

2018 General Election Canvassing Kit

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your interest in canvassing to help educate voters about candidate positions on gun violence related issues.

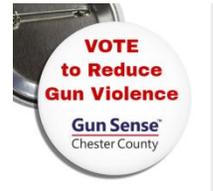
The fastest path to change is to elect candidates who support changes to gun laws. That is why it is so important that we take time to educate our friends, neighbors and co-workers.

We know “canvassing” sounds hard, but those who have tried it have been amazed at the extent to which they have received a civil welcome and had interesting discussions.

We suggest picking a day/time when many people will be home. Saturdays beginning at 10 a.m. are great, or on long summer evenings, spending an hour or so beginning at 6:30 or 7 pm may work.

If possible, you might want to go in a pair, at least to start. Bring a big smile with you! Ring the bell, step back to give them space, and then being educating!

You may find it helpful to have a button you wear identifying what you’re working on. Email us at gunsensecc@gmail.com if you’d like us to mail you the button pictured here.



Here are materials to help you have these conversations:

- Canvassing script, see below
- Candidate educational information (to distribute to all residents) – see our website “voting” page to print out the races you want to discuss with residents.
- Gun Sense Chester County educational materials/brochures (to distribute to those interested): Email gunsensecc@gmail.com and we’ll send you copies of our brochure.

We have candidate information on the following **state and county-wide races**:

US Senate

Lou Barletta

Bob Casey

PA Governor

Scott Wagner

Tom Wolf

US Congress 6th District - Chester County and southern Berks County:

Chrissy Houlahan

Greg McCauley

Chester County Races:

PA Representative races (**all districts**)

PA Senators up for re-election: Senate District 26 & Senate District 44

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Suggested Script

Good Morning/Afternoon,

My name is _____,

I am a volunteer with Gun Sense Chester County. I'm out educating voters about candidate views on addressing gun violence. In just like three minutes of your time, I can give you an overview of the issue and leave you with candidate information.

Did you know about 96 people a day die from gunfire in the US? This includes gun suicides, domestic violence, accidental shootings and crime.

We're not immune to gun violence here in Chester County. In 2017 we lost 44 residents to gun fire, including suicides, a road rage incident and a neighbor murdering another neighbor.

This year, we've already seen over 26 gun suicides and a domestic violence related murder/suicide, as well as a young man being chased and murdered in a Social Club on Market Street in downtown West Chester.

We've heard from Republicans and Democrats, gun-owners and non-gun-owners – that they share our concern and want to see gun violence addressed.

To help you make an informed decision when you vote, Gun Sense Chester County has compiled a Voter's Guide (*hand material to them*).

I've given you information about a number of races including the:

- US Senate & US Representative
- PA Governor & PA Representative races
- *If the PA Senator is up for election you can leave that too.*

I'd love to hear any thoughts or questions you have about this issue....

Conclude:

Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts.

If Interested in Issue... Since you are interested in this issue, I'm also going to pass along a brochure about our group. Please take a moment to read it and visit our website.

Remember, the election is Tuesday, November 6. If you have any doubt whether you will make it to the polls, you might want to apply for an absentee ballot. You can do that on-line at **VotesPA.com**

And, we're always looking for new members. You can find out more about our group at **gunsensecc.com**

If “Opposed”...

We respect that everyone has a right to their opinion. Thanks for taking a moment to share yours with me.

Thanks again for your time.