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Clean Water Referendum

Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness by the Commonwealth of \$350,000,000 for use as loans to acquire, repair, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, extend, expand and improve water supply, storm water control and sewage treatment systems?

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

Voters in Pennsylvania have the opportunity to express their preference for a presidential nominee of their party. They may write in the name of their choice if it is not listed on the ballot. The results of this Presidential Preference Primary are not binding on any delegate to the national nominating conventions. The following names will appear on the Pennsylvania primary ballot.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for one) DEMOCRATIC

Bob Kerrey
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
Bill Clinton
Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

REPUBLICAN

George Bush
Patrick J. Buchanan

DELEGATE SELECTION

Delegates to this summer's national political conventions are elected at this time. The delegates choose the party's nominees for President and Vice President and write party platforms. Alternates have no vote unless they replace a delegate. Pennsylvania delegates - both Republican and Democratic - are not bound by the results of the state's Presidential Preference Primary.

Democratic candidates for delegate run as "uncommitted" or "committed to a presidential candidate," and that information is on the ballot, including the name of the candidate to whom the delegate is committed. Democratic delegates are committed to a given candidate on the first convention ballot only and may be released by the candidate prior to that. Democratic voters may vote for any combination of delegates they choose. It does not have to coincide with their expression of preference for a presidential candidate. Delegates are elected as individuals, even if committed to a candidate, and no voter has to choose the entire slate of delegates for one candidate.

While Republican candidates for delegate may publicly express a preference for a particular candidate, that information does not appear on the ballot and they are not committed to vote for a particular candidate.

U.S. SENATOR

Congress, the legislative branch of federal government, is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law.
Term: 6 years Salary: \$129,500 (Vote for one)

All Senatorial candidates were asked: (1) State your qualifications for this office. (2) Expand on an issue or issues of importance to you, or list your priorities should you be elected. (3) Provide answers to the listed questions on the issues of health care, economic policies, and reproductive rights.

DEMOCRATIC

Freddy Mann Friedman Ardmore
D.O.B.: 10/29/44
Qualifications: Freddy Mann Friedman, Ph.D., grad. of Harvard Univ., a family therapist and Dir. of Integrative Health

Specialists, developed a successful, cost-effective Geriatric Health Care Program, endorsed by U.S. Senate Committee on Aging, Gang/Violence Control, programs for Justice Commission, Crime reduction Program and coordinated Drug Abuse programs for National Commission.

Issues statement: Freddy Mann Friedman is a practical, no-nonsense champion of the American family who supports freedom for women and men to have control over their personal lives, cuts in wasteful government spending and keeping jobs in America. As your Senator, Freddy will fight to use tax dollars to promote superior education and health care for you and your children. Freddy believes that all Americans count and deserve 100% advocacy from their public servants in Washington, D.C.

Lynn H. Yeakel Rosemont
D.O.B.: 7/9/41

Qualifications: Pres., Womens Way, fundraising organization for women, families. Citizen leader; non-profit business exec.; developer, innovative public/private partnerships; problem solver; coalition builder; national philanthropy leader. Board member: Private Industry Council, Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, 21st Century League, among others. B.A., Randolph-Macon Woman's Col.; Phi Beta Kappa

Issues statement: Rebuilding economy and creating climate where workers and businesses flourish require: 1) public investment in education and job training for youth and adults; 2) reducing health care costs, with federal govt. as single insurer, not provider of services; 3) targeted tax incentives for investment in plant, equipment, technology, research; 4) accelerated spending of public funds for infrastructure; 5) public works projects to rebuild cities; 6) well-balanced foreign trade policy, protecting national economic objectives while recognizing benefits of open international markets.

Mark S. Singel Johnstown
D.O.B.: 9/12/53

Qualifications: Lt. Gov.; Chairman: Pa. Energy Office, Emergency Management Council, Heritage Affairs Commission, Recyclable Materials Task Force, Drought Task Force, Economic Development Partnership Bd. Wrote Pa. Energy Policy, and Hazardous Materials Protection Act. State Senator 1981-86. Spearheaded the Emergency Mortgage Foreclosure Assistance Prog., prescription drug prog. for seniors. B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) Penn State.

Issues statement: 1. Providing full employment for all Pennsylvanians. 2. Enacting a system of national health insurance covering all Pennsylvanians, including aggressive programs for prenatal care. 3. Preserving a clean environment, promoting recycling, and pioneering research into clean burning Pennsylvania fuels. My own car runs on natural gas, and I have led efforts for alternative vehicle fuels. 4. Increasing federal aid to education at all levels and fully funding head start. 5. Establish domestic policy that addresses the needs of middle income families.

Philip Valenti Clifton Heights
D.O.B.: 6/8/49

Qualifications: 23 years political associate of Lyndon LaRouche; col. grad.; sales rep., economist, educator; led sit-in at Specter's office on LaRouche frame-up; helped force unprecedented retraction of pro-genocide Phila. Inquirer editorial; stopped farm foreclosure in Crawford County; fought "free trade" and GATT; organized dry milk relief for starving Iraqi children.

Issues statement: Destroy "secret government" behind Bush, by proving same networks that jailed LaRouche also murdered JFK; U.N. officials asked U.S. govt. to reply to charges of human rights violations against LaRouche; Bush withholding 50,000 pages of secret documents on LaRouche; stop economic depression by creating six million productive jobs; pay for it by nationalizing Fed. Reserve; restore scientific progress of Kennedy era. Expose Anti-Defamation League as organized crime. Stop genocide.

Bob Colville Pittsburgh
D.O.B.: 5/23/35

Qualifications: I am Allegheny County's fifth-term Dist. Atty. I am a Marine, I taught High School English, I coached football, and was a Pittsburgh police officer. I went to law school at night and eventually became Pittsburgh's Police Chief. I am director of both the National and the Pa Dist. Atty's Associations.

Issues statement: Economic stabilization is the driving issue in this campaign and represents the foundation upon which my candidacy is secured. Twelve years of trickle-down economics have brought the working poor and the middle class to their knees. While stockbrokers and corporate execs. have been lining their pockets, the nation's infrastructure has been gutted, and the industrial base has been dismantled, and the quality of life for the average American has been steadily decreasing. The absurdity must stop.

REPUBLICAN

Stephen F. Freind Havertown
D.O.B.: 4/22/44

Qualifications: I believe I'm qualified to serve in the U.S. Senate because of my 16 years experience in the legislature in Harrisburg. And my track record of doing what I think is right regardless of what the powerful special interests think. As a grad. of Villanova Univ. and Temple Law School.

Issues statement: As a U.S. Senator, I want to work to advance the following policies: 1. An across the board tax cut. 2. Enactment of the tax incentives for the creation of new jobs. 3. A substantial reduction in U.S. foreign aid expenditures. 4. An elimination of all quotas in hirings, educational placement promotions and assistance. 5. Reinstatement of the legal approach to abortions to that prior to the Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade where the State regulated the practice.

Arlen Specter Philadelphia
D.O.B.: 2/12/30

Qualifications: My experience in the Senate has given me insights into the problems facing Pa. and the domestic and foreign issues confronting the nation. I am pursuing my own specific legislative program to address the problems of PA's farmers, workers, steel, coal and textile industries, children, senior citizens and veterans.

Issues statement: From travels through Pa.'s 67 counties, I have stayed in touch with the priorities of the people of PA: (1) economic recovery to provide thou-

sands of jobs; (2) affordable health care for all Americans; (3) elimination of unfair foreign imports; (4) education reform; (5) drug control; (6) environmental protection. My bill (S. 1984) would stimulate consumer purchasing power by allowing middle-income America to make limited withdrawals from their IRAs for major purchases: homes, cars, medical costs, tuition.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General is the head of the department of Justice and PA's chief legal officer. The Attorney General enforces the criminal laws of the State, convenes investigative grand juries, and appoints a Consumer Advocate and the Director of Consumer Protection. In civil matters, the Attorney General shares the responsibility for representing the Commonwealth and its agencies with the Governor's Office of General Counsel and independent agency counsels.

Term: 4 years Salary \$84,000 (Vote for one)

The candidates for Attorney General were asked: (1) State your qualifications for this office (2) What do you consider to be the important issues to be dealt with by the Attorney General in the coming term?

DEMOCRATIC

Joe Kohn Devon
D.O.B.: 7/15/57

Qualifications: Attorney Joe Kohn is an expert in an expert in RICO (Racketeering Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act). Kohn represents small businesses, homeowners fighting illegal mortgage practices, neighborhoods working to close crack houses, families who need health care and workers with pensions in jeopardy. Kohn, a lifelong Pennsylvanian, graduated Cum Laude from Univ. of PA

Issues statement: "Families face problems, high auto insurance rates, unfair mortgage practices, unsafe workplaces, pensions in jeopardy - the Attorney General can help solve these problems. To date, we have had passive lawyers in that office. We spent 183% more dollars on the drug war in four years, yet there were 20% fewer arrests - that's indefensible. We need leaders not politicians who use our money to run for the next higher office. I will be an aggressive Attorney General and a leader."

Richard J. Orloski Allentown
D.O.B.: 1/31/47

Qualifications: B.A., King's College, cum laude. J.D., Cornell Law School. Author, Criminal Law: An Indictment (Nelson-Hall 1977). Deputy Attorney General, PA (Co-Author of 15 Official Opinions). Assistant District Attorney, PA. A democrat who prosecuted criminal defendants.

Issues statement: Attorney General must advocate reform of criminal justice system. Street criminals must be caught and jailed. Specific reforms: 1) State Police given primary concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute street criminals; 2) new regional criminal court for rapid trial of street criminals to end plea "bargains"; and 3) mandatory consecutive jail time for using guns in street crimes. Attorney General's success must be measured by the safety of our streets. There, Eric Preate has failed.

REPUBLICAN

Ernie Preate Scranton
D.O.B.: 11/20/40
Qualifications: Univ. of Pa., Wharton School (1962). Univ. of Pa., Law

School. (1965) U.S. Marine, Vietnam Vet, Platoon Commander. 1970-77 Assistant DA 1978-89 Lackawanna Co. DA. Trial prosecutor, specializing in drug cases (20), murder cases (19) and appellate advocate including the U.S. Supreme Court. Author and Lecturer on Criminal law Practice.

Issues statement: Who is most qualified by training and experience to be the State's Chief Law Enforcement officer? I have demonstrated that leadership in the drug fight, as an advocate for consumers, and in my efforts to reform the legislative budget process. I've made government work for people: major drug dealer arrests are up 40%; task force arrests are up 400%. Consumer refunds jumped 300% to a record \$42 million. I want to continue this fight for justice.

State Auditor General

The Auditor General, head of the Department of the Auditor General, is responsible for auditing the Treasury Department to ensure that all money to which the Commonwealth is entitled has been deposited in the state treasury and that the public money has been disbursed legally and properly. The Department post-audits the financial affairs of state government agencies and certain local government agencies, official, and organizations and examines the accounts of revenue collecting agents

Term: 4 years Salary: \$84,000 (Vote for one)

The candidates for Auditor General were asked: (1) State your qualifications for this office. (2) What duties and activities of the office of Auditor General do you see as important in informing the legislature and the public about the state's financial condition?

DEMOCRATIC

Craig Lewis Southampton
D.O.B.: 7/22/44

Qualifications: As a State Senator and Attorney I understand state government operations and how to probe for information. I served four years as the Democratic chairman of the appropriations committee where I built the first professional staff in Senate history. I was also the first chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee.

Issues statement: The Auditor General's principal duty to the public and legislature is to assure that tax dollars are being spent properly, according to law. However, much more should be done. The Auditor General can take the information form audits performed and recommend how to spend money more efficiently and productively. The State's financial condition can be substantially improved if this type of performance-auditing system is implemented.

Roy D. Aflerbach Allentown
D.O.B.: 2/6/45

Qualifications: Sen. Aflerbach from Lehigh County is an Air Force veteran with over 20 years experience in state government, including serving four years in the House and six years in the Senate. His current committee assignments include: Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, Education, and Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Issues statement: The Auditor General can, and should command an independent public platform, not simply to sound alarms, but also to forcefully advocate specific recommendations. Results-based performance audits can be used with traditional financial "watchdog" audits to eliminate, merge, or redefine tax-funded programs and services. Programs and services must also be evaluated for individual responsibility.

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