

2014 PA Family Council Voter's Guide **Comments and Sources**

U.S. Congress

Mike Kelly - District 3

Q. 11 - Issue should be decided by the states.

Scott Perry - District 4

Q. 11 - Certain circumstances.

Lou Barletta - District 11

Q. 12 - I support surveillance of this type only when the agency has sought and received a warrant for said surveillance.

Keith Rothfus - District 12

Q. 11 - The medical use of marijuana derivatives, if scientifically proven to be an effective treatment, should be among options physicians may prescribe for their patients.

Carson Dee Adcock - District 13

Q. 2 - Repealed or dramatically reformed.

Q. 5 - Federal government should not define marriage as it has already been defined by the church.

Q. 9 - Not as long as they do abortions.

Matt Cartwright - District 17

Q. 3 - I am pro-life with the exception in case of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in danger.

Q. 10 - I believe State government should handle these specific issues as they do with other gambling related laws and regulations.

Governor

Tom Corbett

Q. 3 - Governor Corbett supports exploring whether compounds derived from cannabis, such as CBD, may have a medically beneficial effect on certain conditions.

Tom Wolf

Sources:

Q. 3. YES - Should marijuana be legalized for medical use?

Pennlive.com interview -

http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/03/democratic_guv_candidate_tom_w.html

Q. 4. NO - Should Pennsylvania's marriage law continue to define marriage as one man and one woman?

Campaign site - <http://wolfforpa.com/sections/page/fairness-and-equality-for-pennsylvanians>

Q. 6. YES - Should "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" be added as protected classes in Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodations?

Campaign site - <http://wolfforpa.com/sections/page/fairness-and-equality-for-pennsylvanians>

Q. 8. YES - Should schools and other public institutions collect direct payroll deductions for union dues?

Campaign site - <http://wolfforpa.com/sections/page/workers-rights>

Q. 10. NO - Should the state sell the state-owned liquor stores to private businesses?

Public statement - York Daily Record - <http://www.yorkblog.com/ydrpolitics/2014/04/17/a-look-at-where-the-pa-guv-candidates-stand-on-selling-the-wine-and-liquor-stores/>

Q. 11. NO - Should the state regulate abortion clinics to the same standards as ambulatory surgical facilities?

Campaign site - <http://wolfforpa.com/sections/page/women>

Q. 14. NO - Should voters be required to present photo identification in order to vote?

Campaign site - <http://wolfforpa.com/sections/page/fairness-and-equality-for-pennsylvanians>

Q. 16. YES - Should the state enact a new severance tax on natural gas drilling?

Campaign site - <http://wolfforpa.com/sections/page/marcellus-shale>

State Senate

Stewart Greenleaf - District 12

Q. 2 - After viability.

Q. 5 - I support EITC.

Bob Mensch - District 24

Q. 1 - Increased funding for senior services is essential.

Q. 13 - PDE has adapted but not adopted.

Gary Schreckengost - District 36

Q. 2 - How do you know?

Q. 5 - I don't want public \$ going to radical Islamic, Christian, or NAZI schools, and neither should you. Besides, it's unconstitutional. How is this a 'family' value?

Q. 6 - ALL people should be protected...even you all. That's what I swore when I became a US Army Infantry officer.

Q. 7 - They don't have to...and I probably won't vote to, but you phrased the question in absolute terms.

Q. 8 - If they agree with their local bargaining unit, yes.

Q. 9 - Required? I think that there should be some flexibility per each school district. Top-down decision-making doesn't always make sense—even when YOU get your own way.

Q. 13 - Should be left up to local school district. MOST PEOPLE don't even know what Common Core is...not even Glen Beck.

Q. 14 - They already do, the first time they show up. I'm for the current system. YOU haven't shown me enough proof of voter impersonation.

Q. 15 - In practice, yes. But sometimes things happen, like war. Why didn't we raise taxes during Bush's War?

Q. 16 - 2% on impact and 3% on severance.

State House

Luke Lofgren - District 3

Q. 2 - I am against abortion in all circumstances.

Q. 16 - I might support a severance tax that offsets/credits for business taxes in order to stop the debate.

Barry Jozwiak - District 5

Q. 5 - I answered No, however, I am in favor of Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). The money follows the student.

Q. 8 - I believe there are exemptions being considered and the final bill is not available for review. This could also bring a discrimination lawsuit challenge for only eliminating one group of people.

Q. 9 - The school curriculum is controlled at the local level. The school board makes the decision.

Q. 10 - The bill that came out of the house did not sell the liquor stores. A bill is needed to modernize the current system.

Q. 11 - This is already law for about the past 2 years.

Q. 16 - Aggregate taxes on gas producers in Pennsylvania is the 2nd highest in the U.S. of leading gas producers.

Gary Cangey - District 9

Q. 3 - Must evaluate all data.

Q. 6 - You are what God made you!

Q. 9 - Should put emphasis on abstinence.

Q. 16 - No more than 3% with commitment for jobs and retention of jobs for Pennsylvanians.

Wayne Hanson - District 17

Q. 2 - Some Medical "literature" indicates we may already have this standard. I need more information as to if any changes in the law are needed.

Q. 4 - 17 states already have same sex marriage. This is in the inevitable and the correct future. It is a civil liberties issue.

Q. 5 - There are no existing proposals that guarantees special needs and poor children would equally benefit, or all schools would have equal requirements with high standard.

Q. 7 - Any medical facility compliant with all laws, providing medical services recommended / approved by a physician should have equal opportunity for state funds.

Q. 9 - Education should enlighten with information, facts. The goal: to prepare students to make intelligent decisions. Advocating, avoiding, any one "information" does not further this.

Q. 11 - All medical facilities should have reasonable regulations, insuring safety and fair treatment, based upon the type of role they play, and the best science available.

Q. 12 - We should attempt to insure all businesses and citizens do not break or encourage the breaking of laws.

Q. 13 - Wisely we have mandatory education. We must insure high standards, and tax monies are effectively spent to prepare students for our modern world.

Q. 14 - There is no evidence of significant voter fraud. There are obstacles to some citizens obtaining IDs. We should pass laws to encourage more voting.

Q. 15 - I do not have a crystal ball. I do not know what circumstances, emergencies, are in the future, or what financial needs we will face.

Q. 16 - Corporations have not paid a fair share of the taxes. Citizens, small businesses, farmers are overburdened to make up the difference.

Tom Fodi - District 20

- Q. 1 - Gambling is a personal choice and taxpayer dollars should not be used to maintain or expand a gambling business such as the lottery.
- Q. 2 - Life begins at conception all human life must be protected by our state and federal legal system.
- Q. 3 - Marijuana has documented medical benefits. The decision to administer the drug should be left to a doctor and their patient, not a bureaucrat.
- Q. 4 - Just as the state cannot tell me who I'm allowed to baptize, the state should have no role in the social/religious contract of marriage.
- Q. 5 - Just as competition in business promotes improvement, competition in education does the same.
- Q. 6 - Artificial mandates such as "protected class laws" do not prevent discrimination, they merely provide job security for professional litigators.
- Q. 7 - The state's primary concern should be protecting life, not destroying it.
- Q. 8 - The use of public funds to collect union dues for political campaign purposes is unethical.
- Q. 9 - Sex education is the responsibility of the child's parents, not the state school system.
- Q. 10 - Pennsylvania should not be in the business of selling alcohol.
- Q. 11 - Whereas a patient endures a surgical procedure, the clinic should be held to the same standards as any surgical facility.
- Q. 12 - Sex trafficking is a worldwide pandemic that all governments should be striving to prevent.
- Q. 13 - No one should have a say in a child's education outside the parent and their teacher of choice.
- Q. 14 - With voting being among the most vital of activities for our society, it should be protected via Voter ID laws.
- Q. 15 - Any measure of limiting the growth and expansion of government is worthwhile.
- Q. 16 - Increasing the utility bills of the working class is the last thing we should be considering in Pennsylvania.

John Ritter - District 25

- Q. 3 - Marijuana extracts might be helpful for some medical conditions. The smoking of marijuana is unhealthy.
- Q. 7 - If a child has died of natural causes in the womb (such as a miscarriage) or due to the extreme blunt force trauma of a car accident (for example), then a qualified healthcare provider should be able to remove the fetal death and still receive state funds.
- Q. 9 - Sex education should be taught in public schools. Contraceptive measures should be identified and distinguished from abortifacients. Abstinence should be advocated.
- Q. 14 - Photographic identification, or some other tangible means of positive identification, should be required in order to vote.
- Q. 15 - Pennsylvania should also manage decreases in government spending by a neutral, controlled mechanism, such as performance metrics.
- Q. 16 - Generally speaking, no, a new tax should not be enacted on natural gas drilling (as on any other category of business).

Mindy Fee - District 37

- Q. 16 - Keep impact fee.

Brett Miller - District 41

- Q. 16 - For me to consider a Severance Tax, it must be done in a manner that retains the impact fee.

Ryan Warner - District 52

Q. 1 - In general, I favor this because the Lottery plays a big role in helping older Pennsylvanians.

Q. 3 - Yes, as long as medical research shows there are illnesses that would be helped with treatment.

Q. 5 - In general, I agree, but on a large scale there would be many logistical problems.

Q. 16 - Only if the majority of revenue stays with local municipalities. Also it depends if this replaces or is an addition to the impact fee.

Dottie Miller - District 53

Q. 1 - I fully realize this is revenue producing for the state and it provides additional income sources for the aging.

Q. 2 - This is too much of a blanket question without parameters. Is the Mother's life in danger? Is the child severely deformed?

Q. 13 - I again have to state that the question is overbroad. While the concept of Common Core is a good one and as an adjunct professor I understand the concept, it fails to allow for students with learning disabilities.

Q. 15 - I stated undecided because this calculation in the question can basically harm important state spending such as that used for the elderly and education.

Q. 16 - I would enact an extraction tax.

Donna Oberlander - District 63

Q. 2 - But only in tablet or oil without high from THC.

Jason Lynn - District 80

Q. 1. - As of now, I believe we need to see how the expansion of the small games of chance works out before expanding gambling anymore.

Q. 5 - Only up to as much as the state pays per student in public schools.

Q. 9 - At the appropriate age.

Q. 16 - I have been trying to research permits and fees. We need to offer perks as a state, but need some funding to accommodate businesses.

Rob Kauffman - District 89

Q. 3 - This should be dealt with on the federal level by the FDA.

Kristin Phillips-Hill - District 93

Q. 3 - In a certain form, such as pill or oil, with tight restrictions, requiring a prescription and physician supervision.

Q. 5 - There should be a means test. Schools must be accountable and transparent with regard to use of taxpayer funds.

Q. 9 - Curriculum should be the decision of local school boards in consultation with their faculty, parents, and community.

Q. 15 - Support in concept. Would need to see actual legislation.

Q. 16 - We must look at the complete tax burden, including high corporate income tax, to keep drillers a viable part of Pennsylvania's economy.

Bryan Sanguinito - District 99

Q. 1 - All proceeds should be allocated to restoring education cuts.

Q. 4 - All citizens deserve equality.

Q. 5 - Our state Constitution prohibits public money to support sectarian schools.

Q. 6 - All citizens deserve equal rights.

- Q. 7 - Any funds to public health organizations must not be used to pay for abortions.
- Q. 8 - As per collective bargaining rights.
- Q. 9 - I support local control of these curricular decisions.
- Q. 10 - This will hurt our economy in the long run
- Q. 14 - We should not impede the constitutional right to vote.
- Q. 15 - We must only spend according to what is good for our Commonwealth.
- Q. 16 - PA should charge the same extraction fee as all other gas-producing states so we can lower property taxes and fully fund our public schools.

Mauree Gingrich - District 101

- Q. 5 - Without negative impact on public schools.
- Q. 13 - PA specific.

Sue Helm - District 104

- Q. 3 - But only without the high that recreational users seek.

John Burd - District 107

- Q. 2 - Any legislation should be worded to prohibit a time frame as the exact question of "feeling pain" will vary from study to study rendering it unenforceable.
- Q. 3 - Citizens requiring pain medications should not be forced to be a profit center for big pharma.
- Q. 4 - Marriage is a "right" and as such should not require a "license" from the state. The state's only role is to recognize the commitment.
- Q. 6 - Rights are individual, not collective.
- Q. 7 - For what service? If this exclusion is adopted, what would stop the left from prohibiting churches from bidding on providing a service such as a soup kitchen?
- Q. 9 - I do not like dictating from Harrisburg what local schools can decide for their own children.
- Q. 10 - Private retailers would still be required to collect any applicable "sin" taxes.
- Q. 14 - ID? Yes. However the Amish do not believe in photographs so no "photo" should be "required."
- Q. 16 - Most gas producing states have a severance tax of at least 5% on production.

Betsy Summers - District 121

- Q. 1 - All license fees and revenues to go towards funding education
- Q. 2. - Who determines this?
- Q. 3 - Absolutely.
- Q. 4 - Government needs to get out of the marriage business. We should not have to ask permission from the government to get married.
- Q. 5 - Parents should be able to choose where and what type of education they want for their children.
- Q. 6 - Next thing coming down the pike: non-discrimination of pedophiles?
- Q. 7 - Tax dollars should never be used to fund that which many deem murder and abhorrent.
- Q. 8 - Obviously.
- Q. 9 - Should sex education be included in a public school curriculum in the first place?
- Q. 10 - Deferring to the Commonwealth Foundation on this one.
- Q. 11 - It is a surgical procedure.
- Q. 12 - Another regulation will not end sex trafficking.
- Q. 13 - We need to determine curriculum in our state. No more unfunded mandates from the federal government.
- Q. 14 - I have been serving as Judge of Elections for 16 years and see no need.

Q. 15 - But how effective are such legislative restrictions? The state's already mandated to balance its budget.

Q. 16 - The current Audit shows that our DEP hasn't been upholding current regulations. Fees already imposed need to be increased to fund and enforce.

Doyle Heffley - District 122

Q. 3 - Only for medical use. Not to "get high."

Mark Gillen - District 128

Q. 3 - I am opposed to a recreational use. Support for medicinal use would depend on the circumstances.

Q. 5 - I support the EITC approach to school choice.

Q. 7 - Voted no on fiscal code.

Justin Simmons - District 131

Q. 2 - I am pro-life.

Q. 16 - Support equitable total tax burden.

Marcy Toepel - District 147

Q. 3 - If it's controlled and prescribed by a doctor.

Robert Gillies - District 154

Q. 2 - State should not any abortions.

Q. 3 - Oil form only.

Q. 9 - What age? Need parental consent.

Q. 16 - Yes, if capital and business privilege tax are reduced.