

LAPP Bulletin

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Subject: **PA Governor Candidates – Crime Platforms**

Context: Understanding the candidates' platforms on crime is helpful in preparing for the November general election. This information was gleaned from the candidates' websites.

Summary:

Shapiro:

1. Stop imprisonment for technical rule violations. Reinvest money spent on that imprisonment into initiatives and programs to get violent criminals off the streets.
2. Fund legal representation for indigent Pennsylvanians in first budget (PA is the only state in the country that allocates \$0 to public defenders' offices).
3. Oppose mandatory minimum sentences and that those convicted of 2nd degree felony murder are not given life sentences.
4. Support bills that create opportunities for elderly prisoners no longer deemed as threats.
5. Advocate to abolish death penalty and legalize recreational marijuana.
6. Focus on funding local police.

Mastriano:

1. No published plan to lower crime on his website although has stated it is too high.
2. Minimum sentence of 25 years in prison for fentanyl dealers whose sales lead to overdose deaths.
3. Protect police from "social justice warriors" so law enforcement personnel won't be prosecuted for a "split second decisions"
4. Send state police to round up undocumented immigrants and take them to President Biden's Delaware home.

What You Can Do:

1. Continue to follow the PA Governor race on education and other issues
2. Make sure your Pennsylvania family, friends, and neighbors VOTE!

For More Information on This Issue:

1. <https://joshshapiro.org>
2. <http://www.doug4gov.com/>
3. <https://edvoterspa.org/>