

Pennsylvania State Grange



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2022 Voter Guide



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As we move into primary election season, the Pennsylvania State Grange is working to keep our members informed and to help you better wade through the abundance of candidates running for the U.S. Senate and for Governor in 2022.

The airwaves are beginning to pour in with one candidate after another. Many are trying to create an image but, at times, do not provide substance. It is sometimes difficult to understand where these candidates stand on issues.

Since there are so many choices, we felt it was important to conduct a survey to identify candidates' views on issues that are important to us and to rural PA.

As a non-partisan organization that does not endorse, we are publishing exactly what the candidates responded to on the questionnaire we sent them. Candidates who did not respond to our survey are marked as "Did not Respond". We sent the questionnaire with an invitation to respond on three separate occasions to make sure each candidate had an appropriate amount of time to respond. We have included websites for every campaign so that you may do research on your own as well.

As a Pennsylvania State Grange Member and Pennsylvania voter you are the most important part of our democracy. Please register to vote if you are not already and make sure everyone in your family is registered.

Despite media reports of a court challenge to mail-in voting, the PA Supreme Court ruled that the 2022 primary can go on as planned. If you voted by mail last election, you should be getting a form from your county election bureau. It asks if you plan to vote by mail this year. If so let them know and return the form. If you live in a county that has not sent that out, following is a website that provides information for each county so that you can request one. <https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx>

Sincerely,

Wayne Campbell
President
Pennsylvania State Grange.

UNITED STATES SENATE 2022 CANDIDATE RESPONSES

What is the single greatest Federal issue facing rural Pennsylvanians today? As a U.S. Senator, what would you do to address this issue? (Please be as specific as possible.)

Jeff Bartos (Republican): A businessman from Montgomery County who previously ran for lieutenant governor. For more Information go to: <https://jeffbartos.com/>

Answer: "The number-one issue facing rural communities in Pennsylvania is that time and again, federal policies favor corporate interests over family farms. Whether it is stormwater regulations (including Waters of the United States), the lack of rural broadband, death taxes or lax oversight of farmland being purchased by foreign entities, Pennsylvanians deserve a U.S. Senator who will fight for family farms and our rural communities. I am eager to get to Washington to work with leaders such as Congressman Glenn Thompson and fight for rural communities and our top economic engine in Pennsylvania-agriculture."

Carla Sands (Republican): A central Pennsylvania native from the town of Mechanicsburg who served as an ambassador to Denmark during the Trump administration. For more Information go to: <https://carlasands.com/>

Answer: "The Biden Administration's war on energy. I am calling for Operation Warp Speed on American Energy Dominance. I will work with whoever is elected as Governor to work through permits and regulations to expand drilling, harvesting and transportation."

Sean Gale (Republican): A lawyer from Montgomery County whose older brother, Joe, is a Montgomery County Commissioner running for governor. For more information go to: www.galeforsenate.com

Answer: Did not respond to questionnaire

Mehmet Oz (Republican): A TV celebrity doctor who rose to fame as a frequent guest on Oprah Winfrey's show. For more information go to: www.doctoroz.com

Answer: Did not respond to questionnaire

David McCormick (Republican): A former CEO of one of the world's largest hedge funds who graduated from West Point and served nine years in the Army after growing up in Bloomsburg. For more information to: www.davemccormickpa.com

Answer: Did not respond to questionnaire

Kathy Barnette (Republican): A businesswoman who lives in Montgomery County and has frequently appeared on Fox News as a commentator. For more information go to: www.barnetteforsenate.com

Answer: Did not respond to questionnaire

John Fetterman (Democrat): Former mayor of Braddock, a city in western Pennsylvania, and the current lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania. For more information go to: www.johnfetterman.com

Answer: Did not respond to questionnaire

Conor Lamb (Democrat): A second-term congressman who represents a portion of Pittsburgh and the city's surrounding northwestern suburbs.

Answer: Did not respond to questionnaire

Malcolm Kenyatta (Democrat): A state representative from Philadelphia. For more information go to: www.malcolmkenyatta.com

Answer: Did not respond to questionnaire

Following are several issue categories specific to rural PA. Please identify the top three (not in order)

Broadband

USDA Support for Farmers

Rural Health Care

Traditional Energy Development

Developing Alternate Energy Resources

Agricultural Exports

Rural Infrastructure

Mental Health

Conservation

Sustainable Agriculture/ Organic Crops

Specific Agricultural Product Focus (such as Dairy, etc.) -----

Other Major Agriculture/Rural Issue(s)

Jeff Bartos:

Answer: **Broadband, Traditional Energy Development, Agricultural Exports,
Specific Ag Product Focus: Dairy**

Carla Sands:

Answer: **Broadband, Traditional Energy Development, Agricultural Exports,
Specific Ag Product Focus: "Growers, chicken farmers and processors"
Other Major Agriculture/Rural Issue(s): "Green New Deal overregulation and bureaucratic overreach."**

Specific Topics: Which do you support/oppose?

Restore Whole Milk in Schools

Bartos: **Support**

Sands: **Support**

**More Federal Investment in Natural Gas
Development**

Bartos: **Support**

Sands: **Support- "and commonsense regulations"**

More Flood Mitigation Funding

Bartos: **Support**

Sands: **Support**

Cancel MS4 (Storm Water EPA Rules)

Bartos: **Support**

Sands: **Did not answer**

Changing Waters of US Definition

Bartos: **Oppose**

Sands: **“Government should not regulate!”**

Right To Repair

Bartos: **Support**

Sands: **Support**

Do you or family have a farm background? If so, what type of farm?

Bartos: **Did not answer**

Sands: **“Ancestors in Westmoreland County since 1700’s and growing up in Mechanicsburg Cumberland County”**

Would you support a more uniform way of supporting dairy farmers as a way to replace the Over Order Premium?

Bartos: **Yes**

Sands: **Yes**



GOVERNOR CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2022

Josh Shapiro (Democrat): The second-term state attorney general who lives in Abington Township, just outside Philadelphia, is the presumptive nominee for the Democratic Party. For more information go to:

www.joshshapiro.org

Did Not answer Questionnaire

Lou Barletta (Republican): A former mayor of Hazleton in northeastern Pennsylvania who went on to represent his region in Congress. Barletta previously lost a race for US Senate against Sen. Bob Casey. For more information go to: www.loubarletta.com

Did not answer questionnaire

Jake Corman (Republican): A state senator for more than 20 years, taking over a seat previously held by his father, Corman represents a central Pennsylvania district that includes Pennsylvania State University's main campus. He is currently the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate. For more information go to: www.cormanforpa.com

Answers listed below

Joe Gale (Republican): The second-term Montgomery County commissioner. For more information go to:

www.joegale.com

Did not answer questionnaire

Charlie Gerow (Republican): Gerow has been involved in both state and national political campaigns for decades. He began his career working for former President Ronald Reagan after graduating from Villanova University Law School. For more information go to: www.charlieforgovernor.com

Answers listed below

Melissa Hart (Republican): The former congresswoman from western Pennsylvania served in the U.S. House from 2001-2007 before losing re-election to a Democratic challenger. She is an attorney who was born in Pittsburgh.

www.hartforpa.com

Did not answer questionnaire

Doug Mastriano (Republican): As a state senator representing a central Pennsylvania district along the Maryland border. For more information go to : <https://www.doug4gov.com/>

Did not answer questionnaire

William McSwain (Republican): The former U.S. Attorney for Eastern Pennsylvania is a Chester County resident who served as the federal prosecutor in the Philadelphia region for former President Trump. For more information go to: www.billmcswain.com

Did not answer questionnaire

Dave White (Republican): The businessman from Delaware County, just south of Philadelphia, previously served on the county Council. For more information go to: www.davewhiteforgovernor.co

Answers listed below

Nche Zama (Republican): A cardiothoracic surgeon from the Lehigh Valley, Dr. Zama immigrated to the United States on a student visa and earned a master's degree in management from Harvard University. For more information go to : www.zamaforpa.com

Did not answer questionnaire

Joe Soloski (Libertarian): An accountant who lives in central Pennsylvania, west of Harrisburg, the small-government advocate wants to decriminalize marijuana, sell the state liquor stores, enact term limits on elected officials, take away emergency powers from the governor and turn the state Legislature into a part-time job for politicians. For more information go to: www.joesoloski.com

Did not answer questionnaire



And the issues are....



Do you or family have a farm background? Yes _____ No _____ If so, what type of farm?

Jake Corman: **No**

Charlie Gerow: **No**

Dave White: **No**



Please share your views on each of the following issues of interest to rural Pennsylvanians.

Issue Support Oppose Neutral/Don't Know

State Funding for Broadband Authority

Jake Corman: Support

Charlie Gerow: Support

Dave White: Support



Tolling Bridges (PennDOT Proposal)

Jake Corman: Oppose

Charlie Gerow: Oppose

Dave White: Oppose

Ending Over-Order Milk Premium

Jake Corman: Oppose

Charlie Gerow: Neutral/"Open for Discussion"

Dave White: Support



Withdraw from Regional Natural Gas

Initiative (RGGI)

Jake Corman: Support

Charlie Gerow: Support

Dave White: Support



Legislation re Misuse of 'Meat' Label

Jake Corman: Support

Charlie Gerow: Support

Dave White: Support



Expand Sunday Hunting

Jake Corman: Oppose

Charlie Gerow: Support "With Private Property Restrictions"

Dave White: Neutral



Right To Repair

Jake Corman: **Support**

Charlie Gerow: **Support**

Dave White: **Support**

Work Requirement for Medicaid

Jake Corman: **Support**

Charlie Gerow: **Support**

Dave White: **Support**

Voter ID

Jake Corman: **Support**

Charlie Gerow: **Support**

Dave White: **Support**

Keeping Flexible Mail-In Balloting

Jake Corman: **Oppose**

Charlie Gerow: **Oppose**

Dave White: **Oppose**

Taxing Natural Gas Extraction

Jake Corman: **Oppose**

Charlie Gerow: **Oppose**

Dave White: **Oppose**

More Agritourism Liability

Protection

Jake Corman: **Support**

Charlie Gerow: **Support**

Dave White: **Support**

Communities Pay for State Police

Jake Corman: **Oppose**

Charlie Gerow: **Oppose**

Dave White: **Oppose**

Increase License Fees to Help Fund Dog

Law Enforcement

Jake Corman: **Oppose**

Charlie Gerow: **Support**

Dave White: **Support**

Municipal Restrictions on Biosolids

Farm Application

Jake Corman: **Support**

Charlie Gerow: **Oppose**

Dave White: **Neutral**



And the issues are...



Milk Hauling Legislation

Jake Corman: **Support** / “**For Snow Related Emergencies**”

Charlie Gerow: **Did not answer**

Dave White: **Support**

Would you support a more uniform way of supporting dairy farmers as a way to replace the Over Order Premium?

Jake Corman: **Yes**

Charlie Gerow: “**Open for Discussion**”

Dave White: **Yes**

Other Issues Important to You

Jake Corman: **Did not answer**

Charlie Gerow: “**Promoting 97%, Increase Meat and Dairy production, facilities, Made in Pennsylvania labeling**”

Dave White: **Did not answer**