# **Chester County Treasurer**

# **Candidate Reviews - Summary**

# Responsibilities of the Office

Responsible for collecting taxes and maintaining financial records for the county. Organizes the regular collection of property taxes from county residents and special taxes from businesses. Responsible for issuing business permits, licenses and publishing unclaimed property lists. Term of office: 4 years



Patricia A. Maisano - Incumbent

Democratic Candidate

www.chescodems.org/patricia-maisano-for-chester-county-treasurer

Mendenhall, PA



Jennifer Nicolas

Democratic Candidate

www.republicanccc.com/jennanicolas

Coatesville, PA

## Overall Qualifications Ratings \*

2.7

Note: See Ratings Detail page for the Category Ratings and Reasons for those Ratings

### **Summary Education and Experience**

St. Francis School of Nursing, RN; Sheffeld University, PhD in Health Sciences

Drexel Univ. BS Business Admin.

2.0

Patricia has been the Chester County Treasurer for four years. She has been a leading patient advocate with 40 years of nursing experience and more than 20 years of experience in disability management consulting. She was sole founder and CIO of IKOR International Inc., providing patient advocacy and professional guardianship services to the profoundly disabled and seniors, a company that from Chester County has grown to more than 70 offices in 20 states.

Jennifer is currently running a small family tax practice. Jennifer is seeking office to be a public servant, to give everyone equal and a fair share of the goodness in store for the county.

**Note:** See Information Detail page for additional information on each candidate

<sup>\*</sup> Ratings are from 1 to 5, with 1 being lowest and 5 being highest. Overall is the average of the other three.

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# **Candidate Reviews - Qualifications Ratings Detail**



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## **Overall Rating**

2.7	2.0
Average of below	Average of below

#### **Integrity, Honesty and Transparency Rating**

2.5	2.5
No indication either way	No indication either way

## **Skills and Experience Rating**

3.0	1.5
Large, complex business management and incumbent experience are good background for the complexities of running the financial affairs of the county, offset by education in non-business/financial areas.	I ocal tay practice is not good experience for the complexity of rilinning the financial attairs

#### **Balanced Solutions Rating**

2.5	2.0
No indication either way	Appears to be imbalanced toward the non-wealthy, without sufficient regard or understanding of the importance of business requirements for economic prosperity.

#### **Definition for each Rating Category:**

Overall - average of the below three ratings

Integrity, Honesty and Transparency: Candidate has integrity, is honest and will be transparent

Skills and Experience: Candidate has the skills and experience required for the role

Balanced Solutions: Candidate will evaluate all liberal and conservative perspectives and reach balanced solutions in the public interest

Note: Ratings range from 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

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Patricia has been the Chester County Treasurer for four years. She has been a leading patient advocate with 40 years of nursing experience and more than 20 years of experience in disability management consulting, she is also a faculty member of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and holds national board certifications in: Medical Case Management (CCM), a Fellowship in Case Management (FAACM), a Professional Geriatric Care Manager (PGCM) and National Registered Guardian (NCG), and A Diplomat status as a Disability Management Analyst (ABDA). Patricia is recognized by the states of Delaware and Pennsylvania as an expert in the fields of case management, guardianship, and nursing practices.

She was sole founder and CIO of IKOR International Inc., providing patient advocacy and professional guardianship services to the profoundly disabled and seniors, a company that from Chester County has grown to more than 70 offices in 20 states. She has served as board member for the YMCA of Brandywine Valley and the Kennett Senior Center. She has the financial experience of successfully running a company and the assets of other individuals for many years. She has conducted her entire business career guided by the core values of integrity, transparency and trust, which she brings to County government. Patricia uses her corporate experience to ensure the Office of the Treasurer maintains tight accounting controls and the ability to innovate to improve services.

Jennifer has lived in Chester County for over 40 years. She was born and raised in Coatesville, PA. Her father was an immigrant from Lebanon who became a citizen after going to school and getting a degree at Villanova University. Her mother's grandparents were also immigrants from Lebanon who settled in Chester County. Upon her father's death from cancer in 2011, Jennifer took over and is currently running a small family tax practice in Coatesville, PA (Nicholas Accounting Group, LLC). Jennifer is seeking office to be a public servant, to give everyone equal and a fair share of the goodness in store for the county, regardless of feelings or emotions but by law and right. Jennifer wants to improve the spending of Chester County to make the better choices for the residents of Chester County.

In the last 5-10 years, Jennifer has been running her tax practice, became an elder in her micro-church, called The Root, became the Secretary of House of Hope and Restoration, a non profit organization to share Jesus' love and compassion to people suffering from addiction to drugs and alcohol, and their family members and she has currently become the Treasurer of Bearing Fruit, a newly formed non-profit cafe to spread the good news of God.