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THE ROLE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S MAGA REPUBLICANS IN THE CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY TO OVERTURN THE 2020 ELECTION

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Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania GOP has always been a key part of the MAGA conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election. After the election, the Trump campaign initiated an extensive pressure campaign involving Pennsylvania Republicans in Congress, the statehouse, and at the local level. Trump invited state senator and current Republican gubernatorial nominee, Doug Mastriano, along with additional Pennsylvania Republicans, to the White House for a clandestine meeting regarding the election. Trump campaign officials, led by Rudy Giuliani, oversaw efforts to put forward a slate of 20 illegitimate electors in Pennsylvania in a bid to overturn Biden's victory. During the Electoral College certification on January 6th, eight Republican representatives from Pennsylvania voted to reject certification and overturn the election.

There's no question that Pennsylvania voters' right to choose future elected officials is back on the ballot in 2022. Pennsylvania Republicans are waging an ongoing campaign to sabotage future elections — with Mastriano already announcing plans to take control of electoral systems if he becomes governor, making it easier to overturn elections Republicans lose. MAGA candidates up and down the ballot are planning radical changes to Pennsylvania's electoral systems, including making it harder to register to vote and cast a ballot. In every race, the GOP is fighting to consolidate power over Pennsylvania elections for decades to come.

Pennsylvania Republicans Attempted To Overturn The 2020 Election

November 21, 2020: Pennsylvania Republicans File A Lawsuit To Reject Mail Ballots. Representative Mike Kelly led a group of plaintiffs demanding that the state either [reject mail ballots](#) that were lawfully submitted or allow the Republican controlled state legislature to select electors. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court quickly [rejected](#) the request, [stating](#) “It is not our role to lend legitimacy to such transparent and untimely efforts to subvert the will of Pennsylvania voters.” The justices underscored the problematic nature of waiting until a candidate has lost to raise concerns over voting procedures that have been in place since 2019. Republicans attempted to appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, but the request was [refused](#) on December 8 in a one sentence order with no dissents. [NPR, [11/29/20](#); Kelly v. Pennsylvania, [11/28/20](#); Justice Wecht, concurring opinion Kelly v. Pennsylvania, [11/28/20](#); SCOTUS Kelly v. Pennsylvania denial, [12/8/20](#)]

December 2020: State Representatives Colluded With Trump Campaign Staff To Overturn Election Results. After receiving multiple emails from John Eastman, a conservative attorney advising the former president, State Representative Russell Diamond [introduced](#) Eastman to Republican House Majority Leader, Kerry Benninghoff, over email stating that Eastman had “open[ed] my eyes to our ability to exercise our plenary authority to

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decertify presidential electors (without ANY ‘evidence’ of retail ‘voter fraud’).” [New York Times, [5/11/22](#)]

December 4, 2020: Over 60 Pennsylvania Legislative Republicans Send Letter To Congressional Delegation Requesting Them To Object To The State’s Electoral Votes. The signers of the [letter](#) claimed the state’s Democratic governor, Tom Wolf, undermined the election process which resulted in the “lawful certification of Pennsylvania’s delegation to the Electoral College.” These Republicans requested members of Pennsylvania’s congressional delegation object to the Electoral College votes from the state on January 6. Signers included Doug Mastriono, the 2022 Republican nominee for governor, Speaker Bryan Cutler, and Republican Leader Kerry Benninghoff. [2020 Election Review Pennsylvania Congressional Letter, [12/4/20](#)]

Twenty Pennsylvanian Republicans Falsely Claimed To Be Electors. Despite [no state](#) putting forward alternative electors, [20 allies](#) of the former president claimed without any authority, to be ‘[electors-in-waiting](#)’ for the state of Pennsylvania. These false electors include two individuals who ran for and lost the Pennsylvania Republican gubernatorial nomination in 2022, Lou Barletta and Charlie Gerow, as well as the Pennsylvania Republican Party secretary, chairperson, vice chairperson and deputy chairperson. Fraudulent elector, Allegheny County Councilman Samuel DeMarco, claims to have been in [direct contact](#) with Trump campaign staff regarding the fake electors scheme. [CNN, [4/9/22](#); Insurrection Index, Accessed [6/17/22](#); CNN, [1/27/22](#); CNN, [1/20/22](#)]

December 14, 2020: Pennsylvania Fraudulent Electors Take Vote. Despite being fully aware that they lacked the authority to serve as electors, these individuals “at the request of the Trump campaign” [met and voted](#) for Trump and Pence. In an attempt to preemptively shield themselves from future [legal prosecution](#), the false electors included the caveat that they understood “it might later be determined that we are the duly elected and qualified Electors” and were only serving as electors-in-waiting, with no intention “to usurp or contest the will of Pennsylvania voters” despite voting against the will of Pennsylvania voters. [Just Security, Accessed [6/16/22](#); Lancaster Online, [1/17/22](#)]

January 4, 2021: State Senate Leaders Urge Federal Interference. Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman, Majority Leader Kim Ward, and other Pennsylvania Republicans sent a [letter](#) to Senator Mitch McConnell and Representative Kevin McCarthy requesting they delay certification of the election due to “inconsistent and questionable activities” regarding the 2020 electoral process. The writers falsely claim “numerous unlawful violations” from state Democrats, including Governor Tom Wolf and Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar, compromised the election, [stating](#) “we believe that PA election results should not have been certified.” [WPXI, [1/5/21](#)]

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January 5, 2021: More Than 30 Pennsylvania Republicans Urged Vice President Pence To Delay Certification. A total of 36 Pennsylvania Republicans signed a [letter](#) to Vice President Pence falsely claiming “There are extensive and well-founded accusations of electoral administration mismanagement and deliberate and admitted violations of explicit election laws enacted by state legislatures in...Pennsylvania...” The signers go on to ask Pence to comply with their “reasonable request” to delay the counting of electoral votes for a minimum of 10 days. Attached to the letter is a sizable [appendix](#) detailing fridge conspiracy theories about the 2020 election. [Wisconsin Examiner, Accessed [6/16/22](#)]

January 6, 2021: Majority Of Pennsylvania Republican House Delegation Voted To Overturn Election Results. Despite the violent attack on the Capitol, [eight Republican representatives](#) from Pennsylvania continued to repeat the former president’s election lies and voted to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Republican Representatives John Joyce (PA-13), Fred Keller (PA-12), Mike Kelly (PA-16), Daniel Meuser (PA-9), Scott Perry (PA-10), Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14), Lloyd Smucker (PA-11), and Glenn Thompson (PA-15) all voted to overturn the election. All, except Representative Keller, are [seeking re-election](#) in 2022. [New York Times, [1/7/21](#); Insurrection Index, Accessed [6/17/22](#)]

January 6, 2021: GOP Gubernatorial Candidate Doug Mastriano Helped To Fan The Flames Of Insurrection. According to a Senate Judiciary Committee [report](#), Mastriano used thousands of dollars from his campaign account to transport people by chartered bus to the rally that prefaced the Capitol riot and neared police lines himself on Capitol grounds as the violence took place. [Senate Committee on the Judiciary Report, Accessed [6/17/22](#)]

January 14, 2021: Pennsylvania Senator Claims Voter Fraud Claims Did Not Incite Capitol Riot. After spending months attempting to [interfere](#) in the 2020 election, Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman [stated](#) his false election claims played “no role” in the violence that unfolded on January 6, despite many Pennsylvania voters parroting [misinformation](#) Corman worked to spread. [PolitiFact, [1/17/21](#); Fox43, [1/14/22](#); Philadelphia Inquirer, [1/5/21](#)]

[Republicans On the Ballot in Pennsylvania Are Trying To Sabotage Election Integrity](#)

GOP Gubernatorial Nominee Doug Mastriano Was Part Of The Plot To Overturn The 2020 Election And Participated In January 6. An explicitly pro-coup [Trump-endorsed](#) extremist [won](#) the GOP nomination for governor in Pennsylvania. As a state senator, Doug Mastriano played a [key role](#) in Trump’s attempts to overturn the election results in Pennsylvania and [attended](#) Trump’s rally in Washington on January 6, 2021. At [least two](#) of Mastriano’s staff entered restricted areas at the Capitol on January 6. Mastriano [openly declared](#) his support for the undemocratic and unconstitutional idea that the popular vote can be treated as non-binding when it comes to the certification of presidential electors. Experts believe that if Mastriano were to win the general election, there is almost certainly no chance that a

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Democratic presidential candidate's victory in Pennsylvania in 2024 will be [certified](#) by the state's governor. Mastriano has been [subpoenaed](#) by the January 6 committee. [Politico, [5/14/22](#); NBC, [5/17/22](#); CNN, [10/14/21](#); Washington Post, [5/15/22](#); Chad Loder Twitter, [5/17/22](#); NBC, [5/16/22](#); Senator Doug Mastriano Twitter, [11/28/20](#); Washington Post, [5/12/22](#); Insurrection Index, Accessed [6/17/22](#)]

- **Mastriano Touts Radical Appointment If Elected.** Mastriano is running in a bid to [control](#) the state's electoral apparatus for the next election and despite the general election being months in the future, Mastriano has already [announced](#) that he has found the individual who will serve as his Secretary of State. Pennsylvania is unique in that the official overseeing elections, the Secretary of State, is not elected, but [appointed](#) by the governor. Mastriano has already shared some of his plans for election changes, including requiring Pennsylvanians to [reregister to vote](#), a change that would be [illegal](#) under the National Voter Registration Act. Mastriano has made no attempt to conceal his true motive for requiring reregistration, [stating](#) "So we're going to take that very seriously and move really hard. Basically we have about a year to get that right before the 2024 presidential election." [Philly Voice, [5/13/22](#); American Bridge, [5/16/22](#); Pennsylvania Department of State, Accessed [6/17/22](#); American Bridge, [5/19/22](#); The National Voter Registration Act Of 1993, Accessed [6/16/22](#); NBC Philadelphia, [6/2/22](#)]
- **MAGA Republican Doug Mastriano Defends Insurrectionists And Has The Support Of QAnon Influencers.** Mastriano has decried efforts to bring Capitol insurrectionists to justice, [stating](#) "I could not believe my country had become such a dark, evil place, with the power being used, the FBI being used, the Department of Justice to oppress innocent civilians," adding that he believed election deniers would prevail because "We have the power of God with us." Mastriano has [joined](#) an 'America First' coalition seeking to elect QAnon-friendly Republican secretaries of state in the 2022 midterm elections. The coalition was [co-founded](#) by prominent QAnon influencer Wayne Willott (aka Juan O. Savin), described as the 'voice' of a "proto-fascist movement" in the Republican Party. [Philadelphia Inquirer, Accessed [6/15/22](#); America First Secretary of State Coalition, Accessed [6/2/22](#); Daily Beast, [6/1/22](#)]

GOP Senate Nominee Mehmet Oz Spread Conspiracy Theories About The 2020 Election. After a lengthy recount process Trump endorsee Dr. Mehmet Oz [won](#) the GOP nomination for Senate in Pennsylvania. Oz has [fully embraced](#) lies about the 2020 election, saying the party "cannot move on" from its obsession with the election. [CBS, [6/8/22](#); Guardian, [5/9/22](#)]

House Members

After the Capitol insurrection, [eight of the nine](#) Republican members of the House returned to the Capitol and [voted](#) to challenge the results of the election in their own state of Pennsylvania.

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All seven members seeking reelection [won](#) their primaries, five with the [endorsement](#) of Trump, and will be on the ballot in 2022. [New York Times, [1/7/21](#); New York Times, Accessed [5/17/22](#); Washington Post, [6/19/22](#)]

- **Scott Perry.** Representative Scott Perry is one of the key figures in the plot to overturn the election. Perry participated in [meetings](#) with White House staff as they planned a strategy to overturn the results and is currently under [subpoena](#) by the January 6 committee. Perry [engaged directly](#) with acting Deputy Attorney General Richard Donoghue regarding his election conspiracy theories. Perry led the [objection](#) to counting Pennsylvania's electoral votes. [Patriot News, [4/23/22](#); WITF, [5/12/22](#); Senate Committee on the Judiciary Report, Accessed [6/17/22](#)]
- **Mike Kelly.** Representative Mike Kelly [attended](#) a Trump rally in May 2022 and continued to claim that the 2020 election was “the greatest theft in American history.” Despite almost immediately [declaring victory](#) in his own election, Representative Kelly incessantly repeated [misinformation](#) about the 2020 election, calling the results “[tainted](#)”. [York Dispatch, [5/11/22](#); Rep. Mike Kelly Twitter, [11/4/20](#); [11/18/20](#); [1/5/21](#)]
- **John Joyce.** Representative Joyce [repeatedly raised doubts](#) about the validity of the election in the run up to January 6. Just hours after a violent mob attacked the Capitol, Joyce not only voted against certifying the election, but also took to the House floor, [saying](#) “These leaders took advantage of a deadly pandemic and seized the state legislature's rightful authority ...I pledged to protect free and fair elections. I cannot in good faith certify electors that were selected under an unlawful process. I will object to the Electoral College certification to protect the will of Pennsylvania voters...” [Rep. John Joyce Press Release, [11/12/20](#); [11/12/20](#); Rep. John Joyce Twitter, [12/10/20](#); Tribune-Democrat, [1/7/21](#)]
- **Guy Reschenthaler.** On November 10, 2020, Reschenthaler [stated](#) that “If I’m looking at this through a lens of someone who used to be a magisterial district judge, the evidence [of voter fraud] is not there yet.” However, that did not stop the Pennsylvania congressman from [claiming](#) that same day “We know that there are facts in place that show there was fraud” in an interview with Newsmax. In the same interview, Reschenthaler repeated disproved conspiracies, [claiming](#) “two huge treasure troves of ballots” were found outside of Pittsburgh, and that “some precincts...had more than 100 percent voter participation.” When directly pushed on the issue of election fraud, Representative Reschenthaler hedged and [claimed](#) that the vote he took not to certify the presidential election results was “a symbolic vote to put the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on notice.” [Pittsburgh Post Gazette, [11/12/20](#); Newsmax, [11/10/20](#); WESA, [11/13/20](#); WPXI, [2/3/21](#)]

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- **Daniel Meuser.** Before the election was even called, Representative Meuser suggested the integrity of the election was in danger, [claiming](#) “I am deeply concerned that Republican observers in Philadelphia are being kept far away from the ballot processing...we need complete transparency, not secrecy.” The Washington Post gave statements regarding this conspiracy four pinocchios, [reporting](#) “The Trump campaign had at least one representative inside the Philadelphia Convention Center as the city’s 350,000 mail ballots were being processed, and the allegations that the campaign was denied access were later deleted from one of Trump’s lawsuits.” [Congressman Dan Meuser Twitter, [11/5/20](#); Washington Post, [11/19/20](#)]
- **Lloyd Smucker.** In response to news outlets reporting on President Biden’s electoral victory in the 2020 election, Representative Smucker [accused](#) his local newspaper of “extreme liberal bias” for “assum[ing] a Biden presidency when we have yet to know the full results of the election.” Despite no evidence of voter fraud, Smucker [echoed](#) calls for an investigation into all allegations. [Rep. Lloyd Smucker Twitter, [11/7/20](#)]
- **Glenn Thompson.** Thompson was alarmist in his dissemination of false election conspiracy theories, [claiming](#) “We must save the Republic!...This is why I sued in federal court alongside President Trump to get access for poll watchers in Philadelphia.” It was [disproven](#) that Republican representatives were kept from the ballot counting process in Philadelphia, with Trump’s own lawyers removing the allegation from one of his lawsuits. [Team GT - Friends of Glenn Thompson Twitter, [11/6/20](#); Washington Post, [11/19/20](#)]

Trump Endorsed Election Conspiracy Theorist Jim Bognet Won The GOP Nomination For The 8th Congressional District. Jim Bognet [won](#) the GOP nomination to face Representative Matt Cartwright in the 8th District with Trump’s [endorsement](#). Bognet entered the race with a [declaration of support](#) for Trump’s “big lie” about the 2020 election and has claimed that voter fraud cost him his own race for Congress in 2020. [Times Leader, [5/17/22](#); Pocono Record, [5/5/22](#); Team Bognet YouTube, [10/19/21](#)]

June 2021: State Republicans Push For Voting Barriers. Pennsylvania Republicans passed [HB 1300](#), also known as the Pennsylvania Voting Rights Protection Act, which [required](#) voter ID and signature match verification, changed voter registration deadlines, and altered requirements for ballot drop boxes and mail in ballot protocols. Democratic Governor, Tom Wolf, promptly vetoed the bill, however Republicans [reintroduced](#) the legislation in September. [PA House Bill 1300, Accessed [6/21/22](#); States United, Accessed [6/16/22](#); Rep. Seth Grove, [9/17/21](#)]

MAGA Republicans Are Trying Decertify Pennsylvania’s 2020 Election Results

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July 7, 2021: Unauthorized Election Audit Announced By Trump Ally. After touring the Arizona election audit the previous month, state senator and Republican gubernatorial nominee, Doug Mastriano, announced his intentions to [launch](#) a similar investigation in Pennsylvania. This came despite the state having already [conducted](#) an audit that revealed no widespread irregularities or voter fraud. Mastriano was [unable to confirm](#) that he was authorized to launch such an investigation and ultimately was [stripped of his role](#) leading the probe the following month. Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman released a statement justifying Mastriano's removal, [stating](#) "he was only ever interested in politics and showmanship and not actually getting things done." [Reuters, [7/7/21](#); State Senator Jake Corman Press Release, [8/20/21](#)]

September 2, 2021: Pennsylvania Republicans Launch Election Audit. Nearly one year after the 2020 election, Republicans in Pennsylvania began a [partisan](#) "forensic investigation" into previously disproven claims of voter fraud with State Senator Cris Dush overseeing the [investigation](#) which has been described as "snared by court challenges, procedural headaches, and funding issues." [Reuters, [9/3/21](#); WITF, [6/7/22](#)]

November 2021: Pennsylvania State Senate Republicans Sign Election Audit Contract And Seek To Violate Voter Privacy. Senate Republicans in Pennsylvania retained a company with [no previous election audit experience](#), Envoy Sage, to conduct their 2020 election investigation. In conjunction with this investigation, legislative Republicans have subpoenaed the secretary of state for personal information on every Pennsylvania voter. This action has prompted Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro to engage in litigation over the [privacy violations](#) this data request has posed. [Philadelphia Inquirer, [11/19/21](#); States United, Accessed [6/16/22](#)]

The Trump Campaign Organized A Slate of Illegitimate Electors From Pennsylvania

Trump's Inner Circle Conspired To 'Control' Pennsylvania Officials. Just two days after the election while votes were still being counted, the former president's own [chief of staff and son](#) exchanged text messages suggesting state legislatures "step in" and put forth an alternative slate of fraudulent electors to overturn the results of the election. In the messages, Donald Trump Jr. [states](#) "Republicans control Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina etc we get Trump electors...We have multiple paths We control them all." The plan to put forward fake electors was ultimately [carried out](#) over the following months in seven states, including Pennsylvania, and led by Rudy Giuliani. Two Pennsylvania electors are [under subpoena](#) by the committee. [Just Security, [6/16/22](#); CNN, [4/9/22](#), [1/20/22](#); Select Committee, [1/28/22](#), [1/28/22](#)]

December 4, 2020: Eastman Had Direct Contact With Pennsylvania State Legislators. Federal court documents [confirm](#) that the former president's advisor on this topic, John Eastman, personally contacted state legislators in Pennsylvania who he believed to be

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Trump allies. In early December, Eastman emailed State Representative Russell Diamond, [telling](#) him “ample evidence of sufficient anomalies and illegal votes to have turned the election from Trump to Biden” and “Having done that math, you’d be left with a significant Trump lead that would bolster the argument for the legislature adopting a slate of Trump electors — perfectly within your authority to do anyway...” Eastman then [prodded](#) Diamond to have the legislature override the will of the voters and determine “the slate of electors certified by the governor null and void.” [Eastman v. Select Committee, [6/7/22](#); New York Times, [5/11/22](#)]

January 2021: Members Of The Trump Administration Coordinated Election Challenges With Representative Scott Perry. Perry participated in [meetings](#) with White House staff as they planned a strategy to overturn the results, and [install](#) Jeffery Clark, a Justice Department official sympathetic to Trump, to attorney general after Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen refused to pursue disproven voter fraud conspiracies. Perry is currently under [subpoena](#) by the January 6 committee and has [refused](#) to cooperate with the investigation. Representative Liz Cheney reported that following the violent insurrection on January 6, Perry sought a presidential [pardon](#). [Patriot News, [4/23/22](#), [5/26/22](#); States United, Accessed [6/16/22](#); WITF, [5/12/22](#); CBS, [6/10/22](#)]

Pennsylvania’s 20 Fraudulent Electors:

- **Bill Bachenberg, Business Owner & NRA Board Member.** Bachenberg is an [NRA](#) board member. Bachenberg is currently under [subpoena](#) by the Select Committee for his role as a fraudulent elector. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#); Select Committee, [1/28/22](#)]
- **Lisa Patton, Former Trump 2020 Campaign State Events Director.** Patton [served](#) as the Pennsylvania state events director for Donald Trump’s 2020 presidential campaign. She is currently under [subpoena](#) by the Select Committee for her role as a fraudulent elector. [The Keystone, [1/28/22](#); Select Committee, [1/28/22](#)]
- **Lou Barletta, GOP 2022 Gubernatorial Candidate.** Before failing to capture the GOP gubernatorial nomination, Barletta [was](#) the U.S. representative for Pennsylvania’s 11th Congressional District from 2011 to 2019, and mayor of Hazleton from 2000 to 2010. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Charlie Gerow, GOP 2022 Gubernatorial Candidate.** In addition to failing to capture the GOP gubernatorial nomination, [Gerow](#) is a Republican political strategist, the vice chair of the American Conservative Union, and the CEO of a public relations firm. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Andy Reilly, National Committeeman for the Republican Party of Pennsylvania.** In addition to his leadership role in the Pennsylvania Republican Party,

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Reilly [served](#) two terms as a member of the Delaware County Council and is a managing partner at the law firm Swartz Campbell LLC. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]

- **Leah Hoopes, Committeewoman for Bethe Township.** Hoopes served as a poll watcher in 2020 and was a [defendant](#) in a Delaware County voting machine supervisor's lawsuit. The case claimed the former president's proliferation of election misinformation, including false accounts of election officials tampering with the election, subjected the supervisor to physical threats. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Bernadette Comfort, Vice Chairwoman for Pennsylvania Republican Party.** In addition to her leadership role in the Pennsylvania Republican Party, Comfort was also a [top aide](#) to the former first lady of Pennsylvania in the 1990s. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Ted Christian, Former Pennsylvania State Director for 2016 Trump Campaign.** In addition to his role in the former president's 2016 run for office, Christian [operates](#) the Philadelphia office for the lobbying firm Duane Morris Government Strategies. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Calvin Tucker, Deputy Chairman of the Pennsylvania Republican Party.** In addition to his leadership role in the Pennsylvania Republican Party, he also [served](#) as a media surrogate and African American adviser to Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Samuel DeMarco, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Council Representative.** Not only does DeMarco [serve](#) on the council, he is the chairman of the council's Republican Caucus and chair of the Republican Committee of Allegheny County. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Tom Carroll, Former Assistant District Attorney.** Carroll was an assistant district attorney before being [forced to resign](#) after placing a stuffed monkey with a shirt reading "Loudmouth" on the keyboard of a Black colleague. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Josephine Ferro, Monroe County, Pennsylvania Register of Wills.** Ferro was [elected](#) to the register position in 2015 and is the former president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Republican Women. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Kevin Harley, Managing Director of Quantum Communications.** Harley formerly [served](#) as the press secretary to former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]

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- **Ash Khare, Pennsylvania Republican Party Member.** Khare is a retired engineer and active [participant](#) in the Pennsylvania Republican Party. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Suk Smith, Business Owner.** Smith is the [owner](#) of a firearms training center and martial arts school. [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Chuck Coccodrilli, Former Board Member for Pennsylvania Great Frontier PAC.** Coccodrilli [died](#) in October 2021. [Times Tribute, [10/24/21](#)]
- **Marcela Diaz-Myers, Chairwoman of PA GOP Hispanic Advisory Council.** [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Pat Poprik, Bucks County Republican Committee Chair.** [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Andre McCoy, Director of Government Affairs.** [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]
- **Christie Diesposti.** [Louisiana Illuminator, [1/31/22](#)]