



HOUSE DISTRICT 82

In your district, where do the candidates stand on important issues?

Your Candidates



Justin Behrens (R)



Paul Takac (D)

ISSUE 1: WOMEN'S HEALTH

Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?

Justin Behrens (R)

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Behrens' allies want to outlaw abortion, even in cases of rape and incest, and when the life of the woman is at risk.

Source: Penn Dept. of State, Campaign Finance; SB 106, 7/8/22; WHY, 7/9/22

Paul Takac (D)

YES

Takac supports the right of every woman to make her own healthcare decisions without government interference.

Source: <https://www.paultakac.com/policy>

ISSUE 2: ELECTIONS

Do the candidates support our election system and voters rights?

Justin Behrens (R)

NO

Behrens opposed certifying the 2020 election results in Pennsylvania, propping up the conspiracy theory that Trump won and contributing to the lies that led to the January 6 insurrection in our nation's capital.

Source: WHY, 11/23/2020; Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, 11/8/20; Law & Crime Blog, 11/23/20

Paul Takac (D)

YES

Takac supports fair redistricting so voters can choose their representatives and not the other way around.

Source: <https://pa-collegetownship.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/180/2020-BudgetApproved-PDF>

ISSUE 3: PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do the candidates support our public schools?

Justin Behrens (R)

NO

Behrens advocated diverting taxpayer dollars from our local public schools to fund private schools.

Source: Penn Dept. of State, Campaign Finance; BehrensForCentreCounty.com/issues Philadelphia Tribune, 5/18/21

Paul Takac (D)

YES

Takac supports revamping the Fair Funding Formula for equitable school funding, holding charter schools accountable, and funding universal pre-k and childcare.

Source: <https://www.paultakac.com/policy>

Candidates' positions are often more complicated than "yes" or "no." We have done our best to represent each candidate in a fair and reasonable way within that framework, but encourage you to seek out additional detailed information on these and other issues.

We hope this information is useful as you make your choice in this important election!