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1.) As chief law enforcement officer in Pennsylvania, would you enforce all the laws or ignore those with which you do not agree?

The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer for Pennsylvania and as such my duty is to enforce the laws that the Governor, Legislature and the courts have put forth. As a street cop in Scranton, my Sergeant never gave us the option of which laws to enforce that day and which were optional.

2.) What do you view as the most pressing law enforcement issue facing PA?

Recent news reports have indicated that more people now die from heroin overdoses than from car crashes. We need to change the system to treat addiction as a health issue, not just as a criminal justice problem. We should mandate treatment, not just incarceration. As former chief of drug enforcement for the state I understand that we must also re-double our aggressive efforts against the violent groups that deal this poison. Finally we must bring more resources to bear to fight this epidemic – not just government resources but family, community, civic and religious resources as well.

3.) Do you support the rights of local municipalities to pass zoning and licensing ordinances to regulate sexually oriented businesses?

Yes.

4.) Do you support stricter enforcement of state obscenity laws?

I support better enforcement of all “quality of life laws” and especially want to protect children from this.

5.) Would you use materials from the Southern Poverty Law Center to train law enforcement?

No.

6.) Should the office of Attorney General be politicized?

The office has an important role to play in keeping Pennsylvanians safe and secure. There is no Republican or Democratic way to fight drug dealing or gangs or corruption.

7.) Would you support decriminalizing marijuana?

No.

8.) What steps would you take to stop sex trafficking?

I would increase the OAG's participation in local and national joint law enforcement efforts in this area. It's clear that this is a global epidemic, but we must all do our part to cut down on what is truly a scourge on humanity. As a parent and as a career prosecutor we owe it to our children to continue to make this a top priority. This goes hand in hand with more aggressive enforcement of laws pertaining to related activities, such as drug trafficking.

In 75 words or less, please tell the voters why they should vote for you -- why are you the best candidate for PA Attorney General?

I am a former cop who served as the state's top drug prosecutor. As a federal mafia prosecutor I helped bring down Philadelphia Mob Boss Little Nicky Scarfo. I also served two presidents as a top official at the White House Drug Czar's office, battling drugs and terrorism. I am not a career politician – I have been elected to nothing.