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Part 1: Candidates at the state and local level.

The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund invited candidates for Ohio Executive Offices and the U S Senate to participate in the VOTE411 on-line voter guide. Local Leagues invited candidates for US Congress, State House, and State School Board races to participate in the VOTE411 voter guide.

Judicial races in Ohio—Judicial Votes Count (www.judicialvotescount.org) invited all judicial candidates in Ohio to participate. Check their website for additional information.

Portage County Administrative Offices—The LWV of Kent asked the candidates to provide biographical information and to answer questions. The candidates were invited to participate by entering their responses on the VOTE411 website in accordance with the following guidelines.

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Part 2: Issues on the ballot in Portage County—The LWV Ohio Education Fund provided the explanations for Issues 1 and 2. Issues 3-31 are listed with the language appearing on the ballot.

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GOVERNOR

Mike DeWine (Rep)

Lt. Gov. John Husted

Candidate has not yet responded.



Nan Whaley (Dem)

Lt. Gov. Cheryl L. Stephens

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1. What are the most pressing policy issues facing Ohio? What solutions will you promote?

The top issue of this election is abortion access. Mike DeWine has already signed a six week abortion ban, which is before most women know they're pregnant. We've already seen the results: terrible stories of 10 year old sexual assault survivors and cancers patients having to leave Ohio for necessary care. If DeWine is re-elected, abortion will be banned in Ohio. Doctors could be prosecuted and women's health records could be searched. As governor, I will block these awful attacks on women's rights, lead a ballot initiative to codify the protections of Roe v. Wade in the Ohio Constitution, and make Ohio a state that is actually welcoming to women and families. We also must do more to help working families. That's why I will fight to raise wages by investing in apprenticeship readiness programs and lower costs by cracking down on price gouging by drug companies and capping insulin costs at \$30 a month.

2. How will you address challenges in the healthcare system?

My opponent made huge cuts to Medicaid even as Ohio was facing the COVID-19 pandemic. I will always stand up for health care access and protect Medicaid expansion in Ohio. We also must do more to get health care costs down - especially when it comes to prescription drugs - because no one should have to choose between keeping food on the table and paying for their medicine. I'll fight for legislation that will impose fines on pharmaceutical companies that unfairly raise the cost of prescription drugs and I'll work to cap the out-of-pocket monthly cost of insulin at \$30. Many states, including Kentucky, have taken this step, and there is no reason Ohio cannot join them.

3. How would you assure free, fair and secure elections, and that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?

Ohio voters overwhelmingly passed reforms to end partisan gerrymandering to make sure that voters are picking their politicians, not the other way around. Unfortunately Gov. Mike DeWine has put politics ahead of people and bluntly ignored the will of Ohio voters, breaking his promise to support a bipartisan redistricting process. He and his extremist allies have repeatedly passed unconstitutional, unfair maps that have been struck down by the Ohio Supreme Court. He should be ashamed of himself. Ohio deserves better. As Governor, I will work with Democrats and Republicans to draw fair, constitutional Congressional and Legislative districts. I'll always stand up for safe and secure elections and protect the bedrock principle of the right to vote.

4. State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of women.

The fact is, Gov. DeWine and his extremist allies have stripped away a woman's rights to control her own body and imposed a government mandate that bans abortion. Within hours of Roe v. Wade being overturned, DeWine helped implement a six week abortion ban, which would outlaw nearly all abortions in Ohio. Unfortunately, it is only going to get worse if he is reelected: DeWine has promised to go as far as possible to ban abortion in Ohio. This is an economic issue as well: are young women going to want to stay in Ohio when pregnancy complications could lead

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to their death? Will businesses want to move here if they can't attract top talent? It is time that we take back our freedom in Ohio. As governor, I will lead a statewide ballot initiative to put the basic protections of Roe v. Wade into the Ohio constitution so that women and doctors are not criminalized for making their own private health care decisions

5. State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of LGBTQ individuals.

As the mayor of Dayton, I made our city a welcoming city. In fact, I officiated the very first legal same sex marriage in Ohio after the Obergefell decision. As governor, I will strive to make our entire state welcoming and will support our LGBTQ friends and neighbors - just as I did in Dayton. As governor, I will also advocate for passage of the Fairness Act, which will outlaw discrimination against LGBTQ individuals. Unfortunately, Gov. DeWine has spent years fighting against basic LGBTQ rights. He's shown that he can't be trusted on this issue. Four more years under DeWine will make Ohio a less welcoming place.

6. State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, land, and climate.

After FirstEnergy, a huge utility company, bankrolled his campaign, Gov. DeWine gave them everything they wanted, including a billion dollar bailout for their failing energy plants paid for by new fees on every Ohioan's electricity bill each month. The law also gutted Ohio's renewable energy industry. Not only has the law been called the worst environmental policy of the 21st Century, but it is at the heart of the largest corruption scheme in Ohio history. As governor I'll clean up this corruption and fully repeal this awful bill. It's time our state finally prioritizes protecting our environment and supporting clean energy. Ohio has always been a leader in new technology and my energy and environmental plan will ensure that Ohio once again leads the nation in building the future by investing in the renewable energy industry.

7. State your position on government oversight of gun ownership and safety.

This issue is personal for me. As mayor of Dayton, I had to lead our city through an awful mass shooting that left 9 people dead. After the shooting, Gov. DeWine committed to me that he wanted to tackle gun violence in our state. Unfortunately, he broke his word. Time and time again, he has folded to the gun lobby and signed extreme bills opposed by law enforcement like stand your ground and permitless concealed carry. Most recently he signed a law to put more guns in schools with next to no training. Educators need 180 hours of training to renew their teaching license, but only 24 hours of training to carry a gun around your kids. As governor, I will fight to repeal these dangerous laws that will lead to more gun violence. I'll work to pass common sense laws like universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders that will actually make all of our communities safer.

8. What is the role of the federal government in assuring access to high-quality, equitable education (include PK - higher ed)?

One of my proudest accomplishments as mayor of Dayton was passing universal, high-quality preschool for all 4-years-olds in our city. After a few short years, we are already seeing positive results: kids are coming to kindergarten more prepared and parents aren't paying an arm and a leg for childcare. The program was so successful that we expanded it to include 3 year olds and several neighboring communities. As governor, I'll build on this success to expand preschool programs across Ohio. I will also prioritize fully funding the Fair School Funding Plan. This plan finally fixes Ohio's unconstitutional school funding system, but was only temporarily funded. Finally, I'll increase support for Ohio's college and community colleges that have seen essentially stagnant funding from prior administrations.

9. What is the state's obligation to local governments?

As a former mayor, I believe strongly in local government. There's no Republican or Democratic way to fix a pothole - you just have to get things done. Unfortunately, the state of Ohio has gutted funding for local governments over the last decade in order to give tax cuts to the wealthy. This has resulted in cuts to essential services like police and firefighters, or has forced local communities to raise their own taxes. We can't expect Ohio to thrive if our state is forcing local tax increases or cuts to public safety - it's just that simple. As governor, I'll work to restore funding to local communities so that middle class Ohioans can see a tax break and important local services can be fully funded.

10. How will you use your role to impact the criminal justice system?

As mayor of Dayton, I was proud to lead our innovative public safety reform process that brought together community members, clergy, civil rights leaders, and police to make policy changes that make everyone in our community safer. As governor, I'll take the same approach. I'll bring people together to make sure our criminal justice system is actually doing its job: keeping us safe.

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I'll create a Cabinet Coordinating Council on Justice to better coordinate these efforts across agencies. We'll provide better support to local communities to create innovative public safety and crime prevention programs, investigate potential problems, and recruit and train the best police officers, including setting up a new college loan forgiveness program for police.

GOVERNOR

Write-in Candidates:

Timothy Grady – Lt. Gov. Dayna Bickley

Craig Patton – Lt. Gov. Collin Cook

Renea Turner – Lt. Gov. Adina Pelletier

Marshall Usher – Lt. Gov. Shannon Walker

ATTORNEY GENERAL



Jeff Crossman (Dem)

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Education JD from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; MA from the University of Akron

Training and Experience Two Term State Representative and Two Term Parma City Councilman

1. What are the most important functions of the state attorney general and why?

The Attorney General is the chief legal officer for the state of Ohio. The AG's office is vast. It represents state agencies, is looked upon as the "chief law enforcement officer" of the state and is supposed to look out for the interests of all Ohioans. I view the role of Attorney General as being the "people's lawyer" who works to ensure Ohioans' rights under the law.

2. What divisions (e.g. consumer protection, environment, civil rights, immigration) will you prioritize and why?

As Ohio's next Attorney General, my priorities will be defending the rights and freedoms of all Ohioans, helping our economy grow, protecting workers and ensuring people can retire with safety and security. My office will defend women's reproductive freedom and focus on protecting Ohioans' civil rights—truly guaranteeing Equal Protection under the law. We also intend to institute a section designated with the responsibility of rooting out the corruption that has plagued our state government and holding wrongdoers accountable, something that has not been done by our current AG who let the owners of ECOT and First Energy fleece Ohio taxpayers without holding anyone accountable.

3. When is it appropriate to bring cases on behalf of the state to federal court?

Cases should be brought in Federal Court when it is necessary to protect and defend the rights of all Ohioans. Ohioans' tax dollars should not be used to bring cases merely to support a political agenda.

4. As Ohio's chief law enforcement officer, how will you remain nonpartisan while representing the diverse interests of all Ohioans?

As Attorney General I will pursue cases that are in the interest of all Ohioans—not just the persons who agree with me politically. The current Attorney General joins lawsuits at the behest of RAGA (Republican Attorney Generals Association) without regard for whether all Ohioans benefit from these lawsuits. This is why Ohio has joined lawsuits to overturn the 2020 election and challenged the USDA's anti-discrimination policy for LGBTQ youth in the school lunch programs and other blatantly political lawsuits. This diverts attention and resources away from doing the people's work on issues such as consumer protection, public corruption, civil rights, etc.

Jeff Crossman

5. How will you use your role to impact the criminal justice system, including inequities?

As Attorney General I will use my powers to continue to pursue and prosecute malevolent actors while understanding that not every infraction of the law requires a strongest possible penalty. Too many people have been incarcerated for long periods of time for relatively minor nonviolent offenses and struggle to regain their footing in common society upon release from prison. I will also use the information available to the AG to assess differential sentencing outcomes and share this data with local prosecutors so they can be more informed while carrying out their duties. We can have a justice system in our state that continues to pursue bad actors to the full extent of the law without causing irreparable damage to the lives of decent people who may have made one mistake or committed a minor infraction.

6. State your position on women’s reproductive healthcare, pay equity, the ERA, and other rights.

Personal reproductive decisions should not be made by the government. Women deserve the freedom to determine what happens with their own bodies without the intrusion of the state, so I do not support Ohio’s extreme bans on abortion which limit access to needed healthcare and attacks everyone’s right to privacy. Women cannot be equal members of society if the ability to make decisions about their own bodies are dictated to by the government. The government should protect everyone’s civil rights, which means supporting equality. Men and women deserve equal pay for equal work. It is incomprehensible that women in Ohio earn 21% less on average than their male counterparts and this disparity is worse for women of color. Supporting the ERA would provide additional guarantees that civil rights for women are protected by the Constitution. I support Congress passing a resolution to codify this amendment and I favor initiating litigation to adopt it as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

7. State your position on government oversight of gun ownership and safety.

The state needs to play a positive role in creating safe, secure, and healthy communities. This includes instituting policies and programs that promote firearm safety. While the Second Amendment confers rights of firearm ownership, we can and should promote best practices that ensure safety and reduce violence in our communities at the same time. Popular initiatives such as universal background checks, safe storage laws, and modest waiting periods are worthy for consideration to ensure bad actors who should not own firearms do not easily obtain them, that firearms are safely stored to minimize risk of injury, all while continuing to support law-abiding firearm ownership.

8. State your position on the rights of LGBTQ individuals.

LGBTQ+ individuals are entitled to the same rights and privileges as every other citizen in the state. I have always viewed LGBTQ+ advocacy as a civil rights issue and I am committed to supporting LGBTQ+ citizens as equal members of our society. I have received an “A” rating from Equality Ohio, and I have received endorsements from organizations that advocate for Ohio’s LGBTQ+ community. My opponent, however, cannot say the same. He received an “F” rating from Equality Ohio and has joined lawsuits undermining LGBTQ+ rights for Ohioans, including a lawsuit challenging anti-discrimination policies implemented by the USDA for its National School Lunch Program.

ATTORNEY GENERAL



Dave Yost (Rep)

Candidate has not yet responded.

AUDITOR OF STATE

Keith Faber (Rep)

Candidate has not yet responded.



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Education Bachelor's from Ohio University

1. What are the most important functions of the state auditor?

The State Auditor is the best defense for Ohioans and their dollars. As City Auditor for my Appalachian town of Nelsonville, I stood tall against corruption, busting up a large theft scheme just two months on the job. After the IRS and State levied over \$420,000 in penalties and fines against the City due to this scheme, I took these large agencies on and earned a near 100% forgiveness of the debts.

Next up, the census, which was riddled with flawed leadership and confusing guidelines from the top, attempted to downgrade Nelsonville from a city to a village. This change would have cost us funding sources and our union collective bargaining agreements. I led a community-wide effort that brought all walks of life together to recount the city door-to-door and successfully stave off village status. We saved the city.

We deserve new, dedicated, young leadership in Ohio that is unafraid to take on the crooks and safeguard our money. That's exactly what I've done and exactly what I'll do.

2. What are your goals for improving the function of the auditor's office?

We must do anything and everything that makes the Auditor's office more effective and more efficient. In an era of unprecedented corruption in Ohio, our first priority must be to beef up the investigative wings of the department. We also sorely need to begin new examinations and task forces into the shocking amount of foul play, bribery, and unethical practices from the leadership in Ohio.

As a locality who has paid significant funds for our routine audits, I also will fight to lift the burden from our stretched thin localities. Our local governments are required by the Auditor's Office to pay a large hourly rate for the required audits. I can't think of anything that makes less sense than taking from this year's pothole repair funds to check last year's pothole repair expenses. The State must fully fund the Auditor's and lift this burden of costs from our localities who already face a mountain of other unfunded mandates.

3. What will you do to ensure that public funds are not misused?

Far too often, candidates for higher office talk about what they will do with no intention of following through. In many ways, we have seen this play out with our current leadership. Corruption scandal after scandal has come down the pipeline, exposing a deep swamp in Columbus and State Government leadership. But who has been caught and sent to jail? What has been done at all to examine our utility rates, the bribery scandals, or state contracting process? The answer is nothing.

While nothing was being done on these issues, I worked hard at the local level to expose a deep culture of corruption and theft at City Hall. Next, we took on some of the strongest agencies in the world and won. I was unafraid then and now.

Our Auditor must be active, aggressive, and know the difference between right and wrong. On day one, I'll begin reorganizations and examinations to ensure that Ohio is no longer a safe haven for crooked leadership.

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4. What is the auditor’s role in investigating online and brick-and-mortar charter schools?

The Auditor has a real and credible role in investigating anything and everything relating to our tax dollars. There should be nowhere our watchdog is afraid to look and that is the attitude I have in my approach.

Education is the single most important bedrock of our society and country. Therefore I would have a dual role of both supporting education's advances, while going after bad actors who are trying to take advantage.

As Auditor, I will work relentlessly to ensure that our money is being spent wisely and effectively in all educational settings. This includes performance and financial audits of charters to ensure that online settings are working for students as strongly as brick and mortar settings. It also involves finding out where our tax money went in the state's emergency takeovers in East Cleveland, Youngstown, and elsewhere. I will find out why these are taking so long, where our money is going, and how they are performing. We deserve at least this.

5. What are the essential criteria to consider when drawing legislative district lines?

Voters should choose their politicians and not the other way around.

Current Auditor Keith Faber and the GOP on the Redistricting Commission have time again passed anti-voter maps that only serve to benefit their own special interests and buddies.

Ohio voted for fair, honest maps that do not slice and dice our power and neighborhoods. The amendment to our constitution was not confusing or complicated. These folks instead passed autocratic maps that only served to entrench their power for another generation, will of the voters be damned. After being struck down multiple times by the High Court, Mr. Faber went so far as to vote against "slightly" fairer maps because he didn't believe it helped Republicans maintain power enough.

As a redistricting commission member, I will only support maps that maintain county and neighborhood integrity. I will only vote for fair and honest maps that allow the voters a say in their elections and futures.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Chelsea Clark

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Candidate has not yet responded.



Frank LaRose (Rep)

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Candidate has not yet responded.

TREASURER OF STATE



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Education Bachelor of Secondary Education and Social Studies, University of Toledo

Training and Experience Mayor of Marion since 2008, Marion City Council, 2000-2007

1. What are the most important functions of the state treasurer and why?

The Treasurer oversees billions of dollars of taxpayer investments. The Treasurer has a designated seat on all five state retirement pension boards and can influence the activity of them. The Treasurer plays a key role in state economic development through the Link Deposit programs begun by former Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow. Had the current incumbent been exercising his fiscal duties, he should have been able to catch the wasteful spending and corruption rampant today in our state government.

2. What are your goals for improving the function of the treasurer's office?

True accountability! The pension funds and investment funds, as well as the day to day functions of the office need a complete audit to ensure that taxpayer money is being protected and being used in the best way to help every Ohio citizen. I pledge to pinch every penny and be a true watchdog of the people's tax dollars!

3. How can the treasurer's office influence state fiscal policy?

The Treasurer, through the various Link Deposit programs, as well as the decisions on how to invest the taxpayer's money, can have significant influence on the state's fiscal policies. Helping farmers and small businesses and minority businesses with access to low interest loans spurs growth and development throughout every corner of Ohio.

4. How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finances?

I will order an outside, independent audit of every investment fund, as well as the day to day functions of Treasurer's office itself. I will also call for independent audits of each of the state's five pension funds and make the results of all of these audits available to the public! I will also, while Treasurer, travel across the state to hear from everyday Ohioans on how state government can better help them succeed! As Treasurer, I will call for an independent inspector general to be created to monitor all investments of taxpayer money to ensure true accountability and transparency!

5. How will you use your position to improve fiscal literacy among Ohioans?

I will work with school districts across the state to help set up voluntary programs within high schools to teach students what they will need to know about finances and everyday fiscal policy before they have to experience it after graduation. I will also encourage and work with the State Board of Education to require curriculum that prepares students in the basics of financial decisions they will need to know as adults! My office will be available to answer questions of all taxpayers in order for them to make the best financial decisions for improvements in their daily lives.

Robert Sprague (Rep)

Candidate has not yet responded.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO FULL TERM BEGINNING 1/1/2023



Jennifer Brunner (Dem)

List your judicial experience (courts and years).

Justice, Ohio Supreme Court, since January 2, 2021, elected November 3, 2020 Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, November 30, 2014 – January 1, 2021, elected 2014, reelected 2016, resigned 2021 to take seat on Ohio Supreme Court; Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court, December 1, 2000 – August 31, 2005; elected 2000, reelected 2002, resigned 2005 to run successfully for Ohio Secretary of State.

What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I have 17 years private law practice experience representing clients in state trial and appellate courts throughout Ohio, the Ohio Supreme Court, federal courts in Ohio, state and federal agencies outside of Ohio and Ohio state and local administrative agencies. I have represented clients in and out of litigation regarding their business concerns, their public participation in matters such as initiative and referendum, nonprofit and campaign work and private individuals on personal matters. The practice of law is a calling and I value it for the service lawyers can provide to the public in furthering the effectiveness of the rule of law for all.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I'm running for Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court because justice matters for every Ohioan. Steady and principled leadership of the state's highest court is essential to helping Ohioans realize justice in their everyday lives. Ohio is a very diverse state with deep rural roots, storied urban communities and countless small and middle-sized towns and cities. I take seriously my responsibility as one of seven people elected to do justice for all the people of Ohio. I am grateful for what I've learned from Ohioans in my many years of service to them, working at three levels of the state's courts and as Ohio's first female secretary of state. Administrative and policy leadership of the court is not about an ideology of who should win and who should lose. It is about a belief and understanding that courts are only as effective as people believe them to be. Good judges and fair courts can lift the confidence Ohioans have in their judiciary. I know that courts can do good things for people; protect their health, safety and welfare with fairness, equality and respect. I am committed to doing this every day now and as Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. I am further committed to using the power of the court to help lift the vision of all judges to why we serve and the power we have to do good for all Ohioans.



Sharon L. Kennedy (Rep)

List your judicial experience (courts and years).

Ohio Supreme Court Associate Justice 2012–Present; Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division Administrative Judge/Judge 1999–2012; Butler County Area Courts, Magistrate & Warrant Officer, 1995–1998

What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

Attorney at Law – General Practice, 1991–1998; Effectively and successfully handled criminal, civil, juvenile, probate and domestic relations litigation and appellate matters.
Butler County Juvenile Court: Warrant & Compliance Officer, 1996–1997. Special Counsel to Ohio Attorney General, Betty D. Montgomery 1995–1998.

Kennedy

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 38: Disciplinary Counsel, 1991–1998.

Butler County Court of Common Pleas: Director, Victim/Witness Division, 1989–1991.

Law Clerk for the Honorable Matthew J. Crehan, Judge

Hamilton Police Department: Police Officer, Civil Assistant, 1985–1989

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am running for the Chief Justice. The role of the Chief Justice is unique. The Chief manages the daily operations of the Supreme Court of Ohio while addressing the needs of Ohio's courts and setting the vision for the future. I am uniquely qualified to serve as Ohio's next Chief Justice. I have served Ohioans and their communities in the justice system for 37 years - from police officer, to attorney, to trial court judge, and now a Justice on the Ohio Supreme Court. During the last eight years of my service in the trial court I served as the administrative judge of the division performing the same executive tasks that a Chief Justice performs. Ensuring the timely resolution of cases, overseeing and managing the daily operation of the division and effectively resolving issues by working from the premise, "Would the people be better served?"

While serving the legal needs of families and the less fortunate in private practice I partnered with the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division to teach life-skills to juveniles to break the cycle of recidivism. As a trial court judge I collaborated with Butler County Jobs and Family Services and implemented a jobs program to help breakdown the barriers and obstacles to those in need of gainful employment. I also facilitated the Abuse Neglect Improvement Project with the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division. And during tough economic times I formed and facilitated the Budget Workgroup and the Advisory Committee to the Budget Workgroup which developed sound fiscal policies for Butler County.

As an Associate Justice I have initiated "Lean Forward: Advancing the Treatment of Veterans Across Ohio" and annual statewide summit. Through that work I have educated sheriffs, judges, magistrates, and probation and parole officers about the treatment resources available for justice-involved veterans. And I have maintained an active speaking schedule talking to civic organizations and students about our tripartite system of government, the Ohio judicial system and how it affects our daily lives, gives audiences a look behind the scenes at the Ohio Supreme Court and discusses the common misperceptions of the Right of Free Speech. I also encourage young people to chase their American Dream by sharing her journey from police officer to Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

As Ohio's next Chief Justice I will continue my "Lean Forward" initiative and will collaborate with local judges, community leaders and the people who access the courts to address the needs of the people Ohio courts serve from the premise "would the people be better served". Foremost, is the need to timely resolve cases in the aftermath of COVID-19, strengthen and grow specialty courts, address criminal justice reforms while still protecting the safety of victims and communities, and help the people learn more about the judges who serve their communities.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO FULL TERM BEGINNING 1/1/2023



Pat Fischer (Rep)

List your judicial experience (courts and years).

Justice, Ohio Supreme Court, January 1, 2017-present

Judge, Ohio First District Court of Appeals, Hamilton County, December 2010-20

What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

Much of my non judicial legal experience is listed above. And there are a few points I wish to emphasize.

First, I have been a licensed attorney since 1984, and licensed as an Ohio attorney since 1988. I have won decisions from so many differing state and federal trial courts throughout this nation I cannot count all of them. I have been victorious in many state appellate district courts in Ohio, as well as the Sixth, Second, and Tenth federal appeals courts. I even won a case in the US Supreme Court.

I have a vast experience that few attorneys develop. I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants for decades. I had cases in Ohio, plus Kentucky, Illinois, Texas, California, Colorado, Alabama, and other states. My clients consistently re-hired me to handle their legal problems.

I believe lawyers respect me too. I have been elected president of the Ohio State Bar Association by a vote of its lawyers. I served as president of the Cincinnati Bar Association too. In those and in related endeavors I have chaired ethics, professionalism, and numerous other committees, because lawyers trust my judgment.

I understand all parts of the American justice system. And I want to continue to improve them. When I am re-elected, I will continue my efforts to make the courts of Ohio even more efficient (I have had some success cutting time off our cases already), all while maintaining its high quality and its integrity.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am running for this position because I want to make the Ohio courts the best state court system in this nation, a goal I have been heading towards for the last 12 years.



Terri Jamison (Dem)

List your judicial experience (courts and years).

I was elected in 2012 to serve on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations - Juvenile Branch. I began service on January 5, 2013, was re-elected in 2018, and resigned from that position on June 30, 2021. In total, I served on this court 8 1/2 years.

I was elected to the Ohio Court of Appeals in 2020 and began service on July 1, 2021. I am currently one of eight judges on the court. I've been on the court for one year.

What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I owned and managed a multi-line insurance agency for 16 years. In that capacity, I hired, trained, and developed staff, managed and reconciled receipts, negotiated contracts for office space, phone systems, computer equipment, and grew a book of business while maintaining quality. I have great people skills that translate into treating litigants with empathy, dignity and respect. I have active listening skills that developed from listening to potential clients to be sure that I was meeting their policy needs.

Jamison

I was an extern with the Civil Rights Section of the Attorney General's Office. In that capacity, I learned how to review a case file, prepare it for court, and prepare the discovery documents to illicit information. I have developed a critical eye and can do analysis of the law and facts.

I was a hearing officer intern for the Bureau of State Hearings and an intermittent hearing officer for Unemployment Compensation Review Commission. I heard administrative appeals and issued a decision within the 30 day timeline. I learned how to rule on objections, admit evidence, give the oath to take testimony, make findings of fact and conclusions of law, and judge credibility of witnesses.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am seeking election to the Ohio Supreme Court for two fundamental reasons:

First, to preserve and strengthen the Court's Constitutionally granted status as an independent and co-equal branch of state government, and Second, to use my seat on the Supreme Court to ensure that the promise of "Equal Justice Under Law" becomes a reality for all Ohioans.

The importance of an independent Court has been demonstrated as a 4-3 majority defends democracy and upholds the express will of the people by deflecting attempts to unfairly gerrymander the state's General Assembly and Congressional districts. With the retirement of the Chief Justice, it is imperative that a fourth justice that believes strongly in democracy is elected to the court. The court is the keeper of the scales, the check and balance on other branches of government.

To convert "Equal Justice Under Law" from concept to reality, I will work hard every day to restore public trust in our legal system, to abide by and to hold others to the highest possible ethical standards, to dispense justice fairly and equitably, to strive to ensure that all persons have access to the courts and competent legal counsel, to set an example for jurists at every level of our court system, to take affirmative steps to eliminate burdensome costs, and unnecessary delays, and to ensure that every litigant is provided with a fair hearing and the opportunity to be heard.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO FULL TERM BEGINNING 1/2/2023



Pat DeWine (Rep)

List your judicial experience (courts and years).

Jan. 2009-Mar. 2013: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Cincinnati Ohio

Mar. 2013-January 1, 2017: Judge, First District Court of Appeals, Cincinnati Ohio

January 2, 2017–Present: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I bring a unique perspective to the Ohio Supreme Court because of my service in other branches of government and every level of Ohio courts. As a Cincinnati City Councilmember, I dealt with some very difficult issues involving our legal system and the community. I served as Chair of the Law Committee immediately following the riots in Cincinnati and was deeply involved in a collaborative process that made significant and sustained improvements in police-community relations. My service on City Council and the County Commission has given me a keen understanding of the role of the other branches of government and the impact of our judicial system on these branches.

I have also served as a judge at all three levels of Ohio's courts, something very few judges can say. This has helped me understand how the supreme court can work with and improve judicial functions across every court in Ohio.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I care deeply about this state and its legal system. If we are going to prosper as a state, we need communities where people feel safe. Without safe communities, people will not want to live, invest or create jobs in our state. As Justice, I can play an important role in making sure that the rule of law is protected in Ohio.

I also believe strongly that a stable and predictable legal environment is critical to our economy. Judges should strictly apply the law as it is written. We may not impose our own personal viewpoints but must adhere strictly to the law and the constitution. When we act in the manner we ensure fairness and equal treatment because the same rules apply to everyone. We also create a stable and predictable legal environment that encourages people to want to live and create jobs in this State.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO FULL TERM BEGINNING 1/2/2023



Marilyn Zayas (Dem)

List your judicial experience (courts and years).

Judge at Ohio's First District Court of Appeals, 2016 – Present

Judge by special assignment at Ohio's Second, Sixth, Tenth, and Eighth District Courts of Appeals,

Judge by special assignment at Ohio's Supreme Court.

Ohio Supreme Court Board on Character & Fitness, Commissioner, December 2018-February 2022.

I have served our community as a judge at Ohio's First District Court of Appeals since 2016, when I was first elected, winning against an incumbent appointed by the governor. I am the first Latina elected to any Ohio appellate court. In 2018, I was re-elected by an overwhelming majority of over 60% of the voters. I have decided over 1,000 appeals throughout Ohio. Additionally, I have served by appointed of Ohio's Chief Justice on the Second, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth District Courts of Appeals and on a case at the Ohio Supreme Court.

Never could I have dreamed as a girl growing up in tough New York City neighborhoods that I would have this opportunity. I moved to Ohio, my utopia, 34 years ago to work in technology with Procter & Gamble. With hard work, dedication, and mentorship, much can be achieved.

What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

My background allows me to take an independent approach to each case, with a focus on maintaining integrity and impartiality. I advocated for clients for 20 years from all over the world and from all walks of life. Some were millionaires, some were impoverished. Most spoke English, some did not. Several were persons of color. I treated all of them with the utmost dignity and respect.

I litigated in both state and federal courts. I earned a reputation as an attorney who provides honest and zealous representation while navigating complex and extremely intricate cases.

My legal career began as an intellectual property and labor and employment attorney. Later, I worked for the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office representing adults and juveniles who could not afford to hire an attorney.

I founded my own legal practice which focused on immigration law. I was known as the go-to attorney for complex immigration cases. I handled cases involving foreign investors who were bringing new businesses to America, in addition to family visas and asylum, and a variety of immigration appeals in federal courts.

I am very proud of the work I have done as an appellate judge. I clearly and concisely explain my decisions with the goal that those impacted are confident that their case was fully and fairly resolved. My decisions are detailed, well-analyzed, and rooted in the Constitution and the law.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am running for the Ohio Supreme Court because you deserve a justice who will apply the law equally to all, regardless of circumstances or politics, and who has the courage to take on the challenging issues we are facing in Ohio, understands that a vibrant economy requires people who can realize their potential, and respects the civil liberties we expect, enjoy and are responsible for.

My vast and varied experience enables me to fully understand the complex legal issues we are currently facing.

This comes from my experience as an appellate judge, 20 years of experience advocating for clients, career at Procter & Gamble as an IT Manager, and overcoming a tough childhood in New York City. In 2021, I was recognized by Good Morning America for my community contributions, including my work with students.

The issues my campaign is centered on are:

Access and Accountability: I support a statewide publicly accessible sentencing database where anyone can review sentences across counties for similar offenses with similar circumstances. Additionally, I seek to expand specialty dockets that provide proven tools for success including mental health, drug, and veterans' courts.

Advance resources that reduce the risk of wrongful convictions: This includes implementing the 2002 Ohio Supreme Court's Racial Fairness and Implementation Taskforce recommendation that all criminal defense attorneys receive formal training in the basics of criminal defense.

Enlarge Student Programs: To foster understanding of our courts and inspire students to dream big regardless of the obstacles they face.

U.S. SENATOR

Tim Ryan (Dem)

Candidate has not yet responded.

J.D. Vance (Rep)

Candidate has not yet responded.

Write-in Candidates:

John Cheng

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13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Madison Gesiotto Gilbert (Rep)

Candidate has not yet responded.



Emilia Sykes (Dem)

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Training/Experience Administrative Staff Advisor, Summit County Fiscal Office; Law Clerk to the Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Georgia

Current Occupation State Representative, Ohio House District 34

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Why are you the best candidate for this office?

Born and raised in Akron, Ohio, I currently serve as a State Representative in Ohio's 34th legislative district where I've served since 2014. As Ohio House Minority Leader, I worked with both parties to raise teacher and healthcare worker pay and bring tax relief to hardworking Ohio families. In Congress, I will fight to lower costs, relieve the burden facing Ohio seniors and families, create good-paying jobs, and keep our communities safe. I am a proven, trusted and experienced public servant that knows this community well because it's my home. I have repeatedly stood up for democracy and against hate and violence in all of its forms. I am committed to continuing working for the people of this district and providing effective leadership that delivers meaningful results to improve the lives of the people who live here.

What is the most pressing issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote?

Whether it's gas, groceries, healthcare or housing, Americans are paying too much for the goods and services they need. We can start to lower costs and relieve this stress in four ways. First, we need to make things in America again by bringing manufacturing to Northeast Ohio. Second, we can put more money in people's pockets with a middle-class tax cut, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, and reinstating the Child Tax Credit. Third, we must invest in quality education, trade schools, and affordable higher education. And finally, we can reduce the burden on seniors by lowering drug prices and capping out of pocket spending on health care.

What is your position on efforts to protect our water, air, and land?

I strongly believe that access to clean water, clean air and a clean environment is a basic human right. As a state legislator and former Democratic Leader of the Ohio House I have been committed to fighting for environmental justice, equality, sustainability, and for a state where we can live out our American dream. Climate change is one of our greatest threats, and combined with inequitable environmental policies, it's hindering the ability of current and future generations to secure better jobs, better lives, and brighter futures.

What is the role of the federal government in assuring access to high quality education (include PK - 20)?

I strongly support our public schools and have long opposed efforts to short-change them by allowing public funds to be siphoned off to fund for-profit charter and online schools. Families should have a choice of where to send their students to learn but the allocation of resources should not come at the expense of public schools. The federal government has a responsibility to ensure that no student is denied the right to equal educational opportunity based on race, ethnicity, gender, disability, or other protected status.

Sykes

What is your position on women's reproductive rights and health?

I have long been an advocate for reproductive rights and reproductive justice, including abortion and contraceptive access. Women should have the freedom to decide what happens to their body, and that decision should not include politicians. These deeply personal and intimate discussions do not need the interference of strangers who couldn't possibly understand the circumstances that bring people to make such decisions.

OHIO 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

David P. Joyce (Rep)

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Education University of Dayton and University of Dayton School of Law

Training & Experience Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney & Public Defender, Incumbent Member of Congress

1. What is the most pressing policy issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote?

David P. Joyce am running for reelection based on my record of delivering results for the 14th Congressional District and northeast Ohio. Over the past few years, my top priorities in Congress have been strengthening our regional economy, protecting and preserving the Great Lakes for future generations, and combating the opioid crisis that continues to ravage communities in Ohio. I'm proud to report that we have made significant progress on each of these items. It is my fundamental belief that the best of America is yet to come. I work each and every day on behalf of my constituents to ensure that the federal government is assisting rather than impeding our nation's growth. Right now Ohio families are facing record increases in prices for just about everything. This level of inflation is hurting just about everyone whether they are filling their gas tank or buying groceries. Throughout my career, I have been a constant voice to cut unnecessary spending, grow our economy, and support American jobs

Questions 2-6 David P. Joyce. Candidate has not yet responded.



Matt Kilboy (Dem)

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Education B.S. Athletic Training (Kent State); B.S. Nursing (KSU); Master of Education (NC State); Master of Public Administration (KSU); Doctor of Nursing Practice (Ohio State)

Training & Experience Retired Naval Officer, Registered Nurse, Educator, Certified Athletic Trainer, Small Business Owner

1. What is the most pressing policy issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote?

The single most important policy issue facing the federal government is preserving our Democracy. Over the past two decades, we have seen a steady decline in civil discourse in Congress. This has led to total gridlock in Congress because folks will no longer sit down to discuss the issues facing America and how to solve those issues. This incivility spread like wildfire through our country during the past Administration and has pit family members and neighbors against each other. This has got to stop. During my first few weeks in Congress, I am committed to shaking hands with all my colleagues and getting to know them. Instead of finger-pointing and playing the blame game, I will roll up my sleeves and get my hands dirty working with my colleagues to find solutions to our challenges.

Kilboy

2. The pandemic has brought to light social and economic inequities. What role does the federal government have in alleviating such inequities?

The Federal government plays a crucial role in protecting the rights of all Americans. This is particularly true in state legislatures that are more apt to overreach, trampling on the rights of women and minorities. Congress must pass legislation that protects the rights of women to make their own choices regarding their health - we can no longer rely on a precedent set by the Supreme Court. Congress must also pass legislation that protects the right to vote for all Americans and expands protections for sexual and gender minorities.

3. What steps should the federal government take to assure free, fair and secure elections, and that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?

Matt Kilboy We must pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. This bill stops voting discrimination in its tracks and provides voters with tools to challenge discrimination when it happens. It increases transparency by requiring notice for changes to voting policies and rules, grants the Attorney General the authority to request the presence of federal observers where there is a threat of racial discrimination in voting, implements best practices, and requires federal approval for policies that impact the ability to cast a ballot or register to vote, the availability of language assistance, or redistricting.

We must also pass the For the People Act to curb voter suppression and make it easier for all Americans to cast a ballot. It would outlaw gerrymandering of congressional districts, overhaul our campaign finance laws, combat corruption, and make federal campaign spending more transparent.

4. What is your position on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you will address climate change.

The air we breathe, and the water we drink are precious resources we must protect at all costs. Without these resources, there is no life on our planet. I will fiercely pursue legislation that protects these resources. I will also sponsor and co-sponsor legislation that thrusts the United States to center stage as a role model for combating climate change. Again, if we do not do everything we can to protect our planet, there will be no planet for us to live on.

5. How much federal influence should there be on what is taught in schools? Please be specific.

Every level of government should have a limited role in our education system. Government should establish standards for teachers and criteria for academic achievement and provide resources to public schools to ensure our students receive the best education possible. The actual topics taught should be determined through a collaborative process involving parents, students, teachers, and school administrators. A student in rural Deerfield, Ohio, should receive the same education quality that a student gets in urban Columbus, Ohio.

6. Why are you the best candidate for this seat?

I have led a life of service to this country. First, I served as a nurse in the U.S. Navy and then worked as a civil servant in the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense. The same motivation that led me to be a nurse has led me to pursue being the next Congressperson for Ohio's 14th Congressional District – the overwhelming desire to help others. I am dedicated to serving my fellow Ohioans.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 35TH DISTRICT

Steve Demetriou (Rep)

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Candidate has not responded.



Lori O'Neill (Dem)

Biographical Info:

Education: B.S. Communications, Boston University

Training & Experience: Licensed Real Estate Agent, Hanna Commercial Real Estate

1. Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to restrain or check local government?

Only in cases in which a local governmental entity sets policy or takes actions that violate the state constitution and/or state law.

2. How would you improve the Ohio public school funding system?

Funding of public schools in Ohio is a complicated subject that requires more effort by legislators, school districts and citizens to resolve. One of the factors that complicates public school funding is the ability of parents to take their children's education dollars to charter schools. The advent and growth of private, for-profit charter schools has diminished public districts' ability to improve, and charter schools have proven no better at providing a quality education.

3. Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air and land?

It is incumbent on governmental entities, private industry and individual citizens to take steps to limit environmental hazards, and fund research that leads to cleaner energy and manufacturing technology. A commitment to improving our environment will also create the jobs of the future, thereby benefitting all.

4. What legislation, if any, would you suggest to address gun safety?

Safe storage of firearms in the home to prevent access by children and adolescents

Red flag law to enable the removal of firearms from anyone determined to be a danger to themselves or others

Mandatory background checks on all gun purchases in the state

Required training for anyone purchasing a handgun

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 72ND DISTRICT



Kathleen Clyde (Dem)

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Education J.D. from Ohio State University. B.A. from Wesleyan University. Graduate of James A. Garfield High School.

Training & Experience Attorney. Served as a member of the Ohio House representing Portage County for 8 years. 2018 Democratic Nominee for Ohio Secretary of State. Served as a Portage County Commissioner for 2 years.

1. Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to restrain or check local government?

The state should respect municipal home rule and avoid unfunded mandates. It may be appropriate however for the state to restrain local government when those entities adversely affect the rights of vulnerable populations, such as through harmful zoning or discriminatory practices.

2. How would you improve the Ohio public school funding system?

We should stop diverting public money to for-profit charter schools from our public school system. We should rely less on local property taxes and more on the state funding formula to adequately fund our state's K-12 public schools. We also should provide more funding to expand access to public pre-K and post-secondary educational opportunities.

3. Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air and land?

I support efforts to protect our water, ranging from reducing nutrient runoff into our lakes and streams to replacing lead pipes to deliver clean drinking water to all Ohioans. I support expanding our renewable energy portfolio to reduce air pollution and to deal with our climate crisis. We should also be expanding the use of electric vehicles and looking for ways to encourage public transit, which can reduce air pollution. Finally, I support the strong stewardship of our park systems and other public lands in order to protect these ecosystems for future generations.

4. What legislation, if any, would you suggest to address gun safety?

I support the recent bi-partisan legislation to prevent intimate partners convicted of domestic violence from possessing firearms, to provide expanded background checks for potential gun buyers under the age of 21, and to strengthen laws against straw purchasing and trafficking of guns. Ohio should look to pass red flag legislation to draw down federal funds for implementation of life-saving intervention programs. Ohio should repeal recent legislation that dropped training requirements as well as the obligation to notify law enforcement when carrying a concealed weapon.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 72ND DISTRICT



Gail K. Pavliga (Rep)

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Training & Experience College Professor, Entrepreneur

Candidate has not yet responded.

COURT OF APPEALS – 11TH DISTRICT UNEXPIRED TERM TO END 02/08/25



John J. Eklund (Rep)

Biographical Information

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Residence Chardon

Education BA Cum Laude, Political Science and History, Union College J.D. Cum Laude, Washington & Lee University School of Law

Work Experience 1980-2021 Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP 2011-2021 Ohio State Senator, 18th District

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List your judicial experience (courts and years):

Judge, 11th District Ohio Court of Appeals July 1, 2021-present

What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

1. Over 40 years of experience in complex civil and criminal litigation in federal, state and local courts, administrative agencies and appellate courts 2. Almost 10 years of experience in the Ohio legislature has given me insights into the process of developing the Ohio Revised Code and its objectives that are uncommon among appellate judges

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

It is to fulfill a commitment to service that I made to myself when I accepted the Governor's appointment; I do not shirk commitments It is the only service position that has the ability to restrain abuses of power by both of the other two constitutional branches of government, while at the same time protecting the inherent rights of the people; to do my part to burnish our system of justice. So I can use my legal expertise, my legislative experience and my position to perform what I believe is the most important responsibility of a public official - to establish, maintain or enhance the peoples' confidence in our system of government

COURT OF APPEALS – 11TH DISTRICT
TERM COMMENCING 02/09/23



Eugene A. Lucci (Rep)

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Education J.D., Cleveland-Marshall College of Law 1980; Master of Judicial Studies, University of Nevada, Reno 2012

Work Experience Common Pleas Judge since 2001, Practicing Trial Attorney for 20 years; Police Officer for 13 years (7 years overlapping as attorney and police officer)

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JUDICIAL EMPLOYMENT: Judge, Lake County Common Pleas Court, General Division, 2001-present; served as Presiding Judge of the court, 2009 and 2016, Administrative Judge of the court, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022; Technology Chair of the court, 2003-present; and Court House Security Chair, 2003-present; Acting Judge, Municipal Court (Painesville & Mentor), 1988-2000. **JUDICIAL TEACHING:** Judicial College Lecturer – public confidence in the judiciary, ethics and professionalism, the courts and media, science and law, court technology, and court and judicial security. **SPECIAL JUDICIAL EDUCATION:** Master of Judicial Studies (M.J.S.) degree, University of Nevada, Reno, May 2012; Inaugural Science & Technology Fellow, Advanced Science & Technology Adjudication Resource certification (ASTAR), Washington DC, Oct 2006; Certificate in Judicial Development, General Jurisdiction Trial Skills, National Judicial College, 2004. **JUDICIAL MEMBERSHIPS:** American Judges Association member, 2001-present; Board of Governors, 2013-present; Judicial Education Committee member since 2013, co-chair 2016-present; Court Security Committee member since 2013, chair 2017-present; Ohio Judicial Conference member, 2001-present; Executive Committee member, 2005-present; Ohio Jury Instructions Editorial Board member, 2002-2007; Public Confidence & Community Outreach Committee, member since 2003; co-chair since 2005; Court Technology Committee member, 2012-present; Mentoring Program for New Judges mentor, 2002-present; Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association member, 2001-present.

What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

ATTORNEY: Practicing trial attorney, 1980-2000; experience of trial practice in state and federal trial and appellate courts, in the areas of criminal, civil, domestic relations, probate, juvenile, and federal issues; Founding and senior member of law firm, McNamara, Lucci, Hanrahan & Loxterman, 1983-2000. **POLICE OFFICER:** Police Officer 1975-1982, and Sheriff's Detective 1994-2000; uniformed street patrol; investigations of homicides and assaults, rapes and sex offenses, robberies and burglaries, kidnappings and abductions, thefts and embezzlement, controlled substances, cyber-crime. **TEACHER:** Adjunct faculty – Lakeland Community College 1983-1998, 2008-present, subjects: criminal justice ethics, law office management, civil procedure, criminal procedure; Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certified instructor, 1983-present, subjects: laws of arrest, search and seizure, Ohio Revised Code criminal sections, semi-automatic pistol & re-qualification of peace officers; National Rifle Association of America certified pistol instructor, civilian concealed carry courses Mentor Police Department certified instructor, 1988-1989, Subjects: laws of arrest, search and seizure. **AUTHOR:** Co-author: "Ideology' or 'Situation Sense'? An Experimental Investigation of Motivated Reasoning and Professional Judgment," 164 U. Pa. L. Rev. 349-439 (Jan. 2016); Author: "Who Owns the Beach of Lake Erie in Ohio," Master of Judicial Studies Thesis, May 2012; Author: "The Case for Allowing Jurors to Submit Written Questions," Judicature, Vol. 89, No. 1, July-August 2005; Author: "Judges and Concealed Carry of Handguns," The Ohio Judges Resource Manual, Chapter 7-4, Ohio Judicial Conference, June 2011-present; Many other lesser pieces for bar journals and newspapers.

Lucci

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

None of the five judges currently on the Eleventh District Court of Appeals has any experience as an active-duty trial judge. No judge currently on the Eleventh District Court of Appeals has sentenced a criminal felon or presided over a felony or major jury trial. I have handled over 26,000 cases in the common pleas court, and have sentenced over 6,000 felony offenders, and conducted well over 300 jury trials. None of the current judges on the court of appeals have ever served as a police officer. I have done all of these things. Such experience and insight is invaluable to the function of an appellate judge in reviewing the work of police officers, trial attorneys, and trial judges. I have written extensively. My 47 years of experience as a police officer, teacher, author, trial attorney, and trial judge will fill this hole with an experienced jurist who will consistently and faithfully follow and apply the law.



Thomas R. Wright (Dem)

Biographical Information

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Education Kirtland High School 1982; Ohio State University, B.S., Business Administration 1986; University of Toledo, College of Law, J.D., with honors 1991.

Work Experience Law Clerk for Judge Donald R. Ford Sr. January 1992-May 1995. As a clerk, I primarily researched and wrote draft opinions for the court. Trial Lawyer May 1995-January 2011. In my civil practice, I represented plaintiffs and defendants in the areas of professional malpractice, product liability, and general negligence and insurance coverage. My criminal law practice consisted of misdemeanor and felony defense. I have tried numerous jury trials and was named the 2005-2006 Mahoning County Lawyer of the Year for performing outstanding legal work. February 2011-Present. Judge, Eleventh District Court of Appeals. I currently serve as the Presiding and Administrative Judge. I have also decided cases in the Second, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Ninth

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List your judicial experience (courts and years):

I was an Acting Judge with the Trumbull County Eastern District Court over the course of several years where I would preside over the docket at the request of Judge Ronald J. Rice. I have served as a Judge with the Eleventh District Court of Appeals for the last twelve years.

What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I practiced for 17 years as a trial lawyer in both the civil and criminal arenas where my peers deemed my legal work to be outstanding.

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I have served as your appellate judge for the last twelve years and would like to continue my service. My 15 years working with the appellate court as both a law clerk and judge are a benefit to the district. And over the last twelve years the lawyers within the district have consistently held me in high regard.

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERM COMM. 1-1-2023



Geraldine Hayes Nelson (Dem)

Biographical Info:

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Training & Experience: 27 years of higher education experience as an administrator and executive HR experience

Education: Bachelor, Master and Ph.D in Higher Education

1: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

I have served in a variety of leadership roles both professionally and personally. I have served as a leader in Portage County for over 30 years. My commitment to the community is validated through my years of service on various community, state, and national boards. I have advocated for Federal Funds for over 20 plus years on behalf of first-generation low-income families and students. I have a proven track record of trustworthy public service based on fairness and transparency. I will work to get the right people in the right seat to make the best and most informed decisions. I am a recognized leader across the academic, community, and non-profit organizations. I bring my extensive background in executive management and leadership as a retiree from Kent State University, the largest employer in Portage County. My overall training across multiple counties and statewide leadership qualifies me for this position.

2: What would be your top priorities as Commissioner?

I plan to advocate for enhanced access to community services and community health centers, with enhanced accountability and accessibility to services across the county. As a leader, it is important to spend time listening to the people. If elected, I will continue to be a strong voice in my community for “the people” and those who are the most vulnerable. Attention to veterans, youth, senior citizens, and citizens in our townships is an area where attention must be granted in moving the county forward.

As a former Public-School Teacher and University Administrator, I will continue to work on the issues of equal access, (broadband) by bridging the digital divide in our rural communities. In my role, I will work to promote Honesty, transparency, and accountability in funding allocations. Develop metrics of assessment and accountability of services and funding allocations on behalf of the citizens.

3: What do you see as the most pressing needs in the County?

Economic development remains at the forefront of creating avenues to explore job creations that create job opportunities for fair wages for citizens. Workforce Development and Job Creation are necessary areas to build towards the retention of our youth and working middle-class families in Portage County. In supporting working-class families’ strategies need to be explored to increase quality childcare, enhanced access to mental health and recovery services to better support our citizens. We must continue to explore avenues to improve police/community relations, and address issues around affordable housing. Healthcare - Equal Access and Quality care within the Health Care Systems.

4: What is the responsibility of the Commissioners in explaining county spending to citizens? Should changes be made?

Helping citizens understand county spending (and the overall county budget) is a big part of a commissioner’s job. Not only do residents need to get these budget updates via weekly commissioner meetings. It is imperative that commissioners provide more context and explanation behind the decisions being made. After all, budgets are merely a reflection of what we value as a society and as a people, and we all do better when we understand the values behind the numbers. One example is new equipment purchasing – when we lead with our values of protecting our environment and the health of our residents, purchasing zero-carbon producing county equipment

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just makes sense; people understand it and get behind it. And that's important. When we take the time to explain the values behind our decisions, we are much more likely to get greater buy-in than when we simply recite the numbers.

5: Do you plan to promote any changes to existing taxes? If so, what and why?

Currently, I do not foresee the need to advocate for or promote any changes to existing taxes in Portage County.

6: What role, if any, should the County play in protecting our water, air and land?

First and foremost, we must acknowledge that climate change is real. Portage County can (and should) be a model for dealing with the reality of the climate crisis at the local level. Fortunately, we are blessed with many environmental groups that have worked on this issue for decades. With additional support and partnership from the county, we could make greater strides to protect our environment. We should work directly with our local groups to develop a set of recommendations to achieve net-zero emissions for county operations by 2040. We should set goals to reduce our carbon footprint locally, all while saving taxpayer dollars. And we should make clear our commitment to environmental justice by launching programs that reduce the use of dangerous chemicals by pivoting to environmentally friendly purchasing for county operations (i.e. no phosphorus fertilizer or hazardous materials on county properties).

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERM COMM. 1-1-2023



Mike Tinlin (Rep)

Biographical Info:

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Campaign Website: TinlinforPortage.com

Training & Experience: Advanced Police and Fire Administrative Training. 25 year Instructor in Law Enforcement and Fire Arms. Acting Fire Chief and City Council Member for Streetsboro. Retired Chief of Police.

Education: Graduate from James A. Garfield, The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and The Ohio Fire Academy. The FBI National Academy #205 Association with University of Va

1: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

My decades of experience in public service to citizens, combined with years of civic engagement allows me to offer a fresh, balanced approach to County initiatives.

2: What would be your top priorities as Commissioner?

Keep the office in full Transparency. Balanced approach to all County Business. Meet with Department Heads to work on a Proactive mission and stop Reacting. My door will always be open. Setting up Coffee meetings Morning and Night so all can attend and listen to the needs of our County Residents.

3: What do you see as the most pressing needs in the County?

Safety and Security will continue to be first and foremost. The court system needs attention. They are carrying too large of a case load. I will work on getting our Jail up to it's full running potential. Work on the infostructure of our water and sewer for the County,

4: What is the responsibility of the Commissioners in explaining county spending to citizens? Should changes be made?

I am running for Commissioner to STOP the hidden deals. Our taxpayers have the right to know what is being spent and to whom. It is their money The zoom meetings help. You have to live within your means, so should we.

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5: Do you plan to promote any changes to existing taxes? If so, what and why?

I will be working on Pro-Development approaches to ensure a healthy, vibrant business district, which is what keeps resident's taxes low, and makes community investments possible. I will not vote to raise taxes.

6: What role, if any, should the County play in protecting our water, air and land?

The county should do as much as possible to benefit future generations. We all need to do our part. It should start at the top.

PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR



Brad Cromes (Dem)

Biographical Info:

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Training & Experience: Portage County Treasurer, 2015-Present; Certified Government Financial Manager (Assoc. of Government Accountants); Board Treasurer, Community Action Council; Past Chair, Portage Co. United Way; Member, Portage Co., Ohio and American Bar Associations

Education: B.A. Political Science (Hiram College) M.A. Public Policy & Management (Ohio State) J.D. w/ Public Service Fellowship (Ohio State)

1: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

I have served as Portage Co. Treasurer since 2015, and in that role I have sought to be an innovative, transparent steward of our tax dollars. That includes modernizing our service delivery to incorporate new technologies, utilizing social media and the web to share information about our office's operations directly with residents, and creating new programs to address unmet needs (including our award-winning and first-of-its-kind Financial Wellness Fair). I have also worked to systematize our office's processes to make them fairer and easier to understand. As Treasurer, I also have a unique perspective on the operations of the Auditor's Office based on our daily interactions, and have some ideas for how we might grow our capacity to assist our residents and communities. I have a track record of delivering positive change and strong, friendly service, and I am ready to bring that approach to bear in the Auditor's Office.

2: If elected, how would the auditor's office operate differently from how it operates now? Why?

Our current Auditor has a well-earned reputation for customer service and strong audit and accounting performance, and I will do everything in my power to preserve and enhance that reputation. That will include utilizing technology to meet residents where they are with information about office operations, regular outreach on social media and in-person, and livestreaming as many of our meetings as possible so residents get information straight from the source. I also want to analyze our reporting tools, and look for additional ways to make them easy to understand and citizen-centric. I believe the Auditor should be a collaborative leader, and will work to build partnerships with other county officials to improve services and standardize best practices. We should expect fairness and transparency from our public servants, too, and for that reason I want to review our assessment practices and regularly share more with the public about how that process works and why valuations vary.

3: How might additional technology be used to assist efficiency and transparency in the auditor's office?

We have more tools at our disposal to deliver efficient and transparent service than ever before - and technology is a huge part of that. I believe we can utilize livestreaming to share more of our work directly with the public, and I'm committed to doing that wherever possible. I would also like to establish an official presence on social media for the office, and use it to provide regular updates about upcoming deadlines and office operations and to solicit feedback on how we can work more efficiently for our residents. It bears noting that the Auditor is responsible for overseeing IT services for most county offices, as well, so there is a tremendous opportunity in that to work with staff to ensure we are using the best possible technical tools not just for Auditor's functions like accounting and property assessment, but across county government. We have a strong team in place in Portage County, and I look forward to working closely with them to move our local government forward.

PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR



Matt Kelly (Rep)

Biographical Info:

Campaign Facebook: www.facebook.com/mattkellyforportagecountyauditor

Training & Experience: 14 years as Mogadore Councilman, Board of Directors for Goodwill, Small business owner (FitCamp Fitness)

Education: Bachelor's Degree - Business Administration, Walsh University, North Canton

1: What training, experience and characteristics qualify you for this position?

I have 14 years public service experience on Mogadore, Council, Business Administration Bachelor's Degree from Walsh University in North Canton. My current full-time job is Environmental, Health and Safety Manager at Goodyear Race Tires. I am a veteran with 23 years' service to my country as a firefighter in the U.S. Air Force that taught me servant leadership and management skills.

2: If elected, how would the auditor's office operate differently from how it operates now? Why?

Current and long time Portage County Auditor, Janet Esposito, has endorsed me as well as U.S. Congressman David Joyce and Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. I would carry on the open-door policy that Janet has made a standard at the Auditor's office. My vision is to make it as easy as possible to do business with the Auditor's office. The current staff at the Auditor's office, I've met them several times, is very engaged and I will depend on them for ideas about improving systems and processes that will help the citizens of Portage County work with the Auditor's office.

3: How might additional technology be used to assist efficiency and transparency in the auditor's office?

Janet and the Auditor's office staff have done great things upgrading the IT systems. I look to capture best practices of other fiscal offices around the state to benchmark those that will benefit the citizens of Portage County. Easy and reliable information for potential business owners, real estate agents, and citizens for any questions or information they need. And, of course, keeping the door open for face-to face questions and answers of the Auditor's office.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – DISTRICT 9

Robert R. Fulton (NP)

Biographical Information

Age 75

Education Graduate of Wickliffe High School, Lake County; Lake Erie College – Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in Curriculum Education. Post Graduate Studies for Educational Administration: Notre Dame College, St. John College–Cleveland,

Current Occupation Educator–Teacher, grades K-12; Supervisor and Principal, K-12 Presently retired and a member of the Streetsboro School Board, Portage County.

Qualifications Superintendent License, State of Ohio; Elementary Teacher license, Principal license K-8; Supervisor license. Reasons for seeking this position: to help develop policy for equity funding; to provide incentives for corporations to stay and locate in Ohio; to reduce taxes; to protect our land and water, student internships could be developed.

What efforts would you make to assure that the local and state taxes following students, in the form of EdChoice vouchers, results in quality education?

All students would be tested by national normed tests, as PSAT, ACT, or SAT. Teachers would have more input as to individual proficiency of a student.

What is your own experience with public education as a student, parent, and/or educator?

40 years.

As a student–Cleveland Schools–Kindergarten. Wickliffe Public Schools, 1st-12th.

Madison Local Schools: teacher, 4th grade. Union Local: principal, Title I (K-12) coordinator, K-8 reading teacher.

Hillsdale Local, Jeromesville: K-8. Pickaway: 6th grade teacher, principal K-6. Bedford: K-12 teacher/principal;

Crestview Local: K-4 principal, Title II coordinator.

As a parent my 2 daughters went to public school and graduated from Kent State Univ. and Youngstown Univ.

John P. Hagan (NP)

Biographical Information

Age 67

Education Marlinton High School Magna Cum Laude class of 1973. Kent State University School of Architecture attended.

Current Occupation Owner-Operator Hagan Heating and Plumbing 1976 to present. District 9 Member State Board of Education 2019 to present.

Qualifications Business owner 46 years. Married to Tina 45 years. Father of four, Grandfather of 11. Township Trustee 19 years. State Legislator 8 years. Member State Board of Education 4 years.

What efforts would you make to assure that the local and state taxes following students, in the form of EdChoice vouchers, results in quality education?

Although it is impossible to assure the best outcomes, monitoring results and advising friends in the Legislature of needed changes is the best way to see that taxpayer expenditures bring about positive results.

What is your own experience with public education as a student, parent, and/or educator?

I am the product of public education, attending Marlinton schools grades 1-12 and Kent State University. All of our children attended and graduated from Marlinton schools grades k-12. Public education served all of us very well, we are all well rounded productive members of society.

PORTAGE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GENERAL DIVISION



Wesley Buchanan

Biographical Info:

Age: 41

Education: Juris Doctor, University of Akron School of Law (2012) Heidelberg College, Bachelors of Science in Economics (2003)

Campaign Website: buchananforjudge.com

Work Experience: Erb Legal - Partner - 2020 until Present Buchanan Law, Inc - Partner - 2013 until 2020

Residence: Kent

List your judicial experience (courts and years):

Not applicable

What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I have been in a courtroom for my entire legal career. My vast trial experience and my ability to ensure that parties and advocates are treated with respect, lend themselves to a good judicial temperament.

My courtroom experience extends to Criminal Defense, Civil Litigation, Domestic Relations, and Juvenile Courts.

In addition, I have experience with major trials.

Furthermore, I have extensive experience with the Courts of Appeals within Ohio. You are able to see my appellate arguments with the Ninth District Court of Appeals here.

Say Yes to Wes!

Why are you running for this particular court seat?

Portage County has a felony drug court, HOPE Court. The drug court has had success and reduced recidivism. Those persons who are eligible for the drug court should have the opportunity to access it.

By becoming your next Portage County Common Pleas Court Judge, I will have the opportunity to serve my fellow residents by providing prompt and fair administration of justice.

Portage County Courts should be open, respectful, and serve the community. Portage County deserves a judge who will consistently and faithfully follow the law.

Laurie J. Pittman

Candidate has not responded. Information about the candidate may be found at Judicial Votes Count:www.judicialvotescount.org

PORTAGE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Paula C. Giulitto

Candidate has not responded. Information about the candidate may be found at Judicial Votes Count:www.judicialvotescount.org

1 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

TO REQUIRE COURTS TO CONSIDER FACTORS LIKE PUBLIC SAFETY WHEN SETTING THE AMOUNT OF BAIL

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To amend Section 9 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Require Ohio courts, when setting the amount of bail, to consider public safety, including the seriousness of the offense, as well as a person's criminal record, the likelihood a person will return to court, and any other factor the Ohio General Assembly may prescribe.
- Remove the requirement that procedures for establishing the amount and conditions of bail be determined by the Supreme Court of Ohio.
- Pros
- Bail is about appearing for the person's court date according to the guidelines and the Supreme Court. This amendment ensures that courts, when setting bail, consider factors such as public safety, an individual's criminal record, and the severity of the offense committed.
- Courts can consider public safety, among other factors, when setting the financial conditions of bail rather than the longer process of denying bail completely.
- Puts cash bail and its conditions directly in the Ohio Constitution.
- Gives individual courts more discretion in determining cash bail.
- Cons
- This amendment would no longer require the Ohio Supreme Court to establish consistent rules of bail, placing cash bail and its conditions directly in the Ohio Constitution.
- There is no substantial evidence that bail ensures public safety. But rather, it can worsen or create inequities.
- Bail allows some accused persons with enough money to be freed pretrial, while others without enough money remain incarcerated for the same or lesser crime.
- Cash bail may lead the accused in jail during pretrial to plead guilty in exchange for their freedom while awaiting trial.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED? YES NO

2 Proposed Constitutional Amendment

TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ALLOWING NON-ELECTORS TO VOTE

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To amend Section 1 of Article V, Section 3 of Article X, and Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Require that only a citizen of the United States, who is at least 18 years of age and who has been a legal resident and registered voter for at least 30 days, can vote at any state or local election held in this state.
- Prohibit local governments from allowing a person to vote in local elections if they are not legally qualified to vote in state elections.
- If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.

A "**yes**" vote supports the proposed amendment.

A "**no**" vote opposes the proposed amendment.

[Note: Federal law does not allow noncitizens to vote in federal elections but it does not prohibit them from voting in local elections]

PROS

- This amendment would prevent the confusion for non-citizen legal residents voting in local elections.
- This amendment would protect non-citizens from adverse legal action in regard to voting.
- This amendment would prevent an increased administrative burden by creating a new system of voter registration for non-citizen legal residents in areas where this is enacted.
- Passing this initiative clarifies the intent of the Ohio Constitution in regard to citizenship and voting.

CONS

- This amendment prevents non-citizen legal residents from voting locally, which weakens community involvement and input in cities that allow it.
- Non-citizen legal residents are taxpaying members of our communities. This amendment prevents these residents from the right to vote provided to other taxpayers.

- This amendment weakens the ability of municipalities to govern themselves.
- This amendment eliminates the rights of 17-year old citizens (who will be 18 by election day) to vote in a primary election, as well as permanently makes the voter registration deadline 30 days prior to election day.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED? YES NO

3 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Springfield Local School District Portage and Summit Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of the Springfield Local School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 39 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023. FOR THE TAX LEVY AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

4 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Stow-Munroe Falls City School District Portage and Summit Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall a levy be imposed by the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District, Summit and Portage Counties, for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District in the sum of \$7,922,893 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county fiscal officer to average 6.93 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 69.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023? FOR THE TAX LEVY AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

5 Proposed Income Tax Waterloo Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall an annual income tax of 1.5% on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by Waterloo Local School District, for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2023, for the purpose of current operating expenses? FOR THE TAX AGAINST THE TAX

6 Proposed Income Tax West Branch Local School District Mahoning, Columbiana and Portage Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall an annual income tax of 0.5 per cent on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by West Branch Local School District, for 5 years, beginning January 01, 2023, for school district purposes? FOR THE TAX AGAINST THE TAX

7 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Increase) WVFD Joint Fire District

Windham Township and Windham Village

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A replacement of 2 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1.79 mills to constitute a tax for the benefit of the WVFD Joint Fire District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employers' contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding 3.79 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 37.9 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

8 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Portage County Combined General Health District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Portage County Combined General Health District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 0.4 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 4 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE TAX LEVY AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

9 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Ravenna City 1A

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by F.O.E. Aerie 2164, Ravenna an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a fraternal organization at 812 Cleveland Road, and Patio, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 in this precinct? YES NO

10 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Ravenna City 1A

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Proserpine Vineyard & Winery LLC dba West Main Street Winery an applicant for a D6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a winery, brewery at 234 W Main St, Ravenna, OH 44266 in this precinct? YES NO

11 Proposed Charter Amendment Ravenna City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Article IV, Section 4(b) of the Charter of Ravenna City be amended to clarify the responsibilities of the Mayor and Council regarding presentation and approval of the annual budget? YES NO

12 Proposed Charter Amendment Ravenna City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Article X, Section 5 of the Charter of Ravenna City be amended to add a paragraph allowing Council meetings to take place in person, virtually, or through a hybrid manner? YES NO

13 Proposed Charter Amendment Ravenna City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Article X, Section 11 of the Charter of Ravenna City be amended to provide for the annual review of employee salaries and bonds? YES NO

14 Proposed Charter Amendment Ravenna City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Article XVIII, Section 1 of the Charter of Ravenna City be amended to reduce the composition of the Charter Review Commission and require a Commission Secretary? YES NO

15 Proposed Charter Amendment Ravenna City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Article XVIII of the Charter of Ravenna City be amended to add Section 3, which would provide for a Chairperson for the Charter Review Commission? YES NO

16 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Kent City 5A

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by 175 Main, Ltd., dba All Folked Up (Kent Stage) an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a concert venue/bar at 175 E. Main, Kent, Ohio 44240 in this precinct? YES NO

17 Proposed Ordinance (By Initiative Petition) Kent City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the proposed ordinance to lower the penalties for misdemeanor marijuana offenses be adopted? YES NO

18 Proposed Zoning Amendment Aurora City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the proposed amendment of the Aurora City Zoning Map amending the zoning of approximately 25.42 acres located on South Chillicothe Road/State Route 43 also known as permanent parcel numbers 03-020-00-00-013-000, 03-020-00-00-014-000 and 03-020-00-00-015-000 be revised from its current classification of R-4: Residential to an amended classification of I-1: Manufacturing, Processing and Wholesaling District be adopted? YES NO

19 Proposed Zoning Amendment Streetsboro City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Ordinance No. 2022-110, passed July 25, 2022, approving an amendment to the city zoning districts map by rezoning property located at Page Road Permanent Parcel No. 35-027-00-00-013-000, totaling 16 acres, from I-1 (industrial, research and office) to R-1 (low density urban residential), in accordance with the Future Land Use map contained within the 2019 Comprehensive Master Plan adopted by City Council in Ordinance No. 2019-63. Shall the zoning map amendment as proposed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and approved by City Council be approved? YES NO

20 Proposed Charter Amendment Streetsboro City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Section 18.03 of the Streetsboro City Charter be amended to modernize the purchasing and contracting functions of the City, by requiring the creation of a Board of Control, requiring competitive bidding for purchases, specifying the authority of the Mayor, the Board of Control and the Council in awarding contracts, prohibiting the evasion of contracting requirements, and requiring City Council approval for certain non-purchase contracts? YES NO

21 Proposed Charter Amendment Streetsboro City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Section 14.06 of the Streetsboro City Charter be amended to exempt the City's Downtown District, as defined in the 2019 Master Plan and the 2021 Core Concept Plan, from the requirement for voter approval of changes to zoning district classification and density regulations?
YES NO

22 Proposed Charter Amendment Village of Mogadore Portage and Summit Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Section 4.02 of the Charter of the Village of Mogadore be amended, effective January 1, 2023, to prevent the Mayor from holding any other elective office, public office, or any other employment with any other local, state, or federal government body, except volunteer positions with any political subdivision for which he or she receives no compensation? YES NO

23 Proposed Charter Amendment Village of Mogadore Portage and Summit Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall Section 10.01 of the Charter of the Village of Mogadore be amended, effective January 1, 2023, to remove the requirement that one member of the Board of Zoning Appeals be a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and replace it with the requirement that one member of the Board of Zoning Appeals be a member of Council, who will serve for the remainder of his/her term on Council and, in the case of a vacancy of that member, the vacancy shall be filled by Council appointing a different member of Council to serve for the remainder of his/her term on Council? YES NO

24 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Brimfield Township A

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Aldi, Inc., Ohio, dba Aldi 83 an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a grocery store at 110 Brimfield Ridge Circle, Kent (Brimfield Township), Ohio 44240 in this precinct?
YES NO

25 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Franklin Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Franklin Township for the purpose of road and bridge construction and repair at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023?

FOR THE TAX LEVY AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

26 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Freedom Township A

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages, spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by CVJK LLC DBA Shortie C's Bar & Grill an applicant for a D6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of restaurant/bar at 6857 St Rt 303 Windham, OH 44288 in this precinct? YES NO

27 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Rootstown Township D

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages or spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by NEW MILFORD CAFE LTD an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of food services and beverage sales at 4927 Greenwood Rd Rootstown OH 44272 in this precinct? YES NO

28 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Rootstown Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Rootstown Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 15 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024. FOR THE TAX LEVY AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

29 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) Shalersville Township B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted by DIRTY MINER DISTILLERY LLC, an applicant for an A-3A liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a locally owned microdistillery and tasting room at 3425 1/2 Frost Rd, Shalersville Twp, Mantua, OH 44255 in this precinct? YES NO

30 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Shalersville Township B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by DIRTY MINER DISTILLERY LLC an applicant for a D6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a locally owned microdistillery and tasting room at 3425 1/2 Frost Rd, Shalersville Twp, Mantua, OH 44255 in this precinct? YES NO

31 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Suffield Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Suffield Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding 1.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 12.5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024. FOR THE TAX LEVY AGAINST THE TAX LEVY