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**NOVEMBER 4 IS ELECTION DAY.
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UPFRONT SPECIAL EDITION :

2014 Candidates' Views on Government and Election Reform

Common Cause/PA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, and does not endorse candidates for political office. Publication of a candidate's response to the CC/PA Government Reform Candidate Questionnaire does not imply endorsement.

Common Cause/PA and supporters throughout Pennsylvania believe that good government also is good politics. The leader that recognizes this principle will earn the trust and respect of Pennsylvanians. The on-going reports of scandals in Pennsylvania's state and local governments have Pennsylvanians increasingly demanding that our leaders establish a higher degree of ethics for our government operations. Furthermore, Pennsylvania's continuing downward slide, when compared to other states, in its operating and election systems requires immediate attention if state and local governments are to properly serve and protect our citizens. Successfully addressing these problems is essential to restoring citizens' faith and confidence in government.

Over the past decades, Common Cause/PA has polled the gubernatorial candidates to learn of their positions on critical government-reform issues. In August we developed and distributed a questionnaire that assessed key issues currently confronting Pennsylvania state government. Over the ensuing weeks Common Cause/PA contacted the candidates' campaign leaders numerous times to ensure that each had received the questionnaire and would be responding. The following are the responses received by our end-of-September deadline. If additional responses are received they will be posted on the Common Cause/PA website: <http://www.commoncause.org/states/pennsylvania>.



GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES' GOVERNMENT REFORM QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Mr. Wolf,
 As a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, Common Cause/PA and our members are very interested in your commitment to open, honest and accountable government in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We encourage you to fill out the following CC/PA candidate survey so that voters may be better informed regarding your positions on key government integrity issues. Feel free to add pages for expanded comments. Your responses will be distributed to the media, published on our website and sent to our members. Please send your responses to the questionnaire to: pa@commoncause.org or mail to Common Cause/PA, P.O. Box 11482, Harrisburg, PA 17108 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25, 2014. Thank you.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:  _____
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Note: Despite numerous follow-up attempts, Gov. Corbett has not responded to this questionnaire.

ETHICS - Gifts to public officials and employees

1. On your first day in office will you issue an Executive Order banning Executive Branch officials and employees from accepting gifts of any kind from lobbyists, those employing lobbyists, government contractors, those employed by government contractors, and others seeking appointments to positions, contracts, or policy considerations? YES NO

Comments:

It's well past time to ban gifts and restore trust in our government. Starting on day one as governor, I will take steps to reduce the influence of gift giving and increase the public's access to information on any gifts received by elected officials and civil servants.

First, I will establish a gift ban for all of my political appointees in state government. My rule on "gifts" for myself, the Governor's Office staff, and political appointees to state agencies and state boards will be a simple one: "just say no thanks." The rule will be easy to apply and easy to report - no free lunches, no free tickets to ball games, and no free trips to conferences or vacation resorts. This approach will not require new laws or regulations, just the requirement that if you come and work for me in Harrisburg, there will be no gifts as part of your job.

Second, I will introduce legislation setting stricter limits and reporting requirements for all state employees and elected officials banning any gifts over \$25 in value. These two simple rules will go a long way to restoring public trust and integrity in Harrisburg.

2. Will you provide gubernatorial leadership to achieve passage of a law prohibiting or severely restricting the practice of lobbyists and others seeking government favors and benefits from providing gifts to public officials and employees in PA? YES NO

Comments:

As governor, I will introduce legislation setting strict limits and reporting requirements for all state employees and elected officials. In addition, I believe that stronger campaign finance and disclosure reforms can help reduce the potential for corruption and the perception of corruption in government.

ELECTIONS

Voting is the only way that most Pennsylvanians have for influencing government policies and holding public officials accountable for their actions. However, Pennsylvania is again falling behind other states that are taking action to ensure that every eligible citizen's right to vote is protected and that every vote is counted as cast. As Governor, will you provide leadership to ensure passage of legislation to permit:

3. Online Voter Registration YES NO

Comments:

Instead of making it difficult to vote, Pennsylvania lawmakers should be enacting reforms that make it easier for residents to participate in the electoral process. I will support measures to protect and expand the right to vote, while making participation convenient for voters, including allowing online registration.

4. "No Excuse" absentee voting for Pennsylvanians YES NO

Comments:

I support expanding access to absentee voting by eliminating the current excuse requirement.

5. Election Day voter registration (Same Day Registration) YES NO

Comments:

Researchers have found that when states allow for same day registration, voter participation increases by up to four percentage points. As governor, I will advocate for legislation that allows Pennsylvania voters to register on election days.

6. Early Voting YES NO

Comments:

In past elections, Pennsylvania residents have had to spend hours waiting in line to vote and some have been denied that right because the polling place did not have their card on file. I will support legislation that allows for early voting at suitable, well equipped polling places such as schools.

7. Require all new voting machines to produce a paper ballot that can be confirmed as accurate by the voter and recounted if necessary. YES NO

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Pennsylvania is now one of just eleven states that still does not restrict the amount of money that individuals or political committees may give to candidates for office in Pennsylvania. Will you work to achieve the enactment of:

8. Campaign contribution limits in Pennsylvania YES NO

Comments:

As governor, I'll support legislation setting campaign contribution limits for individuals.

9. Comprehensive disclosure of contributors to, and expenditures by, "independent" expenditure campaigns that now are permitted by corporations, unions and other organizations under the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United decision YES NO

Comments:

Transparency is critical to ensuring confidence in the democratic process. As governor, I'll support legislation requiring 3rd party campaign organizations that spend money to influence elections to disclose sources of their funding.

10. Requirements for incorporated entities making independent expenditures on behalf of political campaigns in Pennsylvania to obtain shareholder consent before making contributions YES NO

11. The online campaign finance database maintained by the PA Department of State is neither fully-searchable or user-friendly. As Governor, will you take executive action during the first year of your administration to make Pennsylvania's campaign contributions database both user-friendly and fully searchable (such as Maryland's). YES NO

Comments:

As governor I will support efforts to make the PA Department of State website more searchable and user friendly.

REDISTRICTING

12. Voting is the only way most Pennsylvanians have for holding their representatives accountable. However, due to gerrymandered districts the outcomes of PA's congressional and state legislative races are increasingly determined before a single vote is cast. As Governor, will you work aggressively to achieve passage of a PA constitutional amendment to place redistricting in the hands of a truly independent non-partisan commission, composed of neither elected or party officials, that is responsive to public concerns, and empowered to prepare final district maps without partisan pressure or legislative approval? YES NO

Comments:

I support a constitutional amendment to create a nonpartisan redistricting commission that will create a redistricting plan strictly according to population and existing municipal lines, without considering political consequences or incumbency. The commission would be modeled on Iowa's Redistricting Commission program. Once the commission creates a plan, it would require a period of public comment and an up or down vote in the state legislature. The only entity with the ability to change or create a plan would be the commission.



ANNUAL FALL APPEAL

For 40 years, Common Cause Pennsylvania has been at the forefront of the fight for open, honest, accountable and effective government in Pennsylvania. Your generous contribution during our Fall Appeal will ensure that fight continues. Thank you.