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2024 Philly Youth Voter Toolkit

Printable One-Sheet Handout: PAyouth.Vote/2024PhillyToolkitSheet
[Handout Translations in 12 Languages](#)

Short link to this presentation: PAyouth.Vote/2024PhillyToolkit

How to use this Voter Toolkit

The PA Youth Voter Toolkit is a nonpartisan resource created by a teacher for the classroom, and can be used and shared by any organization or individual. The goal is to provide info and resources to teach and learn about the offices, candidates, and process of voting. [The accompanying one sheet handout is translated into 12 languages.](#)

Choose the toolkit that is best for your location. Feel free to copy and edit the deck for your district or municipality.

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Underlined headings and text are [hyperlinks](#) to sections of the toolkit and other websites and resources.

The table of contents links to other slides in the deck. The [TOP](#) link on each slide returns to the contents.

In PA, the party in the Governor's mansion has its candidates listed first on all ballots, and minor parties are listed alphabetically, so this guide follows the same rules.

Please contact tquinn@PAyouthvote.org if you have any questions, additions, or corrections.

Thanks! [PA Youth Vote](#)

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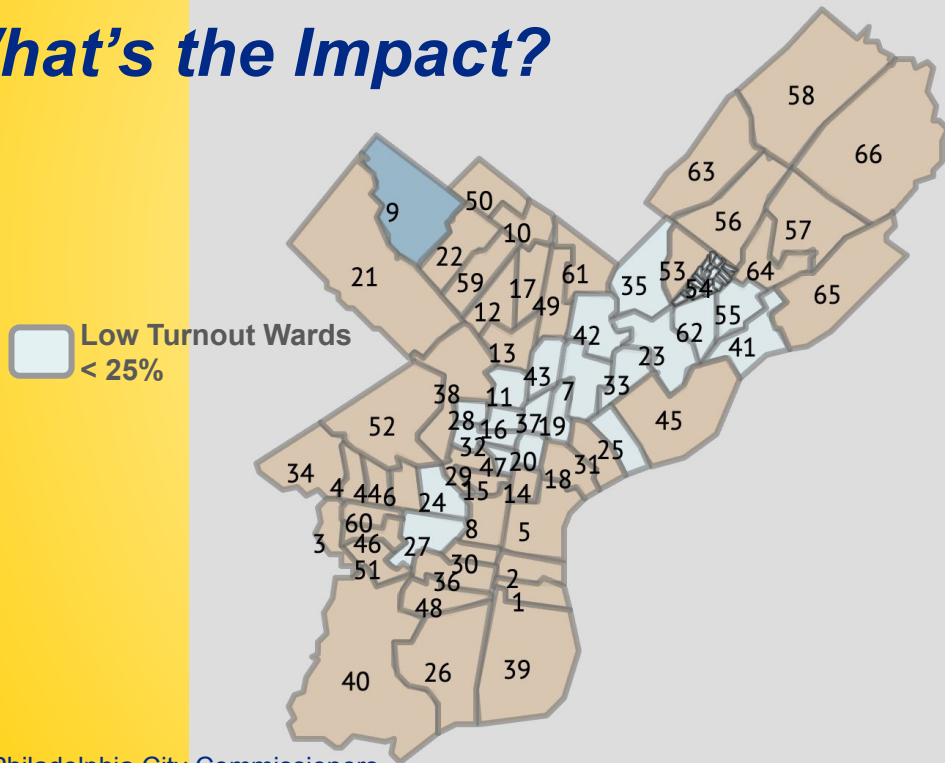
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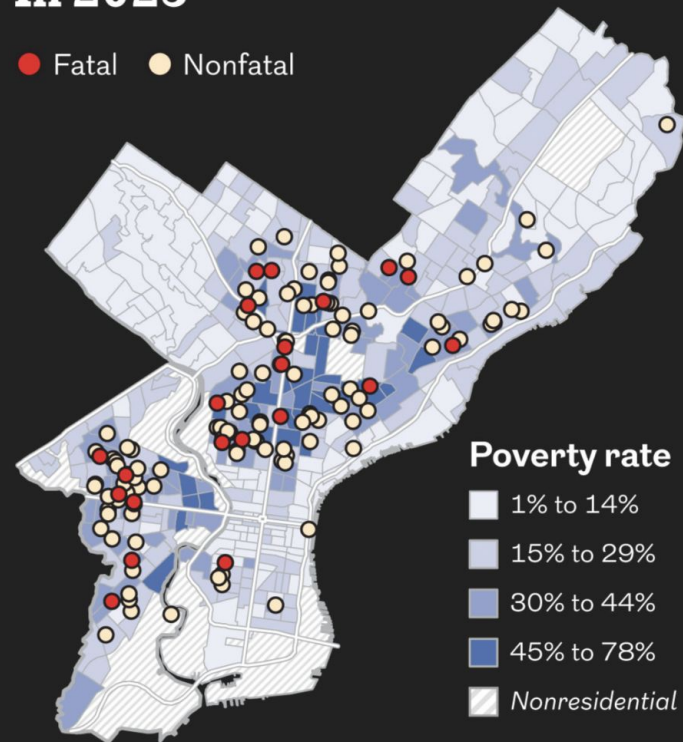
Philly's Lowest-Income Black and Latine Neighborhoods Have the Lowest Voter Turnout...

What's the Impact?



Juvenile Shooting Victims In 2023

● Fatal ● Nonfatal



Sources: Philadelphia Police Dept.; U.S. Census Bureau

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Offices & Candidates



US President & Vice President

The **Democratic & Republican Primaries** are like the playoffs for each party. The winners from each party will face each other in the Super Bowl of US politics: the **General Election on November 5th, 2024**.

Democratic Candidates

- **Joe Biden & Kamala Harris***



Republican Candidates

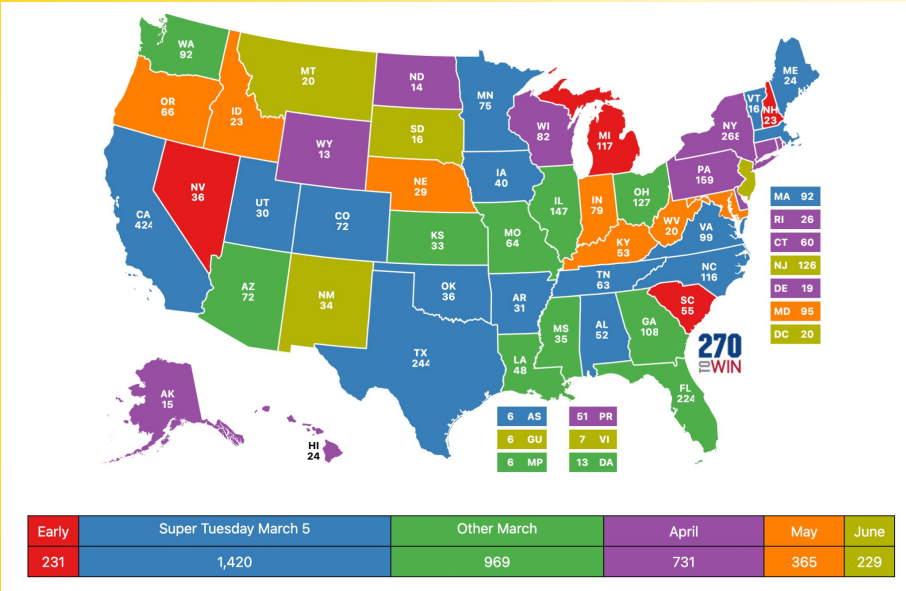
- **Donald Trump & J.D. Vance**



Tracking Party Primary Delegate Counts

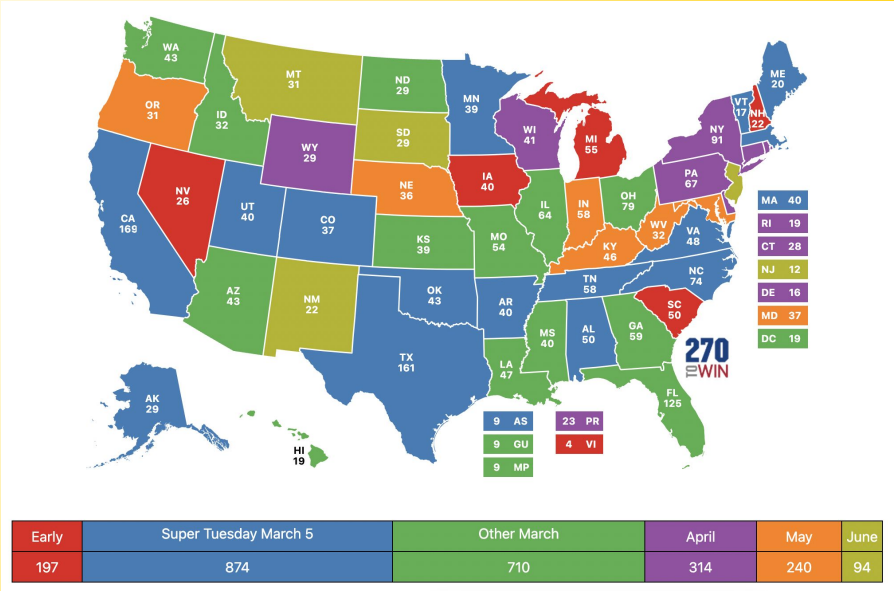
2024 Democratic Presidential Nomination

1,973 Pledged Delegates Needed to Win on 1st Ballot



2024 Republican Presidential Nomination

1,215 Delegates Needed to Win Nomination



2024 National Conventions

Jul 15-18 Republican National Convention (RNC)



Republican Delegates to the RNC

A majority of the estimated 2,470 delegates (1,236 or more) are needed to win the Republican nomination on the first ballot. PA voters will elect 67 delegates to attend the RNC.

Aug 19-22 Democratic National Convention (DNC)

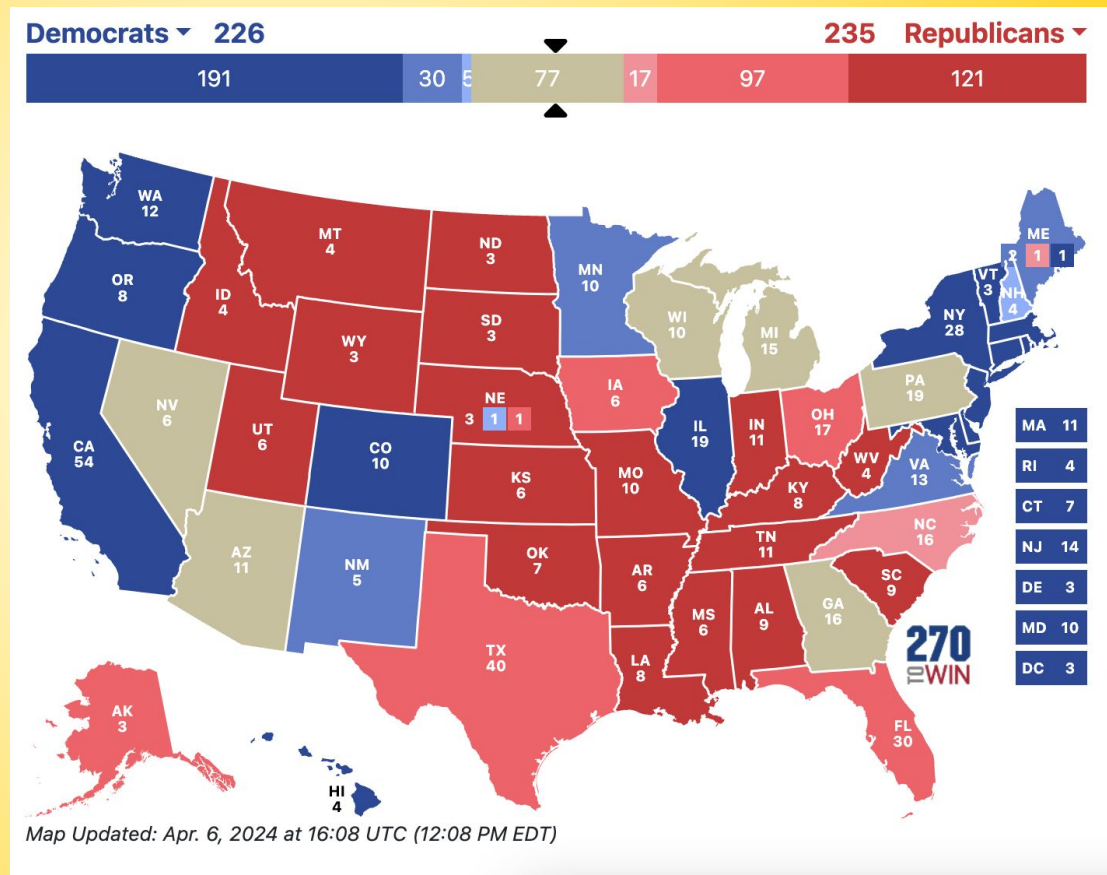


Democratic Delegates to the DNC

There are an estimated 3,788 pledged delegates; it will take a minimum of 1,895 of these to win the Democratic nomination. PA voters will elect 173 delegates to attend the DNC.

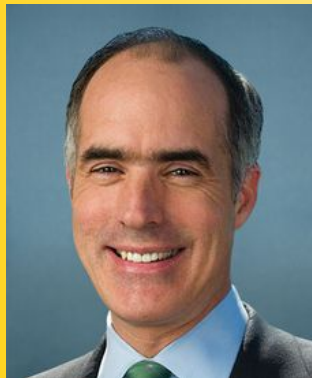
2024 Presidential General Election

270 to Win predicts likely electoral outcomes in each state. PA is a “toss-up,” or **swing state**, that will be critical for the outcome of the November election.



US Senator

One of PA's two US Senate seats are up for grabs in 2024. Incumbent Democrat, Bob Casey is running for reelection. US Senators serve the entire state for 6-year terms in the US Congress. The US Senate currently has a 51-49 Democratic majority. *Control of the Senate is at stake!*



Democratic Candidate

- Bob Casey (D)*

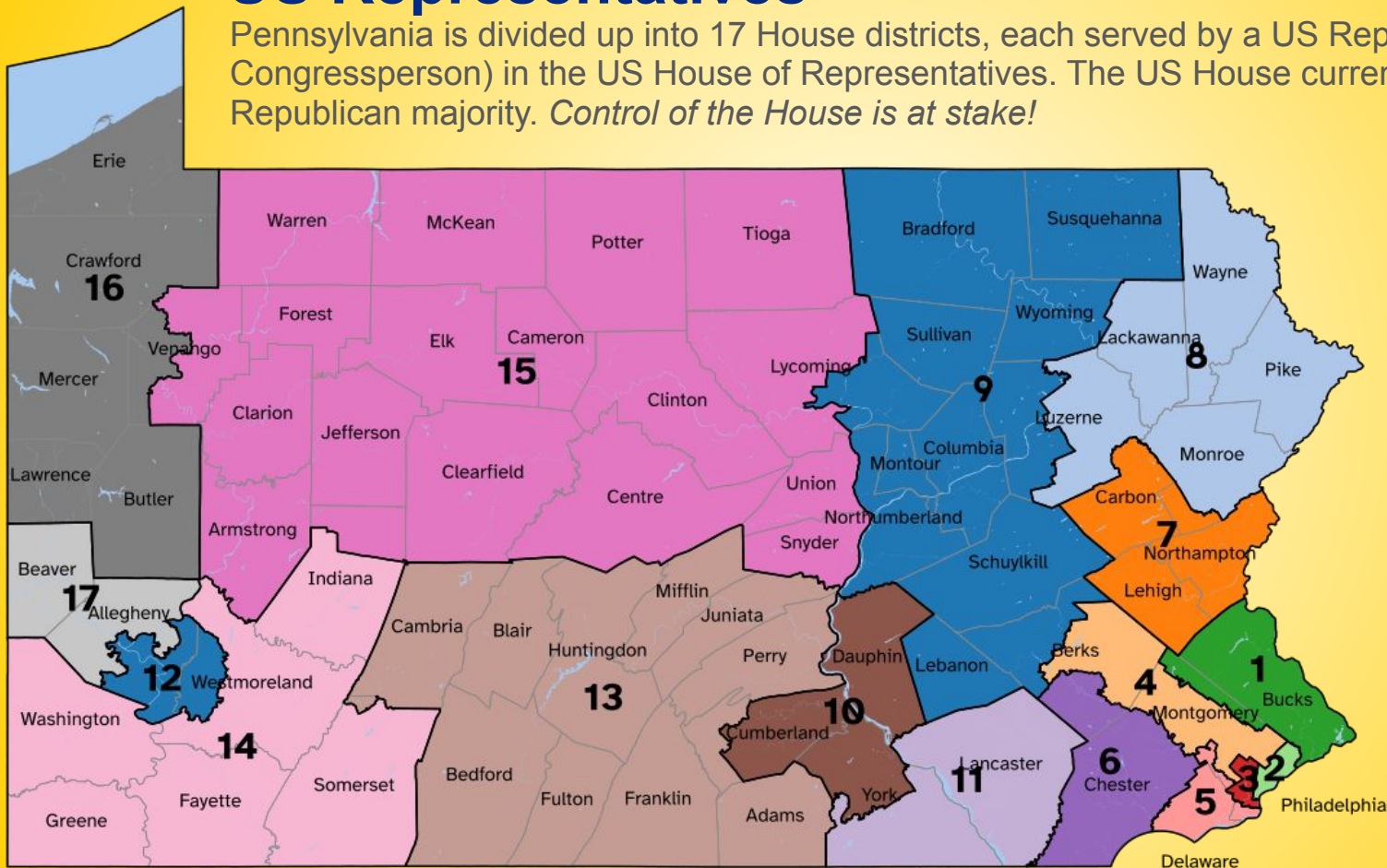
Republican Candidate

- Dave McCormick (R)



US Representatives

Pennsylvania is divided up into 17 House districts, each served by a US Representative (aka, Congressperson) in the US House of Representatives. The US House currently has a 221-213 Republican majority. *Control of the House is at stake!*

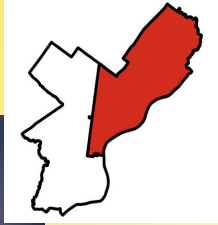


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Candidates:

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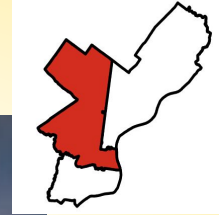
Candidates for US Representative

District 2



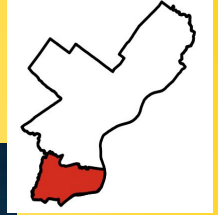
- Brendan Boyle (D)*

District 3



- Dwight Evans (D)*

District 5



- Mary Gay Scanlon (D)*



- Alfe Goodwin (R)

PA Attorney General

The Attorney General is Pennsylvania's top law enforcement official, with a staff of several hundred prosecutors, attorneys, investigators, agents and support staff in offices across the state. - [AttorneyGeneral.gov](https://attorneygeneral.gov)

Democratic Candidate

- Eugene DePasquale



Republican Candidate

- Dave Sunday



PA Auditor General

The auditor general is responsible for ensuring all state money is spent legally and properly by conducting audits.

Democratic Candidate

- Malcolm Kenyatta



Republican Candidate

- Timothy DeFoor*



PA Treasurer

The State Treasurer serves as the custodian of more than \$150 billion in Commonwealth funds, and is responsible for the receipt and deposit of state monies, investment management and oversight of all withdrawals and deposits from state agencies. - [PATreasury.gov](https://www.patreasury.gov)

Democratic Candidate

- Erin McClelland



Republican Candidate

- Stacy Garrity*



Pennsylvania State Senators serve 50 districts in Harrisburg in 4-year terms. Only the odd numbered seats are on the ballot this year.

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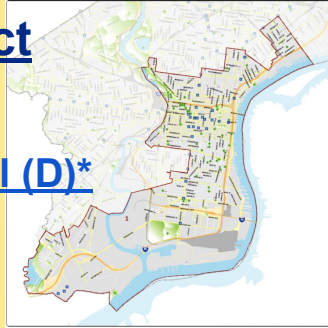
PA Senators (odd districts)

Philadelphia is served in the Harrisburg State Capitol by Senators in seven districts, but only four of them are on the ballot this year:



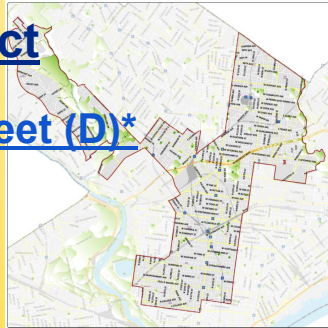
1st District

- Nikil Saval (D)*



3rd District

- Sharif Street (D)*



5th District

- Jimmy Dillon (D)*

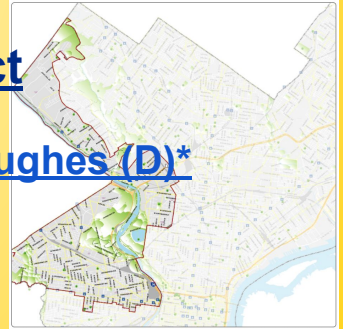


- Joe Picozzi (R)



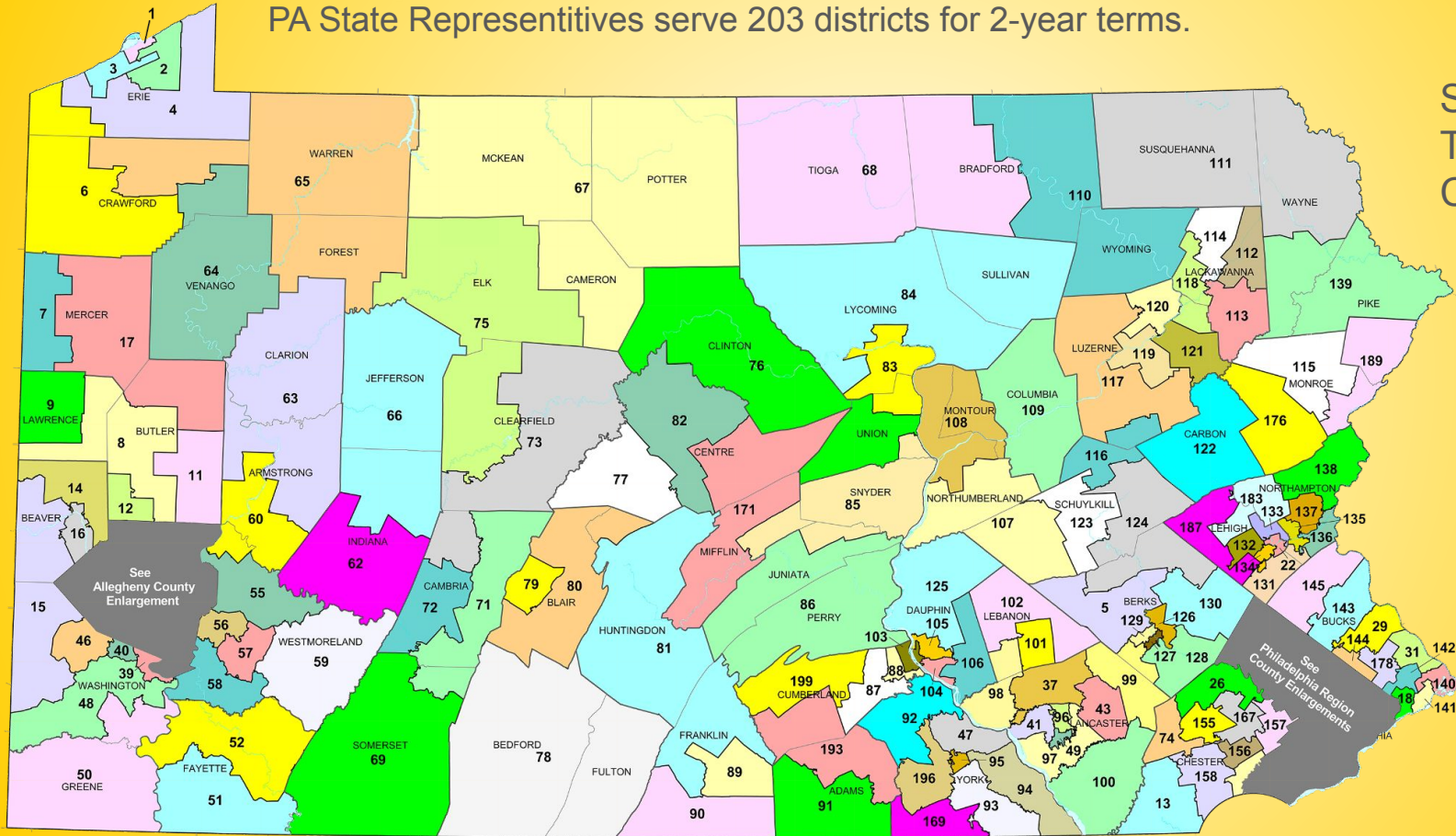
7th District

- Vincent Hughes (D)*



PA Representatives

PA State Representatives serve 203 districts for 2-year terms.

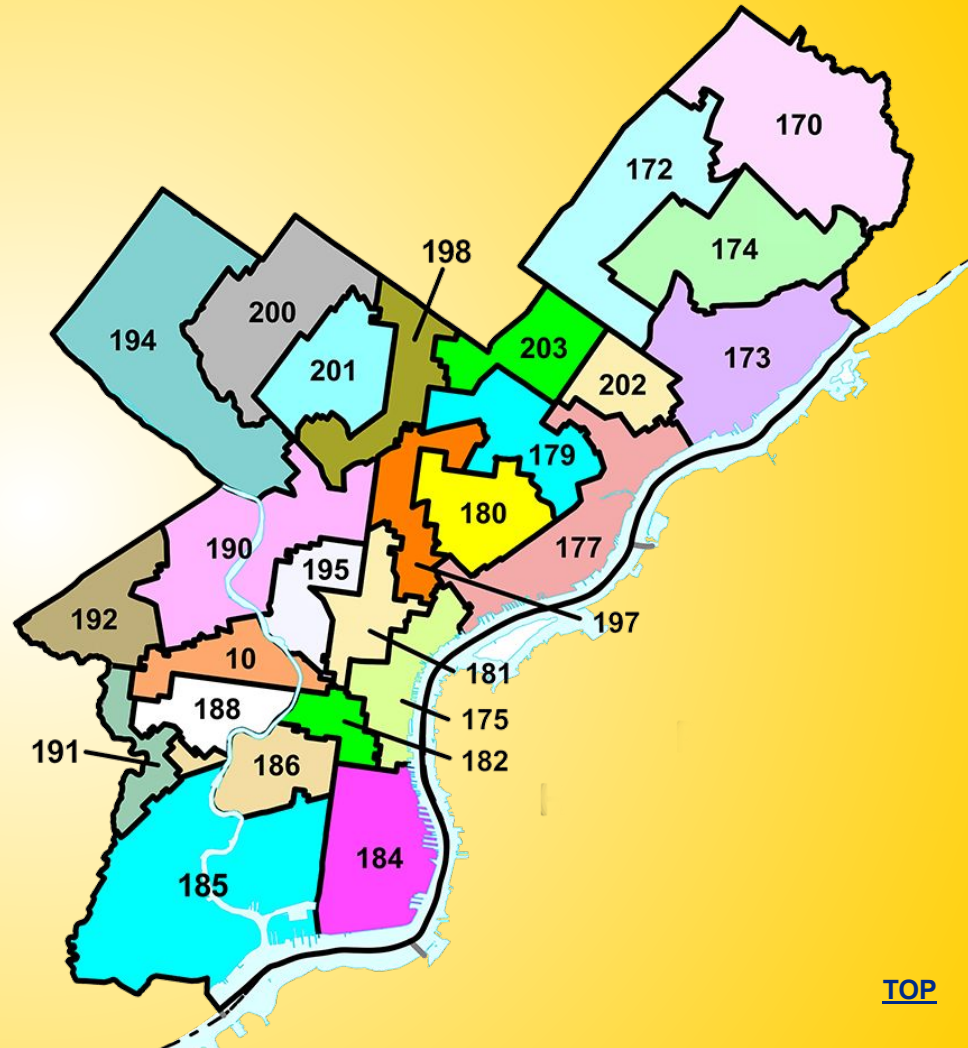


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PA State House Districts

Philadelphia is divided up into 24 House Districts that represent us in the General Assembly at the Harrisburgh Capitol. About 64,000 people live in each district.



PA House Rep Candidates

- 10 - [Amen Brown \(D\)*](#)
- 170 - [Martina White \(R\)*](#)
- 172 - [Sean Dougherty \(D\)](#)
- 173 - [Patrick Gallagher \(D\)*](#)
- 174 - [Ed Neilson \(D\)*](#)
- 175 - [Mary Isaacson \(D\)*](#)
- 177 - [Joe Hohenstein \(D\)*](#)
- 179 - [Jason Dawkins \(D\)*](#)
- 180 - [Jose Giral \(D\)*](#)
- 181 - [Malcolm Kenyatta \(D\)*](#)
- 182 - [Ben Waxman \(D\)*](#)
- 184 - [Elizabeth Fiedler \(D\)*](#)
- 185 - [Regina Young \(D\)*](#)
- 186 - [Jordan Harris \(D\)*](#)
- 188 - [Rick Krajewski \(D\)*](#)
- 190 - [Roni Green \(D\)*](#)
- 191 - [Joanna McClinton \(D\)*](#)
- 192 - [Morgan Cephas \(D\)*](#)
- 194 - [Tarik Khan \(D\)*](#)
- 195 - [Donna Bullock \(D\)*](#)
- 197 - [Danilo Burgos \(D\)*](#)
- 198 - [Darisha Parker \(D\)*](#)
- 200 - [Chris Rabb \(D\)*](#)
- 201 - [Andre Carroll \(D\)](#)
- 202 - [Jared Solomon \(D\)*](#)
- 203 - [Anthony Bellmon \(D\)*](#)

Ballot Questions?

The [Philadelphia Home Rule Charter](#) is like the city's constitution, describing the overall structure of government.

The Charter can be **amended** when City Council sends proposed changes to voters in the form of ballot questions.

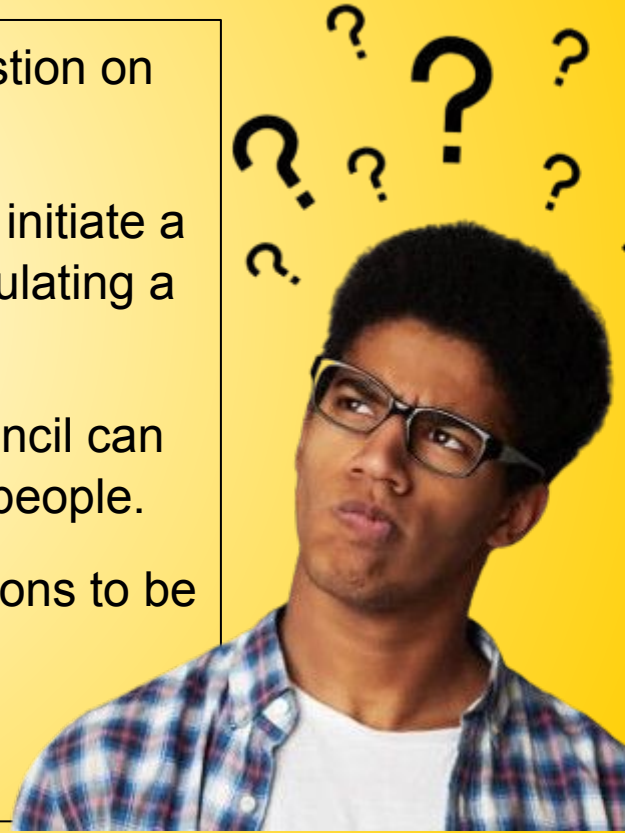
(Committee of Seventy)

Two ways to get a question on the ballot:

Initiative: Citizens can initiate a ballot questions by circulating a petition.

Referendum: City Council can refer a question to the people.

November ballot questions to be determined...



Register To Vote!

Online voter registration is quick and easy!

- Must be a US citizen
- Must be 18 by the next election
- Need one of these:
 - PA state ID (PennDOT)
 - Driver's License
 - Social Security Number
- Sign on your phone or touchscreen device!



PAyouth.Vote/Register

PA has a CLOSED Primary... What's that mean?



In PA and a few other states, only registered Democrats and Republicans may vote for candidates in their party's primary. If you've registered with a third party, or non-affiliated (independent), you are effectively disenfranchised in the Primary Election. You can only vote on ballot questions, if any.

Your choices:

1. Stay independent and just vote on ballot questions.
2. Re-register with the Democratic or Republican Party to vote in that party's primary. Just complete the Voter Registration Form again payouth.vote/register and check the "Change of Party" box. You may change your party at any time.

Learn more and advocate for open primaries at BallotPA.org and OpenPrimaries.org.

Choosing a Party - Political Ideology Quiz

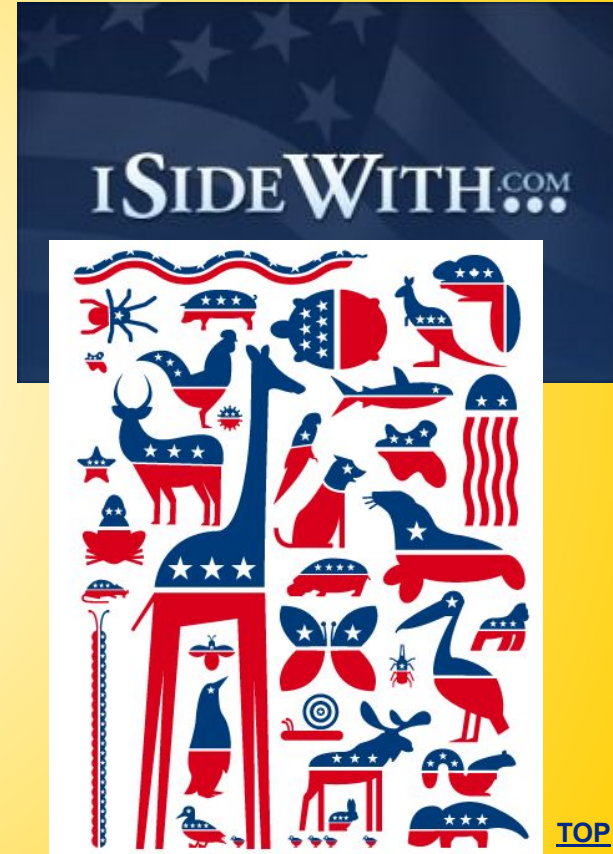
Take the [ISideWith.com](https://www.isidewith.com) (approximately 20 minutes).

- ❑ This is a nonpartisan quiz that asks a series of questions about issues. The results show which parties and candidates have platforms most similar to your beliefs.
- ❑ It's optional to register and log-in, but doing so will allow you to return to the quiz to update answers, view results, and see sample ballots for future elections.

What did you learn? You don't need to share the results with anyone but yourself!

According to the quiz results

- ☐ Which party is most closely aligned with your beliefs?
 - ☐ Major Party / Minor Party
- ☐ Do you agree with the results?
- ☐ Will the results help you decide which party to register with, if any?



RESEARCH THE CANDIDATES



Nonpartisan Candidate Research

Make a Voter Cheat-Sheet!

Go to Ballot.Seventy.org (Committee of Seventy)
or Vote411.org (League of Women Voters).

- Select “*Find What’s On Your Ballot.*”
- Enter your email and street address.

LWV

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF PHILADELPHIA



VOTE 411

ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

GET STARTED

ENTER YOUR ADDRESS

Submit

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VOTE411 Candidate Comparisons

Click a candidate icon to find more information about the candidate. To compare two candidates, click the "compare" button. Note: If candidates did not reply to the League of Women Voters survey, there will be no information. Voters will need to look elsewhere: Ballot.seventy.org / ballotpedia.org



Democratic
Debbie Kunselman

My Choice

COUNTY

Beaver

OCCUPATION

Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

J.D. Notre Dame Law School; B.A. Penn State

QUALIFICATIONS

17 years of judicial experience: 12 years as a trial court judge in Beaver County and 5 years as a state appellate court judge. experience handling civil, criminal, family and juvenile cases; 8 yrs as Chief County Solicitor

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE



Republican
Carolyn Carluccio

My Choice

COUNTY

Montgomery

OCCUPATION

Court of Common Pleas Judge

EDUCATION

Dickinson College, Widener University School of Law

QUALIFICATIONS

First female President Judge of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas serving in the Criminal, Family, and Civil Court Benches. Montgomery County Chief Deputy Solicitor, Director of Human Resources, Chief Public Defender, Assistant United States Attorney.

1. Compare **Biographical Information**.
2. Compare **responses to questions**.
3. Choose the candidate you prefer by clicking the box next to their name.
4. Click "Compare" for the next candidate until you've compared them all.
5. Look at your top-two candidates' websites and social media pages. Look for additional information, including **endorsements**.
6. Who is your top candidate?

Go to next office.

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Partisan Candidate Research

Search for the candidates' websites and watch their ads.

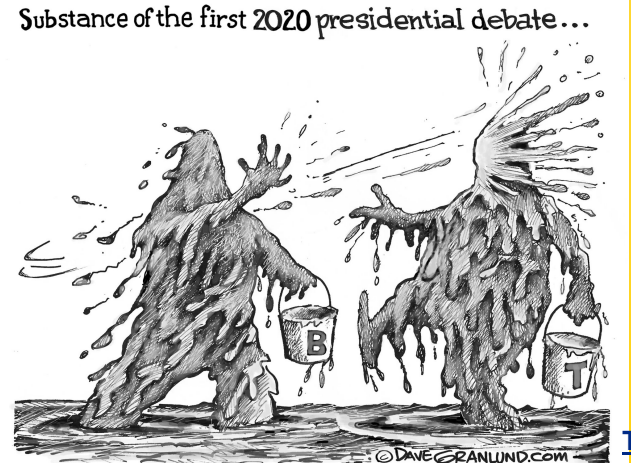
Campaign websites are often listed on [Ballotpedia.org](https://ballotpedia.org).

Look for **Common propaganda techniques**: card-stacking, name-calling/mud-slinging, glittering generalities, bandwagon, transfer, plain folks, fear-mongering, dog whistle, misinformation/disinformation

What are they saying about themselves?

What are they saying about their opponent(s)?

Who do you think is running a stronger campaign?



How to Judge a Candidate

Choose key issues that candidates are debating:

- climate change,
- Healthcare
- addiction
- marijuana use
- abortion rights
- gun violence
- crime
- LGBT rights
- book bans
- teaching about racism, etc.

Where do the candidates' stand?

Are their arguments supported with evidence? Which candidate do you agree with more? Why?



Complete a Candidate Report Card!
[LWV.org/blog/How-Judge-Candidate](https://www.lwv.org/blog/How-Judge-Candidate)

Who's Endorsing Whom?

Endorsements are a great way to learn which candidates align with your beliefs!

Philly Chart - Who's endorsing Whom?

PAYouth.vote/2024PhillyEndorsements



Lesson Plan:

- [Exploring Political Endorsements](#)

PA YOUTH VOTE

Updated July 7, 2023
Additions or Corrections? Complete this form:
tinyurl.com/NewEndorsement
or email info@PAYouthvote.org

Who's Endorsing Whom?

All-Partisan Endorsement Guide to the 2023 Allegheny County & Pittsburgh Election

Party Committees & Independent Political Clubs	Organizations & Media (partial list)	Unions (partial list)	Judicial Rating
14th Ward Independent Democratic Club Allegheny County Democratic Committee Sited City Schoolwall Democrats Young Democrats of Allegheny PA Democratic Party Allegheny County Republican Committee Pittsburgh Republican Committee Republican Party of PA PA Working Families Party Clean Water Action PA Conservative Voters of PA Food & Water Action Environ. Concern Against Crime (EACAC) Gun Owners of America Libertarian New Pittsburgh Courier One PA Pennsylvania United Allegheny County Pittsburgh DA Straight Ahead Sunrise Pittsburgh Union for PA Allegheny AFL-CIO Boilermakers 154 Building Trades Council Pittsburgh Firefighters AUMA 1898 Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers Pittsburgh Police SEIU 32BJ SEIU 688 SEIU Healthcare PA Steelworkers 12 Steamfitters 449 UAW Local 610 & 667 UFCW 178 PA Bar Association Allegheny County Bar Association			
County Executive Sara Innamorato (D)			
District Attorney Joe Rocky (R)	✓		
Matt Dugan (D)	✓		
Stephen Zappala (R)	✓		
County Controller Corey O'Connor (D)	✓		
Bob Howard (R)	✓		
County Treasurer Erica Rocchi Brusselars (D)	✓		
Herb Ohliger (R)	✓		
County Council District 2 Todd Hamer (D)	✓		
Suzanne Filiagol (R)	✓		
County Council District 5 Dan Grzybek (D)	✓		
Mike Embrescia (R)	✓		
County Council District 6 John Palmieri (D)	✓		
Sean McGrath (R)	✓		
County Council District 7 Nicholas Futules (D)	✓		
County Council District 10 DeWitt Walton (D)	✓		
County Council District 11 Paul Klein (D)	✓		
Eileen Cunningham (R)	✓		

Make Your Plan to Vote

Applying for mail in ballot / Finding your polling place

There are several ways to cast your vote. What's the best way for you?

[Elections & Voting Lesson Plan](#)



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What's your plan?

Will you (or would you) cast your ballot in person, or by mail this election? What are the reasons for your choice?

Before we start, check your voter registration status here:

Vote.PA.gov/Status

What is your status?

Three Ways to Vote

1. In person at your designated polling place
2. Mail-in ballot
3. Early voting in person
 - You can apply for a mail-in ballot, vote, and deliver your ballot in one visit at your county election office



How do I apply for a mail-in ballot?

- Option 1: Online Application:
Vote.PA.gov/MailBallot
 - May use a PennDOT ID, Driver's License, or Social Security #
 - If you don't have a PennDOT ID, you'll have to upload a photo of your signature.
 - The online option is faster, more accurate, more reliable, and is less of a burden on the county election offices.
- Option 2: Paper Application
 - [Mail-in Ballot Application \(English\)](#)
 - [Mail-in Ballot Application \(Spanish\)](#)
 - [Mail-in Ballot Application \(Simplified Chinese\)](#)
 - [Mail-in Ballot Application \(Traditional Chinese\)](#)



How to vote by mail



No Naked Ballots!

The PA Supreme Court ruled that ballots without the inner envelope and signature will not be counted.

A baby is shown underwater, holding a US dollar bill in its right hand. The background is blue water with light rays. The text "VOTE RESPONSIBLY. Dress your ballot." is in the top right. Two numbered steps are provided: Step 1 shows a baby holding a white "Official Election Ballot" envelope. Step 2 shows a baby holding a larger "BUSINESS REPLY MAIL" envelope. A hashtag "#dressyourballot" is at the bottom left, and an Instagram handle "@NakedBallot" is at the bottom center.

**VOTE RESPONSIBLY.
Dress your ballot.**

1: Put your ballot in the "Official Ballot Envelope" and seal it!

2: Then put that envelope in the larger return envelope and seal it, sign it, and date it!

#dressyourballot

@NakedBallot

How do I return my ballot?

- **Mail using US Postal Service**
 - *Important: Your ballot must arrive by Election Day, so be sure to mail it as early as possible (at least a week in advance).*
- **Use an Official Ballot Drop Box:**
 - Vote.Phila.gov/Ballot-Drop-Off
- **Track your ballot** delivery and return here:
Vote.PA.gov/MailBallotStatus



Voting Early In-Person

- Go to the Board of Elections office to apply for, complete, and submit your mail-in ballot all in one stop.
- Philly City Hall, Room 142
- Must bring PennDOT ID/Driver's License or last 4 digits of Social Security Number



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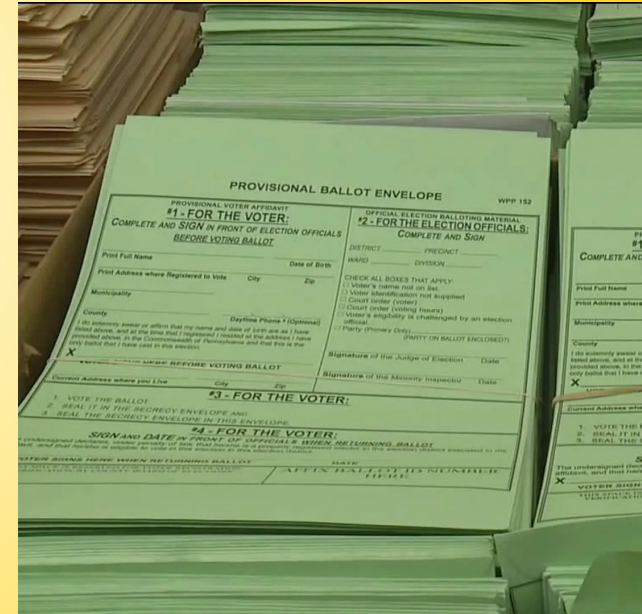
What to do...



I forgot to mail my ballot. On Election Day, bring your ballot and envelopes to your polling place and surrender it to vote on the machine.

I changed my mind, I'd rather vote in person. Same as above. Surrender your mail ballot and vote at your polling place.

I lost my ballot, or the dog ate it. On Election Day, go to your polling place and ask for a [Provisional Ballot](#). The Poll Workers are required to allow you to vote.



Voting-In Person on Election Day

How do I find my polling place?

Vote.PA.gov/PollingPlace



EDUARDO MUNOZ ALVAREZ/AFP/Getty Images

- *What is the name and address of your polling place?*

First Time Voters Must Bring a Form of ID!

Voters are only required to show ID the first time they vote at a polling place or if they change their registration. Otherwise, no ID is required (but it's a good idea to bring it anyway).

Any of these will work!

- Student ID
- Voter Registration Card
- Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card
- U.S. passport
- ID issued by any Commonwealth agency
- ID issued by the U.S. Government
- U.S. Armed Forces ID
- Employee ID
- Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth
- Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. Government
- Firearm permit
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Current paycheck
- Government check

What if I run into a problem at the polls?

- Ask for a provisional ballot at your polling place
 - The Judge of Elections must allow you to vote provisionally.
 - You will be given a paper ballot to complete in the polling place.
 - Voters that cast provisional ballots will have their eligibility checked by election officials and their votes will be counted if valid.
- Call the Election Protection Program **1-866-OUR-VOTE** (1-866-687-8683) if you need help, if someone is denied the right to vote, or if you observe or suspect any wrongdoing in a polling place or with regards to mail-in ballots.
 - Spanish/English: 888-VE-Y-VOTA – NALEO Educational Fund
 - Arabic/English: 844-YALLA-US – Arab American Institute (AAI)
 - Asian Languages/English: 888-API-VOTE – APIAVote & Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC) [TOP](#)

Become a Poll Worker



Apply here:

17-year-olds: bit.ly/Involved17

18 and over: Vote.Phila.gov/PollWorker

Can't vote yet?

You may still be able to get paid to help others exercise this important right

Requirements

- Must be at least 17

The job

Consists of opening voting machines, checking voters into polling place, supporting the functions of the polling place, and closing up at the end.

Language interpreters are also needed.

The pay

\$250

Resources & Lesson Plans for Teachers

Lesson Plans

- **Elections & Voting Lesson Plans**

1. **Voting Rights History & Policy** - [Presentation](#)
2. **Political Parties & Voter Registration** - [Presentation](#)
3. **Ways of Casting Your Ballot - The Mail-In Voting Debate** - [Presentation](#)
4. **Make a Plan to Vote - Applying for a Mail-In Ballot / Finding Your Polling Place** - [Presentation](#)
5. **Researching the Candidates and Making Your Ballot "Cheat-Sheet"** - [Presentation](#)

- **Exploring Political Endorsements**

- [Philly Who's Endorsing Whom?](#)

- **PA Right-To-Know & Sunshine Laws**

- **Interview Candidates in Your Classroom**
- **PA Youth Vote Statewide Mock Election**
- **PA Governor's Civic Engagement Award**
- **Become a paid Voter Champion at your high school.**
- **Download your school's unique Voter Registration Link and QR Code (or request one).**
- **Get a Voter Registration Toolkit Delivered to your School**
- **How to Download and Organize your School's List of Eligible Voters**



Join (or start) a voter registration club in school!

PA Youth Vote creates voting education and empowerment teams in public schools.

Reach out to us at PAyouthvote.org or [@PAyouthvote](https://twitter.com/PAyouthvote) on all platforms if you'd like to learn where to start!

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[Better Civics](#)



[Committee of Seventy](#)



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[League of Women Voters of Philadelphia](#)



[PA Department of State - Vote.PA.gov](#)



[Philadelphia City Commissioners](#)





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PA Youth Vote is a nonpartisan collaboration of youth, educators, and organizations working to elevate youth voices, improve public school civics education, and empower youth as civic actors. Together, we are building youth political power and changing the policy and culture around youth voting statewide.

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