/11/1962
Education: JD, Temple University School of Law, 1997; BS, University of Maryland University College, 1994; BS, Texas Christian

University, 1986

Occupation: Attorney/ Adjunct Professor

Qualifications: Active Citizen; Chairman, Philadelphia Police Advisory Commission; Chairman, Government Relations Committee, Hispanic Bar Association of PA; Judge of Elections and Committee person; Served on DA's Youth Aid Panel, Board of Catholic Social Services for Philadelphia Archdiocese; Formed Statewide Coalition of Hispanic Republicans; Named one of Delaware Valley's Most Influential Latino Leaders

Answer to Question: I do not believe that a goal of providing health insurance to every Pennsylvanian is achievable without *first* significantly, and fundamentally lowering healthcare costs as a prerequisite. A strategy for reducing healthcare costs needs to be multi-faceted, and should include the following at a minimum: increasing emphasis on preventative health care, improving quality of health care through litigation reform, decoupling health insurance from employment, and allowing medical providers to be decision-makers rather than insurers.

Website: None Provided

PA Senate District 5

Democrat

MIKE STACK
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 06/5/63
Education: LaSalle H.S.; LaSalle University, B.A., 1987; Villanova University, J.D., 1992; Judge Advocate General School and Army Basic

Officer Leadership Course, 2007
Occupation: State Senator/First Lieutenant Army National Guard

Qualifications: A leading advocate for families, education, healthcare, and economic development. Two term member of the State Senate. Democratic Chairman Banking and Insurance Committee, member Appropriations and Judiciary Committees. Received numerous civic leadership awards. UPENN Leadership Academy Fellow. First Lieutenant, PA Army National Guard.

Answer to Question: State government should improve healthcare quality, access, and affordability. We are making progress. Healthcare providers may practice to the fullest

extent of their training and education, and best practices are being developed for the treatment of chronic conditions including diabetes and asthma. I sponsored legislation to reduce healthcare associated infections. It could lower health care costs and save consumers \$3.5 billion a year. Other innovative measures will be considered to ensure Pennsylvanians have access to healthcare including the expansion of the AdultBasic Program.

Website: None Provided

Republican

JOHN FARLEY
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 03/10/1966
Education: 1980, Archbishop Ryan High School; Graduated with High School Diploma in 1984

Occupation: Parking enforcement officer, Philadelphia Parking Authority (on leave of absence)

Qualifications: I have been a community activist and campaign volunteer for over 25 years, neighborhood committee person in the 58th ward for 8 years.

Education: Pennsylvania should match dollar-for-dollar the money that private employers spend on health coverage for their employees. This can be achieved through tax credits. Also, if we lower the business tax in Pennsylvania then we can encourage businesses to stay here and partner with local hospitals

to set up preventative care programs. If Pennsylvania expands its tax base then we could also expand the CHIP program.

Website: None Provided

PA Senate District 7

Democrat

VINCENT J. HUGHES
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 10/26/1956
Education: Temple University; Honorary Doctorate of Public Service: Cheyney University

Occupation: State Senator

Qualifications: Labor Activist: AFSCME 1979-1986; PA House of Reps: 1987-1994; PA Senate: 1994- current; Numerous awards and commendations: NAMI-PA; Black AIDS Institute; Family Planning Council of Southeastern PA; National Black Caucus of State Legislators: Labor Award; Philadelphia Unemployment Project; (Numerous Others)

Answer to Question: Health Care Statement: Throughout my entire career I've introduced innovative legislation that expands no-cost and low-cost health care access to hundreds of thousands of needy Pennsylvanian's utilizing surplus health care funds and targeted tobacco levies. Currently I'm working to move Governor Rendell's plan, "Prescription for Pennsylvania", forward by being the prime sponsor of several of the legislative initiatives contained in his proposal. This proposal extends health care coverage to the uninsured, while cutting system costs. Also, I am a cosponsor on another

measure creating a single-payer health care system: SB 300.

Website: www.vhughesworks.com

Republican

MARC PERRY

Wyndmoor



Date of Birth: 04/21/1967

Education: 1989 – BA Rider University; 1992 – Juris Doctor Boston College Law School

Occupation: Attorney (Partner) – Law Firm of Post and Schell

Qualifications: Zoning Board Springfield 5 years; Springfield Township Commissioner 4 years; Vice President Board Carson Valley School; Board Member Keystone Hospice; Trustee Abington Friends School; Regional Finalist White House Fellowship

Answer to Question: The key is to decrease costs, increase access and to maintain and increase the level of quality in the delivery of health care to all Pennsylvanians. This can be achieved by increasing competition among health insurance carriers. The lack of interstate competition among health insurers provides Pennsylvanians with few choices on access, cost and quality. I would also promote: Health savings accounts; Tax Credits and the establishment of a State high risk pool.

Website: www.perryforpasenate.com

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Pennsylvania State House of Representatives

Job Description:

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 necessary to pass a law. Every law concerning taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$76,163

We asked candidates for the Representatives in the General Assembly: What should state government do to ensure that every Pennsylvanian has health insurance coverage?

(Vote for 1) Please Note: Candidates appear in official ballot order.

PA House District 152

Democrat

LISA ROMANIELLO
Willow Grove



Date of Birth: 08/19/63

Education: 1983, The Art Institute of Philadelphia, Graphic Design / Illustration

Occupation: Principal, Romaniello Graphic

Communications, LLC

Qualifications: Upper Moreland Township Commissioner; Principal of Romaniello Graphic Communications, LLC.; Cofounder of the Eastern Montgomery County Multi-Municipal Workshop; Member of DVRPC Route 611/263 Planning Study; Board member of the Friends of Boileau Farmstead; Previous Chair of Upper Moreland Township Redevelopment Committee; Previous President Upper Moreland Township Historical Commission; Previous Member Upper Moreland Township Advisory Planning Agency; Previous Member Upper Moreland Township Open Space Committee; Previous Member Willow Grove Revitalization & Redevelopment Oversight Committee; and Implementation Committee

Answer to Question: We have to look at the industry and ask why are there only a handful of insurance companies here and where is the oversight in the insurance market? Individuals, small groups and those with pre-existing conditions have been hurt the most. If we are going to provide coverage that's affordable, we have to include everyone.

There are 12.5 million people living in PA, there's more than enough business to go around.

Website:

www.lisaromaniello.com

Republican

THOMAS P. MURT
Hatboro



Date of Birth: 02/26/1960

Education: 1982, B.S. Economics, Penn State; 1988, M.A. Education, La Salle University; Teacher Certification: Gwynedd-Mercy College

Occupation: State Representative, 152nd Legislative District

Qualifications: 4 years, Upper Moreland School Board; 10 years, Commissioner, Upper Moreland Township; Current Member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Secretary and Member of Education Committee, Member of Child and Youth and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees; Served in Iraq, 2003-2004, 4th Infantry Division

Answer to Question: We need to focus on expanded health care choices, increased access, improved quality of services, wellness, and lower costs. Above all, health care decisions should be made by patients and doctors, not government. Enhancing access to health care can be achieved through the use of community health centers while cutting down on the inappropriate use of emergency rooms. This initiative also needs to include medical liability reform to address the skyrocketing

costs that are driving doctors out of the Commonwealth.

Website: www.tommurt.com

PA House District 154

Democrat

LAWRENCE H. CURRY
Jenkintown



Date of Birth: 02/21/35

Education: Univ. of Pennsylvania - B.A. 1957, Univ. of Pennsylvania, M.A. 1958, Temple University, ABD 1968

Occupation: Legislator

Qualifications: Borough Councilman 8 yrs; County Commissioner 8 yrs; State Legislator 16 yrs; Taught State and Local Government 10 yrs.

Answer to Question: Although national health insurance is the best solution to fairly covering all citizens, in the absence of such a program the states must devise their own program. Universal coverage is desirable, but after Pennsylvania has proposed its "Cover All Pennsylvanians" it must find affordable ways to cover everyone.

The steps taken in already passed parts of "Prescription for Pennsylvania" will make a state health plan more effective and more reasonable.

Website: www.larrycurry.com

Republican

No candidate

PA House District 169

Democrat

No candidate

Republican

DENNIS M. O'BRIEN

No Response Received

PA House District 170

Democrat

BRENDAN F. BOYLE

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 02/06/1977

Education: Harvard University, Master's degree, Public Policy, 2005; University of Notre Dame, Bachelor's degree, Government, 1999; Cardinal Dougherty High School, 1995

Occupation: Business Consultant

Qualifications: Policy Advisor, Pennsylvania State Senate, 2 years; Consultant to Naval Sea Systems Command, 2 years; Awarded by Naval Systems Command for quality of work

Answer to Question: There are almost 800,000 Pennsylvanians who do not have health insurance. There are millions more who have coverage, but are in danger of losing that coverage if they get a major illness, which is exactly when they need such coverage. I support the "Cover All Pennsylvanians" plan, which would offer basic health coverage to small businesses and the uninsured. This would get coverage to those who need it, while also saving taxpayers the \$7.6 billion we currently pay in unnecessary and avoidable health care costs.

Website: www.VoteBoyle.com

Republican

MATT TAUBENBERGER

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 06/22/1977

Education: Widener University B.A. Criminal Justice

Occupation: Director of Constituent Services for Rep. George Kenney

Qualifications: As a former Juvenile Probation Office, I have extensive experience in dealing with law enforcement and the criminal justice system. In my position as Director of Constituent Services for Rep. George Kenney, I have helped thousands of local residents with a variety of problems.

Answer to Question: I support employers expanding health care coverage for their employees and some government role to protect the hundreds of thousands of uninsured Pennsylvanians. I will support continuation of Pennsylvania's Children Health Insurance Program that covers over 150,000 uninsured children.

Website: www.mtaubenberg.com

PA House District 172

Democrats

RICHARD B. COSTELLO

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 04/06/1951

Education: 1973, B. A. Saint Joseph's University Philadelphia, PA

Occupation: Full Time Candidate

Qualifications: I had the privilege of a 34 year career as a Philadelphia police officer, rising through the ranks to Captain and for 10 years I served and led the 14,000 active and retired officers of FOP Lodge 5 as President. I have practical experience in the health care, crime and quality of life issues facing our neighborhoods.

Answer to Question: The House of Representatives recently passed Health Care bill is a good start. Now, the State Senate must send it to the Governor. I support additional measures to add as many of the uninsured and underinsured as possible, as quickly as possible. I will insist that a consumer advocate be named Insurance Commissioner.

Website: None provided

TIM KEARNEY

No Response Received

Republican

JOHN M. PERZEL

No Response Received

PA House District 173

Democrat

MICHAEL PATRICK MCGEEHAN

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 11/26/1960

Education: 1985, St. Joseph's University, BA

Occupation: Legislator

Qualifications: 17 years in General Assembly

Answer to Question: The No. 1 issue for

Pennsylvanians of all ages and income

levels...affordable and accessible health care. House Democrats have put forth a plan that would help hundreds of thousands of working Pennsylvanians without health insurance gain access to affordable coverage while continuing our commitment to helping doctors pay their medical malpractice insurance premiums. Our plan also would help small business employers who already offer their employees health care.

Website: None provided

Republican

BELINDA C. NELSON

Philadelphia

Date of Birth: 04/25/1965

Education: Harry S. Truman High School; University of Phoenix

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Qualifications: None provided

Answer to Question: The state of Pennsylvania should impose a mandatory 7% tax deduction from it's monthly revenue, just for insurance coverage only. This would enable each Pennsylvanian absolute coverage. Also, this would in turn, bring businesses to our economy which would employ our residents and enable our tax resources to increase and stabilize the finances for our insurance coverage.

Website: None provided

PA House District 174

Democrat

JOHN P. SABATINA, JR.

No Response Received

Republican

No Candidate

PA House District 175

Democrat

MICHAEL H. O'BRIEN

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 07/24/1954

Education: Northeast Catholic High School For Boys; LaSalle University

Occupation: Legislator

Qualifications: In my Freshman term, I have

introduced 19 pieces of legislation, two of which have been enacted into law making me one of the most productive members of the 192nd Session of the General Assembly.

Answer to Question: I am proud to have joined with my colleagues to

pass landmark legislation to ensure coverage for all Pennsylvanian's. We have expanded access to Adult Basic benefits to include more than 250,000 eligible working people, while including prescription drug coverage, behavioral health services, wellness care & disease management. While these are important first steps, we must continue to expand existing programs and create new health care delivery systems.

Website: None provided

Republican

No Candidate

PA House District 177

Democrat

HARRY L. ENGGASSER
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 11/20/1959

Education:

Mastbaum

Voc. Tech H.S 1977

Occupation: Legislative Assistant Sen. Mike Stack

Qualifications:

Legislative Assistant for 8 years, former Shop Steward Teamsters Local 830, Community Activist and Board Member of various local community groups

Answer to Question: I would devise a plan to use a portion of the monies from the Gaming Revenue and Tobacco settlement to implement a health care plan to cover all uninsured Pennsylvanian's

Website: www.voteenggasser.com

Republican

JOHN J. TAYLOR
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 04/09/1955

Education: 1973,

Northeast Catholic HS; 1980, University of Central Florida, B.A: 1984 Temple University School of Law, J.D.

Occupation: State Representative, District 177 (Philadelphia)

Qualifications: State Representative for 24 years; Chairman, House Urban Affairs Committee; established 3 District Offices that service hundreds of citizens per week: member of numerous organizations and boards all with one goal in mind: helping people.

Answer to Question: Have signed into law the Access to Basic Care Program which we passed in the State House recently and which I supported. This

program would help provide health care to 270,000 Pennsylvanians. It would provide emergency care, health tests and assessments, maternity care, disease management, wellness, skilled nursing care and prescriptions. It will be paid for from Federal Medicaid, the national Tobacco Settlement fund, and supluses in the medical malpractice insurance fund.

Website: None provided

PA House District 179

Democrats

TONY J. PAYTON, JR.
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: None provided

Education: Community College of Philadelphia; 2007

Occupation:

Representative PA House 179th District

Qualifications: PA State Legislator since election in 2006; former housing counselor at United Communities in South Philadelphia where he educated low-income families on personal finance to help them achieve homeownership; elected president of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats; introduced legislation to create the Pennsylvania Youth Commission and authored the REACH Scholarship Initiative; 2005-06 fellow, Center for Progressive Leadership; active with Philadelphia's Young Non-profit Leaders; former big brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters of southeastern Pennsylvania; 2007, awarded leadership award as one of the most influential African Americans by the Philadelphia Tribune.

Answer to Question: "Providing healthcare for every Pennsylvanian must be the goal of the General Assembly. The first step towards this goal is the implementation of Governor's health care initiatives. These measures include expanding the scope of practice for medical professionals, which will provide for better access to quality healthcare for Pennsylvanians. I also believe that we must reduce hospital acquired infections, which have resulted in loss life and have cost the taxpayers of Pennsylvanians billions of dollars. If we can achieve these goals, we will ultimately improve the quality of life for all the citizens of Pennsylvania."

Website: www.reppayton.com

GUY D. LEWIS
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 09/09/1954

Education: 1985, St. Agnes Medical Center School of Medicine, Nursing Diploma; 2001, Temple, BSN; 2006, Saint Joseph's University, MS (Health

Education)

Occupation: Registered Nurse & Health educator

Qualifications: I meet the qualifications for this position as outlined by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and they are as follows: 4 years of residency in the state; 1 year of residency in the district that you aspire to serve

Answer to Question: Provide a comprehensive health insurance coverage plan for each and every one of its residents. In addition, community base wellness centers should be established and their main focus must be prevention of disease and injury through health education.

Website: <http://electguydewis.com>

Republican

WILLIAM KENNEDY

No Response Received

PA House District 180

Democrat

JONATHAN RAMOS

No Response Received

ANGEL CRUZ

No Response Received

Republican

No Candidate

PA House District 181

Democrat

W. CURTIS THOMAS

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 04/11/1948

Education: Edison High School – High School Diploma; Temple University – BS in Secondary Education; Antioch School of Law – Juris Doctorate

Occupation: State Representative For 181st District Legislative District

Qualifications: Chief Executive Officer of East Poplar NAC; Chair of the North Philadelphia Branch of

the Consumers Education & Protection Association; Executive Board Member, National Council of State Legislators (NCSL); Vice Chair, NCSL Standing Curte on Commerce, Financial Service & Technology

Answer to Question: Dedicate Tobacco Settlement, increase cigarette taxes and a portion of MCARE surplus funding for PA ABC's (universal health care for 18-64 yr olds) and cover all kids.

Website:

www.curtisthomas4change.com

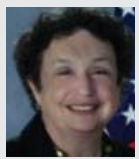
Republican

No Candidate

PA House District 182

Democrats

BABETTE JOSEPHS
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 08/04/40

Education: Queens College (B.A.) 1962; Rutgers-Camden School of Law (J.D.) 1976

Occupation: State Representative, General

Assembly, PA legislature; Chair, State Government Committee

Qualifications: Executive Director of Citizens Coalition for Energy Efficiency 1980 – 1981; Co-founder and Executive Director National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League PA and its foundation, the Clara Bell Duvall Education Fund 1978 -1980; Private law practice 1977-1979; English Teacher in the Philadelphia Public High Schools 1963-1964

Answer to the Question: Babette supports the Pennsylvania ABC (Access to Basic Care) plan that will provide 270,000 uninsured working Pennsylvanians with basic health care and affordable health insurance to 80,000 Pennsylvanians who are on the Basic waiting list; provide \$42 million in grants to small businesses that provide health coverage to employees; help doctors pay malpractice insurance premiums; and lower uncompensated care costs for hospitals. Babette looks forward to covering all Pennsylvanians with single payer health plan in the future.

Website: www.reelectbabette.org

PEGGY BANASZEK
Philadelphia



Date of Birth:
11/02/1972

Education: 1994, Mount Holyoke College, B.A.; 2006, University of Pennsylvania, M.G.A.

Occupation: Project Manager responsible for plan and budget development, team management, and goal achievement.

Qualifications: Local organizer and volunteer on public safety and public education issues

Answer to Question: I support universal single-payer health insurance because my years of experience in the health insurance industry have taught me that it is the most efficient way to cover the most Pennsylvanians. The current patchwork of health insurance programs demonstrate the need for universal coverage and are more expensive than mandatory single-payer. I plan to sign onto H.B. 1660 as a State Representative.

Website: www.votepeggy.com

ROBERT J. GORMLEY, JR.
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 01/14/1974

Education: 1992, Saint John Neumann H.S, Philadelphia, Pa.; 2001, IBEW Local #98 Apprenticeship Program, Philadelphia, Pa

Occupation: Journeyman Electrician

Qualifications: 12 Years as Board member of Grays Ferry Community Council, 8 years as acting President of GFCC, over 12 years as a Democratic Committeeperson 36th ward, Member of Sunoco South Philadelphia CAP, Member of Grays Ferry / Point Breeze Task force, Member of St. Gabriel Pastoral Council, Examining Board Member of IBEW local Union #98, Board member of the William Barrett Nabuurs Senior Center, Chairman of the GFCC youth program.

Answer to Question: I am a strong believer that all Americans deserve adequate health insurance. As a State Legislator I would proudly support the Family and Business Health Care Security act - HB 1660. This bill would establish a single-payer system, which would provide all Pennsylvanians with unlimited, comprehensive health care insurance. With over 47 million Americans (767,000 Pennsylvanians) without health care coverage, we as Americans and neighbors are failing to help our low and middle income families. We as leaders must make a difference and offer health coverage to all Pennsylvanians, by any means necessary.

Website:

www.friendsofbobgormley.com

Republican

WALLY ZIMOLONG
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 07/21/1977

Education:

1999, Villanova University, B.A., Political Science; 2002, Villanova University School of Law, J.D.

Occupation: Attorney, Jacoby Donner, P.C.

Qualifications: Member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bar; Board of Directors, Blue White Scholarship Foundation; Member, Union League of Philadelphia; Executive Committee, Philadelphia Bar Association, Real Property Section

Answer to Question: The role of government is not to “ensure” that every Pennsylvanian has health insurance coverage. The role of government should only be to make health insurance available to every Pennsylvanian. First, those that can afford insurance do not need the State’s help and should continue to pay for it on their own. Second, those in certain income brackets should be eligible for state assistance with their premiums. Third, those in certain income levels should be provided with insurance free of charge.

Website: www.wallyzimolong.com

PA House District 184

Democrats

CHRISTIAN A. DiCICCO
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 01/23/1973

Education: 1995, Cal. State (LA), B.A.; 1999, Widener Law School, J.D.

Occupation: Executive Director, Citizens’ Alliance for Better Neighborhoods (on leave for campaign)

Qualifications: SEPTA Board member, 7 years; Executive Director, Citizens’ Alliance for Better Neighborhoods, 1.5 years; Chairman, East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, 3 years; Commissioner (Alternate), Delaware River Port Authority, 3 years; Deputy Counsel, Democratic State Senate Appropriations Committee, 4 years

Answer to Question: While I support universal healthcare, I believe the first step in achieving it is to expand care to the disadvantaged and the working poor. We must make it affordable for small businesses to provide insurance for their employees, force large and medium-sized

firms like Wal-Mart to provide insurance options and reduce costs by promoting wellness and providing appropriate care at the patient's first visit.

Website: www.christiandicicco.com

WILLIAM KELLER

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 01/19/1951
Education: LaSalle, BS 1972

Occupation: State Representative

Qualifications: 15 years in the Legislature. Instrumental in securing a "Strategic Military Port" designation for the Port of Philadelphia – creating hundreds of new jobs and potential for thousands more. Led investigation into school violence that resulted in stricter discipline and quicker removal of violent students from local public schools.

Answer to Question: The Legislature should move quickly to enact compromise health care coverage legislation that insures quality health care coverage for all Pennsylvanians. I support a combined initiative that includes both Gov. Ed Rendell's "Cover All" Pennsylvanians health care initiative and the House Democratic Caucus's initiative to cover some 300,000 uninsured Pennsylvanians. I will continue to support Pennsylvania's Children Health Insurance Program that covers over 150,000 uninsured children.

Website: None Provided

Republican

ANTHONY BIONDO

No Response Received

PA House District 185

Democrat

ROBERT C. DONATUCCI

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 1952

Education: Bishop Neumann H.S. 1970; Temple University (B.A.) pol.sci 1974

Occupation: Member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Representatives

Qualifications: Adm. Asst to the dir of Section 8, Phila Housing Authority.,1974-80 Dem Committeeman 26th Ward, 15th Div.,

Answer to Question: I believe that every American should have health care coverage but it must be done in an affordable and obtainable manner. Both Democratic Presidential candidates have

my support in their individual health care proposals. Each candidates plan would provide the uninsured access to affordable health care coverage.

Website: None Provided

Republican

KAMALAH K. BROWN

No Response Received

PA House District 186

Democrats

KENYATTA JOHNSON

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 10/30/1973

Education: Mansfield University, B.A.1996 Criminal Justice;

University of Penn Fels Institute of Government, M.G.A., 2001- Masters of Government Administration; Harvard Business School, Certificate-Non-Profit Leadership & Board Management 2006

Occupation: Full time Candidate-Community Activist

Qualifications: (5) years Public Safety Liaison- State Senator Anthony H. Williams, Founder Peace not Guns

Answer to Question: Supporter of CAP (Cover All Pennsylvanians) Program. The Plan ensures that all Pennsylvanians program. The Plan ensures that all Pennsylvanians have health insurance provides incentives for healthcare providers to improve quality services to its patients. The CAP Plan is a component of Governor Ed Rendell's Prescription for Pennsylvania Health Care Reform Plan

Website: www.KenyattaJohnson.com

HAROLD JAMES

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 08/07/1942

Education: 1978 Temple University BA sociology, 1978 Philadelphia PA.

Occupation: State Representative

Qualifications: State Representative of the 186th for over 20 years.

Answer to Question: I have endorsed and am a co-sponsor for cover all Pennsylvanians. This is legislation currently in the House to provide health care coverage to all Pennsylvanians.

Website: www.voteharoldjames.com

PA House District 188

Democrat

JAMES R. ROEBUCK

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 02/12/1945

Education: Graduate Philadelphia public schools, Central High School 1963; Virginia Union University, B.A. with honors, 1966;

University of Virginia, M.A., 1969, Ph.D. 1977

Occupation: Representative in the General Assembly

Qualifications: I have served in the General Assembly since 1985 and I am currently Chairman of the Education Committee. In my neighborhood I am actively involved in numerous civic and community organization.

Answer to Question: I believe we should build upon existing state programs like CHIP and Adult Basic to insre that all Pennsylvanians will have access to health care.

Website: None Provided

Republican

No Candidate

PA House District 190

Democrat

VANESSA L. BROWN

Philadelphia



Date of Birth: None Provided

Education: Philadelphia High School for Girls; Attended Howard University, Temple University, Currently

enrolled at CCP.

Occupation: Community activist and student

Qualifications: Coordinated, planned and implemented several community projects in West Philadelphia. Advocated on policy issues in Harrisburg and Washington. Built relationships between neighborhood residents with government agencies and community partners

Answer to Question: I am one of almost 800,000 Pennsylvanians that do not have health insurance. This is unacceptable. I support Governor Rendell's plan which has the most traction and is a viable strategy to get

coverage for those without access to our health care system. It is my understanding that many allies in the struggle for health care for all embrace Single Payer as a solution. I will work with other lawmakers to explore all available options.

Website: None Provided

THOMAS W. BLACKWELL
No Response Received

Republican

RAHIM FOREMAN
No Response Received

PA House District 191

Democrat

RONALD G. WATERS
No Response Received

Republican

No candidate

PA House District 192

Democrat

LOUISE WILLIAMS BISHOP
No Response Received

Republican

No candidate

PA House District 194

Democrat

KATHY MANDERINO
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 10/28/1958
Education: Penn State University, B.S., Public Service, 1980; Temple Law School, J.D., 1989
Occupation: Legislator
Qualifications: 16 years

as State Rep. Serve on Appropriations, Judiciary, Insurance, Health and Human Services, and Urban Affairs Committees. Sub-Comm Chair for Appropriations Health and Human Services and Judiciary Family Law. Board Member: The Bridge, The Food Trust, Northwest Victims Services, The Pennsylvania Bar Association. Prior careers in law and economic development.

Answer to Question: Access to quality and affordable health care coverage is a right, not a privilege and government has an obligation to make sure that this most basic need of its citizens is met. I supported Pennsylvania's Cover All Kids

and Adult Basic plans, and I support the Governor's current proposal to expand Adult Basic to cover more of the uninsured. I also am an advocate for single payer universal health care plan and have introduced HB 1660 to provide a state plan for all Pennsylvanians.

Website: None Provided

Republican

THOMAS C. ROLLAND
No Response Received

PA House District 195

Democrat

FRANK L. OLIVER, SR.
No Response Received

Republican

W. JAMES KERNAGHAN
Philadelphia

Date of Birth: 09/11/1969

Education: Drexel University, Finance, Philadelphia, Pa.

Occupation: Self Employed Consultant Wireless Telecommunications Industry

Qualifications: My formal education and work experience in finance combined with three years in law enforcement has provided me with a varied background, which I believe prepares me for being a State Representative; Own and operate a wireless telecommunication consulting company for 8 years; 8 years of experience in project management, strong interpersonal and communication skills; managed projects from development to deployment combined with profit and loss accountable; law enforcement background providing a strong understanding of public safety and the reforms that are necessary; the vision and determination to meet the challenges that will be placed in front of me.

Answer to Question: I think the State of Pennsylvania and its General Assembly are taking steps in the right direction by introducing Senate Bill No. 300, the Family and Business Health Care Security Act "Single Payer Health Care". This proposed plan could cover all Pennsylvania's by either being the primary plan for those without coverage or the secondary or supplemental plan for those with existing benefit coverage. This plan could reduce or eliminate most of the soft cost, administrative and marketing, associated with running a health care plan thus providing a reallocation of these funds toward

services by improving the overall quality of the health care being offered. In the meantime we should make every effort to make certain that everyone eligible for the existing government health plans is enrolled and taking advantage of these plans, Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare and the State's Children's Health Insurance Program. We need to increase the accessibility and participation levels in these programs so that legislatures know that these programs are vital and that adequate and proper funding is made available and then we need to make sure that these programs are running efficiently and cost effectively. We need to remove the bureaucracy cost of these programs so the intended purpose of providing care to those that do not have or can not afford health insurance can be provided with quality medical care.

Website:

www.kernaghan2008.com

PA House District 197

Democrat

JEWELL WILLIAMS
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 09/08/1957

Education: Graduated Dobbins High School; Graduated Philadelphia Police Academy and completed the Urban

Policy Program at Holy Family College; Received Associate's Degree in Business from Berean Institute

Occupation: PA State Representative

Qualifications: Long-time community activist, 8 years as PA State Representative, Chair of the Philadelphia Delegation, Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, Chairman of the sub-committee on cities of a first-class of the Urban Affairs Committee, Secretary of the Policy Committee, Ward Leader of the 16th Democratic Ward Committee

Answer to Question: Every Pennsylvanian ought to have health insurance coverage made available through the state and federal government support. A collaborative effort should be pursued and government should be aggressive in its funding and implementation of healthcare for all Pennsylvanians. Preventative healthcare outreach and education is key and will ultimately become a plus to the overall good health of our Commonwealth.

Website: None provided

Republican

No candidate

PA House District 198

Democrats

ROSITA C. YOUNGBLOOD
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 12/20/46
Education: B.A.
Antioch University
Occupation: PA State
Representative, 198th
District

Qualifications: PA
State Representative of

the 198th District since 1994. President of the National Foundation for Women Legislators. Philadelphia County Democratic Executive Committee, block captain, issue advocate for safety, mass transit, health care, domestic violence and other children and family issues.

Answer to Question: Depending on which numbers you believe, hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians have no health insurance. And many others are underinsured. Despite our best efforts, even thousands of our children have no health. This is a crisis! I support Governor Rendell's Cover All Pennsylvanians Proposal. It will go a long way in providing quality health insurance to our residents. But, even the Governor's program will not solve the problem. The health insurance crisis must be addressed at the federal level and we need national health insurance covering all Americans.

Website: None Provided

BYRON DAVIS
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 02/22/1965
Education: 1991, Loyola
University, BA History;
1995, Temple University, MA
History

Occupation: Educator/Advisor

Qualifications: This is my first foray into politics. However, I believe my experience as a teacher of US History and activism in my community, gives me a unique perspective on the position that I believe will serve the citizens of my district well.

Answer to Question: I believe the state government should fund a comprehensive coverage plan that citizens, regardless of age, income, or gender have coverage. The state should also subsidize small business owners to insure that they are able to provide coverage to their employees at affordable rates.

Website: www.Davisforstaterep.com

PA House District 200

Democrat

CHERELLE L. PARKER
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 09/09
Education: B.S.
English Education,
Lincoln University,
Oxford, PA (1994);
Certification, Teacher
of English New
Jersey Department

of Education (1994); Certificate of Completion, Law Education & Teaching Project, Temple University (1989)

Occupation: State Representative -
200th Legislative District

Qualifications: Representative Parker began to pursue her passion for public service at the tender age of 17. She became a volunteer for the Friends of the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation (OARC), a Community Development Corporation that spurred the revitalization of the West Oak Lane Community in which she was reared. Furthermore, Representative Parker also served for 15 years as a senior staffer for Philadelphia City Councilwoman Marian Tasco of the Ninth Councilmanic District. In this capacity, she oversaw the implementation of all economic and community development projects in the Ninth Councilmanic District and assisted with the development of local legislative initiatives. She is most noted for her role in the development of the toughest Anti-Predatory Lending Legislation in the nation and for overseeing the development of the \$5.5M state of the art Dorothy Emanuel Recreation Center in Northwest Philadelphia.

Answer to Question: Presently, hundreds of thousands of children and adults are without health insurance in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The state provides coverage through adultBasic and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) which have made an impact; however, the supply has not met the demand. The State must allocate enough funds to: expand the budget for adultBasic and CHIP and create and subsidize lowcost plans for small businesses.

Website: None Provided

Republican

No candidate

PA House District 201

Democrat

JOHN MYERS
No Response Received

Republican

JOSEPH J. MESSA
Philadelphia

Date of Birth: 10/12/1924

Education: Temple University, 1950;
LaSalle High School, 1943; Retired
from US Coast Guard WWII Europe &
South Atlantic

Occupation: Real Estate and Insurance
Business since 1946; also, attorney at
law

Qualifications: 32 years right of way
agent PenDot, retired legal department
and road agent Dist. 6

Answer to Question: Include under
the wageearner's wages social security
payments to the government for the job
holders insurance

Website: None Provided

PA House District 202

Democrat

MARK B. COHEN
Philadelphia



Date of Birth:
06/04/1949

Education: 2000,
M.B.A., Lebanon Valley
College; 1993. J.D.
Widener University
School of Law; 1970,
B.A. (Political Science),

University of Pennsylvania

Occupation: State Legislator and
Democratic Caucus Chairman

Qualifications: 34 years as a state
legislator; 18 years as an elected
legislative leader; 7 years as Chair of
House Labor Relations Committee.

Answer to Question: The federal
government should work to eliminate
unnecessary paperwork by expanding
eligibility for existing programs such as
CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare, and Social
Security. The federal government
should also work to rationalize the
cumbersome senior citizens
prescription plan, and make it more
similar to Pennsylvania's precedent-
setting PACE program. Single payer
health insurance is a worthy goal if
it can be achieved without ending

or dramatically reducing employer responsibility to contribute to employee health care.

Website: None Provided

Republican

No Candidates

PA House District 203

Democrat

DWIGHT EVANS
Philadelphia



Date of Birth: 05/16/1954

Education: LaSalle University, 1975

Occupation: State Representative

Qualifications: PA House of Representatives, State Representative, 28 Years;

Democratic Appropriations Committee, 19 Years

Answer to Question: I support Pennsylvania Access to Basic Care (Senate Bill 1137). This bill represents another step to improve Pennsylvanians' quality of life. The program will immediately cover the working adults currently on the adult Basic waiting list. By providing access to care for more uninsured Pennsylvanians, PA ABC will lower health-care costs for all residents because it reduces the number of people forced to use the ER as a primary care physician, which exacerbates uncompensated care costs.

Website: None Provided

Republican

No Candidates

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CHARTER CHANGE QUESTION #1 (BILL No. 080006)

Shall the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to separate and further define the function of the City Representative and the Commerce Department?

Plain English Statement

Currently, the Home Rule Charter provides that the duties of the City Representative and the Director of Commerce are to be performed by the same person, appointed by the Mayor. The Charter separately defines the functions of each of these offices. The proposed amendment would enhance and further separate the functions of the Office of the City Representative from the Department of Commerce, including permitting appointment of two different individuals to head the separate agencies. The amendment would expand the functions of the City Representative with respect to marketing and promoting the image of the City; producing and participating in ceremonial and special events; and acting on the Mayor's behalf for ceremonies and public appearances. The amendment would also modernize the Charter's description of the duty of the Commerce Department with respect to promoting economic development activity, developing opportunities for business growth, and increasing the use of the City's workforce.

CHARTER CHANGE QUESTION #2 (BILL No. 080008)

In order to provide the Mayor with flexibility to enhance government operations, shall the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to allow for additional management-level deputies, exempt from civil service, in City departments?

Plain English Statement

Currently, the Home Rule Charter limits most departments in the City to two management-level deputies exempt from civil service. All other employees of these departments must be in the civil service. Under civil service rules, all appointments must be based on the results of competitive examinations, and management-level appointments must be made by promotion up through the civil service ranks. This proposed amendment would increase the number of management-level deputies who are exempt from civil service from two to a maximum of ten. This will provide department heads with the flexibility to hire their own management teams. The amendment would place two limitations on this increase. First, the City's Administrative Board must approve any department's request for any exemption beyond two. Secondly, no more than four of the exempt deputies in each department can live outside of the City at the time they are hired (and these four, like all employees exempt from civil service, must move into the City within six months of their hire).

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