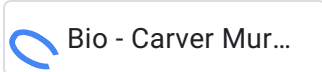


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Background Info & Questions

Please list all public service positions held over your career including unpaid public service. *

I was proud to serve as a State Representative for 6 years from York county and as Auditor General for 8 years. I also served as a Deputy Secretary and Counsel to the Secretary at the Department of Environmental Protection.

Please describe the general background of your public service during your professional career. *

As the former two-term Auditor General of Pennsylvania, I was the fiscal watchdog for the State of Pennsylvania. I led the effort to expose nearly \$2 billion in wasted tax dollars, led the fight to reduce the backlog of thousands of untested rape kits, and exposed 58,000 unanswered phone calls at the child abuse hotline.

Prior to serving as Auditor General, I was a three-term member of the state General Assembly representing the 95 th district. I was a leader in advocating for public schools and creating a fairer education funding formula. I was also the first legislator to post his expenses online and is the author of The Alternative Energy Investment Act and led the fight to ban texting while driving.

Please describe your accomplishments in promoting the concept of equity for all people. *

As a legislator, I led the fight for a fairer funding formula for public education. I also led the fight to create the pre-K Counts program to ensure young children get the critical boost they need.

As Auditor General, I focused heavily on ensuring public education dollars went directly to the classroom and not administrative waste.

As Auditor General, I always negotiated a fair contract guaranteeing rank and file raises every year and improving the diversity of the Department, both in leadership and department-wide employment.

Please describe any particular qualification you possess which was developed either through your career or in your community that would enhance your ability in the office you seek. *

I believe by record as Auditor General shows what kind of Attorney General I will be. In addition, I have a law degree from Widener University School of Law, which is relevant to the office of Attorney General specifically.

Please describe any particular qualification you possess which was developed either through your career or in your community that would enhance your ability to serve in government. *

I'll point to my record above again as evidence of the work ethic and values I will bring to this role.

Please list all endorsements you have received *

Campaign Chair, Allegheny State Rep. Emily Kinkead

Perry County Democratic Committee
Armstrong County Democratic Committee
Northampton County Democratic Committee

Central Pennsylvania Building Trades
Ironworkers Local 3
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 520
Bricklayers Local 5
Ricky's Pride PAC
United Rural Democrats
Pitt College Democrats
Steel City Stonewall Democrats

Bucks County President Commissioner Diane Marseglia
Bucks County Treasurer Kris Ballerini
Pittsburgh City Councilman Bobby Wilson
Carlisle Borough Councilwoman Cate Mellen
Adams County Commissioner Marty Qually
Lycoming County Commissioner Rick Mirabito
Fayette County Commissioner Vincent Vicites
Allegheny County Controller Corey O'Connor
Cambria County Controller Ed Cernic, Jr.
Allegheny County Councilwoman Anita Prizio
Allegheny County Councilman DeWitt Walton
Allegheny County Councilman Tom Duerr
Cambria Democratic County Chair Nina Licastro
Oakmont Former Mayor Christopher Whaley
Meadville Mayor Jaime Kinder
Coraopolis Mayor Michael Dixon
York Mayor Michael Helfrich
Pittston Mayor Michael Lombardo
Scranton Mayor Paige Cagnetti
Penn Hills Mayor Pauline Calabrese
Carlisle Mayor Sean Shultz
Cambria County Retired State Senator John Wozniak
Allegheny County Retired US Congressman Mike Doyle
York State Rep. Carol Hill-Evans
Dauphin State Rep. Dave Madsen
Allegheny State Rep. Joe McAndrew
Dauphin State Rep. Justin Fleming

Allegheny County State Rep. Lindsay Powell
Dauphin State Rep. Patty Kim
Allegheny State Senator Jim Brewster
Allegheny State Sen. Wayne Fontana
Clarion County Commissioner Braxton White
York County Commissioner Doug Hoke
Dauphin County Commissioner Justin Douglas
York City Council Edquina Washington
Harrisburg City Council Lamont Jones

If elected, what are your top three priorities? *

My top priorities are protecting our democracy, protecting our most vulnerable, defending reproductive freedom and making sure we have safe and vibrant communities. This includes protecting our environment as I am the only candidate who has investigated the drillers, pushing back against anti-abortion extremists as shown through my investigation of real alternatives and fighting for equal education as someone who fought to change the school funding formula and stands ready to hold the legislature accountable to ensure a fair system gets put in place.

Questionnaire

Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability. Please select **no opinion** if you believe your position prevents you from answering a question. Comments are provided **only IF** you would like to expand on your multiple choice answers.

1. Do you feel the government has done its job of making our region more equitable? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2. What is within the government's ability to make our region more equitable, and what in your view, is its role? *

Ensuring workers can collectively bargain, ensuring education is equitable and finding ways to open more higher education doors for the entire community. In addition, having law enforcement reflect the community it serves and better training for that law enforcement.

3. Do you believe the government has a role to play to address our region's longstanding racial, gender and sexual identity inequities? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

4. What is that role? What specific policy decisions could help address these inequities? *

As Attorney General I can hold the powerful accountable. I also can help lead on police reform and work within the powers of the office to ensure a fairer funding formula in public education.

5. Should the Attorney General's office focus on addressing the root causes of the racial and other inequities within the Pennsylvania region? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. How do you feel you may do this for Pennsylvania and the people you represent?

By speaking out as an elected official and taking appropriate legal action.

7. Do you support efforts to increase the minimum wage? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8. Do you support efforts to legalize cannabis in PA? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

In 2017 I became the first statewide elected official in PA to support legalization.

9. Do you support the expungement of records related to cannabis sale, possession, and or/usage with or without legalization? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments *

I must operate within the law.

10. Do you believe that is local governments are unwilling or unable to investigate officer involved shootings or use of force incidents, the Attorney General should intervene? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

11. Do you support a pathway for immunity for those with cannabis related conditions and an inclusion of such individuals in the emerging cannabis industry? Why? Why Not? *

Yes. It should have never been illegal in the first place and enforcement was unfair.

12. Should the Commonwealth pass new laws to protect voting rights in light of new challenges against the recently passed ACT 77? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

13. What, if any, is the biggest threat to voting rights in Pennsylvania? *

Election denial and baseless allegations of widespread voter fraud threaten voting rights by undermining faith in our democracy, thereby undermining the credibility of every aspect of our elections. I am committed to protecting the rights of Pennsylvanians to vote and have faith in their elections. This includes continuing the work of former Attorney General Shapiro in defending our democracy. I also have a record of protecting our democracy and investigating the security of our voter registration system. This work helped ensure 2020 was a safe and secure election.

14. Do you support the creation or continuation of universal health programs, such as Medicare for All? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

15. If you answered yes, do you believe this should be permanent or a stepping stone to single payer healthcare?

I would prefer the exchange be allowed to provide a public option as an effort to increase access and affordability of healthcare. If the public option is as successful as I hope it will be next steps can be discussed from there.

16. Should the government require local law enforcement agencies to ban chokeholds and no knock style raids in order to receive assistance? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

17. Do you believe the affordable, fair housing crisis includes having the government address issues with zoning, rent control, and eviction alternatives? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

18. What do you believe the solutions to the housing and eviction crisis should be?

More housing must be built.

19. Should Pennsylvania end qualified immunity for government officials, including law enforcement agents, in civil actions alleging deprivation of rights? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

20. Should Pennsylvania pass legislation requiring the Commonwealth to focus on the ability to release net-zero carbon emissions into the atmosphere by the year 2050? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

21. Do you believe business entities who consolidate industries are depriving Pennsylvanians of competitive options ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

22. Do believe the Attorney General's office has a responsibility to reduce the prison populations by deferring to community placement options when feasible to do so such as the plea and diversion process? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

23. Do you believe the law supports investment into business education and sustainability into underserved and and underrepresented communities ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

24. Should the ICE detention facilities in the United States be subject to greater oversight? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

25. Should the Commonwealth work within its power to ensure access to banking for locally regulated cannabis businesses? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

26. Do you believe there should be any new gun legislation to combat the health epidemic of mass shootings and gun violence? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

27. Do you support a path to citizenship for “dreamers”? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

28. Do you understand how predatory lending impacts communities whether it is student loans or credit card companies? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

29. Do you understand the differences between human trafficking, sex work, and the adult entertainment industry? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments *

Human Trafficking is coercive, involves forced labor, in many instances sexual exploitation. And also involves transportation. Sex work can be consensual as can be the adult entertainment industry. Trafficking never is.

30. Do you promote diversion of people with mental illness from the criminal justice system, and to increase access to community mental health services? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

31. Do you believe the Commonwealth has a role to play in reducing the maternal and infant mortality rates for the Black community in Pennsylvania? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

32. According to the FBI, White Supremacy is on the offensive both in government and in our socio-political rhetoric. What can be done to protect communities of color, LGBTQ folk, Women, Immigrants and other at risk communities from this very real threat? *

White Supremacy and the threat it poses to our communities are very real and unfortunately growing. As Attorney General, I would partner closely with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to mitigate this threat and punish any crimes committed whenever possible.

33. How do you define community safety? How can your position work to keep the community safe? *

Community safety starts by building relationships with local law enforcement, community organizations, and elected officials to understand the issues facing communities and how best to address them. As Auditor General, I used relationships like those to best audit and hold accountable how state money was being used or abused in our communities, and I am intent on doing so as Attorney General too.

34. How do you plan to stay updated with changes in auditing and accounting practices, regulations and industry trends?

In addition to my experience as Auditor General, I am committed to having ongoing conversations with experts to ensure my office and I are as informed as possible.

35. Do you support expansive ballot access to include drop boxes, ballots translated into multiple languages, and extended voting opportunities on the weekends? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

36. Do you believe the process to reinstate the right to vote for returning citizens (those returning from government detainment) should be streamlined and automated to inform participant upon release? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

37. What can you do to improve the quality of life of the average Black 22 year old in your district?

By creating a fairer justice system, prosecuting environmental crimes, opposing red lining and fighting for a fairer education system including post high school training.

38. Why should voters trust you to operate differently? How will you ensure transparency if elected?

I have a record of delivering results for Pennsylvanians on issues that matter. As Auditor General I did this and I believe it shows what kind of Attorney General I will be. In terms of transparency, I was proud to be the first legislator to post my expenses online to make them transparent to the public and am committed to that transparency if elected again.

39. Do you believe art is a vital resource for education, tourism, violence intervention, and cultural competency ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

40. Do you believe in the fundamental right to free speech even when offensive includes students and cultural organizations? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

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41. How do you define governmental transparency?

In 2007 I became the first legislator to post my expenses online. I also helped rewrite the state's open records law. Ensuring public access into taxpayer dollars and how they are spent is non-negotiable.

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Comments

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43. What does reproductive justice mean to you?

Reproductive justice means to me that not just do people deserve the right to make their own decisions when it comes to having children, but that those decisions can also be made free from harassment or misinformation. That's why I pushed back against anti-abortion extremists through my investigation of real alternatives, which ultimately brought to an end their state funding.

44. The medical result of pregnancy decision should not result in a criminal arrest * or prosecution of the individual or their doctor.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

45. Do you support reparations for the descendants of those who were enslaved or denied governmental services based upon their racial classification? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

46. Do you support an end to lifetime parole in Pennsylvania? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

46. Do you support a restoration of gun rights to those who have completed their * sentence of incarceration and who have not committed a violent act within a minimum 10 year time period following their release?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

47. Do you support protections from discrimination that would allow members of the LGBTQIA+ community protection from eviction, employment opportunities, and medical discrimination? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

48. Pennsylvania has one of the largest aging populations in the country. Do you believe our government can do more to improve the conditions of the facilities and the overall quality of life for our seniors ? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

49. How do you define disability justice and how have you worked in the past to uphold its principles?

My brother Anthony had Muscular Dystrophy. Ensuring access and fairness to all disabled and using the tools of the office of Attorney General to ensure those rights will be a top priority.

50. How have you worked in the past to engage youth, particularly those who have been considered at risk?

I have coached youth sports at every level including high school football. The first grant I ever secured as a state representative was for the York City Marching Band. It had been 10 years since they had new uniforms.

51. Artists, cultural spaces, and artist practitioners provide a vital partnership and resources to government agencies. *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- No Opinion
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Comments

Thank You

Thank you so much for applying. We appreciate your commitment to public service and working to ensure the people of the Commonwealth are well represented.

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