

Super Swing Districts – Meet the candidates

PENNSYLVANIA

Journalist **Mark Moffa** emphasizes protecting women's healthcare, strengthening public education, top-notch child care, expanding workers' rights to organize, defending voting rights and protecting democracy against election lies and Republican scams.

PA-H-142 Republican-held open seat. Redistricting +5, to Biden +2

Overlapping swing districts: State Senate PA-S-06; US House PA-01 Ashley Ehasz, pro-choice combat veteran vs anti-abortion Republican incumbent in district Biden won by 5.

Lawyer **Ann Marie Mitchell** is consistently coordinating door-to-door canvassing with Democratic candidates for the overlapping Republican-held state house seats. Ann Marie's father was born in Ukraine; the area has a large Ukrainian-American population.

Opponent: R State Rep. Frank Farry (PA-H-142) voted against raising minimum wage and against making more workers eligible for overtime pay, but has significant union support.

PA-S-06 Republican-held open seat Redistricting -3, to Biden -0.2, Shapiro +2

Overlapping swing districts: US House: PA-01; PA-House 18, 142, 144

Mark Pinsley has saved Lehigh County more than \$3 million by effectively applying his business experience to his work as elected County Controller, after defeating the Republican incumbent in 2019. In 2018 Mark almost defeated the long-time Republican state senator. Redistricting made the seat more Republican; then the incumbent lost the primary to an extremist financed by a libertarian billionaire aiming to defund public schools. *Opponent:* Jarrett Coleman, a pilot, is largely funded by the tax-avoiding, union busting, richest man in Pennsylvania; his second most prominent supporter: one of the fake Pennsylvania electors who attempted to subvert fair elections. Coleman, a school board member opposes public health measures (masks) and favors greater access to AR-15s.

PA-S-16 tipping point seat for PA Senate; Redistricting -14, to Biden -7, Wolf +6

Overlapping swing districts: US House PA-01, PA-07 Susan Wild, toss-up; PA House 143

Scientist **Gwen Stoltz** is running a strong campaign door-to-door emphasizing that “our basic human rights are on the ballot from reproductive rights to clean drinking water.” Her campaign prioritizes raising the minimum wage, workers rights; women’s reproductive rights; common sense gun safety; responsiveness to the changing needs of local farms; infrastructure funding for local roads and bridges, improving the electric grid, increasing availability of public EV charging, and removing PFAS from contaminated water. Endorsed by 3.14 Action, the PAC to elect scientists.

Opponent: Shelby Labs voted to criminalize abortion, claims to be environmentalist but has a failing (42%) pro-environment voting record.

PA-H-143 R 1st term incumbent. Redistricting -9, to Biden -3, Wolf +7
Overlapping swing districts: US House PA-01; PA-S-16

Melissa Cerrato, district director for Dem. State Rep. Liz Hanbidge, a great candidate, is running a great campaign against an entrenched Republican incumbent, Todd Stephens, standing up to his threat to sue her if she didn’t stop talking about his record on abortion. *Opponent:* Stephens has won in a Democratic district by presenting as a moderate. Planned Parenthood previously endorsed Stephens, but endorsed Melissa this year: “We have been disappointed by Todd Stephens’ tenure in the legislature, and we are further disappointed by his decision to sue his opponent for speaking the truth.” In 2020 Stephens voted against raising the minimum wage and against making more workers eligible for overtime pay, but has significant union support.

PA-H-151 Redistricting +5, to Biden +25.
Overlapping swing district: US House PA-01

Fox Chapel Borough Councilor **Mandy Steele** founded a non-profit conservation organization. She emphasizes climate change, prioritizing renewable energy, clean economy jobs, investments in public transportation and modern infrastructure, and banning fracking.

PA-H-033 R Open Seat; Redistricting +6, to Biden +4
Overlapping swing districts:

US House: PA-17 toss-up. D: Navy veteran, voting rights lawyer Chris Diluzio
PA-S-38: D Lindsey Williams narrowly elected in 2018

Stroud Township Supervisor **Jennifer Shukaitis** will focus on protecting choice and the environment, expanding worker and voter rights, and a more responsive legislature.

Opponent: PA State Rep. Rosemary Brown (PAH-189) consistently anti-abortion, anti-worker, anti-environment voting record; election denier: supported Texas lawsuit to overturn election.

PA-S-40 R open seat. Redistricting +6, to Biden -0.47; Shapiro +6
Overlapping swing districts: US House: PA-08 D: Matt Cartwright, toss-up

PA-H-189 D: Tarah Probst, likely to flip this R open seat

Policy researcher **Anna Thomas** is challenging an extremist Republican in a seat redistricted from Biden -10 to Biden +1.

PA-H-137 *Overlapping swing district:* US House: PA-07: D: Susan Wild, toss-up

END OF PENNSYLVANIA

ARIZONA

6th grade teacher and school board member **Taylor Kerby** is running for state senate to fight for opportunities for rural families.

AZ-S-16 Redistricting +11, to Biden -4, Kelly -0.4

Overlapping swing districts: 2 D-held US House seats redistricted 10 points more Republican AZ-02, AZ-06

AZ-02 D incumbent Tom O'Halleran rated Lean R

AZ-06: D incumbent retiring, rated Lean R, D: environmental lawyer, state senator Kirsten Engel

AZ-H-16 D: Keith Seaman vs. extremist election denier

When her classroom ceiling collapsed, **Laura Terech** shielded her kindergartners; then she decided to run for AZ House to address the poor funding for Arizona's schools.

AZ-H-04 Redistricting -11, to Biden +1

Overlapping swing districts:

US House: AZ-01 Toss-up, D: Jevin Hodge vs. corrupt, election denying R incumbent

AZ-S-04 Toss-up former AZ Teacher of the Year Christine Marsh vs election denier Nancy Barto

Additional overlap: Maricopa County Attorney, D candidate Julie Gunnigle (49% in 2020)

Former school board president and teacher **Jeanne Casteen** came very close to winning the 2020 Maricopa County School Superintendent election (49%) running against election denier State Rep.

AZ-S-02 Redistricting -2.5, to Biden -2; Kelly +0.6

Overlapping swing districts: US House: AZ-01; AZ-H-02

Additional overlap: Maricopa County Attorney

Retired middle school principal **Cindy Hans** is running an underfunded campaign against an election denier in a district Biden carried.

AZ-S-13 Redistricting -1, to Biden +3

Overlapping swing districts: US House: AZ-04: D: Greg Stanton.

AZ-H-13 D: Jennifer Pawlik vs. R election denier

Additional overlap: Maricopa County Attorney

Youth activist **Lorena Austin** will be the first out, gender non-conforming Latina elected to a US legislature. *Opponent:* extremist Mary Ann Mendoza, so anti-Semitic as to be removed as speaker from the 2020 Republican National Convention.

AZ-H-09 Redistricting Biden +6
Overlapping swing districts: US House: AZ-04

State Senate: AZ-S-09 Nurse Eva Burch excellent candidate vs. ultra-right-winger
Additional overlap: Maricopa County Attorney

West Point graduate, Army Lt. Col. (retired) **Dana Allmond** resigned from Sinema's veterans' advisory group because of the senator's lack of support for Biden's agenda. Endorsed by Care in Action (advocacy group for domestic workers, supports candidates of color)

AZ-H-17 the tipping point district for the Arizona House. Redistricting +4, to Biden -4
Overlapping Swing Districts:
US House: AZ-06: D-held seat, rated Lean R, D: environmental lawyer, state senator Kirsten Engel; AZ-S-17 D: pastor Mike Nickerson vs. extreme election denier.

END OF ARIZONA

OHIO

Pediatric nurse and researcher **Rachel Baker** describes her campaign as “Endorsed by Pro-Women, Pro-Science, Pro-Choice, Pro-Workers, & Pro-Ohio Organizations,” including the Safe Communities Coalition, the pro-vaccine political advocacy organization. Rachel conducted research to increase vaccine uptake. Endorsed by 3.14 Action

OHH-27, R open seat. *Redistricting* +10, to Biden +15

Overlapping swing district: US House OH-01, toss-up. D: Cincinnati City Council Greg Landsman

Dr. Patricia Goetz, a child psychiatrist, will fight for girl and trans athletes’ safety and privacy against unjustified Republican attacks. She urges raising the minimum wage; creating green, well-paying jobs; restoring a woman’s right to choose, and common sense gun safety laws.

Opponent: well-financed Republican incumbent who wrote the Ohio abortion ban.

OH-S-27 Republican incumbent, *Redistricting* +16, to Biden +3

Overlapping swing districts: US House OH-13: toss-up D open seat, Dem. Emilia Sykes; OH-H-31 and 32

Erika White President of Local 4319 CWA (Communications Workers of America) is running a strong campaign against a well-funded, right-wing Republican incumbent Derek Merrin in a significantly changed district. Endorsed by The Collective (PAC to increase Black political representation).

OH-H-42 *Redistricting* +15, to Biden +2; from 4% to 14% African American.

Overlapping swing district: US House: OH-09. Marcy Kaptur vs. Jan.6er. *Redistricted* -22, to Biden -3

END OF OHIO

FLORIDA

Union organizer **Eunic Ortiz** led a team that passed the 2020 ballot initiative raising the minimum wage to \$15. She will be the second Hispanic elected official in Pinellas County and Florida's first openly lesbian state senator. *District: FL-S-18* R open seat, *Redistricting +1*, to Biden -5

Overlapping swing districts: FL-13; Charlie Crist's seat; redistricting -11 to Biden -7; Dem: Eric Lynn, former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense vs someone who got Lauer Boebert to campaign for her.

SuperPAC Progress Pinellas spending \$6.8M to support Lynn. Likely R
FL-H-061: veteran Janet Varnell Warwick, FL Consumer Protection Attorney (of the year, 2019) vs. extreme anti-environment R incumbent. Redistricting -3 to Biden -5
Additional overlap: 6th Judicial Circuit State's Attorney (Pinellas and Pasco counties)
Democratic candidate: public defender Allison Miller.

Raquel Pacheco, endorsed by VoteVets, is the "Latinas for Choice" candidate against the "Latinas for Trump" incumbent Ileana Garcia, narrowly elected. **FL-S-36** Redistricting -5, to Biden -.01

Overlapping swing districts: FL-27, Annette Taddeo, Redistricting -3 to Biden -0.3, against 1st term Republican. Likely R. FL-H-114: Dem. Adam Benna vs. first term R, Redistricting +1 to Biden +0.3.

END OF FLORIDA

NEVADA

Attorney **Shea Backus**, the first female enrolled tribal member to serve in the Nevada State Legislature, narrowly won in 2018, and narrowly lost in 2020; is running against an extremist election denier this year.

NV-A-37 R open seat Redistricting +3 to Biden +3

Overlapping swing district: US House NV-03, Toss-up, D Susie Lee vs. extremist election denier

END OF NEVADA

NORTH CAROLINA

Christine Kelly, former town councilwoman and data-driven STEM professional, emphasizes commitment to the environment diversity, equity, and inclusion. Unusually for a state legislative campaign, her website is accessible in English, Spanish, French, and Chinese. *Opponent*: anti-abortion R incumbent Erin Paré brought Marsha Blackburn to campaign for her. **NC-H-037**

Overlapping swing districts: US House NC-13: Toss-up. Among the best opportunities to flip R-held US House seat in the country: Dem. State Senator Wiley Nickel vs. extreme Republican Bo Hines. NC Senate: NC-S-17 Swing seat Dem. incumbent Sydney Batch.

U.S. Army Col. (retired) **Marcia Morgan**, whose service included working at the Pentagon for the Army Chief of Staff, identifies the major issues as Environment, Education, Economy, and Equality. Endorsed by 3.14 Action, VoteVets, LGBTQ Victory Fund

NC-S-07 *Overlapping swing district*: NCH-020: Amy Block DeLoach challenging Republican incumbent.

Overlapping US House District: NC-07: Native American (Lumbee) Democrat Charles Graham is running an underfunded, long-shot challenge to a Republican incumbent in an area that shifted sharply towards Republicans, who have made extensive efforts on the ground.

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