

## **Josh Shapiro**

### **Doctor of Public Service**

Governor Josh Shapiro grew up in Pennsylvania watching his parents serve their community—his father was a pediatrician, and his mother was an educator. Their example inspired Josh to enter into public service, and from a young age, he recognized that standing up for others was how he wanted to spend his career. His first experience in public service came after graduating from the University of Rochester when he went to Washington and worked for members of the U.S. Senate and House. He eventually went on to serve as Chief of Staff to a member of Congress from Pennsylvania. At night he worked full time and went to Georgetown University where he earned his law degree.

After marrying his wife Lori and welcoming their first child, he returned to his hometown and successfully ran for State Representative. As Representative, he helped write and pass some of the toughest ethics laws in state history. His work earned him a reputation as a rare public servant willing to take on the status quo.

Then, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania's third largest, he led a fiscal and ethical turnaround. Before he took office, Montgomery County had a \$10 million budget deficit and an underfunded pension for county employees. Josh put the county back on solid financial footing, took early steps to combat the heroin epidemic, helped the first LGBTQ+ couples in Pennsylvania marry, and fired Wall Street money managers to save taxpayers and retirees millions of dollars.

In 2016, Josh successfully ran to be Pennsylvania's Attorney General. As Attorney General, he has restored integrity to an office needing reform and taken on big fights for the people. He has proven to Pennsylvanians he can bring people together to solve tough problems and is unafraid to enforce the law without fear or favor.

Josh exposed the Catholic Church's decades-long cover-up of child sexual abuse, identifying 301 predator priests and thousands of victims—and spurring investigations across the United States. He forced an agreement between two of the Commonwealth's largest insurance companies, protecting healthcare access for nearly 2 million Pennsylvanians, and he has repeatedly gone to court to defend Pennsylvanians' reproductive rights and a woman's right to choose.

He has held more than 100 corrupt officials, Republicans and Democrats alike, accountable for breaking the law. Working with law enforcement partners at the local, state, and federal levels, he's arrested thousands of mid- and high-level drug dealers while getting thousands of illegal guns off of Pennsylvania streets.

During the 2020 presidential election, Josh protected the right to vote and defended Pennsylvania's election result, winning in court dozens of times before and after Election Day. He continues to call out the dangerous lies that undermine our democracy and provide steady, strong, and competent leadership to protect voting rights in the Commonwealth.

In January 2021, Josh was sworn in for his second term as Attorney General. He arrested more than 8,000 drug dealers while investigating and suing pharmaceutical companies and the CEOs who knowingly perpetuated the opioid crisis to line their own pockets. He stood up for everyday

consumers, seniors who've been scammed, and students preyed upon by private lenders by obtaining over \$328 million in relief to Pennsylvanians who have been taken advantage of. He led criminal justice reform, bringing activists and law enforcement together to launch a new statewide police misconduct database, taking on employers who steal from Pennsylvania workers.

In November 2022, Josh made history by receiving the highest number of votes in Pennsylvania gubernatorial history. Alongside his running mate Austin Davis, Josh works with every Pennsylvanian to move our Commonwealth forward.