

2017 Values Voter Guide

For York County, PA, Primary Election of Tues., May 16, 2017
 For all candidates for office (Judge & Other). Compiled by Conservative Christian Center (CCC). Info@ConservativeChristianCenter.org

A rating of A, B, C, D or F will be issued when this survey is tabulated. This information will be provided to the attendees of the Friday 5/5/17 Candidate Forum for their review before voting in a Straw Poll survey for their favorite candidates. The following is for publication as indicated at the end. These questions are designed to help church-going Christians choose the candidates they wish to vote for based on having an informed conscience and more information about the background, philosophy, experience and beliefs of those candidates seeking their vote in the May, 2017 GOP primary. Not all questions will be graded.

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Survey Questions. See instructions for sending this to us at the end.

I. Background & Experience (all candidates)

- Date of birth 11/24/69
- If attorney, law school name & date of your law degree University of Pittsburgh School of Law - 1995
- If attorney, state your area of concentration Chief Deputy Prosecutor for the York County District Attorney's Office - prosecution
- Military service? No If Yes: Branch of service, rank & date upon separation from service _____
- What were your most recent work experience?
 Start & End Years: Firm Name and position:
 (a) 1998 - Present York County DA's Office - Chief Deputy Prosecutor
 (b) 1995 - 1998 Law Clerk for The Honorable Linda K.M. Ludgate, Berks County
 (c) Court of Common Pleas
- What are your most significant accomplishments in your most recent work experience? (you may use separate paper if you prefer):
Please see attached

7. What are your most significant lifetime work accomplishments?

Please see attached

8. What are your most significant lifetime achievements?

Please see attached

9. What is your greatest strength? Moral character

10. What is your greatest weakness? Unrealistic perfectionist streak

11. What do you wish to accomplish if you win the office you are seeking (use separate sheet if you prefer)

Please see attached

12. What is your marital status? Married single divorced separated

13. How have your achievements, experience and strengths prepared you for the position you now seek?

Please see attached

II. Philosophy and Faith - Please see attached for questions 16-32, 37, 44-45

14. Which of the following U.S. presidents best represents your political philosophy?

- John F. Kennedy Ronald Reagan George Bush Bill Clinton
 George W. Bush Barack Obama Donald J. Trump

15. Please list the five organizations, charities or causes in which you are most involved as a member or supporter, through contributions and/or through volunteering your time.

- York County Reentry Coalition (current Chair of Advisory Board)
- York County Elder Abuse Task Force
- York County Bar Association / Bar Foundation (multiple committees)
- Criminal Justice Advisory Board (multiple committees)
- York County Treatment Court Advisory Board

16. What is your position on increased funding for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits (OSTC) where the state budget includes an increase in public school funding?

- Favor Oppose Undecided

17. Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- I support legalized abortion.
 I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
 I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

18. What is your position on amending Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws to include specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners and employees.

- Favor Oppose Undecided

19. Do you favor or oppose legislation that would make sexual orientation and gender identity, protected classes similar to other groups protected by law such as race, religion, sex?
 Favor Oppose Undecided
20. Do you favor or oppose President Trump's stated goal of deporting illegal aliens who have been found guilty of criminal acts in the U.S.?
 Favor Oppose Undecided
21. Should the federal government be required to disclose to local communities where and when they place unaccompanied minor illegal aliens (ie. DACA, or "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, ie. Executive amnesty for illegal alien children abandoned by their illegal alien parents to secure their future status in USA).
 Favor Oppose Undecided
22. Do you support the proposal (Kate's Law) to impose a 5 year prison sentence on any illegal alien who returns to America after having been deported?
 Favor Oppose Undecided
23. Do you favor cutting off federal and state funds to any locality which protects illegal aliens from law enforcement (ie. Sanctuary Cities, aka outlaw cities)?
 Favor Oppose Undecided
24. What is your position on allowing illegal aliens to become U.S. legal residents with a "path to citizenship"?
 Favor Oppose Undecided
25. What is your position on providing a tax credit to businesses that donate to scholarship organizations that provide scholarships for low-income students at private and religious schools in grades kindergarten through 12?
 Favor Oppose Undecided
26. President John F. Kennedy's well known "Separation of Church and State" 1960 speech, actually said that those who step out into the public square must be silent on this critical subject of what guides them in life when they seek office in the United States.
 Agree Disagree Undecided
27. Things have changed since the time America's founding fathers believed that our rights come from God. Today there is a balance to be struck between those rights and the needs of government to provide for what people want.
 Agree Disagree Undecided
28. How do you feel about the war against Christians which aims to force them to provide abortion services against their own teachings? Do you agree or disagree with this interpretation of the law as it is being enforced today?
 Agree Disagree Undecided
29. Do you support the repeal of the Johnson Amendment, whereby a Pastor or Rabbi must refrain from criticizing the government, any elected official, or any policy such as abortion from the pulpit, because John F. Kennedy made a speech declaring a "separation of church and state" and also said this is "absolute." Do you favor this policy?
 Favor Repeal Oppose Repeal Undecided
30. A candidate for President once affirmed "the centrality of his faith" in his making his decisions as a U.S. Senator and in public life. He was condemned by some for saying he used a moral compass, including his faith and belief in Jesus Christ, to determine his position on the issues of the day. They said that he had violated the "separation of Church and State". Do you agree with him, or his critics who say you should leave your faith out of public life?
 My faith is my compass in public life & I will say so. I agree with the critics, leave faith out of politics
31. Is it wrong to force a faith-based medical institutions to perform abortions and to carry insurance for abortion "morning after" pills for all their employees?
 Yes it is wrong No the law is OK as is Undecided
32. The participation in the public policy process, including registering to vote, voting in primaries and voting in general elections, on the part of Church-going Christians, is diminishing every year, while the number of agnostics, atheists and Muslims, is growing. Would you prefer to reverse that trend by having more church going Christians participate, or is this trend a healthy thing? (source: Pew Foundation).

- More Church going Christians should participate & vote The trend is healthy and normal

33. There are reports of increased local deaths and crimes from drugs. What is the top reason for this (choose 1)?

- Drug distribution by illegal aliens who are part of Latin American gangs such as MS-13
 illegal aliens in general people are just using more drugs general increase in crime

other – please indicate in 1 or several words the increase in demand caused by ease for people to obtain prescription opiates led to addiction, which in turn led to cheap supply of heroin

34. The number one failing of the administration of President Barack Obama was (please use one or several words):

Increasing and promoting the scope of federal government over individual freedoms

35. The most important achievement of President Ronald Reagan was (please use one or several words):

Promotion of family values as a key component of American government and culture

36. The most important focus for President Donald J. Trump should be (please use one or several words):

Continued focus on having the highest qualified candidates be nominated for the United States Supreme Court and other federal courts.

37. Do you agree that "sex" in Title IX refers to biological sex as established by one's DNA, or can "sex" in Title IX be redefined to include one's "gender identity" or an individual's understanding of whether that person feels male or female? Should one's sex be determined:

- at birth by a statement of belief

38. Do you regularly attend a church? Yes No Occasionally

39. Your church (name and city/town) Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene - my mother, Diana Barber, serves on the board - 400 Stillmeadow Lane, York, PA 17404

40. Are you formally signed up as a member of this church? Yes No

41. Please provide your Statement of Faith or your Life Philosophy (up to 100 words) (or attach a typed sheet):

Please see attached

III. For Attorneys

42. Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice best reflects your judicial philosophy?

- Roberts Kennedy Ginsburg Kagan Thomas Breyer
 Sotomayor Alito (The late) Antonin Scalia Neil Gorsuch (unconfirmed)

43. If seeking a judicial position (only) rate your judicial philosophy on a scale of 1-10 with "living document" approach being a "1" and "strict construction" or "originalist" being a "10" (circle your answer).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10**

44. Do you believe that Roe v. Wade U.S. 113 (1973), insofar as it recognizes a "right to privacy" that includes abortion under the United States Constitution, was correctly or incorrectly decided (Circle One)?

- Correctly decided Incorrectly decided Undecided/unsure

45. Do you believe that the Pennsylvania Constitution permits display of the Ten Commandments in courtrooms?

- Yes No Undecided

Decline to answer (why?) _____

46. If you have been an attorney, have you appeared in court regularly, occasionally or not at all in the last 10 yrs.?

Regularly occasionally not at all

47. What percentage of your legal practice, if an attorney, was 10 civil, versus 90 criminal? - *As a prosecutor, many cases will impact civil issues requiring a knowledge of civil law*
 Favor Oppose Undecided

Affirmation: *I do hereby warrant and affirm that the preceding survey questions have been answered truthfully by the undersigned & to the best of my knowledge are complete & do represent my personal views and knowledge.*

Signature *Timothy J. Barber* Date 5/4/17
(only the candidate listed on page 1 is eligible to sign)

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or as a PDF/email to Survey@ConservativeChristianCenter.org.**

*A PDF which you may enter your answers on (and then print out) is at:
ConservativeChristianCenter.org/2017MaySurvey*

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Your Candidate Survey answers will be reported at

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We encourage campaign-capable candidates to make further use of this information on their own Facebook page, website, twitter and their own media news releases. Why not reach out to Church-going Christians? If you value the value voters TELL them so. 82% of Church-going Christians voted for Donald Trump for President because he appealed to them, and his record breaking performance with this population segment enabled him to carry Pennsylvania and several other battleground states, and become President. We welcome both donations to help pay for this literature distribution effort as well as volunteers to help distribute the finished 2017 Values Voter Guide for York County PA.

Several of these survey questions were also asked by the Pennsylvania Family Institute in 2015; we will send this to their office to save you the trouble, while also reporting as indicated below, your response to these and our questions as we have advised them in advance. Please be sure to sign your name at the end before returning this completed form).

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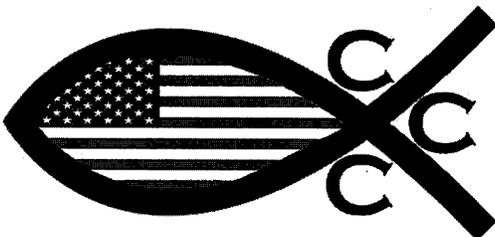
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6. In January of 2017, I prosecuted and convicted at trial a defendant for Homicide by Vehicle while DUI and Aggravated Assault by Vehicle while DUI due to marijuana impairment, wherein the defendant killed his fiancé and caused life-threatening injuries to his two-year-old daughter. In March of 2017, I prosecuted and convicted at trial a defendant for two counts of Attempted Murder, Attempted Murder of Law Enforcement, Terrorism, and related counts, where the defendant attempted to kill his ex-paramour and multiple Pennsylvania State Police Troopers to influence and change the policies and practices of York County government.

Also in 2017, I prosecuted and convicted a defendant through an open plea of guilt for Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Assault by Vehicle while DUI, and related offenses for causing a crash due to driving while impaired from heroin. I was lead prosecutor on an appeal that successfully reinstated a Murder of the First Degree conviction and life sentence that was dismissed by the trial court.

We successfully began two committees on which I am active: (1) York County Reentry Coalition (Chair of the Advisory Board); and (2) York City Group Violence Initiative (on Governance Committee). Both committees are already making an impact in our community.

7. I am a complex litigation specialist for the DA's Office. As such, I prosecuted many of the highest profile cases as either counsel for trial or appeal. I do not like to single cases out as they were all important to the victims and our community.

I did receive the 2007 National Traffic Safety Award for Prosecutors. I also served from 2011-2012 as Prosecutor Fellow for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, assisting prosecutors across the country on vehicular issues.

Through collaboration, I developed "smart on crime" innovations in criminal justice, including sentencing reform and treatment initiatives, child abuse, elder abuse, and victims' rights. I spent two tenures on the board of the York County Children's Advocacy Center, which included the original establishment of their by-laws, initial building purchase and personnel hiring, and accreditation.

I created the policies and protocols for the nationally recognized "Target 25" DUI initiative adopted through the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. "Target 25", the DUI Treatment Court, and other rehabilitation based DUI initiatives Tim helped establish reduced victims of DUI in York County by a 10% average. I am responsible

for DA's Office polices concerning Veterans Treatment Court, Drug Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, DUI Treatment Court, and Juvenile Drug Court.

I am a nationally recognized trainer and speaker on litigation, criminal justice, and forensic evidence. My speaking appearances included presentations before the National Transportation Safety Board, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and National Association of Drug Court Professionals. I also conducted trainings at conferences sponsored by Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, PennDOT, National District Attorneys Association, National Association of Prosecuting Coordinators, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, Pennsylvania State Police, University of Pennsylvania, and York College. I was a featured speaker in the 2006 Crime Victims' Rights Week Rally at the Capital in Harrisburg in addition to many other events for victims of crime.

8. I am excluding all work achievements for this answer. My most significant lifetime achievement was and is being married to my wonderful wife, Missy. She is my true rock and I cannot imagine one day without her.

I also honor my role as a Christian, a son, a son-in-law, a friend, and a Godparent. We adopted three rescue Shih Tzu's: Casper, Cody Man, and Lou-Lou. We are committed to supporting animal rescue and love being the "forever" home for their furry loved ones.

Throughout my childhood, I was very active in the Boy Scouts of America. I obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1987.

11. The York County Court of Common Pleas must continue to collaborate with agencies and implement best practices and data driven approaches for all justice systems. Only through these approaches can we proactively decrease victims of crime, rehabilitate offenders, and increase public safety. As a Judge, I will lead and accomplish the further implementation of these practices.

York County does have a strong foundation of collaboration, as demonstrated through our Criminal Justice Advisory Board and nationally recognized "Target 25" DUI initiative. I will lead our expansion of these efforts through comprehensive multi-agency strategic planning. This includes identifying through data which resource allocation and structure development will achieve the most effective and efficient systems of justice.

To address the heroin and opioid epidemic, I will increase our early intervention for non-violent addicted offenders through supervised bail and

diversionary initiatives. I will accomplish further investment in and expansion of our Treatment Courts through continued implementation of the Treatment Court strategic plan developed by private/public partnership, which reduces taxpayer burden. As a member of the York County Treatment Court Advisory Board and executive supervisor for the DA's Office regarding our Treatment Courts, I have the experience and knowledge to accomplish these goals.

Additionally, I will develop a comprehensive mental health diversionary initiative that begins near the time of arrest to prevent offenders with mental health issues from becoming incarcerated on low-level offenses. I will also expand or develop community courts to further address truancy and juvenile crime. My proven record in implementing successful justice initiatives makes me highly qualified to accomplish these goals.

13. I am a nationally recognized prosecutor, innovator, and leader in protecting lives and seeking justice. My career is filled with high profile, complex cases that show the depth of my skill and knowledge in a courtroom. But just as important, I make decisions every day based upon the law that have a vital impact on victims, defendants, and society. I have a dedication to truth, fairness, and justice that enables me to make tough calls while respecting people and their rights—exactly what we need from a Judge.

I firmly believe collaboration as the best way to provide effective and efficient systems of justice. I helped establish and promote initiatives to reduce victims of crime, rehabilitate offenders, and decrease taxpayer burden. It is not enough in 2017 to be 'tough on crime'—my record proves I'm also 'smart on crime.'

As a prosecutor, I treat all individuals who come into our judicial system with dignity and respect, especially victims of crime. I have a proven judicial temperament and integrity. I have the experience and passion for law, service, and justice necessary to be a Judge for the York County Court of Common Pleas.

16—32, 37, 44—45. These questions require answers that may be construed as my violating the Code of Judicial Conduct. I take our ethics very seriously and do not want to remotely do anything that would violate these rules. I do feel it is important, however, that voters understand my judicial philosophy. I hope providing my judicial philosophy is benefits the voters.

A judge serves one of the highest public functions as a co-equal branch of government. Judicial review of laws is one of the greatest checks and balances created in our society. Judicial review, however, does not allow judges to change or

abolish laws merely because they disagree with them. That is called legislating from the bench. I am absolutely against and will never engage such conduct as a judge.

As a prosecutor, I have not always agreed with laws passed by the legislature that I was sworn to enforce. I also have disagreed with some decisions by our state and federal judges. But I enforced those legislative and judicial actions because they were the law.

I will equally follow the law as a judge. Even if I disagree with legislation or judicial decisions from higher courts, my role as a Court of Common Pleas Judge is to follow those laws. I do not believe in courts creatively altering laws and making results-based rulings. I will not do so as a judge.

Moreover, judicial activism usually starts and occurs in smaller measures. Judges engage in this conduct when their rulings are solely based on what they believe the outcome should be and alter the way law applies to the facts of record to achieve the desired result. I have seen and experienced such judicial decision-making. Every time this conduct occurs, it shatters the very foundation of justice. Judicial opinions cannot be based upon a judge's desired personal outcome. Again, I will not engage in such judicial activism as a judge.

As I noted in the questionnaire, I follow the original meaning, also called originalist, judicial philosophy. Of the Justices associated with this camp, I find my judicial philosophy to be most like Justice Samuel Alito.

41. I am a Christian. I pray daily and frequently read the Bible, both of which are critically important to me. I draw my comfort, strength, and ethic from being a Christian.

I am frequently asked how I coped with all of the horrific things I've seen as a prosecutor over the last 19 years. My answer is simple: faith and family. Due to my faith and family, I have the wisdom, empathy, and passion to make such difficult decisions on a daily basis. Moreover, they keep me filled with hope. My faith and family enabled me to be a highly accomplished prosecutor, as well as a highly qualified candidate for Judge.