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## U.S. HOUSE — DISTRICT 2

**RILEY MOORE**  
Republican

**Residence:** Harper's Ferry

**Family:** Married to Mina, with three children

**Education:** B.A., George Mason University;  
M.A., National Defense Industry

**Professional Experience:** National security  
advisor to House Foreign Affairs, contractor to De-  
partment of Homeland Security

**Political/civic experience:** Member, West Virginia House of Delegates,  
2016-2018; West Virginia state treasurer, 2021-present

**Why did you decide to seek office:** When you look at Washington, you see  
a political machine that's hollowed out our economy, opened our borders, and  
poisoned our culture with radical, divisive ideas. We're on the wrong track.  
I've got three young kids; I'm running to leave a brighter future for my chil-  
dren and yours.

**Important issue:** My first year in Congress will be focused on repairing the  
damage of the Biden-Harris Administration and restoring American great-  
ness. We must bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States, establish  
American energy dominance abroad, enforce our immigration laws, and stop  
the flow of illegal drugs across our southern border.



**CMDR. STEVEN WENDELIN, USN RETIRED**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Lost River, Hardy County

**Family:** Married, father of three and grandfa-  
ther of three

**Education:** B.S., California Maritime Academy;  
Master of Military Studies, Marine Corps Univer-  
sity; M.S., National Defense University

**Professional experience:** 29 years active duty  
in the United States Navy, 10 years in the United States Naval Reserve, four  
years in the private sector in the tech industry, as well as a licensed Merchant  
Marine Deck Officer



**Political/civic experience:** This is my first time running for political of-  
fice, but working in and around the federal government for the past 40 years  
makes me uniquely qualified as both a leader and a subject-matter expert in  
the federal budget process.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** Like most folks, I am absolutely frus-  
trated that Congress does not work for the people. Instead, it works for spe-  
cial interests and corporations, and it panders to whichever extremist has the  
loudest megaphone. We need to bring the country back to the center and apply  
common sense.

**Important issue:** Getting Congress back to work and doing the people's busi-  
ness. Ensuring our constituents are getting value for their tax dollars. This needs  
to be done by seeking out like-minded individuals on both sides of the aisle and  
starting small. If we can do small things, we will build momentum.

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MARKET GASTON

For House of Delegates

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District

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# U.S. SENATE

**GLENN ELLIOTT**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Wheeling

**Family:** Glenn is a proud husband to Cassandra Elliott and father to Harrison, age 2, and a daughter due in November

**Education:**1990 graduate of The Linsly School; 1994 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, dual concentration in finance and political science; 2001, J.D. cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center.

**Professional experience:** Legislative assistant to Sen. Robert C. Byrd from 1994-1999. Then worked as an attorney in Washington, D.C., until 2009; returned to Wheeling and purchased a historic downtown building and established a solo law practice.

**Political/civic experience:** Legislative Assistant to Byrd, 1994-1999. Elected Wheeling mayor in 2016 and in 2020, during which time Wheeling experienced unprecedented revitalization, including nearly half a billion dollars in public and private investment.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I decided to seek office because I am tired of seeing West Virginia rank last in every measure of health and prosperity. It doesn't have to be this way and West Virginians deserve better. I know how to work with both sides to get things done.

**Important issue:** Whoever controls Congress and the presidency next year; it is safe to say we will still see high levels of partisanship and dysfunction in Washington. My focus would be on building relationships across party lines and searching for meaningful ways to raise the level of discourse in the Senate.



**JIM JUSTICE**  
Republican

**Residence:** Lewisburg

**Family:** Cathy Justice (wife); Jay Justice (son); Jill Justice Long (daughter)

**Education:** B.B.A. Marshall University; M.B.A. Marshall University

**Professional experience:** I have served as governor of the State of West Virginia for the last eight years. Before my public service, I was president and CEO of the Justice Companies, my family's hospitality, coal and agriculture businesses, for decades. My family currently owns and operates over 100 businesses.

**Political/civic experience:** In 2016, I was elected governor of the state of West Virginia. It has been the honor of my life to serve the people of West Virginia as their governor.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I'm running for the U.S. Senate because I'm a patriot and want to make a difference for West Virginians and Americans in the Senate. Our country is headed in the wrong direction, and running and flipping this seat will change the control of the Senate.

**Important issue:** When I become the next United States Senator from West Virginia, the most critical issues for me to address and facing our country will be inflation and our economy, securing our southern border, and a national energy policy that includes natural gas, oil, and coal now more than ever.



**DAVID MORAN**  
Liberatarian

**Residence:** Eglon

**Family:** Wife, two children

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., B.S., MIT

**Professional experience:** President, National Technology Transfer Center, Wheeling; full professor; U.S. Naval Academy, George Washington University; West Virginia University, adjunct

**Political/civic experience:** President, multiple local professional and philanthropic and national boards including President Tucker Foundation. Author, "All Mountaineers are Libertarians ... They Just Didn't Get the Memo."

**Why did you decide to seek office:** West Virginia needs a thoughtful, independent, unaligned and intelligent U.S. Senator to represent all of the needs of the people and fulfill the needs and desires of all of our citizens for freedom and liberty.

**Important issue:** Reinstatement of the ethic of self value and self reliance of our citizens, increase the value of family prosperity, and local and community influence over all aspects in the lives of the citizens of West Virginia, independent of the federal government.



# WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR

**ERIKA KOLENICH**  
Libertarian

**Residence:** Buckhannon

**Family:** Husband, Karl; daughter, Iris, is 23 and a soldier in the West Virginia National Guard.

**Education:** B.A. at West Virginia Wesleyan College; J.D. at the University of Akron.

**Professional experience:** Founding member of Klie Law Offices, with four locations in West Virginia, employs nearly 50 people. They practice in the areas of family law, employment law and injury. Serves on the board of the West Virginia Association for Justice and has been named as one the top 100 Trial Lawyers in America for the past nine years. Awarded the America's Top 100 Trial Lawyers Lifetime Achieve-



ment Award and named a Top High Stakes Litigator for Employment Litigation. Buckhannon Upshur Chamber of Commerce 2024 Business Women of the Year

**Political/civic experience:** 2020 Libertarian nominee for governor. Serves on the Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission; previous board member of over 15 years for Upshur Human Resources, Upshur County's Head Start Program. Also board member for the Buckhannon Upshur Chamber of Commerce, Buckhannon Community Theatre, and the Colonial Arts Center. member of Rotary.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I love West Virginia and our people. I want it to be a place our young people want to stay. I want us to move from the bottom of the good lists to the top. I am frustrated that we are always voting against someone as opposed to for someone.

**Important issue:** Our children. I will advocate for universal school choice and institute reforms to improve public education. I will reform CPS and foster care and ensure transparency. I will develop the economy to give our youth hope.

## WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR

**STEVE WILLIAMS**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Huntington

**Family:** Wife, Mary; step-daughters, Nikki Reed and Laura Urban; three rescue dogs and one cat

**Education:** Marshall University, BA; West Virginia University, MPA

**Professional experience:** Mayor of Huntington, 12 years; 27 years investment banker and retail investment broker and senior level executive

**Political/civic experience:** 12 years, mayor of Huntington; four years Huntington City Council; four terms West Virginia House of Delegates; five years city manager & economic development director

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I felt I could help. We transformed the mindset of our citizens and set the foundation for our next 50 years in Huntington. If we could do that in Huntington we could do it all over the state. "Make No Little Plans" will be our mantra.

**Important issue:** Fiscal concerns are always the most important issue that a governor or mayor will face. If we do not have fiscal soundness we will never be able to properly fund public education, higher education, child care, health care, infrastructure, state salaries and benefits, and economic development.

**PATRICK MORRISEY**  
Republican

Did not respond to questions by print deadline



## WV SECRETARY OF STATE

**THORNTON COOPER**  
Democrat

**Residence:** South Charleston

**Family:** Two sons: Jeremy Cooper and Timothy Cooper; four grandchildren

**Education:** South Charleston High School (1968); Yale University (B.A., Political Science, 1972); West Virginia University College of Law (Juris Doctor, 1978)

**Professional experience:** For over 46 years, active member of the West Virginia State Bar; worked as an employee in the executive branch of state government for about 29 years before retiring; served as an attorney and administrator for the Public Service Commission. I have submitted briefs and/or argued in about 30 cases before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and several cases in federal court.

**Political/civic experience:** I have run for public office and party office several times. I am the acting chairman of the South Charleston Democratic Executive Committee. Also a member of the Democratic Executive Committee for West Virginia's First Congressional District. Served on the board of directors of three nonprofit corporations.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I have been advising, providing information to, or been involved with litigation with respect to the secretary of state's office from 1981 to the present. In 1989, I worked to defeat a proposed state constitutional amendment to deny voters the right to vote for the offices of secretary of state, treasurer, and commissioner of agriculture.

**Important issue:** The statutory authority of the secretary of state is controlled by the Legislature. What I would like to achieve in 2025, with the Legislature's consent, would be to make it easier for West Virginians to vote by mail, without their first having to submit an excuse to do so.

**KRIS WARNER**  
Republican

**Residence:** Kanawha County; previously Monongalia County 44 years

**Family:** Joyce Warner (wife), Major Kris Warner (son), Maggie Warner (daughter in law), Capt. Lillian Warner (daughter), Robert Warner (son), Lt. Margaret Warner (daughter), Cadet Elizabeth Warner (daughter), four grandchildren

**Education:** WVU, Leadership Monongalia, Leadership West Virginia

**Professional experience:** USDA Rural Development state director; West Virginia Economic Development Authority executive director; West Virginia Public Energy Authority member; West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council; founding member of Business and Enterprise Centers in Morgantown, Philippi and Keyser

**Political/civic experience:** Monongalia County Republican chairman; West Virginia Republican Party chairman; Republican National Committeeman; West Virginia Republican State Executive; elected to four Republican National Conventions

**Why did you decide to seek office:** Citizens have an obligation to run for political office when you realize you can do a better job than those announced candidates. I bring a unique perspective with my business and political experience to advance West Virginia's interests as Secretary of State.

**Important issue:** The secretary of state has a number of business and election responsibilities. The most significant challenge West Virginia will face in the next four years is the effort to allow non-citizens to vote in city elections. I will work with legislative leadership to prohibit non-citizens from voting in any election.



## WV AUDITOR

**MARY ANN ROEBUCK CLAYTOR**  
Democrat

**Residence:** St. Albans

**Education:** Bachelor's in business administration with an accounting minor, West Virginia State University; master's in religion, Liberty University; numerous professional development courses in auditing standards and practices.

**Professional experience:** Worked in the state au-



ditor's office for mor than 20 years

**Why did you decide to seek office:** The Office of State Auditor plays a vital role in ensuring that taxpayer money is spent wisely and accounted for – I've seen the carnage that happens when career politicians, without the right skill-set, step into this role and don't understand the complexity of financial oversight.

**Important issue:** We'll get audits streamlined and up to date. We'll prioritize training local governments while monitoring federal funds to ensure compliance, which in the past put millions of dollars at risk due to poor oversight. We'll make the West Virginia Checkbook portal more user-friendly and comprehensive.



# WV AUDITOR

**MARK HUNT**  
Republican

**Residence:** Charleston, where he was born and raised

**Education:** Holds a bachelor's from the University of Charleston and a master's in public administration from Marshall University. He's a law graduate of the University of the District of Columbia.

**Professional experience:** An attorney who is managing partner of his Charleston law firm. He is a current state senator and former state delegate who has also worked as a legal counsel at the Auditor's Office, his first job out of law school.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** More than 20 years ago, I made the decision to devote a part of my life to public service. Since that time, I have been proud to represent my constituents in the state House of Delegates and State Senate. I see service as State Auditor as a continued commitment to my overall goal. I have always advocated transparency and I maintain an open door policy. I see the Auditor's Office as an opportunity for me to serve all the citizens of the Mountain State.

**Important issue:** It all comes back to transparency and accountability. Technology changes rapidly. I will hire qualified staff to keep us on the cutting edge of computer technology. My goal is to keep our records easily accessible so the public can always find answers to any questions they have. We will assure that our public records are an open book.



# WV TREASURER

**LARRY PACK**  
Republican

**Residence:** Charleston

**Professional experience:** Current advisor to Gov. Jim Justice. Certified public accountant and businessman who founded the senior care company Stonerise, which has 17 facilities in West Virginia and neighboring Ohio. He also served an elected stint in the state House of Delegates.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** He said his experience in the business world will help him to better serve his fellow citizens from a new vantage in the state treasurer's office.



*Republican*

# David McCormick

## House of Delegates District 82

*Paid for by McCormick for WV, George Petroplus Treasurer*





# Early voting open until Nov. 2

## *Four locations in Monongalia County*

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Early voting ahead of the Nov. 5 general election in West Virginia runs through Nov. 2, Sunday excluded.

Monongalia County residents have four early voting locations to choose from. Early voting is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The locations are:

- County Election Center (Mountaineer Mall) - 5000 Green Bag Road. Enter from the parking lot near Anybody Fitness. There is no entrance to the election center from inside the mall.
- Mason-Dixon Historical Park - 79 Buckeye Road, Core. The polling location is inside the red barn near the park entrance.
- Suncrest Towne Centre - 525 Suncrest Towne Centre Drive. The polling location is next to First United Bank off the Stewartstown Road entrance.
- WVU Art Museum - 20 Fine Arts Drive

Voters must show a form of identification to vote in person during the early voting period or on Election Day. Any ID shown for voting purposes must be valid and not expired.

Registered voters in Monongalia County who will be out of town during the entire period of early voting and on Election Day or who are confined to their homes may apply for an absentee ballot no later than Oct. 30. Ballots are to be returned by mail and must be postmarked by the date of the election, Nov. 5.

Links to absentee ballot applications are available at the Monongalia County Clerk's website, [monongaliacountyclerk.com](http://monongaliacountyclerk.com).

You may submit your application by mail, fax or email (preferred). All applications must be signed in the handwriting of the voter. Digital or electronic signatures are not valid.



★★★★★ **GLENN**  
**ELLIOTT**

**FOR U.S. SENATE**

Glenn Elliott is a 7th generation West Virginian and lifelong Democrat, a proud father and husband, and a former mayor of his hometown of Wheeling, WV. He graduated from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in 1994, and in 2001 he received a J.D. degree cum laude from Georgetown University. Glenn began his career as a legislative assistant to longtime Senator Robert C. Byrd. As seen during his two terms as mayor, Glenn has a proven record of forging compromise to achieve results.

**As Your Senator:**  
Glenn has the experience and temperament to represent all West Virginians. But Glenn promises never to compromise on these principles:

- Roe v. Wade Must be codified into federal law
- The middle class is the backbone of our country and must be protected
- Health care is a right, not a privilege
- All senior citizens deserve a dignified retirement

# WV AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

**KENT LEONHARDT**  
Republican

**Residence:** On a farm in Fairview, Marion County

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in wildlife management from the University of Missouri and earned a master's in business management at Central Michigan University.

**Professional experience:** Serving his second term as state Commissioner of Agriculture

**Political/civic experience:** He purchased the farm, which had been abandoned, while completing his service in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel, having led troops in times of war and peace.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I am seeking re-election to continue the work we have started – such as taking lessons learned from the Chesapeake Bay restoration to the Ohio Valley River Basin. We also want to expand “West Virginia Grown,” which has resulted in the tripling of farmer’s markets and more young people entering agriculture.

**Important issue:** The recent drought has become Issue No. 1. We have been working closely with our partners (USDA, WVU, Conservation, etc.), to deliver relief, but it will take more – as the effects will last well into next year. I led Agriculture through COVID, and my team and I are leading once again.



**DEBORAH STILES**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Family farm in Tucker County

**Education:** Studied at Marshall University, also holds a graduate degree and her doctorate from the University of Maine. She was also a professor in Nova Scotia, where she also did extensive research in farming and health issues in the mainly rural province of Canada.

**Experience:** Grew up in the farming community across West Virginia, as her father worked as a WVU Extension agent.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** Our farmers, large and small, need our support. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture has large roles to play in food safety, food nutrition programs and human health – in the realm of nutrition. I can be an advocate, at the federal level, for all farmers and for all West Virginians.



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FOR

SHERIFF

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# WV HOUSE OF DELEGATES

## DISTRICT 73

**BRYAN SMITH**  
Republican

Did not respond to questions by print deadline

## DISTRICT 74

**FRANKIE DELAPAS**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Fairmont

**Why did you decide to seek office:** A graduate teaching assistant at Fairmont State University (where he also served as student government president) is running to “make a meaningful difference” in his home state, having campaigned for the betterment of workers’ wages and road improvements.

**Important issue:** I believe that one of our significant challenges is the division within our country. I intend to serve as a unifying force with respect



**MICHAEL DeVULT**  
Republican

**Residence:** Fairmont

**Experience:** Local businessman and incumbent delegate working to make the state’s Business and Occupation tax more amenable to start-ups and businesses locating here.



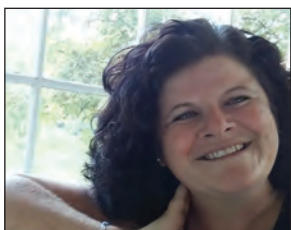
## DISTRICT 75



**PHIL MALLOW**  
Republican

**Residence:** Kingmont-Pleasant Valley

**Experience:** Incumbent delegate



**STEPHANIE SPEARS TOMANA**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Idamay

**Experience:** Teacher, activist and youth sports coach

## DISTRICT 76

**JON DODDS**  
Republican

**Residence:** Fairmont

**Why did you decide to seek office:** Community activist seeking election to the 76th House, in order to restore public trust in government.

“My goal is to represent you, and I’ve got to get to know you and listen to what you have to say – no matter your party affiliation – before I can do that.”

**RICK GARCIA**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Fairmont

**Experience:** Former president of the Marion County Commission

## DISTRICT 77

**JOE STATLER**  
Republican

Did not respond to questions by print deadline

## DISTRICT 78

**DIANE MARKET GASTON**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Morgantown

**Family:** daughter, Samantha Knight Hansen (husband David); son, Benjamin (wife Keisha); grandchildren Michael, Lillian

**Education:** Wood Vocational School of Dental Assisting; Virginia Western Community College, AAS; Ferrum College, BSW; WVU, MSW and special education

**Professional experience:** dental assistant; addictions field – health centers, private practice, WVU behavioral medicine and psychiatry; special education teacher and counselor; small business owner

**Political/civic experience:** Womens Giving Circle, covice president; member and past board member Morgantown Rotary; WV NASW, secretary and board member

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I believe there is a void in our district’s representation. I believe in West Virginia and Appalachian values, including independence, loyalty, hard work, resilience and a deep love of our mountains, families and neighbors. We also value privacy and respect our neighbors’ privacy and expect them to respect ours.

**Important issue:** The Legislature has stepped into our private lives, especially into the areas of women and families. It is not safe to legislate pregnancy. I also believe we can do better with the opioid epidemic by implementing a full continuum of services for our citizens. And make our state attractive to businesses.

**GENO CHIARELLI**  
Republican

Did not respond to questions by print deadline



## DISTRICT 79

**EVAN HANSEN**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Morgantown

**Family:** Empty nester

**Education:** M.S., energy and resources, University of California-Berkeley; B.S., computer science and engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Professional experience:** Founder and president of Downstream Strategies, an environmental and economic development consulting company.

**Political/civic experience:** First elected to House in 2018 and have served for six years. Minority chair of the Energy and Manufacturing Committee, minority chair of the Natural Resources Committee, and serve on the Judiciary, Workforce Development, and Political Subdivisions committees. I’m active with Morgantown Rotary and serve on the Board of Main Street Morgantown, Spark! Imagination and Science Center, and Canaan Valley Institute.

**Why did you decide to seek office?:** After the Freedom Industries chemical leak contaminated thousands of West Virginians’ drinking water in 2014, I helped craft a bill that the Legislature passed to better protect drinking water. I decided to seek office when local delegates voted to weaken the law, putting these hard-fought drinking water protections at risk.

**Important issue:** I’ll continue to take the lead on policies that make West Virginia welcome to diverse energy sources, including renewables, to create jobs, reduce pollution, and address climate change. I also support efforts to attract new manufacturing plants that enable West Virginia to succeed in a future low-carbon economy.



# WV HOUSE OF DELEGATES

## DISTRICT 80

**SUMMER HARTLEY**  
Republican

**Residence:** Westover  
**Family:** Husband, Chris Hartley; dog, Moon

**Education:** BSN in nursing, WVU; master's in public health, Johns Hopkins University; Ph.D. in nursing, University of Miami  
**Professional experience:** Started career as an ICU nurse at Ruby Memorial Hospital over 20 years ago. WVU Health Affairs Institute associate vice president. President of Hartley Health Solutions, a West Virginia-based consulting organization that addresses population health needs at the intersection of systems and communities. Assistant professor of nursing.

**Political/civic experience:** Member of the American Nurses Association and a Beta Tau nurse leader in the Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society. Former board member of Morgantown Dance, a nonprofit local school of dance.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I want to see positive change that improves our economy, healthcare, infrastructure, and communities. Monongalia County is experiencing a great momentum. To support that momentum, and keep going, we need representation that will show up, get things done and effect change. I will work hard and get the job done.

**Important issue:** The opioid epidemic touches every aspect of life in West Virginia. I will seek proactive solutions that span the continuum of care from prevention to rehabilitation, and address the rate pay differential. I will prioritize ensuring that there are more economic opportunities and hope for West Virginians.



**JOHN WILLIAMS**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Morgantown  
**Family:** Married to Jaime Williams; two sons, Remy and Rome.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from WVU

**Political/civic experience:** Served in the House since 2017; various boards and clubs.



**Why did you decide to seek office:** I want nothing more than the opportunity to fight for the people of this area. We have accomplished exciting things together, but there is still work to be done, and I am ready to roll up my sleeves and make this place an even better place call home and raise a family.

**Important issue:** West Virginia is in dire financial straits, masked by political sleight of hand. We need strong leadership that is able to address this issue so that we can continue providing services and programs that support our people. If we don't act soon, West Virginia will have a shortfall greater than any in our history.

## THE WHOLE NATION IS WATCHING US

### We are the only state that has ever put a referendum before the voters either **FOR PROTECTION** or against protection from Doctor-assisted suicide.

If we lose, the so-called Compassion and Choices organization will move in and we will become a state where true compassion doesn't exist. We will become like DC, Oregon, California, and eight other states who have legalized assisted suicide. We don't want Insurance companies to **deny payment for lifesaving treatment** and instead suggest the much cheaper option of lethal drugs which is happening in these states. Prescriptions are picked up at the local pharmacies and no medical person is required to be present when lethal drugs are taken. We will all have a **duty to die** and can feel like a burden if we don't give in. What was **meant to be exceptional** for the terminally ill patient in the name of compassion will instead **become a routine request to die** by those who are depressed, mentally ill, poor, and the list will continue to grow.

**Vote FOR**   
**Amendment 1**  
**CARING NOT KILLING.com**

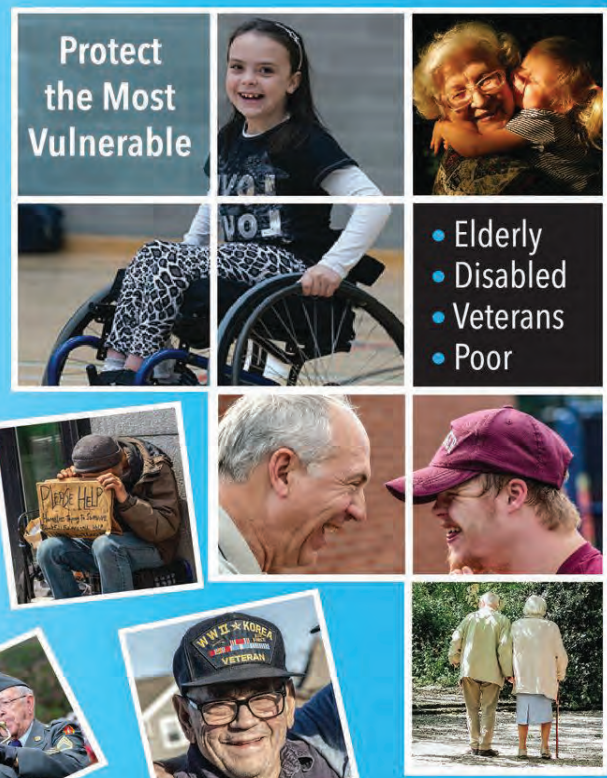


**AMENDMENT 1**  
Protection from Medically Assisted Suicide

☒ **FOR** (Protection)

☐ **AGAINST**

General Election Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>



Protect the Most Vulnerable

- Elderly
- Disabled
- Veterans
- Poor

**Voter Guide at LifeVote.net**

# WV HOUSE OF DELEGATES

## DISTRICT 81

**ANITRA L. HAMILTON**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Morgantown

**Family:** Did not provide

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, psychology; Bachelor of Arts, biology; Bachelor of Science, nursing

**Professional experience:** WVU Medicine Bone and Joint Hospital Orthopedic Unit

**Political and civic experience:** Appointed to House May 2023

**Why did you decide to seek office:** West Virginia needs strong leadership that centers all people at its core and that's why I decided to seek office. I advocate for all people and desire to see a more diverse and inclusive state that is economically stable and supportive of progressively moving our state forward.

**Important issue:** The most important issue facing West Virginia right now is our childcare and foster care crisis. We must advocate for the families and children of West Virginia by making them a priority evident through budget appropriations and the effective passing of policies that support these initiatives.



## DISTRICT 83

**GEORGE STREET**  
Republican

**Residence:** Preston County

**Family:** Married, 2 children

**Education:** Bachelor Education; U.S. Military EOD school

**Professional experience:** Explosive specialist, 10 years, U.S. Army;14 years, Department of Defense

**Political and civic experience:** First term delegate, member of several local organizations such as Lions Club, VFW, Historic Society, Farm Bureau

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I was frustrated with what I thought was a lack of common sense leadership and wanted to see things get done.

**Important issue:** Take your pick, we have a lot to work on, and no I don't have all the answers.



## DISTRICT 82

**DAVID McCORMICK**  
Republican

**Residence:** Cheat Lake

**Family:** wife, Lisa; two stepsons, Corey, Ryan; three grandsons; dog,Pepper

**Education:** WVU, 1991, bachelors in marketing; MBA Essentials course, 2001

**Occupation:** owner of Omega Commercial Interiors, Morgantown/Charleston

**Political/civic experience:** WV Lottery Commission, 2005-2016; current board member WV Golf Association; current board member, WV Judicial Compensation Committee; past board member, Leadership Council, WVU Cancer Institute; past board member, Mon CountyDevelopment Authority; past member, Visiting Committee, WVU School of Business & Economics

**Why did you decide to seek office:** West Virginia has been a great place for my family and I want to give back to help make it a better place. Our community is a significant economic engine; we need representatives who will address our local issues, infrastructure needs and issues that will attract new business and create jobs.

**Important issue:** Roads, roads, roads. We need to make sure that north-central WV and Morgantown specifically are getting their share of the road funding that gets appropriated. Clearly communicate to DOH leaders what are the priorities for our area. The Morgantown area is the main economic engine for the entire state and our roads need to reflect that.



## DISTRICT 84

**D.R. "BUCK" JENNINGS**  
Republican

**Residence:** Newburg

**Family:** Wife: Evalyn; children: Chris, Stacy, Craig; grandchildren: Cory, Blake, Evelyn; great-grandchildren: Casen, Huntley



**BILL REGER-NASH**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Morgantown

**Family:** Daughter, Emily Jewson

**Education:** B.A., French Marist College, 1965; master of educational psychology, University of Hawaii, 1973; master of political science, University of Hawaii, 1974; doctoral degree in exercise physiology, WVU, 1984

**Professional experience:** WVU School of Public Health, professor/professor emeritus, 1992-present; Ohio Valley Health Services and Education Corp., consultant; WVU Wellness Program, founding director; Bayer Wellness Program, executive director

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I am a proud West Virginian focused on people, not politics. My years of collaborative work in industry, lawmaking and teaching taught me that finding common ground with others is the key to success. I will work across party lines to serve the best interests of everyone in District 82.

**Important issue:** Economic development and jobs. We need good paying jobs with benefits. I will promote recreational tourism. Let's capitalize on our mountains, hills, trails, rivers, and steams by developing the infrastructure to accommodate individuals and groups. These will serve the local population and attract new businesses to the region.

**Education:** 14 years

**Professional experience:** Self employed since 1978

**Political and civic experience:** I have been a member of the House of Delegates for seven years

**Why did you decide to seek office:** To work on the oversight of the Fusion Center, EMS issues, and to work on education.



# West Virginia voters to decide on Amendment 1

**BY DAVID BEARD**

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West Virginia voters will have their say on a proposed amendment to the state Constitution to prohibit physician-assisted suicide.

But it's an amendment with a twist, because it also touches on capital punishment.

Here's what it says, and a look at its history and meaning.

The amendment text: "No person, physician, or health care provider in the State of West Virginia shall participate in the practice of medically assisted suicide, euthanasia,

or mercy killing of a person. Nothing in this section prohibits the administration or prescription of medication for the purpose of alleviating pain or discomfort while the patient's condition follows its natural course; nor does anything in this section prohibit the withholding or withdrawing of life-sustaining treatment, as requested by the patient or the patient's decision-maker, in accordance with State law. Further, nothing in this section prevents the State from providing capital punishment."

The amendment originated

as HJR 28. Joint resolutions are the means for the Legislature to put constitutional amendments on the ballot.

Supporters point out that the amendment specifically preserves the patient's or caregiver's right to request the withdrawal or withholding or life-sustaining measures.

Opponents and even some supporters question why the amendment mixes a medical issue with an unrelated state criminal justice issue. Arguments for and against physician-assisted suicide and for and against capital punish-

ment involve different sets of principles.

In a July op-ed on its website, the American Civil Liberties Union said, "The unnecessary nature of this proposed amendment cannot be overstated. And when it comes to West Virginians' freedom, it couldn't be more backwards. Constitutions exist to safeguard individual freedoms from government overreach. This amendment does the exact opposite."

The ACLU said medically assisted suicide is already illegal under state law while capital punishment was banned in

West Virginia in 1967. "While there has been a regular stream of bills to resurrect it, none have received enough support to pass a single chamber, much less the entire legislative process. What the amendment does do is restrict choice."

While the amendment references pain control, ACLU argues, "The right to avoid excruciating, end-of-life pain is essential to bodily autonomy and basic freedom. Multiple courts have upheld the constitutionality of laws allowing death with dignity."



**Vote:**

**Yes – for the measure**

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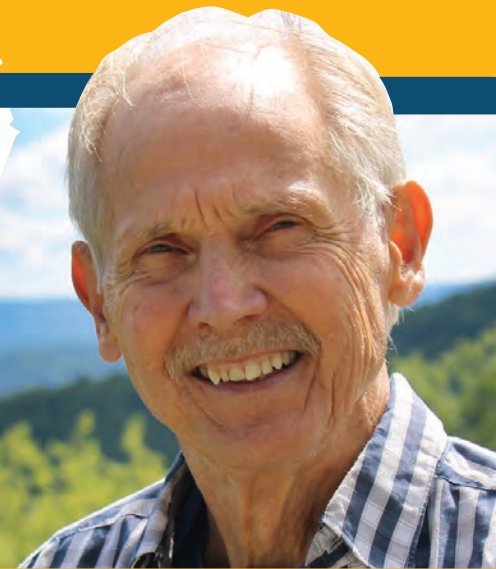
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## WV SENATE

### DISTRICT 2

**CHRIS ROSE**  
Republican

**Residence:** Granville



Rose is a fourth-generation coal miner who grew up in McDowell County and is an honors graduate of Bluefield State College.

Jobs creation will be his first order for his home state – “So our sons and daughters can stay here” – and the elimination of the state income tax will be his first step to that goal.

“Other states that have already eliminated these taxes rank near the top in nearly every economic category. This will also help West Virginia families keep more of their hard-earned money while combating the burdens of inflation.”



### DISTRICT 13

**JOEY GARCIA**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Fairmont

**Family:** Heather Hoelscher; wife; Sunny, dog

**Education:** Juris doctorate, WVU College of Law, 2009; bachelor's in history, WVU, 2005; Fairmont Senior High School graduate, 2001



**Professional experience:** Small business owner and attorney at Garcia Law, PLLC since 2023; 15 years as a practicing attorney in personal injury, criminal law, and civil rights law; served as deputy legal counsel and legislative director to WV Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin from 2012-2017.

**Political/civic experience:** Served four years as member of the House of Delegates, from 2021-present; minority chair of the Committee on the Judiciary; serves on the boards for the Tygart Valley United Way and the Marion County Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the South Fairmont Rotary and the Fairmont Lion's Club.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** All West Virginians deserve the opportunity to stay, rebuild and succeed. The greatest issue we face is young people leaving our state. We must build a foundation for people to stay that includes better jobs, quality healthcare, improved roads and infrastructure and a fully funded public education system.

**Important issue:** We need to increase and fully fund child care subsidies and create tax credits for families and businesses to stabilize child care centers in our state. Many child care facilities closed last year. We must fix this issue to create a family friendly area with better job opportunities.

### DISTRICT 14

**RANDY SMITH**  
Republican

**Residence:** Terra Alta

**Family:** Married to Patty for 46 years; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Timothy Wotring; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Beth Smith; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one on the way.



**Education:** Graduate of East Preston Senior High School class of 1978.

**Professional experience:** Underground coal miner for 44 years; small business owner.

**Political and civic experience:** West Virginia State Senate, eight years; Senate Energy Chair, eight years; West Virginia House of Delegates, four years; Vice-Chair of Energy, two years. Member of Brookside Covenant Brethren Church where I serve as a Deacon; Preston High School CTE Advisory Board for Agriculture and Business; past president and board member for Terra Alta Youth League; Terra Alta and East Preston president of FFA.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I decided to seek office originally because I wasn't happy with the direction the state was going, such as road conditions in my area, lack of broadband and declining coal jobs, as well as our children having to leave the state for employment opportunities.

**Important issue:** The state budget is an important issue that we face every year; but the continuing drug problem and the Child Protective Service are two of the worst problems our state is facing. I continually sponsor and co-sponsor bills to work on these problems.

**Polls open  
Tuesday, Nov. 5,  
from 6:30 a.m.  
to 7:30 p.m.**



# MONONGALIA COUNTY ASSESSOR

**RICH JACOBS**  
Republican

**Residence:** Morgantown

**Family:** Married (Ellen), son (Ian), granddaughter (Mollie)

**Education:** Bachelor of Science (WVU)

**Professional experience:** Retired from assessor's office (field deputy)

**Political and civic experience:** Monongalia County Building Commission (2014-2018)

**Why did you decide to seek office:** Experience working within the assessor's office leads me to believe that corrective action is needed to ensure a fair and impartial tax assessment for the public good.

**Important issue:** The assessor's office has experienced high turnover and a lack of constructive guidance. The office was recently unionized. This change in employment relations will require mutual respect and an understanding of all parties involved.



**MARK MUSICK**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Monongalia County, Morgantown

**Family:** Married – Michele Vecchio Musick. Daughter and Son in law – Anna and Blake Mattern. Son – Joey Musick. Grandson – Grayson Mattern

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree specializing in learning disabilities both completed at WVU.

**Professional experience:** Currently in my 12th year as the Monongalia County Assessor. My previous professional experience was 26 years in behavioral health with emphasis on supervision and management.

**Political and civic experience:** In addition to being the current assessor, I was elected to the West Virginia Assessor's Association Board and served as president in May 2018-2019. I was nominated and currently serve on the board of the West Virginia Association of Counties. I was appointed by Governor Tomlin to represent assessors on the Records Management and Preservation Board. I was voted Assessor of the Year in 2019 by my fellow assessors and awarded the Ralph C. Boyles Award in 2024 for Assessor of the Year as selected by the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner. I serve on the board of Monongalia County Youth Services. I previously served on the board of the Senior Monongalians, a board member for the Mental Health Association and coached several youth sports.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** I am seeking re-election as assessor because I have a desire to continue serving the community by utilizing my 12 years of experience in property assessment. I want to continue to maintain fairness, accuracy and transparency in property valuations, ensuring equitable taxation for all taxpayers and supporting local economic development.

**Important issue:** The uncertainty that comes with new leadership in state government, their legislative priorities and how it may impact county and local government is a concern. As a co-chair of the Assessor's Association legislative committee, I would address this concern by continuing to strengthen the ongoing relationship with local legislative members, and other local government officials.



## RE-ELECT

# MARK MUSICK

## FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

PAID FOR BY TEAM MUSICK JOEY MUSICK, TREASURER

**TOM BLOOM**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Morgantown

**Family:** Wife - Wendy, Son - Michael, Daughter - Lindsey

**Education:** BSSED from WVU; MA Plus 30; Counseling and Guidance

**Professional experience:** Assistant Admissions Director at West Virginia Career College 1976-1977; guidance counselor at University High School 1978-2011; guidance counselor at Morgantown High School 2011-2012; GEAR UP Coordinator - 2004-2009; UHS Boys/Girls Tennis Coach - 23 years; UHS Student Council Advisor -32 years

**Political and civic experience:** 2012-present, Monongalia County Commissioner; 1987-2001, Morgantown City Council and Morgantown Parking Authority; 1985-present, Co-founder and current Board member of Youth Services Center; 1990-present, Board Member of Morgantown Area Youth Services Project (MAY-SP); 2018-present, co-founder and executive director of Pantry Plus More; 1987-2012, member of MCEA and member of the MCAFT -various leadership roles; 1987-2001, Advisory Council of WV Higher Education Grant Program; 2018-present, NACO Healthy Counties Advisory Board; 1977-present, WVU Alumni Band Percussion Section

**Why did you decide to seek office:** The constant growth, the positive developments, and the vision of our collective futures while serving the people of Monongalia County alongside of the other County Commissioners keeps me coming back year after year. My core principles have never changed in 12 years - trust, collaboration, compromise and accessibility.

**Important issue:** Continuing fiscal responsibility by not raising county property taxes in the previous eight years; continuing economic growth - attracting more business and factories; continuing to improve our quality of life and safety for our citizens; continuing to tackle the mental health and opioid issue.



**MARYANN BABICH FOLZ**  
Republican

**Residence:** Morgantown

**Family:** Family dates back over 100 years in Morgantown; two 20-something sons living their best life in Ohio.

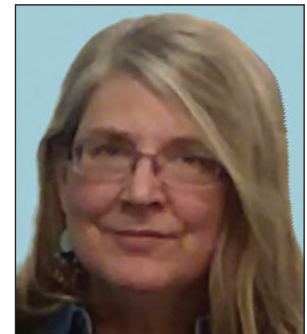
**Education:** WVU - Bachelor of Science, computer science 1983; WVU - MBA 1986

**Professional experience:** 35 year IT career; retired from P&G-Cincinnati after 30 years

**Political and civic experience:** First time seeking office. Volunteered in community activities in Ohio; served on the environmental committee, Montgomery, Ohio.

**Why did you decide to seek office:** After returning to my home town in 2022, I observed many changes, some good and some not-so-good. I want momentum to continue in areas that are working well, and fix things that aren't. I will bring more community involvement, collaboration, new ideas and fresh perspectives to this office.

**Important issue:** Homelessness, drugs, crime. I'll support concepts and agencies successful in reducing our number of unhoused individuals, through appropriate shelter and assistance. Goal is 80-90% reduction in 1-2 years. I'll listen to ideas for Opioid Settlement dollars, create a plan and assure law enforcement needs are met to address drug/other crime.



## MONONGALIA COUNTY PROSECUTOR

**GABRIELLE "GABE" MUCCIOLA**  
Democrat

Did not respond to questions by print deadline

## MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF

**TODD FORBES**  
Democrat

**Residence:** Morgantown

**Family:** Wife - Jennifer (28 years). Son: Austin (24) (Brooke, daughter-in-law; Jayden (2) grandson). Son: Aaron (20).

**Professional experience:** Worked over 30 years at Monongalia County Sheriff's Office: 22-plus as a deputy sheriff (16 in drug investigations with Mon Metro Drug Task Force), correction officer, civilian

**Civic experience:** Sat on many boards associated with youth sports, Uni-

versity High School athletic booster president, volunteered in community events, provide security at Greater Love Outreach Ministry, Aspire board member

**Why did I decide to seek office:** I am seeking the office of sheriff to serve my community. I want to make sure that each and every member of our community feels safe in their homes, on our streets, as well as children in our schools. I am a trusted person who can do this job best.

**Important issue:** Drugs. The epidemic of drugs in our community, state and nation is the most pressing problem facing us today. I am the only candidate that has comprehensive experience and understands how to bring all the agencies together to fight as hard as we can to eradicate this terrible problem.



# MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF

## JASON D. MORGAN

Republican

**Residence:** Westover

**Family:** (Fiancé) Lisa Bennett, (stepsons) Jordan Bennett and Josh Bennett, (daughter) Olivia Morgan, (daughter) Taylor Hostutler; (son-in-law) Jonathan Hostutler; (son) Jacob Morgan, (daughter-in-law) Samantha Morgan, (grandsons) Jonah Morgan and Jaxon Hostutler; (granddaughters) Oaklynn Morgan and Tenley Morgan, (sister) Angie Hawkins, (brother-in-law) John Hawkins and (brother) John Morgan.

**Education:** Graduate of University High School, Class of 1989; Big Bend University; Graduate of the WVU Fire Service Extension; Graduate of the West Virginia State Police Academy; Certifications related to firefighting: (list is not exhaustive) Incident Command, Arson Investigation, Leadership, National Incident Management Systems (NIMS); Certifications in the EMS field: (list is not exhaustive) Basic Life Support (BLS), Emergency Vehicle Operation, First Aid, Basic Auto Rescue, Advanced Swift Water Rescue, Principles of Extraction

**Professional experience:** Attended Big Bend Community College in 1991, became EMS certified, Combat Lifesaver; U.S. Army veteran who served as a 19D Cavalry Scout - Armored Reconnaissance Specialist, honorably discharged in 1992; 2001 to 2006: EMT-B with JanCare Ambulance Service, certified on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians in 2001 and named North Central West Virginia EMT of the year in 2001; 2003 to 2007: Employed as a contracted security officer; 2008: Hired as a deputy sheriff with the Monongalia County Sheriff's Office, resigned in August 2023 to run for Sheriff of Monongalia County; Attended the 137th Basic Officer's Class at the West Virginia State Police Academy and earned law enforcement certification in April 2009. During employment at the Sheriff's Office, served as the law enforcement representative for the



Monongalia County Quick Response Team (QRT). Received a DUI enforcement award from the Governor's Highway Safety Program in 2010. Certified as the department's humane officer investigating incidents involving animal abuse and neglect. Member of the Chestnut Ridge Church traffic and safety detail from 2009-23 and worked the part-time school resource officer detail at Westwood Middle School in 2014-17.

**Political and civic experience:** Member of Monongalia County Deputy Sheriff's Association, 2009-2023, served as: president (three years), vice president (two years); Certificate of Appreciation: life member - Disabled American Veterans Chapter 45, 2021-present; American Legion Post 174, 2021-present; Mon/Preston Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 87, 2020-present; Westover VFW Post 9916 - life member and trustee, 2019-present; WV Gymnastics Training Center's G-Force Gymnastics Team, current committee member; former vice president, 2019; Morgantown VFW Post 548 - 1993; Member of Westover VFD 1989 - present (inactive), ranks achieved: lieutenant, captain, assistant chief, executive board member - Trustee; Operation Welcome Home; Monongalia County Ambassador to Mission 22 (Veteran Suicide Prevention); Monongalia County Quick Response Team (QRT) Substance Use Disorder educator and liaison, guiding those in active addiction to long-term rehabilitation; Lauren's Wish, community ambassador; All-American Grand Bash ambassador; assists with fundraising for numerous nonprofit organizations throughout Monongalia County; former trainer, Westover Rockets; former coach, WesMon baseball and community basketball; community advocate for victims of substance abuse and mental health disorders; River Road VFD - Junior Firefighter; 1988

**Why did you decide to seek office:** As a lifelong resident of Monongalia County, and a first responder for the past 36 years, I have watched our community decline in regard to rampant drug activity, theft of property and violent crime. A change in leadership to one that is selfless and refuses to turn a blind eye at the Sheriff's Department, is necessary to fix this problem.

**Important issue:** Officer recruitment and retention. I will be proactive and working Sheriff who will create an atmosphere of teamwork and respect, where deputies will be appreciated for their hard work. Employees under my administration will be valued!

**The only candidate who is:**

- ✓ **Experienced**
- ✓ **Qualified**
- ✓ **Prepared to be Sheriff**
- ✓ **Ready For Service - Day 1**



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# Inside the campaign's final sprint: Trump targets hardcore partisans, Harris goes after moderates

BY STEVE PEOPLES, JILL COLVIN  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In battleground Pennsylvania, Kamala Harris warned that democracy and reproductive rights were at stake as she campaigned alongside a former Republican congresswoman.

Going to the same state the day before, Donald Trump served French fries at a closed McDonald's.

As the 2024 presidential contest speeds to its conclusion on Nov. 5, Harris and Trump are embracing wildly different strategies to energize the coalitions they need to win. Both are making bets that will prove prescient or ill-advised.

Trump's team has largely abandoned traditional efforts to broaden his message to target moderate voters, focusing instead on energizing his base of fiery partisans and turning out low-propensity voters — especially young men of all races — with tough talk and events aimed at getting attention online.

Harris is leaning into a more traditional all-of-the-above playbook targeting the narrow slice of undecided voters that remain, especially moderates, college-educated suburbanites, and women of all races and education. More than Trump, she is going after Republican women who may have supported rival Nikki Haley in this year's GOP primary and are dissatisfied with the former president.

"It's all pieces of a very complex puzzle," Harris senior campaign adviser David Plouffe said this week. "This would all be a simpler exercise if you can focus just on one voter cohort. You can't. And you got to make sure you know you're doing well enough with all of them so that when you put all that together it adds up to 50%."

Trump's team sees it as a



Kamala Harris

much simpler equation.

His aides insist that efforts to maximize turnout from Trump's hardcore base do not mean he's ignoring swing voters, even if he's not tailoring a different message to reach them.

"I just think that there's a misunderstanding on what's motivating those people," Trump political director James Blair said. "I mean, the fact is the economy's motivating those people. Those people overwhelmingly think that they're worse off than they were four years ago ... So then the question becomes: Who's better equipped to fix it?"

The divergent strategies underscore the stark differences between the candidates themselves, in personality and policy.

Harris, a former California senator who would be the first female president, has promised to include a Republican in her Cabinet, while prioritizing efforts to protect democracy, reproductive rights and the middle class. Trump, a former president, has vowed to fight for the working class as well. He also has prom-



AP Photos

Donald Trump

ised a campaign of retribution against his political enemies with an administration packed with loyalists.

One point on which both camps agree: The election will be decided by voters in just seven swing states, a political map that has not shifted significantly or narrowed as Election Day speeds into view. They are Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina.

One Harris adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal strategy, described the situation as "still terrifyingly close in all seven."

Trump rejects the traditional pivot to the middle

Trump is speaking largely to his loyal Republican base at the expense of moderate voters, especially suburban women. He peppers his rallies with profanity, personal insults against Harris and ominous talk of "enemies within."

He has said repeatedly over the last week that Democrats like former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., represent a

more serious threat to the United States than China and Russia do.

Trump has also rejected recent opportunities to speak to more traditional audiences, turning down an interview with CBS' popular "60 Minutes" and refusing to debate Harris for a second time unless it was moderated by Fox News, home to several of his favorite conservative hosts.

Instead, his campaign is scheduling appearances on podcasts and online shows geared towards young men — especially working-class Hispanic and Black men, who typically vote less frequently and tend to favor Democrats.

He's attended sporting events including mixed-martial arts fights and football games, putting him in front of audiences who don't typically engage with traditional media outlets.

Josh Rouse, a 28-year-old Black man and registered Republican, said he's only recently been drawn to politics. He didn't vote in 2016, but voted for Trump in 2020.

"If anything, I think it's important to remember we're all people, regardless of whether you're white or Black," said Rouse, who works in roofing and attended Trump's rally in Greenville, North Carolina, this week. "It doesn't matter who you are. He speaks to all of us."

Trump's team has also created viral moments in non-political settings like his trip to McDonald's on Sunday, part of an extended campaign to cast doubt on Harris' work history at the fast-food franchise. Trump also went to Coachella, California, and will host a rally at Madison Square Garden in New York City on Sunday — both in heavily Democratic states but where the related media attention and online content would surely reach swing-state voters.

Trump has kept an aggres-

sive schedule. He is set to visit every battleground state this week save Wisconsin.

Harris makes Republicans part of her persuasion playbook

Backed by an avalanche of campaign cash, Harris is holding in-person events but also launching a sprawling door-knocking operation, hyper-targeted online ads and a carefully designed media strategy to reach specific voting blocs.

Harris' team believes that roughly 10% of voters in the battleground states are still persuadable, either because they are truly undecided or because their support for Trump is soft. The campaign vows to keep trying to persuade such voters until the final minutes of in-person voting.

Her team sees the possibility of significant growth among Republican, college-educated, suburban women alienated by Trump's extreme rhetoric. Even small shifts in swing states could have massive electoral implications.

The Harris campaign quickly produced digital ads last week highlighting Trump's description of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection as "a day of love." And Harris spent most of Monday campaigning in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin alongside Liz Cheney, a Republican House leader during Trump's presidency who swung sharply against him after Jan. 6.

Harris is scheduled to visit Houston for an event Friday with women who have been affected by the state's ban on all abortions, which took effect after the Supreme Court, including three justices nominated by Trump, overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022. She'll be going there after spending time in Georgia, which banned abortions after six weeks of pregnancy.