



SISTER DISTRICT
PROJECT

Sara Johnson Rothman

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 151

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**.

TIMELINE & VOTER INFO

Election Day: November 6, 2018

Last day to register:

30 days prior to Election Day. Pennsylvania has online voter registration: register.votespa.com

Vote by mail / absentee voting: Voters must [apply for absentee ballots](#).

Voter IDs: Not required.

Nested Congressional Districts: 4

BACKGROUND

After graduating early from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, Sara moved to Philadelphia to attend Temple University - Beasley School of Law. At Temple Law, she honed trial advocacy skills that led her to the Bucks County District Attorney's Office ("DAO"). After completing an internship in



2004 and subsequently graduating Temple Law the following year, Sara joined the Bucks DAO as an Assistant District Attorney.

In December 2017, Sara was elected as the Vice President of the Upper Dublin School Board. She serves on the District's contract negotiating teams (UDEA, UDESPA, Act 93), chairs the Policy Committee, and is a member of the Operations Committee. Under her leadership, the School District of Upper Dublin updated hundreds of policies and administrative regulations as well as expanding its anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policies for both students and employees to include gender identity and gender expression, and adopting a policy protecting transgender and gender expansive students.

ON THE ISSUES

In her own words:

Corporate loopholes must be closed and recurring revenue streams must be created. Pennsylvania is the only state that is a major supplier of natural gas yet is without a severance tax. We must implement a severance tax on the gas industry

as well as close the “Delaware Loophole” while reducing the corporate income tax to insure that all companies pay their fair share of taxes. We must increase the minimum wage to a living wage and work to reduce Pennsylvania’s unemployment rate. By investing in infrastructure, jobs will be created, businesses will benefit, tax revenue is increase, and our Commonwealth will be literally strengthened for the present and future.

Sara will support the residents of Horsham Township and the Horsham Water & Sewer Authority in their plans to reduce perfluorinated compound levels and work with our federal officials including US Senator Bob Casey and Congressman Brendan Boyle to hold the federal government accountable for the contamination.

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Suburban Philadelphia district comprising Horsham Twp and other parts, located within Montgomery County. The district is over 90% white and 75% of the population is voting age. In the 2016 election the incumbent won 60% of the vote with a turnout of 33k voters.

ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Former Assistant US Attorney in the Firearms Unit. Graduated from Horsham High School (local). Won his seat in the GOP wave of 2010 after losing a close race in 2008.

WHY IS THIS RACE IMPORTANT?

All 203 seats in the General Assembly (GA) are up for election in 2018. Republicans control 119 seats of 203 seats, and have controlled the GA since 2011. 18 seats in the GA voted for Clinton, but are represented by a GOP legislator.

Pennsylvania has been critical to the “Blue Wall,” of Democratic Presidential candidates and up until 2016, had voted Democrat since 1988.

Pennsylvania is an important place to engage new voters and winback old Democratic voters who veered into Trump’s camp due to his “support,” for unions and trade protection. Pennsylvania has many legacy industries and strong unions in coal, steel, and energy extraction. Pennsylvania’s legislature, due to its geographic location and population size, has a lot of responsibility for environmental quality issues such as Great Lakes

health and Chesapeake Bay Health. Pennsylvania also has very important Congressional, Senate, and Statewide elections in 2018 where they’ll be choosing AGs, Governors (D-Incumbent), Senator (D-incumbent), and Congressional representatives.

Lastly, and most importantly, Trump won PA by a mere 70k votes out of over 6 million votes cast. Had Democrats been able to overcome this narrow margin—and even narrower margins in Michigan and Wisconsin—we may not have a Trump presidency. The path to 270 in 2020 starts with Democratic gains in our Blue Wall states in 2018.

REDISTRICTING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania’s legislative and congressional districting is a masterclass in partisan gerrymandering. The Pennsylvania State Supreme Court struck down multiple GOP-led Congressional redistricting maps due to their gerrymander. The State Supreme Court finally approved a map for PA’s congressional districts.

CANDIDATE LINKS

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