



# Voters Guide

## GENERAL ELECTION

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You may take this publication into the voting booth with you.



### THE GENERAL ELECTION

This *Voters Guide* lists candidates whose names appear on the official ballot for Union County voters. Candidates are listed in ballot order with the party of the governor appearing first. This November, voters will elect a U.S. Senator, PA Governor/Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Representative in Congress, and Representatives in the PA General Assembly. The option to write in a candidate is available on the voting machine. There is a ballot question in East Buffalo township only. See page 7 for an explanation of the ballot question.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In this *Guide*, "No reply received" indicates that a candidate did not respond by September 14<sup>th</sup>. Candidates may post information on [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) closer to the election.

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### HOW TO RUN FOR OFFICE

A workshop for those who are thinking of running for public office now or in the future.

**DATE:** Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018

**TIME:** 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM

**PLACE:** Union County Government Center  
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### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

#### UNITED STATES SENATOR

**Description of office:** The U.S. Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of two Senators from each State (therefore, the Senate currently has 100 Members) and that a Senator must be at least 30 years of age, have been a citizen of the United States for nine years, and, when elected, be a resident of the State from which s/he 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 to or confirming appointments of Cabinet secretaries, other federal executive officials, ambassadors, and other federal uniformed officers; and conducting the trial of federal officials impeached by the House.

**Term:** 6 years  
**Salary:** \$174,000  
**Vote for ONE.**

**All candidates for United States Senator were asked:**

1. What are your top three priorities in office?
2. 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?
3. What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?

**Democratic**  
**BOB CASEY, JR.**

**Education:** Holy Cross, BA, 1982; Catholic Univ., Law Degree, 1988

**Occupation:** U.S. Senator

**Qualifications:** Auditor-General of PA, 1997-2005; Treasurer of PA, 2005-2007; U.S. Senator, 2007-Present

**Answer to question 1:** The top three issues I am focused on are increasing access to affordable health care, protecting the programs Pennsylvanians depend on, and helping working families get ahead. That means stopping the Trump administration's

sabotage of our health care system, defeating Republican attacks on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, and fighting to raise wages, protect the rights of organized labor, and eliminate the obstacles holding working families back.

**Answer to question 2:** The right to vote has been called our most precious right, and the "primary right by which all other rights are protected." I supported The Voting Rights Reconstruction Act of 2015, legislation which would restore the Voting Rights Act, and I oppose efforts to suppress voter turnout, and support measures to make voting easier for people. I oppose voter ID laws, and favor restoring voting rights to people after they have served their sentences. During the Kavanaugh confirmation fight, I have been working to make clear that I expect our next Supreme Court Justice to protect voting rights, and not dismantle the tools by which they are protected. No one should be stop eligible voters from casting their ballot. Earlier this year, I helped to secure \$13 million from the Election Assistance Commission to help secure Pennsylvania's election systems, and I am working in the Senate to appropriate more funds for election security.

**Answer to question 3:** I will fight to ensure that the census is fully funded and I oppose Trump Administration efforts to undercount people in marginalized communities. It is vital that the census is accurate so that Americans are fairly represented in Congress.

**Website:** [BobCasey.com](http://BobCasey.com)

**Republican**  
**LOU BARLETTA**



**Education:** Bloomsburg State College (Bloomsburg Univ.)/  
Elementary Education

**Occupation:** U.S. Congressman

**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.

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**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Answer to question 3:** 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.

**Website:** [www.LouBarletta.com](http://www.LouBarletta.com)

**Green  
NEAL GALE**



**Education:** Drexel Univ./Architecture

**Occupation:** Program Manager

**Qualifications:** For the past forty years I have worked in the energy

conservation and efficiency fields, currently managing a comprehensive, low-income energy affordability program in conjunction with the six investor-owned utilities, in New Jersey.

**Answer to question 1:** 1) Remove Corporate, PAC, lobbyist and other special interests' money from the political process, to end the influence of those groups on specific legislation and the buying of political favors. 2) Generate the political will at the federal level of government to implement a transition from our existing fossil fuel economy to a 100% renewable energy economy, acknowledging the existential threat that climate change represents. 3) Reform our

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of this  
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is available at  
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**THE VOTERS GUIDE**

The League of Women Voters publishes this *Guide* as a public educational service. All candidates were sent questionnaires by the League of Women Voters. Each candidate entered his/her own responses into *Vote 411*. Responses received by the deadline are reprinted as submitted by the candidates. Photos of candidates were requested and have been used whenever submitted. **Nothing in the Guide should be construed as an endorsement of any candidate by the League of Women Voters.**

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economic model to favor all of our citizens, not just the wealthiest 1%. This will include the re-regulation of the financial industries and the recognition that the economy should support a baseline standard of living, below which no one may be allowed to fall.

**Answer to question 2:** I will fight for legislation to make voter registration as accessible as possible for all citizens, reversing unwarranted restrictions on voters. I would like to see election day become a national holiday and I would support federal funding to provide election day transportation for those citizens who would otherwise be unable to reach their polling place. I will support fair districting practices throughout the country, beginning with Pennsylvania. I will also champion the cause of providing resources to bring the latest voting technology into our polling places, replacing the existing, digital screen machines with those that incorporate paper balloting. I will support legislation to demand intelligence resources be assigned to recognize and thwart any attempts to alter our electoral system, by any means, digital or otherwise.

**Answer to question 3:** I will review the proposed process to be used for the 2020 census, and introduce legislation that will ensure an accurate, unbiased count throughout the country. This will require a large number of well-trained census workers, canvassing urban areas, and rural districts, where citizens are less available to be counted, or are not comfortable responding to census forms. The entire process will need to be overseen by a competent supervisory team, knowledgeable in the significance and importance of accurate census data, eager to maintain accurate counts and records. I will also include in the legislation, a spending request so that all necessary resources will be adequately funded.

**Website:** [www.gale2018.com](http://www.gale2018.com)

**Libertarian**

**DALE R. KERNS, JR.**



**Education:** Widener Univ./Professional Studies, Project Management Sociology; Master Electrician by trade

**Occupation:** Project Manager

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**ELECTION RESULTS WEBSITE**

Unofficial election results will be posted on the Union County Website as soon as they become available on election night. After accessing the Union County Homepage at [www.unioncountypa.org](http://www.unioncountypa.org), click on "Election Results" in the Quick Links box. ★

**Qualifications:** Founder and President of the Little Angels Foundation; Cabot Creamery Community Celebrity winner for volunteerism; Over 7 years in the non-profit sector in a volunteer capacity; Recently appointed to the James A Masterston Foundation advisory board

**Answer to question 1:** 1) We must address the opioid epidemic and end the War on Drugs. When I get to the US Senate, I will sponsor legislation that will fundamentally change how we view drug problems and move our system to one similar to Portugal or Switzerland, where drug addiction is treated as a medical issue. 2) Education is one of the most important issues our nation and Commonwealth face. As a father to two daughters, I am not pleased with the options (or lack thereof) that most parents have. I will vote to abolish the federal Department of Education and return decisions to parents, students, and local communities. 3) Our immigration system is broken. It can take decades for individuals to immigrate to this country legally. We should welcome those who come to the United States to make a better life for their families. Our communities have been built on the hard work of immigrants. I will vote to abolish ICE and to reform our immigration system by making it easier for good people to legally immigrate.

**Answer to question 2:** I would work in the Senate to ensure that those who wish to vote can do so without any unnecessary hurdles. This would include rigid enforcement of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments and support of early voting and same-day voter registration, as well as opposition to any new voter ID laws. States maintain the right to conduct their elections as they please, but they must also abide by the aforementioned constitutional requirements, which were designed to protect the sanctity of the voting booth.

**Answer to question 3:** Like any other government agency, the census should be held to high standards and tight budget restraints. As a U.S. Senator, I will insist that all possible options are explored, and that only the best companies and individuals are selected to partake in the census. This would include a rigorous vetting and screening process. Competition and accountability will vastly improve the results which we receive.

**Website:** [dalekerns.com](http://dalekerns.com)



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**GOVERNOR AND  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

**GOVERNOR - Description of office:** The Governor is the chief executive officer of the Commonwealth, administers the laws and manages the financial affairs of the state, has extensive appointive powers, may approve or veto every bill passed by both houses of the General Assembly, and is Commander-in-Chief of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, except when they are called into the actual service of the United States. 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. 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 the United States officials. S/he also issues commissions to persons for Judge of the Supreme Court or Superior Court and for every court of record.

**Term:** Four years  
**Salary:** \$194,850

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - Description of office:** The Lieutenant Governor will be elected jointly with the Governor in the General Election although candidates are nominated separately in the Primary. The Lieutenant Governor is President of the Senate and Chair of the Board of Pardons. S/he presides over the Senate but has no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. The Constitution provides that s/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 is removed shall be transferred to the Lieutenant Governor.

**Term:** Four years  
**Salary:** \$163,672

**Vote for the candidates of ONE PARTY for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.**

**All candidates for Pennsylvania Governor and Lt. Governor were asked:**

1. What are your top three priorities in office?
2. Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?
3. 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?**

*Answers to questions from candidates for Governor are printed in this Guide. Please go to [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) to read answers provided by the candidates for Lieutenant Governor.*

**Democratic  
TOM WOLF**  
Governor



**Education:** Dartmouth College, BA; University of London, MA; M.I.T., PhD  
**Occupation:** Governor  
**Qualifications:** Business Owner; Secretary of Governor; Governor

**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.

**Answer to question 3:** 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.

**Website:** [wolfforpa.com](http://wolfforpa.com)

**Democratic  
JOHN FETTERMAN**  
Lieutenant Governor



**Education:** Albright College, 1991; Harvard Univ., Masters in Public Policy, 1999  
**Occupation:** Mayor of Braddock  
**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

**Website:** [www.johnfetterman.com](http://www.johnfetterman.com)

**Republican  
SCOTT R. WAGNER**  
Governor



**Education:** Not provided  
**Occupation:** Owner, Penn Waste  
**Qualifications:** Not provided  
**Answer to question 1:** 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.

**Answer to question 2:** 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.



If you found this *Voters Guide* informative and helpful, consider joining the League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area (LWVLA). All women and men who are 16 years of age or older are welcome to join. The LWVLA serves all of Union County. We have and welcome members from throughout the county. We need your help in encouraging voters' informed participation in government and getting information about elections and candidates to all parts of Union County.

The League of Women Voters is a trusted and nonpartisan organization; we do not endorse any candidates or political parties. We work to increase understanding of major policy issues, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy at the national, state, and local levels. In Union County we hold monthly forums open to the public on topics relevant to our communities, publish the *Voters Guide* and *Facts for Voters*, hold Candidates Nights, and more. Join us!



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**Governor/Lieutenant Governor, cont.**

**Answer to question 3:** 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.

**Website:** [wagnerforgov.com](http://wagnerforgov.com)

**Republican**  
**JEFF BARTOS**  
Lieutenant Governor  
No reply received

**Green**  
**PAUL GLOVER**  
Governor



**Education:** Degrees in Marketing and in City Management

**Occupation:** Consultant  
**Qualifications:** Taught Urban Studies at Temple Univ.; Taught Ecological Economics

at Philadelphia Univ.; Founder of more than a dozen organizations for ecology and justice; Author of six books on community economic development

**Answer to question 1:** 1) Shift the State budget toward ecology and justice. Aggressively fund energy efficiencies and expand tax credits for solar/wind/cogeneration, to reduce demand for fossil fuels and end fracking. Move money from prisons to jobs and schools, and from roadbuilding to transit. 2) Fully employ all Pennsylvanians to rebuild cities, suburbs and farms toward balance with nature, partly

with regional credits and regional stock exchanges, as described in my book Green Jobs Philly. I will establish the Green Labor Administration (GLAD) to employ 500,000 Pennsylvanians without raising taxes. The larger purpose is to begin the transition from the Middle Class to what i call the Mutual Class. 3) Permit formation of community-based medical cooperatives, to provide a genuinely nonprofit base for statewide universal health coverage that is affordable, democratic, and humane. This is how Canada's single payer system began.

**Answer to question 2:** Support independent drafting of legislative boundaries. Computer-generated drafts should inform the Commission. Meetings should be transparent, with public welcome.

**Answer to question 3:** Favor returning to paper ballots, permitting no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day registration. The Green Party has long advocated Instant Runoff Voting, also known as Ranked Choice Voting, to end the "spoiler" argument against minor parties.

**Website:** [www.paulglover.org/governor](http://www.paulglover.org/governor)

**Green**  
**JOCOLYN BOWSER-BOSTICK**  
Lieutenant Governor



**Education:** Temple Univ., BA/Biology

**Occupation:** pharmacy technician

**Qualifications:** I will excel as a Lt. Gov. because my scientific background and life

experiences have prepared me to be a critical thinker, a leader and adept at conducting comprehensive research and reading and intelligently analyzing large amounts of data.

**Website:** [facebook.com/green4justiceandtruth](https://www.facebook.com/green4justiceandtruth)



**Libertarian**  
**KEN V. KRAWCHUK**  
Governor



**Education:** St. Joseph's University, BS/Physics; Abington Citizens Police Academy

**Occupation:** Entrepreneur

**Qualifications:** Business Owner, Student of the

Pennsylvania Constitution, Distinguished Toastmaster, Inventor with 3 U.S. Patents, Author, Husband, Father, Grandfather, and a good sense of humor

**Answer to question 1:** The theme of the Krawchuk campaign is Death and Taxes. My goal is to reduce both dramatically. Under the two old parties, the cost of government has been rising on average at over 3 times the inflation rate for over 50 years. To end that trend, I promise to veto every tax increase, aggressively use the line item veto, eliminate property taxes and reduce the corporate tax. To reduce deaths, it's time to end the Opioid Crisis. Four out of five opioid deaths can be prevented by following Portugal's example and ending the insane War on Drugs.

Addiction should be treated as a medical issue, not a criminal one. To help save lives, the right to keep and bear arms should be strongly supported because gun control kills. John Lott, a researcher at the University of Chicago, found that if a woman resists an attacker, she's twice as likely to be seriously injured. But if she resists with a handgun, she's half as likely to be seriously injured. In other words, handguns are a girl's best friend.

**Answer to question 2:** I strongly support reforming our redistricting process. Look at any map of political districts and you can plainly see that the legislature has failed horribly in its constitutionally-mandated task to create "election districts of compact and contiguous territory". An independent redistricting commission would certainly be a step in the right direction, but there is a better, broader solution, not only to redistricting, but also to midnight pay raises, unfair

ballot access, illegal gun grabs, and more. That solution would be to re-establish the "Council of Censors" created by Benjamin Franklin. The Council was composed of two citizens from each city and county whose role was to "censure" the legislators by vetoing legislation that was not in keeping with the constitution, calling constitutional conventions, even ordering impeachments. The Council was eliminated a few short months after Franklin's death; it would honor Pennsylvania's most famous citizen if it were re-established.

**Answer to question 3:** There are two ways to subvert an election: Stop honest citizens from voting, and stop worthy candidates from running. To make certain voting is honest, I strongly support voter-verifiable ballots. The way they work, when you vote you get two printouts of your vote. One copy is yours to keep as a record, and the other is signed by the voter and kept by the state as the official record and to be used for recounts. The chances for hacking an election vanish. To encourage worthy candidates to run, ballot access for independents and third parties should be made equal to that of the two old parties, as mandated by the Pennsylvania Constitution, not two and a half to thirty-three times higher. For example, this year I needed 5,000 signatures to get my name on the ballot for governor. The statewide candidates from the two old parties only needed 1,000 or 2,000. Is that equal? Is that fair?

**Website:** [kenk4pa.com](http://kenk4pa.com)

**Libertarian**  
**KATHLEEN S. SMITH**  
Lieutenant Governor



**Education:** Duquesne Univ., B.S.Ed/ Elementary Education and Special Ed; Continuing ed from NEA, EPLC, PSBA

**Occupation:** retired business manager

**Qualifications:** Not provided

**Website:** [facebook.com/kathy4ltgov](https://www.facebook.com/kathy4ltgov)

**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (CONT.)**

**Editor's note:** For voters in Union County, the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District has become the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District following a Supreme Court ruling in March 2018. The new district adds part of Centre County and no longer includes a number of counties located in northeastern PA. The political party makeup of the district is expected to remain largely unchanged.

**REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS: 12<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**Description of office:** Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House

of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law.

**Term:** 2 years  
**Salary:** \$174,000  
**Vote for ONE.**

**All candidates for U.S. Representative were asked:**

- 1. What are your top three priorities in office?**
- 2. 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?**
- 3. What steps will you take to ensure that the upcoming census is fully funded, accurate, and avoids under-counting?**

**Democratic**  
**MARC FRIEDENBERG**



**Education:** Penn State, BS and Master's/ Information Sciences and Technology; Columbia Law School, JD

**Occupation:** Educator

**Qualifications:** I'm an educator specializing in cybersecurity law, Internet technology, and public policy. In 2017, I started an advocacy group to rally concerned citizens against ACA repeal. As a lawyer, I sued Wall Street banks for mortgage fraud post-crash.

**Answer to question 1:** 1) Jobs: My first priority is to improve the wages and working

conditions for people in PA-12. I will invest federal resources to get people back to work in good-paying jobs building up our rural broadband network and our clean energy infrastructure. I'll support our union workers and our farmers, and raise the minimum wage. 2) Healthcare: I believe that healthcare is a human right. I will push for a Medicare-for-All, single-payer health insurance system, so that everyone in PA-12 has the care they need. I'll invest federal funds into our rural community health centers and the fight against the opioid crisis. 3) Education: As an educator and the father of two young girls, I know that it's vitally important that we invest in our kids' education. I'll fight to protect our public schools and stand up for our teachers. I'll invest federal resources in our voc-tech, two-year, and four-year higher education

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systems, and work with the state legislature to help control the costs of college.

**Answer to question 2:** As a cybersecurity law expert, I understand fully the threats that currently face our elections process. Once elected, I am committed to applying my technical knowledge to shore up vulnerabilities in the information systems of our local, state, and federal governments, making sure that every vote is counted fairly and accurately. We also need to ensure that the essential Constitutional right to vote is protected for every American. The right to vote is currently under attack. Seventeen states introduced new restrictions on voting in the 2016 Presidential election. Partisan gerrymandering has made a mockery of the principle of "one person, one vote" in dozens of states. We need to pass federal legislative action, such as the Voting Rights Advancement Act, to reverse the damage and to restore our basic democratic ideals.

**Answer to question 3:** Citizens' advocacy groups have already raised the alarm that the 2020 Census is under-funded by close to a billion dollars. This deliberate sabotage of the Census, combined with a new set of blatantly politicized questions, are likely to result in a deliberately inaccurate count that under-reports low-income, rural, immigrant, and minority populations. The Census determines how \$800 billion in federal resources for schools, hospitals, and police departments gets allocated, and I won't sit by and let PA-12, which is mostly rural and where many people are struggling with poverty, get the

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Candidates may post additional information on Vote411 closer to the election.



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short end of the stick. We need immediate, substantial legislative action, conducted in the full view of the public and with input from independent experts, to guarantee that Census is fully funded, non-partisan, and accurate.

**Website:** [marcforpa.com](http://marcforpa.com)

### Republican TOM MARINO



**Education:**  
Williamsport Area Community College, 1983; Lycoming College, 1985; Dickinson School of Law, 1987

**Occupation:** Representative in US Congress

**Qualifications:** I served as Lycoming County District Attorney from 1992 to 2002 and then as United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania from 2002 to 2008. I was first elected to represent the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in 2010.

**Answer to question 1:** 1) Our country must continue to flourish. That's why I supported President Trump's Tax Cut and Jobs Act. The legislation lowers the tax rate and has created thousands of jobs. I will continue to support President Trump and legislation that will bolster our economy and provide relief to our middle-class families. 2) We must protect our country. I support increased security at our southern boarder which includes a wall, fencing, surveillance technology, and more

funding for ICE. I also support legislation to end sanctuary city policies and stop illegal immigration. 3) I believe our conservative values need to be protected. I support the Second Amendment and I believe our government should never restrict our right to bear arms. I also oppose abortion and will continue to fight for the unborn.

**Answer to question 2:** I believe the right to vote is the most basic civil right and every eligible voter must be able to vote. Voter fraud must be taken seriously and I will work to reduce the number of occurrences. I believe we should require voter ID to ensure our elections are secure and valid.

**Answer to question 3:** The purpose of the census is to gather as much information as possible regarding the makeup of our country. The federal government has robust privacy protections in place that should mitigate any reluctance participants may have. Participants should feel confident knowing the information they provide for the census is secure and protected. In order for members of Congress to accurately and fairly represent their constituents, as much data as possible should be made available.

**Website:** [www.tommarinoforcongress.com](http://www.tommarinoforcongress.com)

**REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

In Pennsylvania, the legislative branch of government is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house and the General Assembly is the lower house. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law.

**Term:** Two years  
**Salary:** \$87,180  
**Vote for ONE.**

*All candidates for State Representative were asked:*

1. What are your top three priorities in office?
2. Do you support reforming our congressional and legislative redistricting process to implement an independent citizen's redistricting commission? Why or why not?
3. 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?
4. Do you envision a way to leverage natural gas development in Pennsylvania in a manner that brings about the renewable energy economy that is our nation's future? If so, when and how do we proceed?

**REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 84<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

Includes Gregg and White Deer townships in Union County and part of Lycoming County

**Democratic**  
**LINDA KAY SOSNIAK**



**Education:** AS/Accounting; AS/Business Management; BS/Business Management; Graduate Advanced Leadership Bolger

**Occupation:** Retired

Postmaster

**Qualifications:** 28 yrs. public service US Postal Service; Elected Pres PA NAPUS; Elected National-Secretary-Treasurer National Assoc Postmasters United States; Picture Rocks Boro Council; Dem Committee person Picture Rocks; Vice-Pres Women Dems Lycoming County

**Answer to question 1:** The budget process in Harrisburg has become too much of a circus. People want a no-nonsense budget that uses honest accounting to achieve its goals. I will support passing a severance tax and will work on legislation to help landowners get timely royalty payments. Payments they expect for the use of their land. I will support conservation legislation that protects our air quality, our waterways, and land. I want to work on strengthening public education and in particular, strong vocational programing that links graduating seniors and young

adults directly to gaining work experience. I believe we can reduce some of the state tax burden on residents and small businesses by eliminating tax loopholes for large corporations. I don't think Pennsylvania has done enough to help our rural areas attract companies who are part of the growing small and midsized tech economies. We've been overlooked. I think the 84<sup>th</sup> is a prime location for new companies involved in clean technology.

**Answer to question 2:** Yes I support an independent Citizen's group to do the redistricting. This would ensure that a group comprised of nonpoliticians will work in an open and transparent manner to draw the new maps. It would eliminate voters' political affiliations and past election results in the development of the new maps. The extreme partisan gerrymandering has created has created deep political divisions in our state and the country. When whichever party is in power they draw the maps to their advantage which makes compromise hard to achieve. The elected officials will be more willing to reach across the aisle and work for the people if they know their position depends on it.

**Answer to question 3:** I would support voting modernization reforms including no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, and voting technology upgrades. All of these improvements would make it easier for more citizens to vote and participate in the process. Peoples lives are busy and complicated allowing them options and more opportunities should increase voter participation. he technology upgrades will make our voting system more secure from potential hacks from other countries.

**Answer to question 4:** The use of natural gas is expected to rise due to the world's population and increased usage. Pennsylvania must ensure that proper protections are in place to protect the environment this would include making sure that the DEP is properly staffed to ensure proper permits are issued and to inspect drilling sites. If the waste fluids from the wells are not properly disposed of Pennsylvania will increase the amount of tremors and possible earthquakes. We must take action to promote a greater use of renewable energy resources, such as geothermal energy or nuclear power, We should offer incentives for company to be established in Pennsylvania to produce windmills and solar energy products. So going forward we need ensure that proper regulation is in place to protect our environment. We need to encourage and give incentives to individuals and businesses that use renewable energy. We need to attract renewable energy business to start operation in Pennsylvania.

**Website:** [lscampaign.com](http://lscampaign.com)

**Republican**  
**GARTH EVERETT**

**Education:** PSU, BS/Business; Dickinson/PSU, JD

**Occupation:** State Representative

**Qualifications:** Current member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

**Answer to question 1:** 1) High Quality Education; 2) High Quality Health Care; 3) High Quality Jobs

**Answer to question 2:** Yes.

**Answer to question 3:** Enhanced absentee voting and technology upgrades.

**Answer to question 4:** I support market based technology advances rather than government intervention in the market economy. Government should encourage all forms of energy development by providing a level playing field and a modest and reasonable regulatory environment.

**REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 85<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

Includes all of Union County EXCEPT White Deer and Gregg townships and part of Snyder County

**Democratic**  
**JENNIFER R. RAGER-KAY**



**Education:** West Virginia Univ., BS; Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, DO

**Occupation:** Physician-Otolaryngologist

**Qualifications:**

I was born and raised in rural western Pennsylvania, a coal miner's daughter and grand daughter, and youngest of three girls, all first generation college graduates. I am a wife and a surgeon, but my greatest accomplishment is being a mother.

**Answer to question 1:** 1) An Economy That Works for Everyone **JOBS:** Job growth through public-private investment in infrastructure and new sectors like renewable energy and robotic manufacturing.

**FAIR PAY:** Increases in the minimum wage so it is a living wage. No one who works hard should be poor. **NO CORPORATE WELFARE:** Penalties on corporations whose full-time employees qualify for public aid like food, housing, and health care

**LOCAL GROWTH:** More support for small businesses, local banks, and encouraging local economies. **NATURAL RESOURCES AS BASIS:** Energy policy, wildlife conservation

2) Education-Knowledge is Power **FAIR FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS:** All children need the same opportunity to learn **LET TEACHERS TEACH:** Teachers are the most important part of a school above and beyond sports fields, computers, and metal detectors. 3) Health is a Right, Not a Luxury A healthy population is a win-win for all of us by working more and costing less. And, at the most basic,moral level, all people need access to quality care.

**Answer to question 2:** The redistricting process is flawed - a process driven by partisan politics, mapping technology, big data, and outside money. The result is gerrymandering: the practice of manipulating

voting districts to benefit parties, not people. Gerrymandered districts give voters less voice and less choice, and we get polarization instead of problem-solving in Harrisburg and Washington. I support an independent citizen's redistricting commission because it would ensure a capable and demographically representative commission, provide multiple safeguards for a fairer process, and reduce the major political parties' ability to manipulate district lines.

**Answer to question 3:** EXPAND VOTING: Voting should be as easy as possible. We can expand early voting. We can extend polling place hours. Absentee ballots can be easier to get. Democracy begins with the vote.

**PRIMARY REFORM:** Our system where only party members, like Republicans or Democrats, can vote in primaries excludes independents and others for no good reason. We can have non-partisan registration or open primaries to make sure EVERYONE has a real say. **ANYONE CAN RUN FOR OFFICE:** Most people who run for office have money or know people with lots of money. We can have a public financing system. If you are running, and your opponent uses donations, you receive the same amount from a public fund. That way, anyone can run and not just the few born with silver spoons.

**Answer to question 4:** When elected I will do everything within my power to pursue sustainable economic growth across our state. In particular my priority will be to bring back to Pennsylvania, and our district, good-paying jobs which can support families and our community. The future requires innovative, sustainable, responsible efforts by business people and entrepreneurs to work together with local, state, and federal officials. We need to make real public investments that can create new businesses and open up yet underappreciated sectors of our economy such as renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and high technology manufacturing. Our state is still resource rich. One of our greatest resources is willing and hardworking individuals who work for a wage every day. To move forward we must attract companies in a way that benefits Pennsylvanians, pays for our essential services, and creates profits for those investing in us.

**Website:** [drjennforpa85.com](http://drjennforpa85.com)

**Republican**  
**FRED KELLER**



**Education:** Shikellamy HS, 1984; Don Paul Shearer Real Estate School, 1995

**Occupation:** Legislator  
**Qualifications:** 25 yrs. Manufacturing Experience - Conestoga

Wood Specialties, worked my way up from laborer to Operations Manager; Small Business Owner - Property Management & Residential Construction; Township Auditor; State Representative 2011 to present

## SUPERVISOR REFERENDUM

### EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP ONLY

There will be one question on the ballot of voters in East Buffalo Township (EBT). The outcome will affect only EBT.

In PA, second-class townships, such as EBT, are governed by boards of either 3 or 5 supervisors. Section 402 of the Second-Class Township Code indicates board size can be expanded to 5 based on a referendum approved by residents. Following successful petitioning by at least 5% of registered voters, the following question will appear on the ballots of EBT residents:

**Question:** Should two additional supervisors be elected to serve in this Township?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

A "Yes" vote means that next year, EBT voters would elect 2 additional supervisors to serve in office. The 2 new supervisors would be chosen by the voters in 2019 via the primary and general elections. They would be seated in January of 2020 increasing the EBT board of supervisors from 3 to 5. The addition of 2 supervisors would not unseat any of the current 3 supervisors or alter the length of their term of office.

Proponents indicate EBT is one of the most populous and prosperous in this area. In 10 years, the budget has grown from \$2.6 million to \$4.1 million, and the number of regional boards on which supervisors serve has grown from 1 to 4. Supervisors also administer land development, zoning, and building code ordinances. Though the job is part-time, demands are substantial; 15 townships in surrounding counties have already expanded to 5 supervisors.

A "No" vote means that EBT would continue with a board of 3 supervisors, and the question of increasing board size to 5 could not be placed on the ballot again for 3 years.

Opponents indicate the current EBT board structure and current supervisors have met governing needs and responsibilities while avoiding tax increases for the past several years. Adding supervisors would create a larger, more costly local government. Of the 1,454 PA second-class townships, 82% have chosen a 3-member board. The remaining 18% with a 5-member board, on average, have substantially higher populations, larger budgets, and are in more urbanized areas.

**Answer to question 1:** 1) Continue working with people, municipalities and counties on the priorities they identify can be most beneficial for our communities 2) Fiscal Discipline in Harrisburg to insure that existing revenue is spent responsibly. This would be accomplished employing the practice of zero based budgeting as is done by businesses that operate throughout our Commonwealth. 3) Making State Government user friendly to its customers, the taxpayers. It is unacceptable that applications for necessary documents, birth certificates and other state agency approvals for permits, can take up to several months or years. This can be done by introducing the principles of lean operations to the bureaucracy that has consumed State Government.

**Answer to question 2:** Redistricting is the drawing of political boundaries making it inherently political. Creating an "independent commission" comprised of voters belonging to political parties won't make the process less political. Much like has happened with the Supreme Court's process, the party making the appointments to the commission will control the bias of the commission. One could actually argue that since this commission wouldn't be answerable to the voters it becomes a political bureaucracy with even less accountability to the will of the people. The 2011 Congressional Map created by Senate Bill 1249 of 2011 and overturned by the PA Supreme Court, even with a Republican majority, needed bipartisan support in the State House to become law, an important fact ignored by special interest groups funding the initiative to change the process. Any discussion of change must include great caution in an effort to keep from making the process worse than

some already consider it to be.

**Answer to question 3:** Voting is an important right that should be exercised freely by every individual legally eligible to vote. Regarding reforming the election process, Election Day is Election Day for a reason and if individuals are not able to make it to the polls on that day Pennsylvania already provides a sufficient process for qualified voters to exercise their Constitutional right to vote. Additional funding for voting technology upgrades should always be considered to protect the integrity of our elections.

**Answer to question 4:** Pennsylvania's impact fee, the only one in the nation, enacted in 2012 and is charged on natural gas extracted and used to address local impacts across the Commonwealth as well as support conservation districts, environmental grants and reclamation activities. This impact fee is comparable to the severance tax promoted by Gov. Wolf with the exception that the proposed severance tax be directed to the state's general fund to maintain unrelated state bureaucracies. Our impact fee is charged on companies in addition to the taxes they pay just like every other business in Pennsylvania. As for other renewable energies, supporting research and the development of new technologies is one thing, but State Government should not be in the business of taking money from one enterprise and using it to artificially support another. Taking money from the natural gas industry to fund other energy businesses would be the equivalent of taxing the fast food industry to subsidize grocery stores.

**Website:** [votefredkeller.com](http://votefredkeller.com)



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# VOTING INFORMATION

# POLLING PLACES

*Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.*

## MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE TO VOTE

If you moved or can't remember where you vote, call the [Union County Elections and Voter Registration Office](http://www.unioncountypa.gov) at 570-524-8681 to make sure you go to the right polling place. This information is also on your Voter Registration card.

## ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE IN VOTING

Any voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should contact the Union County Elections and Voter Registration Office. Any voter who has a disability that requires assistance in voting or using a voting machine may complete a declaration at the polling place and receive assistance.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. **COMPLETED CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS** for absentee ballots must be received by the Union County Elections Office: Union County Government Center, 155 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837, by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **COMPLETED CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOTS** must be received back at the Union County Elections Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline and before the 5:00 p.m. deadline on Friday, you may obtain an emergency application from the Elections Office.

## 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 will telephone the County Elections Office. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not, you must be given the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot. If it is determined that you are eligible to vote, your vote will be counted. Poll workers are there to help you, show you how to work the machines, and assist with any other questions.

*If you registered to vote while applying for or renewing a PA driver's license and you have received a Voter Registration Card, you are eligible to vote in this election.*

BUFFALO 1	Buffalo Township Municipal Bldg., 2115 Strickler Rd., Mifflinburg
BUFFALO 2	Buffalo Valley United Methodist Church, 954 Johnson Mill Rd., Lewisburg
E. BUFFALO 1	East Buffalo Township Municipal Bldg., 589 Fairground Rd., Lewisburg
E. BUFFALO 2	Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg
E. BUFFALO 3	Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School, 2057 Washington Ave., Lewisburg
E. BUFFALO 4	Weis Center, Bucknell University, 525 Weis Drive, Lewisburg
W. BUFFALO	West Buffalo Township Bldg., 577 Johnstown Rd., Mifflinburg
GREGG	Warrior Run Fire Dept. Social Hall, 196 White Deer Ave., Allenwood
HARTLETON	Union Church, 115 Catherine St., Hartleton
<b>POLLING PLACE CHANGE</b>	
<b>HARTLEY</b>	Hartley Township Municipal Bldg., 1845 State Rt. 235, Laurelton
KELLY 1	Kelly Township Bldg., 551 Zeigler Rd., Lewisburg
KELLY 2	United in Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Rd., West Milton
LEWIS	Township Bldg. (on the Village Green), 116 Maple St., Millmont
LEWISBURG 1	Senior Center, 116 N. 2nd St., Lewisburg
LEWISBURG 2	Union County Court House (Lobby), 103 S. 2nd St., Lewisburg
LEWISBURG 3	Larison Hall, Bucknell University, 521 St. George St., Lewisburg
LEWISBURG 4	St. Johns United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Rd., Lewisburg
LIMESTONE	Limestone Township Municipal Bldg., 3840 Wildwood Rd., Mifflinburg
MIFFLINBURG EAST	Mifflinburg High School, 75 Market St., Mifflinburg
MIFFLINBURG WEST	First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Market St., Mifflinburg
NEW BERLIN	Community Center, 318 Vine St., New Berlin
UNION/UNION-INDEPENDENT	Union Township Fire Company, 40 Municipal Ln., Winfield
WHITE DEER 1	White Deer Municipal Bldg., 2191 Creek Rd., New Columbia
WHITE DEER 2	New Columbia Civic Center, 224 3rd St., New Columbia
WHITE DEER 3	Community Park Bldg., 992 White Deer Pike, White Deer
WHITE DEER 4	St. Johns UCC Social Hall, 214 Tabernacle Road, New Columbia

## FIRST-TIME VOTERS AT A PRECINCT

### HAVE ID AND PROOF OF ADDRESS WITH YOU!

Voters appearing at a precinct for the first time must show identification (ID). If you registered by mail, the first time you vote you must bring a photo ID or other ID that shows your name and address. Sample valid forms of ID include: a valid PA driver's license or PennDOT ID card, any other photo ID issued by a U.S. or PA government agency, a Voter Registration ID card, a valid U.S. Passport, student ID card, etc. If you do not have one of these forms of ID, call the Union County Elections and Voter Registration Office at 570-524-8681 to get a list of additional, acceptable forms of ID.

## FACTS FOR VOTERS 2018

Find the League's useful legislative directory, *Facts for Voters*, online at:

[lwvlewisburgarea.org/files/Facts2018.pdf](http://lwvlewisburgarea.org/files/Facts2018.pdf)

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