

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

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**Tues Sept 17**  
**Zoom in at noon**

**12 Welcome, Intros**

**12:05 Info/Q&A**

- **What is Votebeat?**
- **What Philly Regional voting issues are of greatest concern?**
- **What can we do to engage more voters?**



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## VOTEBEAT PENNSYLVANIA

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Carter is an investigative journalist who is passionate about covering government and politics.

For Votebeat, Carter covers voting and election issues across PA in partnership with Spotlight PA, where his work was awarded the 2024 Pacesetter Journalism Award from the Election Verification Network. Prior to that he served as an investigative reporter covering extremism and misinformation in the region and state for LNP|LancasterOnline. His work on this beat earned him a finalist position for the 2023 Livingston Award.

Carter's work has been cited in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Politico, The Atlantic, Bloomberg, The New Yorker, Axios, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Seattle Times, Huffington Post, Vice News, Slate Magazine, The Daily Beast and Raw Story.

Carter's stories have included:

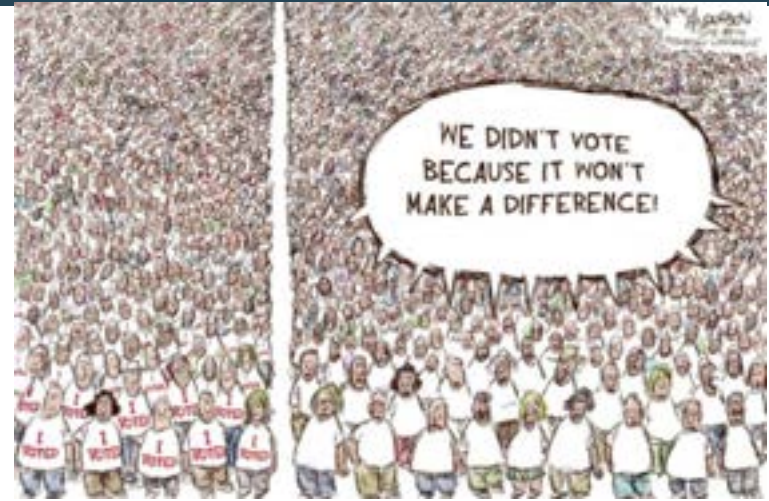
- Detailing the connections between a gubernatorial candidate's security team and a local evangelical church, including two security team members with ties to militias
- Acquiring and analyzing data from an election denial group, revealing significant flaws in their study
- Uncovering a PowerPoint and sources from a pre-January 6 communications meeting of Oath Keepers, which was referenced in an Oath Keeper's indictment
- Two stories uncovering the identity and detailing the roles of previously unknown "upper-tier" leaders in the Proud Boys' alleged January 6 seditious conspiracy plot

Prior to covering extremism and misinformation, Carter covered Lancaster County government and politics. In addition to daily coverage of policy debates and decisions of the county government, he also managed long-term investigations. These included:

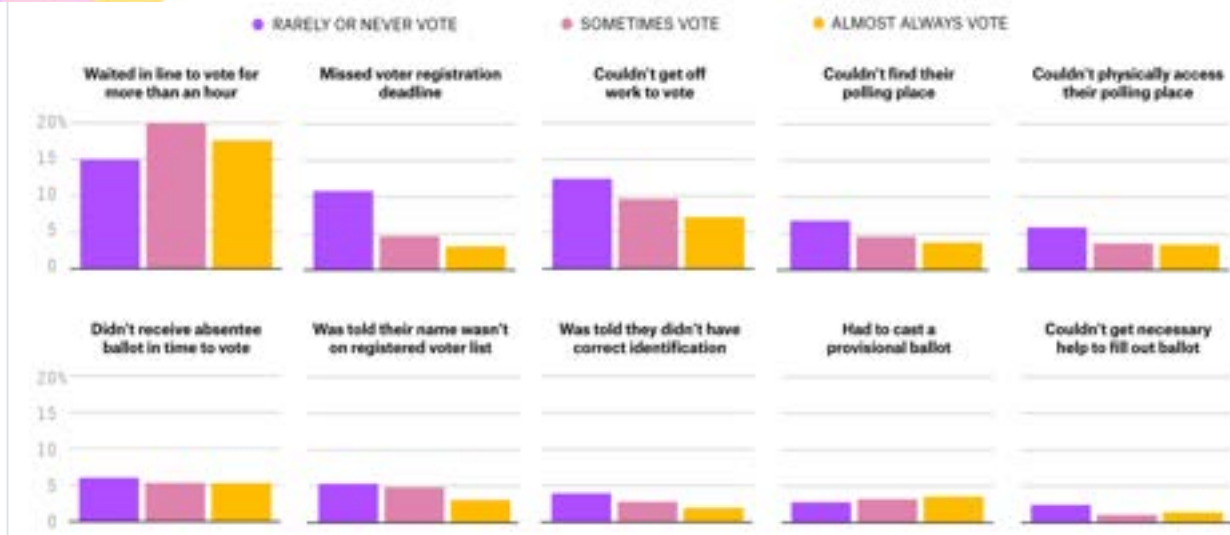
- Revealing the district attorney's use of civil forfeiture funds to lease a vehicle for his personal use
- Uncovering a video of the county's president judge berating a police officer during a traffic stop
- Shining a light on a hostile work environment in the sheriff's office
- Analyzing the county's shifting political landscape by using three datasets and multiple interactive graphics. ###

# REASONS FOR NOT VOTING

Those who almost always vote and those who sometimes vote aren't that different  
Demographic information of survey respondents, by voting history



All types of voters report experiencing barriers to voting that respondents reported experiencing, by voting history



<https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/non-voters-poll-2020-election/>

We used a voter file combined with survey responses to classify voters. ● Rarely or never vote: voted in to more than one election ● Sometimes vote: voted in at least two elections, but not all for all but one ● Almost always vote: voted in all for all but one election.

**15%** percent of Black voters  
**14%** of Hispanic voters  
**5%** of white voters  
had trouble finding polling places  
on Election Day

>**10%** of Black & Hispanic voters  
**3%** of white voters  
missed the registration  
deadline to vote in 2016



Black and Hispanic voters were **2x** as likely as white voters  
to have been unable to get off of work for voting

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/07/poll-prri-voter-suppression/565355/>



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### Ruling by Pennsylvania's Supreme Court restores date requirement for mail ballots

The decision could affect thousands of mail voters in November's election.

By Carter Walker | September 13



### ELECTION MISINFORMATION

Reports have it wrong. Early voting in Pa. doesn't start Sept. 16.

By Carter Walker | September 13



### VOTING ACCESS

Pennsylvania's polling place lookup tool has errors that could stymie voters

By Carter Walker | September 12



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ELECTION MISINFORMATION

## How Philadelphia's legacy of election fraud fuels Trump's false claims

The city has a real history of some 'bad things,' but a lot has changed, and advocates say the attacks are unwarranted.

By Carter Walker | September 9



ELECTION LAWS

### Voting rights groups in Pennsylvania record another victory in case over provisional ballots

The Commonwealth Court ruling says Butler County voters whose mail ballots were rejected were entitled to have their provisional ballots counted.

By Carter Walker | September 6



ELECTION LAWS

### A victory for voting rights groups: Pennsylvania mail ballots can't be rejected over missing date

Disenfranchising citizens over 'inconsequential paperwork errors' violates voting rights, a state court says. The GOP will appeal.

By Carter Walker | August 30



ELECTION LAWS

### Three court cases that could shape how Pennsylvania handles errors on mail ballots

Disputes involve provisional ballots, 'notice and cure' procedures, and the date requirement.

By Carter Walker | August 29



ELECTION MISINFORMATION

### Pennsylvania's 'fake electors' are back: Five who participated in 2020 plot resurface on Trump's slate

Would they be willing to do the same thing this year? We asked them.

## Nov. 5, 2024, is the General Election

- [Polls](#) are open on election day from 7 am - 8 pm
- Last day to [register to vote](#): Oct. 21, 2024
- Last day to [request a mail-in or absentee ballot](#): Oct. 29, 2024
- [Learn about General Elections:](#)
  - U.S. President
  - U.S. Senators & U.S. Representatives to Congress
  - PA Governor & Lieutenant Governor
  - PA General Assembly members (PA Senators & PA Representatives)
  - Attorney general, auditor general & state treasurer
  - *County & local officials (in odd-numbered years)*
  - *Judges & magisterial district judges (in odd-numbered years)*

For more information about voting in PA, visit

<https://www.vote.pa.gov/About-Elections/Pages/Upcoming-Elections.aspx>



# On Your Pennsylvania 2024 Ballot



## Federal:

- U.S. President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Congressperson  
House of Representatives

## State:

- PA Senator
- PA House Representative
- PA Attorney General
- PA Treasurer
- PA Auditor General



# 2024 Pennsylvania Election Basics

**Primary Election Day  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

### What is the PURPOSE of a Primary?

- Voters from the 2 major parties select their candidates to run in the November General Election

### Who CAN VOTE in the PA Primary?

- In Pennsylvania **ONLY Democrats and Republicans** can vote in the Primary to choose their candidates to run in the November General Election.

### Who CAN NOT VOTE in the PA Primary?

- Registered Independents and 3rd parties.



**General Election  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

### Who CAN VOTE in the General Election?

- All Registered Voters



# 2024 Pennsylvania Voter Action Guide

Prepared & Published by



**Chester County  
Marching Forward**



Black Women  
of Chester County  
**IN ACTION**



**#OurVoiceShouldBeHeard**



## HOW do I register to vote?



- Scan the QR code
- **Or** By cell phone or computer at: [www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)
- At the DMV when you apply for a Driver's License or photo ID
- No Driver's License or photo ID? Get a paper form from Voter Services.

## How do I CHECK to see if I'm registered?

- Go to: [www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)
- Your registration may have been purged if you have not voted in the last 5 years. **You can register again!**

## What are the voter registration DEADLINES?

- By April 8, 2024 for the Primary
- By October 21, 2024 for the General



## Vote by Mail OR In Person!



### How do I vote by mail?

**Step 1 – APPLY FOR a Mail-in Ballot**  
Go to [www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)

- **Deadline to apply** for a Primary ballot is April 16, 2024\*
- **Deadline to apply** for a General ballot is October 29, 2024\*
- A ballot will be mailed to your home.  
*\*due to delay issues within the USPS it is recommended to apply and return your ballot 10 days before these deadlines.*

**Step 2 – Complete and return your Mail-in Ballot**

- Use black pen to fill in the oval next to your choices.
- Put ballot into the plain secrecy envelope and seal it. Do not write on this secrecy envelope.
- Put secrecy envelope into the mailing envelope, then SIGN and DATE it where indicated.
- **MAIL BACK RIGHT AWAY** or you must **bring it yourself** to a Ballot DROP BOX (check your County Voter Services for availability and locations).
- **Ballot must be received by 8:00 pm on election day to count.**

### Where do I go to vote in person?

- Find your polling place on your voter registration card
- OR**
- Search "Where's my polling place?" on: [www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov) – *Polls can change*

### Do I need an ID?

- **Only if you are a first-time voter**, or if you are voting in a new precinct.
- **Acceptable ID:** driver's license, US passport, voter registration card, military, student or employee ID, firearm permit, current utility bill or bank statement, paycheck or government check, any ID issued by PA or federal government.



*Our Constitution is neither a self-actuating nor a self-correcting document. It requires the constant attention and devotion of all citizens.*

*There is a story often told, that upon exiting the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin was approached by a group of citizens asking what sort of government the delegates had created. His answer was:*

***"A Republic, if you can keep it."***





<https://www.bwcca.org/general-9>

Calling all BIPOC Organizations, Faith Communities, Sororities,  
Fraternities, Businesses and Allies!  
Call to Action: Take the Challenge!



**COMMIT**

to talking with family, friends, and neighbors to make plans to cast ballots for upcoming ELECTIONS.

For more information email:  
[WWW.vote411.org](http://WWW.vote411.org)

**COMMIT**

to canvass or write postcards to the underrepresented in Chester County in preparation for ELECTION DAY.

For More information email:  
[laila@newpaproject.org](mailto:laila@newpaproject.org)

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to amplify our voices. Join #OurVoiceShouldBeHeard to educate and connect with underrepresented women about the political process.

For more information email:  
[blackwomenofccinaction@gmail.com](mailto:blackwomenofccinaction@gmail.com)

## #OurVoiceShouldBeHeard

A non-partisan multimedia campaign to increase the participation of the under-represented women in the political process through voting and completing the census in Chester County, PA.

Learn more <https://www.bwcca.org/general-9>

## Brief Intros

- Who are you? What brought you to today's Community Conversation?
- What did you want to learn? What have you learned?

## Discussion

1. For the top reasons people say they don't vote, what can be done—individually, system-wide?
2. How can each of us help enhance voter engagement & Get Out the Vote?



# VOTER ENGAGEMENT MINI GRANTS



SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION **TODAY!**

<https://chescof.org/gotv/>

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## Register for Free

<https://chescocf.org/explore/communityconversations/>



## Zoom in 2nd Tuesday monthly, noon-1

09.17.24	Elections & Voter Engagement
10.08.24	Elections & Voter Engagement
11.12.24	Civil Society
12.10.24	Anti-Semitism
01.14.25	Poverty: Creating A Pathway Forward
02.11.25	Civil Rights & Civilian Revolutionaries /Black History
03.11.25	Gender Equity/Women's History
04.08.25	Police w/Mental Health Response Teams
05.13.25	Health Care Equity
06.10.25	LGBTQ+POC Intersectionality / Pride
07.08.25	I Declare! 250 Will Be Here, In One Year!

## 12 Welcome

12:05 Topic Overview

12:25 Video

12:35 Full Conversation  
&/or Breakout Groups



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