

League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund

Nonpartisan Voters Guide

General Election, November 2, 2010

This Voters Guide may be taken into the voting booth. You may vote as long as you are in line by 8 P.M.

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

Contact your County Board of Elections or call the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Information Center which also provides election information. CALL TOLL FREE: 1-800-564-6598, or visit our web site at www.palwv.org. Election information absentee ballot applications and other forms are available to be downloaded at www.votespa.com

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE LEAGUE

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. The League is nonpartisan: it does not support or oppose any political parties or candidates. Nothing in this guide should be construed as an endorsement of any candidate by the League of Women Voters.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are persons with disabilities, are ill, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications are available at most public libraries and can be downloaded at www.votespa.com or you may call your County Board of Elections Completed APPLICATIONS for absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections by 5 P.M., Tuesday, October 26, 2010. Completed absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, October 29, 2010. 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 29, 2010. For information on how to vote if an emergency occurs after this deadline call your County Board of Elections or visit www.votespa.com

VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need assistance in voting or have questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place, consult your County Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN VOTING

Information for writing in the name of a person who is not on the ballot (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

All voters who appear at a polling place for the first time must show proof of identification. Approved forms of photo identification include: Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card; ID issued by any Commonwealth agency; ID issued by the U.S. Government; U.S. passport; U.S. Armed Forces ID; Student ID; Employee ID. If you do not have a photo ID, you can use a non-photo identification that includes your name and address. Approved forms of non-photo identification include: Confirmation issued by the County Voter Registration Office; Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth; Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. Government; Firearm permit; Current utility bill; Current bank statement; Current paycheck; government check. If you do not bring your ID on Election Day, vote with a [provisional ballot](#). Don't leave without voting!

ON-LINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Voters Guide and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Homepage: www.palwv.org.

CERTIFICATION NOTE

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.

UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Vote for one)

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote of both houses is required to pass a law. The Senate, made up of two members from each of the 50 states, also has the power to approve treaties and confirm presidential appointments. Terms are staggered, with one-third of the membership up for election every two years.

TERM: 6 years

SALARY: \$174,000

Question: "In this time of high unemployment, what are the most important things that should be done to improve our nation's economy?"

DEMOCRATIC



JOE SESTAK
Newtown Square

Web site: <http://www.ioesestak.com>

D.O.B.: 12.2.1954

EDUCATION: Cardinal O'Hara H.S. 1970; U.S. Naval Academy, B.S. 1974; Harvard University, M.A., 1980; Harvard University, Ph.D., 1984

OCCUPATION: Member of Congress (PA 7th District)

QUALIFICATIONS: Member of Congress first elected in 2006 after completing a 31-year military career in the U.S. Navy and having risen to the rank of 3-star Admiral.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: To strengthen our economy, we need to create jobs by investing in small businesses. That is why I have called for enhanced SBA lending and tax relief for small firms. My JOBS Act would provide a hiring tax credit to small businesses that hire new workers, helping to create 5 million jobs in the next 2 years. We know that small businesses have led economic expansions and we must now put that knowledge to work.

REPUBLICAN



PAT TOOMEY
Zionsville

Web site: www.ToomeyForSenate.com

D.O.B.: 11.17.1961

EDUCATION: B.A., Political Philosophy, Harvard University, 1984

OCCUPATION: Small businessman

QUALIFICATIONS: Representative, U.S. House of Representatives, 1998-2004; Candidate U.S. Senate, Pennsylvania, 2004; President, Club for Growth, 2005-2009

ANSWER TO QUESTION: All across the Commonwealth, hard-working Pennsylvanians are struggling to make ends meet and provide for their families. But the approach taken by politicians in Washington is not working. Instead, the government should be making it less expensive and easier for businesses to hire people. It can do this by cutting taxes and reducing excessive regulation. In the Senate, I will fight for lower taxes that are integral to our economic freedom and the economic prosperity this country deserves.

GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

(Vote for one)

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Governor, as the chief executive officer of the Commonwealth, administers the laws and manages the financial affairs of the state, has extensive appointive powers, and may approve or veto every bill passed by both houses of the General Assembly. The Governor may serve only two terms in succession.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$174,194

Question: To protect the public interest in the reliable delivery of essential Government services what steps will you take to advocate and implement a timely, efficient, and effective budget process and one that doesn't rely on balancing the bottom line with short-sighted policy decisions?

DEMOCRATIC



DAN ONORATO
Pittsburgh

Web site: <http://www.voteonorato.com>

D.O.B.: 2.05.1961

EDUCATION: Undergraduate degree, Penn State University, 1983 (B.S. Accounting); Law degree, University of Pittsburgh Law School, 1989

OCCUPATION: Chief Executive of Allegheny Co.

QUALIFICATIONS: Professional background as accountant and lawyer; member, Pittsburgh City Council (1992-2000), Allegheny County Controller 2000-2004; Allegheny County Executive (2004-present).

ANSWER TO QUESTION: We are facing a state budget crisis and we need a Governor who can make the state live within its means – just like I've done in Allegheny County, where I'm on my seventh budget in a row without ever raising property taxes. I'll clean up Harrisburg so that the state puts taxpayers first. I'm the only candidate who has experience reforming government and helping to turn around the economy.

REPUBLICAN



TOM CORBETT
Shaler

Web site: team@tomcorbettforgovernor.com

D.O.B.: 6.19.1949

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

OCCUPATION: Attorney General of PA

QUALIFICATIONS: Assistant D.A., Allegheny Co.; Captain, National Guard, 28th Infantry Division; Teacher, Pine Grove Area H.S.; Assistant U.S. Attorney, WDPA; U.S. Attorney, WDPA; Chairman, PCCD; Corporate Counsel

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Ensuring job growth will be my top priority. Pennsylvania's economy cannot be

expected to recover until fiscal discipline is restored to our budget process. For years, Pennsylvania's budget has served Harrisburg insiders rather than the taxpayers. Our chronically late budget is the result of the current administration using the budget to drive out-of-control spending. Under my administration, every expenditure will be scrutinized to ensure that it serves an important public policy goal with measureable results.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(Vote for one)

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Lt. Governor will be elected jointly with the Governor in the General Election. Candidates are nominated separately in the Primary. The Lt. Governor is President of the Senate, but has no vote except in case of a tie. In case of death, conviction or impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation, or other disability of the Governor, the powers, duties and salaries of the office are assumed by the Lt. Governor for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed.

TERM: 4 years

SALARY: \$146,926

Question: To protect the public interest in the reliable delivery of essential Government services what steps will you take to advocate and implement a timely, efficient, and effective budget process and one that doesn't rely on balancing the bottom line with short-sighted policy decisions?

DEMOCRATIC



SCOTT CONKLIN
Philipsburg

Web Site: <http://www.Scottconklin.com>

D.O.B.: 19.07.1958

EDUCATION: Trade School degree in carpentry

OCCUPATION: State Representative, business owner.

QUALIFICATIONS: Lt. Governor duties: Oversee the Senate, Pardon Board and PEMA. I am the only candidate with legislative experience. As a former commissioner I oversaw our corrections department and worked closely with our emergency management team. I am ready to serve on day one.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: As Lt. Governor I hope to use my legislative experience to foster a dialogue with the administration and the two branches in the assembly. Together we need to tailor a plan that places our essential services on solid footing. I can be that bridge and reach out to all sides. The people expect us to cut waste, but at the same time use our funding wisely. We need to work together as servant leaders.

REPUBLICAN



JIM CAWLEY
Langhorne

Web site: www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com

D.O.B.: 6.22.1969

EDUCATION: 1991, Temple University, B.A.; 1994, Temple University, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Bucks Co. Commissioner; Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Bucks Co. Commissioner, 2005-Present; Chief of Staff, PA State Senate, 1994-2005; Bristol School Board, 1994-1995

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Having worked to develop Bucks County's approximately \$500 million budget, I understand the need for balanced, efficient and transparent budget processes. Working with my running-mate, Attorney General Tom Corbett, I will combine my first-hand experience in cutting budgets—our 2010 budget is lower than our 2008 budget—with the same common sense that small businesses use to create their budgets: live within your means, set priorities, cut out waste and improve efficiency.