

PENNSYLVANIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The lieutenant governor is the state's second-in-command who would take over if the Governor dies or resigns. Can also be an effective advocate on specific issues. Josh Shapiro, the lone candidate in the Democratic primary, has endorsed Austin Davis, but voters are the ones who will decide which candidate will share the ticket with him this fall.

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AUSTIN DAVIS



BRIAN SIMS



RAY SOSA

BIOGRAPHY

Has served since 2018 as the first Black state Rep. in 35th District. Represents the Mon Valley, which includes both majority Black boroughs and white working class residents. Graduated from University of Pittsburgh. Former aide to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, where he served as his proxy on Jail Oversight Board, among other tasks. Lives in McKeesport.

First openly gay person elected to the General Assembly. Served as state Rep. for Center City Philadelphia since 2012. Former policy attorney who served as staff counsel for policy and planning at Philadelphia Bar Association. Graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Michigan State University College of Law.

Banker and insurance agent. Previously ran for Lieutenant Governor in 2018, the first Pa. Latino candidate to run for the position. Graduated from InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico. Was appointed by three governors to multiple committees, including emergency management and response. Born in Puerto Rico, lives in Montgomery County.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Against cash bail. Argues that financial situations should "not be a burden to someone being held in jail for weeks" while they wait for a sentencing or hearing. Adds that many folks "who look like me" are the ones who can't afford bail, leading to job loss. Says jails are supposed to be "reformatory institutions."

Wants to reform "our broken criminal justice system." Tweeted "we should all believe in second chances" and introduced bill ensuring formerly incarcerated people are informed of rights after release, and one identifying barriers for them to vote. Wants to demilitarize the police; in 2021, introduced a bill to prohibit police from wearing camouflage. Introduced legislation requiring attorney general to appoint a special prosecutor in police deadly force cases.

Believes in post-prison opportunities and rehabilitation and wants to "break the poverty-to-prison pipeline." Told PCNTV he's opposed to death penalty and that solitary confinement is a human rights violation. Believes in "common sense gun control" and background checks on every firearm purchase.

DEVELOPMENT

In 2019, celebrated the opening of the Tube City Center, providing "unique office space" to McKeesport. In December 2021, tweeted that he's brought "almost \$4 million to the Mon Valley for economic development and revitalization," adds he wants to make 2022 even better.

Says we should have "sustainable development." Introduced four bills offering tax credits to developers who efficiently update buildings, including energy-efficient windows and construction of green roofs.

Says he wants to fix rural infrastructure, including reforming subsidies and tax structure to "give local farmers an upper-hand," according to his website.

ABORTION

Says Roe V. Wade is under threat, and he'd always protect the right to choose.

Tweeted that abortion access is a "constitutional and human right," and that we need "every tool we have to restore health care access — including a pro-choice Governor and LG in Pennsylvania."

Supports providing funding to Planned Parenthood, according to The Philadelphia Citizen.

ENDORSEMENTS

Attorney General (and gubernatorial candidate) Josh Shapiro, Gov. Tom Wolf, former Gov. Ed Rendell, Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey, Mike Doyle (D-Forest Hills), Allegheny County Democratic Committee, Pa. SEIU State Council, Pa. AFL-CIO, Planned Parenthood PA PAC, Steel City Stonewall Democrats, etc.

Monroe Young Democrats of Pennsylvania, LGBTQ Victory Fund, Liberty City LGBTQ Democratic Club, Philadelphia Neighborhood Networks, Lehigh Valley for All, Greater Reading PAC, Stroudsburg Mayor Tarah Probst, Councilmember Khadijah Al Amin, various state Reps., etc.

None found