

Summer Lee (PA-12)



Biography

BIRTH DATE

Unknown

EDUCATION

JD, Civil Rights and Constitutional Law, Howard Univ. School of Law, 2012-2015; BA, Journalism, Pennsylvania State Univ., Univ. Park, 2005-2009

FAMILY

Unknown

Background

A lifelong western Pennsylvania resident, Lee is an organizer-turned-progressive politician who emphasizes workers' rights, health care access, and clean air and water

Grew up in a working-class community in Mon Valley, Pennsylvania; started her career in civil rights law representing low-income clients through a Howard Law clinic and interning for the NAACP and DC public schools' general counsel

Upon graduating from Howard Law in 2015, Lee returned to the Pittsburgh area, working as an organizer for the state Democratic Party; she campaigned during the 2016 presidential cycle for Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) in the primary and fmr. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (D) in the general election

In 2017, she felt that a majority-white school board had been "nonchalant" in responding to abuse of Black children at her alma mater, Woodland Hills High School; this prompted her involvement in local elections

After she successfully led progressive newcomers to unseat incumbents in western Pennsylvania, Lee shifted to running for political office in 2018; centered her campaign on intersecting issues, like economic justice, education quality, health care expansions, and clean air

Elected to the state Assembly in 2018

District Profile

COOK PVI	2022 VOTE RATING	DISTRICT LOCATION
D+8	Likely D	Pittsburgh and eastern suburbs

Election Results

2022 GENERAL	
Lee	56%
Doyle	44%

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal
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