

CLEANING UP

After the scandals surrounding former AG Kathleen Kane and other state officials (specifically in the mass dissemination of pornographic and misogynistic emails by state officials and employees), ethics are a key talking point in this race. Democratic nominee Josh Shapiro has pledged to implement mandatory ethics training and increase spending transparency. Republican John Rafferty says he would remove politics from the office and implement an email-ethics policy.

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CANDIDATE	 <p>JOHN RAFFERTY</p>	 <p>JOSH SHAPIRO</p>
BIOGRAPHY	<p>Has represented Pennsylvania's 44th senatorial district, including parts of Berks, Chester and Montgomery counties, since 2003. Has sponsored legislation to strengthen Pennsylvania's arson laws and to crack down on those who recruit members into criminal street gangs. Served as a deputy attorney general from 1988 to 1991.</p>	<p>Has served as Montgomery County Commissioner since 2012. Served the 153rd legislative district in the state house from 2005 to 2012. Received law degree from Georgetown and worked in private practice for 10 years. Currently serves as chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.</p>
GUNS	<p>Championed the Brad Fox Bill to increase penalties for straw purchasers of guns. Would expand Philadelphia's Gun Violence Task Force to other cities. Would work with municipal district attorney's offices to target and prosecute those illegally providing firearms used in crimes throughout the state.</p>	<p>Would pursue universal background checks to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill. Would review concealed-carry permit reciprocity agreements with other states. And would implement procedures to prevent illegal gun sales in Pennsylvania gun-show parking lots.</p>
OPIOID EPIDEMIC	<p>Would create a Heroin Strike Force to target mid-to-upper-level drug dealers; provide training for law enforcement for improved intelligence collection and prosecution of cases; and improve coordination between federal, state and local agencies. Would launch a statewide campaign emphasizing the "deadly dangers of heroin abuse."</p>	<p>Plans to set up a database for the medical community to prevent doctor-shopping by prescription-drug users and dealers. Supports supplying first-responders with naloxone to treat overdoses. Would partner with law enforcement in other states to stop flow of opioids across borders.</p>
SEXUAL VIOLENCE	<p>Plans to audit contact information provided by sexual predators to ensure addresses provided are accurate. Supported strengthening Megan's Law, and helped pass Jessica's Law, which increases penalties for those who sexually abuse children. Supports eliminating the statute of limitations for offenses involving sexual assault of minors.</p>	<p>Pledged to release emails from statewide pornographic email ring. Plans to tackle sexual assault on college campuses by promoting a culture of consent and holding college administrators accountable for covering up incidents of sexual assault. Would work to eliminate evidence backlog in sexual-assault cases.</p>
FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS	<p>The National Rifle Association, PA Professional Firefighters, PA State Corrections Officers, PA Chamber of Commerce, PA Manufacturers Associations, Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Fraternal Order of Police chapters. Received an A- rating from NRA.</p>	<p>County Detectives Association, Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, Planned Parenthood PA PAC, CeaseFire PA, Equality PA, League of Conservation Voters, SEIU, US Steelworkers, United Mine Workers, Clean Water Action, National Organization for Women, Americans for Responsible Solutions</p>