

2022 VOTER GUIDE

NONPARTISAN VOTER INFORMATION
COVERING HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

IN PERSON



POLLS OPEN
6:30 AM-7:30PM

VOTE BY MAIL



BALLOTS ACCEPTED
OCTOBER 12- NOVEMBER 7

EARLY AT BOARD OF ELECTIONS



SPECIAL HOURS
OCTOBER 12 - NOVEMBER 7

THREE WAYS TO VOTE



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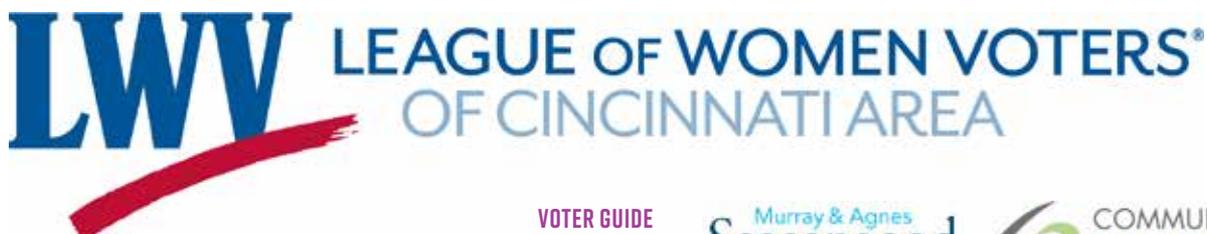
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As well as extended Voter Information including additional questions and information from the candidates and polling place locator, can be found on our voter guide website: www.VOTE411.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

- Acceptable PHOTO ID:** (must not be expired)
- Ohio Driver License/Ohio State ID/ Ohio Interim Documentation (must show your name and current or former address)
 - State of Ohio or Fed. Govt photo ID (must show your name and current address)
 - Ohio Concealed Weapons ID (must show your name and current address)
- Acceptable DOCUMENTS as ID:** (must show your name, current address, and be dated within 12 months)
- Utility Bill, including cell phone bill
 - Bank Statement
 - Government Check
 - Payroll Check
- Government Document
 - Military ID Issued by Dept. of Defense
- A voter presenting an Ohio driver license or Ohio ID card that shows voter's former address is permitted to cast a regular ballot so long as the voter's current residential address has been updated with the Board and appears in the official poll list of registered voters for that precinct.
- Voters who do not provide any ONE of these documents at the precinct will still be able to vote using a provisional ballot and providing the last four digits of their social security number or appearing at the Board Office within 7 days of Election Day to provide ID.

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IS THIS YOU?

- I like to know what's happening in my community, in my state and country.
 - I want all elections to be conducted fairly.
- I want voters to have unbiased information about candidates and issues.
 - I am interested in discussions of public policy.
 - I like to have new ways to network with people.

If this sounds like you, then we welcome you to check out the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area. We're a grassroots organization that includes women and men who value good government and fair elections. Join us! Contact us and let's talk about your interests!

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3 WAYS TO VOTE

Vote at your polling place on Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Polls are open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. By law, if you are in line at 7:30 pm, the polls must stay open to allow you to vote. Contact your county Board of Elections (call 513-632-7000 or visit www.votehamiltoncountyohio.gov) or visit www.vote411.org to check your voter registration and to find out your polling place and precinct. Sometimes several precincts share the same polling place. To assure that your vote is counted, verify that you are voting in the correct precinct!

Above all, if you are sure you are at the correct polling precinct and voting a regular ballot is not an option for whatever reason, don't leave the polls without voting a provisional ballot.

A provisional ballot is the same as a regular ballot ONCE THEY VERIFY YOUR REGISTRATION AND ID. Give poll workers the information they request and your vote will be counted.

Vote by mail

In Ohio you may obtain an absentee ballot for ANY reason. The process is explained on the Board of Elections (BOE) website <https://vote-hamiltoncountyohio.gov/voting-options/mail/> Questions? Call (513) 632-7000.

1. If you did not receive a vote-by-mail application in the mail around Labor Day, obtain one by printing it from the BOE website, by phoning the BOE at (513) 632-7000, or by picking one up at the Board of Elections Office or any Hamilton County Public Library.

2. Submit it to BOE office by mail or drop it off in secure drop box at Board of Elections Office, 4700 Smith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45224.

3. Your ballot will be mailed to you after October 12 or when the application is processed. Use the BOE website or phone (513) 632-7000 to check the progress of your vote-by-mail ballot.

4. Return your completed ballot – Place it in the BOE drop box by November 8, 2022 7:30 pm; OR use USPS with a postmark stamped at your post office by November 7, 2022. Postage is required if mailed.

IMPORTANT: Mail is slower these days, so allow at least 5 days for each mailing, or use the BOE drop box if time is short.

Vote early in-person

Registered voters may vote beginning on October 6 for the November 3, 2020 election. (Ohio has no online voting)

Location for early voting in Hamilton County:
 Hamilton County Board of Elections
 4700 Smith Rd.; Norwood, OH 45212
 513-632-7000
<https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/>

Travel and bus routes: <https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Driving-Directions-and-Bus-Routes-to-4700-Smith-Rd1.pdf>

Early voting days and hours are as follows:

- Oct 12-14 W-F 8am-5pm,
- Oct 17-21 M-F 8am-5pm
- Oct 24-28 M-F 8am-6pm,
- Oct 29 Saturday 8am-4pm,
- Oct 31-Nov 4 M-F 8am-7pm,
- Nov 5 Saturday 8am-4pm,
- Nov 6 Sunday 1-5pm,
- Nov 7 Monday 8am-2pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide for voters was prepared by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area (LWVCA) to provide a forum for candidates and information on the ballot issues.

The candidate materials in this guide were assembled in the following manner:

The information for the Hamilton County candidates is solicited and compiled by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area (LWVCA). LWVCA uses the following criteria: The

questions selected by LWVCA were advertised to the candidates, who were informed that each response would be printed as received and that all candidates would be solely responsible for the content of their replies. Because of the nonpartisan nature of the guide, candidates were informed that any reference to other candidates is prohibited. Because of space limitations, candidates were informed of the word limit requirements and were advised that any reply over the word limit would

be cut off at the correct number.

In making this information available to the public, the LWVCA neither endorses nor rejects the views of any candidate or political party. The League does not and cannot assume responsibility for any candidate's reply, or for the candidate's motive in making it.

The summaries and background for the Hamilton County and City of Cincinnati ballot issues were prepared by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area volunteers. Descrip-

tions of other ballot issues come from the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

The information in this guide is current as of September 19, 2022. LWVCA's online voter guide VOTE411.org includes additional candidate information not included in this guide as well as any updates candidates may have made to their profile information after our publication deadline as stated above.

US SENATE

U.S. SENATOR

Term: 6 years.

Salary: \$174,000

RESPONSIBILITIES: Represents the people of Ohio and the U.S. in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

Not Provided **Tim Ryan**

Party: Dem
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the most pressing policy issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote?
A: No response by print deadline

Q: How will you address challenges in the health-care system?
A: No response by print deadline

Q: How will you address immigration?
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Q: How would you assure free, fair and secure elections, and that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?
A: No response by print deadline

Q: What is the role of the federal government in protecting the rights of LGBTQ individuals?
A: No response by print deadline

Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you will address climate change.
A: No response by print deadline

Q: State your position on government oversight of gun ownership and safety.
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A: No response by print deadline

Q: What is the role of the federal government in assuring access to high-quality, equitable education (include PK - higher ed)?
A: No response by print deadline

Q: State your position on women's reproductive healthcare, pay equity, the ERA, and other rights.
A: No response by print deadline

J.D. Vance

Not Provided

Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
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US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OHIO US HOUSE, REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS – DISTRICT 1

Term: 1 to be elected – 2 year term

Salary: \$174,000

RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the people of Ohio, their district, and the United States in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.



Steve Chabot

Party: Rep
Political Philosophy: Conservative
Twitter: @SteveChabot

Campaign Website: www.stevechabot.com

Education: Bachelor Degree — The College of William and Mary; Juris Doctor —NKU's Chase College of Law

Experience: Served as U.S. Representative for Ohio's First Congressional District from 1995-2009 and 2011-present; Hamilton County Commissioner from 1990-1995; and Cincinnati City Councilman from 1985-1990

Affiliations: Republican

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SteveChabot

Endorsements: Cincinnati Fraternal Order of Police; Warren County Fraternal Order of Police; National Federation of Independent Business; U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Ohio State Medical Association

Occupation: U.S. Representative, Lawyer, Teacher

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the most pressing policy issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote? (500 characters)

A: The most important issues facing our country are inflation and the economy. Due to a number of misguided policies pursued by the Biden Adminis-

tration, inflation is at a 40-year high and continues to put severe economic pressure on working families. Everything costs more, which makes it difficult to make ends meet. To lower prices, we should start by adopting reasonable proposals to increase energy production. We also need to help businesses solve the supply chain issues they're facing.

Q: 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? (500 characters)

A: We need to make certain that every person who is legally entitled to vote has an opportunity to cast a ballot, and that all valid votes are properly counted and reported in a timely manner. Because the Constitution delegates regulation of elections to the states, that effort begins with ensuring that every state has appropriate election laws in place, and that those laws are applied in a consistent and fair manner. In Ohio, we have a solid system in place, but other states could be improved.

Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, land, and climate. (500 characters)

A: As a father and grandfather, it's extremely important to me that our children and grandchildren have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. In my lifetime, we've made incredible strides in cleaning up our environment, but we don't need the heavy hand of government forcing one-size-fits-all regulations on every community. That's why I worked with the late Todd Portune on legislation (now law) to promote flexible solutions that lead to cleaner water at a much lower cost to taxpayers.



Greg Landsman

Party: Dem
Political Philosophy: I am a coalition builder with a history of rising above the chaos to deliver results for children and families, because we have to make it easier to raise a family.

Twitter: twitter.com/VoteLandsman

Campaign Website: www.landsmanforcongress.com

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Politics and

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Greg Landsman continued

Economics from Ohio University, Master's Degree in Theology from Harvard University
Experience: A former public school teacher and non-profit leader, Greg Landsman is in his fifth year on Cincinnati City Council. Greg has spent his career fighting for children and families, having successfully led the Preschool Promise which now provides two years of quality preschool for Cincinnati's three and four year olds. On council, Greg has proven to be a strong voice for families across the region on issues of housing, wages, climate, and public safety. Greg helped shepherd the largest investment in transportation and infrastructure ever in Hamilton County. Greg is running for Congress to make government work for us by lowering costs, repairing our roads and bridges, and making it easier to raise a family.
Affiliations: Democratic Party
Facebook: facebook.com/votegreglandsman
Endorsements: AFL-CIO, Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate, Ohio Federation of Teachers, American Federation of Teachers, Equality PAC, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, End Citizens United, National Association of Social Workers, League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club Miami Group, Human Rights Campaign, Asian American Action Fund, Carpenters, Operating Engineers, LiUNA Local 265, Ironworkers Local 44, IBEW Local 212, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 392, NARAL, Jewish Democratic Council of America, United Auto Workers, Amalgamated Transit Union, Bend the Arc
Occupation: Cincinnati City Council

endorsed by the Sierra Club Miami Group and the League of Conservation Voters.
OHIO US HOUSE, REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS - DISTRICT 8
Term: 1 to be elected – 2 year term
Salary: \$174,000
RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the people of Ohio, their district, and the United States in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

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Warren Davidson

Party: Rep
Biographical Info: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
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A: No response by print deadline
Q: 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? (500 characters)
A: No response by print deadline
Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, land, and climate. (500 characters)
A: No response by print deadline



Vanessa Enoch

Party: Dem
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/1DocEnoch/
Education: Dr. Enoch holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Concentration in Information Technology from Xavier University and a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Social Change from Union Institute & University.
Campaign Website: www.enochforcongress.com
Affiliations: Enoch has been named one of 15 Women in Business and nominated for the Cincinnati Business Couriers Forty Under 40 award. Enoch was also a member of the Cincinnati Chamber C-Change Leadership Class. She volunteers on several local and national non-profit boards, including the YMCA, Vision Works, Inc., Black

Greeks Speak, and she became one of the youngest to ever serve on The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce board.
Political Philosophy: Dr. Enoch is a Democrat, who believes people have the power to transform their own circumstances.
Endorsements: Ohio Democratic Party, Butler County Democratic Party, Hamilton County Democratic Party, Mom's Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate Distinction, Our Revolution, National Women's Political Caucus
Occupation: Management & Public Policy Consultant
Twitter: https://twitter.com/DrVENoch
Experience: Dr. Vanessa Enoch has been a business owner for over 20 years. She is the President & CEO of Cultural Impact, LLC, a management consulting firm, founded in 2015. Dr. Enoch's objective in business is to inspire individuals and business owners to walk in passion, purpose, and power. Dr. Enoch has lived overseas and works cross-culturally, alongside several partners, to incubate and accelerate innovative ideas and help solve some of the world's greatest challenges, in areas such as the alleviation of poverty, food insecurity, climate change, and clean air and water. Enoch is also an award-winning journalist and reports for radio and television, writing news articles for local and national publications.

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the most pressing policy issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote? (500 characters)

OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE, OHIO SUPREME COURT

Term: 6 years
Salary: \$193,251
RESPONSIBILITIES: Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions. The Supreme Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S Constitution, statutes, or treaties.

Not Provided

Jennifer Brunner

Party: Dem
Biographical Info: Not provided

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years).
A: 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.

A: I believe the most pressing policy issue we face as a nation right now is climate change. Climate change is a clear and present danger to the entire globe. I will support legislation that gets a handle on the air and water pollution problem. Drinking water must be protected from contamination that may result from flooding, by retrofitting sewage and water treatment facilities. I will support revamping how reservoirs are managed; re-evaluate flood protection and modify power plant operations.
Q: 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? (500 characters)
A: The federal government must combat misinformation, prevent election tampering, and protect access to the ballot. The government should also reinstate civics in school, and educate students about our government institutions, and how to participate. The government should ensure that voter registration is automatic at age 18.
Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, land, and climate. (500 characters)
A: Dams, levees, floodwalls, pumps and reservoirs need to be redesigned, to better provide river navigation, flood control, and accommodate the use of hydropower. I support reducing water consumption, encouraging cleaner energy usage, and building safer cars that are less inclined to pollute the environment. We must build new regional power plant facilities and ensure that our workforce has the knowledge and skills necessary to understand emerging infrastructure technologies and techniques.

Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
A: 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.
Q: Why are you running for this particular court seat?
A: 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

Jennifer Brunner continued

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.

Not Provided

Sharon Kennedy

Party: Rep
Biographical Info: Not provided

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years).
A: 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
Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
A: 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.
 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
Q: Why are you running for this particular court seat?
A: I am running for the Chief 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

Term: 6 years
Salary: \$181,400
RESPONSIBILITIES: Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions. The Supreme Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S Constitution, statutes, or treaties.

Not Provided

Pat Fischer

Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years).
A: No response by print deadline
Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: Why are you running for this particular court seat?
A: No response by print deadline

OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT

Not Provided

Terri Jamison

Party: Dem
Biographical Info: Not provided

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years).
A: 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.
Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
A: 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.
 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.
Q: Why are you running for this particular court seat?
A: 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

HOW TO FIND OUT ABOUT JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Voters often don't have much information about judicial candidates. Because most citizens do not routinely interact with judges in their communities, they tend to know very little about how judges conduct themselves in the course of doing their jobs. In addition, state rules do not allow judicial candidates to discuss their views on controversial issues because judges must be impartial on the bench. It is important for voters to understand the role of the courts and the important qualities to consider when evaluating judicial candidates.
 To learn about candidates for judge in your area consider reading candidates' campaign literature, visiting campaign websites, and talking with people who know the candidates, including practicing attorneys. The League of Women Voters of Ohio again this year joins the Ohio State Bar Association, the Bliss Institute for Applied Politics at the University of Akron, the Ohio Newspaper Association and Ohio Broadcasters Association in a statewide, nonpartisan, online judicial voter's guide at www.judicialvotescount.org.
 In order to make a decision, when voting on judicial candidates, consider the answers to the following questions:
 -To what extent has the candidate practiced in the area(s) of law the court handles?
 -What work or other experience has the candidate had that will particularly qualify the candidate to perform the duties of a judge on this court?
 -What is the candidate's legal philosophy? Political philosophy?
 -Consider the candidate's integrity, judicial temperament, and level of commitment to public service and the administration of justice.
 -Also, consider who is paying for any advertising about any particular judicial election. For our democracy to function, judges must carry out their tasks impartially and independently. Judges' decisions should not follow public opinion or promote special interests or even reflect their personal beliefs. Judges' decisions should be based on facts and law. This judicial impartiality protects fair trials and upholds the rule of law.



Check Vote411.org for information candidates may have added after print deadline.

OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT

Terri Jamison continued

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

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$181,400

RESPONSIBILITIES: Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions. The Supreme Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S. Constitution, statutes, or treaties

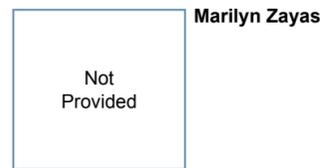
Pat DeWine



Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years).
A: No response by print deadline
Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
A: No response by print deadline

Q: Why are you running for this particular court seat?
A: No response by print deadline



Marilyn Zayas

Party: Dem
Biographical Information: Not provided

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years).
A: 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 appointment 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.

Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
A: 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.

Q: Why are you running for this particular court seat?
A: 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.

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OHIO EXECUTIVE BRANCH

GOVERNOR

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$161,121

RESPONSIBILITIES: Ensures that all laws are executed, reports the condition of the state, and presents a proposed budget to the legislature.

Mike DeWine



Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What are the most pressing policy issues facing Ohio? What solutions will you promote?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: How will you address challenges in the health-care system?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: How would you assure free, fair and secure elections, and that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of women.
A: No response by print deadline
Q: State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of LGBTQ individuals.
A: No response by print deadline
Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, land, and climate.
A: No response by print deadline
Q: State your position on government oversight of gun ownership and safety.

A: No response by print deadline
Q: What is the role of the federal government in assuring access to high-quality, equitable education (include PK - higher ed)?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: What is the state's obligation to local governments?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: How will you use your role to impact the criminal justice system?
A: No response by print deadline

Nan Whaley



Party: Dem
Website: <http://nanwhaley.com>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nanwhaley>
Twitter: [@https://twitter.com/NanWhaley](https://twitter.com/NanWhaley)
Education: BA, University of Dayton. MPA, Wright State University
Training and Experience: Former Mayor of Dayton, Former President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What are the most pressing policy issues facing Ohio? What solutions will you promote?
A: 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

Nan Whaley continued

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.
Q: How will you address challenges in the health-care system?
A: 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.
Q: How would you assure free, fair and secure elections, and that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?
A: 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.
Q: State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of women.
A: 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 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
Q: State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of LGBTQ individuals.
A: 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

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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.
Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, land, and climate.
A: 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.
Q: State your position on government oversight of gun ownership and safety.
A: 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.
Q: What is the role of the federal government in assuring access to high-quality, equitable education (include PK - higher ed)?
A: 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.
Q: What is the state's obligation to local governments?
A: 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.
Q: How will you use your role to impact the criminal justice system?
A: 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. 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.

STATE AUDITOR OF OHIO

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$124,196

RESPONSIBILITIES: Audits all financial records of public offices in Ohio. Maintains deed records of state.

Keith Faber



Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

WHAT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES?

- State and federal law require election officials to provide the following types of assistance:
 - Curb-side voting** – Voters who have mobility difficulties can request curb-side voting. A pair of poll workers will bring a paper ballot out to your car, so you can vote without having to go inside the polling location.
 - Assistance inside the polls** – Who can help:
 - Voters are entitled to assistance from a person of their choice.
 - But assistance is NOT permitted from the voter's employer, the employer's agent, the voter's union representative, or a candidate who is on your ballot – because the law prohibits these individuals influencing your vote.
 - Voters can also receive assistance from two poll workers (one from each party).
 - Accessible voting machines** - Every polling location is required to have a special accessible voting machine with options for audio ballots, Braille touch pads, large print/zoom features, and height and tilt adjustments on the screens. When you arrive at your polling location, please let the poll workers know you prefer to use the ADA accessible voting machine.
 - Absentee voting** – All voters in Ohio are eligible to vote by mail-in absentee ballot. You will need to submit an absentee ballot request form to your county Board of Elections before the deadline, and they will mail you an absentee ballot so you can vote from home.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!

OHIO EXECUTIVE BRANCH

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$124,196
RESPONSIBILITIES: Represents the state in all legal cases in which the state is a party or has a significant interest.



Jeff Crossman

Party: Dem
Website: <http://crossmanforohio.com>
Facebook: <http://facebook.com/CrossmanForOhio>
Twitter: [@twitter.com/JeffaCrossman](https://twitter.com/JeffaCrossman)
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

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: What are the most important functions of the state attorney general and why?
A: 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.
Q: What divisions (e.g. consumer protection, environment, civil rights, immigration) will you prioritize and why?
A: 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.
Q: When is it appropriate to bring cases on behalf of the state to federal court?
A: 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.
Q: As Ohio's chief law enforcement officer, how will you remain nonpartisan while representing the diverse interests of all Ohioans?
A: 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.
Q: How will you use your role to impact the criminal justice system, including inequities?
A: 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.
Q: State your position on women's reproductive healthcare, pay equity, the ERA, and other rights.
A: 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 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 amend-

ment to the U.S. Constitution.
Q: State your position on government oversight of gun ownership and safety.
A: 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.
Q: State your position on the rights of LGBTQ individuals.
A: 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.

Party: Dem
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline



Dave Yost

Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
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A: No response by print deadline
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Q: State your position on the rights of LGBTQ individuals.
A: No response by print deadline

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$124,196
RESPONSIBILITIES: Oversees the election process in each of Ohio's 88 counties. Maintains records of corporations.



Chelsea Clark

Party: Dem
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: How do you view Ohio's voter registration system? What changes would you make?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: What will you do to improve voter turnout?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: What steps need to be taken to ensure the security and integrity of elections?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: What is the role of the Secretary of State in countering mis/dis information and voter intimidation?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: Will you make changes/improvements to early, absentee, and/or election day voting? What would they be?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: How do you envision working with BOEs and voter advocates?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: How will you improve campaign finance policy?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: How will you remain nonpartisan while representing the diverse interests of all Ohioans?
A: No response by print deadline



Frank LaRose

Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

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Frank LaRose continued

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Terpeshore Maras

Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

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A: No response by print deadline
Q: How will you remain nonpartisan while representing the diverse interests of all Ohioans?
A: No response by print deadline

OHIO TREASURER

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$124,196
RESPONSIBILITIES: Collects and safeguards most state taxes and fees, and manages Ohio's investment portfolio.



Scott Schertzer

Party: Dem
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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/scott.schertzer.7>
Twitter: [@schertzer4oh](https://twitter.com/schertzer4oh)
Education: Bachelor of Secondary Education and Social Studies, University of Toledo
Training and Experience: Mayor of Marion since 2008, Marion City Council, 2000-2007

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What are the most important functions of the state treasurer and why?
A: 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.
Q: What are your goals for improving the function of the treasurer's office?
A: 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!
Q: How can the treasurer's office influence state fiscal policy?
A: 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.
Q: How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finances?
A: 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!
Q: How will you use your position to improve fiscal literacy among Ohioans?
A: 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 avail-

able to answer questions of all taxpayers in order for them to make the best financial decisions for improvements in their daily lives.



Robert Sprague

Party: Rep
Biographical Information: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What are the most important functions of the state treasurer and why?
A: No response by print deadline
Q: What are your goals for improving the function of the treasurer's office?
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Q: How can the treasurer's office influence state fiscal policy?
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For additional information on Clermont County candidates, issues and elections please contact League of Women Voters of Clermont County at www.lwvclermont.com or P.O. Box 733, Milford, OH 45150 or email: LWVCLERMONT@GMAIL.COM
 For information on Butler County candidates, issues and elections please contact League of Women Voters of Oxford at www.oxford.oh.lwvnet.org or P.O. Box 504, Oxford, OH 45056.

AFTER YOU VOTE...

Voting is not the final step but a starting point for taking an active part in government. Hold your elected officials accountable by asking questions, attending meetings and speaking out about the issues important to you and your family. We don't have to go to Washington, DC. We can be heard from here. And remember this— "One of the penalties of refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors" — Plato



IF I'M AT THE RIGHT POLLING PLACE AND PRECINCT TABLE, BUT NOT ON THE REGISTER, I'LL VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT!

A provisional ballot is used to record a vote if a voter's eligibility is in question and the voter would otherwise not be permitted to vote at the voter's polling precinct. The content of a provisional ballot is no different from a regular ballot, but it is cast "provisionally" until election officials can verify the voter's eligibility to vote in that particular precinct at that election.

If you cast your provisional ballot and provided acceptable proof of identity, you typically do not need to provide any additional information to the Board of Elections.

Proof of identity: If you cast a provisional ballot and did not provide acceptable proof of identity at the time of voting, you must appear in person at the Board of Elections to provide such proof within the seven days immediately following Election Day, in accordance with Ohio law. See What are acceptable forms of ID for voting? information.

Proof of name change: If you cast a provisional ballot because, at the time you voted, you have changed your name, but did not provide proof of a legal name change to a precinct election official, you must provide that proof in the form of a marriage license or a court order that indicates your current and prior names.

Voter eligibility challenged: If you cast a provisional ballot because your right to vote was challenged at the polling place under Ohio Revised Code R.C. 3505.20, and the election officials either determined that you were ineligible to vote or were unable to determine your eligibility, you must provide any identification or other documentation required to resolve the challenge. Details concerning the process and required information can be found at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3505.20>.

Above all, if you are sure you are at the correct polling precinct and voting a regular ballot is not an option for whatever reason, don't leave the polls without voting a provisional ballot.

OHIO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

OHIO SENATE, STATE SENATOR – 7TH DISTRICT

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$68,673*
RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. *Base salary. Write-in candidates do not automatically appear on ballot, and have to be added to ballot at the polls.



David Dallas

Party: Dem
Twitter: twitter.com/dallasforohio
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dallasforohio
Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party
Occupation: Retired stagehand
Political Philosophy: Rubber stamp Democrat. Good jobs, fair wages, universal healthcare, affordable housing.
Education: Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)
A: K-12 education is foundational to exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives. Public schools are the bedrock of our future. Students should be afforded an education that fosters critical thinking across all subjects of academia, without influence of partisan agendas. Supporting the teachers who make a quality education possible for students in Ohio ought to be a priority of elected lawmakers.
Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)
A: The notion that increasing access to voting threatens the impartiality or security of our elections is a false narrative. The local Boards of Elections across Ohio do great work in administering free and fair elections each and every year. On any laws related to the election system, I strongly support increasing access to voting. I also err of the side of trusting our public officials who enable our democratic process through their work to do their job with professionalism and integrity.
Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)
A: Yes. Increasing accountability on policing through legislation will increase public trust in institutions that ensure public safety is important. Legislation from the state-level that provides county and municipal-level police forces with the funds to provide body-camera equipment and annual implicit bias training will be one small step towards restoring public trust across all communities in Ohio.
Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in

public education in Ohio? (500 characters)
A: The use of vouchers in public education in Ohio makes it harder for public school students in Ohio to get the education they deserve. Privatization efforts among educators in Ohio abuse taxpayers dollars by subsidizing for-profit millionaires who provide lower quality education standards for students and employ underpaid teachers to provide for often the most-needy students in our communities. We should support our public schools and the teachers who make them vibrant.



Steve Wilson

Party: Rep
Biographical Info: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
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OHIO SENATE, STATE SENATOR – 9TH DISTRICT

Description: 4 years
Salary: \$68,673*
RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. *Base salary. Write-in candidates do not automatically appear on ballot, and have to be added to ballot at the polls.



Catherine Ingram

Party: Dem
Twitter: #cingram32
Occupation: Realtor / Legislator
Campaign Website: www.ingramforthepeople.org
Political Philosophy: That our Nation was established as a democracy to create opportunities for individuals and families to pursue a good life. That those opportunities would be for all Americans regardless of race or physical characteristics

or religious beliefs. That justice would be fair for/ to all Without prejudice or deliberate discrimination. Laws must disallow the obstruction of those opportunities.

Affiliations: HC Dem Women; Ohio Dem Women Caucus; DCCC; House Dem Caucus; OLBC 1st VP; Delta Theta Sigma Sorority, Inc; BEMC; Education; Woodward HS; Knoxville College undergrad; U C BS Marketing - MBA

Endorsements: Emily's List; Pro Choice Ohio; AFL-CIO Labor Council; HCDC; CWPC; OEA Fund; OFT; CFT; Amalgamated Transit Union; AF-SCME Power In Action; Teamsters Ohio D.R.I.V.E.; Progressive Turnout Project; IUOE Local 18; OH State Medical Assn PAC; OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4 ; Ohio Realtors/RPAC; OLBC

Experience: Corporate public affairs; ED MBE Mentoring/Cincinnati COC; NKU full time lecturer; Thomas More adjunct;

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)

A: To have age/grade appropriate conversations within the curriculum about differences in our world's social structures. That differences should be acknowledged and respected. That exposure to other people not like themselves should allow opportunities to understand cultures, abilities, languages, religions, ethnicity, and the true meaning of race in order to support the development of truly critical thinkers to move Ohio and the Nation forward.

Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)

A: Of course we all want our Right to Vote to be respected and for all votes by Ohio citizens to be counted fairly and count. My concern is that we continue to hear the the false narrative about election fraud and security that actually makes it harder for many Ohioans to vote at all. Just one example is in regard to persons with disabilities with motorized chairs having to transfer modes of transportation (if available) to access one ballot drop box in all of Hamilton County.

Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)

A: It's difficult to legislate relationships which is what is truly needed in municipalities to create trust between the community and the police. Municipalities should be allowed to "encourage " and "incentivize " their Chief officers to live where they work as a consideration for employment. Building a relationship takes more than clocking out and

Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)

A: I would balance voter access and election security by abiding by the principle that any restriction on the right to voter access for the purpose of increasing election security should be: (1) the least restrictive procedure possible; (2) proportional to the perceived benefit; and (3) based on objective criteria.

Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)

A: No response by print deadline

Q: What will you do to ensure that public trust is not violated by government officials?

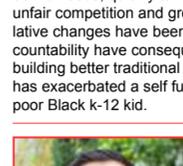
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Q: How do you view Ohio's criminal justice system? What changes would you make?

A: No response by print deadline

going home to another city or state. A review of all training requirements may indicate EIQ training should be considered to replace ineffective work.

Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)
A: What began here in Ohio as a workable "business" model, intended to exponentially advance academic outcomes for poor and Minority children in schools that could not fully address their academic needs, quickly turned into a way to create unfair competition and greed. Though some legislative changes have been made , years of no accountability have consequences. Not focusing on building better traditional public education systems has exacerbated a self fulfilling prophecy for many poor Black k-12 kid.



Orlando Sonza Jr.

Party: Rep
Twitter: @orlandosonza
Occupation: Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office
Facebook: Facebook.com/orlandosonza
Campaign Website: www.orlandosonza.com
Political Philosophy: It's not about left or right. It's about doing right.

Education: United States Military Academy (B.S.), University of Cincinnati (M.S.), and Georgetown Law (J.D.)

Endorsements: Right to Life Cincinnati, FOP Cincinnati, Ohio Farm Bureau

Experience: U.S. Army, Ernst & Young LLP, and Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)

A: I believe K-12 students benefit from an educational environment that fosters diversity and an awareness of multicultural perspectives. K-12 education should not lose sight of this important objective while remaining committed to the primary goal of ensuring that all students receive a sound education that equips them to succeed in life after high school whether that be through college, a career training program, or the workforce.

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Orlando Sonza Jr. continued

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Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)

A: Recent national news has shown that stronger relationships between police agencies and the community is critical to improving public safety and the effectiveness of policing. Therefore, new State legislation focused on policing/community relations is desperately needed. One such legislation could be to create a professional licensing and oversight board for police officers.

Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)

A: I believe that public education should be every student's first and best choice. But if it is not the first or best choice, then there should be a more suitable alternative for the student to pursue whether that means charter school, private school, or home school. Therefore, the voucher program in Ohio is meeting a need that the public schools may not be in the best position to meet.

Q: Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to support or check local government?

A: No response by print deadline

Q: Do you believe that public education is fundamental to our democracy? How will you work with other state entities, such as the State Board of Education and the Ohio Department of Education?

A: No response by print deadline

Q: What will you do to combat gerrymandering and ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?

A: No response by print deadline

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

A: No response by print deadline

Q: State your position on women's reproductive rights and health.

A: No response by print deadline

Q: What will you do to ensure that public trust is not violated by government officials?

A: No response by print deadline

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Bill Seitz

Party: Rep
Biographical Info: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: How do you view our election system? What changes, if any, will you make?

A: No response by print deadline
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OHIO HOUSE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 24

Term: 2 years
Salary: \$68,673*
RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. *Base salary.



Dani Isaacsohn

Party: Dem
Political Philosophy: I am most drawn to the beliefs that diversity is a source of strength, that we accomplish more when we come together and focus on shared growth, and that our fundamental tasks as a democratic society are to make sure that basic rights are protected and that everyone has access to equal opportunities. I am proud to support efforts to keep us safe from gun violence, to ensure the right for women to have autonomy over their bodies, to strengthen our schools, and to bring down the cost of living across the board, from housing to childcare for parents and home healthcare for seniors.

Experience: Dani is an entrepreneur and founded a successful community engagement company, Cohear. He is also a former community organizer for President Obama and Hillary Clinton's Presidential campaigns, has worked in the White House Counsel's office, and is a longtime "big brother", tutor, and mentor with Cincinnati Public School students.

Endorsements: Planned Parenthood, Pro-Choice Ohio, AFL-CIO, Ohio Federation of Teachers, Canary Candidate, LiUNA! Laborers 265, Moms Demand Action Distinguished Candidate, Progressive Turnout, and SAFE Communities

Occupation: Founder of Cohear
Campaign Website: www.votedani.com
Twitter: www.twitter.com/isaacssohn
Facebook: www.facebook.com/DaniForOhio
Education: Walnut Hills High School, Georgetown University, and Yale Law School

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)

A: School is meant to prepare students to be productive and informed members of society, and understanding diverse perspectives and experiences is a core part of that preparation. Our state consists of countless different backgrounds, religions, ethnicities, experiences, and narratives, and it is crucial that students are taught how to navigate, understand, and feel comfortable with diversity.

Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)

A: The right to vote, which includes meaningful access to voting, is paramount in a democracy. Access to voting in Ohio has been attacked and limited by Republicans over a long period of time, and it threatens the basis of our democratic systems. We need to invest in ensuring that more people can safely and securely vote, not in trying to keep people from voting.

Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)

A: Most people - across neighborhood, age, race, gender, and class - want a safe community to live in and an effective and respectful police force. The state should be focused on pursuing policies that strengthen trust, improve accountability, and ultimately make our police more effective and our communities safer.

Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)

A: Our future depends on how successfully we teach and train young people today. A strong public education system is the basis for successful businesses, a healthy economy, and fulfilling lives. We have had an unconstitutional funding system for our public schools for decades, and it is more important than ever that we ensure that our schools have the equitable and constitutional funding they need to provide an excellent and safe place to learn for our kids.

Party: Rep
Political Philosophy: We should move beyond rhetoric to think clearly about the political principles that benefit the freedom and safety of people
Experience: https://www.linkedin.com/in/adam-koehler/
Affiliations: Legatus, SCPA Funding Board, GOP
Endorsements: Hamilton County GOP, Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters, US Congressman Steve Chabot, Hamilton County FOP & The Frederick Douglass Foundation
Occupation: Entrepreneur
Campaign Website: adamkoehler.com
Twitter: https://twitter.com/AdamKoehler4Rep
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Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing

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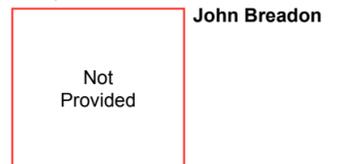
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Adam Koehler continued

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)
A: The role of education is to teach kids to read, write and learn Math. It should be up to the individual student's parents to decide what their child is taught.
Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)
A: I would make sure that it is verified not only by education but by submitting fingerprints as well.
Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)
A: Yes, what can it hurt. The more that a community sees police in their element the more comfortable and trusting they would become.
Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)
A: Competition is good for school districts to set up their practices.

OHIO HOUSE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 25

Term: 2 years
Salary: \$68,673*
RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. *Base salary.



John Breadon

Party: Rep
Biographical Info: No response by print deadline
Candidate's Question Responses:
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Cecil Thomas

Party: Dem
Occupation: Retired Police Officer
Facebook: www.facebook.com/CecilForCincinnati
Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Ohio Federation of Teachers, Cincinnati AFL-CIO, Sen. Sherrod Brown, Planned Parenthood, Progressive Turnout PAC, Ohio Environmental Council, TEAMSTERS Ohio, AFSCME Council 8, Ohio Education Association
Affiliations: Fraternal Order of Police, Sentinel Police Association, Masonic Gothic Lodge 121, Vice President of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the National Action Network, and Ohio Legislative Black Caucus
Twitter: www.twitter.com/CecilForCinci
Campaign Website: www.cecilforcincinnati.com
Experience: I have served as the Ohio State Senator for District 9 for the last eight years. During my time in the Senate I have been the Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Judiciary and Senate Veterans and Public Safety committees. Additionally, I served on the Government Oversight and Reform; Health; Insurance; Select Committee on Gaming; Joint Legislative Ethics Commission; and Joint Medicaid Oversight committees. I am a member of the Council of State Governments-Midwestern Legislative Conference's Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, Ohio Commission on Minority Health, Ohio Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2.0 Ad Hoc Committee, and the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus.
Education: Graduate of Withrow High School, Graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Graduate of Union Institute & University, Graduate of the Cincinnati Police Cadet Program

Political Philosophy: I embrace the concept of being a "servant leader." A servant leader leads from the heart with a natural desire to improve the quality of life of people, their community and the world. A servant leader gets the job done, giving little consideration to who gets the credits. They lead expecting nothing in return. Elected officials owe it to their constituents to take on an unfair power structure and force change for the betterment of all. We are only as strong as our weakest person so we must adopt policies to lift people up. That is an appropriate and necessary job of government and its politicians.

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)
A: A sound education that includes diverse narratives and ideas reflects the underlying principle of freedom. By teaching that acceptance and understanding of others is a positive trait in families and communities, we strengthen the foundation of good citizenship. It's critical in education that information is factually accurate and respectfully discussed. How a student handles a difference of opinion with classmates or teachers determines how that student acts as an adult and engages civically.
Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)
A: Voting is at an all time low. We should take all steps necessary to make it accessible, convenient, and at no cost to voters. Voting has always been a secure process and the rate of fraud is and has been very low. Voting can be both accessible and secure. Recent tactics to scare voters are just that and are not based on the evidence. As a state representative I will fight all efforts to shake the confidence of citizens in their elections, and I will advocate for accessibility.
Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)
A: People don't trust law enforcement and law enforcement doesn't feel respected for their work. When I was a police officer, I walked my district and made a point to talk to people and I got to know families. It helped me grow as an officer and made me better at my job. We can train officers to be better at the social aspects of policing since there is much more to policing than detention and arrest. We can guide the community to a place of trust if they feel the policing is fair and transparent.
Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)
A: It's hard to support vouchers to private schools when the state has cut funding to public schools over the years and willfully ignored the unconstitutional funding formula for public schools. It is inherently unfair to students, parents, teachers and administrators to pull resources from public schools and penalize them by offering financial incentives to non-public schools which aren't required to accept all students, regardless of abilities, nor be held to the same standards and requirements.

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OHIO HOUSE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 26

Term: 2 years
Salary: \$68,673*
RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the

people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. *Base salary.



Sedrick Denson

Party: Dem
Occupation: Consultant
Education: University of Cincinnati
Political Philosophy: Liberal
Twitter: @SedrickDenson
Facebook: www.facebook.com/StateRepSedrickDenson/
Campaign Website: www.votedenson.com

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)
A: Exposing our children to diverse narratives and perspectives in education is extremely important. It is not the responsibility of the General Assembly to pick and choose what our children should be taught. Our department of Education is stacked with professionals that we should rely on. Diversity narratives have come a long way in this Country and State. I would despise going backwards on giving our children the fair and factual opportunity to be exposed to diversity and perspective.
Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)
A: Voter access is one of the must easiest things we can do here in Ohio. Unfortunately we keep making that access harder for Ohioans. The balance of voter access in my opinion is simple, make it easy for Ohioans to legally vote and to make sure our election system is secure. These are not policies to accomplish, just policies we need to make adjustments to.
Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)
A: Police community relations is needed at the State level more now than ever. We in Cincinnati are fortunate that we have the Collaborative Agreement focused on how the police and community interact. As we continue to see rise in police/community related incidents as of recent, it is crucial that we take a look at how we implement a policy from the State level that has accountability and transparency in how police and Ohioans interact.
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OHIO HOUSE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 27

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Salary: \$68,673*
RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. *Base salary.



Rachel Baker

Party: Dem
Education: PhD - Nursing Research; MSW - Social Work & Interpersonal Communications; BSN - Nursing; BA - Psychology & Women's Studies
Occupation: Nurse Researcher
Twitter: www.twitter.com/voterachelbaker
Campaign Website: www.voterachelbaker.com/
Endorsements: Pro-Choice Organizations (Emily's List, Pro-Choice Ohio, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio, Vote ProChoice), Pro-Science Organizations (314 Action Fund, Safe Communities Coalition), Gun Safety Organizations (Moms Demand Action distinction), Labor Organizations (Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council, Local 18 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, OAPSE, Ohio Federation of Teachers, Ohio Education Association Fund), Pro-Woman Organizations (Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, The Patriots, Snow PAC, Vote Mama), & Democratic Organizations (Hamilton County Democratic Party, Welcome PAC, Progressive Turnout Project)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/rachelbakerforohio/
Experience: Pediatric nurse; Oversee nursing research across a healthcare system making strategic decisions based on evidence and data; CASA with ProKids supporting kids experiencing abuse and neglect; Educator - teaching research and biostatistics courses for undergraduate and graduate nursing students

Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)
A: One of my top priorities is advocating for public education that equips children with the skills to become productive community members. These skills absolutely include learning complete and honest history and learning how to think critically and understand diverse perspectives. I support teachers as the experts in education curriculum and practices and oppose bans and censorship in the classroom.
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support the Ohio's cyber reserve model to have a response team available and to have a team proactively assessing for cyber-threats.
Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)
A: Yes. I support making sure local law enforcement has the resources and funding needed to keep our communities safe. Additionally, I support programs to increase community - law enforcement partnerships, body cameras for accountability, bias-free policing policies and trainings, and police misconduct transparency and accountability.
Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)
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Jenn Giroux

Party: Rep
Education: Registered Nurse 2 years Pre-Nursing at Miami University and Registered Nurse Diploma Degree Christ Hospital School of Nursing
Occupation: Owner of The Catholic Shop (family business) /Registered Nurse/ Sales Manager
Campaign Website: AmericaFirstMom.com
Political Philosophy: I believe the government's role is to protect the God-given, constitutional rights of all individual citizens (born and unborn) and that it should not infringe upon these rights through government overreach, mandates, or regulations. I believe Parents are the primary educators of their children and have the right to make all decisions for them, especially as it relates to Faith, education and medical decisions. I believe in low taxes, support of our Police for safer neighborhoods, support of the 2nd Amendment, and a country that is energy independent. We are one nation under God with a rich history which must be preserved from social engineers who aim to destroy America. I believe in protecting our nation's borders and legal immigration.
Endorsements: Fraternal Order of Police (Queen City Lodge 69 and Ohio Valley Lodge 112), Buckeye Firearms Association (Highest rating-Aq), Ohioans for Local Control of Education, Turning Point USA Action, Cincinnati Right to Life PAC, Associated Builders and Contractors of Ohio, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), Ohio Farm Bureau AGGPAC Friend of Agriculture, Ohio Women for Trump, Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom (A+ rating), Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America, Students for Life Action, Ohio Conservative PAC, Ohio Cops for Trump, Ohio Value Voters, Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio, Ohio Freedom Coalition, Ohio Advocates for Freedom and Liberty PAC
Facebook: facebook.com/AmericaFirstMom
Affiliations: Republican Party
Experience: Small Business management, Sales Manager, Nursing experience to include Infectious Disease, Same Day Surgery/PAT, Medical-

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A: I believe we need a secure voting system that only allows US Citizens to vote and also requires proof of citizenship identification. A safe reliable voting system would eliminate electronic voting, utilize paper ballots only where citizens count at the precinct level with a representative of both parties present. Absentee requests must be stricter to prevent voter fraud. Mail in voting and drop boxes should be eliminated.
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A: Community relations are always important. I support the Police in the very difficult job that they do putting their lives on the line to protect neighborhoods every day. Community trust can and should be a priority without new legislation.
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Surgical, Home Healthcare, Hospice care; Public speaking; Previous Radio Talk Show Host.

Candidate's Question Responses:
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A: K-12 educators have no role in exposing students to their own diverse and political views. A teacher's role is to educate in academic areas. School Boards and Teachers work for the parents who should have first and final say in academic programs (reading materials used), after school activities, and all classroom content.
Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)
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OHIO HOUSE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 28

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Jessica Miranda

Party: Dem
Occupation: Business Owner
Education: Graduate of Talawanda High School, Graduate of the Public Leadership Academy at the Ohio State University, John Glenn School of Public Affairs
Twitter: twitter.com/JessicaEMiranda
Political Philosophy: My political philosophy is rooted in my responsibility to act as a public ser-

Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)
A: K-12 education plays a primary role in exposing students to people and ideas that are different from themselves. It is essential in early development to ensure that children are aware of diverse narratives and perspectives. Through exposure to new ideas, students can grow into accepting and open minded adults.
Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)
A: Our Ohio elections are secure, with voter fraud being incredibly rare. Ensuring voter access is a top priority, because at the end of the day, our democracy depends on people being able to vote without obstacles.
Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)
A: Our communities would benefit from a return to community policing and trust building with those who protect them. While I believe state legislators can certainly help play a role in this process, there must be significant investment and coordination on the local level to ensure a successful program is developed for each community's individual needs. I have and will continue to listen to my constituents and the folks who protect us as to the best process for fostering accountability and trust.
Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)
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THEY REPRESENT US: TRU

The League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area encourages everyone to stay engaged in our community by keeping in touch with our elected officials. Our members make a commitment to our community as we volunteer our time to research, edit and publish, in the spring of each year, They Represent Us (TRU): A Public Officials Guide for Hamilton County, Ohio.

Online it can be found at
<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/cincinnati-area/studies/tru-they-represent-us>
 Or you can call 513-281-8683 for printed copies.

OHIO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



Chris Monzel

Party: Rep
Occupation: Engineer
Education: Purdue University, B.S. Aeronautical-Astronautical Engineering; University of Cincinnati, M.S. Aerospace Engineering; Harvard University, Masters Public Policy
Twitter: @ChrisMonzel
Political Philosophy: The best form of government is the one closest to the people.
Experience: Cincinnati City Councilmember 2001-2010; Hamilton County Commissioner 2011-2018
Facebook: www.facebook.com/VoteMonzel
Campaign Website: www.Monzel.com
Endorsements: Hamilton County Republican Party; Americans for Prosperity; Ohio Chamber of Commerce; Greater Cincinnati Right to Life

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)

A: A K-12 education should expose students to diverse narratives and perspectives. Schools need to provide areas where diverse perspectives can be heard without fear of retribution. Diverse perspectives and narratives foster a culture of tolerance, respect, and understanding, all of which have been missing in American society in recent years. It is important teachers provide education with different narratives, and not just through any indoctrinating lens.
Q: In passing laws about the election system, how would you balance voter access and election security? (500 characters)
A: As Hamilton County Commissioner I have already made changes to improve access to voting by working in a bi-partisan fashion, with my fellow Commissioners, Todd Portune & Denise Driehaus, to move the Board of Elections to a central location in the county with free parking as well as providing a 24/7 drive-thru drop box for absentee voters. As a State Legislator I would work across the aisle, to develop voting protocols to ensure the right and the ability for everyone to fairly & safely vote.
Q: Do you think new State legislation focused on policing/community relations to ensure accountability and trust is needed? Please expound. (500 characters)
A: I think it is important that both the police and community trust each other and hold each other

accountable. I believe when we discuss police community relations that we need to focus just as much on the community part. While on Cincinnati City Council, I was a Citizen on Patrol volunteer for my neighborhood. This program was a great example of the community being an active partner in building that relationship and the importance of the community backing law enforcement.
Q: What is your view about the use of vouchers in public education in Ohio? (500 characters)
A: I am in support of using vouchers in public education. Education should not be a top-down, one-size fits all model. Parents should have the widest variety of options possible, including public, private, and charter schools as well as the freedom to home school. Parents should have the primary decision over what works best for the needs of their children.

OHIO HOUSE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 29

Term: 2 years
Salary: \$68,673*
RESPONSIBILITIES: To represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. *Base salary.



Cindy Abrams

Party: Rep
Biographical Info: No response by print deadline

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is the role of K-12 education in exposing students to diverse narratives and perspectives? (500 characters)
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OHIO APPELLATE COURT JUDGE

OHIO COURT OF APPEALS - DISTRICT 1

Term: 6 years
Salary: \$152,850
RESPONSIBILITIES: The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts. Decisions are final except in cases involving Constitutional questions, cases of felony, cases in which it has original jurisdiction, and cases of public or great general interest. For more information about judicial candidates visit: JudicialVotesCount.org



Jennifer Kinsley

Party: Dem
Education: JD, Duke University School of Law; BA with Highest Honors, University of Florida
Experience: I have over 22 years of experience practicing law. I have handled civil and criminal cases at every level of both the state and federal court systems. I have represented clients from all walks of life, ranging from everyday people to business owners to those who cannot afford an attorney. I have taught in law schools for over two decades. My teaching covers a wide range of subjects, including constitutional law, criminal law, civil procedure, trial practice, professional develop-

ment, and practical lawyering skills. My scholarly research on the right of free speech and criminal systems reform is cited in leading legal journals and law school textbooks.
Endorsements: I am endorsed by the Hamilton County Democratic Party, the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund, the Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council, AFSCME Ohio Council 8, LiUNA Local 265, the Tri-State Asian American Action Fund, the Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, Ironworkers Local 44, Senator Sherrod Brown, Cincinnati Mayor Attab Pureval, Hamilton County Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey, Cincinnati City Council Members Greg Landsman and Meeka Owens, and Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus.
Occupation: Law Professor and Attorney
Affiliations: I am currently a board member of officer of the following organizations: the First Amendment Lawyers Association, the National Association for Public Defense, the local chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy Commission, and Mutual Dance Theater. I have previously served as a board member or officer of the following organizations: the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless, Contemporary Dance Theater, and the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Association. I am a graduate of the Leadership Northern Kentucky program and the Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy.
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jenniferkinsleyforjudge
Campaign Website: JenniferKinsleyforJudge.com
Political Philosophy: I believe that all people are equal under the law. I believe that courts should be transparent, accessible, and accountable to the people they serve. In my opinion, courts should work expeditiously to avoid delay in decision making. In addition, the judges who decide cases should reflect the communities who appear before them. The voters should decide who sits on the courts through fair elections, not political games-

manship. Lastly, relying on data can produce more informed and equitable judicial decisions, and our state court systems should improve data collection practices to insure better decision making.
Twitter: @kinsleyforjudge

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)
A: I am a leading constitutional law expert, civil rights attorney, tenured law professor, wife, mother of five, community volunteer, and a passionate advocate for legal reform. For more than two decades, I have represented a wide variety of clients, ranging from business owners to those experiencing homelessness, to ensure that the government works on behalf of the people it serves. As a judge, I will prioritize efficiency, accessibility, openness, and fairness for all people.
Q: How does an appellate judge differ from a trial court judge? (500 character limit)
A: Appellate judges differ from trial judges in critical ways. First, the decisions of appellate judges have precedential value, meaning they set policy for the lower courts in the district. This policy-making function requires appellate judges to be aware of the systemic impacts of their decisions on people and communities. In addition, appellate judges, unlike trial judges, decide cases in panels of three, making the ability to work in teams a necessary quality of a good appellate judge.
Q: Do you favor or disfavor including political party denominations on the judicial ballot? Why? (500 character limit)
A: Political party designation on the ballot provides voters with an important piece of information about judicial candidates, and the more informed voters are, the better they can ensure that their votes align with their values. In that regard, ballot designations by party are helpful to the democratic process. However, while I support voter education

efforts, I am opposed to the increased politicization of the courts. Courts should be fair, neutral, and open to everyone, regardless of politics.



Robert C. Winkler

Party: Rep
Education: University of Cincinnati, BBA 1983; Chase College of Law, JD 1987
Experience: Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court 2002-2006; Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas 2006-2018; Ohio First District Court of Appeals 2019-Present.
Endorsements: Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 69; Cincinnati Firefighters Union, Local 48
Occupation: Judge
Affiliations: Ohio Judicial Conference; Ohio Court of Appeals Judges Association; Cincinnati Bar Association; Ohio State Bar Association; Moot Court Judge; Board of Governors, Children's Dyslexia Centers of Cincinnati; Chairperson 2020-2022.
Facebook: JudgeRobertC.Winkler
Political Party Affiliation: Republican
Campaign Website: WinklerForJudge.com
Political Philosophy: Republican/Libertarian
Twitter: @judgewinkler1

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)
A: I have served the citizens of Hamilton County as a judge for the past 20 years. I have been elected to the Municipal Court; Common Pleas

OHIO APPELLATE COURT JUDGE

Robert C. Winkler continued

Court; and First District Court of Appeals. I have presided over more than 33,000 cases and innumerable trials. Those trials ranged from minor misdemeanor parking tickets to aggravated murder with death penalty specifications. I am uniquely qualified to serve on the First District Court of Appeals based on my experience, training, and knowledge.

Q: How does an appellate judge differ from a trial court judge? (500 character limit)
A: An appellate judge reviews the decisions of the trial courts within the appellate court's district for errors raised by the appealing party. As a member of the court, I now review trial court decisions. In Hamilton County, the trial courts are comprised of the Municipal Court; Court of Common Pleas,

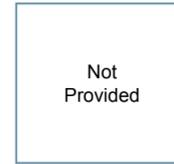
General Division; Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court. As the name implies, a trial court conducts trials, accepts pleas, and determines the outcome of cases within their jurisdiction.
Q: Do you favor or disfavor including political party denominations on the judicial ballot? Why? (500 character limit)
A: I am not in favor of party designations on judicial ballots. Judges, unlike politicians, must

remain independent and are required to decide cases based on the law and the facts of each case. My personal belief is that party designations serve to diminish and undermine public trust and confidence in a judge's ability to remain neutral and decide cases based on the law and the facts uninfluenced by political considerations.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4

Term: 4 years
Salary: No salary
RESPONSIBILITIES: The 19-member board is responsible for overseeing the Ohio Department of Education and creates policy and makes recommendations for K-12 education in Ohio.

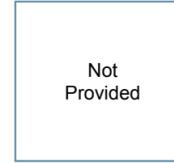


Katie Hofmann

Party: O
Occupation: Retired teacher
Campaign Website: www.KatieHofmannsboe.com
Twitter: @khofmann1123
Education: Bachelor of Music Education from College of Mt St Joseph, Graduate studies in Labor Law- George Meaney Center, Webster University-Music, Words, Opera!, Graduate certificates from Ball State, University of Cincinnati in Orff-Schulwerk, Dalcroze and Kodaly.
Experience: I taught in Cincinnati Public Schools for 35+ years. I also taught part time in a private school when my children were little.
Endorsements: Ohio Federation of Teachers, OAPSE/AFSCME, Cincinnati Labor Council, Cincinnati Building Trades, Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus
Affiliations: Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Ohio Federation of teachers, American Federation of Teachers, Northeast Democratic Club President, Symmes Township Democratic Club. Hamilton County Democratic Party
Political Philosophy: I believe in the Goals of the Preamble to the US Constitution. The Goals are for ALL Americans. Social Justice, domestic

tranquility, common defense, general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty. I have worked throughout my career to support students and teachers in schools. In addition, I am a lifelong Union member. That means Worker's Rights and the Right to Collective Bargain have been key to Contract Negotiations and work that I have done with and for the Department of Labor.

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is your position on incorporating principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion into education? (500 characters)
A: An accomplished teacher in Ohio is expected to have a classroom that is Inclusive, welcoming, accepting and safe for all kinds of students. When students feel safe and supported, then they are able to be challenged with meaningful curriculum. A meaningful and relevant curriculum respecting diversity engages students in their education.
Q: How will you assure that Ohio's education system meets the unique needs of all students? (500 characters)
A: I believe that Ohio needs to hire a Superintendent who will promote public education, equity issues, an honest teaching of History and work to close the Achievement gap. Ohio must maintain the highest quality of teachers. The State Board needs to support programs that address social and emotional health and looking at the whole child and their needs to improve student outcomes. I believe that if children are respected in school, then that environment will be safe for all kinds of students.
Q: What is the state board's role in supporting social-emotional learning? (500 characters)
A: The Ohio Whole Child Framework puts the child at the center. In order for a child to be prepared for academics, they must be healthy. A child cannot attend to academics if they are hungry or feel sick. A child needs to feel safe at school. Every child needs to be supported. Only when children are healthy, supported and safe will they will be able to be challenged with Academics. Children will engage in learning when the curriculum is meaningful and relevant to their lives.



Jenny A. Kilgore

Party: O
Occupation: Currently, I teach undergraduate students at Miami University who aspire to become educators. Previously, I taught middle school language fifteen years, at Landmark Christian School and graduate education students at Indiana Wesleyan.
Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064571026702
Education: I am a life-long resident of SW Ohio. I graduated from Deer Park High School, Xavier University with a M.Ed., and Miami University with a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership; I am extremely knowledgeable of the needs of our local school districts.
Experience: Cincinnati Christian University: 2018, Indiana Wesleyan University: 2006-18, Miami University: 1998-22, College of Mt St Joseph: 2007-08, Landmark Christian School: 1984-98, Village of Glendale: Council 2004-18; Vice Mayor: 2007, 2016-18
Endorsements: In progress, to date: Hamilton County Republicans, Warren County Republicans, Jim Renacci, Matt Wahler - President of the Colerain Board of Trustees
Political Philosophy: My goals as a member of Ohio Board of Education are to support our districts' students by providing our teachers with the tools and supports that they need to be effective and provide the supports that our students need to be active learners. Issues of Importance 1. Safe learning environments, 2. Fiscal responsibility, 3.

Stakeholder (community & parent) participation; local control, & 4. Accountability & choice: quality opportunity for all students: preparation for post-graduation endeavors.
Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: What is your position on incorporating principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion into education? (500 characters)
A: My goal as a State Board of Education member is to provide, for all students: 1. Safe learning environments, 2. Fiscal responsibility, 3. Stakeholder (community & parent) participation; local control, 4. Accountability & choice: quality opportunity for students: preparation for post-graduation endeavors.
Q: How will you assure that Ohio's education system meets the unique needs of all students? (500 characters)
A: Presence & over-sight holding schools accountable, esp. underperforming schools that drain resources from local public schools > high standards of fiscal responsibility to our tax payers. Policies that ensure competent, well-educated teachers in classrooms to teach & engage students. Curriculum policy that emphasizes high standards of education and expectations for citizenship, not to include arbitrarily political agendas. Being cognizant that the Board represents 2,000,000 Ohio students.
Q: What is the state board's role in supporting social-emotional learning? (500 characters)
A: State Board of Education is tasked to:
 1. Set direction for the Ohio Department of Education by establishing education policies and recommendations.
 2. Hold itself accountable to the public for competent, conscientious and effective accomplishment of its obligations.
 3. Evaluate its work to ensure accountability for its performance through its strategic plan and goals.

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HAMILTON COUNTY OFFICES

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER (TERM COMMENCING 1/1/2023)

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$96,000
RESPONSIBILITIES: Exercises financial control of County expenditures; authorizes public works; purchases land and buildings; lets contracts; plans and administers welfare. The Board of County Commissioners also appoints other officials to operate various departments within the county.



Stephanie Summerow Dumas

Party: Dem
Political Philosophy: Leave no one behind. When there is an issue or need, you listen and strategically provide assistance and supply resources. Support programs for training, education, jobs to allow the opportunity for all people to help themselves. Ensure that diversity and inclusion is a way of thinking and not an afterthought. Everyone's voice is important and should be heard. If we unify toward the same vision, we can accomplish anything.
Twitter: @ReElectDumas513
Campaign Website: www.dumasforhamiltoncountycitycommissioner

Education: University of Cincinnati Bachelor of Science in Social Work, State of Ohio Licensed Social Worker
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stephaniesummerowdumas
Affiliations: N.A.
Experience: 1993 Vice-Mayor and 1999 Mayor of the City of Forest Park (12 years), 2011 -2015 Village Manager of Lincoln Heights, 2018 - Present Hamilton County Commissioner, Healthy Relationship Facilitator (8 years), Federal Grant Reviewer (10 years)

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Mayor Aftab Pureval, Sheriff McGuffey, Judge Fanon Rucker, Bishop Lewis Hilton, Pastor Paul Booth, Jr., Clerk of Courts Pavan Parikh, State Rep. Bridget Kelly, State Rep. Catherine Ingram, State Rep. Sedrick Denson, Sen. Cecil Thomas, Recorder Scott Crowley, Treasurer Jill Schiller, IBEW UNION, Labor 265, Building Trades Union, AFL-CIO, Ohio Environmental Council and more to come.
Occupation: President of the Hamilton County Commission

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: *Hamilton County had some of the highest rent increases in the nation this year. What are some of your ideas for the County to improve housing affordability in our area? (500 characters)*
A: There needs to be safeguards put in place to ensure that landlords are accountable when the rent increases. A review needs to take place of the frequency of increases and the level of increase. That may mean that legislating that process may

have to take place. We all need to understand the condition of the economy since the pandemic. The county gave 40 million toward affordable housing. Metropolitan Housing and Port Authority are also working to create and repair more affordable housing.

Q: *With much needed Federal Infrastructure funds available, how should the county address its current infrastructure needs? Please consider water, sewage (MSD), roads and bridges in your answer. (500 characters)*

A: The need is enormous for infrastructure and \$9 million was allocated by the county. Partnerships and collaborations have been developed for the most efficient strategic plan. The community is critical in the development and timing of road construction. MSD continues to be a utility that continues to have its issues because projects consistently are over budget. The Sewer Back Up program needs to help more. Seniors were given nearly 400, 000 monies to help with utilities.
Q: *What Hamilton County collection program can you support to keep Household Hazardous Waste (paints, lawn chemicals, used auto oils, antifreeze, etc.) from harming our environment? (500 characters)*

A: I was endorsed by the Ohio Environmental Council because of the innovative ways that the county aggressively works to keep the environment clean. Rules were approved by the Board for the first time to allow for the Solid Waste Committee to oversee the dumping of hazardous materials. I started the first recycling program in the Village of Lincoln Heights. Staff start recycling programs and help maintain them. It's important to continue to educate the community.



Steve Grote (Write-In)

Party: O
Political Philosophy: Generally stated: the government that governs best is the one that governs least. People value freedom and the economic means to achieve their dreams. Government often stands athwart those dreams and aspirations: historically few if any governments have taxed their way to prosperity.
Campaign Website: steve.grote@gmail.com
Education: Life long resident of Hamilton county educated thru primary and secondary parochial education as well as earning a bachelors degree in business from the University of Cincinnati .
Affiliations: While I have served in many volunteer capacities over the years, what concerns me now is improving our area for everyone that calls Hamilton County home including my grandchildren.

Experience: Former trustee and clerk (1991-1999) of the second largest township (Green) in Ohio by population and again as trustee from 2001-2005. I was also tasked to serve as the interim Administrator of Symmes Township in August 1999 to aid in the recovery from the May 1999 tornado that affected the area.
Endorsements: None sought other than the continuing endorsement of the voters of Hamilton County as they have in past election cycles.
Occupation: Experienced public servant who

wants to help Hamilton County get back to government providing basic services

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: *Hamilton County had some of the highest rent increases in the nation this year. What are some of your ideas for the County to improve housing affordability in our area? (500 characters)*

A: Because voluntary economic decisions beyond the scope of county government are the usual suspects in the incidence of rent increases, there are few if any direct actions that can be undertaken. However, all political jurisdictions have the responsibility to be prudent stewards of the funds they are entrusted with.

Because the economic and social landscape is ever changing, governments often follow rather than lead the response to events. Lower property/sales taxes are a key to success.

Q: *With much needed Federal Infrastructure funds available, how should the county address its current infrastructure needs? Please consider water, sewage (MSD), roads and bridges in your answer. (500 characters)*

A: Better prioritizing and coordination with multiple agencies should produce the most efficient use of limited resources for all projects. Too often I see duplication if not totally questionable expenditures on public works projects. The county and surrounding cities and villages need to act as members of the same team in providing necessary services and not compete with each other for tax revenue.

Government exists to serve its constituents and not itself.

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A: As simple as this sounds, people will only do what they might otherwise be forced to do...at their expense. President Kennedy once said : "Ask not what your country can do for you: ask what you can do for your country".

Imagine if you had to live near an active garbage dump or other site for the accumulation of waste and other hazardous materials. NIMBY might be your response. Think before you dispose of hazardous materials. We all live on planet Earth and bear responsibility for its care.



Matthew O'Neill

Not Provided

Party: Rep
Political Philosophy: Republican
 Hamilton County has very high sales tax and property tax. I will advocate to reduce the tax. In particular, I would like to reduce the SORTA .80% tax to .30% keeping only the road portion
Campaign Website: electmattonell.com
Education: BS Finance & Accounting Miami University 1984; MBA Xavier University 2002
Facebook: facebook.com/100085535411658
Affiliations: St Cecilia Parish
Experience: 2017 to Present Senior Treasury Accountant Quipt Home Medical Wilder, KY

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Quipt is a \$160 million NASDAQ company I program 60,000 data elements from 106 Banks across 25 states to the General Ledger and review 1800 AP items for accuracy of posting to the GL

2000 to 2010 Senior Accountant
 Xavier University
 Cincinnati, OH
 Prepare budgets and provide external reporting for 70 grant fund
 Oversaw fund allocation and prepare reporting for \$120M endowment fund

Previous Financial jobs at Choice Care, University of Cincinnati Health Alliance and Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, OH

Endorsements: Cincinnati Right To Life
Occupation: Senior Treasury Accountant

Candidate's Question Responses:
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A: In some ways, this is good news. If rents were dropping rapidly, it would signal a declining area. It is good that we are considered a desired place to live. Assistance with zoning changes to convert excess retail capacity to multifamily housing is a good way to increase supply, which should help reduce the increase. Higher density in areas with higher demand for rental is another strategy.

Q: *With much needed Federal Infrastructure funds available, how should the county address its current infrastructure needs? Please consider water, sewage (MSD), roads and bridges in your answer. (500 characters)*

A: The I-75 / 71 bridge is the most important project this region will tackle in most of our lifetimes. The bridge is almost 60 years old. Traffic and regional population has grown significantly since then. I am always concerned when such a project is planned, that not enough thought is given to making sure as few neighborhoods as possible are destroyed. Even worse are excessive ramps that dump traffic into previously quiet neighborhoods. I support federal money for this project.

Q: *What Hamilton County collection program can you support to keep Household Hazardous Waste (paints, lawn chemicals, used auto oils, antifreeze, etc.) from harming our environment? (500 characters)*

A: This is a great question. I have a lot of old paints and such in my house that I would like to dispose of properly. I would support a program that would move around county to collect such items.



Christopher EC Smitherman

Party: I
Political Philosophy: Putting the citizens of Hamilton County first with common sense leadership and fiscal responsibility. It is very important that resources be spent in the area of safety which includes our Sheriffs, County jails and Courthouses. This includes spending money on training.
Twitter: @votesmitherman

HAMILTON COUNTY OFFICES

Christopher Smitherman continued

Campaign Website: www.smithermanforcommissioner.com/
Education: BA in Criminal Justice & MA in Clinical Counseling
Facebook: www.facebook.com/votesmitherman
Affiliations: N/A

Experience: Total of 12 years Cincinnati City Council, Cincinnati Vice Mayor for 4 years, Chaired of Law and Public Safety Committee for Cincinnati, Chair of Economic Growth and Zoning, Planning Committee Member,
Endorsements: Baptist Ministers Conference of Cincinnati & Vicinity, Firefighters local 48, FOP No. 69, St. Bernard Firefighters, Hamilton County Green Party, IEC, Realtor Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, Ham. County Prosecutor Joe Deters, Former Mayor David Mann, Former Council Member Kevin Flynn, Senator Rob Portman, Pastor KZ Smith & Connie Smith, Congressman Brad Wenstrup, Pastor Dock Foster, Pastor Eugene Ellington, Pastor Sil Watkins, Rep. Bill Seitz. Citizens can visit my website for the complete list.

Occupation: Financial Planner
Candidate's Question Responses:
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A: I spent almost 2 years chairing the Property Tax Working Group with Carol Gibbs which concluded with a long list of recommendations that can be found on the City of Cincinnati website. A key solution was using census tracks to determine tax abatements. A focus on citizens with limited income and keeping them in their housing by lobbying the State for public policy relief. Affordable Housing cannot be achieved without aggressive private public partnerships.
Q: *With much needed Federal Infrastructure funds available, how should the county address its current infrastructure needs? Please consider water, sewage (MSD), roads and bridges in your answer. (500 characters)*
A: I was a key person that protected our water in Cincinnati by not allowing it to become a private entity. If elected I will work to achieve an agreement around the 50 year contract between the City and the County related to MSD. I will be very focused on resolving infrastructure that continues to impact Hamilton County residents who continue to experience flooding. Lastly, the \$330 million Western Hills Viaduct is a top priority. I remain committed to keeping this project on schedule.
Q: *What Hamilton County collection program can you support to keep Household Hazardous Waste (paints, lawn chemicals, used auto oils, antifreeze, etc.) from harming our environment? (500 characters)*
A: The strategy is to work with Rumpke and Public Services across the County to provide the solution.



Tom Brinkman

Party: Rep
Affiliations: Republican Party
Occupation: Life Insurance Sales
Education: BA in History and Political Science from The George Washington University
Twitter: @GoBrinkman
Campaign Website: www.GoBrinkman.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/tom.brinkman.79
Endorsements: Coalition Opposed to Additional Spending and Taxes (COAST)
Political Philosophy: Transparency & Accountability
Experience: 15+ years serving in the Ohio General Assembly

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: *What is your experience in managing operations in an office the size of the Auditors Office (15 departments) and your experience with computer/technology innovation? (500 characters)*
A: The temptation is always there to spend money & buy the latest shiny object that solves all our problems. Often it is best to ask the question; is what we have now working not only for our immediate needs but for the near future? If so, stay the course. Technology changes so much that you have to be cautious and resist the urge to buy the latest and greatest simply because it looks cool.
Q: *What would you do to ensure that there is no bias or political favoritism in the assessment of commercial or residential property values? (500 characters)*
A: We cannot get around the fact that the Auditor is a politically elected position. However, the key to successfully running the office is to ensure honesty, transparency and accountability are applied across the board with staffing all departments. That means hiring a purely professional staff who is focused on doing their jobs accurate, correct and fair.

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Brigid Kelly

Party: Dem
Affiliations: Member, United Food and Commercial Workers Union
Occupation: State Representative
Education: MA, Human Resources, University of Cincinnati | BSBA, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Xavier University
Twitter: @brigidkelly
Campaign Website: www.brigidkelly.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/brigidkellyohio
Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party
Political Philosophy: Putting families first and politics last
Experience: Current State Representative (serving third term); Former member, Norwood City

Council; More than 15 years experience fighting for hardworking people, their families, and our communities

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: *What is your experience in managing operations in an office the size of the Auditors Office (15 departments) and your experience with computer/technology innovation? (500 characters)*
A: Building a successful organization means having a great team. There is a wealth of knowledge from the experience of the current Auditor's staff. I've led teams large and small during my career at UFCW and in the Statehouse. The Auditor should be focused on transparency and accountability, on accessibility (including using modern, effective technology), and on being responsive to citizens

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HAMILTON COUNTY COURT JUDGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GENERAL DIVISION (TERM COMMENCING 01/03/2023)

Term: 6 years
Salary: \$121,350
RESPONSIBILITIES: To preside at trials of both civil and criminal cases; to supervise the jury commission, grand jury, and other departments of the court.



Thomas Beridon

Party: Dem
Twitter: @electberidon
Facebook: www.facebook.com/electberidon
Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Cincinnati AFL-CIO, UAW, Sen. Sherrod Brown, AFSCME
Experience: I was a Judge in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas from 2018 - 2021 and since then have served as Magistrate. Before that, I practiced law for nearly 20 years as a public defender, prosecutor, assistant City Solicitor, hearing examiner, and mediator.
Campaign Website: www.electberidon.com
Political Party Affiliation: Democrat
Affiliations: Ohio Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, The Cincinnati Association, Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati
Political Philosophy: My Judicial philosophy and my entire legal career have been focused on equal access to justice. In my courtrooms I have always made sure that all parties were heard and respected. While it seems simple these are radical concepts in a system where Judges are often seen as not being approachable.
Education: University of Cincinnati College of Law : August 1996 - May 1999 Ohio University : August 1991 - November 1995
Occupation: Magistrate

Q: *Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)*
A: Transparency is critical in these efforts. This was a central focus of mine when I was on the bench, where I tracked my sentencing data to ensure that there was no implicit bias. This is an effort that can and should be scaled up to encompass all of Ohio's courts. I also continually sought out trainings and opportunities to learn more about implicit bias as it can be particularly insidious.
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A: The legislature has put forth several bond reforms that would allow more treatment and other restrictive measures to treat non-violent offenders.

of Hamilton County. I've done this in the Statehouse, and I'll continue it in the Auditor's office.

Q: *What would you do to ensure that there is no bias or political favoritism in the assessment of commercial or residential property values? (500 characters)*

A: County Auditor is a largely administrative role with duties outlined in statute. I want to ensure appraisal processes are transparent, and that people know what to expect from and during them. The appraisal processes are required by the legislature, based upon market values, and executed by County Auditor offices with oversight from the Dept. of Taxation. While the Auditor's office is limited in adjustments to the process, I can work with the community to find solutions to any shortcomings.

Q: *Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)*
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Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: *How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500*

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT JUDGES

Thomas Beridon continued

I wholly support those and have already implemented them.

Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

A: I support specialty dockets. They allow specific, targeted action that support the relevant communities. For example, the veteran community benefits from lowered recidivism rates associated with a specialty court. The mental health court provides better access to mental health professionals. The re-entry court is partnering with the Hamilton County Re-Entry program to increase options for returning citizens.



Pat Dinkelacker

Party: Rep
Twitter: @dinkforjudge
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/dinkforjudge

Endorsements: Hamilton County Republican Party, Cincinnati Police FOP Lodge #69

Experience: Assistant Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney, Judge Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations, Judge Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas General Division, Judge First District Court of Appeals, Magistrate Domestic Relations Court

Campaign Website: www.votedink.com

Affiliations: Very active with Our Lady of Lourdes Church organizations, Bayley Place Committee Member

Political Philosophy: not applicable

Education: Elder High School, Xavier University, University of Dayton Law School

Occupation: Retired

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I have been blessed to have been raised by parents who taught me everyone is to be treated fairly, equally and with dignity. I have done my best to adhere to that teaching my entire personal life. Professionally I was an assistant prosecutor for 11 years. In that job, I learned a lot about how to work with and treat all people well. I was a judge for 29 years. I know what it takes to be a good judge. I worked hard, treated all who came before me with dignity and respect, and followed the law.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: As a judge for 29 years, I always treated everyone who came into my courtroom with dignity, respect and fairness. That was my reputation. Every person is a human being. All human beings in America have the inherent right to be treated fairly and equally without regard to race, gender, status, etc. I certainly adhere to this legal and moral mandate and teach and require my staff to do the same. I worked hard every day to ensure equal treatment to all. Quite simply, it is the right

thing to do.

Q: What, if any, bail reforms would you recommend for our court system? Do you support or oppose the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment on the ballot permitting the use of high cash bail to keep someone deemed dangerous in jail before trial? (500 character limit)

A: In regards to the criminal justice system, the biggest threat to the safety and well-being of our community is not allowing judges in serious felony cases to consider the safety of the community when setting a financial bond. Judges should consider the due process rights of victims, witnesses and police officers along with the due process rights of defendants. I support the proposed constitutional amendment allowing judges to consider community safety. It may save people's lives.

Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

A: I wholeheartedly support the specialty dockets we have in Hamilton County. It has been my experience that each of them has been helpful to those that are involved in the specialty courts. The more we can help those who are involved in the criminal justice system and seek help, the better off the entire community will be.

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GENERAL DIVISION (TERM COMMENCING 1/15/2023)

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$121,350

RESPONSIBILITIES: To preside at trials of both civil and criminal cases; to supervise the jury commission, grand jury, and other departments of the court.



Bernard Mundy

Party: O

Twitter: mundyforjudge

Political Philosophy: Pragmatic progressive

Experience: 28 years as a criminal defense trial attorney

Occupation: Attorney

Facebook: info.mundyforjudge@gmail.com

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party; AFL-CIO; AFSCME

Campaign Website: mundyforjudge.com

Affiliations: Cincinnati Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Education: JD University of Cincinnati College of Law; BS Miami University

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: My personal history is as important if not more important than my professional history. I grew up locally, below the poverty line and attended Cincinnati Public Schools (Walnut Hills High School). My

experience as a child living below the poverty line greatly influences my personal and professional world views. It is the source of my empathy and desire to advocate for marginalized communities. This is a perspective that is under represented in the judiciary.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: I will attempt to keep bias and inequity out of the courtroom through data driven solutions to ensure that all parties are treated fairly, respectfully and equitably.

Q: What, if any, bail reforms would you recommend for our court system? Do you support or oppose the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment on the ballot permitting the use of high cash bail to keep someone deemed dangerous in jail before trial? (500 character limit)

A: I oppose the amendment. I support cash bail reform that reduces pre-trial detention on non-violent mid to low level felonies. Pre-trial detention forces citizens living below the poverty line to suffer collateral consequences not experienced by more well to do court participants.

Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

A: I support these three specialty dockets as well as the drug court docket.



Megan E. Shanahan

Party: Rep

Political Philosophy: I interpret statutes and laws as written by the legislature and I do not legislate from the bench.

Experience: Common Pleas Judge 2015-Present, Municipal Court Judge 2011-2015, Assistant Prosecutor 2000-2011

Occupation: Judge

Facebook: www.facebook.com/judgeshanahan

Endorsements: FOP Queen City Lodge #69 and Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union Local #48

Campaign Website: www.judgeshanahan.com

Affiliations: St. Mary Church, Greater Cincinnati Right to Life, Hamilton County Republican Party

Political Party Affiliation: Republican

Education: J.D. The University of Cincinnati College of Law, B.A. Kent State University

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I have spent more than two decades in the justice system. Having practiced for more than 10 years in the Common Pleas Court prior to taking the bench, I am well versed in the operations of the court system. I have been a judge for 11 years and am known to be firm, but fair. I am the youngest of 8 children from a working class family. I understand the value of hard work. I will conduct myself on the bench as I do in my personal life, with integrity and compassion for those who ap-

pear before me.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: The most important job of a judge is to ensure justice and protect the community. As a common pleas court judge, I preside over the most serious criminal cases and most complex civil cases. As a judge, I serve as an impartial referee in the courtroom. I conduct myself with a transparent, non-nonsense, plain-spoken approach to every case. Race, gender and economic differences have no place in the decision making process of a judge. Therefore, I do not consider these factors when deciding a case.

Q: What, if any, bail reforms would you recommend for our court system? Do you support or oppose the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment on the ballot permitting the use of high cash bail to keep someone deemed dangerous in jail before trial? (500 character limit)

A: I support the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment. It will give courts the appropriate and necessary discretion to set bail at an amount that keeps vulnerable people safe, secures the defendant's appearance at trial, and promotes public confidence in the justice system. Voters elect judges to use our discretion. We bring careful and deliberate consideration of each individual case when setting bond. Issue 1 will allow us to consider the safety of victims, witnesses and the public at large.

Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

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Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

A: Having presided over the Common Pleas Mental Health Court, I support specialty dockets that have been shown to reduce recidivism, provide necessary resources to defendants who are in need of and are willing to accept assistance and reduce expenses that would otherwise be spent incarcerating non-violent offenders who are unable to abide by the terms of general supervision.

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GENERAL DIVISION (TERM COMMENCING 1/2/2023)

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$121,350

RESPONSIBILITIES: To preside at trials of both civil and criminal cases; to supervise the jury commission, grand jury, and other departments of the court.



Jody Marie Luebbers

Party: Dem

Political Philosophy: My political philosophy is that of justice, equality, and fairness for all.

Campaign Website: JudgeLuebbers.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/jody.luebbers

Twitter: twitter.com/JudgeLuebbers

Jody Marie Luebbers continued

Education: Ursuline Academy ; Miami University, B.A. ; Salmon P. Chase College of Law, J.D.

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Occupation: Judge, Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, General Division

Experience: Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge; Lawyer at Fox & Fox Law firm; Assistant and Chief Assistant Hamilton County Prosecutor

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party; Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, Cincinnati AFL-CIO, Firefighters Union Local 48, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Cincinnati Building Trades, Ohio AFSCME, Asian American Action Fund, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #69, Canary Candidate, IBEW local 212.

Affiliations: Cincinnati Bar Association; Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association; All Saints Church

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I lean on my experience as a current judge and former attorney to guide me to make the best decisions for our community. No two people or situations in my courtroom are exactly the same and need to be treated fairly with care. My personal work as a volunteer at Matthew 25 , Freestore Foodbank and LADD help keep me in tune and engaged with our community. With experience, empathy & understanding I strive to continue to serve the people of Hamilton County who have trusted me for the last 14 years.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: All people have implicit biases in their lives, even judges. I have worked to combat this as a judge. Through the OJC I have attended and participated in bias tests and educational training sessions to call-out and raise awareness of biases in myself and the court. I also believe that bias exists within juries and I have taken steps in my jury instructions that will help reduce bias and promote a more equitable system for our community and I have frank discussions about bias with jurors

Q: What, if any, bail reforms would you recommend for our court system? Do you support or oppose the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment on the ballot permitting the use of high cash bail to keep someone deemed dangerous in jail before trial? (500 character limit)

A: As a judge, my priority is setting equitable bonds for each case and circumstance. Unfortunately, my judicial canons prevent me from commenting on pending ballot issues. However, in my courtroom my typical practice is to set OR bonds (\$0 bonds with the promise of the accused coming back to court) for low level non-violent felonies. On high level violent felonies I follow the law and set appropriate bonds for the nature of each case.

Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

A: I strongly support specialty dockets, in fact, as judge, I established Hamilton County's first Felony Mental Health Court. It provides housing, medication/treatment and job opportunities for those with a mental illness. I find passion in helping keep these folks out of jail. The specialty courts are

incredibly productive and helpful and I support the creation of others to protect the community by reducing recidivism and improving services to offenders through treatment and supervision.



Christopher McDowell

Party: Rep

Political Philosophy: I believe that the federal and state Constitutions govern and judges should not make laws, but enforce laws fairly to all.

Education: Marshall University BA in History and Political Science / West Virginia University College of Law, J.D.

Political Party Affiliation: Republican

Occupation: Attorney at Law

Experience: Attorney since 1994, former military prosecutor and criminal defense attorney 1994-2000, current prosecutor Village of Newtown.

Partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP from 2000 to 2015, Partner at Strauss Troy from 2015 to present. Experience with complex civil and criminal litigation e

Endorsements: Hamilton County Republican Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I have wide exposer to both criminal and civil law. I have tried jury cases all over the world and all over America and Ohio. I have prosecuted the most serious criminal offenses, including murder, rape, and espionage. As a defense attorney I have also defended such cases, including working on death penalty cases. I have also tried high-value civil cases to juries from both the plaintiff and defendant's sides. I have been in public service since I was 17, when I enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: Bias either for or against a litigant or defendant has no place in our court system. A judge must impartially administer justice; anything else is not justice. People from all walks of life have trusted me to represent them. I have learned a great deal from living and serving overseas. I have seen firsthand the results of hate and religious and ethnic intolerance in the mass graves of Srebrenica. All persons who come before me will be treated with dignity and respect.

Q: What, if any, bail reforms would you recommend for our court system? Do you support or oppose the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment on the ballot permitting the use of high cash bail to keep someone deemed dangerous in jail before trial? (500 character limit)

A: Recently, the Ohio Supreme Court took away a judge's ability to consider certain public safety concerns when determining bail. There will be an amendment on this November's ballot that will in essence overturn that decision. I feel that public safety is a primary concern of the justice system. Releasing individuals who represent a threat to society or specific individuals (such as in domestic

abuse) without taking into consideration how this will impact public or individual safety is wrong.

Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

A: As a former military officer, I support a veterans docket for those who as a result of their military service suffer from, for example, PTSD. Getting such persons help through the VA is in the long-term interest of society. Similarly, drug courts and mental health courts operate in the same way. If we lock up someone who is stealing to support a drug habit, we are not curing the problem. It is much better (and less expensive in the long term) for society if we treat the root problems of crime.

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I completed my J.D. at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/judgeheekin

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party.

Occupation: I am currently serving as a Common Pleas judge for the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas in Ohio.

Affiliations: WAVE Foundation

Political Philosophy: I believe in thoughtful and respectful discourse. I have always been an independent thinker which has been especially important as a Judge. In my courtroom I rule based on the facts, not ideology.

Education: I completed my J.D. at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

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WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE? VOTING CONNECTS US

The simple act of voting gives us a connection to our community and the decisions that affect all of us. In 1835 Alexis de Tocqueville wrote Democracy in America giving **three good reasons to vote** that are still valid today.

He called **voting a "ritual observance" that fosters patriotism.** This is true patriotism--informed, thoughtful voting on issues- and for candidates that will represent us best. Research your candidates, learn about the issues, demand true and civil debate and then cast YOUR vote in confidence.

Second, Tocqueville reminds us that voting combats an apathy that destroys the political process. **The people that tell you your vote doesn't matter are depending on you to believe them and then stop caring about what you can do.** Keeping voters away from the ballot box is a common strategy in many locations. **If you give up, if you don't vote, you're giving more power to these people.**

Finally, Tocqueville tells us that **voting is about stirring the interests of the populace for their locale.** To be effective citizens of our country we must first be active citizens in our community. By becoming involved in elections, we become interested and involved in our **local government**, which has long-lasting and direct impacts on state and national politics.

Experience: I am qualified for my position because of my substantial experience in all facets of litigation. I began my career as an assistant Hamilton county prosecutor, prosecuting serious felonies, while serving in the Juvenile, Municipal and Felony Divisions of that office. In 1994, I entered private practice focusing on criminal defense litigation. I proceeded to represent people charged with crimes in Hamilton county and all of its surrounding counties in Ohio for twenty years. In 2016, I was elected to the Common Pleas Court, general division, in Hamilton county Ohio. I continue to enjoy the honor of serving in that capacity. Thereby gaining additional experience and further establishing myself as a fair, well tempered, and experienced judge.

Education: I completed my J.D. at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

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Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party.

Occupation: I am currently serving as a Common Pleas judge for the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas in Ohio.

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Education: I completed my J.D. at the

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Tom Heekin continued

formative years for becoming a fair and equitable judge.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: I keep bias and inequity out of my courtroom by taking implicit bias training to educate myself on biases I may possess. I have also made it a priority in my office to employ a diverse group of individuals. It is critical to have diversity among my courtroom staff in order to bring a diversity of thought to our work.

Q: What, if any, bail reforms would you recommend for our court system? Do you support or oppose the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment on the ballot permitting the use of high cash bail to keep someone deemed dangerous in jail before trial? (500 character limit)

A: Per judicial ethics, I am unable to comment on the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment.

Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

A: Specialty dockets certainly have their place in our legal system. I have trained as a mental health judge and have been able to see firsthand how specialty courts benefit the individuals involved. The training and advanced level of understanding that judges and their staff possess in these courts allow them to better tailor adjudications that will make a lasting difference. Specialty dockets help to change lives.



Charles J. Kubicki

Party: Rep
Twitter: Twitter.com/KubickiForJudge
Campaign Website: kubickiforjudge.com
Political Party Affiliation: Republican
Experience: 18 years as a Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas; Attorney for 29 years
Education: Ohio State University; Chase College of Law
Facebook: Facebook.com/KubickiForJudge
Endorsements: Fraternal Order of Police Queen City Lodge No. 69
Occupation: Attorney
Political Philosophy: Follow the law; protect the public; administer justice fairly and equally

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I was born and raised in Hamilton County. As a father, I have a vested interest in ensuring that this county is a safe place for ALL of our residents.

For 18 years, I had the privilege of serving Hamilton County as a judge. During that time, I presided over some of the county's most high profile and complex cases. I believe that my extensive legal background and judicial experience will serve me well on the Court of Common Pleas.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: It is difficult for a court to know what is in the hearts and minds of judges. It is certainly a complex issue in that regard. However, speaking only for myself, I can say with the utmost certainty that during my 18 years as a judge, I treated all parties involved in cases before me with dignity and respect - regardless of race, gender, or creed. Certainly, if I became aware of racial or gender bias, I would/will speak out.

Q: What, if any, bail reforms would you recommend for our court system? Do you support or oppose the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment on the ballot permitting the use of high cash bail to keep someone deemed dangerous in jail before trial? (500 character limit)

A: Cash bail has long been an appropriate form of bail. The law and criminal rules of procedure set forward appropriate criteria for a court to consider when setting bail. I support the constitutional amendment to allow for cash bail usage with the appropriate safeguards.

The elimination of cash bail poses a significant risk to public safety and reduces assurances that a defendant will appear in court.

Q: What is your position on specialty dockets such as mental health, re-entry, and veterans' affairs? Would you propose any others? (500 character limit)

A: I support the use of specialty dockets provided that participation is voluntary.

All common pleas judges are qualified and empowered to hear all cases and specialty dockets can provide a useful service. However, the parties involved should not be required to participate in a specialty docket. They should have the option to have their case remain with the assigned common pleas judge.

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION (TERM COMMENCING 1/16/2023)

Term: 6 years
Salary: \$121,350
RESPONSIBILITIES: To handle cases of divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, separation, and child custody matters. For more information on judicial candidates visit: JudicialVotesCount.org



Manisha Bansal Kotian

Party: Dem
Experience: I have focused my career and practice on family law. I am entrenched with the Court of Domestic Relations and the laws under which it operates. I have been mediating, negotiating and litigating family law cases in Hamilton County for over 25 years.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/kotianforjudge
Education: University of Pittsburgh School of Law,

J.D May 1992. University of Cincinnati, BBA June 1986 to June 1989, Double Major: Management and Marketing

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Manisha-KotianForJudge/
Campaign Website: https://www.kotianforjudge.com/

Political Philosophy: It is imperative that the person tasked with decision-making authority has the knowledge, experience and qualifications to make equitable and legally sound decisions for your family.

Political Party Affiliation: Democratic
Affiliations: Cincinnati Academy of Collaborative Prof. and International Academy of Collaborative Prof, Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, Clermont County Bar Association, Warren County Bar Association, Lifetime member of the NAACP, Member of the Asian American Action Fund, Supporter of the Free Speech TV, Supporter/Donate to Human Rights Campaign, Supporter/Donor to Food Bank/Free Store, Indian Hill PTA, VOLUNTEER WORK: Montgomery Station Office Condominiums Board: President, Aruna Project- Donor and Supporter, Hamilton County Divorce Clinic, Cincinnati Legal Aid- Volunteer Lawyers Project

Occupation: Attorney
Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Laborers Local 265

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I have served as a Domestic Relations Attorney for over 25 years. I believe it is imperative Judges have the lived-experience both personally and professionally to understand what families are going through. Issues that come before this court are complex and it's important to have the knowledge about these subjects. This court is about creating the best opportunities for families to move forward. I want to use my experience to help make the Court more accessible, transparent, and diverse.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: I will keep bias and inequity out of my Courtroom by not turning a blind eye to race, gender, or economic differences. Understanding these biases exist is the first step towards addressing them. Next is taking action. That's why when elected, I will take implicit bias training at least once every two years and require my staff to do the same. We all have implicit bias. It's imperative that our elected officials, especially Judges, understand that and take active measures to check those biases.

Q: Why did you decide to run for judge of Domestic Relations Court? What skills or experience would you bring to this particular court? (500 character limit)

A: I decided to run for Judge of the Domestic Relations Court because I knew then, as I do now, that it's time for change. The Domestic Relations Court has only been accessible to families during regular working hours. For too long, the Domestic Relations Court hiring practices have not reflected the diversity of our community. As a Domestic Relations Attorney with over 25 years of experience I'm running to take better care of families going through transition and workers in the Court itself.

Q: Should more cases be sent to mediation? If so, what kind of cases? If not, why? (500 character limit)

A: Judges should know which cases they can help mediate from the bench to get better outcomes. The most important person in the courtroom is the child and working with parents to ensure that the correct route is taken to best serve their kids should always be the top priority. The DR Court also deals with domestic violence cases, and every case and action is different. I will take extreme care to thoroughly understand the facts and make my decisions based on those facts and the applicable law.

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I have represented children in custody cases, represented JFS in custody cases, presided over adoptions and guardianships, represented patients in mental health court, presided over mental health court, and presided over cases involving division of property in estates.



Betsy Sundermann

Party: Rep
Experience: Betsy Sundermann was an Assistant Hamilton County Prosecutor for thirteen years in the juvenile, dependency, drug forfeiture, municipal, and appellate divisions. She has also served as a Cincinnati City Council member, a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, a U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps law clerk, a U.S. District Court law clerk, and a Hamilton County Public Defender Guardian ad Litem. Betsy currently serves as a Hamilton County Probate Court magistrate, presiding over cases involving adoptions, guardianships, and estates.

Twitter: @votesundermann
Education: BA: Depauw University. JD: University of Cincinnati College of Law
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SundermannforJudge

Campaign Website: betsysundermann.com
Political Party Affiliation: Republican
Affiliations: Adjunct Professor at Linder School of Business
Occupation: Hamilton County Probate Court Magistrate

Endorsements: Fraternal Order of Police Local 69, Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union Local 48, Hamilton County Republican Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: As a prosecutor and defense attorney, I litigated thousands of trials. As a Probate Court magistrate, I presided over thousands of cases. As a previous social worker and guardian ad litem for children, I know how court cases impact children and how to make the process easier for them.

I have worked in various courts and know what works and what doesn't when managing a court and a caseload. I am ready to preside over trials and manage a court docket on my first day as a judge.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: I treat all litigants, attorneys, witnesses, and observers with respect in my courtroom and expect others in my court to do the same. If I hear about discriminatory behavior in one of my cases, I will make it clear that such behavior will not be

Betsy Sundermann continued

tolerated.
Q: Why did you decide to run for judge of Domestic Relations Court? What skills or experience would you bring to this particular court? (500 character limit)

A: I have worked in Family Law for 14 years. I have represented children in custody cases, represented JFS in custody cases, presided over adoptions and guardianships, represented patients in mental health court, presided over mental health court, and presided over cases involving division of property in estates.

I have learned how to help families through some of the toughest times of their lives while prioritizing the best interests of the children.

Q: Should more cases be sent to mediation? If so, what kind of cases? If not, why? (500 character limit)

A: In an ideal world, all cases would be settled in mediation without the need for the Court to be involved. Mediations give litigants more control over the outcome of their cases and allow for the parties to make agreements that are not always available for a judge to order. Sometimes, litigants are unable or unwilling to work with one another or there are safety issues that prevent mediation from being effective.

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION (TERM COMMENCING 1/5/2023)

Term: 6 years
Salary: \$121,350
RESPONSIBILITIES: To handle cases of divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, separation, and child custody matters.



Anne Flottman

Party: Dem
Occupation: Attorney
Experience: May 2021- present, Flottman Law Mediation and Arbitration Services; 2014- 5/2021, Domestic Relations Court Magistrate; 2007-2014; Partner, Wood and Lamping LLP; 2001-2007 Flottman Law
Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic

Party Affiliations: Board Member, Ohio Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; Trustee, Ohio Women's Bar Association; Volunteer, Cincinnati Chapter of NAACP; Volunteer, League of Women Voters

Political Philosophy: In Domestic Relations Court, justice means making sure both parents get to see as much of the children as possible, finding the right balance of support so that both parents can be as financially secure as possible, and doing all we can to make sure that the end of the marriage is not the end of the family. For the people of Hamilton County, justice in Domestic Relations Court also must mean that each person coming to the court is met with respect and compassion.

Campaign Website: https://www.flottmanforjudge.com/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AnneFlottmanForJudge/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/FlottmanAnne

Education: University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D.; Xavier University, M.A. English Literature; University of Kentucky, B.A. English

Political Party Affiliation: endorsed by the Hamilton County Democratic Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and former teacher. I have been in Domestic Relations law for 22+ years. My personal experience as a spouse and parent and as someone from a very large family means I understand family issues. In 15 years of private practice representing hundreds of people, I saw the emotional and financial stress for those in family court. In my 7+ years as magistrate in Domestic Relations, I used my experience and compassion to help families move to the next chapter.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: I witnessed bias and inequity firsthand as an attorney whose clients of color were often mistreated. We must end this. We will have implicit bias and DEI training for our staff. I will continue to educate myself on cultures and perspectives different from my own to broaden my understanding. I will continue reading about systemic racism so I can better recognize and address it. I will continue to be active in Hamilton County to stay in touch with all our communities.

Q: Why did you decide to run for judge of Domestic Relations Court? What skills or experience would you bring to this particular court? (500 character limit)

A: As a magistrate, I learned I could help more people from behind the bench than from before it. I know we can better help families in crisis by treating them respectfully, moving their case expeditiously, and correctly applying the law. I bring 22+ years experience and expertise as a Domestic Relations attorney, mediator, and magistrate, and will use it to help others see that the end of the marriage does not have to be the end of the family. With equitable results, families can thrive.

Q: Should more cases be sent to mediation? If so, what kind of cases? If not, why? (500 character limit)

A: Yes. I have mediated hundreds of cases and find that family law cases frequently have positive results from mediation. Even when a full agreement is not reached, the parties gain from talking together with the assistance of a trained mediator. I am also in favor of increasing access to all means of dispute resolution for all family law issues. Having difficult conversations is a great step toward having divorcing families move forward with better communication tools.

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?

Your Vote Can Be Powerful!

Lyndon Johnson once said that the vote is, "...the most powerful instrument known to man." But to be powerful, it has to be used by the people... **Elected officials may or may not listen to our concerns but they value our vote.** Voting gives you the credibility to make your concerns a top priority for legislators.

But if voting does not matter to you, then you certainly won't matter to politicians.

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A: As a magistrate, I learned I could help more people from behind the bench than from before it. I know we can better help families in crisis by treating them respectfully, moving their case expeditiously, and correctly applying the law. I bring 22+ years experience and expertise as a Domestic Relations attorney, mediator, and magistrate, and will use it to help others see that the end of the marriage does not have to be the end of the family. With equitable results, families can thrive.

Q: Should more cases be sent to mediation? If so, what kind of cases? If not, why? (500 character limit)

A: Yes. I have mediated hundreds of cases and find that family law cases frequently have positive results from mediation. Even when a full agreement is not reached, the parties gain from talking together with the assistance of a trained mediator. I am also in favor of increasing access to all means of dispute resolution for all family law issues. Having difficult conversations is a great step toward having divorcing families move forward with better communication tools.

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I have fully supported and encouraged the use of mediation and will continue to do so in cases with litigants who have the ability to work together towards an agreed outcome. Violent or abusive behavior hinders effective mediation. For the protection of the parties involved, mediation may not be an option. The safety and security of litigants in family law cases must be a top priority.



Jon H. Sieve

Party: Rep
Occupation: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations
Experience: 2011 to present - Judge of the Domestic Relations Division of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. 2008 to 2011 - Magistrate of the Domestic Relations Division of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Prior public service - significant private sector business experience, including ownership and operation of a General Motors Pontiac-GMC Dealership, while simultaneously operating a solo general practice, focusing on family law, probate, and real estate matters.

Endorsements: Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 69
Affiliations: Cincinnati Bar Association
Political Philosophy: Conservative
Campaign Website: www.jonsieve.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/JonSieve
Education: Juris Doctor, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; Bachelors of Arts with Honors, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; Diploma, St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, Ohio

Political Party Affiliation: Republican Party

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: Almost 15 years of experience on the Domestic Relations bench, first as a magistrate and then as a judge, makes me well prepared for a third term as Judge. Prior to that service, my extensive business management in the private sector is invaluable for common sense decision-making that benefits both the Court and the people we serve.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)

A: A good judge must serve with uncompromised independence, impartiality, and integrity. As a public servant, I have made it a priority to treat everyone with dignity and fairness while recognizing and respecting differences. I'm proud of my long record of compliance with those principles. As they say, "the proof is in the pudding". I have never been sanctioned or disciplined by the Supreme Court or any Bar Association. I plan to continue that spotless record into the future.

Q: Why did you decide to run for judge of Domestic Relations Court? What skills or experience would you bring to this particular court? (500 character limit)

A: I decided to run for a third term in order to advance and maintain the many innovative, creative programs and services established during my tenure. With my support and guidance, our Court has developed systems to increase access to justice and support the people we serve regardless of economic backgrounds including but not limited to our dispute resolution services, the Family Law Clinic, the Family Visitation Center, our Self-Help Center, and Electronic Filing.

Q: Should more cases be sent to mediation? If so, what kind of cases? If not, why? (500 character limit)

A: I have fully supported and encouraged the use of mediation and will continue to do so in cases with litigants who have the ability to work together towards an agreed outcome. Violent or abusive behavior hinders effective mediation. For the protection of the parties involved, mediation may not be an option. The safety and security of litigants in family law cases must be a top priority.

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

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HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - JUVENILE DIVISION (TERM COMMENCING 1/01/2023)

Term: 6 years
Salary: \$121,350
RESPONSIBILITIES: To rule in cases involving persons under 18 years of age. The Juvenile Court has authority in cases of delinquency, unruliness, juvenile traffic offenses, abuse, neglect, and dependency. The Juvenile Court may be part of the Court of Domestic Relations or the Probate Court. For more information on judicial candidates visit: JudicialVotesCount.org

Stacey DeGraffenreid

Party: Rep
Facebook: www.facebook.com/StaceyDeGraffenreidForJudge
Twitter: @ElectStaceyD
Occupation: Attorney
Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administrative from the University of Louisville; Master of Education from the University of Louisville; Juris Doctorate from University of Cincinnati College of Law

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)

A: I have focused my career and practice on family law. I am entrenched with the Court of Domestic Relations and the laws under which it operates. I have been mediating, negotiating and litigating family law cases in Hamilton County for over 25 years.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/kotianforjudge
Education: University of Pittsburgh School of Law,

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Stacey DeGraffenreid continued

Affiliations: Cincinnati Bar Association; Ohio State Bar Association; American Bar Association
Endorsements: F.O.P Queen City Lodge #69
Campaign Website: www.DeGraffenreidForJudge.com
Experience: Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office; Stacey L. DeGraffenreid, LPA; Hamilton County Public Defender's Office

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)
A: No response by print deadline
Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)
A: No response by print deadline
Q: Why did you decide to run for judge of Juvenile Court? What skills or experience would you bring to this particular court? (500 character limit)
A: No response by print deadline
Q: In cases where transferring a juvenile to adult court for trial is discretionary, how would you decide whether or not to transfer the case to adult court? (500 character limit)
A: No response by print deadline

tor (JD) from Temple University's School of Law. **Affiliations:** I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Cincinnati Bar Association, All-In Cincinnati Racial Equity Coalition, Youth Justice Leadership Institute Alumni, Women's Fund of Greater Cincinnati Foundation Leadership Council, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Community Advisory Board for Adolescent Medicine, Cincinnati City Manager's Advisory Group, and am the current Board Chair of Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio.

Endorsements: I am endorsed by the Hamilton County Democratic Party, Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, Collective PAC, Cincinnati AFL-CIO, National Association of Social Workers-Ohio Chapter, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio, Cincinnati Firefighters IAFF Local 48, LIUNA Laborer's Local 265, AFSCME Council 8 PAC, and Black Fire PAC. In addition, over fifty individuals including elected officials, faith leaders, attorneys and retired judges have endorsed my campaign for Hamilton County Juvenile Court Judge.

Campaign Website: www.rickellforjudge.com
Experience: I am a civil rights attorney, youth justice policy advocate, nonprofit director and adjunct law professor with 15 years of experience representing children and families in Ohio. I represented clients in state and Federal courts as a Legal Aid attorney, Director of the Human Rights in Prison at OJPC, and as Director of Litigation and Policy at Children's Law Center. I trained lawyers across the country on best practices in representing children, civil rights litigation, and juvenile justice reform. I have a track record for leading cross-system collaborations that improve supports to children in the justice and child protection systems. Currently, I am Executive Director of the Center for Social Justice at Urban League.
Political Philosophy: 1. Every child and family appearing in Juvenile Court is entitled to fair treatment and impartial decisions in their case. 2. Court data on case trends, racial/gender disparities and sentencing trends, should be transparent and accessible to the public. 3. Court policies, practices, and administration of the youth detention facility should focus on protecting children's rights, as well as their health and safety. 4. The Court has an obligation to identify and address racial disparities in our local juvenile justice system.

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: How does your personal and professional

history prepare you to be a good judge? (500 character limit)
A: I have 15 years of legal experience in many areas including juvenile justice, disability rights, education, prisoner rights and housing. I am an adjunct law professor and community leader with a passion for protecting children and supporting families. I have deep connections to local communities and have collaborated with others to address our region's most pressing issues. I am prepared to administer justice with fairness, compassion, and ensure equitable access to the Courts.

Q: Justice is supposed to be blind to race, gender, and economic differences of defendants. How will you keep bias and inequity out of your courtroom? (500 character limit)
A: I have spent my career addressing inequities in our justice system - racial disparities in arrest and incarceration rates to barriers faced in accessing justice. The Court must proactively identify and address inequities in the courtroom. Though anti-bias and cultural competency trainings for court staff can serve as a foundation for combating bias, the Court must collect case trend data to identify potential bias and develop targeted solutions to address it.

Q: Why did you decide to run for judge of Juvenile

Court? What skills or experience would you bring to this particular court? (500 character limit)
A: I committed my career and personal life to protecting children, supporting their families and reforming systems negatively impacting them. I have a proven track record of representing children, collaborating with many in this region to improve outcomes for children and protecting children facing the harshest barriers in our region. I will bring my knowledge of the law and systems impacting children, executive leadership skills, and deep community connections to this role.
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HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$111,110
RESPONSIBILITIES: To enter judgments and collect court costs for appellate and common pleas courts, and also to issue and transfer automobile and water craft certificates of title.



Steven Goodin

Party: Rep
Political Philosophy: My passion is reforming stagnant institutions so they better serve the taxpayers who fund them. I accomplish this by bringing transparency and accountability to government operations — whether it be City Hall or the Hamilton County Courthouse.
Facebook: Facebook.com/ElectGoodin
Affiliations: I am active with both the Hamilton County Republican Party and the Charter Committee of Greater Cincinnati. As an attorney, I am a member of the Ohio State and Cincinnati Bar Associations. I am involved in several non-profits, each of which deal with veterans' issues and addiction treatment.

Experience: I am proud to have spent decades in public service. I have served as a Cincinnati City Councilman; an officer in the U.S. Army JAG Corps; a Peace Corps volunteer; an assistant county prosecutor; a Special United States Attorney; and have served as a member of numerous public boards, including the Hamilton County Public Defender's Commission and the River City

Correctional Facility Governing Boards. I have also been active in many local and statewide non-profits, including serving as board chair of the Center For Addiction Treatment and as a board member of the statewide USO.

Endorsements: To date, I have been endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 69 and the IAFF Local 48 (Cincinnati Firefighters Union).
Campaign Website: ElectGoodin.com
Education: BA in English and Political Science from Miami University; JD University of Cincinnati College of Law; U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps Basic and Advanced Courses
Twitter: @electgoodin
Occupation: Attorney

Candidate's Question Responses:
Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be Clerk of Courts? (500 character limit)
A: Life has uniquely prepared me to serve as Clerk of Courts. Thanks to my time at City Hall, I have experience reforming under-performing government institutions. Thanks to my time as an Army officer and as a member of the executive committee of a large law firm, I know how to manage people. And thanks to two decades of varied legal experience — encompassing both criminal and civil litigation — I am well-versed in the day-to-day courthouse work.
Q: If additional funding were available to the Clerk's office, what would your priorities be? (500 character limit)
A: My priorities would be: 1) Radically overhauling the clerk's website to provide better access to members of the general public (including searchable functions relating to criminal cases); 2) Expanding the Help Desk to provide assistance to small business owners and landlords who cannot afford attorneys; and 3) Finally resolving the media access issues which have led to a federal lawsuit against the Clerk
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Steven Goodin continued

A: Ohio clerks of court should not remove any records from their website absent explicit guidance from the General Assembly. Our interim clerk has made the website a joke, scrubbing eviction records based upon his own personal criteria. This creates the false impression the records don't exist. It also creates an inconsistency with the records available in other counties. Unless the legislature tells us otherwise, the Clerk should always err on the side of transparency.



Pavan Parikh

Party: Dem
Political Philosophy: Progressive and Practical
Facebook: www.facebook.com/keeppavanclerk
Affiliations: American Legion (Life Member); Ohio Ballot Board (Board Member); Cincinnati Bar Association (Board of Trustees); Potter Stewart

American Inn of Court (Barrister); Cincinnati Bar Association – Veterans & Military Law Committee (Chair); Truman National Security Project (Partner); Xavier University State Politics Internship (Co-founder and Advisor); New Leaders Council of Southwest Ohio (Advisory Board); Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce C-Change Class 11 (Member)
Experience: Hamilton County Clerk of Courts (2021-Present); Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Reserve (2013-Present); Assistant Vice President, Government Relations Officer & Legislative Counsel, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati (2015-2022); Adjunct Professor, UC Law (2016-2018); Adjunct Professor, Xavier University (2016-2018); Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Senate Minority Caucus (2011-2015); Staff Attorney/Bailiff, Judge Nadine Allen – Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas (2011)

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party; US Senator Sherrod Brown; Greater Cincinnati AFL-CIO; VoteVets.org; Run For Something; IBEW Local 212; Ironworkers Local 44; Sheet Metal Workers; Plumber and Pipefitters Local 392; Greater Cincinnati UAW-CAP Council; AFSCME Ohio Council 8; Cincinnati Federation of Teachers
Campaign Website: www.keeppavanclerk.com

Education: Xavier University; B.A. Philosophy (Minors in Natural Sciences and Economics); St. Louis University School of Law: J.D. (with a Certificate in Health Law, a Certificate in International & Comparative Law, and a Concentration in Criminal Litigation)
Twitter: www.twitter.com/keeppavanclerk
Occupation: Hamilton County Clerk of Courts; US Army Reserve Major

Q: How does your personal and professional history prepare you to be Clerk of Courts? (500 character limit)
A: As the current Clerk of Courts, I possess a wealth of experience and the personal relationships around the courthouse to get the job done. Every day, I apply lessons I have learned throughout my career to create greater access to the courts and improve the administration of justice. From working as in-house counsel for a bank to the top Democratic lawyer in the Ohio Senate, and as a military lawyer, adjunct professor, and community leader, I work every day to make our courthouse work for you.
Q: If additional funding were available to the Clerk's office, what would your priorities be? (500 character limit)

HAMILTON COUNTY BALLOT ISSUES

1 TO REQUIRE COURTS TO CONSIDER FACTORS LIKE PUBLIC SAFETY WHEN SETTING THE AMOUNT OF BAIL PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND SECTION 9 OF ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OHIO

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

The proposed amendment would:
 -Required 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 the procedures for establishing the amount and conditions of bail be determined by the Supreme Court of Ohio.
 If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.
 Shall the amendment be approved?
YES | NO

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.

[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

of bail, placing cash bail and its conditions directly in the Ohio Constitution.
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2 TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ALLOWING NON-ELECTORS TO VOTE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE V, 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.
 Shall the amendment be approved?
YES | NO

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.

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3 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
 Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Cincinnati City School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$51,500,000 per year, and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 6.8 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.68 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024?
FOR THE TAX LEVY | AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

4 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
 An additional tax for the benefit of the Loveland City School District for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 4.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.49 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.
FOR THE TAX LEVY | AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

5 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
 Shall bonds be issued by the Northwest Local School District for the purpose of paying the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Expedited Local Partnership Program and the costs of other school facilities and improvements thereto, known as locally funded initiatives, together with, as applicable, new construction, improvements, renovations, and additions to school facilities, including preschool, elementary and middle schools, and providing equipment, furnishings, and site development and improvements, and all necessary appurtenances therefor, including

WHAT WILL THE LEVY DO?
 This requests a third renewal of an existing \$51.5M operating levy (called an Emergency Fixed Sum Levy). It will not raise taxes, and if passed, it will be in effect for a 10-year period. Money from this levy will continue to fund district operations: faculty, texts and other types of learning materials, transportation, neighborhood schools, and utilities. Passage will allow the district to invest in up-to-date technology as it prepares students for further education/careers/training beyond their CPS experiences.

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modern technology and safety and security measures, as well as capitalized interest, in the principal amount of \$175,850,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 38 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 4.98 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.498 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds? FOR THE BOND ISSUE | **AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE**

6 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) WINTON WOODS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall a levy be imposed by the Winton Woods City School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district** in the sum of \$3,000,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 5.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.54 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023? FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

7 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) LITTLE MIAMI JOINT FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District for the purpose of **providing and maintaining firefighting and emergency medical services** at a rate not exceeding 1.75 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.175 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023. FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

8 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) HAMILTON COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County for the purpose of **supplementing the General Fund to provide health and hospitalization services, including University of Cincinnati Medical Center** at a rate not exceeding 4.07 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.407 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**

BACKGROUND

The Health and Hospitalization Indigent Care levy has been in place since May 1966 to provide health care service to low income residents of Hamilton County. This levy is a renewal of an existing levy adopted in 2017 to provide health and hospitalization services at a rate of 4.07 mills on residential and commercial property for five years beginning in 2022 first due in 2023. The proposed levy will raise approximately \$41 million a year for medically indigent residents of Hamilton

County at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center (UCMC) and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) and county services for indigent care.

It will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$42.41 per year which is the same amount paid currently.

WHAT WILL THE LEVY DO?

Almost half of that funding supports hospital care for the indigent at UCMC and CCHMC.

The levy helps fund and also covers several public health programs. The levy helps run health care services at five homeless shelters and the St. Vincent de Paul charitable pharmacies.

The remainder of the levy revenues fund a variety of non-hospital medical services, some of which are legally mandated.

- Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office (Hamilton County Justice Center Inmate Health Care)
- Juvenile Court (Youth Center contracts with CCHMC for on-site medical care)
- Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services)
- Her Cincinnati (Off the Streets)
- Hamilton County Probate Court (related to mental illness or intellectual disability hearings for those who are indigent)
- Strategies to End Homelessness
- Central Clinic (Alternatives Interventions for Women)
- Hamilton County Public Health (Tuberculosis Control: state-mandated program, SAFE Program: community-based framework to reduce consequences of drug use and Oral Care Initiative: work toward decreasing oral health disparities).

Tax Levy Review Committee (TLRC) recommends the current levy be placed on the November ballot at the current millage rate. Assuming no changes to current conditions, the anticipated revenues from the Levy over the next cycle (2023-2027) appear to be sufficient to meet the expected expenditures over the next levy cycle.

9 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND INCREASE) HAMILTON COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of 2.99 mills and an increase of 0.38 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County for the purpose of **supplementing the General Fund to provide funds for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services District for the operation of mental health programs and the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of mental health facilities** at a rate not exceeding 3.37 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.337 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**

BACKGROUND

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) is a product of the 2006 merger of two prior boards: the Mental Health Board and Board of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS). The MHRSB is authorized by ORC 340, “to develop and manage a continuum of mental health, addiction and prevention services that have a positive impact on the community, are accessible, results oriented, and responsive to individual and family needs.” The services include mental health

Hamilton County Tax Levy Review Committee

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners proposes tax levies to support certain public services. The proposed levies go before the electorate for approval. If approved, the levies appear on the tax bill for Hamilton County property owners.

The Commissioners appoint a citizen Tax Levy Review Committee (TLRC) to study levy requests and to advise the Commissioners whether a levy should appear on the ballot, the appropriate size and duration for each levy; and terms and conditions that should be inserted into contracts.

Prior to the placement of each levy on the ballot, the TLRC engages a consultant to review finances and programs funded by the levy and holds public hearings.

At the completion of its review, the TLRC sends a written report of findings and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners make the final decision regarding the levy that is placed before the voters. If a levy is approved by voters, the TLRC is responsible for conducting a mid-term performance review to see that budget targets and contractual obligations are being met.

For more information about TLRC, including membership, levy procedures and reviews, see www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/open_hamilton_county/projects/tax_levy_review_committee

and addiction treatment, housing, employment, vocational help and court assistance.

The Board’s primary target client populations are adults who are severely mentally disabled, children who are severely emotionally disabled, adults who are dually diagnosed with substance abuse and mental illness, and both children and adults who are in the criminal justice systems. As funds allow, MHRSB provides mental health services for children and adults who have a less severe need.

The proposed five-year property tax levy is an increase in an existing property tax levy for funding mental health and recovery services and facilities, from \$36.5 million to \$44.9 million as requested by the Board and recommended by the Tax Levy Review Board for 2023-2027. That means a \$13.30 tax increase per \$100,000 of home value, for a total \$54.23 per \$100,000 of home value. The last increase in the levy was in 2007.

WHAT WILL THE LEVY DO?

If approved, the levy will provide increased funds for the operation of the MHRSB for the years 2023-2027. The MHRSB provides a wide range of services to adults and children who are mentally disabled and/or are addicted to alcohol and drugs. Because state law prohibits the MHRSB from direct service delivery, the MHRSB disburses most of the levy funds through annual contracts with 37 provider agencies certified by the State of Ohio that offer a variety of mental health and recovery services to adults and children. The Board’s small staff plans, funds, manages, and evaluates care delivery and contracts with the agencies.

According to the Tax Levy Review Committee, the current levy of 2.99 mills no longer will bring in enough money to maintain services. The levy increase will help mitigate inflation that is impacting the costs of operations, medications, and salaries. The increased levy also will help address the rise in the need for mental health services caused, in part, by the Covid 19 epidemic. While the federal declaration of a Public Health Emergency provided additional funding and expanded access to Medicaid, that resource is expected to end this year. Many individuals whose circumstances have changed, due to income changes, age or other factors, may no longer be eligible for services under Medicaid, with these services now needing to be covered by the levy.

10 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) HAMILTON COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County for the purpose of **supplementing the General Fund to provide or maintain senior citizens services or facilities, including a system of home care through the Council on Aging or other service provider(s) for elderly residents, including but not limited to: house-keeping, personal care, respite services (for caregivers), home repair/maintenance, medical transportation, adult day care, home delivered meals, chore services, legal counseling, adult protective services, and durable medical equipment** at a rate not exceeding 1.6 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.16 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**

BACKGROUND

The Senior Services Levy has been in place since the 1992 ballot (effective 1993). The levy is a renewal of an existing levy adopted in 2017 to provide funds for the Council on Aging (COA) which provides a vast amount of senior services supported through this levy. The levy, if approved by voters, would continue to provide or maintain senior citizens services or facilities, including a system of home care through the Council on Aging or other services provider(s) for elderly Hamilton County residents.

It will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$33.97 per year, the same amount paid currently.

WHAT WILL THE LEVY DO?

Through this levy, COA funds Hamilton County’s Elderly Services Program to provide services for individuals not eligible to receive federal- or state-funded services. It helps seniors remain independent in their homes. The Elderly Services Program (ESP) is the core of the Senior Services Levy which provides over 90% of the programs.

Primary services provided include:

- Adult Protective Services of Hamilton County Job and Family Services (APS)

ISSUE 10 CONTINUED

- Outreach and services for unstably and unhoused persons provided by the Center for Respite Care
- Home modifications
- Home-delivered meals
- Navigation services for seniors who are unable to negotiate the state system to access providers.
- Transportation
- Home health care support for African American families provided by Closing the Health Gap

The Tax Levy Review Committee recommends no levy increase for the upcoming Senior Services Levy to be placed on the November ballot at the current millage rate. TLRC applaud the services being provided and the leadership in all the agencies involved. Assuming no changes to current conditions, the anticipated revenues from the levy over the next cycle (2023-2027) appear to be sufficient to meet the expected expenditures over the next levy cycle.

11 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 264-2022 (EMERGENCY) CITY OF CINCINNATI

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the Charter of the City of Cincinnati be amended to provide that the Mayor is required to assign a legislative matter to the appropriate committee by the fourth regularly scheduled meeting of council following the date the legislative matter was submitted to the clerk of council; that if the Mayor does not assign a legislative matter within that time, the Clerk of Council shall assign it to the appropriate committee; that each legislative matter assigned to a committee shall be placed by the committee chair on the agenda no later than the fourth regularly scheduled committee meeting after referral unless the legislative sponsor of the ordinance grants an extension of time to the clerk of council in writing; that upon approval of a legislative matter by a committee, the Mayor shall be required to place such legislation on the Council agenda for passage by no later than the fourth regular meeting following such committee approval; and that motions and non-legislative resolutions may be assigned by the Mayor to the appropriate committee or may be immediately considered by council if (1) the Mayor places the motion or non-legislative resolution on the Council calendar for immediate consideration or (2) upon the vote of two-thirds of the members of Council in favor of immediate consideration of the motion or non-legislative resolution, by amending Article III, Section 2 of the Cincinnati Charter? YES | NO

WHAT THE AMENDMENT WOULD DO: This charter amendment would provide time limits for the assignment of legislative matters at each stage of the legislative process and eliminate the Mayor’s power to hold legislation indefinitely and keep it from reaching Council for a vote (the so-called “pocket veto”).

The amendment provides a time by which the Mayor must assign legislative matters to the appropriate committee of Council (if the Mayor does not meet this timeline then the clerk of council makes the assignment to a committee); provides a time by which Council committee chairs must place assigned ordinances on their committee agendas; and also provides a time by which the Mayor must place a legislative matter approved by a committee on the Council agenda for pas-

sage. In each case the action must happen by the fourth regularly scheduled meeting of Council or the committee. The legislative sponsor (member of council, the city manager, or the mayor) of the ordinance has the ability to request an extension of time in writing to the clerk of council for these referrals.

The proposal also provides a process by which motions and non-legislative resolutions may be immediately considered by Council.

BACKGROUND:

This proposed Charter amendment was placed on the ballot by an ordinance passed by Cincinnati City Council and supported by the Mayor.

Currently the charter requires the Mayor to assign all legislative proposals to the appropriate Council committee for consideration after the item is submitted to the clerk of council. Council committee members vote items out of committee and then the Mayor places the items on the agenda for full Council consideration. However, there is no time requirement currently in the charter for the Mayor’s referral process - specific deadlines by which the Mayor has to assign items to a committee and to advance items to the full Council. Absent any deadlines, the Mayor could choose to hold a legislative matter by not assigning it in a timely manner or never putting the item on the Council agenda for a vote, effectively killing it – the so-called “pocket veto.”

Doing away with the “pocket veto” was a recommendation of the Charter Review Task Force (July 2015). When the Mayor was subject to the Rules of Council prior to the 2001 charter changes, the deadline was 14 days for the Mayor to assign legislative matters to a Council committee. Some argue that the proposed deadline of four meetings could allow too much delay for timely consideration and passage of legislation.

12 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS CITY OF DEER PARK

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

The City Council for the City of Deer Park proposes the following changes:

1. Article IV, Section 4 – This proposed change would eliminate the Mayor’s power to veto legislation.
2. Article V, Section 5 – This proposed change would delete language concerning vetoed legislation and Council overriding the Mayor’s veto because the power to veto legislation is being eliminated in the above-proposed change to Article IV, Section 4. Consequently, this section would no longer be applicable.
3. Article VII, Section 1 – This proposed change would give City Council the power to appoint and to remove the Solicitor instead of the City Manager.
4. Article XI – This proposed change would remove the requirement for non-electors to own a business or to work in the City to serve on the Park Board.
5. Article XII, Section 1 – This proposed change would allow the Civil Service Commission to dispense with competitive examination requirements when determined to be in the best interests of the City.
6. Article XII, Section 5 – This proposed change would replace the word “in” with “on.” There is no substantive change.
7. Article XIX, Section 1 – This proposed change would correctly spell “solemnly.” There is no substantive change.

HAMILTON COUNTY BALLOT ISSUES

SHALL THE PROPOSED REVISED CHARTER AMENDMENTS BE ADOPTED? YES | NO

13 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) CITY OF MT. HEALTHY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Mt. Healthy for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 1.54 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.154 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**

14 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of North College Hill for the purpose of **operating and maintaining a police department** at a rate

not exceeding 4.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.49 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**

15 LOCAL LIQUOR OPTION FOR SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS ON SUNDAY (BY PETITION) CITY OF NORWOOD 1-B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this Norwood 1-B for consumption off the premises where sold, on Sunday? YES | NO

16 PROPOSED (RESOLUTION) GAS AGGREGATION TOWNSHIP OF ANDERSON

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for pas-

DEFINITIONS OF BALLOT TERMS

TAX LEVY: Taxes that are assessed to homeowners and businesses based on their property values. These monies are used to fund government functions, as well as special programs or activities determined to be of significant benefit to the citizens. Tax levies may be placed on the ballot for public vote by a government entity (County Commissioners, City Council, Township Trustees) or taxing authority (School Board, Vocational District, Park Board, Library Board).

RENEWAL LEVY: A Renewal Levy is the CONTINUANCE OF AN EXISTING LEVY with the collection rate at the same dollar amount as when the levy was originally approved.

REPLACEMENT LEVY: A replacement levy is a NEW LEVY FOR THE SAME PURPOSE AS THE EXISTING LEVY but with a different collection rate than the levy it replaces. The collection rate uses the assessed value of the property at the time of the replacement.

COE: Current Operating Expenses

CPT: Continued Period of Time

MILL: The property tax is measured in mills; a mill is one tenth of a cent. This translates to \$1 for each \$1,000 taxable value of the property.

MARKET VALUE: The market value of property is determined by the County Auditor. The valuation considers regional and neighborhood economic conditions, building improvements and land value. By state law, there is a full reassessment to each parcel every six years, followed by a computerized update three years later. The last full reappraisal in Hamilton County was in2017.

ASSESSED VALUE: Assessed Value is 35% of the Market Value of a property. In Ohio, property taxes are determined by the Assessed Value.

TAX RATE (mills): The Full Tax Rate is the total millage for the year, most of which is approved by voters in the taxing district. The Effective Tax Rate is the annual total millage reduced by state mandated reductions such as the rollback and the homestead exemption. This is stated in mills, not dollars.

SPECIAL DISTRICT: A joint fire and/or ambulance district that provides shared services in a legally designated area. A uniform tax rate is levied against all jurisdictions specified in the district.

GAS/ELECTRIC AGGREGATION: Aggregation is the process in which energy is sold to consumers who have joined together as a group to buy electric or natural gas. Local governments may aggregate the energy used by their residents and arrange for the purchase of electricity or natural gas as “governmental aggregators.” Ohio law gives local governments the option to choose either an opt-in or opt-out form of aggregation. The “Opt-in” form requires that each consumer agrees to participate in the program before being included in the aggregation pool. It does not require voter approval at an election. The “Opt-out” form automatically includes each consumer in the aggregated pool unless the individual affirmatively decides not to participate. It requires approval by a majority of the voters at an election.

HAMILTON COUNTY BALLOT ISSUES

ISSUE 16 CONTINUED

Issue 16: Shall the Township of Anderson have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the Township of Anderson, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out? YES | NO

17 SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ON SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUOR ANDERSON TOWNSHIP - Y

Issue 17: Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Sai Laxmi Krupa, LLC, dba Beechwood BP, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a carryout/grocery store at 3251 Mt. Carmel Road, Cincinnati (Anderson Township), Ohio 45244, in this precinct? YES | NO

18 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) TOWNSHIP OF GREEN

Issue 18: An additional tax for the benefit of the Township of Green for the purpose of operating a fire department, police department and emergency medical services at a rate not exceeding 4.95 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.495 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

19 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Issue 19: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Township of Springfield for the purpose of providing and maintaining firefighting and emergency medical services at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 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

20 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) VILLAGE OF CLEVES

Issue 20: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Cleves for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.39 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

21 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) VILLAGE OF GLENDALE

Issue 21: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Glendale for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 8.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.85 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 4 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Issue 22: An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Glendale for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 2.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.25 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 4 years, commencing in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

22 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) VILLAGE OF GLENDALE

Issue 23: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Golf Manor for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.40 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

23 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR

Issue 24: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Greenhills for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 3.89 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.389 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

24 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

Issue 25: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Mariemont for the purpose of permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding 3.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.35 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

25 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT

Issue 26: A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Woodlawn for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Woodlawn Municipal Swimming Pool for recreational purposes at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.20 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 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN

FOR THE TAX LEVY | AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

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VOTER CHECKLIST

US SENATOR

- Vote for not more than 1 Tim Ryan (Dem) J.D. Vance (Rep)

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 1

- Vote for not more than 1 Steve Chabot (Rep) Greg Landsman (Dem)

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 8

- Vote for not more than 1 Warren Davidson (Rep) Vanessa Enoch (Dem)

OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT, CHIEF JUSTICE

- Vote for not more than 1 Jennifer Brunner (Dem) Sharon Kennedy (Rep)

OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE, TERM BEGINNING 1/1/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Pat Fischer (Rep) Terri Jamison (Dem)

OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE, TERM BEGINNING 1/2/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Pat DeWine (Rep) Marilyn Zayas (Dem)

GOVERNOR

- Vote for not more than 1 Mike DeWine (Rep) Nan Whaley (Dem)

STATE AUDITOR

- Vote for not more than 1 Keith Faber (Rep) Taylor Sappington (Dem)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Vote for not more than 1 Jeff Crossman (Dem) Dave Yost (Rep)

SECRETARY OF STATE

- Vote for not more than 1 Chelsea Clark (Dem) Frank LaRose (Rep) Terpeshore Maras (Rep)

OHIO TREASURER

- Vote for not more than 1 Scott Schertzer (Dem) Robert Sprague (Rep)

OHIO STATE SENATOR - 7TH DISTRICT

- Vote for not more than 1 David Dallas (Dem) Steve Wilson (Rep)

OHIO STATE SENATOR - 9TH DISTRICT

- Vote for not more than 1 Catherine Ingram (Dem) Orlando Sonza Jr. (Rep)

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 30

- Vote for not more than 1 Alissa Mayhaus (Dem) Bill Seitz (Rep)

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 24

- Vote for not more than 1 Dani Isaacsohn (Dem) Adam Koehler (Rep)

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 25

- Vote for not more than 1 John Breadon (Rep) Cecil Thomas (Dem)

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 26

- Vote for not more than 1 Sedrick Denson (Dem)

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 27

- Vote for not more than 1 Rachel Baker (Rep) Jenn Giroux (Rep)

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 28

- Vote for not more than 1 Jessica Miranda (Dem) Chris Monzel (Rep)

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 29

- Vote for not more than 1 Cindy Adams (Rep)

OHIO APPELLATE COURT JUDGE - DISTRICT 1

- Vote for not more than 1 Jennifer Kinsley (Dem) Robert C. Winkler (Rep)

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - DISTRICT 4

- Vote for not more than 1 Katie Hofmann Jenny A. Kilgore

HAMILTON CO. COMMISSIONER, TERM COMMENCING 1/1/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Stephanie Summerow Dumas (Dem) Steve Grote (Write-In) (O) Matthew O'Neill (Rep) Christopher EC Smitherman (I)

HAMILTON CO. AUDITOR

- Vote for not more than 1 Tom Brinkman (Rep) Brigid Killy (Dem)

HAMILTON CO. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GEN. DIV., TERM COMMENCING 1/1/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Thomas Beridon (Dem) Pat Dinkelacker (Rep)

HAMILTON CO. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GEN. DIV., TERM COMMENCING 1/15/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Bernard Mundy (O) Megan E. Shanahan (Rep)

HAMILTON CO. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GEN. DIV., TERM COMMENCING 1/2/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Jody Marie Luebbers (Dem) Christopher McDowell (Rep)

HAMILTON CO. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GEN. DIV., TERM COMMENCING 1/4/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Tom Heekin (Dem) Charles J. Kubicki (Rep)

HAMILTON CO. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIV., TERM COMMENCING 1/16/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Manisha Bansal Kotian (Dem) Betsy Sundermann (Rep)

HAMILTON CO. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIV., TERM COMMENCING 1/5/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Anne Flottman (Dem) John H. Sieve (Rep)

HAMILTON CO. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - JUV. DIV., TERM COMMENCING 1/1/2023

- Vote for not more than 1 Stacey DeGrattenreid (Rep) Rickell Howard Smith (Dem)

HAMILTON CO. CLERK OF COURTS

- Vote for not more than 1 Steve Goodin (Rep) Pavan Parikh (Dem)

HAMILTON COUNTY ISSUES

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Issue 1: To require courts to consider factors like public safety when setting the amount of bail. Proposed Constitutional Amendment Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly To amend Section 9 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

Issue 2: To prohibit local government from allowing non-electors to vote. Proposed Constitutional Amendment Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly To amend Section 1 of Article V, Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

Issue 3: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Cincinnati City School District

Issue 8: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Hamilton County

Issue 9: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND INCREASE) Hamilton County

Issue 10: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Hamilton County

Issue 11: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 264-2022 (Emergency) CITY OF CINCINNATI

YOUR LOCAL ISSUES

Blank lines for local issues

5 THINGS TO KNOW

- 1. Go to the right polling place. Polling locations can change. Check vote411.com to find yours. 2. Bring I.D. Check page 2 of this guide for acceptable forms of I.D. 3. Get a ballot. Ask a poll worker for a provisional ballot if you're registered to vote but not on the list. 4. Get help. Poll workers are there to answer any questions you may have. 5. Stay and vote. Even if the line is long, don't leave without voting.

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