**2010 General Election Voters Guide—September 1, 2010**

**League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania**

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

**UNITED STATES SENATOR**

*(Vote for one)*

JOB DESCRIPTION:

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

**TERM: 6 years**

**SALARY: $174,000**

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

**DEMOCRATIC**

**JOE SESTAK**

**Newtown Square**

**Web site**: <http://www.joesestak.com>

D.O.B.: 12.2.1954

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

OCCUPATION: Member of Congress (PA 7th District)

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

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

**REPUBLICAN**

**PAT TOOMEY**

**Zionsville**

**Web site:** [www.ToomeyForSenate.com](http://www.ToomeyForSenate.com)

D.O.B.: 11.17.1961

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

OCCUPATION: Small businessman

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

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

**GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA**

*(Vote for one)*

**JOB DESCRIPTION:**

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

**Term: 4 years**

**Salary: $174,194**

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

**DEMOCRATIC**

**DAN ONORATO**

**Pittsburgh**

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

D.O.B.: 2.05.1961

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

OCCUPATION: Chief Executive of Allegheny Co.

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

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

**REPUBLICAN**

**TOM CORBETT**

**Shaler**

**Web site** [http://www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com](http://www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com/)

D.O.B.: 6.19.1949

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

OCCUPATION: Attorney General of PA

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Ensuring job growth will be my top priority. Pennsylvania’s economy cannot be expected to recover until fiscal discipline is restored to our budget process. For years, Pennsylvania’s budget has served Harrisburg insiders rather than the taxpayers. Our chronically late budget is the result of the current administration using the budget to drive out-of-control spending. Under my administration, every expenditure will be scrutinized to ensure that it serves an important public policy goal with measureable results.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

*(Vote for one)*

JOB DESCRIPTION:

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

**TERM: 4 years**

**SALARY: $146,926**

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

**DEMOCRATIC**

**SCOTT CONKLIN**

**Philipsburg**

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

D.O.B.: 19.07.1958

EDUCATION: Trade School degree in carpentry

OCCUPATION: State Representative, business owner.

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

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

**REPUBLICAN**

**JIM CAWLEY**

**Langhorne**

Web site:[www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com](http://www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com)

D.O.B.: 6.22.1969

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

OCCUPATION: Bucks Co. Commissioner; Attorney

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

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

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 **BUCKS COUNTY**

 **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Term: 2 years**

**Salary: $174,000**

**(Vote for 1)**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Membership in the U.S. House of Representatives is apportioned according to a state's population. U.S. Representatives must be at least 25 years old, U.S. citizens for at least seven years, and residents of the state from which they are elected.**

**All candidates were asked:**

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

**(Congressional District 8)**

**DEMOCRATIC**

**PATRICK J. MURPHY**
**Hometown:** Bristol
**DOB:** 10/19/73
**Education:** Bucks County Community College , King’s College, Widener University Law School

**Occupation:** Member of the U.S. Congress, representing the 8th Congressional district of Pennsylvania.

**Qualifications:** Before running for office, Murphy was a Captain in the 82nd Airborne, serving two deployments to Bosnia and to Iraq.

**Answer to question:** We need to invest in cutting-edge, innovative companies in fields like renewable energy and life sciences. Last week, 10 employees reported to work at a new green energy company in Bristol that I helped recruit, and they expect to hire another 15. These are the good high- paying jobs of the 21st century. I’m honored to have helped bring over 2,900 jobs to Southeastern Pennsylvania and will keep fighting to put our region back to work.

**REPUBLICAN**

**MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

**Hometown:** Levittown

**DOB:** 6/28/63

**Education:** B.A., St Thomas University (1985); J.D., Dickinson School of Law, Pennsylvania State University (1988)

**Occupation:** Attorney, Individual and Small Business Law

**Qualifications**: United States Congressman (2004-2006)

Bucks County Commissioner (1995-2004)

President, Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America (2000-2002); Eagle Scout (1979)

Vice Chairman, Lower Bucks Family YMCA

Board of Directors, Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce

**Answer to question:** We must decrease the tax burden on small businesses and free them to begin hiring and reinvesting again. To keep taxes low we need a smaller, more efficient federal government. Slashing federal spending, cutting taxes and unleashing the potential of American small businesses will put people back to work. More people in the work force, contributing, will allow us to begin paying down a national debt that threatens to cause detrimental harm to our nation

 **PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE**

**Term 4 years**

**Salary 78,314**

**(Vote for 1)**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

The General Assembly, the legislative branch of state government, is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote of both houses is necessary to pass a law. Every law concerning taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

**All candidates were asked:**

**What are the three most important issues facing the Pennsylvania General Assembly and how would you address them?**

**6th District**

**DEMOCRATIC**

**BRYAN ALLEN**

**Hometown:** Bensalem

**DOB:** 10/02/78

**Education:** B.A., Bloomsburg University,

**Occupation:** Legislative Aide

**Qualifications:** Both private and public sector background. Have worked extensively at the state and municipal level

**Answer to question:** I believe the most important issue facing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Bucks County in particular is the mounting pension crisis and school funding in general. The PA Assembly voted to give themselves a 50%  pension increase while slashing state funding for the school pension fund leaving local taxpayers to make up the difference.  I want to eliminate the local school tax and replace it with a funding formula that is fair for everyone**.**

**REPUBLICAN**

**ROBERT TOMMY TOMLINSON**

**(no response received)**

**10th District**

**DEMOCRATIC**

**CYNTHIA M. PHILO**

**Hometown:** Doylestown

**DOB:** 9-13-65

**Education:** Rutgers University, Business District Management; 2009 Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan; Juris Doctor; 1990, Millersville University; BA Political Science; 1987

**Occupation:** President, Old City District, Philadelphia, Doylestown Township Supervisor, Licensed Attorney

**Qualifications:** A decade-long record of job creation and business expansion combined with hands on municipal leadership, and public safety expertise**.**

**Answer to question:** Pennsylvania taxpayers face an impending pension crisis. It was created when the PA Assembly voted themselves a 50% increase in their own government pensions and lowered the vesting requirement for eligibility to just 5 years. Harrisburg’s irresponsibility means that tax policy and cost-cutting will be monumental challenges. Rolling back pensions for legislators is a necessity, followed immediately by private sector job creation initiatives to improve Pennsylvania’s economy

**REPUBLICAN**

**CHUCK McILHINNEY**

**Hometown:** Doylestown

**DOB:** 5/19/67

**Education:** B.S., Bryant College

**Occupation:** Pennsylvania State Senator

**Qualifications:** State Senator since 2006, former State Representative, former Doylestown Borough Councilman, former Director of the Bucks County Office of Employment and Training.

**Answer to question**: Controlling spending, creating jobs, and economic growth**.** Last year, I stopped a 16% income tax increase and saved taxpayers more than a billion dollars. Now, we must cut outdated programs and implement long-range planning that spends within a prioritized framework. I am a consistent supporter of initiatives (like reducing CS/F Tax and burdensome regulation) that free businesses and entrepreneurs to create jobs and grow the economy; I will continue to promote similar policies.

**12TH District**

**DEMOCRATIC**

**RUTH S. DAMSKER**

**Hometown:**Upper Gwynedd

**DOB:** 5/30/1945

**Education:** Temple University BSW

**Occupation:** Medical Social Worker

**Qualifications:** 2 Terms Montgomery County Commissioner; 3 Terms Cheltenham Twp Finance Officer/Controller; Rotary International Pres, VP, Treas, Elkins Park Club; Jewish Social Policy Action Network, Board of Directors; Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Advisory Board Leadership Program; Fellowship Farm, VP Board of Directors.

**Answer to question:** Economy/Jobs:Provide tax credits for maintaining and creating jobs. Tax incentives for new and innovative businesses such as bio-tech and green jobs.

Environment:Expand the use of alternative energy sources such as wind and solar. The extraction of natural gas in the Marcellus Shale must not pollute water quality.

Legislative Reform:Change culture of excessive partisanship and legislative gridlock. Press for term limits. Fair and non-partisan redistricting. Timely passage of annual budgets.

**REPUBLICAN**

**STEWART J. GREENLEAF**

**Hometown:** Huntingdon Valley

**DOB:** 10/4/39

**Education:** BA/JD

**Occupation:** Pennsylvania State Senator

**Qualifications**: Legislative effectiveness is measured by: Having a professional and compassionate office to address constituent needs and passage of legislation that reforms and benefits the Commonwealth. I have done both as corroborated by govnetpa.com and the Philadelphia Inquirer, who called me a “serious moderate and able lawmaker who is among Harrisburg’s best.”

**Answer to Question:** Jobs, Economy, Taxes, Reform Harrisburg. Enact sustainable state budgets that control spending with no broad based tax increases, support emerging high technology industries, provide a favorable environment for small businesses, protect American business from the theft of intellectual property, prevent the hiring of undocumented workers, protect American industry from unfair foreign competition, provide transparency in government.

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**24th District**

**DEMOCRATIC**

**BILL WALLACE**

**Hometown**: Easton

**DOB:** Feb. 22, 1956

**Education:** Master of Arts, Education. Gratz College. 2003, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Education Certificate. Penn State. 1980, Associate of Arts. Education.  MCCC. 1977

**Occupation:** Teacher. Pennridge.

**Qualifications:** Thorough understanding of the issues. Real life experiences with children and adults. Desire to help those who are not adequately represented in Harrisburg.

**Answer to Question:** 1. Pass a balanced budget that provides help for businesses, invests in our future, and adequately funds schools, DEP, libraries, police and fire departments. Fund transportation improvements.2. Improve Legislative accountability by reducing waste, reducing the cost of legislating the 24th, redistricting for efficiency (not gerrymandering), eliminating “per diems”, reducing Legislature’s size and reducing lobbyist influences 3. Preserve and protect citizens from pollution, protect land rights and safely monitor and tax natural gas exploration

**REPUBLICAN**

**BOB MENSCH**

**Hometown:** Pennsburg

**DOB:** 8/27/45

**Education:** VFMC, 65 Business

**Occupation:** 35 years business management; 12/06-10/09 PA State Rep; since 10/09 Pa State Senator

**Qualifications:** Industry management experience; legislative experience

**Answer to question: State Budget-**we are living beyond our means and must control spending. To fix, every state employee, Governor to newest employee must be accountable for spending. **Employment in PA-**we have the second highest unemployment in nation and PA is 45th in the nation for new jobs creation. To fix we need to reinvigorate our jobs picture starting with a more competitive tax environment; **Pension plan spike ’14** –Every possible solution must be pursued, but the solution must be tax neutral to the state’s taxpayers.

**PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Term:** 2 years

**Salary:** 78,314

**(Vote for 1)**

**All candidates were asked:**

**What are the three most important issues facing the Pennsylvania General Assembly and how would you address them?**

**(House District 18)** Includes Bensalem Twp, Lower Southampton Twp West 3 and West 7

**DEMOCRATIC**

**No candidates**

**REPUBLICAN**

**GENE D. DIGIROLAMO**

**Hometown:** Bensalem **DOB:**3/28/50 **Education:** Bishop Egan HS, 1968, attended Delaware Valley College, Attended Holy Family University

**Occupation:** State Representative 18th legislative district

**Qualifications:** served as state representative for the past 16 years. Owner and operator of small family business for 25 years. Bensalem auditor for 2 years.

**Answer to Question: Drug and alcohol addiction** Would create a Department of Drug and Alcohol with a Secretary of D&A issues. **A balanced budget delivered on time**. Tax the Marcellus Shale Natural Gas to help balance the State budget. **Create jobs** Help businesses create new jobs and stimulate economic development. As Chairman of Labor and Industry , this would be a top priority.

**(House District 29)** Includes Buckingham Twp, Lower 1 and 2, Middle 1 and 2, Upper 2; New Hope Boro, Solebury Twp, Upper Southampton North 4, South 2, West 1 and 2; Warminster Twp all voting districts except 6, 8, 12 and 15; Warwick Twp 1, 3, 4.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**FRANK FEINBERG**

**Hometown:** Warminster

**DOB:** 2/9/43

**Education:** BS (Mechanical Engineering) Drexel U. MBA work Rider College

**Occupation:** Retired Executive Mobil Oil Corp.; Consultant; Township Supervisor

**Qualifications:** Directed and managed multi national organization.

20 years big business experience. 9 years small business experience.

10 years project management experience, Dept.of Defense.

2 years Chairman, 1 year Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors, Warminster Township

**Answer to question:**  Its structure and function is inefficient, ineffective and archaic. The “system” hinders problem solving. Taxation is out of date and oppressive to our towns, cities and schools. We need a Constitutional Convention to restructure the tax system, the legislative process and the legislature. A business friendly environment is needed to grow the economy , promote permanent job creation and increase State revenues. Fully fund education along with the elimination of property taxes being the main source of funds.

**REPUBLICAN**

**BERNIE O'NEILL**

**Hometown:** Warminster
**DOB:** 9-18-53
**Education:** Masters of Education (Temple University)

**Occupation:** State Representative (incumbent)

**Qualifications:** Warminster Township Board of Supervisors  (3yrs. Chairman), Several local and County Boards Pennsylvania House of Representative (4 terms**)

Answer To Question:** Three Issues:  1)  Projected Budget Deficit for the coming years. 2) Looming Public Pension crisis, 3) Local Property Taxes (school) and regressive local tax structure

**(House District 31)** Includes Lower Makefield Twp, Newtown Boro, Newtown Twp, Upper Makefield Twp 2,Yardley Boro.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**STEVE SANTARSIERO**

**Hometown:** Yardley
**DOB:** 2/13/ 65
**Education**: JD, University of Pa Law School, B.A. Tufts University, M.Ed, Holy Family University

**Occupation:** State Representative (2009-present), Teacher (2004-2008) Lawyer (1992-2003)

**Qualifications:** In first term as State Representative, Lower Makefield Township supervisor for 5 years, Career-history and education.

**Answer to Question:** Jobs-I helped bring over 200 jobs to the Newtown-Yardley area.. I support creating green opportunity zones with tax cuts for green industries. Budget-As in 2009,I oppose increases to the state sales or income taxes; we must live within our means. I will work on a bi-partisan solution to the pension issue without pushing it onto property tax payers. Education-I support more rigorous academic requirements and making college more affordable.

**REPUBLICAN**

**ROBERT CIERVO**

**Hometown:** Newtown

**DOB:** 11/30/68

**Education:** Council Rock K-12,1986, University of Pittsburgh, B.S. Psychology,1190;Temple university, M Ed 1994,Ph.D.1998

**Occupation:** Director, Rutgers-Camden Learning Center

**Qualifications:** Longtime resident of Newtown/Yardley area; Current chairman, Newtown Township Board of Supervisors; Career Educator with nearly 20 years experience in highereducation.

**Answer to question: Unchecked government spending, reform and job creation.** The legislative slush fund needs to be eliminated and costs must be cut to fund priorities of state government. All legislators and state employees must pay 25% of the cost of their healthcare premiums to save taxpayer money. Medical malpractice reform , lobbyist reform and pension reform is needed. We need to make Pennsylvania competitive again for job creation by lowering the burdens on our job creators.

**(House District 140)** Includes Bristol Boro, Bristol Twp 5th 1st and 5th 2nd, Falls Twp, Middletown Twp Lower 7, Morrisville Boro,Tullytown Boro.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**JOHN T. GALLOWAY**

**Hometown:** Levittown

**DOB:** 1/4/60

**Education:** Graduate Project Management Institute

**Occupation:** State Representative 140th district Pa

**Qualifications:** Current elected state representative since 2007

**Answer to Question:** The number one issue facing our state is jobs. Clearly, we have to get our people back to work, and we have to do it now. In the construction industry, with 38 percent unemployment, I authored the EVERIFY legislation, creating 35,000 jobs. It mandates that contractors verify the immigration status of their employees. Other issues are transportation funding and the looming pension crisis. Cut spending and have energy companies pay for our Marcellus Shale gas.

**REPUBLICAN**

**JANE BURGER**

**Hometown:** Morrisville

**DOB:** 7/19/45

**Education:** MSW-policy/planning

**Occupation:** Trainer , retired Social Work Administrator

**Qualifications:** Extensive knowledge budgeting, finance, government operations, emergency management ,analyzing legislation, policy planning, State Boroughs Association trainer of municipal officials on local government, services, finances. Understands both legislative and administrative side of government. 17 years Morrisville Borough Council. Works for people not special interests

**Answer to question:** Unemployment and Need for Jobs**-**Remove government barriers that discourage businesses from creating jobs. Revise prevailing wage. Provide startup business incentives. Restore DCED economic development funds. Government Spending**-** Need to reform state government. No tax increases, streamline government operations increasing efficiency. Reduce fraud, eliminate duplication, apply needs based budgeting. Pension Crisis**-**Reform public pension plans. Transition from defined benefit to defined contribution plans or a combination. Reduce PSERS multiplier. Apply to new hires.

**(House District 141)** Includes Bristol Twp all voting districts except 5th 1st and 5th 2nd; Middletown Twp Lower 3, 4, 6

**DEMOCRATIC**

**TINA M. DAVIS**

**Hometown:** Croyden

**DOB:** 4/21/60

**Education:** B.A. in Computer Science, LaSalle University, 1993

**Occupation:** Realtor, Group Manager for Tastefully Simple

**Qualifications:** Bristol Township Councilwoman, 2006-Present

**Answer to Question:** We need to get the economy back on track. Tina has worked to create jobs in the 141st district, and aided in the creation of a Keystone Opportunity Zone in Bristol Township. As your legislator, she will be a tireless advocate for private-public partnerships for creating jobs. We need to lower and eventually eliminate school property taxes, and fund schools by another method. Third, we need to reform state government with a constitutional convention.

**REPUBLICAN**

**KEVIN GLASSON**

**Hometown:** Levittown

**DOB:** 6/20/64

**Education:** I am a certified Master Plumbing in Philadelphia and New Jersey

**Occupation:** President of McIntyre Plumbing and Heating

**Qualifications:** I have actually created jobs unlike most career politicians. From my business experience I know what small business owners need to create jobs and bring prosperity back to Pennsylvania.

**Answer to Question:** The most important issues are property taxes, job creation, and the pension crisis. By removing cumbersome restrictions on business owners we will attract new businesses which will create jobs and help to alleviate the property tax issue. Anyone who has earned a pension deserves their retirement benefits, but going forward new hires must be put into a plan like private sector employees to protect taxpayers while allowing workers to save for retirement.

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**(House District 142)** Includes Hulmeville Boro; Langhorne Boro; Langhorne Manor Boro; Lower Southampton all voting districts except West 3 and 7; Middletown Twp all voting districts except Lower 3, 4, 7, and 9.

**DEMOCRATIC**

**JOHN TOTH**

**Hometown:** Langhorne

**DOB:** 10/21/1959

**Education:** High School, 2 yrs Naval Nuclear Power School

**Occupation:** Electrician, Real Estate Agent

**Qualifications:** U.S. Navy Veteran, Small Business Owner, Member Neshaminy Tax Study Commission, Founding Member & Chair Lower Bucks Taxpayer Association, Board Member of ACT (Arnold Charitable Trust), Member Operation Free, most important, parent

**Answer to question**: Jobs- Need more streamlined, coordinated effort between local, county, state & federal authorities to create incentives to make businesses want to come here.

Pension Crisis-Pass laws that prevent pension fund outlay to risky investments, and that require state to match employee contribution. Open pension system, change

vesting requirements for new employees. Consider defined contributions plan vs current

defined benefits.

Legislative Reform- Many areas/items need reform

**REPUBLICAN**

**FRANK FARRY**

**Hometown:** Langhorne

**DOB:** 12/31/72

**Education:**  Neshaminy graduate. I have earned my Bachelor’s from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Law Degree from Rutger’s University.

**Occupation:** State Representative

**Qualifications:** Lifelong resident of the District, was Asst. Twp Manager in Middletown, and I am twenty year volunteer firefighter including serving the last ten years as fire chief.

**Answer to Question:** I voted for legislation that creates a thousand new jobs in Lower Bucks County. We must improve the business climate in Pennsylvania to create more jobs. We must control the state’s spending and stop incurring more debt. We also must address the looming pension crisis. I have already voted from pension reforms that are a first step and I have drafted legislation that will protect property taxpayers from shouldering the burden of the pension spike

 **(House District 143)** Includes Bedminster, Bridgeton Twp, Buckingham Twp Upper 1 & 3, Doylestown Boro, Doylestown Twp, Durham Twp, Nockamixon Twp, Plumstead Twp, Riegelsville Boro, Tinicum Twp

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**DEMOCRATIC**

**KATHY McQUARRIE**

**Hometown:** Doylestown

**DOB:** 3/12/44

**Education:** BA and MA, English

**Occupation:** Retired, former teacher; former education association staff member

**Qualifications:** My career in education included both classroom experience and educational policy at the state level. My role as representative required skills in advocating for and serving constituents. To serve my community, I fostered an education program for families facing addiction.

**Answer to question:** A healthy economy**-**The State need to promote job creation by assisting small businesses ,providing for a world-class public education system, and maintaining sound infrastructure. An upright legislature**-**Legislators have voted themselves lavish perks, failed to limit campaign contributions, and allied themselves with special interests. The result is corruption and paralysis. An equitable tax system**-**The legislature needs to take strong action to remove the excessive burden on property tax payers.

**REPUBLICAN**

**MARGUERITE QUINN**

**Hometown:**Furlong

**DOB:** no response

**Education:** Archbishop Wood HS, Class of ’81, St. Joseph’s University, BA in International Relations, Class of ‘85

**Occupation:** State Legislator, Licensed Realtor since 1989

**Qualifications:** Along with my legislative experience, I have been a resident of Bucks County since childhood. I work, raise my children, volunteer and pay taxes in our community.

**Answer to Question:** The budget, natural gas drilling and public pensions are vital issues. Each needs attention with an eye toward present and future residents and taxpayers. Our budget is beyond affordable, and tough but necessary cuts in spending must be made. Natural gas drilling represents great opportunities, but it cannot happen at the expense of our environment. Our public pension systems have grown unaffordable, and finding a way to offer benefits within taxpayer limits is imperative.

**INDEPENDENT**

**TOM LINGENFELTER**

**( no response received)**

**(House District 144)** Includes Chalfont Boro, Dublin Boro, Hilltown Twp, New Britain Boro, New Britain Twp, Silverdale Boro, Telford Boro, Warminster Twp 6, 8, 12 & 15, Warrington Twp

**DEMOCRATIC**

**No candidates**

**REPUBLICAN**

**KATHARINE M. WATSON**

**(no response received)**

**(House District 145)** Includes East Rockhill Twp, Haycock Twp, Milford Twp, Perkasie Boro, Quakertown Boro, Richland Twp, Richlandtown Boro, Sellersville Boro, Springfield Twp, Trumbauersville Boro, West Rockhill Twp

**DEMOCRATIC**

**MARY A. WHITESELL**

**Hometown:** Springfield Township

**DOB:** 8/12/55

**Education:** Northampton Community College, Bethlehem Catholic High School, Scott-White Real Estate Institute

**Occupation:** Realtor; Paralegal

**Qualifications:** 40 years private/public sector employment, Support Staff Northampton County Government Study Commission, 1973-1975, Paralegal Executive Assistant Lehigh Valley firms/corporations 1975-2008, energetic leader supporting environment/arts/education/communities 1975-present, raised 2 generations of family while pursuing full time career/education ,understand pressures individuals/families face today

**Answer to Question:** Harrisburg must reform how the business of government is conducted, making it more responsible to Pennsylvanians, while stabilizing taxes.We must educate our children for the 21st century and bring 21st century jobs to Pennsylvania. We must grow our economy, encouraging individual responsibility and initiative. We must fund our schools more equitably with less demands on property owners, and require Harrisburg to not burden us with unfunded mandates. We must pass state budgets on time.

**REPUBLICAN**

 **PAUL I. CLYMER**

**Hometown:** West Rockhill Township
**DOB:**  7/8/37
**Education:** Graduate o**f** Muhlenberg College,class of 1959

**Occupation** State Legislator

**Qualifications:**.30 years experience as a state legislator

**Answer to Question:**. Job Market-reduce business taxes ,streamline the bureaucracy ,increase tax credits for purchase of new equipment and reform health care insurance. Casino Gambling- government regulations must reflect concerns with increased gambling addiction, require monthly statements to gamblers receiving casino comps; eliminate free drinks and smoking in the gambling room. Education-Continued support for pre-K learning, emphasis on the basics, reading writing and arithmetic, students must learn the history of America, the Constitution; the Declaration of Independence and the free market system.

**INDEPENDENT**

**JULIE M. FAGAN**

**Hometown:** Haycock Township

**DOB:** 12/09/1953

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Arizona, 1983

**Occupation:** Professor, Rutgers University

**Qualifications:** Desire to serve my community; written legislation with my college students on a variety of topics, involvement in ~ 80 community service projects per year; trained in objective thinking (scientific background), elected official: School Director of the Quakertown Community School District (2000-2006)

**Answer to Question:** 1. Stabilize school funding. Eliminate school property taxes by broadening the sales tax (HB1275). Amend current legislation regarding state pensions: yearly budgeting, ceilings. Learn from other states.
2. Identify and limit wasteful spending. Enact legislation (like HB1880) whereby citizens could access all expenditures by state and local government.
3. Promote job growth; environmental stewardship. Jobs to residents, not migrants; enforce safe practices protecting our land and people; adequately fund (eg. gas drilling taxes) independent regulation, oversight and remediation.

**GREEN**

**CHARLES MOYER**

**Hometown: Quakertown**

**DOB:** 2/7/1954

**Education:** MS Classroom Technology

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Qualifications:** Political Activist, Community Organizer

**Answer to Question:** a)  Avoiding the influences of monied interests b) Single Payer Healthcare HB 1660 and SB 400, c) Develop a sustainable energy policy including conservation and renewables/ Stop desperate and dangerous gas drilling

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**(House District 178)** Includes Ivyland Boro; Northampton Twp; Upper Makefield Twp 1 & 3; Upper Southampton East 1 & 2, North 1, 2 & 3, South 1; Warwick Twp 2; Wrightstown Twp

**DEMOCRATIC**

**DAVID APFELBAUM**

**Hometown:** Holland

**DOB:** 2/19/87

**Education:** graduate of the American University, 2009

**Occupation:** contractor’s helper or sub contractor

**Qualifications:** I have a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science, along with doing work with the Northampton Township Democrats

**Answer to question:** Education is an important issue. We need to fund our school district across the state as the childrens’education should be valued. Creating jobs during the poor economy should be a high priority. Lastly, Pennsylvania needs bi-partisanship. We all need to work together to help better the citizens of Pennsylvania.

 **REPUBLICAN**

**SCOTT PETRI**

**Hometown:** New Hope Pa
**DOB :** 4/30/60
**Education:** J.D. 1985.Villanova University, B.A. 1982 Washington and Jefferson College English and Political Science

**Occupation:** State Representative 178th District 2002 to present., Begley, Carlin and Mandio, LLP of Counsel

**Qualifications:** current State Representative, Chairman of Upper Makefield Planning Commission, Member, J T Planning Commission; Member, Traffic Impact Fee Committee. Committees: Appropriations, Local Government, Liquor and Urban Affairs.

**Answer to Question:**  **Employment**-Pennsylvania is non-competitive harming business. Retention of jobs, increasing incentives for small business, reduction of corporate tax rate ( highest in the country),uncapping loss limits, changing sales factor, and removing outdated regulatory constraints. **Pension Reform-** Pension changes: 403 (b’s) for new hires, re-amortization, mandatory minimum contributions, restrictions on investments, changes to vesting periods for new hires. **Spending:** State has spent more than collected by $800 million this year. Since 2002, welfare spending is up over 5 billion