

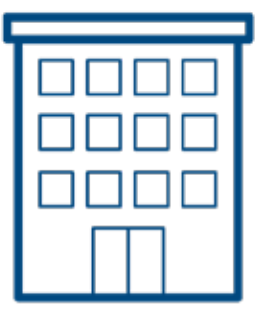
2020 VOTER GUIDE

NONPARTISAN VOTER INFORMATION
COVERING HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

THREE WAYS TO VOTE



**VOTE BY MAIL VIA
ABSENTEE BALLOT**



**VOTE EARLY AT THE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**



**VOTE IN-PERSON AT
YOUR POLLING PLACE**



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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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

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

The information for the Hamilton County candidates is solicited and compiled by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area (LWVCA). LWVCA uses the following criteria: The questions selected by LWVCA were advertised to the candidates, who were informed that each response would be printed as received and that all candidates would be solely responsible for the content of their replies. Because of the nonpartisan nature of the guide, candidates were informed that any reference to other candidates is prohibited. Because of space limitations, candidates were informed of the word limit requirements and were advised that any reply over the word limit would be cut off at the correct number.

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

The summaries and background for the Hamilton County and City of Cincinnati ballot issues were prepared by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area volunteers. Descriptions of other ballot issues come from the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

The information in this guide is current as of September 7, 2020. LWVCA's online voter guide [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) includes additional candidate information not included in this guide as well as any updates candidates may have made to their profile information after our publication deadline as stated above.

IS THIS YOU?

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

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

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3 WAYS TO VOTE

Vote at your polling place on Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls are open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. By law, if you are in line at 7:30 pm, the polls must stay open to allow you to vote. Contact your county Board of Elections (call 513-632-7000 or visit www.votehamiltoncountyohio.gov) or visit www.vote411.org to check your voter registration and to find out your polling place and precinct. Sometimes several precincts share the same polling place. To assure that your vote is counted, verify that you are voting in the correct precinct!

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

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

Vote by mail

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

1. If you did not receive a vote-by-mail application in the mail around Labor Day, obtain one by printing it from the BOE website, by phoning the BOE at (513) 632-7000, or by picking one up at the Board of Elections Office or any Hamilton County Public Library.
2. Submit it to BOE office by mail or drop it off in secure drop box at Board of Elections Office, 4700 Smith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45224.
3. Your ballot will be mailed to you after October 5 or when the application is processed. Use the BOE website or phone (513) 632-7000 to check the progress of your vote-by-mail ballot.
4. Return your completed ballot – Place it in the BOE drop box by November 3, 2020 7:30 pm; OR use USPS with a postmark stamped at your post office by November 2, 2020. Postage is required if mailed.

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

Vote early in-person

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

Location for early voting in Hamilton County:

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

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

Early voting days and hours are as follows:

Oct 6-9 T-F 8am-5pm,
Oct 12-16 M-F 8am-5pm
Oct 19-23 M-F 8am-6pm,
Oct 24 Saturday 8am-4pm,
Oct 25 Sunday 1-5pm,

Oct 26-30 M-F 8am-7pm,
Oct 31 Saturday 8am-4pm,
Nov 1 Sunday 1-5pm,
Nov 2 Monday 8am-2pm

FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

Acceptable PHOTO ID: (must not be expired)

- Ohio Driver License/Ohio State ID/Ohio Interim Documentation (must show your name and current or former address)
- State of Ohio or Fed. Govt photo ID (must show your name and current address)
- Ohio Concealed Weapons ID (must show your name and current address)

Acceptable DOCUMENTS as ID: (must show your name, current address, and be dated within 12 months)

- Utility Bill, including cell phone bill
- Bank Statement
- Government Check
- Payroll Check
- Government Document
- Military ID Issued by Dept. of Defense

A voter presenting an Ohio driver license or Ohio ID card that shows voter's former address is permitted to cast a regular ballot so long as the voter's current residential address has been updated with the Board and appears in the official poll list of registered voters for that precinct.

Voters who do not provide any ONE of these documents at the precinct will still be able to vote using a provisional ballot and providing the last four digits of their social security number or appearing at the Board Office within 7 days of Election Day to provide ID.

FEDERAL OFFICE CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
(CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Description: President of the United States – 1 to be elected – 4 year term

Base Salary: \$400,000

Term: 4 years, limit of 2 terms

Responsibilities: The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

Note: All candidates who will appear on your state's ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League's questions in this guide.

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President.

2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.

3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.



Joe Biden
Democrat

Vice President:
Kamala Harris

Occupation: Former Vice President of the United States, former U.S. Senator from Delaware
Campaign Website: <http://joebiden.com/>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/joebiden>
Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/JoeBiden>
Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/joebiden>
YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/joebiden>

Further Information: Candidate had not responded as of print date.



Donald Trump
Republican

Vice President:
Mike Pence

Occupation: President of the United States
Campaign Website: <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DonaldTrump/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/teamtrump>
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAql2DyGU2un1Ei2nMYsqOA>

Further Information: Candidate had not responded as of print date

Howie Hawkins
Nonparty

Vice President: *Angela Walker*

Jo Jorgensen
Libertarian

Vice President: *Spike Cohen*

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Description: Representative to Congress - 1 to be elected (per district) – 2 year term

Salary: \$174,000

Term: 2 years

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

Questions We Asked:

Q1: What kinds of policies, if any, will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our community?

Q2: What will you do to support a vibrant economy in our area?

Q3: How will you ensure the right to safe, secure elections?

Q4: Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you would address climate change.

500 character limit for each response

DISTRICT 1
(CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Steve Chabot
Republican

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Twitter: twitter.com/SteveChabot

Occupation: U.S. Representative, Ohio's First Congressional District

Education: Bachelors Degree, College of William and Mary; Juris Doctorate, NKU's Chase Law School

Experience: U.S. Representative, Ohio's First Congressional District, 1995-2009, 2011-present; Hamilton County Commissioner, 1990-1995;

Cincinnati City Councilman, 1985-1990

Political Philosophy: Conservative Republican
Endorsements: SBA List; Club for Growth Action; Cincinnati Right to Life; National Right to Life

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: In Congress, I've worked in a bipartisan manner to enact critical criminal justice reforms and re-entry programs. These reforms will help non-violent offenders transition from incarceration to job and skills training programs, enabling them to resume their lives as contributing members of society. To improve relations between police and the communities they serve, I've authored legislation to encourage cities to use the Cincinnati Collaborative Agreement as a model for their communities.
Q2: When the pandemic caused most states to shut down a thriving economy with the lowest unemployment rates in a generation, we knew we needed to act to help the American people survive this unprecedented challenge. As Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee, I worked closely with a bipartisan group of House and Senate Members on the Paycheck Protection Program, which has helped save a quarter-million jobs in Hamilton and Warren Counties, more than any other congressional district in Ohio.

Q3: We must ensure that every vote validly cast is counted accurately and in a timely manner, which requires both appropriate voting options for all eligible voters, and protections against foreign interference. I voted for the CARES Act which provides the Postal Service access to \$10 billion to help process mailed ballots this November. I've also supported federal grants to help state and local governments update their elections infrastructure and protect their systems from foreign cyberattacks.

Q4: As a father and grandfather, it's extremely important to me that our children and grandchildren have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. In my lifetime, we've made incredible strides in cleaning up our environment, but we don't need the heavy hand of government forcing one-size-fits-all regulations on every community. That's why I worked with the late Todd Portune on legislation (now law) to promote flexible solutions that lead to cleaner water at a much lower cost to taxpayers.

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



FEDERAL OFFICE CANDIDATES



Kevin David Kahn
Libertarian

Website: <http://Kahn4Congress.com>

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Twitter: twitter.com/Kahn4C

Occupation: Entrepreneur and Business Owner. I own a Manufacturer's Representative agency that works with USA manufacturers of industrial valves and fittings to export Made in USA products around the world.

Education: University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business - MBA; University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies - M.A East Asian Studies; Middlebury College - A. B. International Politics and Economics

Experience: I have been involved in executive and management roles in the manufacturing industry for the past 23 years with a heavy emphasis on sales management. I have served on the Board of Directors of both a public company and non-profit organizations

Political Philosophy: Libertarian - All individuals are sovereign over their own lives, and should be free to live them in a manner of their choosing as long as it does no harm, nor interfere with others living their lives as chosen. I oppose government interference in any voluntary or contractual relationship between consenting adults whether social or economic. Individuals own their own bodies and labor and have inherent rights over them that other individuals, groups or government may not violate.

Endorsements: Ohio Stand United - Ohio's largest pro-Constitution organization with chapters in over 88 counties and ~60,000 members; De - Escalate Ohio Now! Heartbeat Movement - Goals are to Change Public Policies, Justice Reforms, Drug Policies, Gun Reforms, Police Accountability and Transparency on a State and Federal Level; Libertarian Party of Ohio; Hamilton County Libertarian Party; Jeremy "Spike" Cohen - Libertarian Party Vice-Presidential Candidate; Mike Mains - City of Harrison Councilmember

Affiliations: Chairman, Hamilton County Libertarian Party; Vice Chairman, Sycamore HS Ice Hockey Association Board; Midwest-USA Chinese Chamber of Commerce (past Vice-Chair and Treasurer); Let Us Vote 4 A Balanced Budget Amendment; FAIRtax Organization; Downsize DC; American Promise

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: End the 49 year old War on Drugs. It has led to policies that specifically target and are unequally enforced against our racial minorities and other marginalized groups. Continue supporting the current legislation to end Qualified Immunity. Police should be required to carry private misconduct insurance, and receive compensation increase to cover the expense, but they need external accountability to their actions. End Civil Asset Forfeiture and No Knock Warrants to restore Due Process.

Q2: I advocate for the dismantling of the current income and asset based tax system and move to government revenues being earned via a consumption tax. I am a proponent of the FAIRtax method of taxation. It would allow those working to keep all of their income, and make payment of taxes more voluntary as each can control how

much they consume. I will also vote against any federal budget that requires deficit spending. Adding to the debt only steals economic opportunity from our future generations

Q3: I will support all methods of voting, including absentee mail-in, early in-person and election day in-person to give all voters the option to participate in the method most comfortable to them. I would also encourage more transparency on the intelligence our agencies collect on the issue of concerted attacks by foreign governments on our election process. There can be national guidelines prepared on steps to protect voting systems against these attacks that can be certified by the Election Boards.

Q4: The federal government's role should be minimized to providing the necessary information to make informed decisions on how to interact with the environment and ensuring that there is a free-market mechanism to allow individuals to take preferred environmentally related decisions. Eliminate subsidies we give to energy companies so that the true cost of energy is factored into market decisions. We should continue encouraging all zero-emission sources of energy. Require carbon neutral production.

Kiumars Kiani (Write-in)

Candidate did not respond as of print date



Kate Schroder
Democrat

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Occupation: I have spent my career working in healthcare and public health policy, including 3 years in best practice research for hospitals and 12+ years in global public health. I have also spent 3 years in legislative politics at both federal and local levels

Education: I received my B.A. from Indiana University (1999) and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania (2004). Growing up in Cincinnati, I attended Ursuline Academy for high school and Nativity for grade school.

Experience: In addition to my work in public health and healthcare policy, I have served on the Cincinnati Board of Health since 2016.

Political Philosophy: At our core, we're all people, and most of us want the same things. We want to see a doctor when we're sick, our kids to have access to good education, and jobs that allow us to take care of our families. We want to be treated with dignity and respect. With all the negativity and divisiveness in our political system, I'm running to be a low-ego problem solver who helps bring people together to get things done for our community -- to work hard to advance these shared goals.

Endorsements: I am proud to be endorsed by EMILYs List, DCCC Red to Blue, Barack Obama, Moms Demand Action, Kamala Harris, Pete Buttigieg, Planned Parenthood, AFL-CIO and many labor unions, League of Conservation Voters, J-Street, and many more organizations. Locally, I have been endorsed by Mayors John Cranley, Nan Whaley, and Sen. Cecil Thomas, Reps. Brigid Kelly, Cathy Ingram, and Commissioner Denise Driehaus.

Affiliations: I am a lifelong member of the Democratic Party and am proud to send my children to Cincinnati Public Schools.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: We have an obligation to acknowledge racism in our institutions and work collaboratively to do better. I support the Justice in Policing Act which would eliminate the use of chokeholds, curb use of force, and institute better training for law enforcement officers. Though Cincinnati isn't perfect, we have made tremendous strides toward improving police/community relations. We still have more to do, but there is a roadmap to improvements.

Q2: To create good paying jobs in our community, we must have significant federal investment in infrastructure. As our roads and bridges have fallen into disrepair, we are in dire need of building our communities back to not only create jobs now, but to attract future jobs that require a reliable broadband and transportation infrastructure.

Q3: We must make sure that voters can access their ballots safely and securely through expanded vote-by-mail options, an online option for ballot requests, fully funding the USPS, increased ballot drop boxes in communities, and more polling locations so that voters who wish to vote in person can do so in compliance with public health guidelines.

Q4: If elected, I will help champion investment in renewable energy and innovative technologies that are sustainable and help reduce our emissions. I will support the U.S. re-committing to the Paris Accord and work to create measurable goals for reducing our dependence on non-renewable sources and our own emissions. In Cincinnati, the City is embarking on an ambitious project to use 100% renewable energy over the next three years. In Congress, I would help to showcase and build upon this example.

DISTRICT 2 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Jaime M. Castle
Democrat

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Twitter: twitter.com/jaimycastleOH2

Occupation: Teacher for Cincinnati Public Schools

Education: Bachelor's of Science in Communications Education from Miami University

Experience: As a leader: PTO President, President of the Board of Trustees at Heritage Unitarian Universalist Church, director of ten theater productions, soccer coach of three teams, Chair of the Spring Auction at HUUC.

Political Philosophy: Politicians should be public servants, putting the interests of the people first. They should never serve for selfish reasons and they should legislate and govern in a way that benefits not only the society as a whole but also with individual human rights protected. I believe in a "Goldilocks" approach to the size of the government - big enough to oversee the safety of its people and to support those who struggle and small enough to allow for personal freedoms. A just right size.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party Clermont County Democratic Party Ohio Students for Gun Legislation LEAP Equality Cincinnati PAC

Affiliations: Local 1520 Cincinnati Federation of Teachers

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I think a lot of these policies will need to be locally crafted and it starts with the leadership in each community. The Federal level can provide the basic guidelines such as the current legislation drafted (H.R. 7120) ending qualified police immunity & lowering the criminal intent standard for a law enforcement officer for misconduct in a federal prosecution. We also need to make sure that law enforcement has what they need: body cameras, and modern technology to keep their data bases update

Q2: I want to strengthen the U.S. Small Business Administration. Right now we need to get small businesses the necessary funding to make it through the pandemic - it is crucial to our economic recovery. Even before the shutdown, I wanted to

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

Poll workers are needed in Hamilton County on Election Day. Qualifications: be a registered and active voter, a U.S. citizen, be able to speak, read, and write fluently in English, and comfortable using electronic technology. You cannot be a candidate for any office to be voted on the ballot or a convicted felon. Poll worker training is required. Must be available to work on Election day from 5:30am-8:30pm and the Monday night set up from 7:00-9:00pm. To become a poll worker, you can apply online at votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/become-poll-worker/register.

FEDERAL OFFICE CANDIDATES

Jaime M. Castle continued

be a champion for folks struggling to navigate the regulations, zoning, and tax rules when starting and maintaining a business. We need to offer better and more accessible support and resources. I also want to grow clean energy and recreational initiatives.

Q3: States need the technology to allow folks to request an absentee ballot online & ballots should

not require postage to be sent back to the Board of Elections. There should be official ballot drop boxes located throughout a county spaced out so that folks do not have to travel great distances to cast their vote. Election Day should be a national holiday so people are not restricted to off work hours. Voting technology (the machines and software) need to be secured to the highest degree.

Q4: Restore regulations that have been lessened

or cancelled & make sure that regulations are being enforced. I think that changing campaign finance so that big corporations cannot give money to politicians is important too as much of this pollution is the result of legislators looking the other way. Term limits would limit the corruption as well. We need to invest in green/clean energy and technologies that clean our earth. We need to transition companies with a plan like the Citizens Climate Lobby

James J. Condit, Jr. (Write-in)

Candidate did not respond as of print date

Brad Wenstrup

Candidate did not respond as of print date

STATE OFFICE CANDIDATES

OHIO STATE SENATOR – 8TH DISTRICT (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$60,584*

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.

**Base salary.*

Write-in candidates do not automatically appear on ballot, and have to be added to ballot at the polls.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: In what ways would you change our election system to be prepared for crises that impair the right and equal access to vote?

Q2: What solutions do you propose to address challenges and inequities in the healthcare system?

Q3: What will you do to combat gerrymandering and ensure voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?

Q4: What policies do you favor around criminal justice reform?

500 character limit for each response



**Louis W.
Blessing III**
Republican

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Twitter: twitter.com/lwblessing3

Occupation: I am the incumbent state Senator for the 8th District, as well as a licensed professional engineer.

Education: BSEE, BA Mathematics, University of Cincinnati

Experience: I have nearly 8 years of experience in the Ohio Statehouse; first as a state Representative (29th District, 2013-2019), and then as a state Senator (8th District, 2019-present). I have 15 years experience as an electrical engineer, and 10 as a P.E.

Political Philosophy: I consider myself a pragmatic legislator who is most comfortable finding solutions that all sides can agree on. I'm a believer that markets work well, and are more capable of improving social mobility than government micromanagement. I've been a strong supporter of a low and broad tax base, reining in spending, and ensuring our regulations are efficient and serve their intended purpose. I also believe in the dignity of work, and helping those who've fallen on hard times get back on their feet.

Endorsements: FOP Queen City Lodge #69, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Federation

of Teachers, Buckeye Firearms, Ohio Education Association, Ohio Right to Life, Ohio State Medical Association, Greater Cincinnati Right to Life, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Affiliated Construction Trades (ACT) Ohio, Ohio Association of Public School Employees, NFIB, Ohio Society of CPAs, Various mayors, councilmen, trustees, members of the General Assembly, and Congressmen.

Affiliations: Too many to list

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Having chaired the House Committee through which many election issues passed - Government Accountability & Oversight - it is a generally accepted practice that wholesale changes to election law first come into effect during an off year election. Ohio currently has a robust, no fault absentee voting system with early voting beginning on 10/6. Voters can vote by mail, early in person at the BOE, or on election day on 11/3. Social distancing and sanitation supplies will reduce the risk of Covid-19.

Q2: A big issue that we're currently working on is SB 198, which addresses surprise billing. I'm committed to fixing this issue in a future General Assembly, if it's not fixed through SB 198. The rising cost of prescription drugs is another substantial problem in ensuring that Ohioans have access to quality, affordable health care. We've been working in concert with the administration on clearer price transparency and better accountability from the pharmaceutical industry.

Q3: I was a co-sponsor of S.J.R. 5 in the 132nd General Assembly, and voted favorably for it in committee (Rules & Reference) and on the House floor. This led to Ohio Issue 1 passing at the ballot in 2018 by a 3-1 margin. This Constitutional amendment had three goals: promoting bipartisanship, keeping communities together, and creating compact districts. Given that 2021 will be a redistricting year, it's best that we allow the process that was set in place to work before considering any changes.

Q4: My political philosophy with respect to criminal justice reform is that our jails are crowded and expensive; many of those incarcerated are drug addicted, have mental health issues, or both; and that a felony on your record in many cases guarantees you'll be on Medicaid and welfare for life, both of which are expensive programs. To that end, I am a co-sponsor of SB 3 - a large, criminal sentencing reform bill - and I voted affirmatively for it on the Senate floor.



Daniel Brown
Democrat

Website: <http://votedanielbrown.com>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/brownohsenate>

Twitter: twitter.com/brownohsenate

Occupation: Insurance Fraud Investigator

Education: I graduated from Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management. I am also currently attending Xavier and working towards my MBA.

Experience: I am a United States Marine Corps veteran. I served honorably from 2005 – 2010. In the military we put aside our personal goals to work as a team to accomplish the overall mission. This attitude is sorely missed in the politics of today.

Political Philosophy: I believe that government should be efficient, effective, and lean. I believe that our government works best when we have politicians who work in good faith to get things done with each other and put the needs of all Ohioans first instead of their own. We need to start over and fix our political maps to create a more responsible state legislature.

Endorsements: Cincinnati AFL-CIO Senator Sherrod Brown Gun Sense Candidate Distinction Hamilton County Democratic Party Equality Cincinnati PAC Ohio Students for Gun Legislation

Affiliations: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Our election system needs common sense updates. We should be creating ways to make voting more accessible to everyone, instead of restricting access to voting and purging voters from our database. The first common sense solution would be to create an online system to register to vote by mail. If you can update your registration online, we can certainly request an absentee ballot. Second, we need to greatly expand the locations to drop off our ballots in each county. Currently we have only one

Q2: The Affordable Care Act created the opportunity for states to expand Medicaid coverage to each state. We have to protect this expansion because it allows thousands of Ohioans to receive

access to quality and affordable healthcare. The next election is going to decide which direction the country moves to. Ohio has to stand up for these expansions, and embrace new expansion in the future when they are created. Families should not have to file bankruptcy to have access to their healthcare.

Q3: This is the most important issue facing Ohio today. We have seen unprecedented corruption in Ohio. The Republican Speaker of the House faces criminal charges for being apart of a multi-million racketeering conspiracy. This is not the first corruption charge that Republicans have faced in Columbus either. The first thing we need to do is to draw new and fair maps that represent the people of Ohio. We need new representatives in Columbus to ensure this occurs.

Q4: Common Sense. We live in a world that can have multiple truths. Not all police officers are bad people and their job is difficult, and at the same time we have seen people (especially people of color) die by the hands of police officers. We must correct this issue. If we can build trust and confidence in our police and build better ties to our communities, we will keep both police and the people safe. We have to create solutions by working together, and having conversations with each other.

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Salary: \$60,584*

Term: 2 years

Responsibilities: To represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.

**Base salary.*

Questions We Asked:

Q1: In what ways would you change our election system to be prepared for crises that impair the

THEY REPRESENT US: TRU

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

Online it can be found at

<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/cincinnati-area/studies/tru-they-represent-us>

Or you can call 513-281-8683 for printed copies.

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right and equal access to vote?

Q2: What solutions do you propose to address challenges and inequities in the healthcare system?

Q3: What will you do to combat gerrymandering and ensure voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?

Q4: What policies do you favor around criminal justice reform?

500 character limit for each response

OHIO STATE REP - DISTRICT 27
(CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Sara Bitter
Democrat

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Occupation: Mom, Attorney, Disability Rights Advocate, and Candidate for Ohio State Representative

Education: BA in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati, Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and Law Trainee graduate Cincinnati Children's Hospital Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program

Experience: Assistant to the Special Counsel to the President at White House Clinton Administration, National Field Director ReelAbilities Film Festival North America, Co-Chair 2015 Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival, Outreach Cincinnati Children's UCCEDD

Political Philosophy: As a mother of two children living with a disability, I understand that caregivers' voices need to be heard in Columbus. I will use my legal training and experience as a disability rights advocate to fight for all families. Healthcare, education and workforce are my top priorities. I will also work to create a bi-partisan "Disability, Mental Health and Addiction Caucus" in the Ohio legislature to promote public policies that help protect all families. "Bitter for Better"

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 69, Ohio

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Election Protection and Voting Info Hotline:

1-866-OUR-VOTE (English)

1-866-Ve-Y-Vota (Spanish)

1-844-YALLA-US (Arabic)

1-888-API-VOTE (Asian & Pacific Island Languages)

Association of Professional Firefighters, Ohio Federation of Teachers, Ohio Education Association, UAW CAP, Moms Demand Action Distinction, Equality PAC, Swing Left, Emily's List, NDRC and Eric Holder, Sierra Club, UFCW Local 75, Sheetmetal Local 24, AFSCME Council 8, OAPSE, OCSEA/AFSCME, SEIU District 1199, Ironworkers Local 44, Sierra Club, Cincinnati Building Trades, IBEW Local 212, AFL-CIO, Matriotts, LIUNA Local 265

Affiliations: Democratic Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I would work to reduce physical barriers that prevent access to polling places. I would increase training for poll workers. I'd ensure proper voting equipment which supports the needs of all people including people with a full range of disabilities like visual and hearing impairments, mobility limitations, and intellectual disabilities. Advocate for online applications for mail-in voting. And add multiple secure voting ballot drop boxes instead of just the 1 at Hamilton County BOE.

Q2: Protect Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and the Affordable Care Act's pre-existing clause. All are currently being threatened. People and families need these health programs and people with pre-existing conditions need health care coverage, especially during this pandemic. I would also propose that OH's insurance laws stop being in conflict with federal parity laws. Insurance should cover mental health and substance use disorder services just like they must for physical health services.

Q3: If elected I will work to combat gerrymandering and ensure voter-approved redistricting reforms as an Ohio State Representative. In 2021, the Ohio legislature will redraw the US Congressional and state legislative lines. I was endorsed by the NDRC and Eric Holder and I will pledge to fight against gerrymandering and produce fairer maps in the 2021 redistricting process. It is important to elect more Democratic state legislative candidates so we can ensure fair maps are drawn in Ohio.

Q4: I favor declaring "racism as a public health crisis." Prohibiting law enforcement from targeting people based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, gender identity or sexual orientation & from using quotas for (arrests, stops, citations). Requiring AG to create a database tracking officer-involved shootings and excessive force uses; Crisis Intervention Teams to respond to mental health situations; Requiring mental health training; More conditions on juvenile interrogations.



Tom Brinkman
Republican

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Occupation: Life Insurance Sales

Education: BA from The George Washington University in Washington DC

Experience: Served in the Ohio General Assembly 2001 to 2008 and 2015 to present

Political Philosophy: Lower taxes and less government

Endorsements: Coalition Opposed to Additional Spending and Taxes (COAST)

Affiliations: Coalition Opposed to Additional Spending and Taxes (COAST)

Candidate did not respond to questions

A SINGLE VOTE IS IMPACTFUL

The simple numbers show how you can take the power of the vote back.

How important is a single vote?

If 100 people are eligible to vote and each person registers AND votes, then **51 votes** decide the election.

If only 60 people of the 100 eligible to vote register AND ALL 60 vote, **just 31 votes** win the election.

If only 60 people register of the 100 eligible to vote, but only half (30) of them vote ... then it takes just **16 votes** to win the election.

Because many people did not vote, a small group of active voters — **just 16 people** — controlled the outcome for all 100 of the people.

When you choose NOT to vote, you give more clout to every vote that is recorded.

OHIO STATE REP - DISTRICT 28
(CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Jessica E. Miranda
Democrat

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Occupation: State Representative

Education: Talawanda High School

Experience: Winton Woods School Board President, mother of three, small business owner, and current Representative for HD-28.

Political Philosophy: I am a public servant, not a politician. The work that I am doing is to best serve my constituents, and to guarantee that our economy and society is fair to everyone.

Endorsements: President Obama, Senator Sherrod Brown, Emily's List, Planned Parenthood, and various labor organizations and other progressive groups.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I would make our electoral system more accessible to voters by expanding vote by mail, early voting, and the ways in which you can vote. I oppose methods of voter disenfranchisement and would also work to eliminate those. We can't prevent crises from occurring, but we can guarantee that our voting process is protected and functioning regardless of the circumstance.

Q2: I support expanding medicaid and medicare, and fighting at the state level to defend attacks on the Affordable Care Act. I will continue to fight to make sure my constituents have access to affordable healthcare by supporting an expansion of a public option, lowering prescription drug costs, and working with healthcare experts to address to root of the inequalities in the healthcare system.

Q3: If I am able to win this seat again in November, we will have a chance to break the Republican supermajority in Columbus, which means that we can ensure accountability in the redistricting process. Gerrymandering is one of my top issues, and I promise to uphold the voter-approved redistricting

reforms when we redraw the maps next year.

Q4: I believe that there is a way to keep our communities safe and work to end the systemic injustice of our current system. I support sentencing reform, decriminalizing the drug crisis, and devoting more resources to education instead of incarceration.



Chris Monzel
Republican

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Occupation: GE Aviation - Engineer

Education: Purdue University, BS Aeronautical-Astronautical Engineering; University of Cincinnati, MS Aerospace Engineering; Harvard University, Masters of Public Policy

Experience: Nine years on Cincinnati City Council 2001-2010; Eight years as Hamilton County Commissioner 2011-2018

Political Philosophy: The best form of government is the one closest to the people.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As Hamilton County Commissioner I have already made changes to improve equal access to voting by working bi-partisanly, with my fellow Commissioners, Todd Portune & Denise Drieheaus, to move the Board of Elections to a central location in the county with free parking as well as providing a 24/7 drive-thru drop box for absentee voters. As a State Legislator I would work bi-partisanly to develop voting protocols to ensure the right and the ability for everyone to fairly & safely vote.

Q2: One solution I implemented was the establishment of Cradle Cincinnati which reduced infant mortality (death before 1 year of age) by 15% in Hamilton County. Ohio is ranked as one of the worst states in America for infant fatality, ranking 41st out of 50. I will work to reduce infant mortality throughout all of Ohio. Additionally, the rising cost of healthcare is hurting families across our state. I will address issues such as surprise billing & clearer price transparency in our healthcare costs.

Q3: In May of 2018 Issue 1 was passed over-

Chris Monzel continued

whelmingly by the voters of Ohio. Ohio is the first state in the nation to draw congressional districts using a hybrid of state legislators and a state commission. I was supportive of Issue 1 which was approved to combat gerrymandering & establishing fair districts. As your State Representative for House District 28, I will ensure that these voter-approved bi-partisan redistricting reforms are fully implemented and carried out fairly for our citizens. **Q4:** As County Commissioner, in a bi-partisan effort, I helped create the Hamilton County Office of Re-entry. Connecting with community resources such as employment, housing, and health care, can be very challenging for men & women being released from incarceration. The Office of Re-entry connects those returning citizens to resources & helps them navigate the reentry process, thus increasing public safety, reducing recidivism & saving taxpayers dollars. I'll work to expand this program across Ohio.

OHIO STATE REP – DISTRICT 29 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Cindy Abrams

Candidate did not respond as of print date



Harrison T. Stanley (Write-in)
Independent

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Occupation: Published research archaeologist, certified electrical technician, currently working towards my degrees in Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Cincinnati.
Education: July 2020 Shaffer Honors College of Leadership 2016-present University of Cincinnati 2014-2016 West Suffolk College
Experience: Held multiple elected executive positions in non-profit organisations and clubs. Formal education in legal compliance (archaeological curation and workplace health and safety).
Political Philosophy: I am an American first, an Ohioan second, and a political independent third. Growing up in an active-duty military family I learned that honor, duty, and integrity are important above all else. I'm not looking to launch a political career, I'm just trying to serve our state and our fellow citizens the way I know how, by doing what ought to be done. Until all of our people are treated equally with dignity and compassion by our government, I'll keep fighting.
Affiliations: Ohio ACLU - Member Society for American Archaeology - Member Archaeological Institute of America - Member Phi Delta Theta - Member Liberal Gun Club - Member National African-American Gun Association - Member
Candidate's Question Responses:
Q1: Firstly I would challenge HB680. This bill when introduced went through the House's State and Local Government Committee, had a single supporter, overwhelming opposition (by multiple voter advocate organizations including the Ohio

LWV, ACLU, & AARP), and still passed the House along partisan lines. Universal mail-in ballots and multiple county ballot drop-off boxes at no cost to voters are reasonable, safe, and logical approaches to supplement in-person voting during crises. **Q2:** Medicare-for-all, in the simplest terms. There is already a bill stuck in committee in the House (HB292, introduced 6/19/19) that sets out a state funded program that would replace the existing medicare/medicaid in the state and expand coverage to all in Ohio. With this, total costs to individuals would be reduced, equal access to quality healthcare could be greatly improved, and by cutting out insurance companies, money spent can actually go towards care, not lining executive pockets.
Q3: After the ACLU and LWV backed Ohio A. Philip Randolph Institute v. Smith lawsuit challenging districting that created a 12-4 GOP advantage in Ohio (resulting in them winning more seats than their proportion of total votes) was found to be a political question by the SCOTUS, we're no better off than a decade ago. The only way to fight this oppression is to beat a rigged system and elect candidates with enough backbone to see democracy win. This isn't a partisan issue, it's democracy at risk.
Q4: I am a supporter of the #8cantwait campaign which advocates for immediate implementation of 8 researched-backed methods that could be enacted at the departmental policy level for cities. Beyond that, I am a proponent for a statewide licensing system for law enforcement, similar to the existing systems for dozens of other professional careers. An armed police officer requires less training and accountability than my barber, there's obviously something wrong with that.

OHIO STATE REP – DISTRICT 30 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Tom Roll
Not Identified

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Occupation: Pharmacist (retired)
Education: Oak Hills High School - 1969 University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy - 1980
Experience: This is my first attempt at running for a political office.
Political Philosophy: One's liberty ends where the next individual's begins. This is a simple philosophy, but difficult in practice.
Endorsements: I claim no endorsements from any politically oriented group.
Affiliations: None
Candidate's Question Responses:
Q1: Our electoral process is broken. It is systematically corrupted by the influence of money. Reducing the influence of money in politics is my campaign platform. I intend on doing this by introducing to the General Assembly as many provisions as possible found within the model legislation known as the American Anti Corruption Act (AACA) - see <https://anticorruptionact.org/whats-in-the-act/>. In doing so I hope to repair and

resolve the damage done to our electoral process by money.
Q2: As a pharmacist, I have seen several problems with our health-care system. Almost all are rooted in a for-profit corporate system. The least-worst scenario I see for our health-care system is some form of universal Medicare. This will present new problems, but will resolve the main problem: health care for profit - a system which benefits the rich. One of the six reasons for our constitution listed in the preamble is "...promote the general welfare...". I feel it's time to do so.
Q3: Passage of provisions of the AACA would resolve these issues. Presently, 90% of American citizens do not have a say in the policy-making of our government (see: "Corruption Is Legal in America" video on my web site). The Ranked Choice Voting provision of the AACA would greatly aid in this area. AACA passage must occur at local and state levels and then escalate to the federal level (such as occurred with Women's Suffrage, Civil Rights, and other democracy-oriented movements).
Q4: "Defund the police" is a terrible catch phrase. "Reallocation of funds" doesn't capture the headlines as well, but it better exemplifies how I feel. Being a police officer may be the hardest job there is in our country. Ensuring that only the best attain the position of a police officer is of paramount importance, and may in the long run reduce the need for use of force in many situations. However, some humans will always deviate from proper social behavior where use of force is warranted.

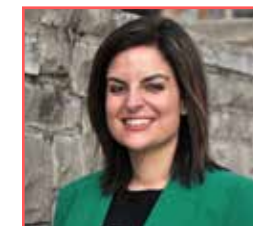


Bill Seitz
Republican

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Education: B.A., University of Cincinnati; J.D., University of Cincinnati
Experience: See "qualifications" below
Political Philosophy: Conservative
Endorsements: Ohio Republican Party, Ohio Education Association
Affiliations: Western Economic Council, Westwood-Cheviot Kiwanis Club, Westwood First Presbyterian Church, American Legislative Exchange Council, Green Township Republican Club, Delhi Historical Society
Candidate's Question Responses:
Q1: Only the legislature may change the date, time, and manner of holding an election – certainly

not any unelected bureaucrat. Ohio's 28-day window for no fault absentee voting and in person voting, which exceeds most in the U.S., already prevent "crises that impair the right and equal access to vote." We have used federal money to help local boards prepare for in person voting this fall.
Q2: We have already acted in the House this session to greatly expand the use of telehealth opportunities and to end the practice of "surprise billing" from non-network providers. More needs to be done to expand scope of practice to safely allow intermediate healthcare professionals to provide services at lower cost.
Q3: I dispute the premise that the current system creates "gerrymandering". Voters have largely segregated themselves along a rural/suburban/urban divide. The convoluted redistricting reforms approved by voters will be followed, but I expect no significant changes at the end of the day.
Q4: The Ohio Innocence Project and the Ohio Justice and Policy Center will attest that no one has championed these reforms more than I have. We have worked to compensate the wrongfully convicted, reduce the chance of mistaken lineup identification, and offer reduced time to persons taking job training and education projects while in prison. I support HB 1, granting additional flexibility on sealing records, and SB 3, reducing most drug possession charges from felonies to unclassified misdemeanors.

OHIO STATE REP – DISTRICT 31 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Brigid Kelly
Democrat

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Occupation: State Representative, OH-31 Communications Director, UFCW Local 700
Education: MA, University of Cincinnati (Human Resources) BSBA, Xavier University (Entrepreneurial Studies/Marketing)
Experience: Current State Representative (running for third term); Former member, Norwood City Council; More than a decade of experience fighting for hardworking people, their families, and our communities
Political Philosophy: Putting families first and politics last.
Endorsements: SEIU District 1199; Equality

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?

Your Vote Can Be Powerful!

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

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

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Brigid Kelly continued

Cincinnati; Ohio Education Association; UFCW Local 75; Cincinnati AFL-CIO; OCSEA; AFSCME; Planned Parenthood; Ohio Federation of Teachers; Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus; The Matriots; UAW-CAP Council; International Union of Operating Engineers; OAPSE; 1889 Friends of the Sentinels; NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio
Affiliations: Member, United Food and Commercial Workers Union

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Elected officials should be passing legislation that makes voting more accessible, not less. We should pass automatic voter registration. There should be more drop boxes for ballots and expanded access for in-person early voting. The state should have an online application for absentee ballots; postage on absentee applications and ballot returns should be paid. Absentee ballots postmarked on Election Day should be accepted.
Q2: We need ensure that people in our state have access to quality, affordable health care. A first step should be declaring racism a public health crisis (and following through on ten action items in the resolution). The state should make more widely available implicit bias training for its employees and contractors. Ohio should also focus and invest more in mitigating the social determinants of health (like access to health care, healthy foods, good jobs, healthy environment).
Q3: Redistricting should be a transparent process that ensures voters pick their elected officials instead of the other way around. Meetings related to redistricting should conform to the same standards

as any other public meeting (including scheduling and availability of records). We should work in a bipartisan way to create fair maps that can be approved by a majority of both parties, instead of citizens having to go through multiple sets of maps in the next decade.

Q4: Criminal justice reform is necessary and overdue-our justice system should work the same way for everyone, regardless of race or income. Folks are in jail who shouldn't necessarily be, spending more time than they often should; then, they have too many challenges finding work and building a better life. Jails should not have to be used as places for detox or rehab. The system of cash bail should be eliminated (or changed) as it can be an impediment for low-level offenders being able to get out.

OHIO STATE REP - DISTRICT 32 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Catherine D. Ingram
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WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE? VOTING CONNECTS US

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

He called **voting a "ritual observance" that fosters patriotism.**

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

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

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

Occupation: Ohio Realtor; Ohio Legislator; certified Ohio Notary Public; Business and education consultant

Education: Woodward HS; Knoxville College,(HBCU) Knoxville TN; undergrad; University of Cincinnati BS Marketing UC College of Business; MBA

Experience: Corporate; CG&E; CInergy;(Duke; Exec Director MBEMP (Cin USA Chamber) ; instructor NKU, COEHS; TMC grad inst.; community council frn VP; various boards of directors; former Rec commissioner ; education consultant; current legislator, Mother; G Scout

Political Philosophy: That our Nation was established to be a democracy to create opportunities for life progress for individuals and families. All opportunities should be for all Americans regardless of differences such race or physical characteristics, religion, sexuality, gender identity, et al. That justice should be for all regardless.

Endorsements: Equality Cincinnati PAC; OEA; Emily's List; The Matriots; CWPC; Ohio Society of CPAs; Ohio Assn of Plumbers and Pipe-fitters PCE ; HCDC; Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council; Emily's List; NARAL Pro-Choice; OCSEA/AFSCME Local 11; Local 4; Planned Parenthood; UFCW 75; HCDC; OFT; CFT ; Gr Cincinnati UAW CAP Council; Senator Sherrod Brown; IBEW; CDP; OH Legislative Black Caucus

Affiliations: CABR, Cincinnati Ambassador; NAR; OH Realtors; Girl Scouts of Western Ohio; CWPC; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Mt. Auburn Community council; MLK Corridor Steering Committee; Uptown Neighborhoods group; Women in Government; Ohio Legislative Black Caucus; National Council of State Legislators; Ohio School Boards Assn.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: We must make sure that all of our Emergency response systems are aligned and prepared to react as a whole to expose and deny any Pandemic specifically on a national, state, and local level. Coordination of services and resources must be in place and prepared at all times. Our ability to vote by mail or in person should be expanded. More drop boxes. We must require systems' accountability for safety for all electors. We must demand transparency in how a future event will be expeditiously managed.

Q2: Part of the silver lining of the Pandemic is that it has exposed systemic inequities which have always existed in our country. As evidenced by the disproportionate mortality of black and brown people due in part to poor healthcare access despite your economic status and poverty to compound it. Medical research must focus on how to eliminate disparities. Preventive care must address the individual and should be available to all at minimal or no costs. Investments in prevention for will save us.

Q3: My first voice is for the sake of my constituents and to ensure that that can help the lead to the best for all Ohioans. It will be important for me and my colleagues to know and adhere to what is required for formulation and function of the "committee" and the ensuing process to draw district lines. The make-up of the participants will be very important and I expect to argue as to how they address the demographics of the entire state. I am pushing for a complete Census count of Ohio and 32.

Q4: Complete bail reform; Alternatives to incarceration for low level offenders; Elimination of minimum sentencing; Focus on rehabilitation through meaningful programming for reentry to decrease

recidivism; Align work of Judges, Prosecutors and Public defenders to eliminate "hurry up" plea bargaining; Require documentation and reporting of disparities in sentencing for like crimes; Dismantle the use of For-Profit Private Prison System Corporations which incentivize incarceration.



Dadrien Washington
Democrat

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Occupation: I am a security contractor with a secret clearance so I can not or allow to explain what I do for my country.

Education: Associate degree in Technical and Network support.

Experience: Security Guard Government contractor Computer analyst

Political Philosophy: We are Better together!

Affiliations: Former CYC Mentor

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: First, I would extend early voting out from 28 to 40 days. Next, polling locations would open for 24 hours on election day, because I believe that all voters should have access to vote at their polling locations without being constricted by time.

Q2: I propose a tiered level health care system. Tier level 1 may include free or \$20-\$25 health urgent care clinics operated by students who are practicing medicine.

Q3: What will you do to combat gerrymandering and ensure voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?

Q4: I favor Medication-Assisted (MAT), public defense reform, and drug law reform.

OHIO STATE REP - DISTRICT 33 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Sedrick Denson
Democrat

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Occupation: Partner with 4CI Community Engagement Consultant

Education: Attended University of Cincinnati BA Organizational Leadership

Experience: Served as Chief of Staff to Councilman, Wendell Young with City of Cincinnati, SW Ohio Director for Ohio Environmental Council, Outreach Director for For Our Future,

Political Philosophy: Leaving politics out of how we value people.

Endorsements: Ohio Democratic Party Hamilton County Democratic Party Ohio Environmental Council (More to come)

Affiliations: National Action Network - Board Member NAACP - Member Urban League Young Professionals - Member African American Chamber of Commerce

STATE OFFICE CANDIDATES

Sedrick Denson continued

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: In these troubling times facing our nation, we are tasked with finding ways to make sure state laws and policies are fair. One of the most fundamental and easiest thing we can do is make make voting accessible to all. What needs to be in place are policies that ensure no matter what crises we are faced with, all elections are protected for voters to have safe and fair processes for all to vote.

Q2: Solutions for addressing our healthcare system have always been a priority. Healthcare in my opinion is something that should not have space for politics but unfortunately have controlled the process. Simply put, I believe all Ohioans should have access to affordable healthcare that addresses all families. The right to affordable healthcare is the right thing to do and something that party affiliation should not have a role in.

Q3: Gerrymandering has been a major issue in Ohio. Ensuring that voters have to opportunity to vote for the best representation is extremely important to ensuring fair elections. I will continue to support all efforts to ensure Hamilton County and all Ohio voters have fair districts. I will also continue to commit to working with partners who are working for fair districts and work to purpose legislation that support those efforts.

Q4: Criminal justice reform is something we have a lot of work to do in order to be a state where people are treated fairly. I support policies that will give individuals the opportunity that be faced with a system that treats them fairly and gives them a honest chance as a returning citizen. We have the opportunity to allow citizens to return to society and provide them with resources and options that gives them a sense of dignity and pride to be a productive citizen. This area is a priority for me.



Mary L. Hill
Republican

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Occupation: Seasonal Income tax prepare

Education: Completed three years of college at Raymond Walters College

Experience: 15 years in Insurance industry, 14 years in Financial industry, 11 years as payroll director/benefits manager

Political Philosophy: Anything worth doing is

worth doing right. You can do the right thing, or the wrong thing but the worse thing is to do nothing at all.

Endorsements: Right to Life, Police Chief Village of Woodlawn

Affiliations: ProKids, North East Rep.Women Club, Woodlawn Community Improve Corporation, Active Woodlawn Inc.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Many depend on the US mail, so during these times I would have more temporary help added to US mail service. Also have the mail service to stay open 24/7 to ensure all mail is delivered on time. The counting of voted to be extended until the next morning around 5 or 6:0'clock. The board of Election to hire more help and extended hours also on election day. Special bus service on election day to and from polls.

Q2: The cost of medication in the USA is a health care issue especially for our senior citizens. Many times their pills are broken in half to make them last until they receive the next months social security check. Many must make the decision to buy food or their medication. I would look into the method used when an insurance company pays for a drug it is much less than when an individual pays for the same drug. I do consider this to be an inequality in the healthcare system.

Q3: I will push for a fairer distribution percentage by voters in district regardless of party affiliation.

Q4: The policies around criminal justice reform is correcting some social economic conditions in our every day society. racism, income inequality, a fairer justice system from the bottom up. The violence that is condoned within our systems must be addressed. R evaluate how we appoint lawyers for those who cannot afford a lawyer. We need to revisit the rules around our parole system.

OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT – COURT OF APPEALS (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$164,000

Term: 6 years, commencing 1/1/21

Responsibilities: Constitutional court of judicial review.

For more information about judicial candidates visit: JudicialVotesCount.org

Questions We Asked:

Q1: List your judicial experience (courts and years).

Q2: What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

Q3: Why are you running for this particular court seat?

Responses trimmed to 500 characters.

Sharon L. Kennedy

Candidate did not respond as of print date

John O'Donnell

Candidate did not respond as of print date

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Occupation: Judge, Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals

Education: J.D. Capital University Law School, Order of the Curia; B.S. Sociology-Gerontology, Miami University, Cum Laude

Work Experience: Court of Appeals Judge since 2014; 17 years private law practice, during period of 1987 through 2014 when not in elected public service (founded what was initially home-based law firm in 1988 with 3 small children at home); USAID Rule of Law Expert for 4 engagements in Republic of Serbia on Judicial Reform and

Government Accountability (anti-corruption) and 1 engagement in Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, all during period of 2012-2015; International Election Observer in Arab Republic of Egypt for 3 engagements in 2014-2015; Secretary of State of Ohio 2007-2011 (first female elected); Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge 2000-2005; Ohio Secretary of State's office deputy director and legal counsel 1983-1987; Ohio Senate legislative aide and committee secretary 1978-1981, Member of 5 state/local boards: Ohio Student Loan Commission early 1990's, Franklin County Board of Elections 1997; Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission 2011-2012; Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist Board 2012-2014; Central Ohio Transit Authority

Family: Married since 1978 to attorney Rick L. Brunner from Columbiana County, Ohio, 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren with another on the way; 2 rescue dogs

Affiliations: 2008 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award Recipient for work as Ohio's 52nd Secretary of State – <https://www.jfklibrary.org/events-and-awards/profile-in-courage-award/award-recipients/jennifer-brunner-2008>; current Board Chair, The Legacy Fund of the Columbus Foundation, supporting central Ohio LGBTQ+ nonprofit organizations; former board member of Cleveland-based Center for Community Solutions (research and advocacy on health policy) 2012-2019; American, Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations; American Judges Association; Oxfam Sisters of the Planet Ambassador; Member of US Global Leadership Coalition Ohio Advisory Committee; religious affiliations: Catholic and United Church of Christ (protestant)

Endorsements: Cleveland Construction and Building Trades Council; SEIU Local 11199; Communication Workers of America District 4; Ohio Federation of Teachers, Bar Association Rated-2002 Highly Recommended, Bar Association Rated-2014 Highly Recommended

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, elected 2014, reelected without opposition 2016

• Serve as one of eight judges in jurisdiction of 1.2 million people reviewing cases filed as of right from lower courts at county and municipal level (civil and felony and misdemeanor cases, probate, family law and administrative law), state court of claims cases, administrative law decisions and holding original jurisdiction in government-related cases.

• Participate in three-judge panels that hear oral argument

Q2: My 17 years private practice experience with people from all walks of life has helped me better understand how the law affects people, in a wide variety of life situations. To be a lawyer is a calling to serve society and to uphold and protect the

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A provisional ballot is used to record a vote if a voter's eligibility is in question and the voter would otherwise not be permitted to vote at the voter's polling precinct. The content of a provisional ballot is no different from a regular ballot, but it is cast "provisionally" until election officials can verify the voter's eligibility to vote in that particular precinct at that election. If you cast your provisional ballot and provided acceptable proof of identity, you typically do not need to provide any additional information to the Board of Elections.

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

Jennifer Brunner continued

rule of law. I have worked for clients ranging from economically disadvantaged single mothers to one who was running for president (Jerry Brown in 1992).

My private law practice experience includes trial and appellate work for clients in common pleas court.

Q3: I love the law, I love Ohio and I enjoy helping people. I am privileged, having traveled to every county in this state when I served as Secretary of State, to have worked with Ohio's 88 county boards of elections as we together served Ohioans.

I chose to run for the Ohio Supreme Court for three reasons: First, I want to be a part of a court that ensures that the first decision interpreting the state constitution's new provisions for fair districts for Congress and the Ohio General Assembly.

**Judi French**

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Occupation: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Education: B.A. (Political Science); M.A. (History); J.D. (Law with honors), The Ohio State University (2013-present); Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals (2004-2012); Chief Legal Counsel to the Ohio Governor (2002-2004); Assistant Attorney General/Chief Counsel to the Attorney General of Ohio (1997-2002); Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (1993-1997); Associate Counsel, Steelcase, Inc. (1993); Associate, Porter Wright Law Firm (1988-1993).

Family: Married with two children and two grandchildren

Affiliations: Court Liaison, Ohio Access to Justice Foundation Board; Volunteer, Franklin County Children's Services College Bound Program; Member, Federal Appellate Rules Committee; Member, First Community Church; Member, OSU Moritz College of Law National Council

Endorsements: Ohio Fraternal Order of Police; Ohio Chamber of Commerce PAC; Ohio Farm Bureau AGGPAC; NFIB Ohio; Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio (ACT Ohio); Ohio State Medical Association PAC; Bar Association Ratings—"Highly Recommended"; 2014 "Highly Recommended" by the Ohio State Bar Association Commission on Judicial Candidates; 2010 "Highly Recommended" by the Columbus Bar Association Judicial Committee

Candidate's Question Responses:**Q1:**

— Justice, Ohio Supreme Court 2013 – present
— Appointed January 2013; elected November 2014.
— Serve on seven-member court with statewide jurisdiction over all legal matters, including discretionary and non-discretionary appeals, original actions, death-penalty appeals, and disciplinary matters.
— Serve as frequent presenter before high school, college, law school, legal professional, and general public audiences on matters of access to justice, civic education, law, and campaign policy.

Q2: For more than two decades, I have dedicated my career to public service. Before becoming a judge, I had served as chief legal counsel to the governor, an assistant attorney general, and a state government lawyer. Those years in public service are critical to my understanding of state laws, my adherence to constitutional limitations, and my commitment to careful and efficient decision making on behalf of all Ohioans.

I also have legal experience in the private sector, having worked in a law firm

Q3: I first aspired to be a justice because it offers interesting, challenging, and meaningful work that serves the public interest. I aspire to be reelected to the office because I want to continue that work, both on and off the bench. As a justice, I am able not only to bring attention to needs within the legal profession, the judiciary, and the public as a whole, but also to advocate for change to meet those needs.

OHIO APPELLATE COURT – COURT OF APPEALS – DISTRICT 1 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$164,000

Term: 6 years, commencing 1/2/21

Responsibilities: Constitutional court of judicial review.

For more information about judicial candidates visit: JudicialVotesCount.org

Questions We Asked:

Q1: What kinds of policies, if any, will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our community?

Q2: Would you approve requests for no-knock warrants from law enforcement? If so, what considerations influence your decision?

Q3: How will you work to provide all defendants coming through your courtroom equal treatment, regardless of race, gender, ability to pay, or mental status?

500 character limit for each response

**Ginger Bock**

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Occupation: Staff Attorney for Judge Thomas Beridon.

Education: J.D. University of Cincinnati College of Law, Summa Cum Laude. B.A. Miami University, Cum Laude.

Experience: My primary focus has been appellate advocacy. I have argued before the Supreme Court of Ohio, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and multiple Ohio Courts of Appeals. I currently serve as the Staff Attorney for Judge Thomas Beridon.

Family: Married with two children (6 and 4) and two rescue dogs.

Endorsements: Hamilton Co. Democratic Party; Sen. Sherrod Brown; 1889 Friends of the Sentinels; Bold New Democracy; Cinci AFL-CIO Labor Council; Cinci Federation of Teachers; Cinci UAW CAP Council; Cinci Women's Political Caucus

HOW TO FIND OUT ABOUT JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Voters often don't have much information about judicial candidates. Because most citizens do not routinely interact with judges in their communities, they tend to know very little about how judges conduct themselves in the course of doing their jobs. In addition, state rules do not allow judicial candidates to discuss their views on controversial issues because judges must be impartial on the bench. It is important for voters to understand the role of the courts and the important qualities to consider when evaluating judicial candidates.

To learn about candidates for judge in your area consider reading candidates' campaign literature, visiting campaign websites, and talking with people who know the candidates, including practicing attorneys. The League of Women Voters of Ohio again this year joins the Ohio State Bar Association, the Bliss Institute for Applied Politics at the University of Akron, the Ohio Newspaper Association and Ohio Broadcasters Association in a **statewide, nonpartisan, online judicial voter's guide at www.judicialvotescount.org**.

In order to make a decision, when voting on judicial candidates, consider the answers to the following questions:

To what extent has the candidate practiced in the area(s) of law the court handles?

What work or other experience has the candidate had that will particularly qualify the candidate to perform the duties of a judge on this court?

What is the candidate's legal philosophy? Political philosophy?

Consider the candidate's integrity, judicial temperament, and level of commitment to public service and the administration of justice.

Also, consider who is paying for any advertising about any particular judicial election. For our democracy to function, judges must carry out their tasks impartially and independently. **Judges' decisions should not follow public opinion or promote special interests or even reflect their personal beliefs. Judges' decisions should be based on facts and law. This judicial impartiality protects fair trials and upholds the rule of law.**

PAC; CWA Local 4400; Equality Cincinnati PAC; Greater Cincinnati Building Trades; IBEW Local 212; Ironworkers Local 44; Ohio AFSCME Power In Action; OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4; Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 392; Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 24; United Food and Commercial Workers Local 75

Affiliations: NAACP (Lifetime Member); Cincinnati Bar Association (Member); American Constitution Society (Member); National Association of Women Lawyers (Member); Finneytown Elementary Parent Teacher Association (Chair of the Grants Committee)

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: 1. Advocate for a statewide database of arrest and sentencing data with demographic information, which would identify racial and other disparities. 2. Recruit staff from different races, ethnicities, religions, experiences, and income levels. 3. Attend implicit bias training regularly and require my staff to do the same. 4. Develop a program to match low income litigants with attorneys who want appellate experience—with a mentoring system—so that all low-income litigants may have legal counsel.

Q2: Appellate court judges do not issue search warrants. Moreover, the Ohio Judicial Canons prohibit judicial candidates from making pledges about issues that may appear before the Court. I believe that answering this specific question will

violate the Canons. Generally, I have read that no-knock warrants disproportionately affect minorities. It is the responsibility of those in authority to investigate whether disparities exist and work toward eliminating inequalities.

Q3: All parties—criminal and civil—deserve equal and respectful treatment. When elected, I will: 1. Attend, and require my staff to attend, implicit bias training to ensure that unconscious biases do not affect decisions. 2. Encourage the public to watch oral arguments to ensure that judges are treating counsel and parties respectfully. 3. Recruit staff with different life experiences than me. 4. Deliberately think through every decision to ensure that it is based solely on the facts and the law.

**Russell J. Mock**

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Occupation: Presiding and Administrative Judge,

STATE OFFICE CANDIDATES

Russell J. Mock continued

First District Court of Appeals

Education: B.A. The University of Dayton J.D. Pettit College of Law, Ohio Northern University

Experience: I have been a judge for 16 years and have over 64,000 cases of judicial experience. In 24 years of practicing law, I had over 150 criminal and civil jury trials as a judge, prosecutor and attorney. I have sat as a judge on the Ohio Supreme Court.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Republican Party

Affiliations: Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, Ohio Judicial Conference,

Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association, Ohio Commission on Professionalism, Advisory Committee of Court Security to the Ohio Supreme Court, Judicial Ethics, Professionalism & Diversity Committee, Grants Committee for the Cincinnati Bar Foundation

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: The work I do on a daily basis is focused on seeking justice in each case I consider. The most important thing I can do is to ensure that every person in our community feels like they have equal access to the courthouse. That can be accomplished by fully and fairly considering each case that comes before me strictly on the merits, and never saying anything that might give someone the impression that their wrongs are not addressable, their needs are not respected, and their humanity not valued.

Q2: Judges that serve on the state appeals court are not authorized to approve search warrants of any kind. R.C. 2933.21 limits that authority to certain judges. While it might seem attractive to make some general comments here on the subject, it would be irresponsible and unethical for me to do so. I do not have the luxury of being able to make broad statements about entire categories

of the law. Each case is unique. Each person deserves—and is entitled to receive—full and fair consideration.

Q3: Defendants convicted of a crime are entitled to appeal his or her conviction to the court of appeals without cost. In the 4 years I have been the presiding judge of the court of appeals, 200 defendants have received representation appointed by the court at no cost to them. The court works closely with many organizations to help meet the needs of those outside the area of criminal law. And over 16 years, I have retained and developed a staff who share my desire for equal treatment for everyone.

HAMILTON COUNTY OFFICE CANDIDATES

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Salary: \$96,000

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Exercises financial control of County expenditures; authorizes public works; purchases land and buildings; lets contracts; plans and administers welfare. The Board of County Commissioners also appoints other officials to operate various departments within the county.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: How would you develop a constructive partnership between Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati?

Q2: What will you do to support a vibrant economy in our area?

Q3: What would you do to improve storm water management and lead abatement?

Q4: What kinds of policies, if any, will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our community?

500 character limit for each response

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(CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Andy Black
Republican

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Occupation: Senior Vice President

Education: Miami University (Oxford, OH), B.A. Bellarmine University (Louisville, KY), M.B.A.

Experience: Nearly 20 years of private sector experience has prepared me to take on the critical tasks of balancing our county's budget, as well as generating economic growth and job creation.

Political Philosophy: There is no better place to live in this country than Hamilton County. This community has provided so much for me, and I can't imagine growing my business and raising my kids anywhere else. Having given me so much, I feel the responsibility to give back. We are presented with so many opportunities and a bright future for our community - we just need the right leadership to propel us into an era of growth and success. Visit www.BlackForHamiltonCounty.com to learn more.

Endorsements: Congressman Brad Wenstrup

Affiliations: Northeast Hamilton County Republican Club; Hamilton County Republican Party Leadership Council; Portman for Senate Campaign & Chabot for Congress Campaign.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: It has become clear that the relationship between the city and the county has deteriorated significantly, which only serves to stifle our ability to grow. We've seen this when it comes to MSD and now most recently as it relates to the Banks project. It is my belief that new leadership and a fresh perspective is required to get this relationship back on track and I would propose setting up a joint strategic planning committee comprised of key elected officials and staff.

Q2: Economic growth of Hamilton County is at the center of my campaign. At this moment, Hamilton County is in the midst of a financial crisis that has been exacerbated due to COVID-19. In order for us to get our budget back on track and inspire growth, we need to fundamentally change how we look at our county finances. A big part of this is getting underutilized assets, such as Paul Brown Stadium, off the county books so we have resources to invest in infrastructure and other core services.

Q3: We have a Storm Water District and oversight committee, but this group lacks funding of any significance to take on projects beyond inspection and maintenance of the program. I would push for a level of funding to initiate the creation of plans for addressing water quality especially for new and redevelopment projects. We cannot be caught flat-footed if and when federal regulations are enacted to require quality improvements. Once we have a plan, we will establish priorities moving forward.

Q4: It is clear that our community and our nation is engaged in a dialogue about what our society should look like moving forward. I believe that as a commissioner, the most effective thing I can do is create an environment where people of all backgrounds feel safe and have opportunities to succeed. By unlocking funds currently committed to the maintenance and operations of underutilized facilities owned by the county (e.g. Paul Brown Stadium), we will have the ability to invest in our community.



Herman J. Najoli

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Occupation: As an educator, I teach International Business and Global Issues at Indiana Wesleyan University. As a public servant, I serve the developmentally disabled and homeless. In 2015 I won the CBC Forty Under 40 award. I am a father, friend, and futurist.

Education: I have a Bachelor of Arts degree - Economics and Commerce (Nairobi U., 2000); two Masters degrees - Organizational Leadership (Regent U., 2004) and Advanced Leadership Studies (IWU, 2009); and Doctoral degree - Organizational Leadership (IWU, 2012).

Experience: Serving students for over 20 years shaped my humility and empathy. Serving the developmentally disabled and homeless for over 15 years refined my resilience and maturity. Serving as a coach for the past 5 years shaped my authenticity and niceness.

Political Philosophy: Basic to all solutions is the need for a new way of thinking that is wisdom-based. Hamilton County needs a new voice that will bring the voices of common residents into County government. My doctoral study researched 193 carefully selected leaders and discovered that wisdom and citizenship behavior are related. As Commissioner, I will call for us to move forward in creating jobs, be first in safety, and lead into the future. I am Independent and not beholden to any political party interests.

Endorsements: I am fiercely Independent - the first Nonpartisan to ever make it to the ballot for Commissioner in Hamilton County's 230-year history. I will serve all of Hamilton County and not cherry-pick groups or unions like a career politician. I am a leader of all people. I submitted 6,847 signatures for this current run for office. No one else has ever done that. Party candidates submit only 50 signatures. I value the voices of the common people on the streets who signed my petitions. I will serve all.

Affiliations: Serving on the Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Commission (TIRC) since January 2019. Served on the WCPO Community Advisory Board for two years. Soccer coach and volunteer (Athletic Association, Education Commission, PTO, Fish fry, Festivals) at St. William School Parish. Soccer coach at St. Lawrence School. Basketball coach at St. William. Track and Field Coach at St. Catherine. West End Pride Youth Soccer Coach for FC Cincinnati. Parent Ambassadors for the Cincinnati Squash Academy (CSA). Winner of the Forty Under 40 Award (September 2015) hosted by the Cincinnati Business Courier (CBC). Devoted father and shepherd to two awesome kids (Son, 14 and daughter, 11). Leader of relief missions to Kenya with my wife of 16 years through Maisha Bora (Better Life), a family initiative supported by numerous friends.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As I crisscrossed the county petitioning for signatures, I heard repeatedly from many that we deserve a better government. Our residents recognize that government is supposed to be for the people, of the people, and by the people. I have outlined a very comprehensive, downloadable plan at drnajoli.com/platform. In a nutshell, it is an audacious effort branded BETGOV - a combination of the words 'better' and 'government' for Brilliance, Efficiency, Transparency, Growth, Ownership, and Vision.

Q2: I will propose a Hamilton Entrepreneurial & Economic Drive (HEED). It will have two vibrant components: 1. I will champion entrepreneurship through the creation of an Office of Resident Advancement through Networked Growth, Entrepreneurial Creativity, and Investment in Neighborhoods for Commercial Innovation (ORANGECIN-CI). 2. I will advance a groundbreaking initiative to be named Hamilton Economic Reinvestment Action for Local Disbursement (HERALD). See my platform agenda: drnajoli.com/planks

Q3: I have stated clearly that the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) must be transformed into a Major Success Demonstration (MSD). See my 5-point SEWER strategy by searching YouTube for 'Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) VERGE'. Lead, particularly in home environments, is an emergency scenario. I will ensure that we are prepared for every kind of unique scenario by unleashing my Standards, Education, Responsiveness, Volunteers, Execution (SERVE) plan. Search YouTube for 'Emergency Management VERGE'.

Q4: I will fight for people living dangerously on society's margins through a County Office for Regional Research on Eliminating Causative Tendencies in Individuals with Vulnerability Experiences (CORRECTIVE). I will bring comfort, relief, and hope in a gentler and compassionate manner. I will use arts and culture to transform community development through the nation's first ever Commissioner's Union for Robust Artistic & Cultural Yearning (CURACY). I will establish a SEVEN HILLS LAB (drnajoli.com).



Alicia Reece
Democrat

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Occupation: Marketing Consultant Community

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Alicia Reece continued

Developer Radio Producer/Host

Education: Graduate- Withrow High School International Studies Academy BS in Mass Communications from Grambling State University

Experience: Cincinnati City Council & Vice Mayor OH State Representative Deputy Director OH Tourism Dept Pres OH Legislative Black Caucus Founder, OH Voters Bill of Rights Amendment Radio Host & Producer Marketing and Branding Consultant

Political Philosophy: To work to achieve Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream - a world where everyone has an equal and fair opportunity at the American Dream I want our county to be vibrant, affordable, safe, fair, and inclusive

Endorsements: Laborers 265 Afsme Council 8 Equality Cincinnati Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley, Senator Cecil Thomas, Women Political Caucus Pres. Barbara Myers, Former Mayors Mark Mallory, Charlie Luken, Former Congressman David Mann, Lincoln Heights Mayor Ruby Kinsey Mumphrey, Woodlawn Mayor Brian Poole, Forest Park Mayor Charles Johnson, School Board Members Harriet Russel, Ryan Messer, & Mike Morowski, OH Reps. Sedrick Denson & Cathy Ingram, Councilman Greg Landsman

Affiliations: Democrat Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As someone who served three terms on City Council, I am familiar with how city government operates and personally know many of the people currently serving on council. This gives me a unique perspective to see situations from both sides in disputes. Also, while I was a state representative, I had a reputation for reaching across the aisle to work with my GOP colleagues. I understand the need to respect diverse voices and the importance of looking for common ground so all sides have an impact.

Q2: The coronavirus has had a severe impact on all of us. Our priorities must be to help people with food and shelter, while assisting businesses to regain stability and expand jobs. We need a comprehensive pro-growth agenda that provides relief to struggling citizens while rewarding work, small businesses and economic development. Over the years, I helped expand the convention center and build the MLK interchange. I will bring together support for similar transformative projects in the future.

Q3: Residents are tired of politicians bickering while their homes are flooded. City and county officials must remember their first priority is to help residents, not protect their turf. As commissioner, I would convene a task force representing all sides in the stormwater dispute and give it a deadline to issue recommendations. For lead abatement, the Ohio EPA has innovative programs to remove lead from childcare centers. I would work with the governor to expand these efforts.

Q4: I have always been a champion for justice

and racial equity. As the president of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, I was able to work with a bipartisan group of elected officials, community leaders, and chiefs of police to get an executive order from the governor for establishing use of force standards statewide. We must now enact these policies into law to show we are serious about reform. Accountability is essential to rebuilding trust and cooperation between law enforcement and the community.

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Denise Driehaus
Democrat

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Occupation: Small Business Owner, Public Servant

Education: B.A. Miami

Experience: I have been a small business owner, a state legislator for 8 years, and privileged to serve as your county commissioner since 2016.

Political Philosophy: Progressive. Practical. Collaborative.

Affiliations: Democratic Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: There are many examples of successful county-city collaboration, including, the creation of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program, our work to ensure a complete count in the 2020 census, and our response to COVID-19. The county and city aren't always going to have aligned interests, but we will continue to make progress as long as leaders on both sides remain focused on accomplishing our common goals.

Q2: During COVID-19, The Board of County Commissioners developed grant programs to help small businesses stay afloat during this difficult time. Prior to the crisis, we made an investment in our tourism economy, gaining control of the Millennium Hotel. We also invested in reclaiming brownfields for future development through the Port. We learned from the last recession, that making key economic development investments now, will put us in a strong position as we recover from the COVID-19 slowdown.

Q3: The Board of County Commissioner assembled a task force to evaluate how we can better address storm water runoff in Hamilton County. I am particularly interested in how we can provide

incentives for green infrastructure in construction projects to help manage storm water better.

Q4: In May of 2017, The Board of County Commissioners established the Economic Inclusion Advisory Council in order to assist the Office of Economic Inclusion. The advisory council has been instrumental in achieving our goal of diversity and equity integration across all county departments. The Board has also moved to declare racism a public health crisis in Hamilton County, and we have set goals to achieve as we tackle health inequities.



Matthew Paul O'Neill
Republican

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Occupation: Senior Accountant for Treasury Protech Home Medical A publicly traded health care company

Education: 1980 St Xavier High School 1984 Miami University BS Accounting and Finance 2002 Xavier University MBA Passed CPA exam 1988

Experience: 4 years Senior Accountant for Treasury at Protech Home Medical, Wilder, KY 11 years as Senior Accountant Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH 4 Years as Business Manager at Chaminade-Julienne High Dayton, OH

Political Philosophy: Fiscal Conservative Center Right

Endorsements: Cincinnati Right to Life Preferred

Affiliations: St. Cecilia Catholic Church

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: One issue seems to be related to employee compensation issues. I will focus on trying to make the compensation issue narrow over a period of time, The result would be regardless of who owns and manages the operation, compensation becomes less of an issue as time passes. Having not been on the inside of either the city of county government before, I don't have a "we have always done it that way" attitude from either side.

Q2: Support police. When police are told to stand down, lawlessness takes hold quickly. People get shot, buildings burn down, jobs disappear. Voters need to know that I will not be calling for defunding police. I will be an advocate for getting businesses open again and fighting against arbitrary rules shutting down businesses. Taxes in Hamilton County have skyrocketed in recent years. I will oppose future tax increases and try to repeal those that should have already expired like Union Terminal.

Q3: I noticed in Liberty Township and West Chester, many subdivisions have retention ponds. I would like for neighborhoods across the county to have similar retention ponds. Regarding lead abatement, I think the priority is to determine how many homes need remediation. After that, an estimate could be made of the total cost to solve the problem. Once the cost is known, a funding source needs to be determined. With the funds identified, how long will it take? Is that a reasonable amount of time?

Q4: Poverty, poor education and crime are all connected. I would like for those in prison to have incentives to gain education and work skills in exchange for a reduced sentence. I would like for the county to have a program to hire them

upon release so that individuals would now have better skills and more income thus less reason to re-offend. I think the Police Collaborative Review needs to be funded as a percent of each community's police budget. The city has one and the county should as well.

COUNTY PROSECUTOR (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$101,271

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To investigate and prosecute crimes committed within the county, to defend the county in court, and to give legal advice to county agencies and townships.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: What kinds of policies, if any, will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our community?

Q2: What will you do to foster trust with the voters you represent?

Q3: What should be considered when determining a recommendation for bail?

Q4: Do you support prosecuting youth accused of serious crimes as adults? Please explain how youth should be treated throughout the justice system.

500 character limit for each response



Joseph T. Deters
Republican

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Occupation: Hamilton County Prosecutor

Education: University of Cincinnati (Undergraduate), University of Cincinnati College of Law (Law School)

Experience: 1992-1999: Hamilton County Prosecutor, 1999-2004: Ohio's 44th Treasurer of State, 2004-Present: Hamilton County Prosecutor

Political Philosophy: The responsibility of the Prosecuting Attorney is to seek justice in all cases. I take that responsibility seriously and follow it in all my dealings.

Endorsements: I am proud to be endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, the Cincinnati Area Board of REALTORS, Cincinnati Right to Life, the Hamilton County Republican Party and many other organizations and individuals.

Affiliations: I am a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association, National District Attorney's Association, the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association, and continue to serve on the New St. Joseph's Cemetery Board of Trustees. Previously, I served on the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees, Ohio Organized Crime Commission, and the Southern Ohio Leukemia Foundation.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I've spent my entire career bringing justice to the victims of crime without regard for race, gender or sexual orientation. Whether popular or not, I pursue justice. I will continue to dedicate resources for programming designed to provide healing to those with drug and mental health issues. It takes real leadership to know when to go hard and when

Voting with Disability or Confinement

Persons who cannot vote at a polling location on Election Day or in person at the board office due to personal illness, physical disability, infirmity or confinement may receive and return a ballot by mail or in person through two boards of election employees. This includes voters confined to a nursing home or jail.

Voting from the Hospital

Applications for persons who are hospitalized or whose minor child is hospitalized due to an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency occurring after 12:00pm noon on the Saturday before Election Day, will be accepted until 3 pm on Election Day.

Questions? Contact Candice Kloepper | 513-632-7069.

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Joseph T. Deters continued

to give someone a break and that kind of leadership only comes from experience prosecuting the toughest cases.

Q2: What I have done and will continue to do to build trust is use my experience prosecuting felonies to bring justice to situations where an injustice has occurred. I believe the voters, who have elected me Hamilton County Prosecutor six times, understand that. Voters have seen me prosecute violent criminals for over 20 years. That is real leadership - that is real experience. Everything else is just talk and I am the only candidate in this race with that level of experience and leadership.

Q3: Keep in mind the Prosecutor does not set bond - Judges do. The main factor to be considered in setting bail is whether the defendant is a flight risk. The more violent the crime, generally, the higher the flight risk. On the other hand, low level non-violent defendants should, generally, receive an own recognizance bond. Bond is not a one size fits all scenario. States that have done away with cash bonds have seen a rapid and dramatic increase in all kinds of crime.

Q4: Sadly, there are some instances where justice demands a juvenile be prosecuted as an adult. This is due to the limitations of the juvenile justice system, which loses jurisdiction over youths at a young age. Simply put, it would demean the seriousness of certain violent crimes (such as Murder or Rape) to treat them as juvenile offenses. My commitment to seeking justice for victims of crime demands we do more in these select cases. All such juveniles should get full Constitutional protections.



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Democrat

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Occupation: Attorney with the Cochran Law Firm. Former Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge and prosecutor.

Education: Hampton University, B.A. Psychology '93 University of Cincinnati J.D. '96

Experience: Prosecutor: Cincinnati, Woodlawn, Lincoln Heights, Lockland, and Moscow (1996-2007); Private Practice Areas: Civil Rights, Employment, Housing Discrimination, Business Litigation in State and Federal Court (2000-2007); Municipal Court Judge (2007-2019)

Political Philosophy: "Cooperation is better than conflict, unity is better than division, empowerment is better than resentment, bridges are better than walls. It's a simple, but powerful concept: We (The People) are stronger together." Although these words are from the Democratic Party national platform, they accurately summarize my personal life and political philosophy. We as a society can achieve justice, but only if we work together. My personal experiences in leadership confirm the truth of this statement.

Endorsements: A long list of current and former elected officials, religious leaders, and community activists endorse me in this race. The full list of endorsements can be found at fanonrucker.com.

Affiliations: Elected/Appointed Leadership Positions - President, Seasongood Good Government Foundation (2017 - Present) - Association of Municipal and County Judges of Ohio, Trustee (2010 - 2019) - Association of Municipal and County Judges of Ohio, Secretary (2018 - 2019/Retirement) - Supreme Court Appointee, Bail Reform Committee (2019 - Present) - Supreme Court Appointee, Ohio Bar Examiner (2019 - Present) - Supreme Court Appointee, Rules of Superintendence (2014 - 2019) - Supreme Court Appointee, Judicial Election Grievance Review Board (2015 - 2019) - Cincinnati Bar Association, Finance Committee (2017 - 2019) - Cincinnati Bar Association, Nominating Committee (2017 - present) - Cincinnati Bar Association, Trustee (2003 - 2007) - Bar Exam Grader (1998 - 2007) - President, Black Lawyers' Association of Cincinnati (2001 - 2003) - Cincinnati Academy Leadership for Lawyers (CALL) (2001) - Mayoral Appointee to Cincinnati Action Now, Police and Justice Committee (2001-2003) - Federal Magistrate Judge Selection Committee (2002) - Board Member, Boys Hope Girls Hope (2002 - 2006) - Board Member, Catholic Inner-city Schools Education (CISE) Fund (2003-2007) - Board Member, Cincinnati Paralegal Association (2003 - 2006) - Board Member, Children's Law Center (2004 - 2007) - Steward, Allen Temple AME church (2006- Present) - Board Member, Elementz Youth Center (2011 - 2014) - Prince Hall Masonic Order, Statewide Orator/Lecturer (2010 - Present) - United Supreme Council, 33rd Degree (2011 - Present)

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As prosecutor, promoting social and racial justice will be an important priority of mine. The Hamilton County Prosecutor's office has not hired a black male in over 20 years. As prosecutor, I will be intentional about having an office that accurately reflects Hamilton County. This is absolutely essential to restoring trust in our community. Without trust our criminal justice system cannot work.

Q2: As I mentioned above, restoring trust is an integral part in making our criminal justice system function for everyone. To this end, I will create a conviction integrity unit to restore our ability to properly serve justice in Hamilton County. I will also be a full time prosecutor with a full time commitment to Hamilton County. We will have a robust community relations team that will make sure that the voices of our communities are heard. In addition, we will bring a laser focus to violent crime.

Q3: The Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure provides the terms for the consideration of bail. I used these factors to set bail innumerable times over the years. I will follow the U.S. Supreme Court which stated that pre-trial detention should be the exception and not the rule. I will work to eliminate cash bail for non violent offenses and focus on pre-trial detention for those who pose a serious risk to the community. As in New Jersey, this will result in the reduction of violent crime and homicides.

Q4: Children should be treated as children, with the understanding that they can be influenced to be successful or to fail in life. Consequently, other than mandatory bind overs our office will focus on retaining juvenile court jurisdiction over minors charged with crimes.

COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$111,110

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To enter judgments and col-

lect court costs for appellate and common pleas courts, and also to issue and transfer automobile and water craft certificates of title.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: What kinds of policies, if any, will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our community?

Q2: What improvements would you implement in the office of the Clerk of Courts?

Q3: In what way(s) would you make the Clerk of Courts more accessible to people without lawyers?
500 character limit for each response



Alex Glandorf
Republican

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Occupation: I am a licensed attorney and small business owner. I own and operate an international sports agency that currently represents nearly 70 clients competing in over 30 countries on 6 continents.

Education: LaSalle High School; Xavier University; Universiteit of Maastricht (Netherlands - Study Abroad); University of Dayton School of Law; Sorrento Lingue (Italy - Legal Study Abroad).

Experience: Licensed attorney; Proven management experience; Effective communication skills; Ability to bridge cultural differences; Adept in identifying and designating individuals to responsibilities where they can thrive; Accustomed to working as a team.

Endorsements: Hamilton County GOP; Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #69; Ohio Right to Life.

Affiliations: Republican party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: The first thing I would do as Clerk would be to organize a sit-down that included local politicians, judges, police, and community leaders in order to discuss ways to increase community involvement, provide access to information, and make the workings of the county more transparent. By opening the lines of communication and accessibility, we can better understand the concerns of ALL people and how best to remedy the current deficiencies plaguing our offices and communities.

Q2: I would address the office budget to determine existing redundancies and financial waste. The savings can then be put towards truly modernizing the office. Technology should supplement, not replace, the office employees. Technological modernization will enhance communication between official offices, simplify the filing process, and promote office transparency. The public's access to reliable information will help reduce costs while making the justice system accessible to everyone!

Q3: As Clerk, accessibility and transparency will go hand-in-hand. We will increase accessibility by providing affordable/free procedural and substantive information for a multitude of common legal issues (ie. small claims, evictions, moving violations, etc). By having a department dedicated to providing these types of resources to the public, not only will it help those seeking justice but also ensure justice isn't dependent on cost. No one should have to go broke defending their legal rights.



Aftab Pureval
Democrat

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Occupation: Hamilton County Clerk of Courts

Education: BA - The Ohio State University, JD - University of Cincinnati

Experience: I worked for one of the largest law firms in the country, then moved home to Cincinnati to serve as a special assistant U.S. attorney, then became a lawyer for P&G and now I am serving as the Clerk of Courts.

Family: Married to my wife Whitney, and we have a 10-month-old son Bodhi.

Endorsements: Equality Cincinnati, AFL-CIO, UFCW, SEIU, Mom's Demand Action to End Gun Violence, the Hamilton County Democratic Party, National Association of Social Workers, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, the Friends of the Sentinels, and Senator Sherrod Brown.

Affiliations: Democratic party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I got involved in public service because of justice reform. As the Clerk, we've added more services online to increase access to justice. We've also launched an award-winning Help Center to help people who can't afford an attorney. In my next term, I want to end cash bail and provide sentencing statistics to end implicit bias in sentencing.

Q2: As Clerk, we've made significant improvements in the office. We've modernized technology and added new services online, we created a new website for the first time in 20 years. We also invested in our employees, paying everyone a living wage of \$15 an hour and offering paid family leave. We added protections for the LGBTQ community. And we did it all while saving taxpayers over \$2 million. I will continue to invest in technology and to make customer service a top priority.

Q3: In 2017, we launched a Help Center to assist people without an attorney get legal guidance to represent themselves. The Help Center has won a national award and assisted thousands of people with their cases, including eviction cases. We also offer online help and more services online to help people get their business done who cannot afford a lawyer. Our courts should be accessible not just for some of us, but for all of us.

COUNTY SHERIFF (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$110,624

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To provide services to the courts, to oversee the county jail, and to act as chief law enforcement officer for the county.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: In what ways might law enforcement evolve in the next five years? How would you prepare the Sheriff's Office for those changes?

Q2: What can the Sheriff do to improve public trust in law enforcement?

Q3: How should the Sheriff's Office further the use of alternatives to imprisonment?

500 character limit for each response

COUNTY SHERIFF CONTINUED



Bruce Hoffbauer
Republican

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Occupation: Currently a retired Police Lieutenant with the Cincinnati Police Department
Education: Graduate of Elder High School. Associates degree in Law Enforcement Technology from the University of Cincinnati and a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and graduate from the Southern Police Institute at U of L
Experience: Cincinnati Police Officer for 34 years. Started career in Law Enforcement in 1985 as a Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Workhouse and Justice Center
Political Philosophy: Republican. I believe in clear leadership, fiscal discipline, following the rule of law, and community engagement.
Endorsements: Hamilton County Republican Party endorsed candidate. After the primary, the list of endorsements, including some unions FOP 69, Cinti. Area Board of Realtors, Sheriff Jim Neil, Former CPD Police Chief and current Chief of the Detroit Police Dept. James Craig. More endorsements coming this week.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: One of the most important aspects of being an effective leader is having the ability to adapt to and effect change. Law enforcement is no exception. In my almost 35 years as a police officer how law enforcement has done the job has changed dramatically, and almost all of that change has been positive. the public needs to know that we will make changes to policy and procedures when necessary. As I said before, we need to constantly be looking to improve.

Q2: Also, the community needs to know that we will admit when mistakes are made. Like any large organizations, people will make mistakes and there will be missteps. A true leader is willing to accept responsibility when this happens. I have never been one to shy away from responsibility or push blame elsewhere to avoid it myself. If mistakes are made, I will confront them head on and be transparent with the public at all times.

Q3: The Hamilton County Sheriff's office has done a great job of increasing options as it pertains to alternatives to imprisonment, such as the heroin recovery pod and utilizing the Talbert House. When possible, we should look to utilize these resources that will assist people in making corrections to their life and returning to society. The state legislature and Congress have the responsibility to make decisions as it pertains to criminal justice reform. As Sheriff I will uphold the law.



Charmaine McGuffey
Democrat

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Occupation: Retired Major with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and currently an Independent Consultant on issues related to justice reform.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. Specialized training: Ohio Peace Officer, Crisis Intervention Skills Instructor, Victims Assistance & Hostage Negotiation, Certified Instructor Trainer/Training for Trainers.

Experience: Thirty three-year veteran, Ham County Sheriff's Office; held rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, then Major, highest ranking woman ever to serve; lead hostage negotiator; Commander of Jail & Court Services; balanced \$36 mil annual budget.

Political Philosophy: Life-long Democrat and am passionate about the fair treatment of people, in particular related to a fair system of justice. I may be considered progressive because I believe that justice reform is past due in our community, however, I believe that policies of fair treatment, fiscal responsibility, safety for prisoners and our community are not progressive-only values. I am a strong supporter of labor with the emphasis on safe working conditions, fair wages, and benefits for all workers.

Endorsements: Sherrod Brown Aftab Pureval 1889 Friends of The Sentinels Cecil Thomas Yvette Simpson John Cranley P.G. Sittenfeld Chris Seelbach Greg Landsman Wendell Young Jan-Michele L. Kearney Roxanne Qualls Denise Driehaus Stephanie S Dumas Victoria Parks Catherine Ingram Sedrick Denson Brigid Kelly Iris Roley Bobby Hilton Laverne Mitchell Aaron Brown James Wolf Thaddeus Hoffmeister Ryan Messer Dwight Tillery Cinti Women's Pol Caucus Matriots Cinti AFLCIO Cinti Fed of Teachers UFCW75 UAW CAP AFSCME OH8

Affiliations: Board Member, Women's City Club and Cincinnati Union Bethel; Member, Human Rights Campaign; former member of the Ohio Jail Administration Board; former volunteer for the HOOPS Program for Disadvantaged Children; Member, Leadership Cincinnati Class 39

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Law enforcement will and must evolve to build trust with the community. The culture of any organization begins at the top and I am committed to leading the Sheriff's Office with integrity, accountability, transparency and a commitment to community engagement. We will create a culture of excellence, a culture where every deputy in the department is committed to equal justice for all. I will also establish a Citizens Review Advisory Board that would be the first of its kind in the State of Ohio.

Q2: Improving public trust with the community is critical. I will build trust by continuing to engage the community with a focus on community policing. I want our deputies to be respected and I also want them to be respectful. I will create a Community Liaison Unit to improve transparency and communication with the public. I will invest in training that emphasizes building skills in community policing, de-escalation, and implicit bias, equal to those used when responding to crimes of violence.

Q3: Policing mostly is trying to resolve situations faced by members in our community damaged by poverty and its root causes. I will collaborate and align our response to such incidents with mental health/social service professionals working with our deputies. I will champion alternatives such as

electronic monitoring and no-cash bail for non-violent misdemeanor offenders so people don't languish in jail simply because they cannot afford bail. It just pushes people further and further into poverty.

COUNTY RECORDER (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$78,594

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To record deeds, mortgages, plats, liens, and other written instruments.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: If elected, what will be your top 3 priorities?

Q2: In what way(s) would you make information held by the Recorder's Office more easily available to the public?

Q3: How will you improve fraud detection and/or prevention?

500 character limit for each response



Scott Crowley
Democrat

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Occupation: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Education: University of Cincinnati College of Law with honors

Experience: I have been practicing law since 2011. I served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Judge Advocate. I left active duty in 2015. Currently I am a prosecutor for the City of Cincinnati. I also serve as the Veteran Treatment Court prosecutor.

Political Philosophy: Liberal

Endorsements: Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors, Realtors PAC, Equality Cincinnati PAC, Cincinnati AFL/CIO, Laborers Local 265, AFSCME Ohio Council 8, Greater Cincinnati Building and Trades, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 75, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Greater Cincinnati UAW CAP Council, 1889 Friends of the Sentinels, United States Senator Sherrod Brown, Ohio State Senator Cecil Thomas, Former Hamilton County Recorder Wayne Coates, Hamilton County Democratic Party

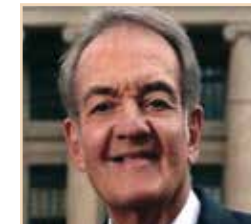
Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: We need a Marine prosecutor in this position to protect our homes, help our veterans, and to remove unlawful restrictive covenants from our deeds. 1) First priority is to protect our homes. Since 2017 criminals have stolen over 1.5 million dollars worth of property by filing false deeds at the Recorders office. One of the victims reported it cost over \$11,000 to get their property back. We need to implement a fraud alert system to protect our homes. A fraud alert system will deter criminals from operating here, provide the county early detection for criminal investigation, and will protect you the homeowner. We are the only county in southwest Ohio without a fraud alert system. 2) Second priority is to help our veterans by improving the Recorder's Veteran ID card by collaborating with business to get veterans the financial help they need. 3) Finally we need to work with our

legislature to pass laws allowing redaction of racist covenants in our deeds.

Q2: I would digitize all deeds so that the information is on the website. The goal is to be able to do a title search electronically. On April 20, 2018 the Recorder's office released access to images for deed books from 1967 to 1988. We need to continue this process. I would also improve community outreach at the office by being proactive with providing outside presentations and would target veteran organizations to highlight the veteran ID card. I would also consider weekend hours for the office.

Q3: On my first day in office we will finally implement a fraud alert system. This should have been done years ago. Since 2017 we have had two major instances of sophisticated criminal enterprises filing fraudulent deeds at the Recorder's office effectively stealing homes. In 2018 Butler, Warren, Clermont, and Montgomery counties all implemented fraud alert systems. We still do not have one. A fraud alert system will deter criminals from targeting our county and will protect our homes from fraud.



Norbert A. Nadel
Republican

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Occupation: Hamilton County Recorder

Education: University of Cincinnati undergraduate, Chase College of Law, Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program.

Experience: Current Recorder, former Judge in three courts - Domestic Relations, Municipal and Common Pleas, former Federal Prosecutor, former public school teacher

Political Philosophy: We need public officials to be honest, hard-working, trustworthy and do the job taxpayers pay them to do.

Endorsements: Current Endorsements: Fraternal Order of Police Queen City Lodge #69 and Cincinnati Right to Life PAC. In past elections I have received the following endorsements: Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors, Coalitions Opposed to Additional Spending and Taxes, Citizens for Community Values Action PAC, Labor Unions including Cincinnati Firefighters.

Affiliations: Advisory Board, Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati. Chairman, Board of Trustees, Chase College of Law Foundation. Member, Cincinnati Citizens Police Association.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As promised, I have done the following: • As your Taxpayer Watchdog I will continue to tirelessly advocate for efficient government and lower property taxes. • Released access to over one million additional images of Deed Books online. • Copies can be made, free of charge, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, online.

Q2: As your Recorder, I have initiated the following changes at no additional cost to Taxpayers: • Expanded business hours (7:30am to 4:30pm and until 5:00pm with afterhours passes). • Created Information Desk to help customers use the Recorder's Office. • Simplified website to allow customers better access to online copies free of

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Norbert A. Nadel continued

charge. • Veterans get free identification cards which help to get benefits and merchant discounts. • Creating a digital library of Historical Documents. **Q3:** As a former Federal Prosecutor and Judge, I make it a priority to protect records as your County Recorder. I work with our County Prosecutor and State Legislators in promoting stricter penalties for fraudulent deed transfers and protecting documents by redaction of sensitive personal information on our website.

COUNTY TREASURER (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$80,807

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To collect taxes in the county and its subdivisions, disburse expenditures, and invest the county's funds.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: Has the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted any changes you recommend in running the Treasurer's office?

Q2: What improvements would you implement in the office of the Treasurer?

Q3: How will you make information more available to the public?

500 character limit for each response



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AFTER YOU VOTE...

Voting is not the final step but a starting point for taking an active part in government. Hold your elected officials accountable by asking questions, attending meetings and speaking out about the issues important to you and your family. We don't have to go to Washington, DC. We can be heard from here.

And remember this--"One of the penalties of refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors" – Plato



Occupation: Non-Profit Consultant

Education: J.D., Temple University, 2003 B.A., Ursinus College, 1998 B.A., Central High School of Philadelphia, 1994

Experience: Attorney, Obama's White House Office of Management & Budget staff, non-profit executive, small business owner.

Political Philosophy: I'm a proud Democrat who believes in the power of people to help each other. I believe in making government more effective, more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of the community.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, IBEW Local 12, Laborers Union 65, Building Trades Council, Ohio Students for Gun Legislation, Equality PAC, CFT, AFL-CIO, AFSCME, The Patriots

Affiliations: Cincinnati Association; Duke Energy Children's Museum Advisory Board.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: The pandemic underscores the need to make tax collection as easy as possible for taxpayers, be it through the advertising of the TOPS installment program or more electronic payment methods. It's vital that we reach out to individual homeowners having trouble with payments due to the economic side of the crisis to ensure we give them every opportunity to find a payment plan that works. Equally important, those property owners who can pay but choose not to must be made to pay.

Q2: First, improve the level of customer service. We will ensure someone answers the phone when you call and provides you with polite, efficient service. The office staff must reflect the community it serves and we will hire with an eye toward diversity of race and gender. As above, make it easier to pay taxes through easier online payment methods and greater use of the installment program. Engage with the community and schools through educational programs on savings, finances, and investing.

Q3: First, make sure the website is updated regularly to provide current information. Add informational mailers to tax bills to ensure all property owners receive important updates. Publish regularly in the local press to make sure Treasurer's Office news is known. Hold community meetings to answer questions and get to know taxpayers, while making sure they know of all services available to them through the office.



Charlie Winburn
Republican

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Occupation: Consultant & Executive Pastor
Education: Harvard Business School- Authentic Leadership Development University of Cincinnati- Masters of Education

Experience: - 30 years of budget and finance experience. -Has worked for state & local government -15 years of Public service as an elected official for the City of Cincinnati. Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee.

Political Philosophy: We must treat everyone with dignity and civility.

Endorsements: *Hamilton County Republican

Party *Fraternal Order of Police Queen City Lodge 69 *Greater Cincinnati Area Local American Postal Workers Union *Cincinnati Right to Life PAC

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: The COVID-19 has created a major crisis in our nation and must be taken seriously by all Americans. I will do all I can to continue the COVID-19 Pandemic measures that Robert Goering, our current County Treasurer, is presently executing such as effective social distancing, wearing masks, and assigning staff, when appropriate, to work remotely from home.

Q2: Establish a County Treasurer economic development round table made up of property owners, realtors and business leaders to study the feasibility of job creation, entrepreneurship, and expansion of our tax base as it relates to the following:

- Establishment of a residential and commercial link deposit with financial institutions to expand our tax base
- Investment in specific and sound mega-projects using general debt obligation bonds
- Collaboration w/ Port Authority on infra-structure projects

Q3: One thing I would do to make information more available to the public is conduct a social media campaign and virtual on-line town hall meetings three (3) times a year with the citizens of Hamilton County to help them understand the mission of the County Treasurers office. Additionally, I will create a 24 hour customer service hotline to get back with citizens the next day to expedite their concerns.

COUNTY ENGINEER (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$114,914

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To oversee the construction, maintenance, and repair of all bridges in the county, and of county roads and other public improvements except buildings in the county.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: How would you rate Hamilton County's infrastructure?

Q2: Optional Explanation: How would you rate Hamilton County's infrastructure?

Q3: How will you manage or prioritize projects and funding?

Q4: How will data collected by the office be used in future decision making?

500 character limit for each response



Eric J. Beck
Republican

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Occupation: County Engineer

Education: Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University Surveying coursework at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

Experience: Employee of the Engineer's Office for over 30 years. Have had varying areas of responsibility; bridge inspector, bridge technician, Bridge Engineer, Construction/Maintenance Engineer, Deputy Engineer and County Engineer

Political Philosophy: I have a conservative political philosophy when it comes to spending the public's money to maintain and improve our transportation infrastructure. Safety and a good transportation system are a priority.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Republican Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Average.

Q2: In general, the roads maintained by the Office of the County Engineer are in average condition and the bridges are in above average condition. Available funding has not been able to keep up with the rate of deterioration nor the cost of inflation. A concerted effort has been made to prioritize projects and to leverage local funds against other funding sources to improve the overall condition.

Q3: The office is currently upgrading how we rate the condition of our roadways, using new technologies, to provide a timelier and consistent method for our maintenance and replacement programs. Bridges are inspected annually per State and Federal methodologies allowing us to properly prioritize repair and replacement. I will continue to search for outside funding sources to help make the local dollars go further.

Q4: I intend to use data collected on our roads and bridges to determine trends in our aging infrastructure. In general, the worse roads with the highest public impact will be repaired first. There are exceptions where the cost to repair a marginal road brings a better return on the investment of public funds.

COUNTY CORONER (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$130,661

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To determine the cause of death of persons dying in a violent or suspicious manner and to issue death certificates.

Questions We Asked:

Q1: What kind of interaction, if any, does the Coroner have with other public health agencies?

Q2: Has the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted any changes you recommend in running the Coroner's office?

Q3: What role does the Coroner play in law enforcement?

500 character limit for each response



Lakshmi Kode Sammarco
Democrat

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Occupation: Coroner and Board Certified neuro-radiologist

Education: University of Cincinnati college of medicine Case western reserve - metro health: radiology UCLA medical center- Neuroradiology

Experience: Hamilton County Coroner since 2012
Political Philosophy: Integrity, excellence, innovation

Endorsements: FOP, Hamilton County Democratic Party, AFLCIO, Cincinnati fir

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Lakshmi Kode Sammarco continued Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: We are all a team. Our office discovers where health care fails and shares the information. We track diseases and deaths. We keep statistics and work with boards of health. We teach the public how to stay safe.

Q2: Personal safety and safety of our personnel is tantamount. We take extra precautions and we wear masks and gloves.

Q3: The coroner works with law enforcement in investigating suspicious deaths. We process the evidence in all criminal cases. We work in many task forces to keep people in our communities safe.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Salary: \$121,350

Term: 6 years

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

Questions We Asked:

Q1: What kinds of policies, if any, will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our community?

Q2: Would you approve requests for no-knock warrants from law enforcement? If so, what considerations influence your decision?

Q3: How will you work to provide all defendants coming through your courtroom equal treatment, regardless of race, gender, ability to pay, or mental status?

500 character limit for each response

GENERAL DIVISION TERM COMMENCING 1/1/2021 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Melba D. Marsh

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Occupation: Common Pleas Court Judge

Education: J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law; B.A., College of Mt. St. Joseph; Seton High School

Experience: Over 30 years of Judicial Experience; 7 years on Hamilton Municipal Court and over 23 years on Hamilton County Common Pleas Court

Family: Single

Endorsements: FOP Queen City Lodge #69

Affiliations: St Joseph Catholic Church - West End; Former Board Member of Queen City Educational Foundation

Political Party Affiliation: Republican

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: In 1999, I was appointed by former Ohio Chief Justice Thomas Moyer to serve as a member of The Ohio Commission on Racial Fairness. In the May 26, 2017 edition of The Cincinnati Enquirer, the headline read "Everyone in the Pool?", concerning the topic of jury inclusion. As then Presiding Judge of the Court, I made my feelings

known in that article. Ohio should adopt a jury selection method similar to that of Indiana where nearly 100% of the population would be eligible to serve as a juror.

Q2: Ohio's "No-Knock" requirements are FAR more stringent than most states. Specific facts must be shown: WHO poses the risk of harm, WHO occupies a location, WHO is likely to be found at that location, WHAT is the basis of police belief that a particular person will be found at the location. Judges take an oath to follow the law. As long as "No-Knock" warrants are authorized by Ohio Law, I will use my experience and judgment to meet requirements necessary in considering the validity of the request

Q3: No matter who walks into the courtroom and for whatever reason – criminal defendants, attorneys, police or witnesses - my goal is to make their court appearance a positive one. In other words, to follow the principles of "Procedural Justice" as taught through a variety of courses by the Ohio Judicial College. Procedural Fairness or Procedural Justice is the way people perceive fairness of court proceedings. The principles are: Voice, Neutrality, Respect, Trust, Understanding and Helpfulness.



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Occupation: I am currently a Senior Assistant Solicitor for the City of Cincinnati, specializing in Labor and Employment.

Education: I earned a B.A. in History from the University of Dayton in 1992 and a J.D. from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law in 1995.

Experience: I have been practicing law for 24 years. I have been a solo practitioner, public defender, prosecutor, law firm associate and government lawyer. I have represented a variety of clients in both civil and criminal law.

Family: I am married and my husband and I have one son who attends a Cincinnati Public School.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown Equality Cincinnati PAC Cincinnati AFL-CIO UFCW Local 75 Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus Cincinnati Federation of Teachers Ohio AFSCME Power in Action Greater Cincinnati UAW CAP Council Bold New Democracy Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor of Wyoming, Ohio

Affiliations: Ohio Audubon Society

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I would pursue two specific policies that would create transparency, lead to accountability and increase diversity in our courts. A criminal sentencing data base, that is publicly accessible, would shine a much needed light on how judges administer justice. To quote a judge panelist in a webinar that I attended on this subject, "data collection is the solution to systemic racism." Expanding the pool of potential jurors from voters to state ID holders would increase diversity in juries.

Q2: As a judge I would be required to follow the law. The law requires an officer to affirm, based on

a good cause belief, that there is a risk of serious physical harm to the officers executing the warrant and the officer would be required to list the facts upon which they have that belief. Because this is such a serious request I would very carefully review the facts upon which the request is made and hold the request to the steep standard that is spelled out in the statute.

Q3: The first thing I would do is attend implicit bias training. I have attended this type of training in the past but would seek out implicit bias training specific to judges. This would help me identify and avoid any potential disparity. But above and beyond training I think the best thing is to act in accordance with the Golden Rule. I would strive to treat each person that comes before me as I would want myself or my family to be treated.

GENERAL DIVISION TERM COMMENCING 1/2/2021 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Pat Dinkelacker

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Occupation: Judge - Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas General Division

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

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

Family: Spouse: Kathy Children: Brian, Kevin, Leah, Julie Grandchildren: George, Camden, Greyson, Gemma, Lainey, Isabelle, Walker, Xander, Maren

Endorsements: Republican Party Cincinnati Right to Life Cincinnati Police F.O.P. Lodge #69 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local #392 Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union Local 48

Affiliations: Member of Our Lady Lourdes Parish (various programs at Lourdes) Ohio Judicial Conference Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Follow the law. This is what a judge is expected to do. When a judge, like me, adheres to the oath taken as a judge to follow the law, this promotes trust by the community in our justice

system. Treat all who come into my courtroom with dignity and respect. As a judge, I have unfailingly done just that. Win or lose I want everyone to know they were treated well in my courtroom. Be fair and seek just resolutions for all.

Q2: Yes, if the legal justification was present and the factual circumstances dictate it. To do otherwise would irresponsibly put people's lives at risk. Having stated that, I do not believe in all my years as a judge I have been asked by law enforcement to approve such a request. I would consider the risk to the law enforcement personnel, the target of the warrant, the safety of all others in any way connected to the serving of the warrant and if all other options have been evaluated and ruled out.

Q3: As a judge I have always treated everyone who has come to my courtroom with respect, dignity and fairness. Every person is a human being. All human beings in America have the inherent right to be treated equally and fairly without regard to status, gender, race, sex or otherwise. I certainly adhere to this legal and moral mandate and my staff has always been taught and trained to do the same. I work hard every day to ensure equal treatment to all. Plain and simply, it is the right thing to do.



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Occupation: Managing partner at Minnillo & Jenkins Co., LPA

Education: JD University of Wisconsin-Madison BA Penn State University

Experience: Attorney since 1995 focusing on labor, employment, consumer and class action law

Family: Married for 28 years with two daughters ages 22 and 16

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party Equality Cincinnati PAC Cincinnati Federation of Teachers U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown

Affiliations: Ohio Association for Justice, Cincinnati Bar Association, National Association of Consumer and Bankruptcy Attorneys

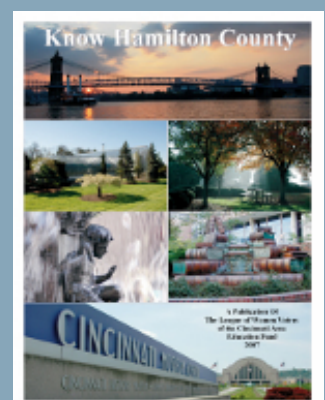
Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Fair and equal treatment of all before the Court and respect for Constitutional rights are top priorities. All litigants appearing in Court will be treated with dignity and respect. I will support

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the compilation and publication of sentencing and other vital statistics to promote transparency and equitable treatment. I will also support the reinstatement of a docket to handle complex and commercial matters in Hamilton County to allow for a more efficient allocation of judicial resources.

Q2: Rule 4.1 of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct provides that a judicial candidate cannot make pledges, promises or commitments about issues that may come before the court that are inconsistent with the impartial performance of the adjudicative duties of the judicial office. Accordingly, the response to this question is that I would carefully follow controlling law as applicable to the facts of each case presented.

Q3: I will advocate for the compilation of historical county-wide sentencing statistics, including variations based on race and other factors. I will also support an effort to systematically address the many problems with the cash bail process. More details are available at www.christianajenkins.com. And although the question only asks about equal treatment of "defendants," please remember that the court also hears many civil cases in which "plaintiffs" also deserve fair and equal treatment.

GENERAL DIVISION TERM COMMENCING 1/4/2021 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



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Occupation: Attorney, private practice; former Judge, Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, 2017-2018

Education: B.S., United States Naval Academy, 1987; M.A., Georgetown University, 1988; J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 1994.

Experience: Serving as a judge on the common pleas court (2017-2018), I have already presided over the type of cases handled in this court; as an attorney in private practice, I have handled those same type of cases for individuals and small businesses.

Endorsements: Greater Cincinnati Right to Life PAC

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Previously as a judge, I demonstrated such a commitment in the courtroom. I'd reduced previously set bonds when I thought the bond acted more as pre-trial punishment; to ensure a fair trial, I rejected the effort of a prosecutor to remove an African-American woman from a jury when a homeless black man was facing up to 16 years in prison; and I would not impose a harsher sentence because a defendant did not take a plea offer and, instead, exercised his constitutional right to a jury trial.

Q2: Judges must not rubberstamp warrant applications which make broad generalities concerning a whole swath of society. I recognize that knock-and-announce is embedded in the Fourth Amendment and that any exception is reserved for the most

extreme circumstances only when the police clearly demonstrate with evidence (not speculation) that a particularly identified individual at the actual location to be searched poses a real, imminent and serious threat, not simply a speculative or minimal risk.

Q3: I have a proven track record on the bench of treating all defendants fairly and with respect. I demonstrated patience with each defendant to confirm that he or she understood fully the process. I recognized that the court had a duty, independent of defense counsel, to ensure a defendant's constitutional rights were protected and not violated. And I understood and appreciated the gravity involved in the potential of all defendants losing their freedom and liberty, and acted accordingly.



Chris Wagner

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Occupation: Attorney. Chief of Compliance, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts. 129th President of the Cincinnati Bar Association.

Education: St. Xavier High School; Xavier University, B.A. International Relations; University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D.

Experience: Chief of Compliance, Hamilton Co. Clerk of Courts; Managing Atty, Cincinnati Regional Office of Ohio Atty General; Special Asst. United States Atty SD of Ohio; Special Asst. United States Atty ND of Ohio; Cuyahoga Co. Asst. Prosecutor.

Family: Married to Nora Burke Wagner. Chris and Nora are the parents of three children Collin (17), Claire (15) and Ryan (12).

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party; Equality Cincinnati; Sen. Sherrod Brown; AFL-CIO Cincinnati Labor Council; Cincinnati Federation of Teachers; Bold New Democracy; IBEW Local 212; AFSCME Local 8; UFCW Local 75 UAW CAP; Laborers' International Union of North America Local 265.

Affiliations: Cincinnati Bar Association, President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Board Member (2013-Present); Hamilton County Justice Reform Commission (2007 - 2010); Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Parishioner; Cincinnati Chapter NAACP, Member; UC College of Law Mock Trial Team, Coach (2013-2016); Southeast Cincinnati Soccer Association, Board Member (2017-2019); Youth Soccer and Little League Coach.

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Implementing cultural awareness and implicit bias training for the Judiciary and Courthouse Staff. Instituting local bail bond reform by leveraging local non-profit partnerships and with the input of the county jail to provide better options for release. Increased mental health and drug treatment options expanded to a greater number of eligible cases. Supporting Hamilton County Courthouse in joining a unified state-wide sentencing database as proposed by Justice Michael Donnelly.

Q2: A judge must fairly and impartially apply the law without favor or bias based upon the facts presented. That is why a judge is held to a higher standard than other candidates for office. A judge

or judicial candidate cannot promise or pledge future decisions. "No-knock" warrants are seldom utilized in Hamilton County. When these warrants are requested, scrutiny must be given to the danger and risk to police and all parties and whether the request is proportional to the crime investigated.

Q3: In my 20-year career, I acquired the experience, breadth, and patience to show respect to all people in court. The key is to allow everyone time to have their say. I will show our community that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, gender, sex, sexual orientation, ability to pay, and/or mental status. I would like to work with the local bar association to expand legal referrals for low-cost consulting so that more people can benefit from legal advice in Court.

GENERAL DIVISION TERM COMMENCING 2/9/2021 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Jennifer Branch

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Occupation: For 32 years I have been a trial lawyer representing the poor, victims of civil rights abuses, and people who have been discriminated against on the basis of race, gender, LGBT identity and disabilities.

Education: In 1987, I graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Law cum laude, earning a J.D. degree. In 1984, I graduated from New York University with honors, earning a B.A. degree majoring in both Politics and Philosophy.

Experience: I started practicing law in 1987 at Cincinnati Legal Aid representing low income families in complex litigation and housing. Since 1997 I have represented civil rights clients who were injured by government officials or discriminated against at work

Family: I am married, am a stepmother and a grandmother.

Endorsements: As of September 1, I have been endorsed by the Hamilton County Democratic Party, and the following PACs: Equality Cincinnati, NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio, Cinti Women's Political Caucus PAC, Friends of the Sentinels, Sherrod Brown, PG Sittenfeld, Bold New Democracy, Ohio Chapter of National Association of Social Workers, Cinti Federation of Teachers, Cinti AFL-CIO Labor Council, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 392, IBEW Voluntary Fund, UFCW, Gr. Cinti Building Trades

Political Party Affiliation: Democratic Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As a common pleas court judge I would strive to make the parties, victims, witnesses, and lawyers feel that they were treated with respect and fairness in my courtroom. I always ask the judge in my client's cases to instruct the jurors that "all persons are equal before the law." This is an important reminder for everyone in the trial that no matter what position a person holds in the courtroom - all parties are equal under the law.

Q2: While as a judge I will decide each case on

its merits, as a civil rights lawyer I am aware of the danger of no-knock warrants. In one case, a Black mother was holding her baby and shielding her children in the bedroom as she looked out to see who was breaking into their home. An officer charged up the stairs and shot and killed her and shot her baby. Her death was preventable. Had the police served the warrant in a less dangerous manner, her children would not be growing up motherless.

Q3: I will follow the code of conduct which prohibits judges from discriminating against persons on the basis of race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, and socioeconomic status. But I will go further and collect data on my decisions and those of my fellow judges to determine if our bail and sentencing decisions are implicitly biased.



Elizabeth Callan

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Occupation: Judge

Education: University of Cincinnati, B.A. University of Miami, J.D.

Experience: Judge Callan has been an attorney for 15 years. She first found her love for justice working with the public defender, then advocated for victims of abuse as a prosecutor. Her last role was as a civil litigator handling complex business matters.

Endorsements: Equality Cincinnati PAC FOP Queen City Lodge #69

Affiliations: Judge Callan has served on a board of Lighthouse Youth Services and the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati. She volunteers significant time to organizations helping the youth in Hamilton County, such as the Saturday Hoops program in Over-the-Rhine. Judge Callan and her family are parishioners at All Saints church. She is a Cincinnati Business Courier Forty Under Forty Recipient and a member of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class 44.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As a fundamental belief, I treat all who enter the courtroom with dignity and respect. A person's background, where they are from, how much they earn, or his or her social/racial make-up does not matter to me—I work to make sure that justice is administered fairly in the courtroom. I also approach hiring staff with a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Outside of the courtroom, I participate and volunteer with organizations dedicated to social and racial justice in our community.

Q2: While I appreciate the inherent danger in the

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increasing use of no-knock warrants, the Code of Judicial Conduct does not permit me to disclose information "regarding the probable or actual decision in...a legal proceeding" before the court. Due to that restriction, I cannot state how I would decide such a request. I will emphasize that I took an oath to follow the law and I do that—I also use my independent judgment to make decisions. Overall, I take the community's safety very seriously.

Q3: Every day in the courtroom I draw on my experiences with the public defender and the prosecutor's office (as an advocate for child victims), to ensure I fully appreciate each litigant's experience and background. I take the time to listen, to understand the facts of each case, and to consider meaningful methods of problem solving and rehabilitation. I also make sure each attorney advocate in the courtroom is doing their job in this way. Equal treatment is what is expected with me as Judge.

GENERAL DIVISION

TERM COMMENCING 2/10/2021
(CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Stacey DeGraffenreid

Candidate did not respond as of print date



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Occupation: Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court

Education: Concord Law School, LL.M.; University of Akron Law School, J.D.; Memphis State University, BBA

Experience: I have over 25 years of legal experience of which 15 years in a judicial capacity. I am a former Cincinnati Assistant Prosecutor, former Hamilton County Municipal Court Magistrate Judge, and current Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge.

Family: Married with one teenage daughter.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party The Collective PAC Equality Cincinnati PAC Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council Cincinnati Federation of Teachers Greater Cincinnati Building Trades Union UFCW Local 75 IBEW Local 212

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: There are 3 major policies that I will pursue to promote social and racial justice: 1. The creation of a statewide criminal sentencing database to promote fairness in sentencing. A felony sentencing database will enhance public confidence and trust in Ohio's criminal justice system. 2. The commitment to scaling back and eliminating the use of cash bonds for individuals accused of low-level and non-violent crimes. 3. The commitment to providing equal access to the courts.

Q2: I must be convinced that exhaustive efforts were made to support the accuracy of the location, the individuals sought, and that one of the following circumstances applies: 1. Announcement of the officers presence will increase the chance of injury or death to themselves or others 2. The announcement is meaningless since the occupants are

already aware of their presence, or the premises is vacant 3. Announcement of their presence will lead to the destruction of evidence or escape of the suspect.

Q3: For the past quarter-century, I have worked tirelessly to make a difference at the Hamilton County Courthouse. I have promoted equal treatment by: 1. Promoting treatment over incarceration for addicted individuals; 2. Eliminating the use of cash bonds for individuals accused of low-level non-violent crimes; 3. Providing equal access to the courts; 4. Making sure all individuals have the opportunity and time to be heard.

GENERAL DIVISION

TERM COMMENCING 2/11/2021
(CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



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Occupation: Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Judge

Education: J.D., University of Cincinnati B.S., Ohio University

Experience: I am currently serving as Judge on the Hamilton Court of Common Pleas. Before I was elected I was a practicing attorney for nearly 20 years.

Family: I live with my wife, two children, and my dog in Pleasant Ridge.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Equality Cincinnati, Cincinnati AFL-CIO, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, AFSCME, UFCW, Plumbers-Pipefitters Local 392, National Association of Social Workers, FOP, Sentinels,

Affiliations: Cincinnati Bar Association Ohio State Bar Association Talbert House - past Board Member Nativity Parish - past Parish Council President Cincinnati Works- former Chair, Legal Advisory board Hamilton County Criminal Justice Commission, former Member

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I believe my influence in the community begins in my courtroom. I treat everyone who appears before me with dignity. I also perform monthly objective reviews of how I am performing my sworn duties with regard to both pre-trial procedures and sentencing. Finally, I make a point of getting out in the community and connecting with people so that in the event they appear in court they will be more comfortable and understand that the judiciary works for the community.

Q2: Common Pleas Judges do not deal with warrants for physical locations; we see warrants for phone and electronic records. Having said that, I recognize that no-knock warrants involve a high level of risk and danger, and the requirements should be extremely stringent if they are to be issued.

Q3: I perform reviews of my procedures, including sentencing. For example, in my courtroom we track sentences including demographic data so that I can make sure sentences are in line with what I would expect based on the offense. When setting a bond, I understand that its purpose is to ensure that the defendant returns to court, and setting a high bond regardless of ability to pay is

counterproductive. These are just two examples; more change is necessary, and I will keep working to achieve it.



Robert A. Goering

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Occupation: Hamilton County Treasurer

1991-current Small Business Owner 1999-current Adjunct Professor of Law Attorney at Law

Education: Chase College of Law, Highland Heights, KY Degree: J.D.-May 1986 Denison University, Granville, OH Degree: B.A.-May 1982-Cum Laude Mariemont High School, Cincinnati, OH Diploma: 1978-Class Rank: Third

Experience: Eagle Scout Phi Beta Kappa Leadership Cincinnati Class XV and Steering Committee Hamilton County Budget Commission - current President Hamilton County Investment Advisory Committee- President 1991-current Hamilton County Treasurer -1991-current

Family: Wife: Monica Sons: Will, Doug and Roman

Endorsements: In my previous elections I have been supported by numerous Elected Officials, Unions, Individuals and Political Organizations. The only important Endorsement is from you on Election Day - November 3, 2020.

Affiliations: Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio; U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, Cincinnati Bar Association - member and service on various committees and subcommittees; Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor; Incorporator of the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (County Land Bank)- Board Member 2012-present, Board President 2016-current.

Political Party Affiliation: Republican

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Social and racial justice are the cornerstones of our republic. The Preamble to the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct is specific that "the judiciary plays a central role in preserving the principles of justice and the rule of law." As a Common Pleas Court Judge, I will continue to pursue policies that promote social and racial justice. I have done this in the tens of thousands of cases before the Board of Revision that I serve as President. We treat all Complainants fairly and equitably.

Q2: While few such warrants are issued by the Court that I seek, the rules are statutory. I will fairly, independently and impartially decide no-knock requests based on the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 41 and the ORC 2933.231. I will require a statement that good cause exists that there is a risk of serious physical harm to law enforcement, the facts upon which this is based including names of individuals that pose a threat, and verification of the specific address to be searched.

Q3: In my 3 decades of public service, I have treated people fairly and equally regardless of race, gender, ability to pay and or mental status. I believe it is inherent that judges respect and honor all litigants so as to enhance confidence in the public trust and our great legal system. By treating everyone fairly and with dignity, I will ensure public confidence in the courts independence, impartiality, integrity and competence.

GENERAL DIVISION

TERM COMMENCING 2/12/2021
(CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



Ethna Marie Cooper

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Occupation: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, 2003 to Present; Presiding Judge, Hamilton County Felony Veterans Treatment Court, 2011 to Present

Education: A.B. Smith College, J.D. University of Notre Dame, Instructional Program for Lawyers Mediation Training, Harvard Law School

Experience: Private Practice-Litigation, Arbitration, and Mediation, 1980 to 2001; Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court, 2001 to 2003; Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, 2003 to Present; Presiding Judge, Hamilton County Felony Vet Court 2011-present

Family: Married, 3 adult children, 1 grandchild

Endorsements: Equality Cincinnati; Hamilton County Republican Party; Fraternal Order of Police, Queen City Lodge #69; Cincinnati Right to Life; Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 392

Affiliations: Ohio Association of Common Pleas Judges; Notre Dame Club of Greater Cincinnati; St. John Fisher Parish, Newtown, Ohio

Political Party Affiliation: Nonpartisan judicial election

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: The best way for me to promote justice in the community is to make sure I promote social and racial justice every day in my courtroom by upholding my oath of office. Justice must be blind to race, gender, religion, and politics. Everyone who appears before me is treated with dignity, fairness and respect by me and I insist on that from everyone in my courtroom.

Q2: No knock warrants are governed by statute and only the Legislature can change it. I was never presented with a no knock warrant request on the Municipal Court bench. Since 2003, on the Common Pleas bench, I have been presented with hundreds of requests to suppress search warrants but have never been asked to suppress a no knock warrant. Every search warrant before me is meticulously reviewed to ensure they fully comply with the statute. I am not a rubber stamp.

Q3: I work hard every day to be the best person and judge that I can be. Every defendant who appears before me is a unique individual who deserves to be treated with basic human dignity and a good judge respects that human dignity in all of us. If people are treated with dignity, they will receive equal treatment under the law regardless of who they are.



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Occupation: Magistrate, Hamilton County Juvenile Court

Education: I have a Juris Doctor degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University.

Experience: In addition to serving as a Magistrate in juvenile court, I have served as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice. I have experience in civil litigation, and have served as a criminal defense and civil rights litigator.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, Equality Cincinnati PAC, AFL-CIO, The Collective PAC, Greater Cincinnati UAW Cap Council, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, AFSCME Ohio Council 8, United Food & Commercial Workers Labor Union, Bold New Democracy, and Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus.

Affiliations: Cincinnati Bar Association, NAACP, Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati, Impact 100, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Madisonville Community Council

Political Party Affiliation: Democratic

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I will work to eliminate disparities so that justice is for everyone. Improving the culture of the court system by treating everyone with dignity and respect regardless of race, gender, class, identity or nationality is my primary goal. I will seek to build public confidence by promoting transparency in sentencing so as to hold judges accountable and eliminate mass incarceration. I will work to strengthen bail reform so that people are not treated differently because of their income status.

Q2: Ohio has a long standing "knock-and-announce" rule. The rule protects the physical safety of people and property from the sudden entrance and against any shock or embarrassment that may follow. Violation of that rule can form the basis of a Motion to Suppress evidence. I will follow the law as codified by the Ohio Revised Code and other legal precedent.

Q3: I will first recognize the humanity of the every person coming before me. Judges have the power to make people feel better or worse when they are most vulnerable. I will seek to improve the lives of all people before me. I will Issue orders and judgments fairly and impartially. Everyone coming before me will be treated with respect and dignity. I will seek to understand and give litigants the ability to be fully heard. I will also give consistent application of the law in an unbiased manner.

GENERAL DIVISION TERM COMMENCING 2/13/2021 (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)



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Occupation: Director of the Juvenile Division of the Law Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender.

Education: BA, Speech Communications, Muskingum College, New Concord, OH Juris Doctor, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Highland

Heights, KY

Experience: Current, Director, Juvenile Div, Hamilton Co Public Defender; 2012-18 Team Leader, Juvenile Div, Hamilton Co Public Defender; 2007-12 Staff Attorney, Hamilton Co Public Defender; 2011-19 Group Fitness Instructor, YMCA; 1998-2005 News Reporter/Anchor

Family: Married. Three children.

Endorsements: Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus; Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council; IBEW Local 212; UFCW-Local 75; Ohio AFSCME Power in Action; UAW CAP; Cincinnati Federation of Teachers; Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor of the City of Wyoming, Ohio; Aftab Pureval, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts; Senator Sherrod Brown; Collective PAC; 1889 Friends of the Sentinels; Bold New Democracy; Equality Cincinnati PAC

Affiliations: Cincinnati Association of Criminal; Defense Lawyers National Association for Public Defense; Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati; Black Public Defender Association; Silverton Democratic Club, Officer

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: It's time for "Smart Justice," which means that when appropriate, working to find alternatives to incarceration and utilizing programs that promote accountability, but also protect against disparities. My approach will always be to act thoughtfully, fairly and effectively. As Judge, I will work with other system actors to promote equal enforcement of the law; reform cash bail; and create programs that will rehabilitate, reduce recidivism, and strengthen protections for vulnerable populations.

Q2: As a judicial candidate, I am bound by the Canon of Judicial Ethics. I cannot say how I would rule on a case, but I can say I will follow the law.

Q3: Right now, we have a criminal legal system that is punitive, expensive, ineffective and full of disparities. As a long-time public defender, I have had the privilege to defended and work for children and adults from many different backgrounds. It is time that we also have judges who are diverse in background and experience and are a reflection of the community they serve. I will be thorough and fair, and I will treat every person in my courtroom equally and with the utmost dignity and respect.



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Occupation: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas

Education: Salmon P. Chase College of Law, J.D. 1993, cum laude; The Ohio State University, B.A. 1984, Political Science.

Experience: Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, February 2003 – present; Presiding Judge, January 2012 – December 2012, January 2019 - December 2019, January 2020 - present, Santen & Hughes, Associate and Partner, November 1992 – December 2002.

Family: Married with two children

Endorsements: Equality Cincinnati; Plumber, Pipefitters & M.E.S. Local 392; Fraternal Order of Police Queen City Lodge #69; Cincinnati Right to Life

Political Party Affiliation: Republican

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As a judge for over 17 years, my primary job is to apply the law as written in a just, equitable matter and with fairness to all parties. In that role I am not in a position to make public policy, however, I do work to ensure equal access to justice in my courtroom every day. I am also presiding administrative judge for the Court of Common Pleas. Mindful of racial disparities in our justice system, I have created a blue ribbon panel to study potential changes to our jury selection system.

Q2: The execution of no-knock warrants present unique issues concerning public safety. I am deeply saddened by the death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville during the execution of such a warrant. I have not approved such a warrant during my judicial career and can assure that any future request would be subject to a high level of scrutiny. Any decision to ban the practice, however, is ultimately one for the legislature.

Q3: One of the most important things I do as a judge is to maintain both the manifest appearance of impartiality on the bench and true impartiality with regard to my decisions. It is important to me to respect everyone regardless of race, color or creed and to ensure that no one leaves my courtroom feeling they were treated unfairly. Public defenders are appointed to any criminal defendant without the ability to pay. Mental health and substance abuse treatment are options for those who need.

PROBATE DIVISION (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$121,350

Term: 6 years, commencing 2/9/2021

Responsibilities: the administration of decedent's estates, consent for medical treatment, the appointment of guardians for minors and incapacitated adults and the supervision of their property, civil involuntary commitments of the mentally ill, adoptions, birth record corrections and registrations, changes of name, issuance of marriage licenses, supervision of testamentary trusts (those created by will) and interpretation and enforcement of inter vivos trusts (those created during a person's lifetime), land appropriations, and will constructions.

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Pavan Parikh

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Occupation: Assistant Vice President, Government Relations Officer & Legislative Counsel, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati (2015-Present); Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Reserve (2013-Present)

Education: Xavier University: B.A. Philosophy (Minors in Natural Sciences and Economics); St. Louis University School of Law: J.D. (with a Certificate in Health Law, a Certificate in International & Comparative Law, and a Concentration in Criminal Litigation)

Experience: Adjunct Professor, UC Law (2016-2018); Adjunct Professor, Xavier University (2016-

2018); Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Senate Minority Caucus (2011-2015); Staff Attorney/Bailiff, Judge Nadine Allen – Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas (2011)

Family: Wife, son, and dog.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Ohio Young Democrats, Equality Cincinnati Political Action Committee, Cincinnati AFL-CIO, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, UFCW Local 75, Ohio AFSCME Power in Action, CWA Local 4400, LiUNA! Local 265, IBEW Local 212, Greater Cincinnati UAW-CAP Council, Bold New Democracy, VoteVets.org, Run for Something, 1889 Friends of the Sentinels, Working Families Party, Our Revolution - Greater Cincinnati, Indian-American IMPACT Fund

Affiliations: American Legion (Paid-Up-For-Life Member); Ohio Ballot Board (Board Member); Cincinnati Bar Association (Board of Trustees); River City Correctional Facility (Facilities Governing Board); American Constitution Society – Cincinnati Lawyers Chapter (Co-Chair); Potter Stewart American Inn of Court (Barrister); Xavier University Mentorship Program (Mentor); Cincinnati Bar Association – Veterans & Military Law Committee (Chair); Truman National Security Project (Partner); Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Southwest Ohio (Board Member); Xavier University State Politics Internship (Co-founder and Advisor); Ohio Center for Law Related Education (Volunteer Competition Judge); Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce C-Change Class 11 (Member); Venue Magazine – Great Leaders Under 40 (Award Recipient); Cincinnati Business Courier Forty Under 40 (Award Recipient)

Political Party Affiliation: Democratic Party

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I will engage in education with community partners to remove barriers to accessibility to the Probate Court. I will develop legal clinics to provide low-cost or free estate planning services low-income individuals to protect their families. I will work with local law schools to found clinics to encourage Black law students to working as mental health law attorneys to guarantee counsel or estate planning attorneys to address the underrepresentation of Black attorneys in these fields.

Q2: While the Probate Court would not handle no-knock warrants, in the realm of justice reform the Court does have a responsibility to reform its mental health docket to reduce contact of individuals with health issues with the police. We need to reduce reliance on inpatient services. We can expand outpatient services to work with case workers in community agencies to improve treatment outcomes. I will also be dedicated to working with lawmakers to remedy the gaps in services and accessibility.

Q3: I will audit all functions of the Court to determine any disparities that exist and work to eliminate them in utilization of services, timeline delays, or outcomes. I will reform wide-ranging indigence policies to ensure that people of limited income can still access the Court. And in order to ensure a diverse workforce who respects everyone, I will institute a process for all vacancies to ensure diverse candidates are considered and I will require implicit bias training for all employees.



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Ralph Winkler continued

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Occupation: I have been the Hamilton County Probate Judge since 2015. Adoptions, guardianships, mental health court, marriage licenses and estates are among the 80 unique functions I oversee. I manage all probate court staff and set a yearly budget.

Education: University Of Cincinnati - Bachelor of Business Administration, NKU Chase College of Law - Juris Doctor, American Academy of Judicial Education - Diploma of Judicial Skills

Experience: From 1999 – 2020 I have served our community as a Judge in the Hamilton County courts. I have presided over 70,000+ cases. I served as an Assistant County Prosecutor, practiced private law and served as a judicial law clerk before taking the Bench

Family: I have been married to my wonderful wife Teresa for 39 years. We have 3 lovely and intelligent daughters, 3 great son-in-law's and 7 super fantastic grandchildren.

Endorsements: Cincinnati Pipe Fitters and Plumbers Local 392, Cincinnati Ironworkers Local 44, Cincinnati Firefighters Local 48, Cincinnati Police FOP lodge 69 .

Affiliations: American Judges Association, National College of Probate Judges, Ohio Association of Probate Judges, Ohio Judicial College, Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, Vineyard Westside Church, High School Sunday school teacher and sports coach.

Political Party Affiliation: Ohio Judicial races are non partisan in the general election . I am endorsed by Republican, Democratic and independent individuals and organizations.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: As a judge, I have presided over 70,000 cases. I seek to treat all community members equally with dignity and respect. As probate judge, I have promoted access to justice by implementing Zoom hearings and creating e-filing for 24/7 access to the court. I work with partner agencies to increase diversity among adoptive families. I engage in outreach by speaking at high schools, volunteering to help the homeless, and leading my church outreach. Visit probatect.org to meet my Magistrates.

Q2: While not typically a probate function, I would consider approving a no-knock warrant in extreme circumstances such as human trafficking or high-level drug dealers. Because no-knock warrants create an inherently high risk to citizens and law enforcement, the parameters of their use should be carefully scrutinized and regularly reviewed. Through my years as a criminal judge, I am acutely attuned to protecting citizen's constitutional rights, while balancing the needs of law enforcement.

Q3: During 20 years as a judge and having worked for the public defender and prosecutor, I encountered people from diverse races, religions, LGBTQ and national origins. In probate, I meet those with mental illness and those who need guardians. Employing kindness, compassion, and dignity, and expecting the same of my staff, I seek to give equal treatment to every person . Anticipating the historic recognition of same-sex marriage, I prepared to immediately issue licenses to same-sex couples.

DRUG COURT DIVISION (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$121,350

Term: 6 years, commencing 1/3/2021

Responsibilities: Accepts or rejects any case

referred and has full authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, pronounce and enter sentence.

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Kim Wilson Burke

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Occupation: judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Drug Court Division

Education: B.A. - Ohio State University, 1980 J.D. - Ohio State University College of Law, 1983

Experience: Drug Court judge since 2001, prior municipal court judge, prior juvenile court magistrate, prior civil litigator in large law firm, prior city of Cincinnati trial attorney and prior assistant city prosecutor.

Family: I am a divorced mother of two: a son, age 24 and a daughter, age 27. I am also the oldest of my parents' six children.

Endorsements: Equality Cincinnati PAC

Political Party Affiliation: Republican

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: For over nineteen years I have made it my mission, practice, and purpose to make sure that all persons who come in contact with drug court are treated equally. Social and racial justice begin with being seen, and then being acknowledged as a human being who is as worthy of the same consideration as any other person. In my courtroom, I will always continue to promote and administer justice.

Q2: As drug court judge I do not sign search warrants, therefore I have never signed a no-knock warrant.

Q3: I have, and will continue to provide equal treatment to all persons who come through drug court. Race, gender, ability to pay or mental status are not, and should not be barriers to addressing addiction issues. Acknowledging and addressing a drug court client's status and/or situation, and providing specific tools to address them, is what drug court does well. There is no place for discrimination in my court.



Nicole Sanders

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Occupation: Magistrate Judge, currently presiding over delinquency cases in Hamilton County Common Pleas, Juvenile Court Division

Education: Attended and Graduated from the University of Cincinnati and University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Experience: 17 years of diverse legal experience as a prosecutor, civil litigator, appellate attorney

and Magistrate Judge.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party Equality Cincinnati PAC Fanon A. Rucker, Retired Municipal Judge and Hamilton County Prosecutor Candidate Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Wyoming Mayor Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus Equality Cincinnati Bold New Democracy UFCW Local 75 AFSCME, Ohio Council 8 Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council Cincinnati Federation of Teachers Greater Cincinnati UAW CAP Council

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I will work with the other judges on the bench to have common sense bail reform, and ensure that the courthouse staff is reflective of the community as a whole. I plan to work with the other judges on the bench to reform the Courthouse hours to address those concerns of those whose working hours exceed the regular 9- 5 business hours and end the cattle call of cases in the morning so that those who have cases have time to enter the Courthouse and participate in their case.

Q2: I as a current Magistrate Judge and Judicial Candidate, I am precluded from answering and addressing issues that may come before me as a Judicial Officers.

Q3: Equal treatment is easy to provide because everyone will be treated with respect. When you respect everyone, those labels used to divide don't matter because you don't give the labels any significance.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$121,350

Term: 6 years, commencing 7/1/2021

Responsibilities: To handle cases of divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, separation, and child custody matters.

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Anne B. Flottman

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Occupation: I have served as a Magistrate in the Warren County Domestic Relations Court since February 2014. Prior to joining that court, I was a partner at Wood and Lamping with a practice focused on domestic relations law.

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

Experience: 2014- present: Magistrate, Warren Co. Domestic Relations Court 2007-2014: Partner, Wood Lamping LLP 2002-2007: Law Offices of Anne B. Flottman 1999-2001: law clerk and associate- Wagner and Bloch, LLP 1989-99: English Instructor, Xavier University

Family: Married almost 40 years to Thomas R. Flottman. We have three sons: Ted - married to Melissa with 19 mo. old Ronan; Will - married to Lauren; Augustus.

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, United States Senator Sherrod Brown, AFL/

CIO, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, 1889 Friends of the Sentinels, IBEW Local 212, AFSCME, UFCW Local 75, Equality Cincinnati, The Honorable Thaddeus Hoffmeister, National Association of Social Workers, Working Families Party, Bold New Democracy, Our Revolution

Affiliations: Trustee of Ohio Women's Bar Association, Board Member of Ohio Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Volunteer Lawyers' Committee for The Immigration and Refugee Law Center, Ohio Bar Association, Ohio Association of Magistrates; Past member of Cincinnati Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Political Party Affiliation: Democratic

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: First, my Court will increase access to justice with a policy of inclusion and diversity. Our Court staff and magistrates must reflect the beautiful diversity of Hamilton County so that people feel comfortable coming to our court, and so we can respond better to our residents' needs and concerns. Next, I will partner with Drug Court, Juvenile Court, and Veterans' Court to combine and streamline our resources to help every family, every way we can. I will be a public servant to ALL the public.

Q2: As a Domestic Relations Court judge, I do not have cause to issue warrants. However, I support a thorough review of the need and efficacy of such warrants that includes all partners - law enforcement, public defenders, community agencies, and general division judges.

Q3: We will broaden the racial/ethnic diversity in the Court staff so we reflect and respond more equitably to all residents of our county. Each public servant in my Court will study our implicit biases so we can identify and eradicate them. We'll find partners to help families treat the mental health/substance abuse issues causing their conflict. We will increase free/low cost legal assistance. We will improve the Court's daily efficiency to respect people's time and resolve their cases quickly.



Amy Searcy

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Occupation: Judge, Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court

Education: Wm. Henry Harrison High School; Xavier University; Chase College of Law

Experience: 12 years on the bench as Judge and Magistrate; Judge Domestic Relations Court in Hamilton County since 2014; attorney for 30 years.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: The calling of a judicial officer is to provide equal justice to all. In the last 6 years, I have made it easier for anyone to file in our court by instituting electronic filing - making our court a leader in the region when other nearby counties do not offer this. In addition, petitioners for protective orders now receive text messages when the Order has been delivered. I have received national recognition for making my courtroom friendlier and calm so all parties can come to agreeable terms.

Q2: It is improper for judicial candidates to take

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Amy Searcy continued

positions on how they may rule. For those who feel that "no-knock" warrant laws should be changed, they should pursue changes through the legislature. It creates a problem with equitable administration of the law for judges to indicate that they will use a power granted them while others do not. Attorneys cannot "judge shop" for the judge who indicates they will use certain rules where others do not.

Q3: All parties in my courtroom have always received equal treatment regardless of any status. Domestic Relations parties are either petitioners/plaintiffs or respondents/defendants, and they each have equal footing when making their case. Whereas in a criminal court, the burden of proof is on the prosecutor to prove guilt, in domestic relations court, the burden of proof is on all parties to prove their position on parenting issues, equitable property distribution and all final orders.

JUVENILE DIVISION (CHOOSE 1 CANDIDATE)

Salary: \$121,350

Term: 6 years, commencing 2/14/2021

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



Kari L. Bloom

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Occupation: I am a trial attorney at the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office. My work allows me to represent the county's indigent population and protect their rights during criminal prosecutions.

Education: I graduated from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law in 2011 with a Public Service designation. In 2008, I graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in Political Science.

Experience: After graduating from law school, I worked for the United States Air Force as a civilian attorney. In 2012, I started as a trial attorney in the public defender's office, where I've worked for 6 years. I also spent 3 years as a legislative liaison.

Family: Nick Klingensmith, Fiancé

Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party, Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley, Former School Board Member Ozie Davis, Cincinnati Councilmembers PG Sittenfeld & Greg Landsman, OH Senator Cecil Thomas, State Representatives Sedrick Denson & Brigid Kelly, Ret. Judge Fanon Rucker, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, IBEW Local 212, UAW CAP, Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council, Bold New Democracy, AFSCME Council 8, Ohio Young Democrats, Laborers Local 265, Equality Cincinnati PAC, Run for Something

Affiliations: Cincinnati Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Political Party Affiliation: Endorsed Democrat

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: I have worked as a public defender for almost my entire career. I have seen the differences in how justice is administered based on race, income, and class. My experience also gives me insight into how those charged with crimes have likely been victimized, and vice versa. We must consider each person as a whole if we are going to achieve criminal justice reform. My courtroom will be a hub for social services to provide resources and opportunities for restorative justice.

Q2: Being a Judge means following the law at all times. Ohio law requires all warrants to include a sworn statement with specificity in name, location, property to be searched, and what crime law enforcement is pursuing with the warrant. As a Judge, I will require all search warrant applications to comply with Ohio law and exercise extreme scrutiny before approval. Abolishing no-knock

warrants can only happen if there is a change to Ohio's laws.

Q3: The law requires Judges to administer justice equally under the law. That means that I will have an open and accessible courtroom, I will hold attorneys to high standards, require professionalism at all times, and treat each person with respect. I will bring transparency to the court. Further, I will ensure that the court has a staff diverse in experience, race, and culture who have all been trained in the importance of recognizing their own biases.



John M. Williams

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Occupation: Judge. Leading Hamilton County Juvenile Court since 2011. Implemented programs that achieved national, state and local recognition. Responsible for approximately 290 employees, detention facility, probation department and behavioral health clinic.

Education: St. Xavier High School '79 Xavier University, B.A. '83 Thomas Cooley Law School, J.D. '92

Experience: As Judge, I presided over thousands of cases involving abused, neglected and delinquent children, as well as family matters. My experience includes over 30 years as judge, magistrate, organizational leader, prosecutor, and small business owner.

Family: Married to my wife, Sarah, for 23 years. Father of 3 sons and my dog Lily.

Endorsements: Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union, Local 48; Cincinnati Fraternal Order of Police, Queen City Lodge 69; Hamilton County GOP; Cincinnati Right to Life PAC; Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Mechanical Equipment Service Techs, Local 392; and International Association of Sheet Metal,

Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART), Local 24.

Affiliations: American Bar Association, Judicial Instructor; Ohio Judicial College, Faculty; Potter Stewart Inn of Court; Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, Member; Ohio State Bar Association, Member; Cincinnati Bar Association, Member; Xavier Baseball, Dad; Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati, Member; and St. Mary's Church, Member.

Candidate's Question Responses:

Q1: Each day, I strive to provide access to justice for all. For example, our Court dramatically expanded school and community diversion opportunities; 67% of these cases involved children of color. Our Kids in School Rule! program achieved a 95% graduation rate for kids in foster care; racial minorities comprised 81.5% of the kids served. In 2017, our Court partnered with Legal Aid to open a free Custody Clinic, which served over 1,700 low-income families seeking a safe home for children at risk.

Q2: As Judge, I have never issued a no-knock warrant. During my 10 years as a prosecuting attorney, I never advised law enforcement to pursue a no-knock warrant. No-knock warrants should be reserved for only the most extraordinary circumstances.

Q3: Examples of our ongoing commitment to provide equitable treatment include: addressed implicit bias through a detention screening tool to guide intake decisions; selected by Georgetown University School Justice and Diversion Pathways Program to work with school and community partners to promote racial equity and address disparate discipline for vulnerable students; and developed a school threat assessment program that received the Ohio State Bar Association 2020 Innovative Practice Award.



HAMILTON COUNTY BALLOT ISSUES

ISSUE 1: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) - CITY OF CHEVIOT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Cheviot for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding seventy-five hundredths (0.75) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seven and five tenths cents (\$0.075) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 2: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) - CITY OF CHEVIOT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Cheviot for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding four and twenty-five hundredths (4.25) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty-two and five tenths cents (\$0.425) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five

(5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 3: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) - CITY OF CHEVIOT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Cheviot for the purpose of **general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges** at a rate not exceeding three (3) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty cents (\$0.30) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 4: PARTICULAR PREMISES LOCAL OPTION - JUDGMENT ENTRY KNOWL- TON'S TAVERN (LB LLC, INC) - CINTI 15-A

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor at 1326 Knowlton Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223, which was adjudged to be a nuisance to the public by Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas on August 16, 2019 be permitted in this precinct?

YES | **NO**

ISSUE 5: PARTICULAR PREMISES LOCAL OPTION - JUDGMENT ENTRY WARSAW FOOD MART, LLC - CINTI 20-B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor at 3406 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205, which was adjudged to be a nuisance to the public by Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas on June 3, 2020 be permitted in this precinct?

YES | **NO**

ISSUE 6: PROPOSED CHARTER - CITY OF DEER PARK

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A copy of the full text of the proposed charter is posted at this polling place.

Shall the proposed charter as reported by the charter commission of the City of Deer Park be adopted?

YES | **NO**

ISSUE 7: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) - COLERAIN TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Colerain Township for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical rescuers, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the pay-**

ISSUE 7 CONTINUED

ment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding three (3) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty cents (\$0.30) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 8: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PLACE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Elmwood Place for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding ten (10) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to one dollar (\$1.00) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 9: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – VILLAGE OF GLENDALE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Glendale for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding ten (10) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to one dollar (\$1.00) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for four (4) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 10: REFERENDUM ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10 (BY PETITION) – VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

The Ordinance prohibits housing discrimination, discriminatory practices relating to employment, discriminatory practices relating to public accommodations, and discriminatory practices relating to educational institutions for Protected Classes such as age, race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, family status, military status, sex, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. The Ordinance establishes a Human Rights Commission within the Village and grants authority to the Human Rights Commission to receive complaints for violation of the Ordinance and the authority to investigate, reconcile or adjudicate those complaints including the right to assess a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day upon which a continuing violation occurs shall constitute a new and separate violation. Certain exemptions are recognized within the Ordinance as it applies to religious or denominational corporations, institutions, or associations.

Shall Ordinance No. 2019-10 entitled An Ordinance To Combat Discrimination And For The Guarantee Of Equality And Inclusion, be approved?

YES | **NO**

ISSUE 11: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Greenhills for **recreational purposes** at a rate not exceeding seven tenths (0.7) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seven cents (\$0.07) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 12: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – VILLAGE OF NORTH BEND

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of North Bend for the purpose of **police, fire and EMS services and protection**, at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents (\$0.20) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 13: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Springfield Township for the purpose of **providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, for sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs** at a rate not exceeding two and one-half (2.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 14: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Springfield Township for the purpose of **providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel**

DEFINITIONS OF BALLOT TERMS

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

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

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

COE: Current Operating Expenses

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

CPT: Continued Period of Time

MARKET VALUE: The market value of property is determined by the County Auditor. The valuation considers regional and neighborhood economic conditions, building improvements and land value. By state law, there is a full reassessment to each parcel every six years, followed by a computerized update three years later. The last full reappraisal in Hamilton County was in 2011.

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

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

under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding two and one-half (2.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 15: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – VILLAGE OF TERRACE PARK

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Terrace Park for the purpose of **current operating expenses** at a rate not exceeding two and eight tenths (2.8) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 16: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT – VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

The Charter Review Commission for the Village of Woodlawn (the "Village") recommends the following changes:

- Changes in Section 2 of the Charter regarding procedures for resolutions and ordinances; change "Village Clerk" to "Clerk of Council"; change and establish new processes and standards for Council meetings including executive session; and change standards regarding conduct and ethics of council members.

- Changes in Section 3 to include clarifying language regarding executive power; include a process for appointing an acting manager in event of a vacancy and change the date of the Mayor's annual report.
- Changes in Section 4 to clarify the process, appointment, hiring, responsibilities and authority of various Village employees; allow the Village to establish procedures for contracting and competitive bidding; revise the qualifications and duties of the Finance Director.
- Changes in Section 5 to change reference of "Acting Mayor" to "Vice Mayor".
- Changes in Section 6 eliminate the requirement that Mayor and Municipal Manager sign notes issued on behalf of the Village.

Shall the proposed revised charter be adopted?

YES | **NO**

ISSUE 17: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Cincinnati City School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the school district** in the sum of forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000) and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average seven and thirty-four hundredths (7.34) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which is seventy-three and four tenths cents (\$0.734) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022?

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

EXPLANATION: This proposed renewal property tax levy request is to provide funds to meet the needs of the Cincinnati City School District (\$48,000,000 per year for a five-year period, starting in 2021). The County Auditor determined the valuation of the district and set the average amount of the levy required to produce the amount

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needed at 7.34 mills (\$0.734 for each \$100 of tax valuation). This levy request is for a renewal of a levy passed by voters in 2016 and must be approved again or it will expire in December 2021.

WHAT THE LEVY WILL DO: This renewal levy, if passed, will continue to fund two Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) priorities set with passage of the original levy in 2016. The levy will maintain \$15 million in annual funding for expanding affordable access to high quality preschool for nearly 5,000 3- and 4-year-old children through CPS and Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP) community-based providers. The remaining \$33 million will be used for learning programs for the 36,000 CPS K-12 students by continuing college, vocational and career-readiness programs; expanding quality neighborhood school options; and increasing access to learning technology for all students.

BACKGROUND: Prior to the 2016 levy, a group of community leaders and educators began planning in response to information from numerous studies that indicated young children benefit significantly from pre-kindergarten education and they are more successful in later grades. Most indicators suggested that in today's world, youngsters who are able to participate in a preschool beginning at age three will have a far better educational experience than if they wait until age five. They formed the Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP) and developed plans for 1. providing tuition assistance based on family income, and 2. working with existing providers to help them meet certain Ohio standards of excellence.

While the 2016 levy was placed on the ballot by the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) (as has this one), it was agreed that \$15 million of the total sum will be directed to preschool education expansion in the Cincinnati Public preschools and in community-based preschools. Upon its passage, participants in the committees of CPP organized into a Board of Managers to lead the preschool expansion effort the levy would fund. In the past five years, CPP has worked with numerous community providers to help them meet higher quality standards. They developed financial qualifications for students' tuition assistance. As of May 2019, 1,484 students had received tuition assistance, 94 preschools participated in tuition assistance, and numerous providers improved their "Star" ratings. As a result, at the end of Year 1, youngsters who experienced the programs offered by CPP schools scored significantly higher on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment given by CPS.

The remainder of the 2016 levy was used by CPS to meet the needs of the district created by reductions in state funding, increased enrollment (+20% since 2012), quality school options, and increased need for improved technology at all levels. Moreover, CPS has improved curricula at all levels to meet the "E" goals for students i.e., by graduation CPS's goal is that students will be prepared for Education (beyond high school), Enrollment (armed services), or Employment.

At its March 2, 2020 meeting, the Cincinnati Public Schools Board of Education adopted a resolution that determined the necessity of a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation. This request is for an "emergency" levy, which is a property tax that serves as a limited operating levy for a maximum of five years. If approved, it will yield a specific dollar amount (stated in the ballot request), which must remain constant no matter what happens to property values in the district over the life of the levy. Thus, the millage figure could increase or

decrease over time as property values fluctuate, but the number of dollars for the school district would remain at \$48 million per year. This levy, a renewal, will not raise taxes, if approved.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE LEVY:

Taxpayers will not be paying more because this is a renewal levy.

CPS needs these funds to continue the pre-school efforts which are showing good progress. More high-quality preschool programs available to all 3- and 4-year-olds are needed to prepare these children for kindergarten and to sustain the effects in later grades.

CPS also needs these funds to support the increased enrollment in its schools, especially when state funds continue to decrease.

If this renewal levy fails, millions of dollars dedicated to preschool funding for thousands of 3- and 4-year olds will be lost and CPS may be forced to reduce many academic and career-training programs and scale back classroom technology and learning materials.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE LEVY:

The amount of this levy continues to be a burden on taxpayers, especially given the loss of income many families have experienced due to the pandemic.

The number of preschool students being served is far from the original goal of 5,000 preschool students.

Not enough low-income parents are receiving assistance for preschool programs.

The work to increase high quality preschools, especially in low-income neighborhoods would be substantially reduced.

ISSUE 18: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (SUBSTITUTE) - NORWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Norwood City School District for the purpose of **providing for the necessary requirements of the school district** in the initial sum of three million three hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$3,395,000), and a levy of taxes be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require eight and nineteen hundredths (8.19) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to eighty-one and nine tenths cents (\$0.819) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for the initial year of the tax, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021, with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list?

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

ISSUE 19: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) - WINTON WOODS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Winton Woods City School District for the purpose of **current operating expenses** at a rate not exceeding six and ninety-five hundredths (6.95) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to sixty-nine and five tenths cents (\$0.695) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

FOR THE TAX LEVY | **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

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Vote for not more than 1 pair

- ☐ Joseph R. Biden/Kamala D. Harris
(*Democratic*)
- ☐ Howie Hawkins/Angela Walker (*Nonparty*)
- ☐ Jo Jorgensen/Spike Cohen (*Libertarian*)
- ☐ Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence
(*Republican*)
- ☐ Write-in: _____

Certified Write-in Candidates

Brian Carroll/Amar Patel (*Write-in*)

Tom Hoefling/Andy Prior (*Write-in*)

Dario Hunter/Dawn Neptune Adams (*Write-in*)

Jade Simmons/Claudelia J. Roze (*Write-in*)

Kasey Wells/Rachel Wells (*Write-in*)

President R19 Boddie/Eric Stoneham (*Write-in*)

Vote for not more than 1 in each category

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS (1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT)

- ☐ Steve Chabot (*Republican*)
- ☐ Kevin David Kahn (*Libertarian*)
- ☐ Kate Schroder (*Democratic*)
- ☐ Write-in: _____

Certified Write-in Candidates

Kiumars Kiani (*Write-in*)

(2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT)

- ☐ Jaime M. Castle (*Democratic*)
- ☐ Brad Wenstrup (*Republican*)
- ☐ Write-in: _____

Certified Write-in Candidate

James J. Condit, Jr. (*Write-in*)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

- Full term commencing 1-1-2021
- ☐ Sharon L. Kennedy
- ☐ John O'Donnell

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

- Full term commencing 1-2-2021
- ☐ Jennifer Brunner
- ☐ Judi French

STATE SENATOR, 8TH DISTRICT

- ☐ Louis W. Blessing III (*Republican*)
- ☐ Daniel Brown (*Democratic*)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 27TH DISTRICT

- ☐ Sara Bitter (*Democratic*)
- ☐ Tom Brinkman (*Republican*)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 28TH DISTRICT

- ☐ Jessica E. Miranda (*Democratic*)
- ☐ Chris Monzel (*Republican*)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 29TH DISTRICT

- ☐ Cindy Abrams (*Republican*)
- ☐ Harrison T. Stanley (*Write-in*)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 30TH DISTRICT

- ☐ Tom Roll (*Nonparty*)
- ☐ Bill Seitz (*Republican*)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 31ST DISTRICT

- ☐ Brigid Kelly (*Democratic*)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 32ND DISTRICT

- ☐ Catherine D. Ingram (*Democratic*)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 33RD DISTRICT

- ☐ Sedrick Denson (*Democratic*)
- ☐ Mary L. Hill (*Republican*)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Full term commencing 1-2-2021

- ☐ Andy Black (*Republican*)
- ☐ Herman J. Najoli (*Nonparty*)
- ☐ Alicia Reece (*Democratic*)

- Full term commencing 1-3-2021
- ☐ Denise Driehaus (*Democratic*)
- ☐ Matthew Paul O'Neill (*Republican*)

COUNTY PROSECUTOR

- ☐ Joseph T. Deters (*Republican*)
- ☐ Fanon A. Rucker (*Democratic*)

COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

- ☐ Alex Glandorf (*Republican*)
- ☐ Aftab Pureval (*Democratic*)

COUNTY SHERIFF

- ☐ Bruce Hoffbauer (*Republican*)
- ☐ Charmaine McGuffey (*Democratic*)

COUNTY RECORDER

- ☐ Scott Crowley (*Democratic*)
- ☐ Norbert A. Nadel (*Republican*)

COUNTY TREASURER

- ☐ Jill Schiller (*Democratic*)
- ☐ Charlie Winburn (*Republican*)

COUNTY ENGINEER

- ☐ Eric J. Beck (*Republican*)

COUNTY CORONER

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- ☐ Russell J. Mock

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- ☐ Melba Marsh
- ☐ Heidi Rosales

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- ☐ Christian A. Jenkins

Full term commencing 1-4-2021

- ☐ Curt C. Hartman
- ☐ Chris Wagner

Full term commencing 2-9-2021

- ☐ Jennifer Branch
- ☐ Elizabeth Callan

Full term commencing 2-10-2021

- ☐ Stacey DeGraffenreid
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Full term commencing 2-11-2021

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HAMILTON COUNTY ISSUES:
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CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
- ☐ FOR TAX LEVY
- ☐ AGAINST TAX LEVY

YOUR LOCAL ISSUES

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5 THINGS TO KNOW

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