

**TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES-PAC**  
2008 General Election Report

The following is a list of candidates supported by TCI-PAC and how they fared in the November 4 election. (D) – Democrat (R) – Republican (I) - Incumbent

**Statewide Races**

Attorney General - Tom Corbett (R) (I) WON

**State Senate Races**

9<sup>th</sup> Senate District – Chester – Dominic Pileggi (R) (I) WON

13<sup>th</sup> Senate District – Lancaster – Lloyd Smucker (R) WON

25<sup>th</sup> Senate District – Clearfield – Joe Scarnati (R) (I) WON

33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District – Franklin County – Richard Alloway (R) WON

37<sup>th</sup> Senate District – Allegheny County – John Pippy (R) (I) WON

39<sup>th</sup> Senate District – Westmoreland County – Kim Ward (R) WON

41<sup>st</sup> Senate District – Indiana County – Don White (R) (I) WON

43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District – Allegheny County – Jay Costa (D) (I) WON

**State House Races**

5<sup>th</sup> House District – Mercer County – John Evans (R) (I) WON

7<sup>th</sup> House District – Mercer County – Mark Longiotti (D) (I) WON

8<sup>th</sup> House District – Butler County – Dick Stevenson (R) (I) WON

19<sup>th</sup> House District – Allegheny County – Jake Wheatley (D) (I) WON

22<sup>nd</sup> House District – Allegheny County – Chelsa Wagner (D) (I) WON

25<sup>th</sup> House District – Westmoreland County – Joe Markosek (D) (I) WON

54<sup>th</sup> House District - Westmoreland County - John Pallone (D) (I) WON

66<sup>th</sup> House District – Indiana County - Sam Smith (R) (I) WON

75<sup>th</sup> House District - Clearfield County – Dan Surra (D) (I) LOST

78<sup>th</sup> House District – Blair County – Rick Geist (R) (I) WON

79<sup>th</sup> House District – Bedford County – Dick Hess (R) (I) WON

80<sup>th</sup> House District – Huntingdon County – Jerry Stern (R) (I) WON

81<sup>st</sup> House District – Huntingdon County – Mike Fleck (R) (I) WON

85<sup>th</sup> House District – Snyder County – Russ Fairchild (R) (I) WON

86<sup>th</sup> House District – Perry County – Mark Keller (R) (I) WON

88<sup>th</sup> House District – Cumberland County – Sheryl Delozier (R) (I) WON

94<sup>th</sup> House District – York County – Stan Saylor (R) (I) WON

95<sup>th</sup> House District – York County – Eugene DePasquale (D) (I) WON

103<sup>rd</sup> House District – Dauphin County - Ron Buxton (D) (I) WON

105<sup>th</sup> House District – Dauphin County - Ron Marsico (R) (I) WON

106<sup>th</sup> House District – Dauphin County – John Payne (R) (I) WON

114<sup>th</sup> House District – Lackawanna County – Dave Wansacz (D) (I) WON

116<sup>th</sup> House District – Luzerne County – Todd Eachus (D) (I) WON

118<sup>th</sup> House District – Luzerne County - Mike Carroll (D) (I) WON

122<sup>nd</sup> House District – Carbon County – Keith McCall (D) (I) WON

124<sup>th</sup> House District – Schuylkill County- Dave Argall (R) (I) WON

126<sup>th</sup> House District – Berks County – Dante Santoni (D) (I) WON

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132 <sup>nd</sup> House District – Lehigh County – Jennifer Mann (D) (I)	WON
134 <sup>th</sup> House District – Lehigh County – Doug Reichley (R) (I)	WON
144 <sup>th</sup> House District – Bucks County – Kathy Watson (R) (I)	WON
153 <sup>rd</sup> House District – Montgomery County – Josh Shapiro (D) (I)	WON
170 <sup>th</sup> House District – Montgomery County – Matthew Taubenger (R)	LOST
172 <sup>nd</sup> House District – Philadelphia County – John Perzel (R) (I)	WON
176 <sup>th</sup> House District – Monroe County – Mario Scavello (R) (I)	WON
179 <sup>th</sup> House District – Philadelphia County - Tony Payton (D) (I)	WON
203 <sup>rd</sup> House District – Philadelphia County – Dwight Evans (D) (I)	WON

Election Results in the PA Senate and House (from PEG)

**STATE SENATE REMAINS IN GOP CONTROL.** The Pennsylvania State Senate remains the lone bastion of GOP dominance in the Keystone State as Republicans picked up the 47th District seat of retiring Democrat Senator Jerry LaValle to increase their majority to 30-20. Republican Elder Vogel, Jr. defeated Democrat Jason Petrella in the 47th District 57% to 43%. Both parties defended all of their seats in the remaining races. Closest among them were Kim Ward's victory over Anthony Bompiani in the 39th Senate District open seat (Regola) and Senator Jeff Piccola's narrow re-election over Democrat Judy Hirsh in the 15th Senate District.

**DEMOCRATS MAINTAIN CONTROL OF STATE HOUSE.** The Pennsylvania House will again be controlled by Democrats, who gained three seats to expand their majority to 105 to 98. Democrats picked up the following seats:

- House District 13 (Hershey seat):** Tom Houghton (47%) defeats John Lawrence (46%)
- House District 31 (Steil seat):** Steve Santarsiero (53%) defeats Pete Stainthorpe (47%)
- House District 70:** Matthew Bradford (51%) defeats Representative Jay Moyer (49%)
- House District 83 (Cappelli seat):** Rick Mirabito (58%) defeats Dave Huffman (42%)
- House District 157 (Rubley seat):** Paul Drucker (51%) defeats Guy Ciarrocchi (49%)
- House District 170 (Kenney seat):** Brendan Boyle (59%) defeats Matt Taubenger (41%)

Meanwhile, Republicans picked up the following three seats:

- House District 15:** Jim Christiana (52%) defeats Representative Vince Biancucci (48%)
- House District 57 (Tangretti seat):** Tim Krieger (52%) defeats John Boyle (48%)
- House District 75:** Matthew Gabler (53%) defeats Representative Dan Surra (47%)

What We Learned for 2010 (from Dennis Powell- Massey Powell)

The framework for statewide Democratic victories was established by Governor Ed Rendell in 2002. In that race, Rendell won the five counties that comprise the Greater Philadelphia region by 515,000 votes. The vote in the rest of the state, which he lost, didn't really matter. This was the model Obama would follow to victory in 2008.

But does this mean that Pennsylvania is now a solid "Blue State?" The answer here is mixed. Republican incumbent Attorney General Corbett won statewide by nearly 400,000 votes. One thing for sure, at least for now, the politically powerful southeast collar counties hold the key to winning statewide in Pennsylvania. A candidate must win at least one of these counties to have any hope of a statewide victory.