

# **Voter Information Guide**

# for Mahoning County Voters

Nonpartisan Information about Candidates and Ballot Issues

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# **VOTING OPTIONS**

## **EARLY IN-PERSON**

## **VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 5 AT:**

The Mahoning County Board of Elections 345 Oak Hill Ave, Entrance A Youngstown, OH 44502

### Schedule:

Tuesday, October 5 to Friday, October 8	8 a.m5 p.m.
Tuesday, October 12 to Friday, October	15 8 a.m5 p.m.
Monday, October 18 to Friday, October 2	22 8 a.m5 p.m.
Monday, October 25 to Friday, October 2	29 8 a.m7 p.m.
Saturday, October 30	8 a.m4 p.m.
Sunday, October 31	1 p.m5 p.m.
Monday, November 1	8 a.m2 p.m.

## IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY

POLLS OPEN NOVEMBER 2 AT MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND LOCAL POLLING LOCATIONS.

## Schedule:

Tuesday, November 2...... 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

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# **ABSENTEE**

Absentee ballot applications may be obtained from the county board of elections or from the Secretary of State by visiting <a href="VoteOhio.gov">VoteOhio.gov</a> or calling (877) 767-6446.

# To ensure your absentee ballot request is received, please do the following:

- Ensure that all fields are complete.
- · Sign and date your form.
- Mail the completed form, or return the completed form in person, to the Mahoning County Board of Elections, 345 Oak Hill Ave, Youngstown, OH 44502.

## **Next steps:**

- Once the board of elections receives your absentee ballot request, the board will process your request and mail your ballot to your address. You can track your request and your ballot online at <u>VoteOhio.gov/track</u>.
- If you return your absentee ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day and received by your county board of elections no later than 10 days after the election. By state law, a postmark does not include a date marked by a postage evidence system such as a postage meter.
- If you return your ballot to the board in person, or if a near relative\* delivers it for you, the board of elections must receive your ballot no later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are a member of the uniformed services or a voter outside of the United States, the ballot must be mailed not later than 12:01 a.m. on Election Day at the place where you are located.
- \* "Near relative" includes the voter's spouse or the voter's father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

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# **PARTY AFFILIATION KEY**

- (D) Democrat
- (R) Republican
- (I) Independent
- (NP) Nonpartisan
- (WI) Write-in candidate

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To check your voter registration, track your absentee ballot, or verify your polling location, contact the Mahoning County Board of Elections at 330-783-2474 or visit vote.mahoningcountyoh.gov.

To receive information that will be on YOUR ballot, visit <u>www.lwvohio.org</u>, and enter your address in the Vote411 box.

Election information is also available at <u>OHvotes.org</u> and at the Ohio Secretary of State website: <u>ohiosos.gov/elections/voters</u>.

## OHIO VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows the voter's name and current address.

Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number and by casting a provisional ballot pursuant to R.C. 3505.181.

# **CITY OFFICES**

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

# CITY OF CAMPBELL

## **MAYOR**

1 to elect; 2-yr. term

## **Nick Phillips**

480 Sycamore Dr Campbell OH 44405

Age: 56

Occupation: Mayor

**Education:** Graduate of CMHS, Graduate

of O.P.O.T.A.

Qualifications for Office: As a lifelong resident of the City of Campbell, and a retired Detective Sergeant from the Campbell Police Department, I understand the history, challenges, and successess of Campbell. I have been Mayor of the City of Campbell since 2015.

## Q1 Answer:

CITY WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE: Planning incremental installation of city wide, city owned fiber optic cable. Goal: Send to ballot for the Residents to Vote on this being a Taxpayer Owned Utility. Once we have the lines in place, the City can offer competitive cable pricing to its residents and charge cable, phone, etc. for line use. AMBULANCE SERVICE: Expanding the Fire Department to include full Ambulance Service/Personnell to Service Campbell & surrounding areas. Goal: Send to the ballot and let the residents decide if they wish to own this Emergency Service. PHASE 3 PARKS RESTORATION: Update interior of Comm. Center, continue Forestry Project, Beautify Jackson Park, focus on existing / new play areas for Jackson & Roosevelt Parks. Insurance will cover recent storm

## Q2 Answer:

In 2020 I created a Community & Police Alliance Board whose purpose is to work with myself and the Police Chief to: 1. Reach out to the community through

conversation and surveys (CPD & Me) for feedback and involvement in how the Police operate. 2. Review, revise, create, and adopt Police Policy /Work Rules that are tailored to the needs of our culturally and racially diverse community. The Board completed its process in July, 2021 and collectively have reviewed, revised and adopted every Police Policy and Procedure to ensure equitable treatment and enforcement of the law. This program will continue.

I work with and support Campbell Schools, Campbell Community Events and hopefully (once COVID passes) can resume city wide festivals, parades, & events that foster inclusive relationships.

## **Bryan Tedesco**

765 Whipple Ave Campbell OH 44405

**Age:** 63

Occupation: Lineman Ohio Edison

Company

**Education:** Graduate of Ursuline High

School

Qualifications for Office: Second Ward Councilman for the past 22 years. Knowledge of the everyday operations of all departments. My experience will enable me to efficiently run the city from day one of my administration. Good working relationship with council & employees.

## Q1 Answer:

Business and industry. Cleaning up blight and demolition of vacant buildings. Road resurfacing. Safety. Equipping the Fire and Police Department with safety equipment.

## Q2 Answer:

I believe in an inclusive working environment. I Am open to anything that betters working relationships from all walks of life.

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1 to elect; 2-yr. term

## **Renee Costantino**

283 Park Dr Campbell OH 44405 *No response received* 

## **George Levendis**

840 Carlton Dr Campbell OH 44405 *No response received* 

## **DIRECTOR OF LAW**

1 to elect; 2-yr. term

## Mark J. Kolmacic

470 Neoka Dr Campbell OH 44405 *No response received* 

## **Brian Macala**

63 16th St

Campbell OH 44405

**Age:** 54

Occupation: Attorney

**Education:** YSU, 1989; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1992

Qualifications for Office: I have held the position for 21 total years. In that time I have prosecuted over 9,000 cases and provided independent legal counsel for the City. I am also very involved with Campbell organizations, especially those focused on our children.

## Q1 Answer:

To continue to work closely with our law enforcement to ensure safety for the citizens of Campbell. Toward that goal, I make myself available to our police officers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I also

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work closely with our zoning department to address properties in need of attention to improve quality of life in our neighborhoods. I will continue to work closely with our Administration and Council, providing independent legal counsel in helping to improve our City, in whatever form that may take.

#### Q2 Answer:

Campbell is a true melting pot. We have a very diverse community. Growing up here, being educated through Campbell Schools, and living here, there is one thing engrained in me from the diversity of this City - I don't judge people on who they are, but how they conduct themselves. My daily work is with our police department. We now have a gender and racially diverse group of dedicated officers. I want to see that continue to grow and support efforts to recruit more diversity within the ranks of our patrol officers.

# MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY WARD

1 to elect for each ward; 2-yr. term

First Ward

## Tim O'Bryan

170 Struthers Liberty Rd Campbell OH 44405

**Age:** 47

Occupation: Security, Writer

**Education:** Associate Degree Information

Information Tech.

Qualifications for Office: In my first term as councilman, I have learned a great lesson in local politics. I am looking forward to continuing where I left off. Please visit (1st Ward Campbell) page on Facebook for more info.

## Q1 Answer:

Cleaning up the 1st ward by removing the problems that are causing the stigma that Campbell carries with its abandoned buildings, and having them removed to clear the way for a Veterans park in its place. My vision of the First ward is that it should be equally as nice as the other wards. For others to come into Campbell as prospects for business and new residents who want to buy or rent a home. Despite all the things we have all experienced so far I want to thank all of you for having patients. I believe things will be different and soon back to a new normal to show that what is only heard and read will now be seen soon.

## Q2 Answer:

I am a big supporter of finding homes for homeless and low-income Veterans. I support voter rights and Black Lives Matter. I believe that everyone has a voice and that they should use it, to change what needs changing on voting day. I would also like to see a city- sponsored youth sports program for the kids in our community. I created the (1st Ward Campbell) page on Facebook for residents to express their thoughts get informed on what's going on in the 1st ward.

Second Ward

## **Steven Cappitte**

104 Camvet Dr Campbell OH 44405 No response received

## **Tony Grachanin**

761 Porter Ave
Campbell OH 44405
No response received

Third Ward

## Joseph G. Mazzocca, Jr.

475 Peters Dr Campbell OH 44405 *No response received* 

Fourth Ward

## Robert J. Stanko

380 Coitsville Rd Campbell OH 44405 *No response received* 

# **CITY OF CANFIELD**

# **MAYOR**

1 to elect; 4-yr. term

## **Don Dragish**

150 Brookpark
Canfield OH 44406
No response received

## **Bruce Neff**

Canfield OH 44406

**Age:** 72

Occupation: Sales, LED3 LLC

Education: CHS '67, BS from Ashland

College '71, YSU Ed.

Qualifications for Office: 7th generation resident. Current member City Council, serving on Planning & Zoning committee. Member, Canfield Historical Society & Canfield Sportsmens Concervation Club. Founding member, Canfield Heritage Foundation. Visioning plan '08, Comp

#### Q1 Answer:

I am an advocate for controlled growth, infrastructure improvement and high quality standards for new developments and more options for fiber connectivity. Develop new business opportunities for the city and also promote existing businesses. Continue to support our safety forces and the excellence in our schools. In addition, strengthen the communication efforts between the city and our residents. I participated in the 2009 Canfield Visioning Plan and more recently in the city's 2020 Comprehensive Plan to help form Canfield's future.

### Q2 Answer:

I am an active member of a local committee founded by our current mayor, Richard Duffett. The Racial Equality and Diversity - or RED - Committee is tasked with developing community standards that will promote diversity and equality for all who choose to make Canfield their home. From educational resources to employment to diverse housing inventories and new starts bent to the best standards for affordability, efficiency and climate challenges. Canfield can provide a supportive environment for the future.

## Kathryn Young

570 Barbcliff Dr Canfield OH 44406

**Age:** 58

Occupation: Homemaker

Education: BBA/Accounting St.
Bonaventure University

Qualifications for Office: Canfield resident for over 30 years. Retired Army Officer/ Paratrooper 82nd Airborne. Served in Middle East on a Multinational Force & Observers Task Force out of Ft. Bragg. Worked in Gov., Pub. and Priv. Acct. Active Co-Chm of Canfield Parks Bd.

## Q1 Answer:

My main focus would be to maintain a better oversite on capital expenditures and fund distributions from federal and state levels. The Canfield Community should have a greater input and voice as to how their tax dollars are spent. I would strongly advocate for the redirection of funds that would benefit the Citizens of Canfield and our Community as a whole.

## Q2 Answer:

The implementation of community input and term limits would go a long way in bringing about diversity and an influx of new and innovative ideas that can help the City of Canfield grow and prosper now and into the future

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## **CITY OF STRUTHERS**

## PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

1 to elect; 2-yr. term

## Michael Patrick (D)

527 Poland Ave Struthers OH 44471 *No response received* 

## **COUNCIL AT LARGE**

3 to elect; 2-yr. term

## James Baluck (D)

120 Overlook Blvd Struthers OH 44471 *No response received* 

## Dallas Bigley (D)

156 Hopewell Dr Struthers OH 44471 No response received

# **Megan Pingley (D)**

604 Maplewood Ave Struthers OH 44471 *No response received* 

# MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY WARD

1 to elect for each ward; 2-yr. term

First Ward

# Lori A. Greenwood (D)

236 Creed St Struthers OH 44471 No response received

Second Ward

# Ron Carcelli (D)

458 Elm St Struthers OH 44471 No response received

Third Ward

# Robert D. Burnside (D)

61 Schenley Ave Struthers OH 44471 No response received

## David Shaffer (R)

230 Clingan Rd Struthers OH 44471 *No response received*  Fourth Ward

## Rick Bayus (D)

449 Como St Struthers OH 44471 No response received

## **TREASURER**

1 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Mark Brenner (WI)

233 Como St Struthers OH 44471

Age: 63

Occupation: Semi-Retired

**Education:** Bachelor Degree in Business

Administration - YSU

**Qualifications for Office:** Lifelong

resident of Struthers

38 years experience in Accounting related

tield

12 years on Struthers Federal Credit Union Board of Directors

### Q1 Answer:

As Treasurer I look to safegaurd the funds of the citizens of Struthers.

## Q2 Answer:

While the Treasurer position has no policy making role in the government of the City, I will encourage other elected officials that have such authority to be all inclusive in their actions.

## Erika Rudzik (WI)

334 Deer Creek Dr Struthers OH 44471 No response received

## **CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN**

## **MAYOR**

1 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Jamael Tito Brown (D)

625 Carlotta Dr

Youngstown OH 44504

**Age:** 49

Occupation: Mayor, City of Youngstown

Education: Bachelor's and Master's

Degrees from YSU

# **Qualifications for Office:** My

professional, educational and political experience has enabled me to be one of a select few elected officials who has served as school board member, city councilman, president of council and Mayor. This qualifies me to lead Youngstown Forward.

#### Q1 Answer:

As part of our Community Impact & Safety Plan, and commitment to ensuring citizen-officer safety, the City of Youngstown will invest in body cameras to be worn by all YPD officers. Another area of focus of our Community Impact & Safety Plan, will be installing cameras throughout the main corridors of the city and in neighborhoods. We will continue to work closely with Ohio

Highway Patrol and the FBI to ensure that our streets are safe. We will continue to invest in

Workforce Development and have available land that is site ready for companies looking to invest in Youngstown. I will continue leading our community out of this global pandemic. I want our community to not only survive, but thrive as we recover from the COVID-19 virus. Our Comprehensive Plan will involve input from all.

### Q2 Answer:

I will continue to ensure that at all levels, especially my senior level, as well as all those who work in and out of City Hall will be reflective of the diversity of the community that I serve as Mayor. As Mayor, I have made a conscious effort to hire minorities under my leadership. We have hired the first African-American Fire Chief, the first female African-American Park and Recreation Director (who is only one of 18 in the nation). The first female African American Chief of Staff in the City of Youngstown and promoted a Latino American male to crew leader in the wastewater department. I will continue working with the governor's minority health taskforce, to ensure the minority community has access to quality healthcare.

# Calvin Hill, Sr. (WI)

46 Lilburne Dr

Youngstown OH 44505 No response received

## Richard Vincent Hill (I)

1020 Genesee Dr Youngstown OH 44511

**Age:** 45

**Occupation:** President at Prism Insurance LLC and Divison Supervisor at the City of Youngstown's Clerk of Courts

**Education:** Masters in Public Administration (M.P.A) 2004

Qualifications for Office: My education and professional background makes me uniquely qualified for the office of Mayor. Along with having a Masters in Public Administration and 21 years experience in the public sector, I am the President and founder of Prism Insurance LLC.

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#### Q1 Answer:

My priorities for the community consists of creating a civic infrastructure so citizens can live better quality of life and position Youngstown for economic success. This civic infrastructure is based on three principles: crime prevention, improving public services and fiscal responsibility. Crime prevention starts with having a fully staffed police department and paying officers competitive wages to attract and maintain talent. Also, a long term crime initiative backed by data and research will be implemented to identify environmental factors that influence the seriousness and longevity of crime problems to ultimately prevent future occurrences. Public services will embrace new technologies that will provide more efficient services that focus on the citizens needs.

#### Q2 Answer:

Along with having a diverse and inclusive staff, I will create within the Economic Development and Community Planning Department an Economic Inclusion and Diversity contracting initiative to increase the diversity of firms awarded city contracts. Also, a Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee will be formed to promote appreciation, acceptance, and respect for Youngstown's diverse cultural community.

## Cecil B. Monroe (WI)

76 Maranatha Ct Youngstown OH 44505 *No response received* 

## **Prophet Claudette Moore (WI)**

448 Crandall Ave Youngstown OH 44504 *No response received* 

## Tayana Smith (WI)

978 E Boston Ave Youngstown OH 44502

**Age:** 50

Occupation: Independent Business

Consultant

Education: YSU, IWU, DeVry

Qualifications for Office: I have fortified my business acumen with hands-on experience in diverse fields while managing projects, millions of dollars, and multiple RFP's simultaneously as well as managing compliance for the county government. I am equipped to manage the city.

## Q1 Answer:

Public Safety is paramount to the success of any city. It is of the utmost importance that we increase the presence of police officers and their positive impact within our community.

Create strong and synergistic public/ private partnerships to bring economic development to the city while building the economy from within by tapping into the existing residents to create a cohesive union towards upward mobility. This allows each resident to be a part of the change.

Commit to overcoming food deserts by working with local growers to provide co-op shops where the owners shop and work in the stores. By allowing the community to own and operate their co-ops, it promotes community success and engagement.

All of this moves Youngstown towards a better opportunity index rating.

#### Q2 Answer:

Respect is of the utmost importance. We will not always agree or chose the same path in life, but we can certainly respect others that may not be on our path. Rather than collide, I will support policies that create a cohesive union while promoting diversity and inclusion. If we value all lives, it should resonate both personally and professionally. Education is key to understanding and it will be my policy to ensure that everyone is well versed in unconscious biases that we all possess and how to overcome them. I also commit to evaluating all recruitment and hiring tactics used to ensure diversity and inclusion are incorporated from the beginning along with onboarding new hires with educational tools for positive results.

# Lynette Wesley (I)

2606 Hunter Ave

Youngstown OH 44502

**Age:** 55

Occupation: Lpn and license insurance

agent

**Education:** East High School, Ged, Lpn

degree

Qualifications for Office: My qualifications, honesty, loyalty, leadership, accountability, being active in the community, not just behind the desk, a willingness to serve, work towards understanding important issues, and the capability to interact with people from diverse backgrounds

Q1 Answer:

My priorities for the community is to stop the violence, Im a single mother, life long resident of youngstown, just recently loss a son Brandon Wesley to gun violence July 18,2020 at homestead park. I have been active in the community, doing events to stop the violence and reaching out to the youths, I will be starting a scholarship program in memory of Brandon Wesley, in the culinary arts program at choffin career center, it will be a legacy for Brandon and a gift for another student to further there education. I will continue to do things in the community and be a voice for change.

#### Q2 Answer:

My main focus is keeping the community safe. police reform and ambulance availability. I will educate my self on all other policies and I will address what the community needs to promote diversity and inclusion in the community.

## **Amber White (WI)**

106 N Brockway Ave Youngstown OH 44509

**Age:** 32

**Occupation:** Small business owner, real estate and surgical technologist

**Education:** Pittsburgh technical Institute

estate and surgical technologist

Qualifications for Office: Leadership skills with knowledgable communication importance. In depth study of city financial records with an understanding of Youngstowns budget and resources. Lifetime experience living, working, owning business' and property in youngstown.

#### Q1 Answer:

Having a LEADER as mayor that looks out for the best intentions of Youngstown only without Political agenda determining what is best for our community. Regular updates to where our tax dollars are being spent and let our people be heard at council meetings. Our children, police dept, infrastructure, etc (core issues) needs to be made a priority. Making sure we spend appropriately instead of excessively. Keeping all director heads communicating to ensure accountability. Put our city on a new path, with a fresh start, that breaks the cycle of distruction. Utilize every resource in my power to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the community. Examining every avenue regardless of political agenda to stop the city from shrinking. See my plan at voteamberwhite.com

## Q2 Answer:

my administration will strive to maintain the standards of affirmative action. I wish to establish a diversity and inclusiveness review board which will include delegates from the African-American, Asian, Middle Eastern, Hispanic and LGTBQ communities etc. We will meet quarterly and other specified times as needed. I believe our city can grow together and be better able to facilitate growth, prosperity and peace. We will offer a program of drug and alcohol counseling for these communities; as well as GED or job placement training. Also legal counsel for those who have been discriminated against grounds of race, religion, gender, etc. will work diligently through this board and all grassroots initiatives in our community to ensure fair treatment for all.

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

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## Tracey Winbush (R)

47 Central Square Apt #1002 Youngstown OH 44503

Age: 57

Occupation: Business Owner - Talk Show

Host

Education: GED/ Some College YSU -

Irvine Valley College

Qualifications for Office: Life in the Mahoning Valley has prepared me to lead Youngstown. I understand the City and I know Youngstown City Hall and I know what it will take to make Youngstown a leading 21st Century City. I've been serving this community 27 years I'm Ready.

#### Q1 Answer:

Safety First, Everyone has a right to feel secure in their homes and communities. I will address this by revitalizing and modernizing all safety services, first responders and essential communication departments in the city. Ensuring our lawful residents and visitors can feel safe and criminals are unwelcome and convicted to the fullest extent of the law.

Secondly Economic Development - Jobs and City Income Tax relief - Strengthen City Hall into a forward 21st Century City of growth and economic opportunity with equal access for everyone. Beginning with our internal systems and working outward so the citizens of can feel the impact of our growth in their quality of life. Thirdly, Infrastructure - Preparing our Roads, Bridges, Water Lines and Broadband for the 21st Century.

## Q2 Answer:

My administration will work with City Council to pass and execute ordinances and policies that will create an environment of diversity and inclusion for everyone. We will establish standards that will hold everyone accountable while cultivating and promoting dignity, diversity, and respect in our community and in City Hall. Our goal is to "Revivify Youngstown" and make it a place where everyone feels welcome and safe.

## PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

1 to elect; 4-yr. term

# **Erwin Adams (I)**

48 St Louis Ave

Youngstown OH 44507

**Age:** 54

Occupation: Health Care Aide / Parking

Attendant

**Education:** Associate Degree in Travel

and Tourism

Qualifications for Office: I am a lifelong

resident of the city of Youngstown: with a strong compassion for people and quality of life which makes me a perfect candidate to govern the office of President of Council.

### Q1 Answer:

Stop the Violence Initiative Stronger police presence in the Community Encourage Initiatives to keep businesses in Youngstown

### Q2 Answer:

I will be willing to review policies presented that will enhance diversity and inclusion for our community.

## Tom Hetrick (D)

435 Catalina Ave

Youngstown OH 44504

**Age:** 36

**Occupation:** City Planner

Education: Masters Degree in City and

Regional Planning - OSU

Qualifications for Office: I have ten years of experience working to improve neighborhood quality of life in Youngstown through my past roles in community development, neighborhood planning, and health education.

## Q1 Answer:

To improve neighborhood quality of life for all residents, I believe we must focus on the following four priorities: 1) safe, quality, affordable housing; 2) well-maintained parks, playgrounds, streets and sidewalks; 3) preventing crime and improving safety; and 4) access to healthy, affordable food. These priorities have been consistently identified by residents as their top concerns through public meeting input, survey responses, and door-to-door conversations.

## Q2 Answer:

I will work with my colleagues to improve housing quality in accordance with the city's housing strategy, which found that many of Youngstown's Black and Latino families live in the worst quality housing in the entire region. I will ensure that our code enforcement has the resources needed to run an effective rental housing inspection program to improve the quality of rental housing throughout the city, bolster home repair programs for lowincome homeowners throughout the city, and make real estate development training accessible so that residents can build wealth in their own neighborhoods. I will also work to ensure that our Community Police have the staffing, resources, and training that they need to directly involve the community as a whole in efforts to reduce violence.

## **Donald Scott (I)**

1112 Ivanhoe Ave

Youngstown OH 44502

**Age:** 59

Occupation: Lawyer. Retired Youngstown

Police and U.S. Army veteran.

**Education:** Doctor of Law and Policy &

Juris Doctr in Law

Qualifications for Office: I possess the knowledge, skills, and ability with over thirty years of municipal experience to better serve the public by timely and effectively addressing community issues and concerns. 100% of salary will be donated to city non- profit groups.

#### Q1 Answer:

Effectively and fairly addressing the crime issue in Youngstown will be my top legislative priority. The city crime rate is disproportionate to the population size resulting in too many people being injured or killed under current policy. Citizens have a fundamental right to be safe in their homes and while traveling throughout the city.

My second priority is to develop and promote real economic development to provide jobs for city residents to earn a living. Financial accountability and transparency will take place.

The third priority is to provide policy to promote home ownership by city residents and to enable people to move back into the city through a first-time home buyers program.

The fourth priority will be to timely and efficiently address constituent issues and concerns.

## Q2 Answer:

I understand the challenges and difficulties people encounter. I am from the City of Youngstown and grew up on the Southside where I graduated from South High School in 1980. Thereafter, I spent a lifetime serving the public promoting diversity by enabling persons of all races and backgrounds to be able to better themselves. As President of Council, I will lead by promoting policy to enable city youth to become better educated and develop usable skills. Hiring qualified residents of diverse backgrounds for city jobs is good for the individual and their family, neighborhoods, and the entire community.

# **VILLAGE OFFICES**

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

## **BELOIT VILLAGE**

## COUNCIL

4 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Sherry Augustein (WI)

13404 Church

Beloit OH 44609

No response received

## Matt R. Hutton

17933 Fairview Ave

Beloit OH 44609

No response received

# **BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Kristine Shoemaker

18230 8th St

Beloit OH 44609

No response received

## CRAIG BEACH VILLAGE

## MAYOR

1 to elect to unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2023

## Robert Andrea, Sr.

17511 Laurel Ave

Craig Beach OH 44429

No response received

## Jim Becker

1894 Craig Dr

Craig Beach OH 44429

No response received

## COUNCIL

4 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Janet Appeldorn

17804 Denver Dr

Lake Milton OH 44429

Age: 64

Occupation: R.N.

Education: Kent State and Aultman

School of Nursing

Qualifications for Office: care about what happens in Craig Beach love the area and

want to see it thrive.

## Q1 Answer:

Fixing the roads and beautifying the area. Seeing Grandview as truely grand. Learning how to do this priviage well and serving the community to the best of my ability. Making Craig Beach a wonderful

place to live and grow up. Making safety a priority,

#### Q2 Answer:

To further explore the idea of Craig Beach as a fun recreational place to be. Where we support fun activities such as boating, motorcycles and community gatherings.

## James B. Becker

1894 Craig Dr

Craig Beach OH 44429

No response received

## Larry D. Ellis

1639 Manchester St

Craig Beach OH 44429

No response received

## Wanda Sabol

1673 Warchester Ave

Craig Beach OH 44429

No response received

# LOWELLVILLE VILLAGE

## COUNCIL

4 to elect; 4-yr. term

## James J. Clinton (WI)

206 Washington St

Lowellville OH 44436

No response received

## Robert Coppola

214 W Wood St

Lowellville OH 44436

No response received

# **Keith McCaughtry**

102 Grays Run Ln

Lowellville OH 44436

No response received

## Ryan McNicholas (WI)

741 W Wood St

Lowellville OH 44436

No response received

## **Ronald Rotunno**

250 Youngstown Lowellville Rd Lowellville OH 44436

No response received

# **NEW MIDDLETOWN** VILLAGE

## COUNCIL

4 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Seth Ross (WI)

115 Robinhood Dr

New Middletown OH 44442

No response received

## **POLAND VILLAGE**

## COUNCIL

4 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Jenna Farina (I)

122 Massachusetts Ave

Poland OH 44514

**Age:** 40

Occupation: Self-Employed Stylist,

Education: Youngstown St. Art and

Design, Aveda Institute

**Qualifications for Office: Mayor** appointed member of the Poland Strategic Planning Committee, working with members of council, community leaders and residents to assess wants and needs, design and implementation of village redevelopment and zoning policies.

## Q1 Answer:

I want to continue redevelopment of Poland Village by building community spaces, promoting village walkability, ensuring zoning codes are relevant, up to date, and appropriately enforced. I want to further increase communication and transparency between residents and local government as we continue village development.

## Q2 Answer:

Diverse and inclusive communities are best nurtured by first creating places and spaces suitable to its residents' needs.

As a non-traditional candidate, I want to initiate a program with Poland Schools that gives students with various or contrasting interests and backgrounds the opportunity to experience participation in local government and the importance of having diverse representation in their community.

## Chris Graff (I)

218 Nesbitt St Poland OH 44514 No response received

# Anthony M. Lattanzio (NP)

11 Windemere Pl

Poland OH 44514

No response received

# **VILLAGE OFFICES**

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

## Samuel Moffie (R)

421 S Main St

Poland OH 44514

**Age:** 61

Occupation: Mail Carrier, Author and President of The Community Center of

Poland, Inc

Education: High School-Boardman Senior

College-Wittenberg U

Qualifications for Office: I have almost finished my first term in office. I was surprised at the "learning curve" involved. That has been done with some wins and some losses. I am confident moving forward that my second term will be better than my first.

#### Q1 Answer:

Transparency.

Increased Code Enforcement. Spending our COVID funds wisely. Staying within our means.

Create more synergy with Poland Township and the Poland Board of Education on common projects.

#### Q2 Answer:

A transparent community is a diverse community that is an open book for all to see. Live streaming ALL Village meetings is a way to open that book. The more open we are, the more inclusion.

## Martha M. Morgan (I)

58 Poland Manor

Poland OH 44514

**Age:** 62

Occupation: Youngstown CityScape,

**Development Director** 

Education: BA Barnard College, Columbia

University JD CWRU

Qualifications for Office: Poland Village

Council '18-'21

District 6 Nat Resources Advisory

Committee '18-present

Devel Dir, Youngstown CityScape/WNI '08-present

Magistrate, Cleveland Muni Court '98-'05

Asst Dir of Law, Code & Enviro Enforcement, City of Cleveland '91-'95

## Q1 Answer:

I believe that Poland Village Council has two ongoing priorities. The first priority relates to function, including street repair, safety, and revenue generation for projects. Our community requires our combined efforts to address careful budget management, define our shared goals, and explore funding sources for community projects. Managing our existing infrastructure and facilities, and the constant and consistent application of existing ordinances, makes for functional government.

The second priority involves the process of how the Council performs its functions and serves its constituents. I am committed to transparency and open communication between constituents and Village government. I am always encouraging community input and exploring ways to open channels of communication.

#### Q2 Answer:

As the only woman currently serving on Poland Village Council, I fully support all forms of inclusion and diversity. I am open to policies that promote accessibility and fairness. On Council's Legislation Committee, it is part of our responsibility to review and update our ordinances. We conduct reviews and amend language to ensure ordinances that make Poland Village a welcoming community for all.

## Michael P. Zembower, Jr. (I)

725 N Main St

Poland OH 44514

**Age:** 39

**Occupation:** Business Consultant Education: Westminster College -

**Business Administration** 

Qualifications for Office: Michael is a long term resident of Poland Village as well as a PSHS graduate. Along with his education in business, he has committed a bulk of his efforts to local charities and organizations focused on enhancing the community.

## Q1 Answer:

As a father of four, I am focused on the long term continued evolution of the Village and highlighting elements that heighten the family experience for my neighbors. Parks, sidewalks, shopping, and restaurants that offer local options for Village residents are just a small portion of focuses I will support and endorse. In addition, continued engagement between neighbors and enhanced trasnparency in local goverment direction will be a focal point of my potential term as a council person. Poland Village has always had a positive reputation in the community and I hope my influence in local goverment will maintain and strengthen this reputation.

## Q2 Answer:

I have not yet had an opportunity to review any specific policies related to diversity and inclusion, but recognize that Poland Village offers opportunity in both these areas. I have and will always continue to support policies that help encourage growth in these areas.

# VILLAGE OF SEBRING

# COUNCIL

4 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Marvin R. Aberegg

165 W Michigan Ave Sebring OH 44672 No response received

## Joseph M. Amabeli

300 Bennington Dr Sebring OH 44672

**Age:** 34

**Occupation:** Police Officer

**Education:** AAS in Criminal Justice from

YSU

Qualifications for Office: Lifelong

resident of Sebring.

#### Q1 Answer:

As a council person I plan on taking an active role in evaluating what decisions best serve the village. I want to try and keep an open line of communication between council and the residents, especially through social media platforms. I hope to evaluate which policies and ordinances best suite the interests of the village as a whole.

## Q2 Answer:

I would like to see information on what the village is actively doing more readily available to citizens through social media platforms. With a lack of local newspaper coverage, what the village council is actively working on is left in the dark to most citizens. With the spread of information I feel this will help include and involve more residents and allow for more input into important topics.

## **Corey T. Hughes**

665 15th St Sebring OH 44672 No response received

## Samantha Phillips

545 W. Maryland Ave Sebring OH 44672 No response received

# VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE

## COUNCIL

4 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Herman C. Frank III

400 High St

Washingtonville OH 44490 No response received

# Peggy Sue Frank

400 High St

Washingtonville OH 44490 No response received

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

# AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

## TRUSTEE

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

### Ken Carano

1906 Countryside Dr Austintown OH 44515

Occupation: Present Trustee. Retired Teacher in Austintown Schools and Youngstown State University. Retired Business Partner in Mid American Resource Company. Buinessusiness Partner at Mid American Resource

Education: BS in Education at YSU. Numerous Gov. Seminars

**Qualifications for Office: Sucessful** Educator, Businessman, Coach, Former and present Trustee, StateRepresentative, Governor's Regional Director with contacts at Federal, State, County and Local level.

## Q1 Answer:

The number one issue is to maintain the Austintown Budget that can pay Township normal expenses and other necessities such as road resurfacing, zoning and cemetery expenses and other issues of quality of life. With my experience, I have evaluated the present budget to eliminate unnecessary expenses, such as consultant fees and specialty funding. I have used my expertise in government and business to work for economic development that will bring in tax dollars that will compensate for

expenses and will not burden the residents by increasing taxes. I wil also continue to work with other political subdivisions to increase our purchasing power. As in the past, I will always respond to citizens suggestions, problems and needs.

## Q2 Answer:

The first is to encourage economic development to bring successful businesses into our Township to service the needs of the Community and to increase our tax budget. I wil also encourage, as I have done in the past, any individual, family or group to become members of the Austintown Community and bring in their ideas, support and philosophies that will make our Township successful.

## Jim Davis

4319 Wedgewood Dr Youngstown OH 44511

Age: 44

Occupation: Service Manager -

Youngstown Propane

**Education:** Ohio Peace Officer Training

Academy - 2001

Qualifications for Office: While serving 12 years as Trustee, I have acquired a vast knowledge of township government.

I have the experience, management skills, and proven track record to continue to effectively and efficiently oversee the operations of our township.

#### Q1 Answer:

- · Operate efficiently as possible with the resources provided without asking for any new taxes
- · Maintain staffing within all departments
- Continue to remove blighted homes and clean-up properties and remove commercial buildings that meet demolition criteria such as the former Big Lots
- Explore further regionalization options with neighboring communities similar to our dispatching and paving programs
- · Continue providing activities such as the Fireworks, splash pad, playgrounds, concerts, Farmer Market, Dog Park
- · Continue to promote development and finalization of projects with national retailers, Chick-Fil-A and Meijers. Maintain relationships with the Regional Chamber and Port Authority bringing new companies Nordsons and Novatech and expansions of Dinesol into our industrial areas

## Q2 Answer:

Austintown Township abides by the fair housing laws. Austintown is a diverse community with different types of housing opportunities. These types include starter homes and approximately 4500 apartment units located in the community. It is my intent to continue to provide housing opportunities for everyone. Austintown Township is also an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## **Monica Deavers**

1239 Victory Hill Ln Austintown OH 44515

Age: 56

Occupation: Owner of Charly's Family Restaurant

**Education:** High School diploma Fitch

High School 1983

Qualifications for Office: I am a business owner responsible for all finacial decisions, forecasting budgets, and pricing to make business sucessful. I value customer suggestions on improvement and maintain strong working relationship with employees.

## Q1 Answer:

My priorities begin with improving communication between our trustees and our township residents. I want to support and promote business growth and new devlopment. I will listen and work with township groups and business to improve local economy and encourage postive and trustworthy accountability to our community.

#### Q2 Answer:

Throughout my career I have had the ability to work with and employee inviduals of mutiple races, ethnicities, religions, and a wide varitey of ages. As the only female running, I would be willing to promote any positive diversity within the community.

### **Robert Santos**

108 Hickory Ln

Austintown OH 44515

**Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Retired United States

Marine.

**Education:** Associates in Criminal Justice

Qualifications for Office: I honorably served as a US Marine with honor, courage, and commitment serving as a Supply and Logistics Chief, Anti-Terrorist Force Protection Officer and Security Chief. This has enabled me to uniquely bring these skills to the office of Trustee.

### Q1 Answer:

I will bring ACTION, to Austintown. Austintown is a great town to live but it could be better, you deserve better. We have been expected to accept the status quo. As a Veteran, this is something I refuse to be ok with. As a community, we should always be reaching to further improve our quality of life and for our children. I will ensure we hold all departments accountable at all levels. I will ensure a level of transparency where each resident has access to all information about what is occurring within the township. We will bring back a level of Integrity to the Trustee office that you have not seen before. We must be Open-Minded and understand we may not always have the right answer and be willing to consider others' input and not be blinded by vanity. It's time for ACTION!

## Q2 Answer:

As your next Trustee, it is not in our direct duties to create these types of policies. However, when elected, I will ensure Austintown has its voice in our representatives that directly impact these issues. I will stay vigilant, and ensure that policies being drafted and submitted by our officials bring a quality of life for ALL residents of Austintown.

# **BEAVER TOWNSHIP**

## TRUSTEE

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Pamela L. Simmons

290 E Calla Rd Poland OH 44514

No response received

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

## **Erik Tabor**

12089 Blosser Rd North Lima OH 44452

**Age:** 50

**Occupation:** President Tabor's Landscaping & Garden Center Inc.

Education: Ohio State ATI

Qualifications for Office: 1. Current Beaver Twp. Trustee 2. President Tabor's Landscaping & Garden Center Inc. Since 1992. 3. Ohio Township Leadership Academy Graduate 2018. 4. Youngstown Regional Chamber Government Leadership Academy Graduate 2012. Several other board seats

## Q1 Answer:

Keep our community healthy and safe.
 Run the twp. with fiscal responsibly. Spend tax payers dollars efficiently and wisely.
 Work with constituents for the common good of our residents and the residents of surrounding communities.

## Q2 Answer:

Inclusion is defined as a set of behaviors that encourages employees to feel valued for their unique qualities and experience a sense of belonging. A powerful way to encourage employees to learn to be more sensitive and welcoming towards every other employee is to reward and recognize good behaviors. It is important to make sure that work place inclusion becomes a part of your everyday work-life culture. This will also create diversity which means employees will gain an appreciation and respect for the many differences and similiarities in the workplace.

# **BERLIN TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Denny Furman

6999 S Pricetown Rd Berlin Center OH 44401

**Age**: 68

Occupation: Owner of Denny's Auto

Supply

**Education:** Graduate of South High and

Choffin Career Center

**Qualifications for Office:** I have been a Township Trustee in Berlin Center for the last 8 years and have accomplished many improvements and cost savings to the residents.

## Q1 Answer:

I work hard to keep my community safe and solvent.

## Q2 Answer:

I will support all of our agreed policies

### Jodi R. Kale

7514 S Pricetown Rd Berlin Center OH 44401

**Age:** 57

Occupation: Full time Township Trustee 2006-present; Volunteer positions: Board member/Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2017-present; Secretary/Mahoning County Township Association 2009-present; Secretary/ District Advisory Coucil to Mahoning County Public Health 2009-present

Education: 1982 Genoa High School

graduate

**Qualifications for Office:** Experienced. Honest. Committed to continue being fiscally responsible, dedicated to my community, enthusiastically and actively involved and available.

#### Q1 Answer:

My priorities for my community are to continue to be available and immediately responsive to resident concerns, continue to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars and continue to strive to provide the most cost effective services for the betterment of my community while actively pursuing every available opportunity.

## Q2 Answer:

Diversity, equity and inclusion have come into greater focus over the last few years but there is still significant room for improvement. I support any policy that helps to better understand bias, address unconscious bias, promotes diversity, equity, inclusion and builds awareness for real change.

## **BOARDMAN TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

# **Brad Calhoun**

103 Southwoods Ave Boardman OH 44512

**Age:** 58

**Occupation:** Corporate Advisor for Phantom Fireworks, Retired Educator with the Boardman Schools

**Education:** Master's Degree in EducationalCurriculum

Qualifications for Office: Served 3 terms to the Board of Trustees in Boardman & currently employed as an Advisor to the Corporate Executives of Phantom Fireworks. I have extensive training in labor contracts and budgeting. Have a working relationship with many stakeholders.

## Q1 Answer:

My priorities for our community: Establish solid fiscal policies, maintain strong police and fire protection, improve road

infrastructure projects, protect the integrity of our neighborhoods and continue to secure grants to partner with ABC Water District as we upgrade stormwater systems within the Township. Our team has accomplished many valuable initiatives for the benefit of our residents. I am committed to serving this community and listening to their concerns while tasking our team with finding solutions. Together we can continue to make Boardman Township a proud community.

### Q2 Answer:

I retired from the Boardman Local School May 31st, 2021. During my 33 years teaching, I had the pleasure of working with a very diverse population of students. I have served nearly 12 years as a Township Trustee in Boardman. Members of our township team have participated in many community forums to discuss how we can promote diversity and inclusion within our community. We welcome all to live, shop or dine in Boardman Township. As a political entity of Mahoning County, our school data suggest we are the most diverse population within the County. Our policies will be to continue doing what is right and fair to every person living or visiting our great Township.

## **Thomas Costello**

8470 Hitchcock Rd

Youngstown OH 44512

**Age:** 71

Occupation: Retired President/James &

Sons Insurance

**Education:** Attended Y.S.U.

Qualifications for Office: My 40 years of local business experience and 18 years of service to Boardman Township has prepared me for the challenges facing Boardman. I am proud of my ability to work with other elected officials to build support for community improvement.

# Q1 Answer:

My priorities for Boardman are:

- 1.) Continue to be fiscally responsible and live within our budget, while providing the best services possible.
- 2.) Continue to completely support both our police and fire departments, keeping them adequately staffed and equipped properly.
- 3.) Work to improve our road and storm sewer infrastructure projects. This will require continued work to find grant dollars available through all possible sources.
- 4.) Work closely with ABC water district to fully utilize their capabilities and resources in order to resolve the storm water problems that have plagued our community for too many years.
- 5.) All of these priorities can only be accomplished by working as a cooperative team.

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

#### Q2 Answer:

Since being in office, I have always strived to hire the most qualified candidate for any and all positions in Boardman. As a Civil Service Township, we are bound by their rules and regulations for hires within the police and fire departments. This includes both an aptitude and a physical fitness test. All applicants for these jobs are evaluated based on this criteria. When hiring for all positions in the township, we advertise in multiple sources to attract as diverse a population as possible.

## **Tabitha Fitz-Patrick**

162 Melrose Ave

Youngstown OH 44512

**Age:** 34

Occupation: Clinical Therapist/Social

Worker

Education: MSW, LSW, PhD Student

Qualifications for Office: Micro, Macro, and Mezzo experience with policy and program development, implementation, and advocation. Licensed social worker with five years of experience helping individuals, families, and communities.

### Q1 Answer:

The priorities for my community include finding a realistic solution for Boardman's flooding and sewer issues. Less taxes for the homeowners. Creating emergency medical services for Boardman. Supporting police and fire department endeavors. More financial support for our schools and Boardman park. Installing central air in all of Boardman school buildings. The installation of a sidewalk down Southern Boulevard from Market Street to Western Reserve Road. Creating community gardens. Advocating for our residents and their needs.

## Q2 Answer:

I support diversity and inclusion. It is important to be culturally competent when addressing community issues. I will support all policies, plans, and endeavors which exemplify diversity and inclusion.

# **Jason Pavone**

573 Squirrel Hill Dr Boardman OH 44512

**Age:** 46

Occupation: Business Consultant Education: Bachelor In Business

Administration

Qualifications for Office: Due to a 250 character limit for this response please view my platform for Boardman Twp. at @JPforboardmantrustee on Facebook, or call/email me @ 330-518-1953/pavoneforboardmantrustee@yahoo.com

#### Q1 Answer:

- The leaders of Boardman Twp. Need to do a better job of listening and addressing the issues of the residents. Previous comments from the current trustees of "We just know better", and "I have a good job so I don't worry about that" are not the best way to work with residents. For me listening and working with the residents will come 1st. Take the time to listen and explore different solutions to an issue that they might be facing.
- There also needs to be an emphasis on the reduction of taxes. Unlike others who are running I oppose new taxes and tax abatements.

#### Q2 Answer:

This is America and you have the freedom to go and do as you please as long as it is lawful, In other words, everyone is always welcome in Boardman Township. Don't limit youself, participate and explore our community and take advantage of all there is to offer.

# **CANFIELD TOWNSHIP**

## TRUSTEE

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## **Marie Cartwright**

6129 Leffingwell Rd Canfield OH 44406

**Age:** 68

Occupation: Canfield Township Trustee since 2010; Retired from 30 years in Corp Marketing/Communications, served on Board of Directors of a Community Bank 1991 - Spring 2013

Education: 1975 B.A. Kent State

University

Qualifications for Office: Working for real estate developers & with governmental bodies to secure approvals for projects; attending Case Western Reserve EMBA Program & serving as a Community Bank Director, 1991-2013, provided a strong foundation for being a Township Trustee.

## Q1 Answer:

I will continue to work diligently to Preserve our Township as a Township; use all tools available to ensure that the Township isn't annexed by any City; promote infrastructure improvements by seeking grants from Local, State or Federal funding sources; partner with other entities i.e. ABC Water District to provide services and stretch dollars further; make sure that zoning regulations are up to date and meet the needs of current development projects while allowing for future growth; guarantee that the Township's financials continue to grow and remain strong, and provide all employees with the necessary equipment to do their jobs safely and more efficiently.

#### Q2 Answer:

Our Country is a melting pot of ethnic groups from around the world and that diversity has made our Communities stronger and better. Housing and hiring practices throughout a Community should be inclusive and will spur diversity. One of the most basic places to teach diversity and inclusion is in our Schools to our students, who if taught these principles at a young age will have a positive effect in creating a more friendly and safe Community. People should be valued for their abilities and uniqueness; and hired and promoted based on their capabilities. There should be accountability for those that don't embrace these ideals.

### **Brian W. Governor**

4400 S Raccoon Rd Canfield OH 44406 *No response received* 

# **COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## James P. Alfano

1133 Bedford Rd Lowellville OH 44436 *No response received* 

## Gerald M. Backo

6262 McGuffey Rd Lowellville OH 44436 No response received

## **Robert Lisko**

6126 McCartney Rd Lowellville OH 44436 *No response received* 

## **ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Fredrick M. Houston

5417 S. Salem Warren Rd North Jackson OH 44451 *No response received* 

## **Bob Toman**

941 Herbert Rd Ellsworth OH 44406 *No response received* 

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

# **GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

### John Bricker

14380 W South Range Rd Salem OH 44460

**Age:** 55

Occupation: Owner Of J&J Bricker Farms

LLC

Education: High School diploma

Qualifications for Office: I have been serving as trustee for 2 yrs now and have been involved with the township for many years now and work like to continue to work with the other trustees and clerk to keep our township moving forward.

### Q1 Answer:

I would like to continue to improve more of our roads in the township and to apply for more grants to help offset the costs like our Smith-Goshen road and Calla road projects. I would continue to work with our police dept. to make sure they have the training and equipment needed to keep our community safe.

## Q2 Answer:

I would like for myself and township officials to be able to engage with our residents and employees. By getting different perspectives (opinions) so we can serve our community.

# Robert (Bob) McCracken

12894 Duck Creek Rd Salem OH 44460

**Age:** 68

Occupation: Retired

**Education:** Graduate of West Branch High

School

Qualifications for Office: Small business

owner 28 yrs

Board Member Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2015 - current

Goshen Township Trustee 2000 - 2019

Have been on board of Mahoning County Board of Health & Mahoning County Solid Waste representing MCTA.

## Q1 Answer:

Assist Mahoning County to getting broadband in rural areas

Write grants internally instead of hiring a grant writer

Work with Mahoning County Engineer / other townships on equipment sharing

Look into possibly one trash hauler for township with curbside recycling which would allievate several heavy trucks on our roads & cut residents trash costs

Assist in getting more funding for our safety services (EMS, Fire & Police)

#### Q2 Answer:

Working with any & all County and State representatives / departments to better our residents

## **Teresa Stratton**

16088 State Route 14A Beloit OH 44609

**Age:** 61

Occupation: Office manager at Stratton

Chevrolet for 40 years

Education: High school gruation and 2

year accounting course

Qualifications for Office: I am qualified for this position, as I have 4 years of devoted time with Goshen township, serving as a trustee. Within the last 4 years I have take "OTA" training courses to further enchance my skills as a trustee, serving a widespread community.

### Q1 Answer:

One huge priority for my community is ensuring our police district is maintaining a safe community, as well as displaying strong devotion to our residents.

Another priority for my community is maintaining an efficient road crew, to ensure residents have safe and maintained roads in our township.

I primarily prioritize on these two departments individual attributes, as they are and should be strongly serving our community, to full expectations.

Despite the existing policy contract with our fire protection, each department works collectively, even though they each have very different roles within our community.

## Q2 Answer:

I strongly support our department heads to serve our community with full potential and trust. I feel as if the trust lays within each indivudal serving our township, to display what public service is truly about. Specifically, each action displayed is one step towards changing the public's perception on enforcement. Enforcement policies promote strong attributes within our officers, assisting our department in building trust with each indiviual resident of Goshen township.

# **GREEN TOWNSHIP**

# TRUSTEE

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Mark Stepuk

6348 W Middletown Rd Canfield OH 44406 No response received

## **George Toy**

5441 Middletown Rd Canfield OH 44406 *No response received* 

# **JACKSON TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## **Alan Hemphill**

2081 S Bailey Rd North Jackson OH 44451

No response received

## John P. Jakubec

3245 Rosemont Rd North Jackson OH 44451 *No response received* 

## Angela Javorsky

13375 N Palmyra Rd North Jackson OH 44451

**Age:** 42

Occupation: Self Employed

Education: Walsh University BA Business

Management, cum laude

Qualifications for Office: My experiences and education have given me a strong foundation for effective communication, problem solving, management of resources and sustainability. I believe in the importance of a strong community and believe I have alot of offer Jackson Twp.

## Q1 Answer:

My priorities would include, listening to the residents and trying to understand what their concerns, needs and future goals are, is important to me. Safety is also my priority, a successful community needs to feel safe, and identifying each departments needs and to provide them with the resources to work effectively and efficiently. Growth is inevitable, I would like to see my community grow in a positive way, keeping the small community feeling, preserving farm land, some residential development, as well as providing some infrastructure improvements and economic development.

## Q2 Answer:

I look forward to meeting the residents of the township and to determine if policies are needed, what the needs of the community are, and will work to make everyone in the community feel welcome and included. There is no place for hate or discrimination in our community.

# **MILTON TOWNSHIP**

# **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

## **Bryce Bond**

13593 Gladstone Rd North Jackson OH 44451

**Occupation:** Product Development

Manager

Education: Graduate of Mineral Ridge HS,

Attended YSU

Qualifications for Office: In my current position as Product Development Manager, I set realist goals, collaborate with others to develop a plan of action there by working to see products brought to market. My wife and I are 26-year residents our daughter graduated at JM HS.

#### Q1 Answer:

I will be enlisting our greatest resource which is our residents, ideas for creating a plan for how our community moves forward, by seeking input of our needs as well as a vision for Milton Township. In addition, I will be working to build a rapport with Mahoning County and State officials to assist us in building for the future of our township. Also, I will work to seek and obtain grants, which will help fund infrastructure and other projects. For months I have been attending township meetings and am looking forward to keep progress occurring. I want to keep Milton Township a great place to call home and for us all to be proud of.

## Q2 Answer:

I support policies that promote a safe place to live and offers opportunities for all members of our community to thrive. Also I advocate for compliance with the existing laws and regulations where everyone is treated fairly and respectfully.

## Wendy DiBernardi

17532 Pine Ct

Lake Milton OH 44429

**Age:** 58

Occupation: Teacher

Education: Masters in Education

Qualifications for Office: I am a proven leader who has participated in several Milton Township organizations and committees over the last several years. I am an enthusiastic, hard-working citizen who strives to better the community in which I live.

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## Q1 Answer:

I want to serve my community and enhance the charming lake township in which I live.

I love to be involved and want to be able to bring about improvements to our business district which overlooks the lake and is a destination to visitors from the surrounding areas during the summer season. I would love to bring sidewalks and new street lights to our little business district. This improvement would improve safety and create improved access to our businesses

during our busy summer season and for all the members of our Lake Milton community that patronize the businesses. I want to continue to build upon all the improvements that have already taken place in our community.

#### Q2 Answer:

Our Lake Milton community is diverse in nature. We have several areas that comprise Milton Township. They include rural, lake property owners, and surrounding neighborhoods. Our community opens its doors every summer to boaters, fisherman, beach goers, and visitors. We offer wineries, restaurants, bars, a brewery and several other destination spots. Our state park offers so many opportunities for outdoor activities to enjoy. This makes up our Lake Milton community. We are open our doors to all of our visitors.

## Sue Lemmon (I)

1444 NE River Rd Lake Milton OH 44429

**Age:** 76

Occupation: Retired

**Education:** Graduate of Jackson Milton

HighSchool

Qualifications for Office: I have knowledge of all Township departments having served a 4 year full time term as Trustee. For 15 years I served on the Variance Board for the township. I attended annual Leadership seminars to prepare me to handle every day issues.

## Q1 Answer:

As a life long resident and former Trustee I made positive changes during my term. I believe it is imperitive that all departments run smoothly and economically. I will explore all grants available to help fund projects and supplement our township tax dollars to improve our community. I will work together with the Board to address the rapid growth of Lake Milton and insure that the county directs our fair share of tax dollars to our township to improve especially our roads. My committement, dedication and strong will is what I promise to bring to the office if elected Trustee.

## Q2 Answer:

I have always supported and will continue to support an equal opportunity employment work place, free from any discrimination of any kind. I also support a smoke-free, drug- free work environment.

## **Brett Oxley**

14945 Robinson Rd Newton Falls OH 44444 *No response received* 

## **Tami Scott**

16728 Parkview Ave

Lake Milton OH 44429

**Age:** 56

Occupation: Office Manager

Education: Southeast High School

Qualifications for Office: I have worked for the Pottage County Courts for 26 years and also 6 years of experience as a zoning inspector for Edinburg Township. Including working with budgeting and the public

needs.

#### Q1 Answer:

I am very fortunate to live in here in Milton Township that has had people in office that care for this community. So my main priority would be to carry that on and be able to help keep the feel of the lake community that the residents here enjoy.

## Q2 Answer:

Any policy would have to start with clear communication from your residents that would be fair and equal to everyone regardless of race, age, gender, religious beliefs or sexually orientation.

## **Brian Slider**

16635 Republic Ave Berlin Center OH 44401 No response received

# **Edward Villone**

584 Bayshore Blvd Lake Milton OH 44429

**Age:** 60

Occupation: Commander/Director Younstown State University Police

Academy

**Education:** Master Degree, Criminal JusticeForensic Sciences

Qualifications for Office: Twp Resident/

Home Owner

Yrs in Local & State Government Retired

Police Captain Multi Term Union President, Negotiated

Twp Business Owner, Employ 25 35+

Multi CBA's Veteran, Commander of Lake Milton

Created Non-Profit Agency

# Q1 Answer:

American Legion

Representing the township residents and their interests.

Becoming a liaison for the township with county and state governments.

Building the Business Association.

Monitoring the residential growth to coincide with the beauty of the community.

Investigating funding sources for repairs and improvements to township roadways.

Investigating funding sources for blight and neighborhood improvements.

Creating committees of concerned citizens

Question 1: What are your priorities for your community?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your community?

when necessary to aid in the resolution of issues.

Strong belief in community involvement as we all live here.

Support and enhance where needed Police, Fire and Road Departments.

Work closely with the Ohio Division of Natural Resources on improvements and lake related issues.

## Q2 Answer:

Currently at Youngstown State University I am working with Human Resources to develop an instructor base, adding to my current compliment of 80 instructors, who are more diverse and understanding with community needs.

Additionally, I have added diversity training to our current curriculum enhancing the students awareness of these community issues.

Most recently I have met with the City of Youngstown's Mayor, Police Chief, and Community Police Officer promoting a program of collaboration with clergy and other community leaders to halt violence. This included a proposal to house these entities in one location with individual office space for continual exposure and collaboration opportunities.

## **POLAND TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## **Edward R. Kempers**

7987 Easterbrooke Trl Poland OH 44514

No response received

## **Joanne Wollet**

8185 Cliffview Dr Poland OH 44514 *No response received* 

## **SMITH TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

# Larry G. Barnett

18167 5th St Beloit OH 44609 No response received

## **Terry Criss**

14641 Beloit Snodes Beloit OH 44609 *No response received* 

# Homer L. Sanor, Sr.

17665 Fairview Ave Beloit OH 44609 No response received

# **SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

## **TRUSTEE**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

### **Robert Orr**

6557 Metz Rd

New Middletown OH 44442

**Age:** 65

Occupation: Retired

**Education:** Continued education every

year

Qualifications for Office: I have made the center piece of my years as a trustee, that I build relationships across the county and state. Your word must be your bond. We must be constant and vigilant and always growing and learning. Township goverence is much more complex.

#### Q1 Answer:

More infrastructure, additional middle class housing, more demos or rehab of deliquint houses. Continue to reduce outside millage, while getting the most service for our residents. Reimagine our fire and EMS staffing to get more timely and consistant call responses. Continue to seek grant dollars for the township. Continue to serve on county wide boards, always making our presence and needs known.

## Q2 Answer:

Our community always functions best when we before taking any type of action first consider how will my actions impact my neighbors. We all deserve kindness and respect, and should give the same. Community evolves around we not me!

## **Donald Mark Wharry**

4099 Middletown Rd New Middletown OH 44442 *No response received* 

# Josh Wiery

2277 Glacier Rd

New Springfield OH 44443

**Age:** 50

Occupation: Heating and Air conditioning

Manager

Education: Associate's degree

**Qualifications for Office:** I have lived in Springfield Township my entire life. My wife and I are currently raising our son here.

I have 30 years of experience managing employee's, contractors, customers, and product lines.

## Q1 Answer:

I plan to support and empower safety services and infrastructure within my township.

## Q2 Answer:

I will work with all elected officials to continually adjust our practices, processes, and procedures to improve communications and diversification within my community.

## **Donald Williams**

6160 Metz Rd

New Middletown OH 44442

Age: 64

Occupation: Retired

**Education:** Springfield Local Graduate,

also MCJVS

Qualifications for Office: Lifelong resident, I know the community well. I am experienced in local government: I served three terms (12 years) as a member of the Springfield Local Board of Education and served two previous terms (a total of 8 years) as a Township Trustee.

## Q1 Answer:

- Fiscal responsibility and transparency in all township decisions and actions.
   Adequate funding and training for safety services: Police, Fire, Rescue and attention to improvement of infrastructure including roads, culverts and bridges.
- Proactive not reactive approach to long range planning for all constituents with emphasis on services for the youth, seniors and vulnerable members of the community.
- Strategic planning for researching, applying for and obtaining external funding from Federal, State, County and Local sources to obtain and improve equipment, buildings, roads and highquality training for employees.
- Collaboration with other local government agencies, churches and schools to create a safe, family-oriented community.

## Q2 Answer:

As a former school board member, I have a proven track record of championing programs and policies that foster diversity, inclusion and equity. Informed leadership is integral in creating a community where constituents and employees feel valued and respected whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, age, education, disability, or life experience. I will support the development of internal resources that demonstrate our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity and will advance a system to create awareness of and to address biases during our recruiting, hiring, and evaluating processes. I will challenge systems and any policies that promote or allow inequity, disparity or oppression. My vote will be for department head leaders who understand the importance of these values.

Inform Yourself and Vote!

Question 1: What are your priorities for the school district?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your school district?

# MAHONING COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

### Jeff Good

7904 Roller Rd Salem OH 44460

**Age:** 58

Occupation: Chief Education Technology

Officer, PBS Western Reserve

Education: BA - Speech Comm, MAed -

Curriculum and Tech

Qualifications for Office: Having served on the MCESC governing board for the last 5 years, the board in collaboration with a new superintendent and treasurer turned around a dire financial situation, navigated a pandemic, while maintaining high quality services to districts.

#### Q1 Answer:

Continue to provide cost effective services and offerings to our supported districts.

### Q2 Answer:

As a governing board member, I will continue to support the existing efforts the MCESC has successfully developed and offers in promoting diversity and inclusion in our supported districts and within the MCESC.

## Richard S. Scarsella

6744 Appleridge Cir #2 Boardman OH 44512 No response received

## Kathi McNabb Welsh

522 Deer Run Dr Boardman OH 44512

**Age:** 61

**Occupation:** Attorney and Mahoning County Chief Deputy Clerk of Court

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Communication; Juris Doctor

Qualifications for Office: I believe that at an elected official leads through service. My service includes 18 years as a school board member, as well as my career as an attorney and public servant. I am active in my community. I have always served ethically and honestly.

## Q1 Answer:

We are educating students during a worldwide pandemic. As such, our first priority must be to provide a safe in person environment for our students and staff. However, the pandemic should not consume our education priorities. I support quality academics that engage and prepare our students for success in today's world. Further, we need to encourage and

support those students who wish to receive an education in the trades. Manufacturing jobs are available and provide an excellent career path. Lastly, I will continue to prioritize providing mental health support and intervention in our schools.

#### Q2 Answer:

I believe that all children can learn. The Mahoning County ESC has a policy of inclusivity in our education programs and employment practices. I support continued professional development of staff in this area.

# AUSTINTOWN LOCAL SCHOOLS

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

## **Fred Marcum**

4495 Viall Rd Austintown OH 44515 *No response received* 

# **Kathy Mock**

3466 Tall Oaks Ln Austintown OH 44511

**Age:** 68

**Occupation:** Director of Education, United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley

vaney

**Education:** Masters of Science in Education, Youngstown State

Qualifications for Office: Experience includes thirty years in classroom education, ten years as university instructor, student teacher supervisor and university adminstrator. Today, education director, United Way of Youngstown & Mahoning Valley and Austintown board member.

## Q1 Answer:

My priorities include advocating for students and their families at all levels of education to help ensure their futures for success in life. My background and extensive experience in education enable me to assist our community in developing strategies and policies that strengthen learning and activity opportunities in Austintown.

Additionally, the safety and well being of our students and staff has been and remains our primary priority.

## Q2 Answer:

Any successful organization today, including school districts, embrace diversity and inclusion. We have curriculum in place that supports a commitment to diverse identities and interests while also focusing on different learning needs.

We are proud that our students come from a wide range of backgrounds, and together,

they learn not only in the classroom but from each other.

## **Don Sherwood**

6448 New Rd

Austintown OH 44515

**Age:** 46

Occupation: Financial Advisor

**Education:** The Ohio State University B.S.

Sports Management

Qualifications for Office: As an Austintown resident and business owner in Austintown, I'm qualifed for re-election for several reasons. My leadership skills, attention to detail, and business background make me qualified to remain on the Ausintown Local School Board.

### Q1 Answer:

My priorities are to continue with some of the work have have done over the past four years. We want to hold our school leaders accountable and make sure our taxpayers are proud of our district. Austintown Local Schools are making sure our students are well prepared in the classroom, within extracurricular activities, and within our community. We will remain fiscally responsible with tax dollars and continue to prepare our students for life once they depart Austintown Schools.

## Q2 Answer:

I believe our school district to be the most diverse in Mahoning County and we remain proud of that. We will continue to focus on the needs or our students and families. Austintown Local Schools supports and challenges our student body on a daily basis. The amount of clubs and activities available to our Austintown students is unmatched in the area and continues to grow with numerous student and teacher led initiatives.

# BOARDMAN LOCAL SCHOOLS

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

# **Anthony Buchmann**

4013 Shelby Rd

Youngstown OH 44511

**Age:** 45

Occupation: Local 396 Plumber and

Pipefitter

Education: EPA License

Qualifications for Office: As a

Tradesman I believe I bring uniqueness to the School Board; showing those not designed for college that there are great options that pay well without the extreme debt of college. I'm also an American citizen, a husband and father of teenagers.

**Question 1: What are your priorities** for the school district?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your school district?

#### Q1 Answer:

The priorities I believe that are important are Safety, Transparency, Accountability and Trades. Zero tolerance for bullying with a much more severe consequence for the person found to have caused the issue. Being more transparent when it comes to communicating with the voters especially before major decisions are made (greater explanation), working together with the Township Trustees(we are one community). When mistakes are made, holding said person responsible for their actions and executing the proper punishment. Bring all Trades/military service to a more equal level with college to allow all kids every option before making a decision that will effect him or her for the rest of their live.

### Q2 Answer:

Policies that will give every individual student the best opportunity of being successful I will support. Recognizing a child's strengths earlier on can only help them as they grow. Without a doubt we need to bring classes like Home Economics, Wood Shop, etc back to the curriculum. It's an absolute tragedy that cursive truly isn't being taugh anymore. Kids need to learn more real life skills (i e. Count money, use a check register, manage money) rather than take classes that will do absolutely nothing for them in the real world.

## Victoria Davis

606 Oakridge Dr

Youngstown OH 44512

Age: 55

Occupation: Administrative Assistant, Boardman Fire Department, Secretary Boardman Civil Service Commission

Education: Boardman High School, YSU

Accounting

Qualifications for Office: Boardman Board of Education from 2014 to 2021. Multiple years served as President and Vice President.

## Q1 Answer:

The Boardman community is an excellent supporter of the Boardman school system. I will continue to stretch taxpayer's dollars past their expiration date while continuing to fight the unfairness of public school funding at the state level.

Several years ago our administrative team created a strategic planning committee consisting of various community members with diverse backgrounds. Following through with their goal, we will continue to provide various learning paths that meet a student's individual needs.

The role of a school board member is also to support the community around them. I will continue to support redevelopment and renovation plans of major investors and small business owners while keeping the

Boardman school system the centerpiece of the community.

#### Q2 Answer:

I will continue to support the creation of safe spaces for students and staff to learn, accept and respect differences and similarities between themselves and others. We look forward to providing our staff in-person and online training programs to help them navigate the ever changing and complex world around them.

## John Fryda

137 Lost Creek Dr Boardman OH 44512

Age: 54

Occupation: Global Buyer

Education: Attended Youngstown State

University

Qualifications for Office: Current school board member for the past 4 years with a proven track record working successfully with other board members, adminstration, parents, students, & the community. Knowledge of fiscal responsibilities as a global buyer at Compco Industries.

### Q1 Answer:

My priorities for the school district are to serve all citizens, support a safe and positive learning enviornment in which students, teachers, parents, and adminstration can witness the opporutnity for all students to succeed in academics, athletics, arts, technology and trades in the Boardman schools. I believe it is vital to have fiscal accountability, maintain an open communication and working relationship with the community, the local businesses, and Boardman Township Administrators. It is also important to utilize school resources to their fullest while striving to be a leader with students for their social, emotional, and academic learning. Lastly, advocating for fair school funding that benefits the taxpayers of Boardman Township is essential.

## Q2 Answer:

I support all laws and policies promoting diversity and inclusion in the Boardman schools, such as ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), Title IX, PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Support), and YES Fest. I also believe in eliminating any barriers that help promote student accepatance in and out of the classroom in prepartion for the real world. Currently, we have a wide array of 35 different clubs and organizations at the high school with more than a dozen at the junior high level to appeal to every interest outside of sports and music. Language, Chess, Science, Makers Space, GSA clubs are a few to mention empowering kids to feel like they belong. In addition, the school is starting a wheelchair basketball league for any student to partipate.

## John Landers

1253 Red Tail Hawk Ct Unit 2 Boardman OH 44512

**Age:** 39

Occupation: Director for IT Service Management, Case Western Reserve

University (CWRU)

Education: B.S, Computer Science, CWRU (2004); Masters in Engineering and

Management, CWRU (2005)

Qualifications for Office: 12 yr Board Member previously serving as Pres and VP Active and visible Board member

Part of District team that advocated for Fair School Funding

BHS Class of 2000

## Q1 Answer:

- Continue to advocate and maintain for the Ohio Fair School Funding plan
- Continue to evolve and improve district communications to the community
- Utilizing technology and other methods design and implement continued growth in in person and online learning while supporting individual pathways to learn

## Q2 Answer:

"Together we transform lives through academics, athletics and the arts" is our district mission. We work hard to provide equitable access to all programs and opportunities throughout the district. In addition, we continue to improve technology equity through providing devices and hotspots.

# **CAMPBELL CITY SCHOOLS**

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Gary Bednarik

877 Almasy Dr Campbell OH 44405 No response received

# **Judy Gozur**

129 Gertrude Ave Campbell OH 44405 No response received

## Tony Kelly

86 Bright Ave

Campbell OH 44405

**Age:** 57

Occupation: General Foreman (Mahoning

County Engineer Office)

Education: CMHS, John Carroll Univ.,

YSU

Qualifications for Office: I'm a lifetime Campbell resident. My children and I are Memorial H.S. graduates. I've proudly served on the Campbell Board

Question 1: What are your priorities for the school district?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your school district?

of Education for the past 16 yrs. I've also coached our Campbell Youth sports programs for over 40 yrs.

#### Q1 Answer:

My main priority is the continuing expansion of opportunities for our students to become successful in their lives and careers. This can be achieved be creating new and innovative pathways to graduation, college-readiness, and career-readiness.

#### Q2 Answer:

Campbell is, and always has been, a very diverse community. I believe it's what makes our city great! Those of us who were raised and educated in Campbell can live, and be successful, anywhere in the world. With that being said, I will support any policy that promotes diversity and inclusion.

# CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOLS

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

# **Nader Atway**

8022 Grayson Dr Canfield OH 44406

**Age:** 46

Occupation: Pharmaceutical District Sales

Manager

Education: Master of Science --YSU

Qualifications for Office: Appointed to unexpired term in January of 2020 with close to two years of service to date. Strong vested interest in the success of students at Canfield with also having four children of my own.

## Q1 Answer:

The main priorities for the next term are and always will be having the students best interest at the focus of decisions made. In addition, student safety and assessment of our facilities to improve educational opportunity. Also, continued collaboration with the school board and administration and teachers/staff of Canfield.

## Q2 Answer:

I will continue to work with our adminstration to review and adopt recommendations made to promote diversity and inclusion in the district.

## **Matt Campbell**

81 Mallard Crossing Canfield OH 44406 *No response received* 

## Traci Kinkade DeCapua

427 Millbrook St Canfield OH 44406 No response received

# JACKSON-MILTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Tausha E. Bacorn

17928 Mahoning Ave Lake Milton OH 44429 *No response received* 

## **Nick Campbell**

3475 Rosemont Rd North Jackson OH 44451

**Age:** 43

Occupation: Self-employed Farmer

**Education:** Bachelors Degree in Education from Mount Union

Qualifications for Office: 4 yrs experience on the School Board during a very successful time for the district, but also a very trying time (Covid). Alumni, former teacher & current Bluejay parent. Also a lifelong resident & tax payer in the district.

## Q1 Answer:

- To continue to ensure that the values of our district represent those of our community.
- Work alongside the administation to ensure we are hiring and promoting the best, most qualified teachers/staff/ coaches to mold our students.
- Help to foster a culture that encourages acedemic successes along with extra curricular excellence, promoting a wellrounded student experience for our children.

## Q2 Answer:

I will only support policies that promote fairness of opportunity, not fairness of outcome. I am proud to represent a school district that is very socio-economically diverse & does not discriminate on any basis. However, the words diversity & inclusion in today's environment have a much different meaning; I will not support any programs that reward or promote based soley on identity & not merit.

## Mitch Mascioli

3336 S Lipkey Rd North Jackson OH 44451

**Age:** 59

Occupation: Career. 30 years representing Quest Diagnostics Laboratories as an Account Executive

**Education:** 79 JM Grad. B.S. in Business Administration YSU

Qualifications for Office: Completing my 16th year as a School Board Member for

JM. Have served in each of the following rolls several times. Board President, Board Vice President and Legislative Liason. Proven advocate for students, parents and District Toyrovers.

District Taxpayers.

#### Q1 Answer:

My priorities for the JM School District remain unchanged. Strive to provide the most effective and safe learning environment for students and faculty. Emphasize critical thinking skills in every classroom and continue being a good steward of taxpayer dollars. One area for improvement that I plan on making an integral part of JMs curriculum is a robust Career Exploration elective made available throughout both MS and HS

### Q2 Answer:

Jackson Milton has been proactive, having introduced many years ago very effective anti bullying policies.

## **Kimberly Snowden-Pittman**

1800 N Duck Creek Rd North Jackson OH 44451

**Age:** 49

Occupation: Teacher

**Education:** BA-Spring Arbor, MA-Western

MI, BA-Western Gov

Qualifications for Office: I have been in the field of education for 26 years. I have taught kindergarten through college age students. I have served 8 years on the Jackson Milton School Board. I am a teacher, principal and a superintendent. I also have four children.

## Q1 Answer:

Ensuring that JM students in the district recieve the best education possible. Assisting with creating and maintaining appropriate polices and procedures in the district is crucial. Encouraging fair treatment of staff and students and best teaching practices is a must!

## Q2 Answer:

At JM we strive to follow all of the policies as directed to us by the Ohio School Board Association.

I strive to promote communication between our communities and our school district.

When anyone has issues or concerns I am available to discuss them. Being involved in the community and listening to issues and suggestions is my job as a school board member. I am happy to support and promote diversity and inclusion at Jackson Milton in any way that I can.

Question 1: What are your priorities for the school district?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your school district?

# LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Jennifer Coppola-Johnson

2721 S Hubbard Rd Lowellville OH 44436 *No response received* 

## **Brian Wharry**

439 Queisner Ave Lowellville OH 44436 *No response received* 

# **Stephanie Yon**

5488 Mared Ln Lowellville OH 44436 *No response received* 

# POLAND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## **Larry Dinopoulos**

8570 Shady Glen Trl Poland OH 44514 No response received

## Michelle Elia

59 Orchard Dr Poland OH 44514 *No response received* 

## **Gregory Kibler**

2974 Algonquin Dr Poland OH 44514

**Age:** 37

**Occupation:** Educator, Assistant Principal **Education:** Ohio U, YSU, ACE, Concordia

Chicago

Qualifications for Office: Parent of 2, 14 years in education, Superintendent/ Principal/ Teacher licenses, M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction, B.S in Science Education, 2 Year Data Fellowship.

# Q1 Answer:

Poland Schools have sustained a successful educational program for some time and I wish to continue and grow that success. I would focus on revising our district's plan to address the areas that would appropriately prepare us for the next several years. There are decisions approaching our school system regarding facilities and community partnerships that will impact our Bulldog Future both now

and years from now. I want to engage the families and community to gather their thoughts on how we can help shape that future in the best interest of all of Poland. The role of a school board member is to ensure our students are safe, that they are educated to be successful in life and financially responsible to our community and families. I aim to do just that.

### Q2 Answer:

In my educational experience, I know research shows environments that support diversity and inclusion produce greater acheivement and growth for all students both socially and academically. If elected, I will work to ensure that there are equal opportunities for all individuals and that the school is promoting diversity and inclusion to promote student learning. Ohio law is designed to ensure that ALL students get a free and appropriate education. The first step is to be aware of areas that do not encourage this. A reflective analysis of school practices can help identify areas where we can get better. Everyone can has room to grow.

# **Holly Kollar**

8556 Catarina Pl Poland OH 44514 No response received

# Allison Mattson

7316 Elmland Ave Poland OH 44514

**Age:** 36

**Occupation:** Physical Therapist

Education: Ohio State Univ. - Doctorate of

Physical Therapy

Qualifications for Office: Raised in Poland and now raising children in the Poland LSD, I am passionate about and invested in the schools and community. I'm educated to a doctoral level (in PT), have served on many committees and am ready to listen to and serve this community.

## Q1 Answer:

Academic Achievement (streamline IEP process, develop a Financial Literacy course to prepare students for adult life) Transparency (put into action the designated strategies to satisfy the current strategic plan; i.e. annual State of the School District address with community and establishment of an alumni database)

Accountability (keep community apprised of progress with strategic plan; set short and long term goals with time frames; improve accessbility of information on the BOE website)

Honor the past while preparing for the future (gather community input, financial reports and census data to develop a workable plan for school buildings)

#### Q2 Answer:

Explore opportunities for students to volunteer outside of our own community Bring in motivational speakers with different life experiences to inspire our children Work with teachers to ensure classrooms are accessible and equitable (i.e. need for adaptive technologies)

Provide professional development opportunities to support, guide and prepare educators should challenges arise.

## Jaclyn Rausch

1786 Island Dr Poland OH 44514

**Age:** 41

**Occupation:** Supervisor at Trumbull County Educational Service Center

**Education:** MS in Education, BS in Education

Qualifications for Office: I have 19 years of educational leadership experience as a teacher and an administrator. I understand the challenges facing Poland; as the mother of 2 young bulldogs, I am committed to Poland's tradition of excellence for students and the community.

## Q1 Answer:

My priority for Poland Schools is to return to our mission to "Educate, empower, and inspire every student at every opportunity." I believe we need to recommit to doing what is best for our students. This includes things such providing developmentally appropriate playground equipment for our primary students, reasonable class sizes, realistic planning, and timely and relevant communication both within the district and with the broader community.

## Q2 Answer:

I support educators achieving the highest levels of professionalism. The Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession specify distinguished teachers "create challenging expectations for their students and assist other educators in...setting high expectations for all students," "[work] to ensure that all students are recognized and valued," and that all students "have access to all appropriate learning opportunities and resources." This should truly include all students with a range of individual, familial, and community characteristics to continue to promote positive and collaborative educational settings within the Poland Schools.

Question 1: What are your priorities for the school district?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your school district?

## **Gregg Riddle**

7825 Lee Run Rd Poland OH 44514

Age: 61

Occupation: Registered Representative of

New York Life Securities

**Education:** BA Business Administration

Capital University

Qualifications for Office: Elected to the Poland Board of Education in 2017. Served as Board President in 2020 and reelected in 2021. Volunteer in Poland Schools since moving to the township in 1998 and saw three children graduate from Poland.

#### Q1 Answer:

Fiscal accountability and stress towards good labor relations. They time and attention paid to keeping expenses in order leads to the ability to pay competitive wages and the physical plant can be maintained to a high standard. The Poland tax payer accounts for the majority of the revenue and striving to give them the best poosible return on their investment is the goal.

#### Q2 Answer:

School policy and procedures have been updated and I intend to encourage continueous review.

## **SEBRING LOCAL SCHOOLS**

2 to elect; 4-yr. term

## **Debbie Green**

572 W Oregon Ave Sebring OH 44672 No response received

## **Joann Jones**

535 Hillsdale Dr Sebring OH 44672 *No response received* 

## **Scott Latham**

688 S 15th St Sebring OH 44672 No response received

# SOUTH RANGE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

3 to elect to full term; 4-yr. term

## **Brian Bagwell**

14340 Green Beaver Rd Columbiana OH 44408 **Age:** 34

Occupation: Engineer

Education: BS Manufacturing Engineering

**Technology** 

Qualifications for Office: My background in project management has helped prepare me for this position. I currently help manage our family's small business and am the owner/ operator of a small beef and grain farm. Both require strong money and time management skills.

#### Q1 Answer:

My main priority is to safely keep our students physically in school for their classes. I'm proud to say we were able to accomplish that goal last year due to the hard work and determination of the staff and administration at South Range. Last year, we were able to remain in school, 5 days a week, while safely allowing all the kids to be present.

I also strive to challenge our district to remain fiscally responsible. As a parent of 4 young children and a graduate of South Range, I want to see our school district remain sustainable to serve generations to come.

### Q2 Answer:

I will continue to support our staff in providing equal opportunities and guidance for all of our students.

## Liz Johnson

220 Longview Cir North Lima OH 44452

Age: 44

Occupation: Stay at home Mom

**Education:** Bachelors in Education and

Masters in Education

Qualifications for Office: My 20 years of teaching experience provides an innate understanding of curriculum, testing & critical relationships between teachers, administration & the board. I am a mother of 3 South Range students & want to serve as an active voice of parents.

## Q1 Answer:

Educational excellence requires both community support and collaboration with our teachers as well as providing students with the environment and tools to succeed.

As a school board member, I will bridge the gap between parents, educators and administration to insure thriving academic environment.

## Q2 Answer:

All children are created equal and should be given equal opportunities to achieve their own excellence. As a school board member, I will insure that concepts such as equity (equal outcomes regardless of effort and achievement) and Critical Race Theory will never be introduced to your children.

## Terri Lally

11500 Sharrott Rd North Lima OH 44452

**Age:** 46

Occupation: Dental hygienist

Education: Bachelor's of Science from

YSU

**Qualifications for Office:** Currently reside on South Range School for the past 4 years

years

Have personal interest what happens within the school since my children, nieces. nephews and children of friends attend

#### Q1 Answer:

My main priority for the school district is for us to excel in the education we provide our students which in turn will allow them to become successful individuals in our community.

## Q2 Answer:

I feel our policies already in general do a good in promoting diversity and inclusion within our school district.

## **Sean Wardle**

465 Via Avellino
North Lima OH 44452
No response received

1 to elect to unexpired term ending 12/31/2023

# **Shelly Colucci**

19020 Shadow Wood Ln North Lima OH 44452 *No response received* 

## Richard J. Ferenchak

115 Longview Cir Canfield OH 44406 *No response received* 

# SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

# Stephanie E. Caldwell

11490 Ygn Pitts Rd New Middletown OH 44442 *No response received* 

Question 1: What are your priorities for the school district?

Question 2: What policies, if any, will you support to promote diversity and inclusion in your school district?

## Karen M. Dattilo

5295 Skye Dr New Middletown OH 44442 *No response received* 

## **Matthew Gugliotti**

4840 Tree Line Trl New Middletown OH 44442 *No response received* 

### **Brian Medvec**

2179 Glacier Rd New Springfield OH 44443 *No response received* 

# STRUTHERS CITY SCHOOLS

3 to elect to full term; 4-yr. term

## Mary M. Carcelli

458 Elm St Struthers OH 44471 *No response received* 

# **Robert Noble**

5492 Walnut Grove Cir Struthers OH 44471

**Age:** 72

Occupation: Retired Educator, Current

Pastor

**Education:** Bach of Arts in Music Education, Some grad work

Qualifications for Office: 31 years in education as a teache, and 16 years served on the Struthers Bd of Education. I've held eadership positions in other orgs. such as Teen Challenge of Mahoning Valley, Childrens International Summer Villages, and Fostering Dreams, Inc.

## Q1 Answer:

I believe the priorities in education are universal. Our students must have the assurance they are safe in their buildings and on their campuses. The board of education must supply clean, well-maintained facilities in which learning can occur. It must supply administrators, teachers, and support staffs, that are qualified and passionate in serving their students. We must put the best educational tools in the hands of the teachers to help each student attain their potential.

#### Q2 Answer:

As board of education members, we must strive to provide an environment in our schools that recognizes individuality, and celebrates diversity. I would support policies that support that goal.

## **Ronald N. Shives**

5525 Walnut Grove Cir Struthers OH 44471 *No response received* 

1 to elect to unexpired term ending 12/31/2023

## Patrick C. Bundy

30 Babic St Struthers OH 44471 No response received

# WEST BRANCH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

## Joe Courtwright

16345 Pine Lake Rd Beloit OH 44609 No response received

# **Bryan Hobbins**

12593 State Route 534 Salem OH 44460

**Age:** 46

Occupation: District Manager

Education: Bachelors of Science in

**Business Adminisration** 

Qualifications for Office: I'm currently filling the Board of Education seat vacated by John Wallace last September. I have aided in the hiring of our new superintendent and treasurer. I successfully manage multiple restraunts within my district.

## Q1 Answer:

My priorities for West Branch School Board is to continue to build on Community and Staff relationships. Those relationships are the most important. I want to work with the Administration and the community to improve student achievement. I will also Help ensure fiscal responsibility.

## Q2 Answer:

I will support and promote any polocy that is in the best interest of the students and staff.

## **Courtney Stryffeler**

28788 Shoemaker Rd Beloit OH 44609

**Age:** 37

**Occupation:** Clinical Director of Quality &

RN Care Management

**Education:** Doctorate Nursing Practice-

Healthcare Leadership

Qualifications for Office: I have served on the West Branch Board of Education for four years. Throughout this time, I have continually sought opportunities for professional development in an effort to deepen my understanding of the rules, policies and revised code.

### Q1 Answer:

As a West Branch graduate, it is my desire to serve my community as we partner together to meet the unique needs of every student. My "why" remains focused on advocacy and keeping our students our first priority. After serving in this role for the last four years, I feel equipped to support our superintendent, treasurer, and staff in providing an environment that supports academic excellence. Additionally, we have made great strides towards financial stability. I feel confident that we have the right team in place to continue to strengthen the district and sustain it for future generations of Warriors to come!

## Q2 Answer:

I believe all students and staff should feel included and respected for their unique diversity. Our staff are professionals that seek opportunity to learn more about how to bring inclusion into their classrooms and in all aspects of learning. I support inclusion and diversity efforts as they should align with respect for every student and member of the team. Kindness and compassion should continue to be our driving force for every effort.

# David M. Yaggi

26114 Hartley Rd Beloit OH 44609

**Age:** 65

Occupation: West Branch School Board Education: Graduated From West Branch

1974

Qualifications for Office: 1974 West Branch Hs Graduate. 1991 Mahoning County Vocational School Adult Education high pressure boiler licence. Head of maintance, buildings and grounds at Sebring Local schools 1989-2020.

## Q1 Answer:

- · Run school district efficiently.
- · No new taxes.
- Work to gain new students in the district.

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#### Q2 Answer:

I would like to improve academics and introduce new classes that set our district apart from other. I also think we need to concentrate on offering opportunities to kids who want to work in trade professions that align with businesses in our ares.

# WESTERN RESERVE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

3 to elect; 4-yr. term

## **Pamela Darney**

17358 Mock Rd

Berlin Center OH 44401

**Age:** 48

Occupation: Former Educator

Education: BS Secondary Education,

Master's Library Science

Qualifications for Office: I earned a BS in Secondary Ed. from YSU in 1996. In 2001, I earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from Kent State University. I held teaching positions at Lordstown HS and Maplewood Local Schools. I live with my husband and 2 kids.

## Q1 Answer:

Public Education plays a vital role in developing responsible and informed future adults. Communication between the school and its surrounding community is key for success. I hope to maintain productive means of communication between the two entities by listening to all concerns then bringing these issues to school administrators.

Ensuring fairness in all aspects of schooling at Western Reserve is also a high priority for me. This includes fairness to all students as well as all staff members.

Taxpayers work hard for their money so emphasis on spending wisely at WR is very important. Money should never be wasted or spent frivolously. Seeking out and securing grant monies must be encouraged as well. When possible, avoiding the need for additional tax levies should have precedence.

## Q2 Answer:

Policies that support professional development opportunities that specifically address diversity and inclusion is certainly helpful and necessary. Promoting consistent, clear, accurate and informed methods of communication among educators, staff and all students is vital. Everyone's voice should be considered. In the classroom, teachers should be encouraged to use different teaching strategies like project- based learning, differentiated instruction, and blended learning. Policies that evaluate curriculum materials yearly can keep the learning process relavent, up to date and fresh.

## **Michael Gorby**

15330 Mock Rd Berlin Center OH 44401

No response received

## **Jasmine Henning**

PO Box 159

Berlin Center OH 44401

**Age:** 43

Occupation: Zone Manager for PCB

Facility

Education: High School Diploma, Various

Certifications

**Qualifications for Office:** Lifelong Resident and Western Reserve Alumni

Conflict Resolution and Effective Listening Certifications

Decision Making Capabilities Including Open Communication Skills

Consistent, Reliable, and Transparent

## Q1 Answer:

Creating a reliable and consistent relationship between the school board, administrators, and community is imperative to the success of a school district. Parents and Tax Payers should feel confident in the decision making process of our governing system. Our teachers are the most important factor in our quality of learning and we should be open to evaluating the educational content as well as learning environment for our students. Continuous improvement plans should be implemented to guarantee all students are supported and engaged in their learning process. I will monitor the fiscal stability and operations to ensure our levies are maintained. Collaborating with staff, students, and community members is important to obtain additional needs, visions, and goals for our district.

## Q2 Answer:

Creating an open dialogue for diversity and inclusion is necessary to prepare students for the future. Sharing ideas, opinions, and values can ensure all aspects are evaluated to create a strong learning environment.

Connecting with eachother and getting to know our students will encourage growth within the classroom.

# YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

3 to elect to full term; 4-yr. term

## Jacqueline (Jackie) Adair

1385 Kenneth St Youngstown OH 44505

Occupation: Retired

Education: M.B.A; B.S. Combined

Sciences Y.S.U

**Qualifications for Office:** Eight year member school Board; currently Board Curriculum chair; previous, Board vice president, policy, finance chairs.

Middle school math teacher Youngstown, other districts.

Operations manager

HR specialist

Director City Wide Baby Shower

## Q1 Answer:

Post HB70 my role and responsibility will continue to be the uplifting of the academic condition of the children enrolled in our schools and to keep a sharp eye on the spending of your property tax dollars that must be used to that end. Constant monitoring of academics and finances should lead to the Board's ability to develop the policies necessary to guide the district and the city in the direction which we can all be proud of - A s, not Fs- on future state report cards.

Hiring and promoting the best, mostaccomplished people will also be my top priority.

I do and will expect employees being paid salaries of \$100,000 or more to lead the district out of the unfortunate academic condition we have lingered in for more than ten (10) years.

Accountability! Accountability!

## Q2 Answer:

Inclusive, diverse hiring and promotion will be and continues to be a policy that I have advocated for at Board and committee meetings.

To that end, District HR must change the way they operate. If a policy is required that policy should separate applicant screening from the interview and selection process which could potentially remove any bias or pre-selection of applicants therefore providing all candidates an equal opportunity for hire or promotion.

I will continue to insist that the elected board operate according to the laws(Sunshine laws, HR regulations), Board policies, and by-laws. Through Board policy, I will continue to use my work experience, knowledge and education to diligently work toward uplifting the academic condition of our schools!

# **Tina Cvetkovich**

29 S Maryland Ave

Youngstown OH 44509

**Age:** 52

Occupation: Family Peer Mentor Mahoning County Children Services Education: Bachlor in Social Work

**Qualifications for Office:** I'm a registered voter and resident of the Youngstown School district. I have the required

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education to run. I'm not a covicted felon. I'm not employeed by the school district and I am not related to anyone who works for the school district.

#### Q1 Answer:

Continue working towards getting the school district out of Academic Control/ State takeover. Creating the academic improvement plan to make this possible. Creating a positive learning environment for our students.

#### Q2 Answer:

Review teaching materials to be sure they are relative to our student population. Connecting regularly with the community leaders and parents to be sure they are a part of the planing of the districts future. Professional devlopment for all district personel on realative topics including Substance Use Disorders and ACES training. Do the best we can to ensure the staff is reflecive of the students we serve. Encourage teachers to utlize multiple pathways to teaching in their classrooms (not all students learn the same way). Prevention programing disrtict wide by a state licensed prevention program on substance use disorders.

## Kenneth Donaldson, Sr.

1052 Genesee Dr Youngstown OH 44511

**Age:** 53

Occupation: Pastor

Education: B.S. Psychology; M.Ed.;

Th.M. (Urban Ministry)

Qualifications for Office: Front line experience as an advocate for kids as a case manager, intervention counselor, college recruiter, teacher, coach, motivational speaker, Chaplin and mentor. I have volunteered at East High as a mentor for the past 14 years.

## Q1 Answer:

My number one priority is to create a culture of integrity and mutual respect within the board where academic student progress becomes the end goal. My priority is to help create policy that promotes student achievement where creating reflective decision makers becomes attainable. My priority is to be a part of a collective whole where continuous progress becomes the rule and not he exception. For this to happen, there must be accountablity for the front line staff and educational leadership. The board must develop policies that are attainable and measurable and give them time to work. A lack of consistency has plagued our school district but positive change is on the horizon.

## Q2 Answer:

I will support policies that promote student academic success and teacher empowerment. My educational studies and personal experience teaching and interacting with young people has helped me understand that there is more than one way to teach and reach students. There has to be a diverse approach to teaching because there is a diversity of learning styles. Educators should be empowered to use whatever approaches necessary for student progress. Inclusion is the idea that everyone should be included in the learning strategy. Most teachers teach the way they learn but all students do not learn the same way; therefore, the teaching approach must be contextualized and inclusive to our most prized possessions (our students).

## **Ronald Shadd**

497 Idora Ave

Youngstown OH 44511

**Age:** 45

Occupation: Sales/communications, and

entrepreneur

**Education:** MA Health and Human Services, BA Psych, Philosophy

Qualifications for Office: I've served two previous terms in office and have assisted in the charge to free the district from state control. Currently, I serve as President of the Board of Education where I work to develop a plan to remove the district from academic distress.

## Q1 Answer:

The only focus is to remove the district from academic distress, this is only done by student achievement. As President of the Board of Education and under new state legislation, I have led the charge to develop a plan with measureable outcomes

leading to the removal of state control. Over the years I have worked with community stakeholders and teachers and have testified at the Ohio Statehouse of the conditions of the Youngstown City School District to provide insight on the assistance that our community needs to have an educational institution of excellence. While fighting against the state takeover, we are restoring rights for citizens to vote for local leadership, given transparency of district finances to tax payers, and have re-established worker/ union rights in our district.

# Q2 Answer:

The district has recently created the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program with committees to focus on aspects of educating and working with a diverse student body, as well as addressing practices in hiring and retention of worker of diverse backgrounds, while training present staff and faculity with

skills and techniques to perform their work with integrity and compassion to underserved populations. As President, I have introduced resolutions and have given support to district initatives that address and correct areas of disparity to students, families, staff, and faculity. This work is done by recognizing the work of our community to adapt to economical and social change, and ensuring the district educates students to have the ability to perform well and honorably as adults.

## **Nia Simms**

519 Ferndale Ave

Youngstown OH 44511

Age: 47

**Occupation:** Retired Laborer. Work with Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

Education: Some College Poli Sci

Qualifications for Office: Graduate of the

Youngstown City School District.

Sent children the school district. Some college at YSU...PoliSci

Cheerleader Coach/Advisor for Little

League

Hone business management skills/team

player

Project Coordinator for Leaders for Progress

## Q1 Answer:

- \*Rebuild trust from community and show complete transparency.
- \*\*\*Supplying access to information: Ex: IEP rights
- \*Explore curriculum and educational opportunities.
- \*\*\* Competive education that prepares our scholars for graduation and beyond.
- \*Ensure Board works effectively and efficiently
- \*\*\*Lead discussions with other members of responsibilities that will expand the expectations of the Youngstown City School District.

## Q2 Answer:

\*I will support policies that includes a healthy educational environment for everyone.

\*\*\*And will seek new ideas that will provide the ability to achieve academic success, no matter their background.

## Danyel R. Taylor

124 Clinton St Youngstown OH 44506 *No response received* 

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## **Dawn Turnage**

2257 Volney Rd

Youngstown OH 44511

**Age:** 50

Occupation: City of Youngstown Parks

and Recreation Director

Education: MS/AJS from University of

Phoenix

Qualifications for Office: The board is responsible for establishing and maintaining a sturctural long-term educational plan that supports the vision of the district, empowers staff, and provides guidance. I will provide leadership that will continue to move the district ahead

## Q1 Answer:

Student Centered Learning: An educaitonal experience that is intended to address the individual learning needs of the student; along with providing academic support that is personalized, engaging and not restricted to the classroom setting.

Community Collaboration: Ecnoruage an active partnership that includeds the entire community to provide and promote a resource sharing approach to the learning expereince.

Accountability: Spending more time establishing and focusing on policies that target student achievement strategies.

## Q2 Answer:

After reviewing of the districts YOUprint 2030 strategic plan, I can say that I am supportive of the strategic effort to promote equitable programs that are inclusive. Additionally, I am supportive of a plan that reviews hiring practices. I believe it is

important to have a diversity and inclusion policy that includes equitable access to great teachers and leaders that are qulified to meet the needs of the individual student as well as the entire district.

### LaDonna Walker

1021 Oak St

Youngstown OH 44506

**Age:** 46

Occupation: Parent Engagement

Coordinator

Education: MS, Organizational Leadership

&Administration

Qualifications for Office: I've been an employee of Youngstown City Schools since 2010. I've worked with elementary, middle school students and parents. I'm also active in my community and build partnerships to develop educational and programming for scholars ages 5-18.

#### Q1 Answer:

- 1). To hold all of our stakeholders accountable to come together to improve learning academic achievement among our scholars.
- To create and support an environment conducive to positive family engagement in our schools.
- Promote unity within our district and to strengthen and increase community partnerships.
- Ensure that funds are being used to support our district's efforts to move toward successful outcomes for every scholar
- To provide leadership and active support for district plans that will positively

impact the families in our community.

### Q2 Answer:

I will support and promote the district's plan to create a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion and excellence by holding myself and colleagues accountable to know the plan, understand the plan, and share it's importance with our community. I will do all that I can to make sure parents and guardians are also receiving information and training to support a nondiscriminatory environment. Finally, I will make it a point to review all evaluative district data to identify areas in need of improvement in terms of discrimination or bias. If such needs are found, I will work with leadership to create and implement changes to create more diverse, equitable and inclusive policies and practices in those areas.

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### **Jerome Williams**

46 Carlotta Dr

Youngstown OH 44504

No response received

# LIQUOR OPTIONS

## **Austintown Township Precinct 3**

Frenchy's Irish Pub 6000 Mahoning Ave Sunday sales

# **Austintown Township Precinct 15**

Aldi 5863 Mahoning Ave Sunday sales

## **Boardman Township Precinct 1**

Peaberry's Cafe 377 Boardman Poland Rd Weekly and Sunday sales

## **Boardman Township Precinct 21**

Bruno Bros Pizza 8381 Market St Sunday sales

## **Boardman Township Precinct 22**

Combine Brothers 7412 Market St Weekly and Sunday sales

# Canfield City Precinct 1

Broad Street Diner 464 S Broad St Beer and wine sales for carry out only

## **Canfield City**

Hillside Winery 6021 Leffingwell Rd Weekly and Sunday sales

## **Green Township Precinct 2**

Circle K 2762 E State St Weekly and Sunday sales

# Sebring Village Precinct 1

Sebring Mansion Inn & Spa 385 W Ohio Ave Sunday sales

# Youngstown City Precinct 1-A

Frieda's 381 W Rayen Ave Sunday sales

## **Youngstown City Precinct 1-C**

High Mart 910 High St Sunday sales

# **QUESTIONS AND ISSUES**

## **MAHONING COUNTY**

Additional sales and use tax of ¼ of one percent for repair and maintenance of roads and other infrastructure for 5 years commencing April 1, 2022

MCBDD (Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities) operation of facilities renewal of 2 mills for 5 years

# **ALLIANCE CITY SCHOOLS**

School District maintaining school buildings renewal of 2 mills for 5 years

## **AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP**

Streets, roads, and bridges renewal of 1.5 mills for 5 years

Senior Citizen Services renewal of 0.5 mill for 5 years

## **BOARDMAN TOWNSHIP**

Current expenses renewal 3 mills for 5 years

## **CAMPBELL CITY**

Police and Fire Department renewal of 3 mills for 5 years

Street Resurfacing renewal of 3 mills for 5 years

## **CANFIELD CITY**

City Police renewal of 3.9 mills for 5 years Cardinal Fire District operating expenses renewal of 0.42 mill for 5 years

## **GREEN TOWNSHIP**

Current expenses renewal 1.5 mills for 5 years

# LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

General permanent improvements additional 4 mills in the sum of \$213,533 for 5 years

## LOWELLVILLE VILLAGE

Police additional of 8.4 mills for 5 years Fire additional of 3.4 mills for 5 years

## **MILTON TOWNSHIP**

Fire department additional of 2 mills for CPT

# POLAND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Emergency requirements renewal of 4.9 mill in the sum of \$2,181,867 for 5 years

Permanent improvements renewal of 1 mill in the sum of \$388,752 for 5 years

## **POLAND TOWNSHIP**

Current expenses renewal of 2 mills for 5 years

## **POLAND VILLAGE**

Police department renewal of 1 mill for 5 years

## **SEBRING VILLAGE**

Fire renewal of 3 mills for 5 years

Recreational renewal 1 mill for 5 years

Village park and recreational additional 2 mills for 5 years

## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Fire replacement of 2 mills to 1.5 mills for 5 years

Current expenses replacement of 2 mills to 1.5 mills for 5 years

## STRUTHERS CITY

City change terms of office from 2 to 4 years

# WESTERN RESERVE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Avoid operating deficit renewal 2.96 mills for 10 years



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