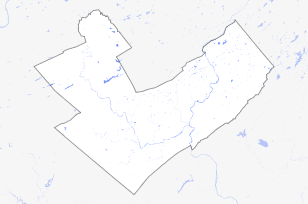
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

District 131

Issue Position Guide



Issue #1: Jobs and the Economy

**Justin Simmons (R)**

* **Believes in the value of strong fiscal discipline**
* **Opposes efforts to increase taxes**
* **Believes in public pension system reform, and wants to put a contribution system in place**
* **“Hold any proposed spending increases to less than the rate of inflation; the state must stop spending what taxpayers do not have”**
* **Believes that welfare must be reformed to reduce poverty while decreasing spending**
* **“Smart tax reform that makes Pennsylvania competitive in the national marketplace, and help maintain and attract employers and entrepreneurs”**
* **Supports streamlining regulations**
* **Wants to get government out of private business**

**Joanne Jackson (D, write-in)**

* **Wants to “bring living wage jobs to District 131”**
* **Believes in providing property tax relief**
* **Supports equal pay for women**
* **Wants to raise the minimum wage**
* **Wants to “support organized labor and union built projects”**

**Justin Simmons (R)**

Issue #2: Education

* **Wants to focus state spending on education and ensure that local school districts are treated more fairly**
* **Believes that we should stop “teaching to the test,” and instead teach students fundamental skills**
* **Believes in teacher tenure reform**
* **Wants to “Increase educational choice to give students and parents more opportunity for educational achievement”**
* **Wants to support vocational and skills-based education at a lower cost**

**Joanne Jackson (D, write-in)**

* **Wants to focus on fully funded pre-k-12 education opportunities**
* **Feels that it is important to invest in education**

Issue #3: Community Values

**Justin Simmons (R)**

* **“Ensure the safety of our neighborhoods by working cooperatively with all community members to reduce crime and address the proliferation of illegal drugs”**
* **Wants to increase support and services for the disadvantaged**
* **Give parents the choice to educate their children in public, private, charter, or home schools**
* **Opposes any measure that infringes on Second Amendment rights**
* **Eminent domain reform to preserve property rights**

**Joanne Jackson (D, write-in)**

* **Wants to implement common sense policies to curb crime**
* **Wants to end discrimination against the LGBT community**
* **Believes in increasing support and aid for veterans**
* **Wants to “ensure the big oil and gas companies pay their fair share of taxes”**
* **www.justin4staterep.com**

Sources

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