



SISTER DISTRICT
PROJECT

Pam Iovino

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE DISTRICT 37

SISTER DISTRICT POLICY SCORECARD

This candidate has pledged commitment to the following statements:

- ✓ We must protect a **woman's right to choose** the health care and reproductive services she wants and needs.
- ✓ We need to protect and expand our **social safety net**, not dismantle it.
- ✓ We should pursue **common-sense gun safety** policies, consistent with the Second Amendment and local community standards and needs, which vary from community to community.
- ✓ Climate change is real and we need to **protect our environment**.
- ✓ We need to **protect all members of our diverse community**, and ensure that everyone, including the most vulnerable, is treated with fairness, justice, and equality.
- ✓ We need to ensure that **districts are drawn fairly** and protect the right to vote, so that everyone can have a voice in politics.

TIMELINE & VOTER INFO

Special Election Day: April 2, 2019

Vote by mail / absentee voting: Voters must apply for absentee ballots.

Voter IDs: Not required.

BACKGROUND

Pam Iovino grew up in the Pittsburgh suburbs, earned a Masters degree from the Naval War College, and served in the Navy for 23 years, earning the rank of Captain. Upon retiring from



the Navy, she assumed a Senate-confirmed appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Her policy priorities include increasing funding for public education, expanding access to affordable healthcare, and gun safety.

Pam Iovino is a fantastic candidate whose career has been in public service. She grew up in the Pittsburgh suburbs and went on to pursue a commission in the U.S. Navy—graduating with distinction from Officer Candidate School and earning a Masters degree from the Naval War College. Pam went on to a distinguished 23 year career in the Navy, earning the rank of Captain and, among other roles, served tours as a manpower analyst, Commanding Officer, and Congressional Liaison.

Upon retiring from the Navy, she assumed a Senate-confirmed Presidential appointment as Assistant Secretary at the Department of Veterans Affairs. She then served as the Director of Veterans Services for Allegheny County.

Pam is ready to hit the ground running in Harrisburg. Her policy priorities include increasing funding for public education, expanding access to affordable healthcare, and gun safety.

ABOUT THE OPPONENT

This seat is open, and the Republican opponent, D. Raja, deeply out of touch with the values of everyday Americans. He is a software business owner with a history of labor violations—and was fined \$133,000 by the U.S. Department of Labor. Recently, he stated, “I think the minimum wage is for teenagers and those who are getting jobs for the first time,” indicating a lack of awareness or interest in income inequality and poverty. Pittsburgh has long history of blue-collar labor support and is still a strong union town, and Pam has already been endorsed by nearly 20 labor unions. Even after Pittsburgh was devastated by a massacre at a local Synagogue in 2018, Raja has taken a position against the city’s efforts to institute more gun safety policies.

WHY IS THIS RACE IMPORTANT?

This district is ready to flip blue. As of the 2010 census, a total of 252,115 people live within the district, and it’s a district that Trump won by less than 6 points. It has been held by Republicans for years—but is trending our way. 93% of this district is nested within Conor Lamb’s special congressional district. He flipped that congressional seat blue last year, and this year we can flip the state senate seat too! Further, voters in SD-37 voted for Democrats in the 2018 general election—56% voted for Dem. Senator Casey, and 57% voted for Dem. Governor Wolf.

Pennsylvania is a critical swing state, but due to a long history of Republican gerrymandering, the Republicans hold large majorities of power in the state legislature. Prior to the 2018 midterms, Republicans had a supermajority in the state senate, with 34 seats to Democrats 16 seats. With Democratic gains in November, Republicans now have 28 seats to Democrats 21 seats, and there is one vacancy. Flipping District 37 blue is critical for the Democrats in order to take back the chamber in 2020 prior to redistricting. When we flip this seat blue, Democrats will be just 4 seats down from flipping the chamber next year!

CANDIDATE LINKS

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