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Dear Summit County Voter,

The Leagues of Women Voters of the Akron Area, Hudson and Tallmadge in cooperation with the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area Education Fund are pleased to present the 2018 General Election Voters Guide.

In this election Summit County voters will be voting on many important offices whose roles are to represent your interests at the federal, state and county levels. We wish we could cover them all in print. Instead, we are focusing this Voters Guide on Summit County including the four U.S. Congressional seats that represent parts of Summit County, Ohio House and Senate offices, Summit County Council and Judicial offices. You'll also find brief summaries of two ballot Issues: one Statewide and one for the County.

If you don't find the information you are seeking in this printed guide, go to VOTE411.org, our online voter guide site, for updated content on the full slate of Ohio candidates.

Participating candidates have provided personal background and contact information as well as responses to questions posed by the League. The candidates have submitted their information in their own words and responses were not edited. In addition, short descriptions of each office's responsibilities are included.

Judicial candidates submit their information to JudicialVotesCount.org, a website hosted by the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron. The League imports the content from JudicialVotesCount.org into our guide, both in this print format and online at VOTE411.org. Space limits prevent us from including all judicial information and responses in this print edition. Complete responses can be found at VOTE411.org.

Your ballot will also include local Issues that request your vote. Your personalized ballot on VOTE411.org includes a brief description of the Issues that are specific to your location.

We hope this guide will help you make informed choices however you choose to vote: at the polls on November 6; by absentee ballot; or by voting early at the Summit County Board of Elections. Early voting begins October 10.

Every elected official plays a role in making decisions that affect your life. Your vote is crucial to making our democracy work.

Jackie Derrow

President, LWV of the Akron Area

Maura McCaughey

President, LWV, Hudson

Kimberly Ray

President, LWV, Tallmadge

Summit County Council At-Large Questions

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SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

Summit County operates under a charter form of government. County Council consists of 11 members: 3 at-large members and 8 members representing districts. Each serves a four-year term. The legislative and policy-making power of the County is invested in the County Council. Salary: \$7,000/year. Candidates for the 3 at-large positions:



Cynthia D. Blake Republican

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Education: University of Akron, 1980

Current Occupation: Property Manager

Training/Experience: ABC Management-Property Manager, 2018: Previous employers Huntington National Bank-Loan Servicing 2017-2018, Public Policy Analyst 2014 to present, PNC Bank – Default Litigation 2010-2014 Key Bank-CRA Loan Officer 2004-2009

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BlakeForCountyCouncil/>

Q1: Summit County is projected to have an additional \$4 million budget shortfall in 2019, due in part to having one of the lowest sales tax rates in Ohio. What measures would you recommend in dealing with the budget deficit? The truth is that we need to do a comprehensive evaluation and assessment of the overall tax structure in Summit County. To pin-point the fiscal shortfall solely on the sales tax rate may be a premature conclusion. There are multiple tax structures, fees, assessments and contractual relationships that have contributed to the fiscal condition. Each is subject to a forensic audit and an alternative matrix can be constructed to adequately address this matter with the most up-to-day statistics and data.

Q2: What role does County Council have in promoting good stewardship and management of water resources? Without question our role is that of being good stewards in all things that pertain to serving the public interest. As such we have to develop an equitable resource management system that allows non-county clients to utilize a fee structure that supports the additional cost of services to those communities. Leveraging cost benefits the water industry and the consumer. Continue joint efforts studying solutions regarding the flooding problems. When we work to facilitate these relationships we demonstrate good stewardship.

Q3: In regard to addressing the opioid epidemic, what role can County Council play in addition to what has already been done? County Council can promote family and community based remedies that begin with availing resources to the whole family. Families need support in terms of education and stability management when any or all family members are engaged in the use, abuse, or care giving of the opioid epidemic. This may call for engaging community agencies, ADM, the water department, electric companies, gas companies, programs, churches, temples, synods and the retail community. All of us contribute to the demise of our community when we fail to realize opioid addictions impact the very fabric of our families and community. To effectively resolve this national crisis we must have everyone at the table. Our strategy would mean that we stop victimizing the victims of the opioid epidemic and start empowering them to overcome the strains of addiction. Within Summit County we have the power and ability to effect change. We do know that incarceration is not the answer.

Nicholas Robert DeVitis Republican

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Education: BS In Business from The University of Akron

Current Occupation: Owner/Manager of DeVitis Fine Italian Foods

Q1: Summit County is projected to have an additional \$4 million budget shortfall in 2019, due in part to having one of the lowest sales tax rates in Ohio. What measures would you recommend in dealing with the budget deficit? As a council person, I will look to pass legislation that keeps the best interests of residents in mind. I do not want to burden Summit County residents by forcing us to pay more for goods through taxes. Ideally, Summit County's economy will thrive with common sense legislation, thus addressing this budget shortfall. If we continue to bring solid, good paying jobs into the county, we will not have to worry about raising the sales tax.

Q2: What role does County Council have in promoting good stewardship and management of water resources? Obviously as a council person, I will be concerned about stewardship and management of our water resources. I will be willing to work with all of my colleagues to ensure that Summit County has good, clean, safe drinking water. Safety of Summit County residents is obviously a top priority of mine.

Q3: In regard to addressing the opioid epidemic, what role can County Council play in addition to what has already been done? I will be ready and willing to work with law enforcement any way I can to assist in bettering the drug epidemic. I will work on legislation based upon what law enforcement and health professionals suggest is the best effort to battle this ongoing problem.

Clair E. Dickinson Democrat

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Campaign Email: clair.dickinson@gmail.com

Education: B.A. University of Pittsburgh; J.D. Cleveland State University

Current Occupation: Lawyer

Q1: Summit County is projected to have an additional \$4 million budget shortfall in 2019, due in part to having one of the lowest sales tax rates in Ohio. What measures would you recommend in dealing with the budget deficit? Prior Ohio law only allowed counties to raise the sales tax in .25% increments. Under a recent amendment to Ohio law, counties may now raise the sales tax in .10% increments. Under the Summit

County Charter, any sales tax increase must be placed on the ballot and approved by voters. In light of the change in Ohio law, I am willing to consider whether it now makes sense to ask Summit County voters to approve a small sales tax increase to make up for some of the money that used to come to Summit County from Ohio in the form of local government funds but no longer does because of the legislature's raiding of those funds to provide decreases in the state income tax. In deciding whether to approve placing such an increase on the ballot, I would need to be convinced that any new funds would be dedicated to specific needs, including criminal justice needs.

Q2: What role does County Council have in promoting good stewardship and management of water resources? County Council recently approved a storm-water management program to be administered by the County Engineer. Participation in the program by Summit County local governments is voluntary. (A number of Summit County communities already have their own programs.) So far, Bath Township is the only local government to participate in the County's program. It is my hope that, as other communities see what the engineer is able to accomplish in Bath Township, they will agree to participate as well so we can build a county-wide method of dealing with water management. Because water crosses local government lines, the larger the authority dealing with storm water, the more effective it can be.

Q3: In regard to addressing the opioid epidemic, what role can County Council play in addition to what has already been done? The opioid epidemic is a problem that must be dealt with at every governmental level. County Council has supported the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board's funding of 20 additional residential treatment beds at IBH Addiction Recovery Center, assisting in providing more timely treatment and recovery services. The county has also donated 25 acres at the former Edwin Shaw Hospital property to Hope United and Restore Addiction Recovery on which they plan to build drug treatment facilities. There is not easy answers to the epidemic. We will continue to look for ways in which the County can participate in helping people to avoid becoming addicted and treating those who are addicted.



John A. Donofrio Democrat

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Campaign Phone: 330-618-9624

Campaign Email:

Education: Graduate, Ellet High School; served 3½ years in the US Air Force and was honorably discharged.

Current Occupation: During my years as Treasurer/Fiscal Officer I took continuing education classes in Treasury Management through the County Treasurers Association of Ohio and the County Auditors Association of Ohio. These classes took place two times per year and I attended all of them throughout my 34 years of service as an elected official.

Q1: Summit County is projected to have an additional \$4 million budget shortfall in 2019, due in part to having one of the lowest sales tax rates in Ohio. What measures would you recommend in dealing with the budget deficit? Summit County does and has dealt with budget shortfalls over the years without the need to tap our current contingent fund of approximately \$25 million. This fund is and will only be used for any emergencies that may arise within the county. The 2019 shortfall will be handled by providing county offices with a flat budget, meaning they will receive the same amount or operational dollars as budgeted for 2018. County officeholders deserve a great deal of credit for providing quality services on limited funds during these tough budget times. As a county we all must do our best with less.

Q2: What role does County Council have in promoting good stewardship and management of water resources? The City of Akron is the major supplier of water within most of Summit County under the Division of Water Distribution. County Council recently approved a storm water management program under the direction of the County Engineer and plays a role in the Gorge Dam removal. These are two areas where County Council assists with the management of water. Surface and storm water control is a very important issue to many areas of our county. As problems arise it will always be a priority for Council to work to solve those problems immediately. It is imperative that Summit County continue to review, monitor and make any future changes necessary to insure good stewardship and management of water issues.

Q3: In regard to addressing the opioid epidemic, what role can County Council play in addition to what has already been done? Summit County Council and the Executive's office, under the leadership of Ilene Shapiro, continues to work with federal, state and county agencies to provide any assistance possible. Educating both young and old is an essential part in helping to solve this crisis. The problem wasn't created overnight and cannot be solved overnight. Executive Shapiro announced in 2017 a new partnership to revitalize the county owned land where Edwin Shaw Hospital was formerly located. The county intends to donate 18 acres of the land to Restore and Hope United, both 501c2 organizations focused on addiction recovery. The footprint in Lakemore will include a treatment facility for in-patient counseling as well as a community center.



Elizabeth Walters Democrat

Q1: Summit County is projected to have an additional \$4 million budget shortfall in 2019, due in part to having one of the lowest sales tax rates in Ohio. What measures would you recommend in dealing with the budget deficit? The County has been proactive in preparing for the projected deficits. We are currently undertaking a review of all County fees and assessments to look for opportunities for additional revenues. Returning to flat budgeting, which will require all County entities to maintain service levels without growing their annual cost, may also be considered. This practice helped the County to come through the recession relatively well. Summit County will also continue to rely on workforce attrition as way to continue stabilizing the annual operating budget. We are already operating with 800 employees less than we were 10 years ago and will continue to re-organize positions and distribute duties among existing employees as others retire. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Council will continue to advocate as strongly as possible for the restoration of the state and local government funding that the state government has taken from cities and counties.

Q2: What role does County Council have in promoting good stewardship and management of water resources? County Council is proud to be an active partner in the Gorge Dam removal project that is well under way. By 2019 the structures, located on the border of Akron and Cuyahoga Falls will be removed, to reveal the original Cuyahoga Falls. By creating sixty miles of a free flowing and healthier river, the dam removal process will improve water quality by removing close to a million cubic yards of sediment. In addition, it will create the opportunity for more outdoor recreation for water sports. As a Council, we can also work with other municipalities and County offices to address surface and storm water management. In 2017, Council voted to create a new, optional Surface Water Management District. This new utility allows local municipalities to alleviate runoff and flooding issues and reduce costs.

Q3: In regard to addressing the opioid epidemic, what role can County Council play in addition to what has already been done? As elected leaders of this community we can use our platform to remind fellow residents and other community partners that this is a public health crisis. Addiction is a medical disease and those struggling with it deserve compassion and access to reliable, low-cost treatment options. We can also continue to look for innovative and cost-effective investments in projects that will support treatment and sobriety for Summit County residents. In late 2017, the County sold part of the old Edwin Shaw property to Hope United, for a very low cost to support additional treatment options. These partnerships will be critical to meeting the need for residents in recovery now and in years to come. Finally, as with the County's budget, we must continue to advocate to our state and federal partners, that they do more to fund this public health crisis.

Summit County Council At-Large Questions (cont.)

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Q3: In regard to addressing the opioid epidemic, what role can County Council play in addition to what has already been done?

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Judicial Question

Q1: Why are you
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particular court seat?



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Michael B. Washington Republican

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Education: Juris Doctor, University of Akron

Current Occupation: Attorney & Marksmanship Instructor

Training/Experience: Former Prosecuting Attorney Legal Advisor for Public Officials, Attorney in Private Practice

Q1: Summit County is projected to have an additional \$4 million budget shortfall in 2019, due in part to having one of the lowest sales tax rates in Ohio. What measures would you recommend in dealing with the budget deficit? The projected shortfall has been caused in part by the State of Ohio doing away with tax revenue that was used by local governments. The following measures could be used to remedy the shortfall. County offices could freeze budgets at current levels. The county could limit non-essential services when required. If a sales tax increase would become necessary it should be submitted to voters in a referendum.

Q2: What role does County Council have in promoting good stewardship and management of water resources? Council can collaborate with the local health department, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and the EPA to ensure that current best practices are used at the county level. Council can also engage and educate the public in using best practices for resources management. Council could further utilize the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District to assist in these efforts.

Q3: In regard to addressing the opioid epidemic, what role can County Council play in addition to what has already been done? County Council can collaborate with the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies to help increase enforcement efforts against drug dealers and pill mills. Council can collaborate with local school systems and libraries to educate children and public about avoiding drugs and the importance of looking for warning signs of drug addiction. Council can also help eradicate the opiate problem by encouraging successful programs geared toward helping people get off drugs.

SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 7

Bethany McKenney Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

Michael R. Soyars Democrat

Q1: Summit County is projected to have an additional \$4 million budget shortfall in 2019, due in part to having one of the lowest sales tax rates in Ohio. What measures would you recommend in dealing with the budget deficit? This new shortfall is the result of the State phasing out sales tax collections on Medicaid managed care providers. Fortunately, the County has planned for such an event, and is prepared to keep department and officeholder budgets flat next year. We will see more attrition in County employees, continue to improve the efficiency of our operations and continue to search for lower cost solutions. The County has been a good steward of our taxpayer dollars, and I will make sure that continues.

Q2: What role does County Council have in promoting good stewardship and management of water resources? Luckily, we live in a district that is rich in natural resources, including the Portage Lakes. As our district continues to develop, the County will play a critical role in ensuring that our commercial and residential areas are sewered properly in order keep those resources clean and safe for both current and future generations. While we benefit from the job opportunities that result from development, we need to ensure that we grow in a smart and responsible manner.

Q3: In regard to addressing the opioid epidemic, what role can County Council play in addition to what has already been done? The County is currently involved in litigation against several opiate manufacturers and distributors. As we move forward with that litigation, we can use it as a tool to end practices that contribute to the epidemic and to provide funds for continued drug and alcohol treatment. We should also support the expansion of quick response teams and similar measures to ensure that those struggling with addiction receive fast and effective treatment.

9TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS

The Courts of Appeals are established by Section 1, Article IV, of the Ohio Constitution, and their jurisdiction is outlined in Section 3, Article IV. As intermediate-level appellate courts, their primary function is to hear appeals from the common pleas, municipal, and county courts. Each case is heard and decided by a panel of three judges. The state is divided into twelve appellate districts by Section 3, Article IV, of the Ohio Constitution and Section 2501.01 of the Revised Code. Each district is served by a court of appeals that sits in each of the counties in that district. The number of judges in each district varies from four to twelve. In addition to appellate jurisdiction, the courts of appeals have original jurisdiction, as does the Ohio Supreme Court, to hear applications for writs of habeas corpus, mandamus procedendo, prohibition and quo warranto. Court of appeals judges are elected in even-numbered years to six-year terms on a nonpartisan ballot. Appellate judges must be attorneys with at least six years of experience in the practice of law. The Governor makes appointments to fill vacancies in courts of appeals that occur between elections.

Retrieved from <http://www.ninth.courts.state.oh.us/AboutTheCourt.htm>. Salary: \$160,500/year. Candidates:

Term commencing 2/2/19



Diana Colevecchio

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Education: JD: University of Akron (1989); BA: English, University of Akron (1986)

Current Occupation: Clerk of Courts – Stow Municipal Court

Training/Experience: Private legal practice (2002 – 2015); UAW-LSP staff attorney (1991-2002)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/colavecchioforjudge/>

Q1: Why are you running for this particular court seat? I've been meeting with voters the past six months and the one thing I'm repeatedly asked is, "What is the Court of Appeals?" "Where is it?" This tells me that this very important Court is suffering from an identity crisis. People in the community have no idea what the Court does, how it functions and how it affects their lives. The Court of Appeals is among the most important Courts in our 4-county region, it is our local Supreme Court, right here in Akron! An Appeals Court Judge can and should do more to strengthen the Court's presence in the community. If elected, I intend to connect the Court to the community it serves by educating people, partnering with local government agencies to sponsor events and making myself accessible as a public servant. I also want to make the Court more technologically friendly, especially by providing more information to non-English speaking people and pro se litigants, who now comprise some 5% of all Court users.



Jennifer Hensal

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Education: J.D. University of Toledo; B.A. University of Akron

Current Occupation: Appellate Judge, Ohio Court of Appeals, Ninth Judicial District

Training/Experience: Appellate Judge, Ohio Court of Appeals, Ninth Judicial District; Visiting Judge, Ohio Supreme Court

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Facebook: <http://Judge Jennifer Hensal on Facebook>

Q1: Why are you running for this particular court seat? As a Judge, I believe it is a Judge's responsibility to see that the Ohio and Federal Constitution and the laws of Ohio and its political subdivisions are enforced. I have also promoted the use of alternatives to litigation to promote settlements such as mediation. In difficult economic times all branches of government face budget restrictions. This includes the judiciary. Nevertheless, justice is not about the cost involved. Courts ensure our freedom as Americans. I believe that Judges today must see to it that justice is still properly, efficiently and inexpensively served. In addition, it is our responsibility to make sure that all who come before the court are safe and secure, and not subject to intimidation or fear for exercising their constitutional rights. More and more there is a lack of respect for our laws and our legal system. Judges must set an example to make certain that all people before the court are treated with respect and dignity. I believe that good Judges can make lawyers better and set an example for all by showing a proper respect for individuals, our laws and the judicial system.

SUMMIT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS – GENERAL DIVISION

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Term commencing 1/1/2019



Tom McCarty

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Education: Walsh Jesuit High School, B.A. University of Akron, J.D. University of Akron School of Law

Current Occupation: Assistant Attorney General

Training/Experience: I am a former Judge of the Akron Municipal Court, former Presiding Judge of the Drug Court, and have 35+ years of legal experience practicing in Common Pleas Courts across the State of Ohio. I have argued and won cases in the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Website: <http://www.tommccartyforjudge.com>

Q1: Why are you running for this particular court seat? I have wanted to be a lawyer since I was 7 years old. I believe that our justice system, while not perfect, is the greatest in the world. This system is contingent upon having good and honest judges who will follow the law and give every party a fair shake. I did that when I served as Akron Municipal Judge, I do that as an Assistant Attorney General, and I will do that as a Common Pleas Judge. I am involved in my community and am a respected member of the legal profession. I have excellent trial experience and know how to run a courtroom in a way that is fair but also keeps cases moving along. I respectfully ask for your vote.



Kathryn Michael

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Education: J.D. University of Akron School of Law (1986)

Current Occupation: Judge, Akron Municipal Court

Training/Experience: 13 yrs. Municipal Court Judge 3 years Presiding Judge, Akron Municipal Court 9 yrs. Presiding Judge, Domestic Violence Court 5 years Co-Presiding Judge, OVI Court

Facebook: <http://Vote Judge Michael>

Q1: Why are you running for this particular court seat? I am running for the seat which will be vacated at the end of this year when Judge Gallagher retires. He is the only judge in Ohio who presides over a Domestic Violence Court at the Common Pleas level. It is important that the work of this Domestic Court continue. It provides a therapeutic approach, with graduated sanctions, with the objective of breaking the cycle of generational domestic violence. If I am successful in this election, it is my desire to preside over the Domestic Violence Court at the Summit County Common Pleas Court. I have the best experience to handle the Domestic Violence Court at the Summit County Common Pleas Court because I have managed and presided over a Municipal Court Domestic Violence Court docket for the past 9 years. Experience matters. This is why I respectfully ask for your support, and your vote on November 6th.

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Term commencing 1/2/2019

Amy Corrigan Jones CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

Judicial Question

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ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL
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Term commencing 5/17/2019



Jill Flagg Lanzinger

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Education: J.D. from the University of Akron School of Law, B.A. from Heidelberg University in Psychology and Political Science

Current Occupation: Judge of the Summit County Common Pleas Court

Training/Experience: Judge since February 2015. Prior to 2015, Attorney and Magistrate.

Website: <http://KeepJudgeJill.com>

Facebook: <http://Facebook:@KeepJudgeJill>

Twitter: twitter.com/JudgeJill

Q1: Why are you running for this particular court seat? Prior to becoming judge, Judge Jill was a trial attorney who advocated for vulnerable people and abused children. Judge Jill worked at the Stark County Prosecutor's Office, handling traffic and criminal matters involving juvenile offenders. Judge Jill has been a strong advocate for abused children. She served as Guardian ad Litem in the Summit County Juvenile Court. Judge Jill is a published writer on the subject of childhood sexual abuse litigation. As an advocate, Judge Jill won an appeal at the Ohio Supreme Court that enhanced the rights of childhood sexual abuse victims in civil cases. Judge Jill gained notoriety through her advocacy for abused children in several high-profile cases. Judge Jill advocated for disabled children who needed services through their school system. Judge Jill was a member of the Council of Parent Attorney Advocates (COPAA) and served at an Organization called "Equip For Equality." Judge Jill's son was diagnosed with autism at age two so protecting people with disabilities was personal to her. As a private practitioner, Judge Jill acted as counsel in numerous jury and bench trials at both the federal and state level. Her practice included research, writing, and appellate work, arguing before the Ninth District, Tenth District, and Eleventh District Court of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court. Judge Jill was a member of the Ohio Bar, Illinois Bar and was admitted to practice before the Federal Courts of the Northern District of Ohio, Northern District of Illinois, and Southern District of Ohio. Judge Jill is a graduate of the Trial Lawyers College and taught at the Trial Lawyers College as a faculty member.



Susan Baker Ross

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Education: J.D. Law, University of Akron, 1991; B.S. Management, Minor English, University of Akron, 1988

Current Occupation: Traffic Court Magistrate, Akron Municipal Court, 2/2017-Present

Training/Experience: Akron Municipal Court, Magistrate/Judicial Attorney – 2/2012-Present; Summit County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecutor, Civil – 1/2001-7/2010; Portage County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecutor, Civil – 5/1993-1/1997

Website: <http://www.rossforjudge.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SusanBakerRossForJudge>

Q1: Why are you running for this particular court seat? I have spent the last 26 years developing the knowledge and experience needed to serve our community as a judge. I love serving as a Magistrate and would like to take my proven skills and legal experience to the next level in Common Pleas Court. My children are now grown and in college and the time is right for me to pursue this dream. I believe every job I have had has prepared me for this seat and has led to this election in 2018. My opponent was appointed to this position by the Governor last year. The seat should be filled by someone who is elected by the voters in our community. When looking at the candidates based upon years and level of experience it is clear that I am the best candidate for this seat. With over 26 years of proven service I am ready to serve our community as your next Common Pleas Court Judge. When you vote this year, I respectfully ask you to look for my name and vote for Susan Baker Ross for Judge!

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Unexpired term ending 1/2/2021



David G. Lombardi

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Education: J.D. Univ. Akron Law 1989, Law Review Miami University BS: Finance 1985 Walsh Jesuit High School 1981

Current Occupation: Trial Attorney in Summit County and surrounding counties and municipalities specializing in civil and criminal litigation

Training/Experience: Judicial attorney for Judge Glen Morgan 1989-91; general trial attorney for 29 years in Summit County; Akron Municipal Judge 2015.

Facebook: <http://DaveLombardiForJudge>

Q1: Why are you running for this particular court seat? There is a long legal tradition (7 attorneys; 1 judge) in my family. I have been raised within it; I have embraced it; and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. My grandfather Tony Lombardi, served as a Common Pleas judge from 1961 to 1976. I was drawn to the judicial role by my grandfather, whom I loved and admired. I had the privilege of serving as an Akron Municipal judge in 2015, and loved the position. I am running again to fulfill a dream, and to seek a position I respect and admire. The majority of my 29 years as a practicing attorney have been in the Summit County Common Pleas Court. Lastly, and most important, I am a man of faith, and fairness. I believe that our judiciary has a duty to provide the fair and efficient administration of justice to the citizens of the community. This is particularly true when today, it seems that many citizens are skeptical of the legal system. That reputation needs to change, and I wish to work toward that change.



Kelly L. McLaughlin

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Education: The Ohio State University College of Law, 1987, Juris Doctorate; The Ohio State University, 1984, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Current Occupation: Chief Magistrate at Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations
Training/Experience: 2017 to present Chief Magistrate Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division 2010 to 2017 Magistrate, Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division 1996 to 2010
Facebook: <http://Facebook: @McLaughlinforJudge>

Q1: Why are you running for this particular court seat? Given my unique combination of skills and experience, this is the most effective way for me to serve the citizens of Summit County. I was raised in a family where service to the community was not only valued, but required. My commitment to my community has never wavered. Summit County, like most counties in Ohio, is facing significant challenges. The court system has a part to play in meeting those challenges, and I want to be a part of the solution. Good judges help solve problems. I will be a good judge. During my 7+ years at the Summit County Domestic Relations Court, I have heard and decided over 6500 cases. I am currently the Chief Magistrate, supervising 11 other magistrates. As Chief, I have a full hearing docket as well as administrative, personnel, and policy making duties. Judges have the same types of responsibilities. During my time on the bench, I've developed the reputation for making fair and timely decisions. I treat everyone with respect, but I don't tolerate any nonsense. Judicial temperament like mine is a necessity for a judge. The person who wins this seat will take office as soon as the election results are certified. The voters deserve someone who is ready, able, and enthused about the challenges ahead. I am that person.

U.S. 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Representatives to the U.S. Congress serve two-year terms. They 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. Salary: \$174,000/year. Candidates:

- James Jerome Bell** write-in CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS
Marcia L. Fudge Democrat CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS
Beverly A. Goldstein Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS

U.S. 13th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Representatives to the U.S. Congress serve two-year terms. They 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. Salary: \$174,000/year. Candidates:

- Chris DePizzo** Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS
Tim Ryan Democrat CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

U.S. 14th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Representatives to the U.S. Congress serve two-year terms. They 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. Salary: \$174,000/year. Candidates:

- David Joyce** Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS



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Q1: What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer? The cost of healthcare is simply far too high. We must work to reduce the cost of prescription drugs – no one should ever have to decide between their medications and putting food on the table. Unfortunately, big pharmaceutical companies have made massive contributions to elected leaders who have looked the other way while these companies unfairly price gouge people in need. To begin addressing this problem, the law should be changed to allow the government to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies. Congress should also create a consumer watchdog agency that can levy fines against pharmaceutical companies that inappropriately raise prices. Another meaningful step we can take is to give people the option of buying into Medicare. This would give consumers a lower-cost alternative to private insurance, lower the cost of private insurance by creating more competition in the market, and improve the risk pool for Medicare.

Q2: What would you do to enact a fair and equitable immigration policy in Congress? Democrats, Republicans, and Independents have long agreed that we need to reform our broken immigration system. When formulating a solution, I believe that we need to enforce our laws in a way that protects American security and jobs while also being reasonable and humane. I've been heartbroken to see children traumatized and ripped away from their parents at the borders, and I was dismayed to see DACA recipients, the Dreamers, being used as bargaining chips during the budget discussions. For people who were brought to our country as children, America is their home. As a child advocate and mother of three children, it's appalling to see DC politicians using kids as a tool for political gain.

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U.S. House Questions

- Q1:** What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?
- Q2:** What would you do to enact a fair and equitable immigration policy in Congress?
- Q3:** Explain your position on gun safety, sales, and ownership.
- Q4:** How do tariffs on international goods affect working people regardless of their job?
- Q5:** What are your legislative priorities to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural and human health?

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Ohio House and Senate Questions

Q1: What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system?

Q2: Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

Q3: : What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels?

Q3: Explain your position on gun safety, sales, and ownership. My dad was a game warden and an avid hunter, and when I was growing up, I would often go hunting with him and my brothers. I understand that guns have proper purposes and can safely be owned. I also believe that we need common-sense gun safety laws to keep our communities safe and to reflect the concerns of law enforcement for safety. This includes universal background checks for gun purchases and banning the use of silencers, bump stocks, high capacity magazines, and armor piercing bullets that put folks, especially our law enforcement, in unnecessary danger.

Q4: How do tariffs on international goods affect working people regardless of their job? What policy do you recommend, going forward? It's important that Congress pursue thoughtful trade policy that protects and creates American jobs. American workers can and do compete with the best in the world, but they are not playing on a level playing field when businesses move jobs to countries that don't protect their workers or the environment. The administration's tariffs have been recklessly implemented to the detriment of American jobs, agriculture, and consumers -- we need leaders in Washington who will stand up for meaningful reform.

Q5: What are your legislative priorities to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural and human health? Ohio's natural resources are key to our success, especially Lake Erie, which is a vital source of everything from drinking water to jobs to recreation. This is why it's critical that we take steps to preserve our resources for future generations. When the quality of our air, water, and lands are diminished, it's important that we hold accountable those who are responsible. Innovation is important to strengthening our economy and maintaining clear air and water. Our electricity grids, water systems, transportation infrastructure, and public buildings are all in need of upgrades. Investing in infrastructure and clean energy technologies will promote local jobs, energy independence and a clean energy economy. We must restore the priorities of the EPA to protect us and our environment. It's critical the EPA has the ability to enforce policies such as of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and other proven safeguards of our environment, public health, and safety.

U.S. 16th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Representatives to the U.S. Congress serve two-year terms. They 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. Salary: \$174,000/year. Candidates:

Anthony Gonzalez Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS

Susan Moran Palmer Democrat CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS

OHIO SENATE DISTRICT 27

Representatives to the Ohio State Senate serve four-year terms. They represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. Salary: \$60,584/base. Candidates:



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Q1: What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system? We must always ensure that Ohio's voting system results in competitive and fair elections. Therefore, I, Kristina Daley Roegner, voted in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 5, supported by the League of Women Voters and subsequently approved by the voters in May 2018. SJR5 was a bi-partisan effort to create a fair and competitive process for redistricting that requires a threshold of support from both parties to create 10-year maps. I also supported SB135 which allocated \$114.5 million in funding to update the voting infrastructure to each county based on voting population. I will continue to remain open and supportive of all recommendations which would further improve Ohio's electoral system.

Q2: Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership. I support our constitutional right for law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. In today's ever increasingly violent world we need to ensure that those who are innocent and those who serve us are protected. For example: I voted for HB79 which allows tactical medical professionals (EMT's, paramedics, nurses and physicians) to carry firearms while on duty. We also need to put laws in place that keep weapons away from those who should not have them. This is why I added an amendment to HB228 which prohibits the "Strawman Purchase" of firearms. This amendment would prohibit people from buying firearms and then subsequently handing them over to those who are not allowed to purchase them.

Q3: What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels? I worked as a Mechanical Engineer at power plants for several years gaining firsthand knowledge of the energy industry. I have also served on the Public Utilities Committee in the Ohio House for the last 7 years. From these experiences I learned that diversity (just like in any financial portfolio) is key. Each type of energy production has its advantages and disadvantages. Nuclear, for example, has ZERO carbon emissions and is very reliable. Natural Gas is ABUNDANT in Ohio and therefore relatively inexpensive. Solar and Wind have become increasingly competitive, have zero carbon emissions but at the current time lack the reliability to be the sole provider of energy. As a state, we must understand each type of energy and then optimize; balancing the cost of electricity with reliability for all of Ohio's consumers.

Q4: Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women. As a woman and a mother of three daughters, I understand firsthand the sanctity of life. I am therefore 100% Pro-life and have a voting record to back that up. Life is precious and I, Kristina Daley Roegner, am proud to stand up to protect and defend the most innocent among us, the unborn.

Q5: What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air. One of my legislative priorities for the Ohio Environment is to protect and preserve land for future generations. The Cuyahoga Valley National Park, our State Parks, Metro Parks in the region, the Towpath as well as our local municipal parks are all examples of preserved land that add to the character of our community, provide access to nature for our residents and protect the environment. I would like to see us preserve more land now for future generations to enjoy. Thank you for taking the time to research my candidacy for the Ohio Senate. I would invite you to visit my website kristinaroegner.com to learn more and/or to get involved. I respectfully request your vote for Kristina Daley Roegner. Thank You and God Bless.



Adam Van Ho Democrat

Q1: What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio’s electoral system? In the twenty-first century, there is no reason why Ohio should not have automatic voter registration. The current voter registration system is a product of the 1700s. With all of the technology and state databases, we have the ability to both verify voter’s eligibility and track people’s moves. We also have the ability to remove people from databases immediately upon their death certificate being filed. But there is no reason why any eligible Ohioan should be discouraged or denied the right to vote. We should also make it possible for local boards of elections to set up multiple or mobile voting centers. We also need to get dark money out of Ohio politics. Groups like the Koch Brothers and “Americans for Prosperity” should not be able to spend endless, unaccountable sums of money to undermine the electoral process and circumvent normal contribution limits. Finally, while Ohio has made strides to curb gerrymandering, we still have a lot of work to do on the issue.

Q2: Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership. As a gunowner, I believe in the Second Amendment. I believe that gun ownership also includes responsibility to secure your weapon and make sure that it is kept away from children. I also believe in responsible transferring/sales of guns, so that we can help keep weapons out of the hands of those who should not own them. For that reason, I believe we should have universal and quickly-available background checks. As a former prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General and attorney in private practice who has dealt with hundreds of gun cases, I believe that we need to take steps to curb gun violence. This includes better educating first responders, working with mental health professionals and having school resource officers in schools. I am against permitless carry in Ohio, which will hamper law enforcement, as well as keeping reasonable regulations on where guns can and cannot be.

Q3: What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels? Green energy is the future, and the question for Ohio is simple: do we want to lead the world or follow countries like China and Germany in green tech jobs. We should start by removing regulations and impediments to clean energy, such as the current setback requirements for wind turbines. We should also retool our tax code and credits to encourage green tech jobs and development. We should simplify the permitting process to get projects off the ground. Just as we currently do with gas/oil exploration, we should allow green energy projects to occur on state-owned lands. For example, there is no reason why the state cannot lease space on buildings for solar panels or park areas for wind turbines or geothermal. Ohio should start by working with our high schools, tech centers and colleges to create curriculums for green tech careers, such as welding, electrical, construction and plumbing. We need to have an educated workforce to supply employees to green tech companies.

Q4: Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women. I believe that we should ensure that contraceptive and reproductive care is available and affordable for all women. In doing so, I believe that there should not be any impediments to women being able to obtain contraceptive care. Studies have shown that by providing contraceptive care, we can reduce the number of abortions by sixty-seven percent, as well as improve the overall health of women. I also believe that by protecting Governor Kasich’s Medicaid expansion, we will help women with their overall health by ensuring that Ohioans have access to preventative care. If we can also diagnose issues earlier, such as through pap smears or mammograms, we can help protect the overall health of women and increase the likelihood of the woman’s survival.

Q5: What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air. Climate change is real. We can debate the exact causes, and what percentage is attributable to mankind, but it is a factor that we will have to deal with for the generations to come. Future storms will be stronger, our winters harsher and our summers hotter -- and we have to be prepared to deal with it. We need to minimize our impact on the environment, and can do so while creating jobs in green tech jobs. We should work with our energy companies to switch our energy sources to renewable energy, as well as work to improve energy efficiency in our homes and businesses. We also need to protect Ohio’s waterways. We need to find the exact causes, and then find solutions, to issues like the algae blooms that have impacted Lake Erie, Lake St. Mary’s and other waterways. We need to also make sure that we protect our waterways from pollution caused by fracking and other petroleum-related activities.

OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 34

Representatives to the Ohio State House serve two-year terms. They represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. Salary: \$60,584/base. Candidates:

Josh Sines Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

Emilia Sykes Democrat CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 35

Representatives to the Ohio State House serve two-year terms. They represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. Salary: \$60,584/base. Candidates:

Kevin Fay Green Party CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

Tavia Galonski Democrat CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

Osita Obierika Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 36

Representatives to the Ohio State House serve two-year terms. They represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. Salary: \$60,584/base. Candidates:

Anthony DeVitis Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

Ohio House and Senate Questions

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Q4: Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.

Q5: What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air.

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Q1: What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system? Currently the way Ohio's redistricting commission is formed is flawed. Each major party should have an equal number of appointments to the redistricting commission with emphasis on gender and racial parity. There must be same-day registration/voting and the idea of mobile polling places must be explored. I would provide early voting on every day of the week and make it easy and free to vote by mail. I would greatly expand the list of documents a person could use to prove his or her identity.

Q2: Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership. We need to provide resources to families and local communities to help with the recognition and treatment of mental illness as well as educating all our citizens so we can remove the stigma that comes from all forms of mental diseases. I believe in responsible gun ownership to include universal background checks and bans on assault weapons and bump stocks. I will be a tireless advocate of protecting our citizens and getting our kids home from school safely.

Q3: What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels? We can protect both the environment and jobs as we transition to cleaner energy sources. I will work tirelessly to dedicate resources to bring renewable energy to Ohio as well as the high-paying manufacturing jobs that create the solar panels, fuel cells, and other clean energy technologies. Finally, the process of high-pressure, deep-fractured rock drilling should no longer be exempted from the protections of the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act.

Q4: Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women. I support the constitutional right of a woman as granted in Roe v. Wade and support public funding of prenatal care, family planning and other reproductive health services for all individuals who rely on government assistance for their health care. Also, comprehensive, age appropriate, medically accurate sexuality and sexually-transmitted infection education should be taught in public schools. And, I support inclusion of reproductive health care services in health plans.

Q5: What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air. I believe we should do everything we can to combat climate change while protecting jobs. I will push to move renewable energy manufacturing to Ohio. And, we must make sure that our drinking water, as well as our lakes, rivers, and streams, are clean and healthy. Finally, making sure that our air is breathable, clean, and safe will be a priority for me.

OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 37

Representatives to the Ohio State House serve two-year terms. They represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. Salary: \$60,584/base. Candidates:

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Q1: What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system? The end of gerrymandering is a welcomed sight for people like me who believe in competitive general elections. I'd like to begin the testing of blockchain to provide a low-cost and wholly-secure voting technology, which can be accessed from anywhere -- not just a polling location.

Q2: Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership. I believe the Second Amendment has meaning, but I will honestly assess any gun regulation. Safety is the primary objective.

Q3: What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels? We need to reduce setbacks for wind generation. We need to adopt an "all of the above" approach, so that costs are contained and our grid is sufficient until the day when renewables can sustain us.

Q4: Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women. I'm pro-life. That position comes with an emphasis on economic opportunities for single mothers and making adoption affordable and removing unnecessary red tape.

Q5: What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air. I'd love to see us re-deploy brownfields into commerce, using grants rather than loans. I'm going to be an advocate for reducing toxic algae, and thereby improving our water resources. I believe in making Ohio a leader in renewable energy.

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Q1: What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system? We need to do even more to fix gerrymandering in the state of Ohio. Issue 1 was a good start, but we should take politicians out of the equation entirely. Arizona and California, a red state and a blue state, have both implemented Independent Redistricting Commissions to great success. We also need to take a serious look at campaign finance reform. Candidates for the state legislature can receive contributions of \$12,707.79, which is nearly five times greater than the federal contribution limit.

Q2: Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership. As a veteran of the United States Air Force, I was trained and certified on the M9 and M16. Having become familiar with these weapons of war, I can say with confidence that we should look to reinstate an assault weapons ban — they have no place on our streets. More broadly, the regulations that govern civilian firearm use should be made to reflect those regulations used in our military. Some specific provisions I support include: implementing a minimum age of purchase and ownership for firearms, increased coursework and continuing education for those with a concealed carry permit, the establishment of red flag laws, and closing the "boyfriend loophole." At present, many victims of domestic violence are in relationships not recognized legally, and abusers are not prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms in the same way an abusive spouse would be.

Q3: What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels? In 2017 the American Wind Energy Association found that Ohio had the potential to generate up 92,000 megawatts in wind energy, but was only generating 617 of those megawatts. We are not living up to our potential because we have some of the strictest wind setbacks in the country, which require wind turbines be built at least 1,225 feet from the nearest property line. The laws must be changed to match those used in our neighboring states. Not only are we missing out on +90,000 megawatts of clean, home-grown, renewable energy, we are also missing out on billions of dollars in investment, and good paying jobs. The fastest growing job in the nation is wind turbine technician, and the average pay is more than the median household income in Ohio.

Q4: Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women. Women's reproductive health care decisions should be made between women and their doctors. The government should not have a say in how people do or do not to seek treatment.

Q5: What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air. The whole reason I am running for office is due to our lack of clean air. When my daughter Nora was born, she had trouble breathing and was diagnosed with severe childhood asthma exacerbated by our region's poor air quality, which is the 10th worst in the nation. My wife Amanda and I spent many sleepless nights watching Nora, making sure she was able to breathe. I want to make sure no one has an experience like mine again. It is why amending our wind setback laws is a top priority of mine, as is bolstering the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards (AEPS) which require 12.5% of utilities come from renewable energy sources by 2026. 12.5% is not enough. The original goal for AEPS was to hit 25% by 2025, and given that we were ahead of schedule before the program was frozen for two years in 2014, I know we can do it. Achieving that original goal is a must to not only improve the state of our air and water, but to stave off the devastating future impacts of climate change before it is too late.

OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 38

Representatives to the Ohio State House serve two-year terms. They represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.
Salary: \$60,584/base. Candidates:



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Q1: What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system? We should make it easier to vote. We should make sure that all polling locations serve roughly the same number of voters to cut down on long lines. We should ensure greater consistency of representation by drawing districts that make sense and respect county, city, and natural boundaries.
Q2: Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership. As with our other amendments, we must respect the second amendment. But we must ensure common sense gun laws to protect our communities. We must have background checks, close the gun show loop hole, and ensure law enforcement has the tools to prevent gun crimes.
Q3: What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels? We must invest in renewable technology to take care of our beautiful state and to ensure that Ohio becomes competitive for new industries and new jobs. We must deregulate renewable technology areas and encourage new businesses in this emerging industry. Ohio can be a leader in technology if we take these steps to grow renewable businesses.
Q4: Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women. I support a women's right to choose, but do not believe that right is unlimited. There must always be an exception for the health and safety of the mother, but I think that there should be restrictions on late term procedures. However, I think that there should be a massive funding into women's health and reproductive services in general.
Q5: What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air. Public schools. Infrastructure. Health care. My concern over climate change and renewable energy would be addressed under infrastructure. As we reinvest and rebuild our great state, we must make the necessary updates to our buildings, roads, bridges, and schools to make sure that we are protecting our natural resources, reducing our carbon footprint, and laying the foundation for the renewable energy of the future.

Bill Roemer Republican CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

ISSUES

Ohio State Issue 1:
Proposed Constitutional Amendment; Proposed by Initiative Petition
To add a new Section 12 to Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio
A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

LEAGUE EXPLANATION OF ISSUE 1
Issue 1, also known as The Amendment to Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs, would add a new section 12 to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution. The amendment is designed to reduce the number of people in state prisons for low-level, nonviolent drug possession; drug use offenses; or for non-criminal probation violations. In addition, it would provide sentence credits for participation in rehabilitative programs; and is intended to direct the savings achieved by such reductions in incarceration to substance abuse treatment programs, crime victim programs, probation programs, graduated responses programs, and rehabilitation programs.
The amendment would:
• Reclassify drug offenses from felony to misdemeanor for both accused and convicted drug users.
• Require the state to spend savings due to a reduction of the number of prison inmates on drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.

PROS ACCORDING TO PROPONENTS:
1. It would make the possession, obtainment and use of drugs no more than a misdemeanor.
2. It would create a sentence reduction credits program for inmates' participation in rehabilitative, work, or educational programs
3. It would reduce the number of people in state prisons for low-level crimes
4. It would save tens of millions of dollars annually in prison spending and direct the savings to addiction treatment and victims of crime.

CONS ACCORDING TO OPPONENTS:
1. The amendment would make it more difficult to prosecute drug traffickers.
2. This belongs in the Ohio Revised code. The constitution should contain fundamental principles and organization of government. Appropriation directives should not be added to the constitution.
3. This takes away available resources from the court for rehabilitating people and doesn't give judges the ability to use incarceration when it's necessary.
4. This proposed constitutional amendment does not provide adequate funding for treatment infrastructure nor treatment itself.

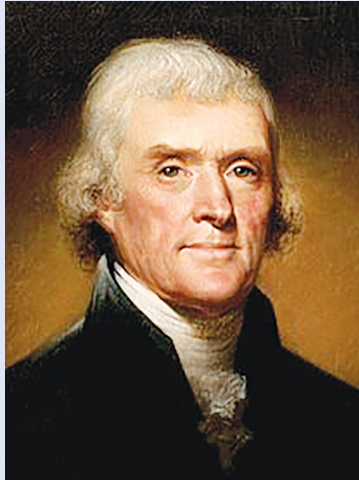
Summit County Initiative – Proposed Tax levy (Renewal and Increase)

A renewal of 2.25 mills and an increase of 1 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Summit County to support children services and the care and placement of children by the Summit County Children Services Board at a rate not exceeding 3.25 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 32.5 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 6 years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

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- Election dates
- Factual data on candidates in various federal, state and local races
- ID requirements
- Polling place locations
- Registration and absentee ballot deadlines
- Voter qualifications
- Voter registration forms
- Voting machines

If you would like to get involved in "making democracy work," consider joining a local chapter of the League of Women Voters. Membership in this nonpartisan political organization is open to any citizen of voting age, male or female. Join online at one of the area Leagues below or contact lwv.org. For further information, contact one of these local presidents:

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