

1.) Why are you running for Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania?

Running for office is an opportunity to speak about the issues that matter to the voters. Sadly, for too many politicians, that opportunity is squandered because the only message given is "vote for me." I have been able to use this campaign to speak about America's heritage of God-given freedoms, about the failed Common Core educational experiment, about the need for property tax reform, and about the proper role of government in our lives. I chose Lieutenant Governor because it provided a statewide platform to proclaim that message. In the end, I believe that this campaign was less about me and more about defending the heritage of freedom that made America great.

2. In your view, what is the role of Lieutenant Governor?

The most obvious role is stepping in if the Governor should become unable to continue. That actually happened twice in the 1990's, with Lt. Gov. Singel and Lt. Gov. Schweiker, both of whom assumed the position of Governor. The Lt. Gov. is also the President of the Senate, and presides over the debate in that chamber using Parliamentary procedure. As the President of the Senate, the Lt. Gov. votes in the case of a tie vote, which Lt. Gov. Stack did in 2015 to kill the property tax reform bill in that session. In both of these cases, the values and vision of the Lt. Gov. are critically important. The Lt. Governor also serves on the Board of Pardons and Paroles, making decisions about whether or not to grant early release or to pardon individuals already convicted of crimes. These two roles are listed in the PA Constitution. In 1996, Act 58 named the Lt. Gov as Chairman of the Local Government Advisory Committee, working to bring the needs and concerns of local government to attention of the Governor. The Lt. Gov is also currently the Chairman of the Emergency Management Council, a role in which Lt. Gov. Schweiker provided an example of how that role could coordinate efforts for a successful outcome in the Quecreek mining accident. The Lt. Gov. also serves as the liaison between the Governor and the State Fire Commissioner, to ensure that all fire safety issues are being appropriately addressed.

Additionally, the Lt. Gov. occupies the second highest office in the Commonwealth, and as such, has the continuing ability to influence public policy in the Commonwealth through the bully pulpit that the office provides.

3. If you win the Lieutenant Governor race, how will you use that position to better the lives of Pennsylvanians?

First, I would honor the responsibilities of the office, Constitutional, statutory, and appointed, to the best of my ability.

Second, I will continue to use the platform provided by the office to advocate for policy that upholds and supports the Judeo-Christian values that underpin America's freedoms. It is a sad fact that many display the conservative label during election cycles and then move to the left after the votes are counted. We don't need another election-day conservative, we need folks who will use the power of their office to defend and promote our heritage. As someone who has spent over 3 decades fighting for those principles, I am not an election-cycle conservative.

Finally, the Lt. Governor is more accessible to the people than the Governor, but has the ear of the Governor. I can, and will, be an advocate for those who do not have special interest group money behind them. The men and women who raise families and pay taxes need a vocal advocate in Harrisburg. I would be honored to serve in that role.