

# PA-01 District Primer

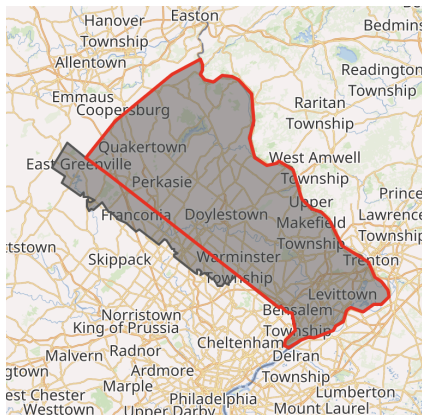
In 2024, Republican Brian Fitzpatrick won this seat by 59,348 votes—that’s just *seven votes per precinct*. If we can persuade just *eight* voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we’re going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates
<b>Filing Deadline:</b> March 10
<b>Primary:</b> May 19
<b>Midterms:</b> November 3

## Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
<b>Harris (D): 235,106 (49.7%)</b> <b>Trump (R): 233, 595 (49.3%)</b>	<b>Brian Fitzpatrick (R): 261,390 (56.4%)</b> <b>Ashley Ehasz (D): 202,042 (43.6%)</b>	<b>Brian Fitzpatrick (R): 201,571 (54.9%)</b> <b>Ashley Ehasz (D): 165,809 (45.1%)</b>

## District Facts & Stats



### Citizenry

PA-01 is the wealthiest district in the state. It is whiter (79%), older (44.2 median age), better educated (45.7% Bachelor's degree), and richer (median income \$112,000, 150% the state average). The poverty rate is 5.7%, about half the state average.. It is a largely suburban district.

### The Local Vibe

The PA-01 has voted for Democrats for president consistently since 2008, but Republican Brian Fitzpatrick has held his seat since 2017.

No Kings protests were held in Doylestown, Lambertville-New Hope, Perkasio, Quakertown and other locations on March 28, 2026. At least one thousand people attended the Doylestown protest.

Fitzpatrick has not held an in-person town hall since 2017. Democratic candidates have embraced opportunities to meet with the district’s residents.

Recent Bucks County sheriff’s elections show increased Democratic support.

### Largest Cities

- Bensalem Township: 62,700
- Bristol Township: 54,300

### Geography

PA-01 is a largely suburban district north of Philadelphia. It encompasses all of Bucks County and a sliver of Montgomery County in southeastern PA. It has no major cities but many mid-sized townships. About 20% of the district’s land is agricultural.

## Key Issues

- **Absentee rep:** Brian Fitzpatrick has not held an in-person town hall in *nine years*. His constituents deserve better.
  - **Rising energy costs:** Fitzpatrick voted to roll back tax credits for solar energy, angering suppliers and installers, and leaving end-users in the lurch; and Trump's war in Iran, which Fitzpatrick has not denounced, has caused gas prices to skyrocket.
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## About the Candidates

### Brian Fitzpatrick | Republican Incumbent

Republican Brian Fitzpatrick was first elected to Congress in 2016 representing PA-08, which was remapped as PA-01 after redistricting in 2018. He served for 15 years as an FBI Special Agent and Federal Prosecutor. He led investigations into public corruption, counterterrorism and counterintelligence threats.

He styles himself a moderate Republican, and is a co-chair of the Bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus. He has been publicly supportive of Governor Josh Shapiro and Senator John Fetterman, both Democrats. He has also been supportive of gay rights, common-sense gun legislation, and climate legislation.

On the other hand, he has voted to rubber-stamp Trump's disastrous tariffs and his catastrophic war with Iran, which has in turn increased prices across the board, at the grocery store and the pump. He has supported cuts to common-sense energy tax credits, raising utility bills. Fitzpatrick voted against H.Con.Res.38, an attempt by Democrats to direct Trump to halt use of U.S. Armed Forces against Iran without a vote from Congress. A master of the art of the meaningless gesture, he made a big deal about initially opposing Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" but later flip-flopped by casting the deciding vote to pass it.

Fitzpatrick avoids his constituents, preferring to cultivate relationships with his megadonors, including Peter Theil, Jeff Yass, and Koch Industries.. He has not held face-to-face town halls with the constituents of PA-01 in nine years and prefers to conduct town halls by telephone where the questions are pre-screened in advance.

### Bob Harvie | Democratic Challenger

**Bob Harvie** is a lifelong resident of PA-01 who now lives in Levittown. He was a social studies teacher for twenty years before entering local politics, starting with serving on the Falls Township planning commission and later on the board of supervisors. In 2019, Harvie's election to the Board of Bucks County Commissioners tipped the board to a Democratic majority for the first time in forty years. He is presently Chair of that Board.

A proud union member, Harvie is running on a Democratic platform that emphasizes economic stability for middle-class Americans. He has been endorsed by Governor Josh Shapiro and almost all members of the local Democratic establishment.

**The contrast:** While this appears to be a contest between two locally-popular centrists, at the end of the day Brian Fitzpatrick will vote to support Trump and the House Republican majority over the interests of his constituents when it matters most. He supported Trump-endorsed legislation that threatened healthcare access and backed efforts, from tariffs to reducing needed tax credits, that have raised costs for working families. Bob Harvie, a lifelong resident of Bucks County in PA-01, will fight for working families while Fitzpatrick will continue to be AWOL for his constituents.