

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 1964 JD Dickinson School of Law, Magna Cum Laude, B.A. University of Delaware
- If attorney, law school name & date of your law degree _____
- If attorney, state your area of concentration Criminal Prosecution
- Military service? No If Yes: Branch of service, rank & date upon separation from service Tactical Intelligence Officer, USAR, Captain, 1986-96
- What were your most recent work experience?

Start & End Years:	Firm Name and position:
(a) <u>2008 - Current</u>	<u>Lancaster County District Attorney</u>
(b) <u>1991-2008</u>	<u>Lancaster County Assistant District Attorney</u>
(c) <u>2002-06</u>	<u>Special Assistant United States Attorney</u>
- What are your most significant accomplishments in your most recent work experience? (you may use separate paper if you prefer):
See attached resume.

7. What are your most significant lifetime work accomplishments?

See attached resume.

8. What are your most significant lifetime achievements?

The birth of my children and marriage to my wife.
Making sure my children are raised with good values and foundations for success in life.
~~Making my community a safer place to live, fighting for victims and against crime.~~

9. What is your greatest strength? Fairness and doing the right thing for the right reason/s. See resume.

10. What is your greatest weakness? I refuse to be outworked which can result in sacrifices on a personal level.

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

Despite the majority of the cases in the Superior Court being criminal in nature, the court lacks a candidate on the court with real prosecutorial experience. My hope is that I can bring a prosecutors voice to the court.

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?

My background and experience as a prosecutor in a large Pennsylvania county since 2008 make me particularly well qualified to become a judge on the Superior Court. I received a "highly recommended" by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. See attached PBA rating and comments. Note that to the best of my knowledge I am the first ever actively serving prosecutor to achieve the highest rating from the PBA.

II. Philosophy and Faith

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.

1. Fight Crime Invest in Kids
2. Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet
3. Historic Rock Ford Plantation
4. Leadership Lancaster Instructor/Coordinator, Law and Justice Day
5. Humane Society of the United States
Lancaster County ACTION Member

Many of these questions are so specific that they could result in me having to face recusal should the issue arise. I do not want to have to recuse myself on important issues. Indicate I will note responses below relevant to your questions which I have already taken public positions on while serving as District Attorney and prior to my judicial candidacy.

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

As a member of Fight Crime Invest in Kids, I support education as a tool in the fight against crime.

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.

I am Pro Life and feel very passionate about the issue. I am endorsed by Life PAC and the PA Pro-Life Federation

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

Freedom of religion is at the very core of our nation.

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
- I support securing our borders and deporting illegal aliens who have committed crimes.**
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
- The government should disclose where they place unaccompanied minor illegal aliens.**
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
- I support Kate’s law and harsh consequences for illegals who return to the country after deportation.**
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
- We need to enforce the laws of the land and keep people safe to exercise their freedoms.**
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. ~~I believe in the natural rights of all consistent with the founding fathers and which transcend any government.~~ 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
- People should not be forced to provide abortion services against their religion.**
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 _____

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

35. The most important achievement of President Ronald Reagan was (please use one or several words):
National security is the top issue for every US President and transcends all other issues. Reagan made us safer. Obama made us dramatically less safe on many levels.

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

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) _____

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):

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 ___civil, versus ___criminal?

Favor Oppose Undecided

Most of my work is criminal with a small percentage civil.

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 _____ **Date** _____

(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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RSVP@ConservativeChristianCenter.org

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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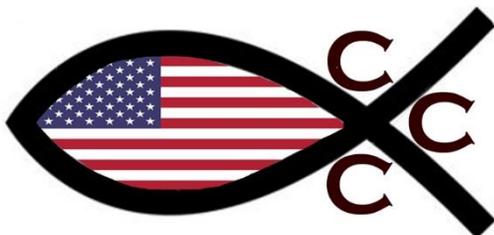
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