

# Know Before You Go: PA-10 District Primer

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**It's a new day and a new district!** With your help, we're going to win this seat for the Democrats in 2018.

## About the Republican Candidate

**Introduction:** Republican Scott Perry is a 54-year-old graduate of the US Army War College and Penn State, and has represented the former PA-04 district since 2013. Perry served in the PA House from 2007 - 2012 for R-92, and as a district judge near Harrisburg. He is a Brigadier General in the Army National Guard and served in Iraq in 2009-2010, flying 44 combat missions. He is married with two children.

**Issues:** A fiscal conservative, Perry has supported Trump's agenda most of the time with the exception of appropriations bills and debt ceiling increases. Perry is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and has championed "Castle Doctrine" (Stand your Ground) laws in the State House. Perry strongly supported efforts to repeal and replace the ACA and voted for TrumpCare in 2017. He opposes a woman's right to choose and describes himself as strongly pro-life. He voted for a bill in 2017 that makes it illegal to perform abortions after 20 weeks. Perry supports overhauls of Medicare and Social Security.

**Recent Elections:** Having won a seven-way primary in 2012, Perry has not faced a primary challenger since. In the general election, he defeated Harry Perkinson 60%-34% in 2012, Linda Thompson 75%-25% in 2014 and Joshua Berkholder 66%-34% in 2016.

**Strengths:** A hometown kid with military experience and a small business owner, Perry has strong roots in the community.

**Weaknesses:** Perry is a member of the extreme Freedom Caucus. He rarely opposes the Trump agenda. He implied on Fox News that ISIS was involved with the 2017 Las Vegas shooting. He strongly opposes the ACA. He voted against Hurricane Disaster Relief and has received donations from Koch Industries.

## About The Democratic Candidate

**Introduction:** Democrat George Scott is a Pennsylvania native. He served in the US military for 20 years as an officer in military intelligence. He holds degrees from from Georgetown University (BSFS, International Politics) and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and he is an ordained Lutheran minister. He serves as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in East Berlin, but is on leave during his run for Congress for the 10th Pennsylvania District. He is married to a small business owner, and is a father of two: a son and a daughter.

**Issues:** George Scott advocates for universal healthcare for all Americans. In time, he would like to institute a single-payer system, but in the short-term he advocates reinstating the individual mandate of the ACA. He believes that the federal minimum wage, which has not been raised since 2009 despite cost-of-living increases, should be higher; thus, he supports the Raise the Wage Act. He supports universal background checks for gun purchases, and believes that we should eliminate the gun-show loophole for the purchases of firearms, as well as banning bump stocks and high-capacity magazines. Due to increased wealth inequality in the United States, and in opposition to the recent Republican Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, George Scott advocates raising taxes on top-earners. He is an advocate for criminal justice reform, and wants to abolish for-profit prisons.

**Strengths:** Scott is a man of deep religious conviction and proudly served in our country's military for 20 years. His is not a career politician and will not support the Trump agenda.

Additionally, redistricting has moved the district from a +11 Republican advantage to a +6 Republican advantage. Cook Political report switched it from "Solid R" to "Likely R" as a result.



## PA-10: Facts & Stats

### Population Centers

- Harrisburg: 48,904
- York: 43,859
- Carlisle: 19,162
- Hershey: 14,257

### 2016 Presidential Results\*

- Clinton: 30%
- Trump: 66%

### 2016 House Results\*

- Molesevich (D): 90K (30%)
- Marino (R): 211K (70%)

### 2014 House Results\*

- Brion (D): 45K (25%)
- Marino (R): 113K (63%)

\*This is a new district, so the numbers do not match exactly.

## PA-10: Better Know the District

### Geography

PA-10 contains Harrisburg, the state capital, and is the home of the Capitol Building, and is a popular attraction. Harrisburg is also the home of the Cathedral of St. Patrick, and the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion, former home of one of the founders of Harrisburg. In York, there is the Colonial Complex, which helps to commemorate York's nine-month term as the capital of the United States. York is also the home of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame.

### Citizenry

PA-10 has a population of 712,217 people, of which 49.8% are male, and 50.2% are female. The area is predominantly white (93.76%) while Hispanic (3.64%) and Black (2.25%) making up the rest of the population. Unemployment is high in the area at 8.9%, and the median household income is \$46,590.

### Elections

In the 2016 Presidential election, between Dauphin, York, and Cumberland counties, Dauphin is the only county that favored Hillary Clinton over Trump (49.4% – 46.60%). York and Cumberland counties voted for Trump by large margins (38.5 – 57.10% and 33.2 – 62.50%). In the 2016 election, Scott Perry won his House seat, 66.1% – 33.9%

### Higher Education

In Harrisburg, there is Penn State Harrisburg, Temple University Harrisburg campus, Widener University Harrisburg Campus, and the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology. Dixon University Center, located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, offers college and university-level programs from a consortium of schools in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. In York, PA there is York College, which was founded in 1787, Penn State York, which is a commonwealth campus of Penn State University, and the Art Institute of York, Pennsylvania.

### Arts & Culture

The Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center is a multidisciplinary arts and cultural center located in Midtown Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It houses an art gallery, theatrical playhouse and performing arts center, and a film studio. Harrisburg also holds the Artfest of Greater Harrisburg and the Harrisburg Arts Festival. The Susquehanna Art Museum is a large art museum located in midtown, and the State Museum of Pennsylvania, the official museum of the commonwealth, is located in Harrisburg. The Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg, which was completed in 1999, is the first center of its type in the United States where education, science and the performing arts take place under one roof.

In York, the Art Institute of York has a gallery and the HIVE is an arts collective in the Royal Square neighborhood consisting of the HIVE gallery and HIVE artist studios featuring resident artists. York is also the home of the Agricultural & Industrial Museum, as well as the Fire Museum.