

**“West End/Elliott” Nov 4, 2008 Voting Choices**

**President of the United States**

- Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzales, Independent
- Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root, Libertarian
- Barack Obama/Joe Biden, Democratic
- John McCain/Sarah Palin, Republican

**Attorney General; State of Pennsylvania**

- Marakay J. Rogers, Libertarian
- John M. Morganelli, Democratic
- Tom Corbett, Republican

**Auditor General; State of Pennsylvania**

- Jack Wagner, Democratic
- Chet Beiler, Republican
- Betsy Summers, Libertarian

**State Treasurer; State of Pennsylvania**

- Robert McCord, Democratic
- Tom Ellis, Republican
- Berlie Etzel, Libertarian

**US Representative; District 14**

- Titus North, Green
- Mike Doyle, Democratic

**State Representative; District 27**

- Frank J. Liberatore, Reform
- Daniel J. Deasy, Jr., Democratic

**Referendum Act-64 Water and Sewer Improvements Bond Referendum**

- Yes
- No

Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness by the Commonwealth of \$400,000,000 (\$400 million) for grants and loans to municipalities and public utilities for the cost of all labor, materials, necessary operational machinery and equipment, lands, property, right and easements, plans and specifications, surveys, estimates of costs and revenues, prefeasibility studies, engineering and legal services and all other expenses necessary or incident to the acquisition, construction, improvement, expansion, extension, repair or rehabilitation of all or part of drinking water system, storm water, nonpoint source projects, nutrient credits and wastewater treatment system projects?

**Information from SmartVoter.org (LWV), candidates in random order.  
<http://www.smartvoter.org/uvote4/uvote4.cgi?addr=1000+Lorenz&zip=15220>**

## **Attorney General - 4 Year Term. Salary: \$141,565**

The Attorney General, as Pennsylvania's chief legal and law enforcement officer, represents the Commonwealth in legal actions brought against it, furnishes legal advice to the Governor or any state agency, and prosecutes organized crime and public corruption. The office's law enforcement program includes criminal investigations, drug law enforcement, direction of statewide and multi-county investigative grand juries, and a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Other duties include review of all proposed rules and regulations of state agencies and administration of provisions relating to consumer protection. Under the state constitution the Attorney General must be a member of the bar in Pennsylvania.

### **John M. Morganelli** - Party: Democratic (Bethlehem)

Occupation: District Attorney, D.O.B: 11/12/1955

JD Villanova Law School, 1980

BA Moravian College, 1977

- District Attorney – 16 years; Prosecuted Numerous murder cases; PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency – 5 years, President, PA District Attorneys Assn. – 2 years, Special Deputy Attorney General, Special Prosecutor

Priorities:

- Pass a gang statute that makes gang membership a crime so as to attack the gangs before they commit their next murder or drug deal
- Address the proliferation of handguns into the hands of criminals, young children and those with mental illness.
- Abolish parole for violent criminals.
- Crackdown on illegal criminal aliens who have no respect for our laws, commit crime and use fraudulent identities.

### **Marakay J. Rogers** - Party: Libertarian (York )

Occupation: Attorney, D.O.B: 11/12/1955

JD, Dickinson School of Law

BA, magna cum laude, Wilson College

Former executive director, York City Human Relations Commission

BPW "Women In Government" award 1985

- Practicing attorney with criminal defense and civil rights experience

Priorities:

- Stop prosecution of victimless crimes
- Put moratorium on death penalty
- Protect citizens' rights from government abuse, including defending Pennsylvanians' right to privacy from government intrusion.

### **Tom Corbett** - Party: Republican (Harrisburg)

Occupation: Pennsylvania Attorney General, D.O.B: 06/17/1949

United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Assistant District Attorney in Allegheny County

Chairman, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Member, Pennsylvania Army National Guard 28th Infantry Division

1975, St. Mary's University School of Law, J.D.

1971, Lebanon Valley College, B.A.

- Attorney General of PA – 4 ½ years, Assistant District Attorney in Allegheny County, 3 ½ years, US Attorney, 4 years, PA Army National Guard, 13 years, Commissioner, Shaler Twp, 2 years
- My top priority is making Pennsylvania a safer and better place to live, work, and raise a family. As Attorney General, I will continue protecting the most vulnerable of our communities such as our children and seniors from those who would do them harm, reaffirming the public's trust in our elected officials, making sure that our communities are safe and free of drugs and gang activity and protecting Pennsylvania consumers from those who commit fraud.

Priorities:

- Protecting our children from Internet sexual predators and child pornography
- Fighting drugs and gangs in our communities
- Protecting our senior citizens from financial fraud and physical abuse

## **Auditor General - 4 Year Term. Salary: \$141,565**

The Auditor General is responsible for ensuring that all money to which the Commonwealth is entitled is deposited in the State Treasury and that public funds are disbursed legally and properly. The Department performs over 6,500 yearly audits of state departments, government agencies, state hospitals, universities, state pension funds, district justices and institutions receiving state aid. It also audits the approximately \$9 billion in federal funds allocated to Pennsylvania programs. Special audits are performed by the department when deemed necessary by the Auditor General or requested by the Governor.

### **Betsy Summers - Party: Libertarian (Wilkes Barre)**

Occupation: Sales Representative

Elected Home Rule Study Commission-2 year term

Treasure Home Rule Study Commission

Centenary College, AA degree

Insurance and Mutual Fund sales - 4 years

Rehabilitation Supplies sales - 3 years

Veterinary Medical Supplies sales - 19 years

Priorities:

- Independent Auditor General - No ties to Republicans or Democrats
- Find and retrieve the taxpayers money from state mismanagement
- Restore financial credibility to the State Legislature

### **Chet Beiler - Party: Republican (Penn Twp.)**

Occupation: CEO, Amish Country Gazebo's, D.O.B: 05/19/1963

Partner, Tombee Trucking, Inc.

Partner, Timothy Hughes Rare Newspapers

Partner, White Oak Displays

Partner, CarTango.com

B.A., Pepperdine University

Devoted husband and father

- 20 years of business building, County Chairman, 2 years, Rotary Club of Lancaster, 6 years. As a business builder, I know the value of a dollar and have experience developing systems that promote economic efficiency.
- Empower our auditors and honor their findings by systematically making more audit results public.
- Expand performance audits.
- Be an independent fiscal watchdog who does not play favorites; no government department or entity will be off limits as we seek to protect your tax dollars
- Hold quarterly press conferences to report on progress.
- Ensure state agencies are receiving their appropriate allocated tax monies and that they are spending those funds correctly while operating effectively & efficiently.

Priorities:

- Being an independent fiscal watchdog who is not beholden to special interests
- Holding state government accountable for how it spends our tax dollars, including identifying and eliminating runaway spending
- Performing audits that have been delayed because of bureaucratic red tape

### **Jack Wagner - Party: Democratic (Pittsburgh)**

Occupation: Auditor General, D.O.B: 01/04/1948

State Senator

City Council President & Member

Decorated U.S. Marine Corps Combat Veteran

Certified Safety Professional

Paramedic

Devoted Husband and Father

- Auditor General since 2005, State Senator, 10 years (Allegheny County), Pittsburgh City Councilman, 10 years (President, 4 years), Certified Safety Professional, 10 years, Marine Corps, Vietnam combat veteran, husband and father, 2 children.
- I look forward to continuing to work in an independent and bipartisan way to protect the taxpayers' hard-earned money and improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians. I will continue to focus on creating jobs, strengthening education, improving infrastructure, and protecting pensions. I am the only candidate with over 30 years of experience in both the public and private sectors watching the bottom line, reforming operations, and protecting working families.

Priorities:

- Serving as a tough, effective, and independent watchdog
- Focusing on issues of importance to families and taxpayers
- Saving millions in taxpayer dollars by exposing the waste, fraud, and abuse of public funds

## **State Treasurer - 4 Year Term. Salary: \$141,565**

The State Treasurer, as chief executive officer of the Treasury Department, is official custodian of Commonwealth Funds. Fundamental duties of the department are receipt and deposit of moneys received from state agencies, investment in short-term securities of moneys exceeding the daily needs of more than 140 separate funds, management of securities within its custody, pre-auditing all requisitions for expenditure of state funds as to legality and correctness, and payment of state moneys to those entitled to them.

### **Robert M. "Rob" McCord** - Party: Democratic (Lower Merion)

Occupation: Financial Executive

D.O.B: 03/05/1959

Harvard University, Bachelors Degree

University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Masters of Business Administration

15 year career in finance

Track record of managing over \$1 billion

Invested in start-up companies that have created over 2,000 jobs in Pennsylvania

- In these uncertain economic times, it is more important than ever to have a State Treasurer with appropriate business and financial expertise. As a business leader who has managed over \$1 billion in assets and helped fund startup companies that created over 2,000 PA-based jobs, I will serve as a catalyst for positive economic change. In addition to generating jobs, I plan to help improve pension performance, cut wasteful spending, and invest in environment-protecting technologies.

Priorities:

- Cut wasteful state spending and serve as an independent fiscal watchdog
- Attract jobs and businesses to Pennsylvania while protecting and improving our pension funds
- Increase and improve 'green' investing and fight for affordable healthcare

### **Tom Ellis** - Party: Republican (Cheltenham)

Occupation: Public Finance Attorney – Partner, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, 1985-

D.O.B: 07/14/1959

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D. (cum laude, Editor, Law Review)

University of Pennsylvania, B.A. (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

- Chairman, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, 2004-07-reduced property taxes, saved \$30million; Cheltenham Board of Commissioners, 1990-02 (Chair, Finance Committee); 22 years experience in finance
- Use over 22 years of public finance experience to protect tax dollars and ensure financial responsibility in office of Treasurer. Saved over \$30 million in debt service as County Commissioner.
- Enhance 529 college savings program to make best in nation – encourage college savings and provide incentives to save, such as matching funds (not taxpayer dollars).
- Implement policy prohibiting investment in nations that sponsor terrorism (enacted as County Commissioner).

### **Berlie Etzel** - Party: Libertarian (Ashland Twp)

Occupation: Retired Math Professor

B.S. Ed., Clarion State College

M. Ed., Penn State University

12 years Sec. Math./Science Teacher

20 years College Mathematics Assoc.Prof..

Assessor, Ashland Twp. (previous)

Elected Constable

Priorities:

- Open treasurer's books for Bonusgate investigations
- Retrieve lost taxpayer's money from PHEAA
- Control Pension Funds with diligent oversight

## **US Representative, District 14 - 2 Year Term. Salary: \$169,300**

The Congress is the legislative branch of the federal government. It is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law. Every law concerned with taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

### Questions:

1. What should the federal government do to ensure that every American has health insurance coverage?
2. List your top legislative priority and what you will do to accomplish it.

### **Christopher Titus "Titus" North** - Party: Green

Occupation: Professor

Financial News Analyst and Editor

Ph.D University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs  
(International Political Economy)

M.A. Sophia University, Tokyo (International Relations)

B.A. Hawaii Loa College (Linguistics)

Priorities:

- End our foreign wars and close our foreign bases
- Restore our Constitution Liberties
- Prevent give-aways to Wall Street crooks

Questions: No Reply

### **Mike Doyle** - Party: Democratic

Occupation: U.S. Congressman representing Pennsylvania's 14th District

Penn State University, B.S. 1975; Graduate, Leadership Pittsburgh

- Lifelong Pittsburgh area resident
  - Completing 7th term as Congressman
  - Have served on the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee since 2001
  - Co-owner of small insurance agency
  - Married over 25 years; four children
1. I believe the federal government has an obligation to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable, high quality health care. I've become convinced that more incremental, piecemeal changes to our existing inefficient system won't meet our country's health care needs. That's why I've cosponsored legislation to establish a national single-payer health insurance plan. I will continue to work to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance.
  2. I have been working for years to put in place a comprehensive national energy policy that would make the United States energy-independent. I believe that such a policy should include expanded conservation efforts and increased emphasis on energy-efficiency, as well as greater

**State Representative, District 27 - 2 Year Term. Salary: \$76,163**

The General Assembly is the legislative branch of the state government. It 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 concerned with taxation must originate in the House of Representatives.

Questions:

1. What should state government do to ensure that every Pennsylvanian has health insurance coverage?
2. What must be accomplished before you could support legislation to enable a merger between the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

**Daniel J. Deasy, Jr.** - Party: Democratic (Westwood)

Occupation: Pittsburgh City Councilman

University of Pittsburgh

Canevin Catholic High School

Carnegie Library/Museum Board

Polish National Alliance

Saint Margaret's of Scotland

Sheraden Kiwanis

United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation

West End Weed & Seed

Westwood-Oakland Athletic Association.

- As Councilman, I have developed a strong working relationship with Federal, State and County leaders. This experience will enable me to work collectively to better our region.
  1. I will work together with Federal legislators for a system that ensures coverage for all Pennsylvanians, but is sensitive to systems such as PACE and existing labor agreements. It is important to have healthcare, but we don't want to establish agreements that are detrimental to the labor force that has made Pennsylvania strong. It is my solemn oath to work hard on retrofitting this process to ensure existing coverage is considered.
  2. My goals to accomplish this would be:
    - a. Consolidation must demonstrate cost savings for residents of the
    - b. There can be no interruption in level or quality of service. 3.) Con-census among elected leaders to support and grow the region.

**Frank J. Liberatore** - Party: Reform (Ingram)

DOB: 08/25/1926

Candidate, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, District 27, 2000, 2006.

Quartermaster Corps, 1944-1945

BA, West Virginia, 1940

American Legion #145, 1950-2000

Alpha Phi Delta, 1940.

No reply