

GUIDE TO 2026 GENERAL ELECTION



The coolest thing about LNP's 2026 voters guide is the part we didn't need to include — a run-down of uncontested races.

For the first time in recent memory, all of Lancaster County's open legislative seats (12 this year) have at least two candidates vying to claim them.

Emboldened by Democrat James Malone's 2025 special election win over Republican county Commissioner Josh Parsons in the reliably red 36th Senate District, the county's Democratic Party leaders are fielding candidates in districts long dominated by the GOP.

Parsons' loss also woke up a county Republican Party that for decades had coasted to victory on its significant registration advantage. This time around, Republi-

cans are directing energy and resources into winning back the 36th District, where Malone is trading blows with current 98th House District Rep. Tom Jones.

Democrats, meanwhile, are hoping a leftward shift in the national political winds will inflate the sails of Brad Chambers in a rematch with 41st House District Rep. Brett Miller.

In a county where the fastest-growing political affiliation is anything other than Democrat or Republican, independents are running in two key races.

Independent Dale Hamby, who spent time in both partisan camps, is challenging Republican Dave Nissley in the southern end's deep-red 100th District; and in the race to replace Jones in the 98th, independent Joshua Deering joins Demo-

crat Hugh Darlington and Republican county Clerk of Courts Nicky Woods in a three-way contest.

Every registered voter in the county will also have an opportunity to decide whether the county's libraries should be funded by a countywide real estate tax.

With so much at stake at the local level, it's easy to forget Pennsylvania's governor and lieutenant governor will be on the ballot too.

The Nov. 3 general election is just a few weeks away, and these pages pull together everything you need to know to make informed decisions at the polls.

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