

Answers from Trexler Proffitt

1. What are 3 principles that guide/will guide your policy making?

1. Protect Civil Rights and Liberties

I believe we should keep the government out of our private affairs unless there is a clear and compelling public interest. We don't need politicians in our private lives. Our communities do better when we stand up for the vulnerable among us and create a welcoming, not a hostile, environment.

2 Serve Most of Us, Not the Wealthy Few

I commit to advocating for working people and families—everyday Americans—not the ultra wealthy and big corporations. Let's get big money out of our politics. I don't take corporate campaign contributions and will be responsive to voters.

3. Smart Investments in our People and Economy

I will seek to invest in our communities and our young people so they are better off, not worse off. Pennsylvania can make smarter deals for economic development and investments that ensure that government isn't a corporate giveaway machine.

2. Do you believe the state election system is secure as is or if not, what changes would you want to make?

I believe that every election has some irregularities but I am confident that with transparency and investigation we have been able to address each concern that has come up. We can certainly do more to ensure that every citizen has better access to the ballot while protecting our election integrity. However, I believe our state election system, as it stands, has produced accurate results that reflect the will of the people.

3. What are your top 3 priorities if elected/re-elected to office?

1. Invest in our young people through bipartisan efforts to fix our underfunded and unequal public education system. But lets not stop there. We can also support expanded child care, better incentives for trade and technical education, and improvements in the affordability of our university system. A strong education translates into safety, strong economic growth, and healthier communities. I would have voted for HB2370 when it came over to the state senate from the house side, for example.

2. Protect everyone's civil rights and liberties. Not only is it un-American to attack vulnerable groups; we are being distracted and divided unnecessarily by unfounded fears and claims. Let's get back to the kitchen table issues that concern most families. I would vote for SB150, the fairness act, for example.

3. Invigorate our economy, from manufacturing to agriculture to small business. We need to create attractive jobs in Pennsylvania so employers want to stay here and locate here, and also so our own young people want to stay here or return here. We have a lot of ground to make up in alternative energy, for example, to catch up to states like Texas, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, and South Dakota. I would vote to support smart investments in alternative energy, manufacturing, and infrastructure.

Answers from Jamie Barton

1. Do you believe the state election system is secure as is, or if not, what changes would you want to make?

We have substantial work to do to ensure election integrity here in the Commonwealth, that's why I co-sponsored a bill requiring all voters to present identification when voting. We need ID to enter schools, to board a plane, to get a library card and to book a hotel room!! 74% of Pennsylvanian's want voter ID and I won't quit until we get it! Likewise, we have survived and thrived without mail-in voting since the start of our country and we need to remove this disaster caused by Act 77. We have absentee voting available & we don't need mail in voting. 41 Counties in PA don't use drop boxes. I serve portions of Schuylkill & Berks Counties, Schuylkill has NO drop boxes, however Berks still uses them. While these drop boxes in Berks are guarded by our great Sheriff's department, they are not law and I believe they should be removed. To this point we need to make sure that each of our counties are following the same procedure, protocol and law, we need absolute election consistency throughout our state. Elections need to be free and fair and they need to be easy to vote and hard to cheat.

2. What 3 steps would you take to put our state on a better financial footing-ie- property tax reform, attracting businesses or a skilled and talented work force?

Pennsylvania spends more money than it takes in. Deficit spending is no way to run a household, a business, and certainly it's no way to run a state. This year's State budget spends in excess of (3) billion dollars more than our commonwealth will bring in in taxes. This is fiscally irresponsible, financially unhealthy and an unsustainable practice. This is also the reason why I voted "NO" on this budget. Pennsylvania should adopt a zero based budget approach reviewing and questioning every single line item instead of simply just taking the previous year's budget and adding more to it. If we can reduce government spending, we can reduce taxes leaving more money in our constituents pockets.

If we want to attract new business to PA we need to adopt a welcoming corporate climate! When I took office in Jan of 2023-Pennsylvania's Corporate Net Income tax rate was the 2nd worst in the country at 9.99% (2nd only to Minnesota's disgrace!). The CNIT rate is currently dropping half a percent a year until 2031 when it will be at 4.99%. I have been advocating for PA to fast track this and make it immediate! Governor Shapiro says he's competitive as hell, and hates to lose, yet Ohio's CNIT rate is ZERO! I will continue to advocate and work for a business friendly and welcoming Pennsylvania.

A talented workforce begins with education and more specifically connecting employers to our learning institutions. Pa tax dollars should be funding Pa students and Pa families, not institutions. Businesses flourish because competition breeds good business and Pa families should have a choice when it comes to education at all levels of learning. I will continue supporting school choice and using our tax dollars to fund PA students and families to keep them working here in our great state!

3. What are your top 3 priorities if elected/re-elected to office?

Unleash our energy potential in PA, reduce our regulatory and permitting nightmare and secure our elections.

The single largest problem facing our community, State & Country is our economy. Specifically, the cost of groceries, goods, services, housing and energy are simply unaffordable forcing families to make difficult decisions and sacrifices. While our economy has many moving parts, Pennsylvania is the number two energy natural resource in the United States! That said, Pennsylvania can be more than just energy independent, our Commonwealth can be energy dominant if we embrace our natural gas, coal and oil resources. Likewise, we should continue to research and develop alternative and regenerative energy sources such as nuclear, hydro, wind & solar. By reducing the cost of energy, it reduces the cost of heating and cooling our homes, fueling our vehicles and lowering freight rates. Lower energy prices to the agricultural and manufacturing community means lower costs of food and goods and a lower cost to get those things to market. Quite simply, by embracing and supporting our energy industry, we will in turn drastically improve our economy and quality of life.

PA has 22% more regulations than the average state here in the USA. It would take 740 hours to read the PA administrative code at a pace of 300 words a minute! If PA were to reduce 36% of its regulatory requirements, our Gross Domestic Product would increase by an estimated \$9.2 Billion per year, with compounded growth in the future. A \$9.2 Billion increase to GDP is equivalent to approximately \$1,760 per household and 183,497 new jobs in PA!

From Dave Maloney

1. Do you believe the state election system is secure as is, or if not, what changes would you want to make?

It is vitally important that our citizens have confidence that all votes counted in elections were fairly cast by individuals in Pennsylvania who are eligible to vote. That is why I introduced legislation to ensure this confidence.

In order to vote in a Pennsylvania or a federal election you must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen through birth in the U.S.
2. Through birth overseas to a U.S. citizen parent.
3. Through completion of the naturalization process by taking the oath of citizenship prior to the election.

Lawful permanent residents cannot vote in federal elections, though they may vote in some local elections elsewhere in the United States.

Unlawfully voting in an election or claiming to be U.S. citizen, in order to vote, is a violation of federal law punishable by fines and imprisonment.

My legislation is very simple and pragmatic – it will require that when registering to vote a person demonstrate they are a U.S. citizen before their registration is considered complete. To make this process simple for individuals registering to vote, I made certain the legislation details the many methods a potential voter may demonstrate citizenship.

To ensure federal law is adhered to – which is that only U.S. citizens may vote in federal, state or local elections – my legislation requires copies of birth certificates for those seeking to register to vote be provided at no cost to potential voters.

Furthermore, the legislation requires the secretary of State and County Boards of Elections to attempt to obtain evidence of citizenship on behalf of all applicants who have not completed this requirement themselves.

While this would take care of ensuring future voters are indeed qualified to vote, it would not do anything about unauthorized people who are currently registered to vote. To address that issue, I support creating a constitutional amendment allowing The People to vote on whether Pennsylvania should have Voter ID.

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I authored the Property Tax Constitutional Amendment, marshalled it through the full General Assembly legislative process two times in two consecutive years, and it was approved by a vote of The People on Nov. 7, 2017, amending the Pennsylvania Constitution for exclusion of 100% property tax assessment for primary homestead/farmstead.

Property tax also dovetails with other private property issues. My law, Act 41 of 2013, prohibits the government from use of "degradation" status in a building module as a reason to encroach on private property.

3. What are your top three priorities if elected/re-elected to office?

Continuing my efforts of government reform - greater transparency on how our money is being spent at all levels of bureaucracy, trade and regulatory reform and pushing forward on our now constitutionally-defined homestead/farmstead exclusion.