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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA CITIZEN EDUCATION FUND NONPARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE 2018 Primary Election May 15, 2018

Polls open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

This Voters Guide may be taken into the voting booth.

FOR ELECTION INFORMATION

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

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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The candidates listed are those whose names appear on the ballot as of April 18, 2018. They are listed according to their party and then alphabetically.

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ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. **Completed applications for civilian absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections by 5 P.M., Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Completed civilian absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, May 11, 2018.** 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, May 11, 2018.** Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN VOTING

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

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

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

If you have any questions or need to report any problems, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance in English or Spanish or 1-888-API-VOTE for assistance in Asian languages

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS

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

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

ON-LINE VOTERS GUIDE

The Vote411 Online Voters Guide is available at www.vote411.org. Links to this guide as well as links to Vote411 and other useful information for voters can be found on the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania homepage: www.palwv.org.

US Senator

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

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

Salary: \$174,000

Term: 6 years

Candidates (choose 1):

Bob Casey, Jr.

Party: Dem

Biographical Info:

Municipality: SCRANTON

County: LACKAWANNA

Candidate did not provide information.

Lou Barletta

Party: Rep



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County: LUZERNE

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Education: Attended Bloomsburg State College (Bloomsburg University) where I majored in elementary education.

Qualifications: As a former small business owner, mayor of Hazleton, and member of Congress, I have a strong record of standing up and fighting for people in my community.

Questions:

Q: *What are your top three priorities in office?*

A: My top three priorities are keeping Pennsylvania's families safe, protecting Pennsylvania jobs, and standing up for the men and women who serve our communities. More than anything, people want someone willing to fight for them, when no one else will. That's what I have always done, and that's why I'm running for the U.S. Senate.

Q: *If elected, what will you do to ensure that the voting rights of all Americans are protected and that our elections are accessible and secure from internal and external threats?*

A: Congress has a constitutional duty to preserve the integrity of our democracy and ensure that our elections are both free and fair. As a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to make sure our voting systems are secure. I recently voted for increased funding for states to improve their election security, as well as increased funding to counter Russian cyber attacks. I

also spoke out against the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision to throw out Pennsylvania's bipartisan, constitutionally-drawn congressional map in the middle of the election, creating chaos and confusion among voters.

Q: *What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?*

A: The Census is important to provide legislators with accurate information to make informed policy decisions that are in the best interest of our country. I continue to support efforts to fund the Census and ensure that it accurately reflects our nation's demographics.

Jim Christiana

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: BRIGHTON

County: BEAVER

Candidate did not provide information.

Governor

The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides that "the supreme executive power shall be vested in the Governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed." In addition to serving as chief officer of the executive branch of state government, the Governor is Commander-in-Chief of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, except when they are called into the actual service of the United States.

Appointments – The Governor appoints the secretaries of departments and heads of other cabinet-level agencies, as well as members of state boards, commissions, and councils.

Budget – The Governor must annually present to the General Assembly a balanced operating budget and a capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year, as well as a financial plan for not less than the next five succeeding fiscal years.

Executive Department Management – The Governor approves the appointment and compensation of all deputies and employees in administrative departments and boards and commissions, as well as his own staff.

Legislation – The Governor delivers messages to the General Assembly and suggests measures that the Legislature may want to introduce in bill form.

Military – The Governor is the Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's military forces, except when they are called into the service of the United States.

Other Powers and Duties – The Governor can remit fines and forfeitures and grant reprieves. If the Board of Pardons has first held a public hearing and made a recommendation, the Governor can also commute sentences and pardon persons, except in cases of impeachment. The Governor certifies elections for Presidential Electors in the Electoral College and provides Congressional election returns to United States officials. He also issues commissions to persons for Judge of the Supreme Court or Superior Court and for every court of record.

Salary: \$194,850

Term: 4 years

Candidates (choose 1):

Tom Wolf

Party: Dem



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County: YORK

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Education: Dartmouth College (BA), the University of London (MA), and M.I.T. (PhD)

Qualifications: Business Owner, Secretary of Governor, Governor

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: Investing in our Kids and Schools: I have made clear my strong commitment to education in Pennsylvania by fully restoring education funding cuts made in the previous administration, providing unprecedented support to high-quality pre-k programs, and ensuring students are college and career ready by expanding opportunities for career and technical education. Grow Jobs and Support Workers: I have eliminated burdensome taxes on businesses like the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax and I am working to grow the economy by moving forward on large projects. I have and will continue to invest in manufacturing, apprenticeships, and workforce development initiatives. Protect Our Seniors and Access to Health Care: I took immediate action to provide health insurance to more than 720,000 Pennsylvanians by expanding Medicaid, and under my administration the commonwealth's uninsured rate is the lowest it has ever been. I have also increased opportunities for seniors to age in their homes.

Q: *Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?*

A: I have long supported a independent citizen's redistricting commission. We must eliminate partisan politics from the legislative redistricting process by enacting legislation to end gerrymandering by establishing an independent, bi-partisan commission to create future electoral maps. I also stood up to the House State Government Committee Republican majority's last-minute move to gut and replace House Bill 722, which was intended to create an independent redistricting commission, with a redistricting process that is more politically driven. To rebuild trust in Harrisburg, we must have fair and accessible elections for all citizens from our rural communities to our big cities.

Q: *Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?*

A: Yes, I have long advocated for voting modernization. Upon coming into office, I launched online voter registration and now more than a million Pennsylvanians have used it. I also launched a voter information texting initiative and a program to get high school seniors to register to vote. I also directed the Pennsylvania Department of State to require new voting machines to have a voter-verifiable paper ballot or paper record of votes cast. I recently launched a 21st century voting reform plan that includes same day voter registration, automatic voter registration, modernization of absentee ballots, campaign finance reform, and gerrymandering reform.

Laura Ellsworth

Party: Rep



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County: ALLEGHENY

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Education: University of Pittsburgh, J.D. magna cum laude 1983. Princeton University, B.A., 1980

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: Jobs/economic development; education/workforce; restoring financial integrity (e.g. No Budget No Pay; fiscal transparency)

Q: *Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?*

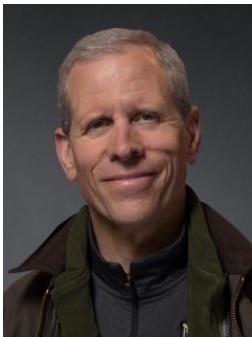
A: I have long supported the creation of a bipartisan citizen commission, because districts should be drawn to protect the value of citizens' votes, not the self-interest of politicians.

Q: *Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?*

A: I support the development of Cybersecurity standards; simplification of absentee/early voting; and updates of technology to enhance verification of results.

Paul Mango

Party: Rep



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County: ALLEGHENY

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Education: Distinguished Cadet, United States Military Academy, 1981; MBA, Harvard Business School, 1988

Qualifications: Served as a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division; Successfully built a \$500M global health care business during his nearly 30 year career at McKinsey and Company's Pittsburgh office; Supported numerous Veteran-related causes in the community

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: 1. Bringing our jobs and children back to Pennsylvania by prioritizing job growth in all regions in the state. This includes reducing our obscene business tax structure that kills jobs, empowering counties to eliminate school property taxes and alleviating Harrisburg's enormous regulatory burden and anti-business culture 2. Tackling the opioid epidemic more comprehensively by addressing the social and criminal aspects of the problem in addition to the criminal elements of the problem. I was the first candidate to call for a statewide emergency declaration nine months ago. We must go further to eliminate "diseases of despair" that lead to drug addiction 3. Reimagining our education system to prioritize two outcomes: are our children competitive in a global economy and are they good citizens? This involves eliminating Harrisburg mandates

and re-thinking standardized testing, bringing dignity back to the trades and vocational education, and tying programs to the needs of local employers

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: I support the model established in the state Constitution. Any proposed replacement process can be corrupted as easily as the existing process. Elections have consequences and I believe that the Constitution was quite clear on the process for drawing districts. I believe the Supreme Court overstepped its bounds by changing the congressional districts in this instance.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: Voting is an essential element of our American democracy, and I support efforts to increase accessibility and confidence in our elections. There have been several proposals in other states that we should adopt in Pennsylvania. I support early voting, either in person or via no-excuse absentee voting. I also support requesting absentee ballots online. Finally, I would also advocate for continued federal funding for replacing voting machines that are approaching the end of their useful lives based on funding from 15 years ago.

Scott R Wagner

Party: Rep



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County: YORK

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Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: Overhauling governmental impositions is a top priority. On day one, I will employ zero-based budgeting, introducing a transparent budget process that will make sense for taxpayers and investing in what works to end wasteful and ineffective spending. With over 153,000 regulations and a regulatory authority out of control, meaningful regulation reform must be implemented, such as my current proposal to count, cap, and reduce. Second, I have been all over Pennsylvania and I have heard my mission loud and clear, I will eliminate property taxes as Governor. Many of our children are receiving an outstanding education, but the reality is that too many students are graduating from high school without the necessary skills to be successful in college or the workforce. We must retool and redesign our education system to ensure today's students are adequately prepared to be tomorrow's adults. Without a major overhaul, we will continue to do a great disservice to our children and their educators.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision to overstep its bounds and override the legislature by drawing its own maps did a great disservice to the citizens of Pennsylvania. In light of this travesty, I would support an independent citizens redistricting commission to ensure that Pennsylvanians will have access to fair and equal elections when it comes time to work on maps after the 2020 census.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: Pennsylvania is among only 13 states that do not use paper ballots or have paper backup systems for electronic voting machines. I support the decision of the Department of State to require counties to replace their voting machines with systems that have paper trails. Pennsylvania has received \$13.5 million in federal funding and the state is also required to provide a 5% match to this money. Thus, Pennsylvania has \$14.15 million to help counties fund the purchase of these new voting machines. It is critical that state government make sure that counties have adequate funds available to ensure that they can meet their responsibility as it relates to voting systems.

Lieutenant Governor

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

Salary: \$163,700

Term: 4 years

Candidates (choose 1):

Nina Ahmad

Party: Dem



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County: PHILADELPHIA

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Education: PhD in Chemistry from University of Pennsylvania

Qualifications: Former Deputy Mayor of Public Engagement of the City of Philadelphia, Former President of National Organization for Women--Philadelphia Chapter, Member of President Obama's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: (1) Governor Wolf has already expanded access to healthcare, moving the needle from 14% of Pennsylvanians uninsured to 10%. I want to bring that number down to zero. I believe that healthcare is a fundamental human right. (2) I will make sure that every child, regardless of the zip code they live in, has access to quality public education. This can happen through increased funding and legislative accountability. (3) I will fight mass incarceration and work with the legislature to make clemency easier to achieve, as well as end the Board of Pardons' three-year backlog.

Q: *Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?*

A: Absolutely. Partisan legislators have long abused their redistricting power to silence poor and minority voters. Pennsylvania should form an independent redistricting commission that not only allows but encourages everyone to get involved, and most importantly, we need to actually approve and implement fair maps.

Q: *Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?*

A: There are so many things we can do as a state to increase voter turnout and ensure that every Pennsylvanian feels involved in the democratic process. I fully support no-excuse absentee voting, as well as online absentee voting applications. I also support early voting, same day voter registration, open primaries, and funding for voting technology upgrades. Additionally, I believe election day should be a state holiday, and would advocate for legislation prohibiting employers from punishing employees who leave work to vote. Voting is the most fundamental building block of democracy, and it must never be restricted.

Kathi Cozzone

Party: Dem



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Education: College of New Jersey - 1984

Qualifications: In addition to representing over 500,000 people as Chester County Commissioner for the past decade, I also I serve on two statewide advisory committees, and serve as First Vice President of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: My top three priorities are criminal justice reform, workforce development, and pipeline infrastructure and safety.

Q: *Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?*

A: Yes, the redistricting process should be a nonpartisan effort conducted by an independent commission.

Q: *Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?*

A: Early voting and same-day registration are important ways to increase voter turn out, and I support them, provided counties have a say in how these measures enacted, so the cost is not onerous to counties, and subsequently to property tax payers.

John Fetterman

Party: Dem



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County: ALLEGHENY

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JohnFettermanPA>

Education: Albright College 1991 Harvard University Masters in Public Policy 1999

Qualifications: Mayor of Braddock for 13 yrs - drastically reduced food and clothing insecurity - eliminated heat insecurity this year - successfully implemented community policing model Founder of Braddock Redux Director for Out-Of-School Youth Progra

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: I will be a progressive backstop for the Governor, advocate for economic justice and our forgotten communities in Pennsylvania, and utilize and transform the office of the Lt Governor to its fullest potential.

Q: *Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?*

A: Congressional and legislative districts should be drawn to ensure that candidates and elected officials are held accountable by voters. Boundaries should protect the interests of all voters and protect voting rights,

and should not show preference to one political affiliation. We recently had a huge win with redistricting in Pennsylvania. I would certainly support formalized citizen input for a more fair and unbiased redistricting process.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I support any reform that gets more people to turn out to vote, and makes voting easier. In addition to the above measures I think we should make Election Day a holiday and get more working people to the polls.

Ray Sosa

Party: Dem



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County: MONTGOMERY

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Education: BS in Bus. Administration. Marketing minor. Insurance lic. in Life, Accident, Health and Annuities.

Qualifications: Ray was appointed by three Governors providing legislative support and coordinating Emergency Management Response and was Chairman of the Governor's Human Rights Advocacy Committee for ten years.

Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: 1) Advocate for compulsory education for our prisoners and post prison opportunities. 2) Establish a permanent and reliable funding formula for our schools that protects our homeowners. Provide a safe environment for children in our schools. 3) Help for the farming community through fair taxation, infrastructure, broadband and subsidies to give our farmers the upper hand.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: I do support reforming our congressional and legislative process. It must have non partisan civilian oversight to make sure districts are drawn fairly.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I would support additional funding for voting technology upgrades. I would also support early voting and same day voting registration. I however consider no-excuse absentee voting risky and it exposes our system to fraud.

Mike Stack

Party: Dem



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County: PHILADELPHIA

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Education: LaSalle College HS LaSalle College Villanova University Law School

Qualifications: 14 years Senator from NE Philadelphia 3 years Lieutenant Governor

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: Reforming our criminal justice system to make the pardons process more accessible for lay people and to reignite the commutation process to end death by incarceration. Expanding the Lieutenant Governor's Veterans Task Force to include experts from all corners of the commonwealth and ensuring that every veteran in every county has access to a specialized Veterans Treatment Court. Ending partisan gerrymandering.

Q: *Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?*

A: Yes. I was a defendant in the League of Women Voters lawsuit, but I instructed my attorney not to seek removal from the case, but to help expose the secretive partisan process that produced the 2011 maps. At a fraction of the cost of the other defendants, we were successful in showing the court the partisan nature of the maps and producing our own map for the court's review. We must build in this success to reform the state legislative map-making process. It is highly suspicious that all statewide officeholders are Democrats but the Senate is two-thirds Republican. The current system is not working.

Q: *Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?*

A: I support all of these reforms as well as the Governor's mandate that any future voting machines have paper back-up.

Jeff Bartos

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP

County: MONTGOMERY

Candidate did not provide information

Kathy Coder

Party: Rep



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County: ALLEGHENY

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/kathycodervoiceforPA>

Education: MSOL Geneva College BA Communications/BS Business Edinboro University

Qualifications: For the last 18 years I have owned a business where I help organizations develop leaders, create change, and get results. I have been a local elected official for the last nine years where I have used good leadership practices to get results.

Questions:

Q: *What are your top 3 priorities in office?*

A: 1. Leadership- Based on my experience, I will implement good leadership practices to this office and work with the Governor to set a culture of cooperation and results. We need to bring alignment at the top through creating a clear mission, vision, and plan while setting goals and a budget to accomplish the vision. 2. Accountability-This office is loosely defined and highest paid in the Country. I believe the people of PA should be able to see what the Lt. Gov is accomplishing. I would create a clear set of goals and share them with the public to have transparency. 3. Attract new businesses and work with local governments. I would use my business development background to work with the Dept. of Economic Development to recruit new businesses to PA. Using my local government experience I would help create programs to align and help municipalities save money and use resources more effectively.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: Yes- I believe there needs to be accountability in place to make this a non-political process. A truly independent commission that would have nothing to gain from the process, but to look at the redistricting from a logical, unbiased, fresh perspective. The challenge would be the process of appointing these people to the commission. As we know from past practices, these commissions end up being highly political and appointed by politicians with much to lose or gain.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: I am in favor of looking at ways to modernize voting around better technology. I think our State would have to research the best technology and practices that are most secure and efficient. I'm not sure our current system is the most effective way to make voting accessible and accurate. Also, there needs to be better training for the judge of elections, local election boards, and election workers. I have seen many inconsistencies. I would like to study States who are currently using some of the other reforms to see if it's working and learn from their successes and mistakes. Without seeing how it is working it is hard for me to make a hard decision on early voting, same day registration, etc.

Peg Luksik

Party: Rep

Biographical Info:

Municipality: BROWNSTOWN

County: CAMBRIA

Candidate did not provide information

Diana Irey Vaughan

Party: Rep



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County: WASHINGTON

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Education: West Virginia Business College

Qualifications: Washington County Commissioner for 23 years, with a strong record of fiscal responsibility, and outcome-based requirements for all government programs. Washington County has low taxes, economic growth, a healthy pension fund and a AA S&P bond rating.

Questions:

Q: What are your top 3 priorities in office?

A: -Bringing our jobs and children back to Pennsylvania by increasing the economic fortunes for all people, in all regions in the state. This includes; creating a corporate tax structure that is encouraging, not discouraging, empowering counties to eliminate school property taxes and alleviating Harrisburg's enormous regulatory burden and anti-business culture. -Tackle the opioid epidemic by taking a comprehensive approach that acts swiftly and compassionately by going after suppliers of the drugs, improving treatment, and reinstating mandatory minimum sentences for dealers. -Criminal aliens are going unpunished by fleeing to sanctuary cities. One of my priorities will be to end sanctuary cities in Pennsylvania. If you commit a crime you should be punished, illegal aliens shouldn't be given special treatment by the law when legal citizens are not.

Q: Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?

A: I support the model established in the state constitution. Elections have consequences; however, I believe the Supreme Court overstepped its bounds by changing the congressional districts.

Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure?

A: Voting is an essential element of our American democracy. Some voting reforms and modernization proposals I support include: * Early Voting - 2 week period prior to Election Day ending the week before Election Day for voters who will be out of town on Election Day, or those just wishing to vote early. * No Excuse Absentee Voting - It would eliminate the requirement of voting in person on Election Day if your plans changed and it would eliminate sending voted absentee ballots to the polls for poll workers to 'void' if voter voted in person. Sending the voted absentee ballots to polls can result in lost ballots because of poll worker error. * Submit requests for Absentee Voting online via the votespa.com web site. I also support funding for upgraded voting machines that ensure the accuracy, security and reliable verification of votes cast.