



SISTER DISTRICT  
PROJECT

# Katie Muth

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE DISTRICT 44

## SISTER DISTRICT POLICY SCORECARD

This candidate has pledged commitment to the following statements:

- ✓ We must protect a **woman's right to choose** the health care and reproductive services she wants and needs.
- ✓ We need to protect and expand our **social safety net**, not dismantle it.
- ✓ We should pursue **common-sense gun safety** policies, consistent with the Second Amendment and local community standards and needs, which vary from community to community.
- ✓ Climate change is real and we need to **protect our environment**.

## TIMELINE & VOTER INFO

**Election Day:** November 6, 2018

### Last day to register:

30 days prior to Election Day. Pennsylvania has online voter registration: [register.votespa.com](https://register.votespa.com)

**Vote by mail / absentee voting:** Voters must [apply for absentee ballots](#).

**Voter IDs:** Not required.

**Nested Congressional Districts:** 4; 6; 9

## BACKGROUND

Born and raised in western PA, Katie earned her undergraduate degree in athletic training at Penn State and interned for the Pittsburgh Steelers. She earned her postgrad degree in athletic training at the Arizona School of Health Sciences in Mesa, AZ and provided health services for student athletes at a Phoenix area high school. She is



an athletic trainer for local universities and an adjunct professor of kinesiology. She resides in Royersford with her incredibly supportive husband Trevor, who also works for a University. Both of her grandfathers served in WWII, one in the United States Navy, and the other in the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper who liberated concentration camps and participated in the D-Day Invasion. Katie's father Scott has worked for over 44 years in the industrial machine industry. Katie's mother, Jennifer, was a nutritionist and worked for WIC (Women, Infants and Children), a special supplemental nutrition program which provided federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and postpartum women.

At age 11, Katie's mother died suddenly of a brain aneurysm. While growing up without a mother was challenging, Katie is grateful for her father and other family members, especially her grandmothers, for providing her with endless support. It was during this time that Katie's father, while on a limited income, used the availability of

public resources to ensure Katie and her brother could have a quality education and excellent healthcare. Katie's father and step-mother currently reside in Western Pennsylvania and are very excited to support Katie and her campaign.

In the Clinton campaign, she helped coordinate training for volunteers and events to engage the local community. Becoming Chair of Indivisible Mid Montco, with over 400 members, and the fact that women's multi-perspective view accounts for only 18.2% of state legislators, motivated her to run for office. Her experience with social justice advocacy and making daily decisions regarding people's health and well-being make her ready to bring logic, compassion, and reason to Harrisburg, ensuring that an evidence-based approach is used to tackle problems in healthcare, education, and the economy. She will fight to ensure that freedom, balance, & progress are centered during the decision-making process for all legislation.

### **ON THE ISSUES**

Katie is committed to creating protections for women and families including equal pay, affordable child care, livable wage and paid family leave. She believes that if federal protections cannot be implemented, state legislators should be working tirelessly to ensure these freedoms are available to everyone.

### **Community Engagement**

From local activism to my candidacy for State Senate, it is my firm belief that coming together as a community will push for the change we need in Harrisburg. Pennsylvania needs balance and steadiness in its legislature, with real solutions implemented in our neighborhoods. We can accomplish this by joining together as friends and neighbors to ensure Harrisburg is held accountable, and our communities are at their best.

### **Effective Healthcare & Education**

The ability to provide adequate healthcare and quality education for families of all Pennsylvanians is not a privilege. It is a public resource that should be provided to all working families. My goal is to ensure this becomes the standard without overtaxing hardworking Pennsylvanians, particularly those within the 44th District.

### **Balanced Government**

For too long Harrisburg has been mired in bureaucracy and special interests, resulting in imbalance and inefficiency. With a legislature composed of only 18.2% women, positively impactful, effective legislation for the public is not passed and our communities suffer. I will work tirelessly to ensure that the supermajority is broken up and our system is fixed for all residents of the 44th District and Pennsylvanians statewide.

### **ABOUT THE DISTRICT**

State Senate District 44 includes parts of Berks County, Chester County and Montgomery County.

- Population: 288,673
- Ethnicity 9.5% Black, 3.5 Hispanic
- Voting age 75.5% age 18 and over
- Last time seat was blue was 1994 after an elected republican switched parties.
- 2014 republican won 61/39 - 79,252 total votes cast
- 2014 total funds raised was almost \$1 million between the 2 candidates

Notable Colleges in and around the area: Albright College, Kutztown University, West Chester University, Bryn Mawr College, Gwynedd Mercy University, Haverford College, St. Joseph's University, Ursinus College

Chester County is the highest income county in Pennsylvania and 24th highest in the nation as measured by the median household income (as of 2010)

### **WHY IS THIS RACE IMPORTANT?**

All 203 seats in the General Assembly (GA) are up for election in 2018. Republicans control 119 seats of 203 seats, and have controlled the GA since 2011. 18 seats in the GA voted for Clinton, but are represented by a GOP legislator.

In the state Senate, 25 of the 50 seats are up for election. Republicans control 34 seats of 50 seats. 7 of the 25 seats up for election in the Senate voted for Clinton, but are represented by a GOP State Senator.

Pennsylvania has been critical to the “Blue Wall,” of Democratic Presidential candidates and up until 2016, had voted Democrat since 1988.

Pennsylvania is an important place to engage new voters and winback old Democratic voters who veered into Trump’s camp due to his “support,” for unions and trade protection. Pennsylvania has many legacy industries and strong unions in coal, steel, and energy extraction. Pennsylvania’s legislature, due to its geographic location and population size, has a lot of responsibility for environmental quality issues such as Great Lakes health and Chesapeake Bay Health. Pennsylvania also has very important Congressional, Senate, and Statewide elections in 2018 where they’ll be choosing AGs, Governors (D-Incumbent), Senator (D-incumbent), and Congressional representatives.

Lastly, and most importantly, Trump won PA by a mere 70k votes out of over 6 million votes cast. Had Democrats been able to overcome this narrow margin—and even narrower margins in Michigan and Wisconsin—we may not have a Trump presidency. The path to 270 in 2020 starts with Democratic gains in our Blue Wall states in 2018.

### **REDISTRICTING IN PENNSYLVANIA**

Pennsylvania’s legislative and congressional districting is a masterclass in partisan gerrymandering. The Pennsylvania State Supreme Court struck down multiple GOP-led Congressional redistricting maps due to their gerrymander. The State Supreme Court finally approved a map for PA’s congressional districts.

### **CANDIDATE LINKS**

SDP ActBlue: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sdp-pa-muth>

Website: [www.katiemuthforpasenate44.com](http://www.katiemuthforpasenate44.com)

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