

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 34

District 34 covers several eastern suburbs including Swissvale, Forest Hills, and Braddock. It is currently represented by Summer Lee, who is running for re-election to her state house seat in this race in addition to her bid for Congress.

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**SUMMER LEE**



**ABIGAIL SALISBURY**

Incumbent candidate. Swissvale resident. Lawyer and community organizer. In 2018, was first Black woman from southwestern Pa. elected to state House. Born and raised in North Braddock. Founded UNITE PAC to support other progressive candidates, particularly women, LGBTQ candidates, and candidates of color. Won re-election in 2020.

Attorney and Swissvale Borough council member. Previous council president. Solo practitioner in nonprofit and small business law. Received law degree from University of Pittsburgh. Lived in Swissvale since 2015. Grew up in Ohio.

## BIOGRAPHY

Opposes fracking. Participated in a coalition that successfully organized to stop proposed fracking in Braddock. Sunrise Movement endorsed her congressional run.

Wrote she would "encourage adoption of fuel sources other than fossil fuels, encourage/facilitate composting programs in the district, and explore alternatives to the currently ineffective plastics recycling program." Told *CP* she is concerned about how climate change will affect infrastructure needs.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

In 2021, announced the allocation of more than \$10 million in state funds for lead water line replacement, stormwater remediation, and parks and recreation projects in her district. Advocated for federal investment in MLK East Busway and Mon-Fayette Expressway.

Wrote that, although no lives have been lost locally in recent infrastructure failures, "We will not always be so lucky." Critical of Pittsburgh's combined sewer system's frequent overflow issues. Told *CP*, "Because I've been in municipal government, I'm more focused on, frankly, fixing your sewer infrastructure than I am on big, lofty concepts."

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Tweeted in 2021 in support of taxing UPMC.

Believes large, revenue-generating nonprofits like UPMC and the University of Pittsburgh should pay more in taxes. Told *CP*, "If [Pitt] can spend millions to union bust while they preach equity to their students, they can probably pony up a little bit of money" for infrastructure.

## TAX REVENUE

14th Ward Independent Democratic Club. Endorsed by others in U.S. House Race

Allegheny County Democratic Committee, Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 12, Ironworkers Union Local 3, Insulators Union Local 2

## ENDORSEMENTS