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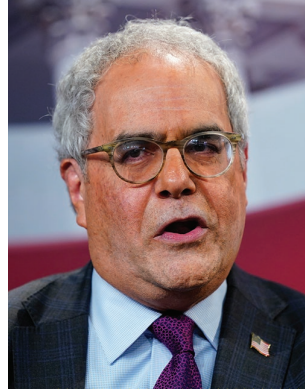
JAKE CORMAN

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 57
HOME: Bellefonte, Centre County
EXPERIENCE: Elected to Pennsylvania Senate in 1998. Serves 34th District. Succeeded father, Doyle Corman. Now in sixth term. President Pro Tempore since 2020. Senate Majority Leader, 2015-2020.
COMMITTEE: Corman for Governor total funds available, \$2,652,051.41; contributions, \$589,627.08; expenditures, \$2,381,205.23; ending cash balance, \$270,846.18*



JOE GALE

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 33
HOME: Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County
EXPERIENCE: Elected Montgomery County Commissioner in 2015. Served with former commissioner and current gubernatorial candidate, Josh Shapiro, and current commissioner and one-time U.S. Senate candidate, Dr. Valerie Arkoosh. Now serving second term. Finance background, worked in mortgage division of home builder.
COMMITTEE: Joe Gale for Pennsylvania total funds available, \$61,647.48; contributions, \$58,495.85; expenditures, \$28,514.67; ending cash balance, \$33,132.81*



CHARLIE GEROW

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 66
HOME: Hampden Township, Cumberland County
EXPERIENCE: CEO of communications/marketing firm Quantum Communications, vice chair of Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) and American Conservative Union, political strategist, Republican National Committee delegate. Born in Brazil, adopted and raised in Pennsylvania. Began career on campaign staff of former President Ronald Reagan. Hasn't held elected office.
COMMITTEE: Charlie for Governor total funds available, \$300,966.71; contributions, \$46,907; expenditures, \$121,924.01; ending cash balance, \$179,072.70*



MELISSA HART

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 60
HOME: Bradford Woods, Allegheny County
EXPERIENCE: Attorney, political consultant. Elected at age 28 to Pennsylvania Senate, 1991-2000, 40th District. Served three terms in U.S. Congress, 2001-07, 4th District. First Republican woman to represent Pennsylvania in Congress. Helped facilitate Senate confirmation of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts in 2005.
COMMITTEE: Hart for Pennsylvania total funds available, \$37,060; contributions, \$34,310; expenditures, \$29,860; ending cash balance, \$7,200*



NCHE ZAMA

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 65
HOME: Wind Gap, Northampton County
EXPERIENCE: Retired cardiothoracic surgeon, philanthropist. Native of Cameroon. Immigrated to U.S. at age 14. Held leadership positions at ESSA Heart and Vascular Institute in East Stroudsburg, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at Jefferson Aria Health in Philadelphia, Guthrie Clinic in Sayre. Former staff surgeon at Susquehanna Health Systems in Williamsport and York Hospital in York.
COMMITTEE: Zama for PA total funds available, \$163,566.13; contributions, \$29,111; expenditures, \$43,361.45; ending cash balance, \$120,204.68**



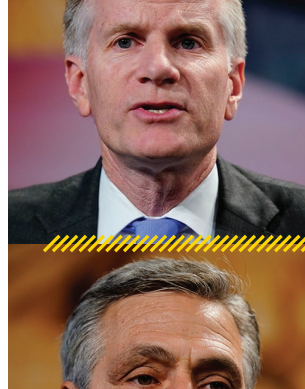
DOUG MASTRIANO

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 58
HOME: Bradford Woods, Allegheny County
EXPERIENCE: Won special election to Pennsylvania Senate, 33rd District, in 2019. Re-elected in 2020, serving first full term. Ran for Congress in 2018. Retired U.S. Army colonel and combat veteran. Lead planner for operation to invade Iraq from Turkey. Three deployments to Afghanistan. Was outside U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.
COMMITTEE: Friends of Doug Mastriano total funds available, \$1,283,214.78; contributions, \$191,845.14; expenditures, \$490,723.86; ending cash balance, \$792,490.92**



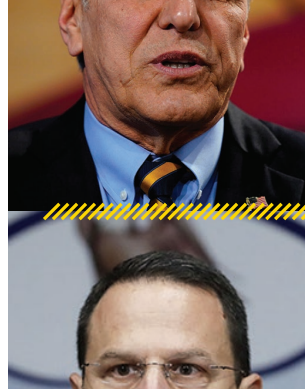
DAVE WHITE

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 60
HOME: Secane, Delaware County
EXPERIENCE: Plumbing and HVAC business owner, former union pipefitter. Served 18 years as Ridley Township commissioner, six years as Delaware County council member. Dedicated room at Pennsylvania Veterans Museum for supporting organization. Father of adult son with special needs.
COMMITTEE: Friends of David White total funds available, \$2,569,903.92; contributions, \$2,398,595.83; expenditures, \$2,287,849.80; ending cash balance, \$282,054.12**



BILL McSWAIN

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 53
HOME: West Chester, Chester County
EXPERIENCE: Attorney. Former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Appointed in 2018, resigned in 2021. Served with the U.S. Marine Corps.
COMMITTEE: McSwain for Pennsylvania total funds available, \$2,246,027.32; contributions, \$1,433,188.05; expenditures, \$546,942.70; ending cash balance, \$1,699,534.62*



LOU BARLETTA

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 66
HOME: Hazleton, Luzerne County
EXPERIENCE: Hazleton mayor, 2000-10. U.S. Congressman, 11th District, 2011-19. U.S. Senate candidate, 2018. Member of Donald Trump's presidential transition team. Started own pavement marking business at age 28. Chaired Pennsylvania delegation to the 2020 Republican National Convention.
COMMITTEE: Lou Barletta for Governor total funds available, \$674,114.47; contributions, \$430,745.48; expenditures, \$317,822.52; ending cash balance, \$356,291.95*



JOSH SHAPIRO

PARTY: Democrat **AGE:** 48
HOME: Jenkintown, Montgomery County
EXPERIENCE: Elected Pennsylvania Attorney General in 2016, now in second term. Won election in 2011 to Montgomery County Commissioners; re-elected, 2015. Elected to Pennsylvania House in 2002, 153rd District, and served four terms. Led grand jury investigation into Catholic Church sexual abuse scandal. Worked to negotiate settlements with prescription opioid manufacturers.
COMMITTEE: Josh Shapiro for Pennsylvania total funds available, \$17,946,288.94; contributions, \$4,529,178.86; expenditures, \$1,939,946.51; ending cash balance, \$16,006,342.43*

MANY OPTIONS, FEW POLICY DIFFERENCES AMONG GOP GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

BY ERIC SCICCHITANO
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HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Democrats have a single choice for governor listed on the ballot in the May 17 primary election.

Republicans, well, they have options.

At stake is each party's respective nomination to compete in the general election on Nov. 8 and replace the term-limited Democratic governor now in office, Tom Wolf.

So, how different are the nine candidates vying for an opportunity to face the impending Democratic nominee, Attorney General Josh Shapiro?

From a policy perspective, there's little that separates one from another.

All nine are united in wanting to abolish no-excuse, mail-in voting and institute voter identification requirements at the polls, as stated at election forums and debates in the run-up to the election. All raise concerns about election integrity.

They express support for increasing the production of natural gas, building out a network of pipelines.

They agree on instituting school choice, eliminating mask mandates, barring the tenets of Critical Race Theory from inclusion in public school curricula, and preventing transgender women from competing in publicly funded women's sports.

A CLOSER LOOK

So, in what ways do they differ? Abortion is one area. All are anti-abortion. All support restricting access beyond the terms of current state law. There are differences to what degree, however.

Mastriano proposed a bill this legislative session that would effectively ban abortion at six weeks. Described as a fetal heartbeat bill, it's the type of proposal Gerow said he'd sign into law. Corman said he supports further restrictions with exceptions for situations when the mother's life is in jeopardy or the pregnancy was due to incest or rape.

Zama and Gale each support total bans on abortion. While in Congress, Barletta voted to ban most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. He also voted to ban federal payments to Planned Parenthood.

There are differences, too, in how the Republican challengers would use approximately \$2.2 billion in federal COVID-19 relief funding.

Wolf proposed a multi-faceted plan to spend \$1.7 billion, but Republican leadership expressed reservations over potential deficit implications.

At the April 19 debate, Gerow suggested one-time state income tax credits for taxpayers or, in the alternative, investments in road and bridge repairs while temporarily offsetting the state's gas tax. Hart, too, proposed highway infrastructure investments.

At the debate, Corman shared an interest in temporary gas tax relief

and also workforce investments at nursing homes. Zama proffered broadband infrastructure investments and relief for mothers struggling with poverty as a result of the pandemic.

Gale said the funding is wasteful spending by the Biden Administration and should be returned to Washington.

NO VOTES BY MAIL

On election code changes, all said they'd support the repeal of Act 77 of 2019 which introduced no-excuse, mail-in voting beginning with the 2020 election cycle.

The bill was carried into law on the strength of the Republican vote. Just two Republican House members voted against the proposal. All Republican senators voted in favor, including Corman and Mastriano.

The heel turn has ridden on criticisms of the Wolf Administration's implementation and state Supreme Court decisions that allowed mail votes to be received three days after polls closed and established drop boxes.

The candidates all cast varied doubts on election system integrity in light of the 2020 presidential race — one rife with accusations but little in the way of supporting evidence of rampant voter fraud.

Gale slammed Corman and Mastriano for voting in favor of the bill. Of the latter, Gale called him a "total fraud." Gerow and McSwain both suggested reforms to return confidence to voters also doubtful of the system.

Mastriano said at the Pennsylvania Leadership Conference that Harrisburg politics stymied a forensic election audit that "should have been done by now." He's still interested in a coordinated look into how the election was run in Pennsylvania.

The state senator chartered buses to Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6, 2021, for a rally that preceded the riot at the U.S. Capitol. He's frequently supported President Donald Trump's claims of a stolen election.

In supporting school choice, candidates including Gerow, Mastriano and Hart all suggested tax reform that would move away from local property taxes to a state tax program to fund public education.

Barletta took the 1776 Pledge to Save Our Schools, born from a presidential commission begun by President Trump and ended by President Joe Biden. In short, he says he won't permit "critical race theory" in school lesson plans. He and White both support public online postings of school curricula for parental review.

White and McSwain each pledged to challenge teachers' unions.

"I have pledged to never take a penny from the teachers' unions. When I'm the governor, the days of teachers' unions calling the shots are over," McSwain said at a conservative Pennsylvania Family Gubernatorial Forum on March 24.

SHAPIRO ALONE ON DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT FOR GOVERNOR

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HARRISBURG — The primary election approaches but with respect to Pennsylvania's gubernatorial race, Democrats can look toward the general election this fall.

Attorney General Josh Shapiro is alone on the Democratic primary ballot, making his party's nomination a foregone conclusion.

Shapiro entered April with \$16 million in campaign funds, affording him more than a head start for November. His total is four times greater than the entire Republican field.

Franklin & Marshall's April poll saw 61% of respondents rate him favorably. The far majority of remaining respondents, a combined 29%, were uncertain or had no opinion. Just 9% were unfavorable.

That's opposite the response for Republicans.

Sen. Doug Mastriano, for example, had a slim lead among Republican candidates in the same poll. His favorability rating was just 24%, however, only 8% viewed him unfavorably. That left 68% either undecided or without opinion.

The issues do little to separate the Republicans from one another. The contrasts are stark when compared to Shapiro.

Shapiro is a former state representative and also commissioner of Montgomery County. He's mid-

P.A. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

BRIAN SIMS

PARTY: Democrat **AGE:** 43
HOME: Philadelphia
EXPERIENCE: First elected to Pennsylvania House in 2012. Re-elected four times. Serves 182nd District. First openly gay member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Advocate for LGBTQ civil rights. Former policy attorney. Worked as staff counsel for Philadelphia Bar Association.

RAY SOSA

PARTY: Democrat **AGE:** 55
HOME: Wyncote, Montgomery Cty.
EXPERIENCE: Businessman who operates management consulting firm. Previous professional experience in banking. Appointed to task forces by three different Pennsylvania governors. Sought Democratic nomination for state House in 2020, lieutenant governor in 2018.

AUSTIN DAVIS

PARTY: Democrat **AGE:** 32
HOME: McKeesport, Allegheny Cty.
EXPERIENCE: State representative, 35th District. Won special election, 2018. Elected to two full terms since. On ballot this year for re-election to House, too. Endorsed for Lt. gov. by Democratic gubernatorial front-runner Josh Shapiro. Two-time delegate to Democratic National Conventions.

CLARICE SCHILLINGER

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 34
HOME: Horsham, Montgomery Cty.
EXPERIENCE: Founder, Keeping Kids in School PAC. Executive director, Back to School PA PAC. Former legislative aide. Inspired to run due to government's handling of school operations in pandemic. Organized movements to get candidates on local ballots for school boards.

TEDDY DANIELS

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 47
HOME: Lake Township, Wayne County
EXPERIENCE: U.S. Army combat veteran. Deployed to Afghanistan. Purple Heart recipient. Former police officer. Operated private security firm in legal marijuana industry. Endorsed for Lt. gov. by Republican gubernatorial candidate Doug Mastriano. Was outside U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

RICHARD SACCONI

PARTY: Republican
AGE: 64
HOME: Elizabeth Township, Allegheny Cty.
EXPERIENCE: State representative, 2011-2018. Narrowly lost to Democrat Conor Lamb in special election to Congress in 2018. Former college professor. Founder of Constitution and Godly Heritage Discovery Center. Served in the U.S. Air Force. Was outside U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

CARRIE DELROSSO

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 46
HOME: Oakmont, Allegheny County
EXPERIENCE: First-term state representative, 33rd District. Defeated former House minority leader. Not on ballot for re-election to state House. Former member, Oakmont Borough Council. Operates public affairs and marketing company.

RUSS DIAMOND

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 58
HOME: Anville Township, Lebanon Cty.
EXPERIENCE: State representative, 102nd District. Now in fourth term. On ballot this year for re-election to House, too. Challenged state's business shutdowns and school closures in pandemic. Initiated successful ballot amendment limiting governor's emergency powers.

JOHN BROWN

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 60
HOME: Bangor, Northampton Cty.
EXPERIENCE: Leadership consultant. Northampton County council member; former county executive. Former Bangor mayor. Sought Republican Party nomination in 2016 for auditor general.

CHRIS FRYE JR.

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 33
HOME: New Castle, Lawrence Cty.
EXPERIENCE: Mayor of New Castle. Won office in Democratic voting district. Borough's first Black mayor; also, youngest. Background in social work and community organizing.

JAMES E. JONES

PARTY: Republican
HOME: Hatboro, Montgomery Cty.
EXPERIENCE: Petroleum, crude oil consultant. Background in human resources. U.S. Navy veteran. Service included Vietnam and First Gulf War. Moved to Pennsylvania in 2000. Twice sought election to U.S. Congress.

JEFFREY COLEMAN

PARTY: Republican **AGE:** 46
HOME: Lemoyne, Cumberland Cty.
EXPERIENCE: Former state representative, 2001-2004. Won election twice to House in Democratic territory. Former council member, Apollo borough. Communications strategist. Wrote book on returning civility to politics.

*Campaign finance data as of 3/28/22
**Through 5/2/22