

PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY – GENERAL ELECTION 2016

1. 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?

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – SUPPORT

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District – SUPPORT

COMMENTS: “I have voted for a multi-million dollar increase in funding for the EITC program since taking office and I will continue to support such efforts. These successful programs are an example of how government and businesses can create a win-win situation for everyone.”

Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – SUPPORT

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – SUPPORT

COMMENTS: “I have voted for increased funding several times.”

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – STRONGLY SUPPORT

COMMENTS: “Empowerment of students and parents is the surest way to promote positive educational outcomes, and funding that follows the student and allows choice is our best opportunity to bring about ‘a thorough and effective’ education for students.”

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District – SUPPORT

COMMENTS: “When public school fulfill educational needs.”

2. 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.

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District – I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

COMMENTS: “Human life begins at conception and is due full protection by government from then until natural death.”

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District

COMMENTS: “I support a doctor patient right to give whatever medical need required.”

3. What is your position on expanding the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to provide health insurance to children in Pennsylvania who are undocumented immigrants?

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – OPPOSE

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: “Taxpayer resources should not be used for undocumented immigrants. When we allow taxpayer resources to be used in this way, it creates a disincentive for immigrants to follow the law and obtain the proper documentation to be in this country legally.”

Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: “Due to on-going budget problems, I would like to ensure that quality health care is provided to the children of Pennsylvania.”

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – SUPPORT

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: “All charity is better delivered through private initiatives. When the government runs a welfare program it first takes, by force, money from those who earned it which is a manifest violation of the role of government.”

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District – SUPPORT

4. What is your position on amending Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation to include sexual orientation?

- They should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, no exceptions.
- They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners.
- No change is necessary.

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners.

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District – They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners. No change is necessary.

COMMENTS: “If there is a change to Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination law then it should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners. However any attempt by the Pennsylvania General Assembly to amend Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination law must recognize that such amendments could

result in protracted legal consequences that will ultimately be decided in the U.S. Supreme Court.”

Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners.

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners.

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners.
COMMENTS: “We are fast obliterating the sovereignty of individuals and institutions and replacing it with totalitarian government dictates.”

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District – No change is necessary.

5. What is your position on increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates as a means to provide greater access to care for Medicaid-covered individuals?

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – SUPPORT

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District

COMMENTS: “I believe strongly that we should never deny our people access to health care. With skyrocketing medical costs, we absolutely must find ways to control health care cost in this country so that we are able to provide Medicaid for our most vulnerable citizens.”

Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: “I would support further auditing of the system to eliminate fraud, abuse, and waste in the system. This would enable more money to be spent on individuals in most need of help and remove those abusing the system.”

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – SUPPORT

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: “As I wrote above, it is a mistake to use government to provide welfare and expanding such programs only worsens the problem of government misbehavior.”

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District

COMMENTS: “No person should go without needed medical treatment.”