

# NANCY GUENST

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | DISTRICT 152



Nancy is an Army veteran and the first female mayor of Hatboro, PA. She grew up the youngest of five children in a working class family, and from a young age her mother taught her the importance of giving back to her community. In 1976, Nancy entered the US Army and honorably served her country at Field Station Berlin as an analyst and German translator. As a veteran, she understands the challenges that veterans face in life after service. As a PA state representative, she will fight to protect the state's veterans and will push to secure more funding for veterans' healthcare and benefits.

In 2007, Nancy felt a calling to public service and ran for Hatboro Council, the governing body for her hometown, which had been controlled by Republicans for decades. She won and served two terms before running for Mayor in 2017. When she won, she became the first female Mayor in Hatboro's history. Nancy has been married to her husband, Steve for 25 years and has one daughter, Andrea.

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## ON THE ISSUES

### AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS

Pennsylvania's wages continue to stagnate, taxes seem to always increase and unemployment remains a problem, but nothing is being done to address the economy. Nancy knows that Pennsylvania needs to raise the minimum wage, address severe budget shortfalls with PennDOT and DEP, and invest in renewable energy to create new jobs.

### FIGHTING FOR OUR KIDS

PA is ranked 46th in the nation for school funding. The state is not paying its fair share of school budgets, putting more pressure on the school boards to raise local taxes. Nancy will fight for a sustainable, fair school funding formula to ensure equitable funding to improve schools for children.

### PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Republicans in state legislatures across the country have declared open season on women's reproductive rights. As a state representative, Nancy is committed to fight to protect a woman's right to choose

### STOPPING GUN VIOLENCE

The scourge of gun violence has finally and tragically hit home for Pennsylvania. In October of 2019, 11 people

at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh were brutally murdered by an anti-Semitic man who should have never had access to a gun. Nancy knows that Pennsylvania needs to strengthen background check laws, so that only law-abiding individuals have access to firearms.

### VOTING RIGHTS

Currently, not all votes count the same. Due to extremely partisan gerrymandering, the 2016 Congressional elections resulted in Republicans winning 72% of seats, while only getting 59% of the total vote. All votes must count, and Nancy will fight to keep Pennsylvania's Redistricting Commission independent from partisan influence.

### EXPANDING HEALTHCARE

We need to work towards a Pennsylvania with 100% of citizens insured. We need to continue to expand healthcare coverage, so that we can prevent unnecessary disputes between insured and uninsured victims and eliminate the uninsured patient risk for hospitals across the Commonwealth. Healthcare is a right, but most importantly, the private healthcare market must remain regulated.



SISTER DISTRICT  
PROJECT

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## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	Households	Over 65	White	Black	Latinx	Asian	Other	Median Income	% Poverty	% College Grads	% HS Grads
62,475	23,069	17.8%	82.9%	3%	4.4%	7.5%	2.2%	85,623	10.2%	36%	55.8%

## ABOUT THE DISTRICT

### Nested Congressional Districts

CD 2: D+40; CD4: R+11

The 152nd Legislative District includes Upper Moreland, Lower Moreland, Hatboro, Bryn Athyn, a part of Upper Dublin, and a part of northeast Philadelphia. According to recent Census projections, the district is home to more than 60,000 people.

## PAST RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT

### 2018 GUBERNATORIAL:

Democrat: 64.03%  
Republican: 35.97%

### 2014 SENATE:

Democrat: 61.69%  
Republican: 38.31%

### 2016 PRESIDENTIAL:

Clinton: 18,962, 54.58%  
Trump: 14,463, 41.63%  
Total: 34,744

### 2012 PRESIDENTIAL:

Obama: 17,201, 52.27%  
Romney: 15,350, 46.64%  
Total: 32,911

## ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Republican Tom Murt has held this seat since 2006. He announced he won't be running for reelection in 2020 and the seat is now up for grabs.

Karen Houck is instead the Republican trying to replace Tom Murt in Pennsylvania HD 152 this year. Houck served six years on the Upper Moreland Free Library Board of Trustees; became chairwoman of the Upper Moreland Revitalization Task Force in 2011; was a member of the Willow Grove 300 Tricentennial steering committee; was a board member of the Willow Grove Chamber of Commerce; and graduated in 2015 from the Penn State RULE program for rural and urban leadership training. She was elected to the Upper Moreland School Board in 2015.

## WHY THIS RACE IS IMPORTANT

To flip PA's lower state legislative chamber, Democrats need to win 9 House seats. Momentum is on our side: in 2018, Democrats broke a Republican supermajority in the Senate and flipped a dozen State House seats. We can build on this energy to flip the chamber in 2020.

Flipping a chamber in the PA legislature would give Democrats a critical seat at the redistricting table, particularly for Congressional redistricting. Republican state legislators have brutally gerrymandered PA's Congressional districts. And the political commission in PA that draws state legislative maps has also permitted terribly gerrymandered maps. We can prevent this from happening again by flipping a chamber and ensuring that Democrats have a voice in the next round of redistricting.



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Flipping a chamber blue is especially important because the PA Governor does not have veto power over state legislative maps. So while Democratic Governor Wolf will be in office during the next round of redistricting, we'll still need Democratic control of a chamber to have a say in the outcome.

**These are 'last chance' races: whoever is elected to the PA state legislature in 2020 will draw the next round of district lines.**

## WHY PENNSYLVANIA IS IMPORTANT

### PENNSYLVANIA FAST FACTS

- **Current Control:** Divided.  
Governor - D; Senate - R; House - R
- **Gubernatorial Election:** Not up in 2020
- **Length of State House Terms:** 2 years
- **Candidate Filing Deadline:** February 18, 2020
- **State Legislative Primary Date:** June 2, 2020 (subject to further delay)
- **Redistricting:** State legislature controls Congressional redistricting, Political Commission controls state legislative redistricting; Governor has veto over Congressional maps but not state legislative maps
- **Electoral College Votes:** 20

### BROADER 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

- Pennsylvania is a critical, perennial battleground presidential state. Before Trump won the state by 44,000 votes, or less than 1%, Pennsylvanians had voted for the Democratic Presidential nominee in every election since 1992. Pennsylvania is one of the "Big Four" states that are likely to control the outcome of the 2020 presidential election. Democrats have a tremendous opportunity to claim PA's 20 Electoral College votes this year, with smart organizing, expanding the electorate through voter registration, and turnout efforts.

- There are also several important, very competitive Congressional races in PA this year (including PA-10, PA-08, and PA-01, PA-07, PA-17, and PA-16).
- Working to support PA state legislative candidates will be instrumental in helping drive turnout up and down the ticket in this historic election year.

## REDISTRICTING & GERRYMANDERING

In Pennsylvania, Congressional district lines are drawn by the Pennsylvania General Assembly. State legislative lines are drawn by a five-member commission, the first four members of which are appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the State House and Senate, with the chair being appointed by either these four members or the State Supreme Court.

After the last round of redistricting, the Republican State House Majority Leader presided over a [piece of legislation](#) that remapped the state, resulting in extremely gerrymandered Congressional maps. For instance, Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District was one of the most gerrymandered districts in the country, before the [Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional](#) in 2018. The district gained national notoriety as one of the most obvious efforts to gerrymander. The 7th District was so egregious that it earned a nickname, based on the cartoon characters it resembled: "[Goofy Kicking Donald](#)"

The net result of the GOP's manipulations was a state that voted majority Democrat, but which sent thirteen Republicans to Congress and only five Democrats. Fortunately, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled in 2018, after three elections conducted under this travesty, that the 2011 district maps were illegally partisan, and when the state's legislature could not agree on new district boundaries, the Court provided districts of its own. Unfortunately, the state legislative maps remain gerrymandered in favor of Republicans - as an example, in 2018, Pennsylvania's Democratic State House candidates received 54% of the vote, but only won 45% of the seats.

