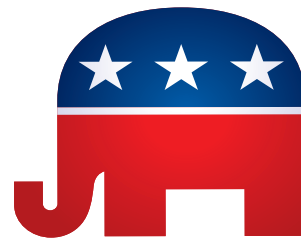


2020 GENERAL Election



ISSUES AND ANSWERS

U.S. Senate

Christopher Coons (D)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

Our country is facing three big challenges – the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic crisis, and the need to address racial injustice in our society. I am running for re-election because I want to continue the work already started to address each of these challenges. I have a science background and worked in the private sector for a growing, international materials-based science company. I also have years of experience in county government and the Senate. I understand the challenges families, businesses, and our state and local governments are facing. I also have a strong track record of working across party lines and with people I disagree with to find solutions and pass legislation.



Coons

2. In the Primary Issues and Answers section you listed the following as your top three priorities if you are re-elected: Protecting and expanding the Affordable Care Act and lowering the cost of prescription drugs; Rebuilding our economy and ensuring Americans can work and support themselves and their families; Taking action to address climate change. How do you plan to accomplish these goals?

I've developed a reputation as one of the most effective Senators because I am willing to collaborate with my colleagues and put solving problems ahead of politics. I have a track record of bringing colleagues together to fight for pandemic relief for small businesses, to support innovative manufacturing here at home, and to pass legislation that helps Delaware families.

3. How can the nation's (including Delaware's) economy be restored and expanded in the midst of the ongoing pandemic?

We must support American workers via manufacturing, innovation, entrepreneurship, and small business investments. I've sponsored legislation to ensure federal research and development programs reach more U.S. cities, incentivize innovation, create national service jobs, and more. Elected officials may not create private sector jobs, but we can pass legislation to

support a resilient economy.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines for the good of (all) of your constituents?

Delaware is the nation's lowest lying state, and we are at greater risk from the effects of climate change. That's why I worked across the aisle to found the first bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, in order to get strong environmental legislation passed. I will always collaborate on behalf of my constituents.

5. What is the first issue you plan to address if you are re-elected?

My first priority will be to finally get COVID-19 stimulus passed for the many Delawareans and Americans that've been devastated by this pandemic. There are unemployed workers, struggling small business owners, unprotected essential workers, and others that need help now, and I will continue to work tirelessly to meet their needs.

Nadine Frost (L)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

I'm not associated with any long-standing political party. I owe no favors or allegiance to any person or group other than the citizens of Delaware as a whole.

2. What are your top three priorities if you are elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

1) Reduce the size of the Federal Government. First, get Congress out of Washington, and back to their home districts. This puts the primary access to the constituents, and not the special interests and career bureaucrats, who have a vested interest in expanding government.

2) Reduce the budget/debt. Implement a system of bonuses to departments that *reduce* costs/waste, while also mandatorily cutting the budgets of departments that do not.

3) Reduce or even remove the influence of the Department of Education. Decisions about the education of our children should be returned to the local school districts, and even the parents themselves. Those closest to the children are best suited to make these decisions, not bureaucrats in D.C.

3. How can the nation's (including Delaware's) economy be restored and expanded in the midst of the ongoing pandemic?

Please allow people to make their own decisions. Most people will make good choices for themselves. It is the ultimate in hubris for elected officials to treat their constituents as idiots incapable of rational thought. Provide the most accurate infor-

mation possible, and then step away. There are presently electric signs all over Delaware that say "One small ask. Wear a mask". If asking were involved, most people would do it voluntarily, but it's not an ask, it's an order. Let businesses conduct business.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines for the good of (all) of your constituents?

Since I'm not a member of a major party, I haven't developed an animosity towards others based simply on their affiliation. I prefer to use a rational approach to all problems and solutions. I will work with anyone, at any time, concerning any legislation that I believe to be in the best interests of Delawareans.

5. What is the first issue you plan to address if you are elected?

The budget. As an accountant, I am uniquely qualified to do a personal audit, page by page, line by line, and finding mismanagement and waste.

Mark Turley (I)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

I am a lifelong business person dealing with issues at the highest levels of large scale manufacturing and general business. My approach to the position of U.S. Senator is as a public servant versus a lifetime politician. I have already pledged to support term limits on Congress and to not serve more than two terms if elected.

Our country's problems and issues can only be resolved by working together, party politics has no place in government, it can only lead to further problems resolving few if any.

2. What are your top three priorities if you are elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

1. Term Limit Amendment on Congress. I would support and push for more states to ratify the current term limit proposed amendment along with building a coalition in Congress in preparation to ratify.

2. Balanced Federal Budget Amendment - I have pledged to support a balanced federal budget amendment and would work to understand the financial working of our federal government along with investigating waste, fraud and financial abuse in all the federal programs. I believe a balanced federal budget is a cor-



Turley

nerstone to a stable future for our country. Understanding the income and expenditures of the federal government is what will make a balanced budget work.

3. Within the framework of a balanced federal budget I would look to fortify Medicare, Social Security and expand Medicaid as a safety net for healthcare to those who cannot afford it.

3. How can the nation's (including Delaware's) economy be restored and expanded in the midst of the ongoing pandemic?

I would promote policies within the framework of the federal government allowing expansion of manufacturing in the country. Take back supply chains from the Far East offering American manufacturing the opportunity to provide essential and all goods within our borders. Delaware over the years has lost nearly all of its manufacturing through neglect and poor policy efforts. It would be my position as a U.S. Senator representing Delaware to work with mayors, town leaders, public leaders and companies throughout the country and world to look at Delaware as a potential home for factories, warehouses and manufacturing facilities. We can promote Delaware as a hub for manufacturing in the renewable marketplace. I have a 20 year history of working with renewable companies through manufacturing, I can extend my contacts and knowledge specifically to Delaware to attract businesses to our great state.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines for the good of (all) of your constituents?

As a lifetime businessperson I have had to negotiate in the toughest of situations for the benefit of projects and stakeholders. It would be my approach to bring together a strong coalition of Senators to expand and move forward ideas/policies beneficial to the people, not the parties and individual Senators. With the imminent possibility of instituting term limits on Congress we most certainly would have a group of people more likely to approach governing from a public service mindset.

5. What is the first issue you plan to address if you are elected?

Term limits on Congress is my first important issue I would tackle. It is my belief the framers of our great Constitution did not insert term limits only because in their minds people would be looking to serve and return to their jobs and private lives. It is now abundantly evident they miscalculated the human tendencies for gathering power and financial gains. Without the insertion of Congressional term limits we will continue to attract career

politicians into government service versus public servants. Career politicians have two goals: power for themselves and their party plus longevity in office. Pride in serving the public takes a back seat and “we the people” are not served the way it was intended.

Lauren Witzke (R)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

My opponent, Chris Coons is a radical leftist Marxist, who not only marched with rioters and looters in Wilmington, but is bought and sold by globalist donors and big pharma. Chris Coons puts America last, I’m here to put Americans and Delawareans first.

2. In the Primary Issues and Answers section you listed the following as your top three priorities if you are elected: tackling the opioid epidemic, prioritizing Americans for jobs, and controlling our immigration system.

How do you plan to accomplish these goals?

I will fight for an immigration moratorium, that will stop the floodgates of cheap foreign labor- forcing Americans to compete for jobs. In addition to border security, I will work to build a merit-based system, and filter out the “bad eggs” and drug dealers that we bring into the U.S. legally and illegally, followed by federal funding for long term recovery residential centers for addicted Americans.

3. How can the nation’s (including Delaware’s) economy be restored and expanded in the midst of the ongoing pandemic?

I have launched my plan for economic recovery. It includes \$1,200 direct payments to Americans until everything has returned to normal, as well as flexibility and access to up to half of your 401k without penalty or tax. The idea is for Americans to use their money to start their own small business, or salvage their business from being destroyed by the excessive COVID-19 lockdown measures.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines for the good of (all) of your constituents?

The opioid crisis is a bipartisan issue, Republican or Democrat, we both need to come together and tackle our nation’s most destructive epidemic.

5. What is the first issue you plan to address if you are elected?

I have made the promise to Delawareans to tackle the opioid epidemic first and foremost- and I plan to keep that promise.

U.S. Representative

Lee Murphy (R)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

I can work with either President to get things done for Delaware. I value our Veterans. I am a former teacher and



Witzke

coach who has worked his whole life for the middle-class dream, understands the issues facing Delaware families and the costs of the drug opioid crisis on all of us, and can work constructively with others.

2. In the Primary Issues and Answers section you listed the following as your top three priorities if you are elected: Legislation protecting agriculture and incentivizing pharmaceutical companies to relocate to Delaware from China, to get Delaware, which is disproportionately impacted by the drug epidemic, its fair share of federal funds earmarked for the crisis, Protect and defend the Constitution, including 2A.

How do you plan to accomplish these goals?

1. Work with the President in support of Sen. Tom Cotton’s legislation that entices drug manufacturing to relocate to the U.S. 2. I will work with wonderful organizations like Firm Foundation and Face the Facts to secure funding from Washington to build Delaware’s first long-term treatment facility. 3. I will bring my core values and integrity, developed over a lifetime, to my job as Delaware’s lone representative in Congress.

3. How can the nation’s (including Delaware’s) economy be restored and expanded in the midst of the ongoing pandemic?

Institute a three-year payroll tax cut; use the bailout to supplement lost income and protect food/housing insecurity that resulted from shutdown while immediately re-opening our economy and schools. Trust the people to take the necessary steps to re-open safely while protecting their families, customers and the most vulnerable.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines for the good of (all) of your constituents?

As a teacher and coach, as a Civic Association and Church Parish Council President, as an active member of my community and local politics, who has worked across the aisle my entire adult life, and as someone who genuinely likes and respects most people, whether they agree with me or not, I have a lifetime of experience of bringing people together to get things done.

5. What is the first issue you plan to address if you are elected?

Relocating manufacturing to Delaware to support good paying jobs and economic independence.

Catherine S. Purcell (I)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

My education and work experience.

My Republican opponent was a school teacher. I designed successful after school programs in which all students rose to honors.

I worked 32 years in real estate and mortgage banking, evaluating purchasers assets, income and credit to determine the best loan program that suits their financial needs. I worked with purchasers to clean their credit up so that they could purchase a home.

I speak nine languages and have taken the time to talk with Americans from all nationalities, races, creeds and sexual ori-



Purcell

entations to find out their views in issues that matter.

I worked in autopsy with the DC Morgue and National Institute of Mental Health in neuroscience. I worked with infectious disease. My work was published in neuroscience journals.

I helped design fitness and nutrition programs for thousands of individuals because I truly care about the welfare of others.

2. What are your top three priorities if you are elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

Establish a special investigations task force to ensure transparency and efficiency of the spending of our tax dollars.

Strive towards higher academic standards and reducing the cost of education by dividing classes by merit-based instead of age. Child or adult remains at their level of learning until they master the information and then they progress to the next level.

Regarding drug abuse: Increase funding to centers that have had success with recovery. Move those incarcerated for crimes related to drug abuse to drug treatment centers. Establish a special investigations task force to evaluate if person is wrongfully imprisoned.

Obtain funding for the above programs by reducing humanitarian aide to foreign countries until our domestic situation improves and all Americans have education and healthcare at reasonable prices.

3. How can the nation’s (including Delaware’s) economy be restored and expanded in the midst of the ongoing pandemic?

Open up all businesses to full opera-

tional capacity. Fully open schools. Provide stimulus to those businesses negatively affected by the pandemic. End the Central Banks and Federal Reserve stronghold on the U.S. Reduce payroll tax to provide a direct stimulus to the economy.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines for the good of (all) of your constituents?

I am an independent. I am the voice of the people and am not loyal to special interests nor subject to voting along party lines.

5. What is the first issue you plan to address if you are elected?

Establish a special investigations task force to ensure transparency and efficiency of the spending of our tax dollars.

In this age of technology, we are able to have a transparent system that shows the flow of our tax dollars into the hands of who it is intended for. I have followed the money with humanitarian aide that has been given overseas and in most cases the money never reached the intended individuals but those involved in the transfer of our tax dollars mysteriously have an increase in their assets.

Trillions of our tax dollars are sent overseas and disappear.

We need to halt humanitarian aide until we have every American covered for healthcare and education and develop a transparent system that shows exactly where these funds are going.

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Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

Throughout my career, I've been an advocate, a case worker, department secretary, a Congresswoman, and have spent the last four years fighting every day for the people of our state.

I want to fight to give everyone quality affordable health care, while making sure everyone has access to a good paying job.

2. What are your top three priorities if you are re-elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

My top priorities are the economy and ensuring people have good paying jobs to live a quality life, making sure everyone has access to affordable quality health care and beating this pandemic so people can go on with their daily lives.

3. How can the nation's (including Delaware's) economy be restored and expanded in the midst of the ongoing pandemic?

In the short term, we need more federal stimulus money given straight to Delawareans and small businesses in order to mitigate the crisis as much as possible. I voted for both the CARES and HEROES Acts to do that. In the long term, we need to build a more equitable society to make sure that everyone has a chance at success.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines for the good of (all) of your constituents?



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I co-founded the bipartisan Future of Work Caucus earlier this year with a Republican from Wisconsin in order to better prepare our country for the changes coming to our workforce in the coming years. Additionally, almost every bill I've introduced has at least one Republican co-sponsor.

5. What is the first issue you plan to address if you are re-elected?

The most immediately pressing issue facing our country is the coronavirus and making sure Delawareans have the resources they need to survive it. I will make sure to fight for the average person and ensure that every American has the resources needed to weather the pandemic until we are able to safely restore normality.

David Rogers (L)

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Governor

John Carney (D)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

The biggest difference is our response to COVID-19 and public health. This virus is a real threat - especially for vulnerable loved ones. Our response has been guided by



Carney

science. Most Delawareans have followed basic public health precautions and worn masks. We will continue to take a science-based approach to COVID-19.

2. In the Primary Issues and Answers edition you identified the following as your top three priorities if you are re-elected: Protecting public health during COVID-19, rebuilding Delaware's economy, and improving public schools. How do you plan to accomplish these goals?

Delaware needs leaders with experience bringing people together around issues that matter to every community: good jobs, great public schools, and a safe place to live. I bring that experience. I'll continue to work with lawmakers of both parties and Delawareans up and down our state to find common ground.

3. How can the state's economy be restored and improved in the midst of the pandemic?

The best thing we can do to improve the economy is confront COVID-19 while supporting families and small businesses. We've launched a \$150 million Relief Grants program for small businesses. We've invested \$15 million for training for in-demand jobs. We're investing \$20 million to expand access to high-speed broadband service, especially in rural areas.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines to serve (all) of your constituents?

For over 30 years, I've worked for the people of Delaware and on the issues that matter to every community: jobs, education, and quality of life. We have accomplished much in each area, working in a

bipartisan way for all Delawareans. In a second term, I will continue this approach.

5. How do you plan to bring more jobs to Delaware and reduce unemployment?

Small businesses make up the vast majority of jobs in our state, which is why I'm investing \$100 million in Relief Grants to help them get through this challenging time. We also need to train Delawareans for the jobs that are available now and will be in-demand going forward. I've launched a \$10 million rapid workforce development program to ensure Delawareans have the skills they need to take advantage of these opportunities.

6. How can issues such as infrastructure and education be addressed given the current economic circumstances in the state?

The state's fiscal situation will be challenging, but it'll be made easier because of our responsible budgeting. We worked with legislators to create a \$125 million reserve fund, which helped us balance the budget without cutting services or raising taxes. By taking this approach, we'll meet our priorities while maintaining a balanced budget.

Kathy Dematteis (I)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

I have a comprehensive plan already in motion for manufacturing, starting with my own skin care products that I have pledged that all profits to go back into the states budget to cover health care cost. Those plans have been laid out in a way to encourage a cable series with filming to highlight the businesses that agreed to

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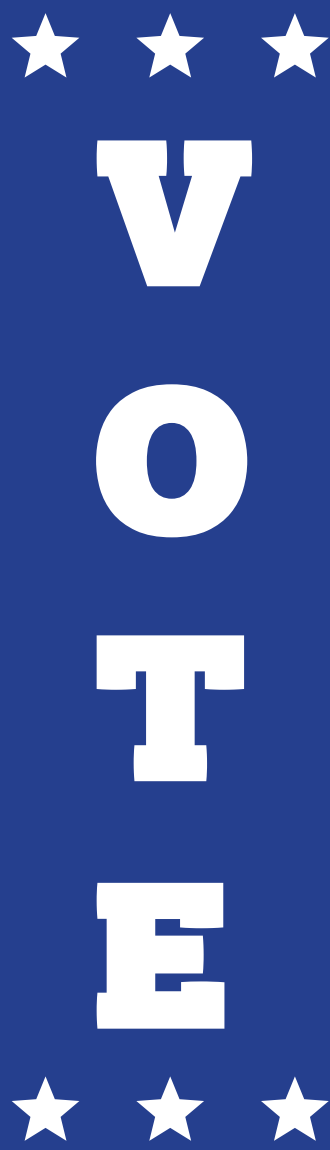
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go inside the plan. I have already net-worked around the country all last year to get a head start on bringing other manufacturing here.

2. What are your top three priorities if you are elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

First is prison reform. I have already formed my initial board where we have laid out our plans for overhaul. Comprehensive guard training as well as stress management for inmates and staff. Second is manufacturing and enticing companies to come to Delaware with an emphasis on automotive manufacturing, utilizing hemp composite materials that can be grown right on our own soils. I laid out my plans in a sensational story line to generate excitement using the power of the film industry to reach worldwide coverage.

Third, our education system is in desperate need of overhaul. To combat overcrowding I am looking at split shifts. I have been meeting with education experts from principals to superintendents as well as teachers that specialize in IEP's. I believe we need to bring the trades back into our schools and teach skills that will be utilized as we grow our manufacturing sector back to include sewing, metal and wood shops and production design. Reformatting our education by getting rid of common core and going back to true teaching and comprehension.

3. How can the state's economy be restored and improved in the midst of the pandemic?

With manufacturing and distribution of employees to smaller facilities verses the mega warehouse we can reduce the amount of exposure. With multiple facilities all around the state it will be much easier to contain an outbreak and isolate cases. Smaller satellite all around the state will slow increase revenue for more locations that are currently empty can be utilized.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines to serve (all) of your constituents?

As a massage therapist and esthetician I spent my career working on many people from many different walks of life, from the super rich to the super poor. I have the ability to feel and understand each individuals needs and I use those gifts to seek resolutions. I never looked at my clients as political, I look at them as human beings that have a problem that needs to be addressed. In my profession my job was to identify a problem and work out a solution. I will take those same lessons in my career and put them to use as governor.

5. How do you plan to bring more jobs to Delaware and reduce unemployment?

I spent all of 2019 traveling the country networking with industry leaders that fall into my plans, from automotive manufacturing utilizing hemp technology to bringing the arts back starting with our orchestra to laying the ground work for film projects that will span the next 10 years in production, highlighting Delaware businesses and encouraging the travel industry to come back by putting spotlights on our beaches, our casinos and our racing tracks.

6. How can issues such as infrastruc-



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ture and education be addressed given the current economic circumstances in the state?

We can effectively educate by going back to neighborhood schools. Many neighborhoods now have community houses that can be easily formatted to accommodate its residents.

Utilizing the film industry we can have teachers create programming that can be made into short films. Utilizing work books and creative writing exercises to expand the imagination of all of our citizens. Imagination is true intelligence and cultivating that in small groups around the state not only insures the safety of our students by keeping our class sizes small but it ensures the safety of our children from malicious harm.

John J. Machurek (L)

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Julianne E. Murray (R)

1. What sets you apart from your opponents?

Unlike my opponent I am not a career politician. I have not spent my entire life in public office. I am not beholden to special interests nor donors. But more importantly, I have a vision for improving Delaware. I am a citizen political candidate not a career politician.



Murray

2. In the Primary Issues and Answers edition you identified the following as your top three priorities if you are elected: Reopening Delaware, rolling out an economic recovery plan, and looking at unnecessary spending. How do you plan to accomplish these goals?

I would reopen the state and take it safely out of its current state of emergency that has set limits on businesses. Doing this alone, would be a strong economic boost for the state. Beyond that I would encourage small business growth and cut unnecessary spending by streamlining state government.

3. How can the state's economy be restored and improved in the midst of the pandemic?

We have seen other states reopen and their economies have had the V- shape recovery that we hear about. We have to stop the hysteria and reopen our economy and get Delaware on the road to recovery. Every day we are closed is adding to the already catastrophic devastation.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines to serve (all) of your constituents?

I am an attorney, I know how to negotiate and work with opposing sides. I will bring the needed balance that is missing in Dover. The governorship has been held by one party for 28 years. This leads to complacency, cronyism, and corruption. We need now more than ever balance and a fresh perspective in Dover.

5. How do you plan to bring more jobs to Delaware and reduce unemployment?

One thing we need to do is let the world know that Delaware is open for business. Many view our state government as being anti-business. I want to end

that. I will work with business leaders and experts to analyze, reimagine, and expedite the state's permitting process to cut the red tape that is strangling economic growth.

6. How can issues such as infrastructure and education be addressed given the current economic circumstances in the state?

Quite easily. This can be done by reducing wasteful spending, allocating money more evenly, and eliminating redundant programs and streamlining procedures.

Lt. Governor

Donyale Hall (R)

1. What sets you apart from your opponent?

As a business-woman and mother of school-aged children, I have first-hand experience and inner-working knowledge of the failures and shortcomings of Delaware legislative policy. The underlying socioeconomic woes of this state are in dire need of addressing by someone like me who can articulate the needs of marginalized communities.



Hall

2. What are your top three priorities if you are elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

My top three priorities are education reform, job growth and accountability in government. These will be accomplished

by education spending reform directed at closing the achievement gap, strategic economic development planning to leverage opportunity zone resources alongside metrics, measurable outcomes, efficacy and transparency in government spending.

3. How can the state's economy be restored and improved in the midst of the pandemic?

Now is the time to implement market reforms, higher skills and new technologies to create jobs. We have the opportunity to make our economy smarter, less wasteful and more efficient.

4. What experience do you have working across party lines to serve (all) of your constituents?

Although I have never held political office, my experience working in non-partisan organizational roles, has afforded me the opportunity to work with people from all walks of life. Treating people with dignity and respect transcends party lines and is paramount to me.

5. How do you plan to bring more jobs to Delaware and reduce unemployment?

The pandemic has clearly demonstrated that our dependency on foreign goods and services has had a crippling effect on domestic operations. Planned revitalization for industrial manufacturing would be an effective strategy to bring more jobs to Delaware and reduce unemployment.

6. How can issues such as infrastructure and education be addressed given the current economic circumstances in the state?

Infrastructure has remained a necessity as has education. However, education has experienced significant augmentation in

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execution strategies. With regard to K-12 education, Delaware should be giving serious consideration to adopting a neighboring state's accredited homeschooling program as an option in light of the remote learning failures in public education.

Bethany Hall-Long (D)

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Insurance Commissioner

Trinidad Navarro (D)

1. What sets you apart from your opponent?

I have experience as Insurance Commissioner and the knowledge to successfully lead the office, including our jurisdiction within health insurance management, but also our work on property and auto insurance, workers compensation insurance, bail industry regulation, arbitration, insurer solvency, market conduct investigations, Medicare assistance, and so much more.

2. In the Primary Issues and Answers you identified the following top three priorities if you are re-elected: Making sure no resident is taking advantage of by a scam, fighting discriminatory premium practices, and reducing premiums. How do you plan to accomplish



Navarro

these goals?

As National Anti-Fraud Taskforce Chair, I'll continue to work to make sure no resident is taken advantage of by a scam. I'll continue fighting discriminatory premium practices, including the use of big data. We can reduce premiums again through holding insurers accountable to the changes COVID made in our lives.

3. How can you help Delawareans afford insurance?

We lowered ACA rates an average of 19 percent in 2019, and again this year, while also decreasing small business rates. We have lowered worker's comp premiums for businesses. Our Medicare counseling helps seniors pick the most affordable plan. We are creating the cost-saving Office of Value Based Health Care Delivery.

4. What will your first order of business be if you are re-elected?

When I am re-elected, the critical work of our office can continue uninterrupted. The election takes place during both Medicare and ACA Open Enrollment, and our team will be helping seniors pick the best, most affordable plan for their needs and informing residents about affordable insurance options on the Marketplace.

Dr. Julia Pillsbury (R)

1. What sets you apart from your opponent?

I am a physician and I have been a small business owner so I understand health insurance as well as the various policies required by small business owners.

2. What are your top three priorities if you are elected and how do you plan

to accomplish these goals?

If I am elected my top three priorities are:

A. To identify a second payer for those covered under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). People deserve a choice.

B. To attempt to better control the price of health insurance. The benefits have become limited under many plans and the cost has skyrocketed.

C. I will identify the other policies to tackle after I come on board. I believe health care is critical and there should be room to reduce those costs. However, I believe there are many small business coverages that need to be addressed as well as auto insurance.

3. How can you help Delawareans afford insurance?

I will work with insurers to reduce wasted expenses which will lower premiums. As a provider, I have experienced much wasted time and money spent on appealing unnecessarily/inappropriately denied services. The general population should not be held accountable for a few dishonest people.

4. What relative experience do you have for this position?

I have owned a small business and I have insured my staff. Furthermore, I have fought for my patients for the coverage and benefits they deserve. In addition, I have served on several committees run by the American Medical Association which guides CMS (The Center for Medicare



Pillsbury

and Medicaid Services) on establishing their fee schedule. I have also served on the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Coding and Nomenclature which advises and educates providers on correct billing.

5. What will your first order of business be if you are elected?

My primary goal is to tackle health insurance for individuals and small business owners. I believe we need competition and lower rates. Health care should not be beyond the reach of anyone.

State Representative District 35

Jesse Vanderwende (R)

1. Why are you running for office?

I am the incumbent State Representative for this district and I would like to apply the skills and experience I gained in my first term to continue serving our community.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent?

I am one of the few active farmers in the General Assembly. I am also a small businessman. Agriculture and small businesses are the leading employers in our district.

3. What is the state doing well?

I think state spending has largely been kept in-check in recent years. While



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Re-Elect BRIAN PETTYJOHN



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I have supported Agriculture and Business, our right to keep and bear arms, law and order, our first responders, and law enforcement, and have provided responsive constituent service.

I will continue to support these initiatives as well as focusing on jobs/economic recovery and returning students safely to school.

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Governor John Carney has adopted some of the fiscally conservative protocols supported by myself and other state lawmakers, I would like to see these prudent practices codified so future governors and General Assemblies would be bound by these same sound management practices.

4. What does the state need to improve upon?

I think school finance reform needs to take place so students attending schools in rural Sussex have access to the same resources as those elsewhere in the state.

5. What are your top three priorities if you are re-elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

My priority is to represent the interests of my constituents in all things coming before the General Assembly. Given the agendas of some of the state lawmaker candidates currently vying for upstate seats, I will likely be speaking out against proposals to raise taxes, increase spending, and create additional bureaucracy.

6. How can the state's economy be improved in the midst of the pandemic?

It is not the pandemic that has put many Delawareans out of work, but rather the executive branch's response to the pandemic. Now that we know much more about COVID-19, we should be putting what we have learned to use – targeting action to protect those most at-risk from life-threatening complications, broadening the scope of allowable activity for most other citizens, and continuing to practice common-sense precautions to prevent the transmission of the virus.

7. How will you reach across party lines to best represent (all of) your constituents?

I already work on behalf of all my constituents. Partisan political affiliations play no role in representing our district or getting constituents the help they need to overcome the problems they face.

Darrynn Harris (D)

1. Why are you running for office?

I am running for state representative because I believe in serving my community and being civically engaged. I feel this is the time to help Delaware move forward in a safe, responsible manner.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent?

Coming from a working family, I see the concerns of everyday people, the disenfranchised, the forgotten Delawareans.

3. What is the state doing well?

For the most part, Delaware is a safe, affordable place to live and raise a family.

4. What does the state need to im-

prove upon?

The state needs to improve upon education funding and attracting STEM industries to southern Delaware. Also revitalizing our towns and cities.

5. What are your top three priorities if you are elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

My top three priorities are equity in education, affordable housing and access to high quality healthcare. I plan to work to level the field for our children, dialoguing about property tax assessments and funding formulas; looking to public/private partnerships to create affordable housing and healthcare opportunities within the 35th.

6. How can the state's economy be improved in the midst of the pandemic?

The state's economy can be improved by investing in companies and businesses based in Delaware that do business in Delaware. Also, creating incubators for small businesses in Delaware.

7. How will you reach across party lines to best represent (all of) your constituents?

I am all about working together and compromising to better Delaware. The beauty of Delawareans is we work well together, political differences aside.

Sussex County Council District 1

Hunter Hastings (D)

1. Why are you running for office?

I am running because I have the professional and personal experience to help bring needed change to the council. These include transparency, consistency, and the desire to serve every resident; not just the connected or privileged few.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent?

A sense of urgency sets me apart. After two to three terms, he, 'needs more time to effect real change.' I'd expect to (gradually) implement change from day one. A collaborative council that listens to the residents can be noticed early on. Changing when council meets to the evenings demonstrates this as well.

3. What is the county doing well?

The county has developed a comprehensive plan that outlines the goals of what the council intends to accomplish. Continuing to update progress is also something to highlight.

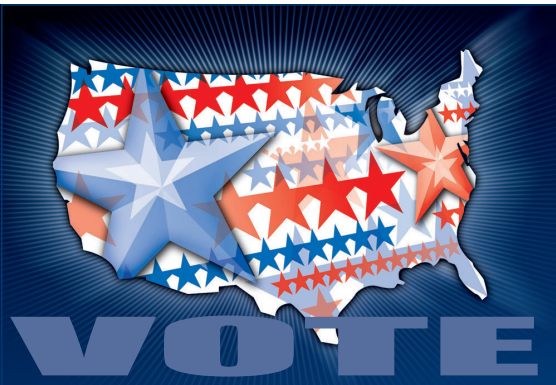


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4. What does the county need to improve upon?

The county needs to connect with their residents, be more transparent in their interactions and communications, and be careful with spending. For example, reverse 911 and opt-out text message, using the state procurement program, and striving to have a more meaningful role in our lives.

5. What are your top three priorities if you are elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

Transparency: easier to understand budgets, evening council meetings, and coffee with your councilor events.

More efficient public safety: Have county paramedics provide ambulances along with utilizing the current ALS response setup.

More services for all residents: For example, early childhood and senior citizen info and referral.

6. How can the county's economy be improved in the midst of the pandemic?

A consistent economic development program, providing incentives based on how long an organization will be here and how many local people they employ. Improved broadband access from multiple carriers, including hot spots at governmental sites. A more sustainable budget where there's a better balance between state, federal and county funding.

7. With the influx of activity in eastern and central Sussex, how can tourism and development be diverted to western Sussex?

One issue is a lack of infrastructure including sewers and adequate roads, so this needs to be expanded while maintaining present ones. Also, a mixed-use environment with light commercial, light to moderate residential, and access to public transit focusing on nature/the environment.

Mike Vincent (R)

1. Why are you running for office?
I am running for office because I believe in giving back and serving my com-

munity. I enjoy helping people with their issues or concerns. I am dedicated full time to county council and am always responsive to calls or emails. I think I am making a difference in a positive way.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent?

I have served during my adult life in the fire service as a public servant. I have the experience of my current time on county council and the education I understand how to bring people together for a common interest or even when they had differing views. It is very important to always listen to all residents and consider their views before making a decision.

3. What is the county doing well?

The county is doing lots of things well. From expanding public sewer to searching for ways to have broadband service available to everyone who wants the service. Our budget is winning awards for its presentation to its transparency and being fiscally conservative. We do a great job of supporting our public safety first responders.

4. What does the county need to improve upon?

I think we need to improve on getting our message out to our residents. I think we do a great deal of good things and sometimes don't make the public aware of all we are accomplishing. We need to continue to make sure we are not putting any undo burdens on our residents or business community with unnecessary regulations.

5. What are your top three priorities if you are re-elected and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

Public safety is my top priority. I intend to continue to support our first responders through the budget process. Economic development is very important and I will continue to support our efforts to support existing businesses and future businesses with the tools to be successful. Broadband service is an ongoing subject that we are searching for the most economical way for the public to subscribe to the service.

6. How can the county's economy be improved in the midst of the pandemic?



Vincent

Surprisingly we are seeing continued growth in the construction sector. We are in contact with small business to offer any help possible to keep them working. The bigger issue is with the service industry and that will improve when they are able to open to more capacity in their buildings. We continue to send the message that we all need to support our local economy by spending locally.

7. With the influx of activity in eastern and central Sussex, how can tourism and development be diverted to western Sussex?

I think there are two big reasons we will see growth in western Sussex. The first is the new western Sussex sewer district as most development occurs when

there is public sewer available. The second is the cost of land and in eastern Sussex the price of land is much higher. We are seeing that people want to move here from other areas because of the quality of life and our location.

Uncontested races

- State Senator District 19- Brian G. Pettyjohn (R)
- State Representative District 39- Daniel B. Short (R)
- State Representative District 40- Timothy D. Dukes (R)
- Sussex County Clerk of the Peace- Norman "Jay" Jones, Jr. (R)



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