



HELLO, AND WELCOME TO OUR 2020 CUMBERLAND VALLEY RISING VOTER GUIDE!

Thank you so much for reading our guide. We have put lots of time and energy into this resource and hope it can help you, and all of us together, to vote for those standing for equity amidst the many crises we find ourselves facing in this moment. All information is from public sources including the candidates' websites and Facebook pages, and Ballotpedia. Much of the language is straight from those sources. Changes have been made by the CVR steering committee for style and clarity purposes, but the overall aim of this document is to provide information on the candidates and their values and how they align with CVR's values.

CVR Values:

- **Voter & Elections:** including fair districting, increasing voter participation and reforming campaign financing;
- **Public Education:** addressing resource difficulties (taxation and distribution) and quality standards at all levels: preschool, primary, secondary and college;
- **Healthcare:** advocating for accessible and affordable healthcare that addresses women's right to choose, as well as treatment of mental illness and the drug dependency;
- **Economic Justice:** providing good jobs with a fair, living wage and affordable housing;
- **Environmental Justice:** urgent attention focusing on climate change and restoration of programs and standards for clean air and water, especially in the Chesapeake Watershed;
- **Social Justice:** alleviating long-standing racial, ethnic, and gender-based prejudice, as well as prejudice against sexualities including large-scale bigotry and intolerance both individual and institutional;
- **Immigration:** supporting realistic immigration policies that recognize immigration's value to the United States as well as the plight of those who seek a path to citizenship and/or asylum.

Together these issues comprise the 7 points we are looking for in candidates- see below how they fare!

Attorney General

Heather Heidelbaugh (R)

- Well known litigator from Pittsburgh, running to be “the people’s lawyer”
- Politics as a service to community, not as a career
- Recognizes that PA is faced with challenges of opioids and their aftermath, especially for rural communities
- Wants an end to special interest groups using the courts to get around elected legislators
- Scammers who ignore the do not call list are ripping off consumers
- Corruption is seeping into government where waste and fraud are cheating taxpayers of millions every year

CVR Score 3/7

Joshua D Shapiro (D)

- Has been a civil rights advocate, and will continue to prioritize it
- Protects Reproductive Rights for women to make their own decisions about their own bodies and healthcare
- Committed to fighting discrepancies and reforming the criminal justice system
- Wants to ensure the PA constitutional right of clean air and clean water is defended
- Protects and defends the Affordable Care actDark spots in potatoes
- Is suing opioid manufacturers and distributors to hold them accountable for the devastation they have caused
- Has made tracking crime guns a top priority in keeping our neighborhoods safe
- His website states “Since taking office, Josh has worked tirelessly to protect Pennsylvanians from scams and fraud and is a huge advocate for consumer protection and has spent his career fighting to level the playing field for hard-working Pennsylvanians and small business owners by taking on practices that put workers rights at stake”

[\(https://www.joshshapiro.org/\)](https://www.joshshapiro.org/)

CVR Score 4/7

Auditor General

Nina Ahmad

- Would be the first woman of color to serve as a state-wide executive in the Commonwealth’s 233-year history
- Served for nearly half a decade as President of the Philadelphia chapter National Organization for Women (NOW), serves as a national board member to this day
- As a small business owner, she’s created jobs with union-generated and labor-built partnerships
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- launched the city's Commission for Women, fighting for pay equity, and working to end workplace harassment
- gathered support for reform and opportunity through the city's Youth Commission, the Office of Black Male Engagement, and the office of LGBT affairs
- served President Barack Obama as a member of the National Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, advising on key issues affecting the health, employment, and well-being of these communities

Timothy DeFoor (R)

- Not a career politician, and tired of politics-as-usual in Harrisburg
- Has been and will continue to be dedicated to his community of Harrisburg, serves on the board for HACC Foundation Board of Directors, Harrisburg Area NAACP and the PA State Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge #78
- Wants more transparency to avoid taxpayer funded contracts remaining hidden from the public
- Has a proven track record of fighting waste, fraud, and abuse and wants to cut wasteful government spending to protect taxpayers
- Wants to help create a stronger economy that allows business to create good paying jobs here in PA
- Helped create Dauphin County's first Audit Division and was elected in 2015 as Dauphin County Controller where he recovered over \$1 million taxpayer dollars in his first term

State Treasurer

Joseph Torsella (D)

Major Points:

- Keystone Savings : automatic college or vocational training savings accounts for every child born in PA , increasing access to higher education, improving graduation rates, fostering lifelong financial literacy and wealth building, to bridge the income gap
- Is going to push for PA Individual Retirement Accounts
- PA Sunshine Checkbook; Joseph is advocating for Open Data allowing taxpayers to see more government data on spending

Stacy Garrity (R)

- Is fighting for the most transparency possible in the use of taxpayer funds

CVR Score

Because this role isn't necessarily a campaign in the same way other candidacies are with policy issues that include our values, it's hard to evaluate based on our values how Tracie scores. She is an incredibly experienced and well-educated accountant, and she wants reform in the Auditor General's Office that will support real people. With the state treasurer's office we also refrained from giving a CVR score since most issues are about fiscal practices and management. Obviously the way resources are waged within our economic systems represent systems of power and injustice, and we must ensure that a good candidate for State Treasurer will understand that and leverage their power for justice and equity.

10th Congressional District

Eugene DePasquale (D)

Issues:

- Public health care that extends past the Affordable Care Act and protecting social security and Medicare
- A strong statewide commitment to better job training and wages, especially creating well-paying jobs and training skilled tradespeople that can compete in our global economy
- Environmental protection, endorsed by the League of Conservation Voters in PA and Clean Water Action PA
- Infrastructure improvements that are bought and built in America
- Government reform against corruption and the role of corporate money in politics, and increased transparency as well as an end to government shutdowns

CVR Score 4/7

Scott Perry (R)

Issues:

- Boosting the economy through private sector support that creates more jobs
- Dramatic education reform, localizing standards and support from school districts and parents - less federal support of education
- Energy; pursuing renewables but then also using the national fossil fuel reserves we have, as well as increasing hydropower
- Health care; repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act
- Immigration limitation through border securitization
- Supports retaining Second Amendment rights
- Keeping social security and Medicare supporting those who depend on it
- Limiting federal spending so that debt can't continue to accumulate
- Transportation infrastructure reconstruction with private firms and state and local governments

- Improving veterans health care support

CVR Score 0/7

11th Congressional District (Perry County)

Sarah Hammond (D)

- Sarah will fight for criminal justice reform and fighting systemic oppression that causes too many people to be in prison for disproportionate offenses and are part of the school to prison pipeline
- “Sarah is against gerrymandering by either party. She was a vocal supporter of fair districts as a candidate for State house and remains so. The biggest part of our campaign is probably increasing voter participation. We believe that progressive values are popular with people who may not be voting, and we want to reach these folks.”
- Strengthening and supporting unions and union workers
- Supports the fair-funding formula and applying it to all education funds
- Supports public, free universities
- Believes housing is a human right.
- Combating the opioid epidemic and providing support for rehabilitation centers
- Championing universal health care for all
- Providing good farming and manufacturing jobs in PA
- Will fight for LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights as well as bodily autonomy for all
- Swift action against the climate crisis, supports the Green New Deal
- Immigration reform and abolishing ICE
- Will support policy to prevent gun violence

CVR Score 7/7

Lloyd Smucker (R)

- Wants everyone to have access to the American Dream and is fighting for this by limiting Washington’s spending and providing regulatory relief to small businesses so they can expand and create jobs
- Has served 2 terms in the PA State Senate and chaired the Education Committee
- On the Appropriations Committee he built the reputation of being an independent minded conservative who seeks creative solutions to complex problems
- serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure and Education and Labor Committees. He is the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

- Mission statement: We help all families access and achieve their American Dream. We promote freedom and personal accountability. We fight for free enterprise to stop socialism. We serve by listening, respecting and helping.

CVR Score 0/7

13th Congressional District

Todd Rowley (D)

- Supports universal, affordable, quality health care and mental health care because it is a basic human right; a health care system that is there for patients and Americans not pharmaceutical companies as well as increasing resources to support rural and urban areas without enough medical professionals or public access to them, supports the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and wants to improve upon it to get to universal health care
- Supports protecting and strengthening Social Security and Medicare for our seniors.
- Supporting a growing middle class that has a sense of security in their present and future personal economic disposition through economic and tax reform policies that benefit and favor the lower and middle income earners
- high-quality education in a safe, vibrant and nurturing school environment for every child no matter where they are, that will prepare them for the 21st century economy
- Supporting teachers and educators with fair compensation and proper support to do the work they do
- Supporting immigrants whether or not they are documented, whether they are students, or elders, believes in a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers and DACA recipients
- Supporting an end to the travel ban, family separation and modernizing our immigration policy to better reflect humanitarian and our changing economic needs
- Supports staying in the Paris Agreement, renewable energy investments that come with high-paying jobs
- Supporting farmers and ranchers across PA as they confront the challenges of climate change
- Will advocate for women's rights to a choice and access to public reproductive care, civil rights, and LGBTQ+ rights and protecting the most vulnerable citizens to combat poverty, hunger, homelessness, and ensuring access to health care
- Embraces sensible firearms safety regulations like universal background checks, red flag laws, as well as criminal justice reform and increased funding for drug, alcohol and Opioid Addiction
- Condemns racial policies and works to reverse them into practices and political, economic and social support and racial equity for Black Americans and other non-White groups
- Supported and will continue to support mail-in ballot legislation for PA

CVR Score 7/7

John Joyce (R)

- Believes in protecting social security and Medicare
- Supports Trump's initiative to secure the border
- Believes we have the moral obligation to protect those most vulnerable in our society- unborn children. Fiercely pro-life
- Retaining Second Amendment rights while increasing mandatory minimums for criminals that use guns, and funding mental health system while making securing schools a top priority
- Hopes to be a strong advocate for a strong military and supporting veterans health care access
- Will fight to dismantle The Affordable Care Act entirely
- Believes we should invest in transportation by incentivizing the private sector to invest, does not support increasing the gas tax and doesn't want to burden our drivers
- Will work to make individual tax relief permanent and work to continue to gain economic momentum in job creation
- Will work to end the grip of special interests in Washington, is running for the people of the 13th Congressional District.

CVR Score 0/7

31st Senatorial District

Shanna Danielson (D)

- Cares deeply about education access and equitable funding for schools, staff and students, has been an educator in rural PA schools for most of her career and understands schools are consistently being asked to do more with less
- Believes in the power of early childhood education, career and technical training, affordable public colleges and universities and de-standardization so children can choose a career path that works for them
- Will work in many ways to reduce gun violence with universal background checks, increased training and waiting periods, increasing access to mental health care in schools and promoting safe gun storage for families
- Has several years of legislative experience as a volunteer legislative lead with local MOMS Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
- Support the fight for a universal healthcare system on the national level that ensures healthcare for every person, no matter their income.
- Expand income limits for Medicaid to allow more families to qualify.
- Treat addiction as a healthcare crisis, not a criminal justice problem.
- Supports women's choices about their bodies, affordable and accessible reproductive health care and staunch supporter of Planned Parenthood, comprehensive sex education, access to contraceptives, and removing the societal stigma around these issues

- Holding the elected officials and constituents of PA accountable through functional government practices and fair districts as well as campaign finance reform and increasing discourse across differing opinions
- End our dependence on the fossil fuel industry and hold corporate polluters accountable. Protect our air and water by enforcing sustainable industrial and farming standards. Invest in low-income communities by expanding access to public transportation and investing in energy efficiency upgrade programs. Support the creation of an advisory board to the governor on clean energy.
- “I am **not** in favor of using local law enforcement for federal immigration enforcement. I AM in favor of federal action on DACA and streamlining the immigration system, ending family detention (such as the Berks facility), and making it easier for immigrants to fully participate in the workforce.” -Shannia Danielson

CVR Score 7/7

Michael Regan (R)

- Incumbent candidate
- Was elected to the PA Senate in 2016 and is known to be a conservative with a track record of fighting crime and protecting families
- During his first two years in the senate Mike has been a leader on strengthening school security and protecting taxpayers
- When elected to the house in 2012 Mike took on issues like sanctuary cities, medical cannabis, welfare reform, liquor privatization, school funding equity, local tax reform, the opioid epidemic and veterans issues
- Mike introduced the legislation that became act 125 of 2018 which addresses the most egregious abuses of our welfare system and enhances the law to protect the eligibility of our society’s most vulnerable and needy
- Mike also introduced Act 44 of 2018 which allowed for assessments, planning, training and equipping our school with the resources they need to ensure children are safe and \$60 million in new school safety grant funding

CVR Score 1/7

33rd Senatorial District

Richard Sterner (D)

- Aims to look to the future and promote proven environmental practices by developing and maintaining alternative and renewable energy sources with new jobs as well as new training for existing workers
- Protect voting rights for all eligible voters, and will demand election correction
- Is passionate about health care in south Central PA for each and every person, regardless of their pre-existing conditions

- Wants to prioritize reducing costs of prescription drugs as well as addressing health and addiction issues and increase health care education
- Wants to ensure our local first responders, whether they are paid or volunteer, have the resources and training they need from local and state governments
- Wants to eliminate standardized testing, and create an evaluation system based on actual graduation rates and success beyond graduation, better fund charter schools and cyber charter schools by need, and not for profit and hold them accountable
- Wants to provide equitable and fair funding for all Pennsylvania public schools, while maintaining a high standard of local control
- Will work in a bipartisan way to pass legislation that protects all of us, requiring safety education for all gun owners, and focusing on regulation not confiscation

CVR Score 4/7

Doug Mastriano (R)

- Incumbent, first elected in May 2019
- Chair of Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee
- Retired Army Colonel and combat veteran
- Supporter of the Assemble for Freedom rallies at the beginning of quarantine that pushed the governor for restricting choice and freedom with the lockdown

CVR Score 0/7

86th Legislative District

Perry Stambaugh (R)

- Will fight for: property tax elimination, our economy, President Trump, cutting government red tape, protecting our rural heritage, supporting government reforms including legislative term limits, increasing access to high-speed internet, protecting our second amendment rights, refusing state pensions

CVR Score 0/7

Representatives in the General Assembly (PA Senate)

87th Legislative District

Nicole Miller (D)

- Will fight for the environment, accessible and affordable health care and quality education and people above corporate interest and special interest groups

CVR Score 5/7

Gregory Rothman (R)

- Served 10 years in the Marine Corps and a career in real estate
- Incumbent elected in 2015 and then reelected in 2016 and 2018 current member of the Appropriations, Insurance, Liquor Control, Transportation and Urban Affairs Committees

CVR Score 0/7

88th Legislative District

Tara Shakespeare (D)

- Mission is to make PA a more inclusive, prosperous, equitable place to live and work
- Will fight for policy makers that understand what it is like to be part of the working poor and be driven to find solutions to income inequality
- We should have legislators that stick up for us, not talk down to us
- All people regardless of race, religion, gender, ancestry, sexual orientation, disability, or age deserve to be treated with respect and compassion
- She's running for office because she believes it is within our power to elect people who care deeply, are ready to stand up and fight for our friends and neighbors and make PA proud
- 15 years of experience in finance and human resources with small businesses
- Since 2015 she has been working with Harrisburg Area Chapter of National Organization Women (NOW)

CVR Score 3/7

Sheryl Delosier (R)

- Incumbent, and has served six terms in the PA House and was first elected in 2008
- Majority of chairman of the House Commerce Committee

CVR Score n/a

92nd Legislative District

Douglas Ross (D)

- Liberatiarian Democrat for PA
- Will fight for increasing individual freedoms while maintaining protections and a strong social safety net to empower people for success
- Is pledging to donate all paychecks from the positions to the libraries and volunteer fire dept companies of the 92nd district
- Wants to raise the minimum wage to support workers and small businesses
- Wants to legalize recreational cannabis, as a safer alternative to alcohol since no one has ever died from an overdose, or committed a violent crime because of marijuana use
- Wants to enact a death with dignity law that allows Pennsylvanians to have freedom to make end of life decisions about their bodies
- Hopes to combine the tax revenue from legal marijuana to increase property tax/rent rebate funds supporting seniors, and allowing us to eliminate property taxes entirely
- Allowing Pennsylvanians to buy drugs from Canada, as they are cheaper, and reducing exclusivity in terms of economic access and reducing the hold that the pharmaceutical companies have on the U.S. prescription drug market
- Fair districts are what allow us to have fair elections, must have a non-partisan independent panel to draw fair districts

CVR Score 4/7

Dawn Keefer (R)

- Incumbent elected in Nov 2016 serves on the House Aging and Older Adult Services, Health, Insurance, Labor and Industry, and State Government committees
- Fiscal conservative with more than 20 years of profession and government experience; having owned and operated a consulting firm as well as extensive history in public service areas such as the Carlisle Senior Housing Corp. and serving as the chief advisor to Rep. Will Gabig on issues of transportation, economic development, education and agriculture
- Is on the side of natural economic growth by challenging PA's outdated and unfair tax structure that negatively impacts small businesses and hinders investment

CVR Score 0/7

93rd Legislative District (York County)

Paul Michael Jones (R)

- Incumbent elected in 2019
- Mike will continually push for a return to a citizen government specifically with term limits, restrictions on personal gifts from lobbyists, and part time legislature like that of 40 other states
- He leads by example in pledging to support term limits, to not accept personal gifts from lobbyists and to refuse a government pension and per diems

CVR Score 0/7

94th Legislative District (York County)

Stanley Saylor (R)

- Incumbent and in office since 1993, chair of the Appropriations Committee and the Committee on Committees as well as a member of Rules Committee
- Has been on the state Board of Education, PA Higher Education Facilities Authority
- Is committed to clean fuel technology and weaning off foreign oil, Stanley has pushed for converting PA's mostly diesel powered mass transit fleets to natural gas and was awarded a Clean Vehicle Education Foundation and NGV America award
- A strong advocate for education Stanley has served on many local and state boards as well as advocating for professional seminars on child abuse prevention

CVR Score 1.5/7

95th Legislative District (York County)

Carol Hill Evans (D)

- Incumbent and elected in 2017, member of Committee on Ethics, Education, Tourism and Recreational Development and the Democratic Chair of the Local Government, Subcommittee on Counties as well as the Veterans Affairs & Emergency preparedness Subcommittee on Security and Emergency Response
- Strong advocate of child welfare and strengthening support for not only food access and education quality, but well being as well
- Advocates for health professionals lives, and the legalizations of cannabis including a restorative justice system to expungement of those unfairly incarcerated for cannabis related crimes and sentences
- Supports GLBTQ+ communities and their right to love and marital status

CVR Score 4/7

Kathryn "Kacey" Correll French (R)

- COVID 19 has reaffirmed her desire to win and support families and people of PA
- Will support innovative policies that address the needs of our growing aging population
- Advocates for quality education in our schools so that no child's future is determined by their zip code
- Smart and innovative growth for our cities and towns providing economic growth to reopen our economy and provide new jobs for during and after the Covid-19 crisis both to support existing corporations and attract new ones to the area ultimately reducing the unemployment rate for the district
- Fiscal accountability in government will advocate for an agreed set of policies, processes, or arrangements intended to improve fiscal outcomes, discipline, transparency and accountability

CVR Score 3/7

169th Legislative District (York County)

Kate Klunk (R)

- Incumbent first elected in 2014 and has established herself as a conversative voice that represents the people of the district in Harrisburg
- Advocate for policies that restore fiscal discipline in state government, revitalize PA's business climate to create good, family-sustaining jobs, provide immediate and permanent property tax relief, fight against unnecessary tax increases on families, seniors and businesses
- Advocate for the improvement of educational quality
- Preserve the commonwealth's rich agricultural heritage and protect the rights of private property owners
- Currently serves on the House Agricultural and Rural Affairs, Ethics, Health, Judiciary, Labor and Industry, and Rules committees

CVR Score 2/7

196th Legislative District (York County)

Seth Grove (R)

- Incumbent elected in 2008 and has consistently advocated for streamlined, more efficient government and common sense conversative principles
- Leading voice in Harrisburg on fiscal issues, entitlement reform, education reform and funding, cybersecurity, career and technical education while reducing the size and scope of state government

- Protecting the unborn with pro-life legislation
- Author of the Bill addressing Right to Know law for public records during emergency times

CVR Score 0/7

199 Legislative District

Janelle Crossley (D)

- The first openly trans person to run in PA, Janelle Crossley
- Is advocating for nursing home care specifically, decreasing waiting times, increasing patient information and communication as well as ancillary services for both patients and families and prioritizing a well-trained personnel team at these facilities through standardization of training
- She is also a big advocate for nursing home staffing increases in opportunities and regulatory enforcement
- Crossley cares deeply about ending the homelessness crisis, to address this she proposes increased federal housing assistance, permanent supportive housing, and housing first approach to street homelessness
- She also is a supported of the Green New Deal and an environmental ally
- Is focused on increasing school safety through policy as well as legislation that responds preemptively to stop school violence and decrease bullying, creating the safe and inspiring learning environment that our children deserve
- Foundation of leadership, justice and equity, hoping to address climate change response, improving infrastructure for our communities, working for equality and equal pay for women and ensuring equality for all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and gender identities/expressions
- Is an ally for Dickinson students in their attempts to hold Dickinson accountable to their values
- “As the elected State Representative for PA District 199, I will support the legislation if presented in the Pennsylvania General Assembly that decreases the role of 'for-profit' detention facilities, that advocates for reform embracing worker rights, and addresses the needs of industries in the 199th, that reunites and keeps families together, that restores due process and civil liberties, and that creates a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants living in the United States.” Janelle Crossley

CVR Score 7/7

Barb Gleim (R)

- Incumbent and elected in 2018 and is on the Children and Youth, Education, Game & Fisheries, Human Services, and Labor & Industry Committees in the House of Representatives
- Has a strong legacy of civic and private sector leadership in Carlisle through her executive positions with Giant Foods as well and 8 years on the Cumberland Valley School Board

- Continues to raise Hereford beef on her family farm with her husband and is dedicated to supporting Cumberland Valley's farming families
- Ran on a platform on property tax reform and elimination, economic growth and job creation in PA's booming energy industries, government reform, ending the opioid crisis and supporting agriculture
- Sponsor of legislation to stop school districts from raising property taxes because of COVID-19

CVR Score 0/7

Be sure to get out and vote and keep an eye out for our fall voting events and projects!

