INTRODUCTION

As the world changes drastically around us, it is more important than ever to make our voices heard at the polls on November 4th.

The hope inspired by the revolutions that swept across the Arab world four years ago has turned into a desperate and urgent fear of violent extremists threatening the entire region. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict saw yet another cycle of failed negotiations coupled with tragedy and violence; now a just resolution appears further away than it has been in decades. The wars in Iraq and Syria continue to tear apart whole societies and fundamentally redefine the role of the global community.

At home, our government has yet to achieve the right balance between protecting our national security and preserving our civil liberties. We have seen countless accounts of alarming, intrusive surveillance programs targeting our community that violate our constitutionally guaranteed rights as equal citizens. Hard won momentum pushing forward immigration reform stalled and another session of congress will end without enacting much needed reform of our immigration system.

The coming election will have to address all these questions and more, and your vote will shape the direction of this country for decades to come. Our community has been a part of the national conversation on these issues and it is critical that we get to the ballot box in November. We have compiled this Voter Guide to help you educate yourself before going to the polls. It contains important information about the voting process in your state and contact information for parties and candidates.

As our community of nearly 4 million Arab Americans continues to grow both in size and in political prominence, we remain focused and committed to the empowerment of our community and the betterment of our nation. For many, that begins at the ballot box. Use this guide, share it, and Yalla Vote!
According to the latest US Census Bureau data, over 60,000 Arab Americans live in Pennsylvania. However, we estimate that due to undercounting, Pennsylvania actually boasts a vibrant Arab American community of over 182,000. On November 4th, all of Pennsylvania’s voters will go to the polls in to decide competitive races statewide.

Following the 2010 Census, states redraw their districts in order to adapt to changing demographics. As a result, Pennsylvania lost one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, which necessitated the consolidation of two of Pennsylvania’s districts. While a new map should have gone into effect in the 2012 election cycle, there were a number of appeals from Democrats who argued that the new map was too partisan. It was eventually thrown out, and the 2012 elections took place under 2001 districts. After a long process of appeals, a compromise was struck and the new map will go into effect during the 2014 election cycle.

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STATE ELECTION INFORMATION

- Active service in the US Armed Forces
- Religious tenets which forbid secular activity on day of election, primary, or referendum
- Service as an election official at a polling place of voting during all hours of voting

To vote Absentee you must complete the Absentee Ballot Application, available at your County Election Office or online at http://www.dosimages.pa.gov/pdf/AbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf

In Pennsylvania, the County Board of Elections must receive your application for an absentee ballot no later than 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election.

In emergency situations (such as an unexpected illness or disability) you can submit an Emergency Application for Absentee Ballot, which must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day. Completed non-emergency absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day. Emergency Absentee Ballot Applications are available at the county Board of Elections Office.

EARLY VOTING

While some states allow all voters to cast ballots prior to Election Day, Pennsylvania does not have early voting. You are of course welcome to apply for an Absentee Ballot.

AT THE POLLS

ID Requirements
All voters who appear at a polling place for the first time must show proof of Identification. Approved forms of photo identification include:
- A Pennsylvania driver's license or PENNDOT ID card
- ID issued by any Commonwealth agency
- ID issued by the U.S. Government
- U.S. passport
- U.S. Armed Forces ID
- Student ID
- Employee ID

If you do not have any of these, you can provide the following documents if they show your name and current address:
- Firearm permit
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Current paycheck
- Government Check
- Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth or U.S. Government

Disabled Voters
Voters who are disabled, have physical limitations or have limited English proficiency can ask for assistance at the polling place. Voters may also contact their county voter registration office before Election Day to ask for assistance.

Poll Watchers
Poll watchers observe elections at the polling sites on behalf of a particular candidate, political party or organization and where they observe irregularities; report those observations to the Elections Inspector, the Police Officer and/or Board of Elections.

For those who want to observe at the polls, they must contact their county's Board of Elections to receive the specific details. Each county is different so it's important that you contact your county's Board of Elections. Below are brief descriptions of each county's Board of Elections and some of the rules and requirements to be a poll watcher.

Poll watchers may:
- The first poll watcher of the Election Day has the right to see that the ballot box is empty before the first ballot is cast.
- A poll watcher may observe the distribution of the ballot to the voter, and after the voter has voted, the depositing of ballot into the ballot box.
- If the poll watcher observes what he thinks might be a violation, he/she may question a voter’s privilege by stating his/her case to the election board. Remember, the election board consists of the poll workers at that precinct.
- The poll watcher may observe the closing procedures when the polls close. A poll watcher is not allowed to talk to any person in the polling place except when questioning a procedure.
- No poll watcher may wear anything advertising a candidacy or promoting for or against an issue. Poll watchers are official observers only. They may observe the conduct of the election before, during and after the polls close. The election board is the sole authority in the polling place on Election Day. No person, except the board, may handle or touch election supplies and materials. If the poll watcher feels that a violation has taken place during an election, the poll watcher must notify the election board. Electioneering, campaigning or solicitation within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling room is prohibited.

Campaigining at the Polls
On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or himself or in behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the election or referendum within a radius of 75 feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any polling place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach, except as provided in section. The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the seventy-five-foot distance from such entrance.
STATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Pennsylvania State Directory

Pennsylvania State Democratic Party
Chair: Robert Gleason, Jr.
205 State St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101
(717) 920-8470
(717) 901-7829 (fax)
www.padems.com

Pennsylvania State Republican Party
Chair: Jim Roddey
112 State St.
Harrisburg, PA 17102
(717) 234-4901
(717) 231-3828 (fax)
www.pagop.org

STATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Pennsylvania County Directory

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2014 Gubernatorial Race

Tom Corbett (R) Incumbent
with Jim Cawley for Lt. Gov
PO Box 1145
Harrisburg, PA 17108
(717) 238-4009
www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com
www.governor.pa.gov

Tom Corbett is the Republican incumbent running for reelection in the 2014 gubernatorial election. He graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law, and went on to serve as Attorney General of Pennsylvania in 2004 and 2008. He also spent thirteen years in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, achieving the rank of Captain. He is married to Susan Manbeck Corbett and has two children.

According to his website, Tom Corbett stands for:

- Pro-life legislation
- No increase in the minimum wage
- Never legalizing marijuana
- Supporting and expanding free trade
- Expanding the Military
- Not instituting a natural gas extraction tax
- Not allowing same-sex marriage
- Privatization of state-owned liquor stores
- The Marcellus Shale Law (House Bill 1950) which charges natural gas drillers a fee to offset the environmental and community effects of drilling; it also contains a provision that allows doctors to have access to the list of chemicals in the fluid used during hydraulic fracturing, but bans the doctors from discussing this information with anyone

Tom Wolf (D) With Michael J. Stack for Lt. Gov
P.O. Box 22454
Philadelphia, PA 19110
www.wolfforpa.com

Tom Wolf is the democratic candidate for Pennsylvania's Governor in 2014. Previously, he served as the Secretary of Revenue in Gov. Ed Rendell's cabinet, as the Chair of the York County United Way, as the Chairman of the York County Chamber of Commerce, and the York College Board of Trustees. He also owns The Wolf Organization. He is married with two daughters.

According to his website, Tom Wolf stands for:

- Rebuilding Pennsylvania’s manufacturing sector, starting with clean energy technology, bringing high-tech, high-wage jobs to Pennsylvania
- Restoring the billions in cuts to education, implementing a fair funding formula, and instituting reforms to help local school districts innovate and improve student performance
- Improving access to higher education for veterans
- Enacting a 5 percent severance tax on natural gas extraction
- Increasing funding for the Department of Environmental Protection so that it is sufficiently staffed and able to provide proper oversight of drillers
- Requiring drillers to publicly disclose chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process, and lifting the current gag order on physicians
- Setting green building standards for all state buildings
- Creating a “connect Pennsylvania” collaborative to kick-start projects that will increase Pennsylvania’s economic competitiveness, such as high-speed rail
- Expanding Medicaid
- Opposing the changes to current employees' pension plans
- Minimum wage increase to $10.10/hour
### U.S. House of Representatives Races

#### U.S. House, PA 1st District
- **Incumbent** Robert Brady (D)
- **102 Cannon HOB**
  - Washington, DC 20515
  - (202) 225-4731
  - www.brady.house.gov

- **Challenger** Megan Rath (R)
  - P.O. Box 6051
  - Philadelphia, PA 19114
  - (215) 612-7284
  - www.meganforcongress.com

#### U.S. House, PA 2nd District
- **Incumbent** Chaka Fattah (D)
- **2301 Rayburn HOB**
  - Washington, DC 20515
  - (202) 225-4001
  - www.fattah.house.gov

- **Challenger** Armond James (R)
  - www.armondforcongress.com

#### U.S. House, PA 3rd District
- **Incumbent** Mike Kelly (R)
- **1519 Longworth HOB**
  - Washington, DC 20515
  - (202) 225-5406
  - www.kelly.house.gov

- **Challenger** Dan LaVallee (D)
  - P.O. Box 1801
  - Cranberry TWP, PA 16066
  - (724) 584-3756
  - www.danlavallee.com

#### U.S. House, PA 4th District
- **Incumbent** Scott Perry (R)
- **126 Cannon HOB**
  - Washington, DC 20515
  - (202) 225-5836
  - www.perry.house.gov

- **Challenger** Linda Delliath Thompson (D)
  - www.thompsonforcongress2014.com
  - ldt@lindathompsonforcongress2014.com

#### U.S. House, PA 5th District
- **Incumbent** Glen Thompson (R)
- **124 Cannon HOB**
  - Washington, DC 20515
  - (202) 225-5121
  - www.thompson.house.gov

- **Challenger** Kerith Strano Taylor (D)
  - P.O. Box 280
  - Brookville, PA 15825
  - (814) 446-0482
  - www.kstforcongress.com

#### U.S. House, PA 6th District
- **Incumbent Jim Gerlach (R) is not seeking reelection**

- **Challenger** Ryan Costello (R)
  - P.O. Box 3154
  - West Chester, PA 19381
  - (484) 402-4024
  - www.ryancostelloforcongress.com

- **Challenger** Manan Trivedi (D)
  - 113 E Evans St.
  - West Chester, PA 19580
  - (484) 329-7907
  - www.trivediforcongress.com

#### U.S. House, PA 7th District
- **Incumbent** Pat Meehan (R)
- **204 Cannon HOB**
  - Washington, DC 20515
  - (202) 225-2011
  - www.meehan.house.gov

- **Challenger** Mary Ellen Balchunis (D)
  - P.O. Box 1619
  - Havertown, PA 19083
  - (610) 449-1128
  - www.maryellenforcongress.com

#### U.S. House, PA 8th District
- **Incumbent** Mike Fitzpatrick (R)
- **2400 Rayburn HOB**
  - Washington, DC 20515
  - (202) 225-4276
  - www.fitzpatrick.house.gov

- **Challengers**
  - Kevin Strouse (D)
  - P.O. Box 186
  - Bensalem, PA 19020
  - www.kevinstrouse.com
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U.S. House, PA 10th District
Incumbent
Tom Marino (R)
410 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-3731
www.marino.house.gov
Challenger
Scott Brion (D)
P.O. Box 67
Liberty, PA 16930
www.scottbrionforcongress.com
Challenger
Nick Trolano (I)
(570) 232-4683
www.nicktrolano.com

U.S. House, PA 11th District
Incumbent
Lou Barletta (R)
115 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-6511
www.barletta.house.gov
Challenger
Andy Ostrowski (D)
www.ostrowskiforcongress.com

U.S. House, PA 12th District
Incumbent
Keith Rothfus (D)
503 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2065
www.rothfus.house.gov
Challenger
Erin McClelland (D)
P.O. Box 2824
Lower Burrell, PA 15068
(724) 472-8614
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U.S. House, PA 13th District
Incumbent Allyson Schwartz (D) is not running for reelection
Challenger
Dee Adcock
2611 Philmont Avenue
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
(215) 947-8644
www.adcockforcongress.com
Challenger
Brendan Boyle
P.O. Box 11545
Philadelphia, PA 19116
www.voteboyle.com

U.S. House, PA 14th District
Incumbent
Mike Doyle (D)
239 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2135
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U.S. House, PA 15th District
Incumbent
Charles Dent (R)
2455 Rayburn HOB
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U.S. House, PA 16th District
Incumbent
Joseph Pitts (R)
420 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2411
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Challenger
Tom Houghton (D)
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Lancaster, PA 17604
www.tomhoughton.org
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#### U.S. House, PA 17th District

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www.cartwright.house.gov  

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New Philadelphia, PA 17959  
(570) 277-6200  
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#### U.S. House, PA 18th District

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Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2301  
www.murphy.house.gov