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FROM: Shapiro for Pennsylvania Campaign
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RE: How Governor Shapiro Won a Historic Reelection Victory and Delivered Wins Up and Down the Ballot

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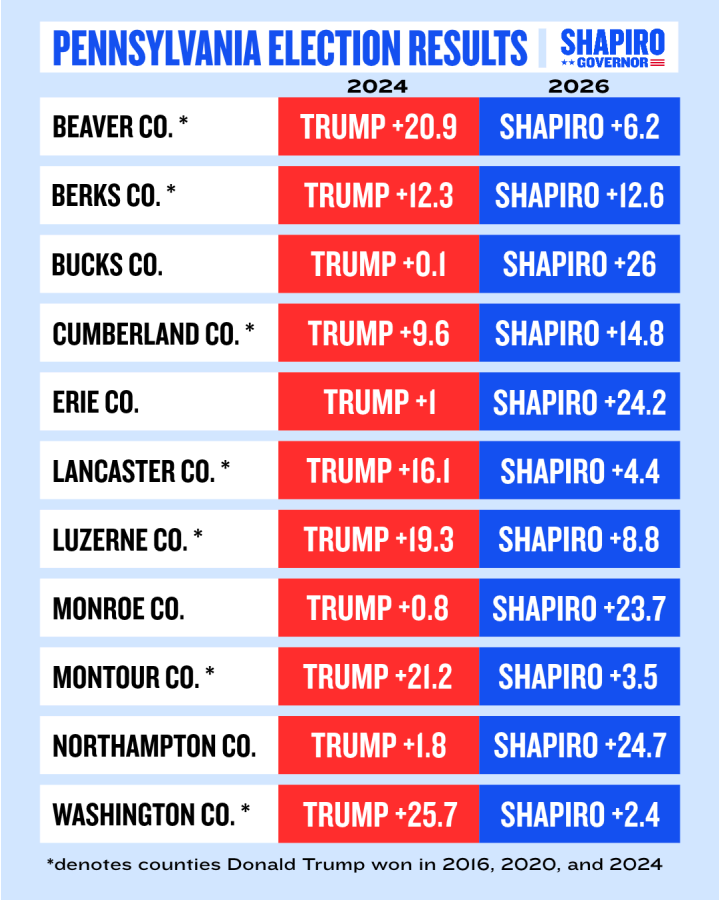
2026 MIDTERM RESULTS

Governor Josh Shapiro delivered a historic performance in Pennsylvania's midterm elections to deliver a resounding victory in his reelection bid for Governor against a two-time statewide election winner who was poised to be Shapiro's most formidable opponent to date, and helped deliver wins for Democrats up and down the ballot all across Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday, over 3 million Pennsylvanians across the Commonwealth overwhelmingly voted for Governor Shapiro for reelection – supporting his record of getting stuff done, his leadership in standing up to Trump and his allies, and his priorities for the future. According to exit polls, Shapiro earned the support of **97 percent of Democrats, 18 percent of Republicans, and 65 percent of Independents**.

Governor Shapiro's resounding victory has put him on track to win by the greatest vote margin in Pennsylvania gubernatorial history, and only the second gubernatorial candidate to win by more than 1 million votes. The Governor is running 24.2 points ahead of the top of the Democratic ticket in 2024 – winning more than twice the number of counties that Harris won in 2024. In this race, Governor Shapiro flipped 11 Pennsylvania counties Donald Trump won in 2024.

Governor Shapiro held Garrity's lead in Pennsylvania's 47 rural counties to a mere 14 points, 57% to 43%. By comparison, Donald Trump carried those same counties by 28 points in 2024, 69% to 31% – a testament to the Governor's record of showing up in rural Pennsylvania and an ability to win across counties that Democrats often struggle in. The Governor even ran ahead of his own landslide victory in 2022 – expanding his margin of victory across rural, urban, and suburban Pennsylvania communities.



Governor Shapiro continued to show up in rural, suburban, and urban communities on the campaign trail – demonstrating a continued commitment to fighting for every vote and an ability to build a broad coalition, including from voters Democrats have lost. The Governor won 11 counties Donald Trump won just 2 years ago – including 7 counties that voted for Trump in 2016, 2020, and 2024, and exit polls show Shapiro won 92 percent of Black voters, 69 percent of Latino voters, and 53 percent of voters without a college degree.

Governor Shapiro once again demonstrated his unique strength when it comes to winning over voters who for many cycles have had doubts about the Democratic Party being on their side.

			Democratic 2-Party Share (%)				
Dem	State	Office	*Indies*	*Dem Party unfavorable*	*Non-MAGA Republicans*	*2024 Trump voters*	*Avg Swing Support*
Shapiro	PA	Governor	68	27	35	18	37
Hamilton	KS	Senate	67	24	34	9	34
Sand	IA	Governor	66	22	28	16	33
Cooper	NC	Senate	66	22	25	10	31
Talarico	TX	Senate	66	20	25	11	30
Ossoff	GA	Senate	67	21	18	13	30
Andrews	SC	Senate	66	17	27	10	30
Holscher	KS	Governor	64	21	27	8	30
Acton	OH	Governor	65	17	23	10	29
Hinojosa	TX	Governor	61	17	20	10	27
Colom	MS	Senate	65	16	18	9	27
Brown	OH	Senate	64	15	19	8	27
Pappas	NH	Senate	63	20	16	7	26
Turek	IA	Senate	62	16	18	9	26
Benson	MI	Governor	64	19	12	8	26
Crowley	WI	Governor	62	20	12	7	25
Jolly	FL	Governor	60	14	19	6	25
El-Sayed	MI	Senate	60	18	13	6	24
Jackson	ME	Senate	57	22	13	4	24
Ford	NV	Governor	59	17	14	5	24
Nixon	FL	Senate	59	12	16	6	23
Klobuchar	MN	Governor	59	18	10	5	23
Bottoms	GA	Governor	57	15	8	7	22
Flanagan	MN	Senate	57	16	8	4	21

INVESTING IN AND WINNING DOWN BALLOT

Governor Shapiro understood the stakes of these midterms early on and was laser-focused not just on winning, but on electing Democrats up and down the ballot. The Governor was all in – from leading a rebuild of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, to recruiting strong Democratic leaders to run and supporting candidates throughout their primaries, to making historic investments in the down ballot efforts, to campaigning with and for key candidates across Pennsylvania. These candidates won by embracing both Shapiro and his agenda.

In the face of a deeply entrenched Senate GOP majority, Governor Shapiro put it all on the line to flip these seats in order to be able to get even more stuff done and deliver major policy results for Pennsylvania. As a result of the victories the Governor fought so hard for, Pennsylvania is now poised to see real action on raising the minimum wage, protecting abortion rights, strengthening data center guardrails, giving survivors their day in court, building more housing, and more.

In total for the 2026 election cycle, Governor Shapiro invested over **$10 million** in the effort to elect down-ballot Democrats – the largest investment into the party from a candidate in

Pennsylvania history – including over **$7 million** to the Pennsylvania Democratic Party and the *Rise Up Pennsylvania* initiative, **$1,000,000** to the Pennsylvania House Democratic Campaign Committee, and **$2,000,000** to the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.

Ultimately, the Governor helped deliver big wins across the board, including:

- **Bob Harvie in PA-01, Bob Brooks in PA-07, Paige Cognetti in PA-08, and Janelle Stelson in PA-10 all decisively won their races**, building on the Governor's promise to send fighters to Congress who will stand up and hold the Trump administration accountable in Washington, D.C. Governor Shapiro made it clear from Day One that these midterms ran through Pennsylvania – and he focused throughout the entire campaign on ensuring our Commonwealth stepped up to flip control of Congress.

- Governor Shapiro set a marker early that he was fighting to flip these four seats – and despite the odds and taking on one of the strongest Republican incumbents in the country in PA-01, Democrats won everywhere.
    - Four Seats: Governor Josh Shapiro is Fighting to Flip Pennsylvania's Four Key Congressional Seats and Put a Check on Donald Trump's Chaos, Cruelty, and Corruption

- The Governor's endorsed State Senate candidates Eileen Hartnett Albillar (SD-6), Mark Pinsley (SD-16), Chris Thomas (SD-24), and Brian Wrightson (SD-40) all delivered victories in districts Trump carried just two years prior – **flipping the State Senate for the first time in over three decades**. The Governor went direct-to-camera in TV ads and invested directly in the effort to elect all four candidates.

- **The Governor fought to expand the Democratic State House majority – and that fight led to Democrats flipping 11 Republican-held State House seats.** The Governor's endorsed State House candidates Sara Agerton (HD-88), Bryan Allen (HD-18), Madelyn Alvarino (HD-13), Brittany Bloam (HD-45), Rachel Cuevas (HD-187), Kristin Egan (HD-142), Hadley Haas (HD-44), Jessica McClay (HD-121), Elizabeth Moro (HD-160), Meriam Sabih (HD-131), and Jeff Warren (HD-137) won their seats – expanding the Democratic State House majority to help get even more stuff down for Pennsylvanians.

BUILDING A HISTORIC COORDINATED CAMPAIGN

Early in the cycle, Governor Josh Shapiro invested in building a strong Pennsylvania Democratic Party, investing in the Party and legislative committees to deliver wins up and down the ballot and put Democrats in position to win across November – to include launching *Rise Up*

Pennsylvania, a coordinated campaign effort focused on early statewide organizing, reaching a broader universe of voters than ever before in a midterm election.

July 2026: Governor Shapiro and Pennsylvania Democrats Announce Historic "Rise Up Pennsylvania" Initiative Ahead of the 2026 Midterms

As a result of the Governor's leadership, Pennsylvania Democrats had the infrastructure needed to recruit nearly 16,000 volunteers who knocked on over 1.4 million doors and made over half a million phone calls over the course of this campaign, reaching communities across the Commonwealth. This coordinated campaign was built to win all across Pennsylvania – from working seamlessly with local campaigns and candidates, to organizing in Black and Latino communities early on, to registering voters on college campuses.

RUNNING ON A STRONG MESSAGE

Throughout the campaign, Governor Josh Shapiro ran on a strong message – one of delivering results, growing our economy, cutting taxes, investing in law enforcement, funding public education, and more – and that message helped lift other Democrats up and down the ballot. The Governor also drew a strong contrast against his opponent and Trump's enablers across Pennsylvania as he forcefully made the case against the President's chaos, cruelty, corruption, and failed policies.

In the final days of the campaign, Governor Shapiro traveled to 29 counties across the Commonwealth on a 10-day bus tour to deliver his closing message to Pennsylvanians. The Governor shared a message of hope and optimism for Pennsylvania's future, as well as a sharp condemnation of the powerful interests hurting our communities, cutting healthcare and food assistance to pay for a tax cut for those at the very top.

This cycle, Governor Shapiro continued to communicate his record of delivering for all Pennsylvanians and focused relentlessly on a positive economic message of creating opportunity and the chance to get ahead. The Governor also ran ads across Pennsylvania focused on his record of standing up to powerful interests, holding utility companies accountable, and fighting to bring down costs for working families.

Governor Shapiro's focus on bold, popular priorities – and his brand of get shit done governance that shows up and delivers for people – proved to once again win the day all across Pennsylvania as candidates for office up and down the ballot ran alongside the Governor.

Meanwhile, the Shapiro for Pennsylvania campaign and Pennsylvania Democratic Party capitalized on the opportunity to define the Governor's opponent early and hold her accountable

throughout the entire campaign. From coverage of Garrity using her public office to get a seat on the board of an insurance company, to reporting on her private sector track record related to lobbying, to her alliance with Donald Trump and repeated comments showing her extreme views, to paid advertising effectively attacking Garrity's 100% MAGA record, she was defined as too extreme for Pennsylvania over the course of this campaign.

At the outset of her campaign, Garrity was largely unknown among Pennsylvania voters – with an October 2025 Quinnipiac poll finding 73 percent of registered voters hadn't heard enough about Garrity to form an opinion on her favorability. By the time voters went to cast their ballots, public and internal polling found Garrity to be underwater by more than 10 points.

Governor Shapiro's message to Pennsylvanians throughout the campaign built momentum that helped not only secure a historic win for him and Lt. Governor Austin Davis, but helped deliver critical wins for Democrats up and down the ballot to move the Commonwealth forward.

BUILDING A BROAD COALITION OF SUPPORT

Over the course of these midterms, Governor Josh Shapiro continued to show up all across the Commonwealth, listen to and fight for all Pennsylvanians – whether or not they voted for him – and deliver real results.

Governor Shapiro has continued to travel to communities across the Commonwealth, including in counties and neighborhoods where many people did not vote for him, to talk with voters about the issues that matter most. This cycle, Governor Shapiro continued to communicate his record of delivering for all Pennsylvanians and focused relentlessly on a positive economic message of creating opportunity in uncertain times, including with ads highlighting the Governor's work to invest in apprenticeships, strengthen Pennsylvania agriculture, and lifting the ban on Sunday hunting.

The Governor continued his record of strong, proactive, early outreach to Black and Latino Pennsylvanians as well. From running Spanish language radio ads focused on costs and cutting taxes – "Trabajando por las familias" and "Resultados" – to launching a six-figure ad buy targeted to Latino voters in August. The campaign also sent six targeted persuasion mail pieces to Latino Pennsylvanians in both English and Spanish. The Governor continued to show up in Latino communities with events like co-hosting Fiesta on Hamilton in Allentown, having conversations with local small business owners, creators, and cultural leaders, as well as in conversations with Spanish-language media outlets.

This cycle, the Shapiro for Pennsylvania campaign also worked tirelessly to meet Black voters where they are – from targeted digital ads focused on the results Governor Shapiro has delivered,

to running a robust mail program, to showing up in churches and hosting campaign events reaching out to Black voters across Pennsylvania.

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