

State Senate– District 34th

1. Why are you running for the PA Senate, 34th District?

I'm running to improve the lives of working Pennsylvanians by addressing the wage stagnation and rising costs that have burdened families across South Central PA for far too long. People are working harder than ever and still falling behind—I want to change that.

2. What skills or experience qualify you to serve in the PA Senate?

I currently serve on Camp Hill Borough Council as Chair of the Administration & Finance Committee, where I focus on responsible budgeting and transparency. I also bring over two decades of professional experience solving complex problems, along with the ability to communicate clearly and build consensus to get results.

3. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Why?

My top priority is raising the minimum wage to a livable level. It directly addresses economic inequality, reduces reliance on public assistance, and strengthens local economies by putting money in the hands of people who will spend it in their communities.

4. What laws will you propose to address the housing crisis? Are there current effective programs that you would vote to strengthen?

I support legislation like SB 546 and HB 914 to limit excessive rent increases and protect tenants. I would also support expanding affordable housing programs and treating housing as a basic need, not just a market commodity. That, coupled with an increased minimum wage, would go a long way toward providing relief.

5. What will you do to achieve affordable health care for those trying to access coverage through Pennie? How would you improve the Medicaid system to make it more available to people who qualify for it?

I support moving toward a single-payer system to guarantee healthcare as a right. In the meantime, I would work to reduce costs, expand access through Pennie, and ensure Medicaid is fully funded and accessible to everyone who qualifies.

6. Do you support raising the PA minimum wage to an amount that is competitive with the minimum wage in surrounding states? If so, what would your proposed increase be?

Yes. I support raising it into the \$17–\$20/hour range as a meaningful step toward a livable wage, with the long-term goal of tying it to inflation so workers aren't left behind.

7. How do you propose to achieve and promote affordable and available public transportation for all Pennsylvanians?

We need sustainable funding through a fairer tax system, including closing loopholes like the Delaware Loophole and ensuring the wealthiest pay their fair share. That would allow us to invest in reliable, accessible public transportation across the state.

8. There have been a series of extreme weather events over the past couple of decades. What human-made factors do you attribute this to, if any? How will you help farmers and those who live near rivers and streams recover from the droughts and floods that are becoming more frequent and less predictable?

Man-made climate change is a major contributing factor, no doubt. I would support policies that reduce emissions and invest in resilience, including infrastructure and support programs to help farmers and communities recover from these increasingly severe weather events.

9. What is your position on data center construction and operation in Pennsylvania?

I support responsible development, but projects must be carefully evaluated for environmental and community impact. If a project would harm the community it's built in, it shouldn't move forward.

10. While the 2025-26 state budget added millions in aid for underfunded school districts, a majority of districts still face shortfalls. How would you propose to close this funding gap? What part do cyber schools play in school district funding shortfalls?

We need to fully fund public education by fixing inequities in the system. Cyber and charter school funding should be rebalanced to reflect their lower overhead, which would help redirect resources to underfunded public schools.

11. By tradition in both Washington and Harrisburg, the Senate is referred to as the "upper chamber." What does that mean to you in terms of working with the House of Representatives?

It means reviewing and refining legislation to ensure it serves the public effectively. The Senate should help move good policy forward, not block it.

12. As of July 1 last year, the state Senate had a surplus of \$ 44.1 million. This equals 31% of its budget for the previous year. Do you think the Senate needs a surplus of that size? If not, how would you “spend it down” to provide value for taxpayers?

No, that level of surplus is unnecessary. I would reinvest those funds into public education, healthcare access, and programs that directly support working families.