

# VOTER INFORMATION BULLETIN

Nonpartisan Guide to November 6, 2018 General Election For Franklin County Voters

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**Questions for Ohio Governor and Lieutenant Governor**

**1.** What is the role of the governor’s office and executive agencies in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?

**2.** Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to support or to restrain local governments?

**OHIO GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

(vote for no more than 1)

**RICHARD CORDRAY & BETTY SUTTON (DEM)**

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**Education:** Grove City High School (1977) Michigan State University, BA in Legal & Political Theory (1981) Oxford University, MA in Economics on Marshall Scholarship (1983) The University of Chicago Law School, JD (1986)

**Occupation:** Candidate

**Training and Experience:** Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (2011 – 2017) Ohio Attorney General (elected in 2008 - 2010) Ohio Treasurer (elected in 2006 – 2008) Franklin County Treasurer (elected in 2002 and 2004 – 2006) Solicitor General (appointed 1993 – 1994)

**Question 1:** Republicans have failed to respond effectively to this epidemic that is ravaging our families and our communities; it now kills about 14 Ohioans every day and costs taxpayers as much as \$8.8 billion each year. My running mate, Betty Sutton, and I have proposed a comprehensive plan to address this crisis, the details of which are described at [CordrayforOhio.com](http://CordrayforOhio.com). We will start by taking the following steps: 1) immediately declare a “state of emergency” requiring the strategic coordination of federal, state, and local government resources and community-based efforts; 2) protect Ohio’s Medicaid expansion, which supports treatment, and increases capacity for local enforcement and first responders; 3) expand access and funding for prevention and treatment; 4) provide support and resources for families and improve

foster and adoptive services; and 5) replace economic despair with broader economic opportunity.

**Question 2:** As I campaign across the state, I see many heads nod from the rural areas and small and mid-sized towns around Ohio when I detail the relentless war on local governments that the Republican State Legislature has been waging for years now. This must change. It’s wrong, and it will not be our approach to governing. We must support the devoted local public servants I know all over Ohio. I am running for Governor in part because I believe that our local governments deserve more. Having served at the local level, I know firsthand the resources required to address the issues our cities and towns are facing. Issues like decent jobs, a strong public education system, and broadband access for all Ohioans. As Governor, I would support restoration of local funds to the state budget. Betty and I will end the war on local government.

**CONSTANCE GADALL-NEWTON & BRETT R. JOSEPH (GRN)**

Candidate did not respond

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**Education:** Bexley HS (Valedictorian) ‘02, Ohio University (BS) ‘06, Columbia University (MS) ‘12

**Occupation:** Businessman/ Journalist

**Training and Experience:** Bexley Parks and Recreation Department 2000-2003, Candidate for Mayor of Bexley 2007, Capitol Hill Press Office 2008, Candidate for U.S. Congress (OH-12) 2010, Gary Johnson Presidential Campaign 2012, Central Ohioans Countering Kasich PAC 2014, Gary Johnson Presidential Campaign 2016

**Question 1:** It is imperative that we learn from what other states are doing to effectively battle this crisis by fast tracking our medical marijuana program and eventually fully legalizing marijuana. This is a no-brainer -- in states where they have ample medical or recreational marijuana legally available to responsible adults, the opioid crisis is 25 percent less

deadly, harmful and expensive. My two opponents are both going to try and fix this crisis by spending more taxpayer dollars on enforcement and incarceration, but the opioid crisis is a health problem -- not a criminal problem. We cannot enforce our way out of it and must focus on the only solution that will reduce addiction to opioids while also bringing in revenue to treat those who need help -- without just throwing them in cages. That is what so many other states are doing and it is high time for Ohio to legally embrace marijuana as well.

**Question 2:** My goal as governor will be to reduce the overall tax burden at the state level by cutting spending, which would leave more money in local areas for the people of these municipalities to decide what to fund and how to fund it. We should not burden localities with unfunded mandates. The state’s role in localities is to ensure that the locality is not violating the rights of the people in that locality and to maintain state highways and other essential services, but not much beyond that. Once we reduce state taxes, folks in various municipalities across our state can use their money locally as they see fit.

**MIKE DEWINE AND JON HUSTED (REP)**

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**Education:** Miami University, 1969, Bachelor of Science in Education (Social Studies) and Ohio Northern University Claude W. Pettit College of Law, 1972, Juris Doctorate

**Occupation:** Ohio Attorney General

**Training and Experience:** I have served as Ohio Attorney General, U.S. Senator, Ohio Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Congressman for the 7th District, Ohio State Senator for the 10th District, and Greene County Prosecutor.

**Question 1:** The Governor must be the undisputed leader on issues of this magnitude impacting Ohio. As Attorney General, my office has: seized over \$181 million in drugs; convicted over 2,500 drug dealers; started a heroin unit; invested \$17 million in NEW funding to fight the epidemic;

awarded more than \$24 million in drug prevention grants; and sued the opioid manufacturers and distributors.

As Governor, I will leverage the full resources of state government to amplify these successes. I have created a 12-point Recovery Ohio Plan that details the steps I will take as Governor, including: improving law enforcement data-sharing; increasing task forces that disrupt drug cartel activity; increasing treatment capacity, recovery supports, and employment opportunities for those in recovery; implementing prevention education from Kindergarten to 12th Grade; and providing early intervention programs for families and children. I will also create a cabinet level position to coordinate our state response.

**Question 2:** I am a product of local government. I began my career as an assistant prosecutor in Greene County, and one of my running-mate, Jon Husted’s, first jobs was doing economic development work for the Montgomery County Commissioners. So we understand first-hand the challenges of local government and the importance of home rule. We have promised to be good partners to local governments. They carry out a very important job of directly serving Ohioans, and the DeWine-Husted administration has committed to working closely with our local partners.

**REBECCA AYRES & ANTHONY DURGANS (WRITE-IN)**

**RICHARD DUNCAN & DENNIS A. ARTINO (WRITE-IN)**

**RENEA TURNER & KEITH COLTON (WRITE-IN)**

**Questions for Attorney General Candidates**

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

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

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

(vote for no more than one)

**STEVE DETTELBACH (DEM)**

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**Occupation:** Attorney; Prosecutor

**Training and Experience:** 2009-2016: U.S. Attorney - Northern District of Ohio 2008-2009: Commissioner - Ohio Ethics Commission 2006-2009; 2016-Present: Partner - Baker Hostetler, LLP 2003-2006: Prosecutor - U.S. Attorney’s Office, Organized Crime and Corruption Strike Force

**Question 1:** The Attorney General’s job is to ensure that no one is above the law, no one is below the law, and no one is beyond its reach. Fundamentally, that means protecting people – from violent crime, corrupt politicians, and a broken political system that allows powerful special interests to play by a different set of the rules than everyone else.

**Question 2:** The job of the Attorney General is to enforce the Rule of Law and to protect Ohio’s citizens. Right now, our political system is broken. We have corrupt politicians -- both Democrats and Republicans -- who are allowed to play by a different set of rules than everyone else. That is wrong. As AG, on day one, I will conduct a top-to-bottom review of Ohio’s corruption laws to put a stop to the pay-to-play culture running rampant in our Statehouse. It’s time to put Ohioans first, and stop letting special interest donors call the shots in our government.

**DAVE YOST (REP)**

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**Education:** B. A. OSU 1984; JD Capital Law 1991

**Occupation:** Auditor of State

**Training and Experience:** Former Prosecuting Attorney, lawyer, newspaper reporter

**Question 1:** The attorney general’s job is to protect Ohio and its people--from prosecuting crime, to protecting the environment and consumers, I will fight for the best interest of all Ohioans. As attorney general, I will take an oath to uphold the rule of law, defend the Ohio Constitution and fight for all Ohioans. I will apply the law with an even hand, and make Ohio a safer and more predictable place to work and live.

**Question 2:** I will prioritize the rule of law and pound this message: The client is the State of Ohio and its people, not the politicians or the bureaucrats.

**Questions for Auditor of State Candidates**

**1.** What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the auditor’s office?

**2.** What would you do to ensure that public funds are not misused by government officials and those in a position of public trust?

**AUDITOR OF STATE**

(vote for no more than 1)

**ZACK SPACE (DEM)**

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**Education:** Kenyon College, B.A. Political Science; Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D.

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Training and Experience:** Practicing attorney, private practice and public defense, 1986-2006; Law Director, City of Dover, OH, 2001-2006; United States Congressman, Ohio’s 18th District, 2007-2011

**Question 1:** I intend to sufficiently fulfill all traditional responsibilities of the Auditor’s office. The Auditor’s office can focus on materiality and risk-based audits, conducting basic audits and agreed upon procedures where appropriate. I will also recruit a diverse and qualified staff, who represents all of Ohio and understands our local communities, to help accomplish these goals.

I believe I can add tremendous value to the Auditor’s office by making it far more dynamic. Performance audits, for instance, allow the Auditor to make holistic observations about public entities and make thorough recommendations for improvement.

**Question 2:** I commend Auditor Yost for creating the Public Integrity Assurance Team (“PIAT”). The PIAT is well known for investigating theft of public dollars. Just as important, if not more so, are PIAT’s trainings for local government officials on fraud prevention and combating cybercrime. I will continue to investigate those suspected of stealing public money and expand the training program, so our local governments have the tools they need to avoid becoming victims of crime.

**ROBERT C. COOGAN (LIB)**

**Website:** <http://www.coogan4liberty.org>

**Education:** Princeton University – 1969 to 1973 – Bachelor’s degree; Xavier University – 1973 to 1978 – Master of Business Administration

**Occupation:** Accountant – semi-retired

**Training and Experience:** CPA-Ohio, Certified Internal Auditor (inactive), Retired from Cincinnati Bell - served as VP-Accounting at Cincinnati Bell Telephone and VP-Internal Audit at Cincinnati Bell Inc, Retired from The Health Collaborative - Director-Grant Accounting

**Question 1:** My non-partisan approach as the Auditor of State will bring independence and objectivity to the analysis of risks to Ohio taxpayer dollars and the prioritization of audit resources. Decisions regarding entities/areas to audit will be free of conflicts of interest. Financial Audits – I will focus resources on the entities that are most in need of help from the expertise of the audit staff. I will ensure that the most cost effective and efficient use is being made of Independent Auditor firms in the financial audit process. Performance Audits – I will continue the practice of performance audit engagements. I will continuously evaluate the

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areas of focus for these audits in order provide the most operational improvement savings for taxpayers. I will ensure that the auditing software in place is the most appropriate and current for cybersecurity, financial and performance audits.

**Question 2:** The assurance of appropriate expenditures of public funds by individuals will be incorporated into all audits, as is done in audits of private companies. All audits will include an internal controls assessment, which includes assures proper authorization and recording of expenditures, documentation of the appropriateness of the expenditure for the individual and position, and the review and disclosure of any external funding sources or gifts. A comparison of expenditures to the detail of an approved budget will highlight unusual, extraordinary or unplanned items. An analysis of these exception items is a means to uncover fraud and the misuse of funds. Scrutiny of non-healthcare benefits and perks can also reveal abuses and fraud by officials in charge of public funds.

**KEITH FABER (REP)**  
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**Education:** Oakland University (BA); THE Ohio State University (JD)  
**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Training and Experience:** My career as an attorney handling complex financial matters coupled with my years in the state legislature, including a term as President of the Ohio Senate, have equipped me with the tools necessary to be Auditor. I know how state government operates and where to look to find efficiencies.

**Question 1:** My entire legislative career has focused on making state government more efficient, effective, and transparent. I was a part of the Senate leadership that worked with Governor Kasich to cut taxes by almost \$5 billion. I drafted the Common Sense Initiative that has dramatically reduced new regulations. I worked on balancing a budget that started with an \$8 billion deficit and turned it into a \$2 billion surplus and that has taken our rainy day fund from \$0.89 to \$2.7 Billion. Ohio is doing better but better is still not good enough. I'm running for Auditor now because it is the one office responsible for oversight in state government and protecting the taxpayers. An Auditor that wants to see government work quicker, better, and cheaper for the taxpayers has tremendous power to whip government into shape. That is what I plan to do.  
**Question 2:** The Auditor is the State's "Chief Compliance Officer," meaning he is responsible for holding government officials accountable when they lie, cheat, or steal. For public officials that abuse the public trust, I will make sure they are sent to prison - where they belong. The Auditor's fiscal audits have done an excellent job of catching waste, fraud, and abuse. I will continue those practices, ensuring that those who seek to betray the public trust are punished and those who need better training get the training they need to serve the public well.

**Questions for Secretary of State Candidates**  
**1.** How would you promote equitable, ample ballot access and registration for all eligible voters?  
**2.** How will you champion voter roll maintenance procedures that proactively include vulnerable and historically underrepresented populations?

**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**KATHLEEN CLYDE (DEM)**  
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**Education:** BA from Wesleyan University JD from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law  
**Occupation:** Ohio State Representative  
**Training and Experience:** Currently serving fourth term in the Ohio House of Representatives. Served as an election official with the Franklin County Board of Elections. Served as a law clerk for the Ohio Secretary of State and the Ohio Senate.

**Question 1:** Ensuring access to the ballot box is critical to the health of our democracy. The best way to do this is by modernizing our outdated registration process. That's why I introduced Automatic Voter Registration, a plan to automatically register and update the info of every eligible Ohio voter when they do the things they already do every day, like renew a driver's license or apply for benefits. In fact, more than half of Americans live in states with AVR. It's efficient, saves money and has actually proven to increase turnout.  
**Question 2:** While it's important to keep our voter rolls up-to-date, it's also imperative that we do what we can to ensure our vulnerable, underrepresented and less politically active populations have the tools they need to exercise their most fundamental right. I'll continue removing voters ineligible under Ohio law, but act to reverse Ohio's aggressive supplemental purge process that cancels the rights of eligible Ohio voters. With automatic registration, we'll be able to update our rolls in real time, saving money on costly, inefficient mailings and, most importantly, keeping eligible Ohioans up-to-date and on the rolls.

**DUSTIN R. NANNA (LIB)**  
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**Occupation:** Homemaker/ Personal Care Professional  
**Training and Experience:** I have spearheaded multiple petition drives here in Ohio and am well versed and familiar with the Ohio Revised Code, specifically when it has to with the electoral process.  
**Question 1:** Part of my platform is an automatic voter registration system. I would like to see the State automatically register you to vote/update your voting information anytime you give the State enough information to do so. I believe this will add tens if not hundreds of thousands of new eligible voters to the rolls.  
**Question 2:** As mentioned I want

automatic voter registration in Ohio. I believe a system like this can keep the rolls clean without having to purge them of potential future voters. Voting is a right for any taxpaying citizen of Ohio and we should be doing our best to add folks to the rolls, not find ways to disqualify them that disproportionately affect minorities.

**FRANK LAROSE (REP)**  
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**Education:** Graduate of Copley High School in Summit County and The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Consumer Affairs and a Minor in Business Administration.

**Occupation:** State Senator  
**Training and Experience:** United States Army Veteran (10 years), State Senator (7 years), Eagle Scout.  
**Question 1:** Ohio has among the most generous early and absentee voting in the country. That's a good thing, and we must maintain our position as a national leader. I've championed several pieces of legislation that make it easier for citizens to register and vote. Those bills include online voter registration which allows Ohioans to securely register using a computer or smartphone, and legislation that will allow people to request absentee ballots online. I have opposed efforts by some to make it harder for Ohioans to vote, and have supported maintaining convenient weekend options for early in-person voting. Additionally, I'm working to create "automated voter registration," so that people can automatically register to vote when they interact with state agencies, such as the BMV. As Secretary of State, I'll continue working in a bipartisan fashion to get automated voter registration passed, and to move the ball forward in other areas in order to ensure we continue to be a voter-friendly state.

**Question 2:** Ohio law requires the Secretary of State to maintain accurate voter rolls. We also have a responsibility to ensure we aren't removing eligible voters. Every Secretary of State for the last twenty years has followed nearly the same process for maintaining the rolls, but I believe we can improve our process. First, we should encourage participation so voters don't go years without voting. Competitive elections are one of the clearest ways to increase participation, which is why I'm passionate about redistricting reform. We can also do more to educate voters, especially young voters, so they understand the importance of participating. Finally, we should make it easier for eligible citizens to get and stay registered, and keep their registration up-to-date. My online voter registration bill does this. I'm also working on a bill to implement "automated voter registration" so people who interact with state government are automatically registered and stay updated, unless they opt-out.

**MICHAEL W. BRADLEY (WRITE-IN)**

**Questions for Treasurer of State**  
**1.** What are the most important functions of the state treasurer

and why?  
**2.** What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the treasurer's office?

**TREASURER OF STATE CANDIDATES**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**ROB RICHARDSON (DEM)**  
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**Education:** Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati Juris Doctor, UC Law  
**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Training and Experience:** I believe my most relevant experience is my nine years on the University of Cincinnati's Board of Trustees, where I capped my tenure as Chair. Over that time we experienced record financial growth and enrollment.

**Question 1:** The state treasurer is essentially the state's banker, responsible for overseeing all financial transactions of the state government. In 2017 the Treasurer's office managed more than \$224 billion in financial assets, including more than \$21.5 billion in state investments. This has tremendous influence on the economy and overall health of Ohio, and it affects everyone regardless of political affiliation. These are essential, baseline functions the treasurer must perform to maintain stability, but I believe the state treasurer can do more than just the bare minimum. As treasurer, I plan to enact policies that hold the powerful accountable and expand opportunities for all Ohioans.  
**Question 2:** Given the importance of the treasurer's role to our state's economic well-being, it's crucial to maintain an office that runs as efficiently as possible. While I don't necessarily foresee any major overhauls to the office's operations, I want to stress that I will only be hire staff of the highest caliber who have gone through a strict vetting process. If any area of the office is performing in a substandard manner I will immediately work to see that the issue is corrected.

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**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Training and Experience:** State Representative - appointed 2011, elected 2012, 2014 and 2016 Auditor, City of Findlay - elected 2008 Treasurer, City of Findlay - elected 2004 Principal, Vasa Capital, Findlay Ohio 2005 Owner, Talus Technology, Atlanta GA 1998 Ernst and Young  
**Question 1:** The Treasurer's power to issue debt is extremely important because it is the intersection between private capital markets and the government. I have a plan to unlock creativity in the private market to help fight the opiate epidemic, infant mortality and other societal ills through the standardization of Social Impact Bonds (SIBs). SIBs foster partnerships between the public and private sectors, where the private market develops new programs, but the public sector

only pays if the new programs can be proven to deliver results. This innovative financial tool will bring the private sector to the table in a meaningful way and introduce a new funding stream to the effort to tackle Ohio's most pressing problems. I encourage readers to visit [SpragueForOhio.com/vision](http://SpragueForOhio.com/vision) to find a more detailed overview of how I plan to use the Treasurer's office to make a positive and meaningful difference in the lives of Ohioans.  
**Question 2:** As an international business consultant for Ernst & Young, I was trained to evaluate companies' operations, find efficiencies and improve their internal processes. Once I am elected, I plan to use this experience to do an in-depth evaluation of the office and the programs the Treasurer manages to ensure we are achieving the highest quality outcomes at the most effective cost for taxpayers. Ohio's Online Checkbook and STABLE Account Program are two areas where I believe we can achieve greater fiscal efficiencies and drive down administrative costs by actively working to expand participation in the programs to individuals and entities both in and out of state. As Treasurer, I will also use the knowledge gained in both the private sector and as a member of the Ohio House Finance Committee to keep our office operating costs in-check through regular internal budget evaluations.

**Questions for U.S. Senate Candidates**

**1.** What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?  
**2.** What would you do to enact a fair and equitable immigration policy in Congress?

**U.S. SENATOR (OHIO)**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**SHERROD BROWN (DEM)**  
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**Education:** Masters from The Ohio State University, BA from Yale  
**Occupation:** United States Senator for Ohio  
**Training and Experience:** U.S. Senator for Ohio  
**Question 1:** Ohioans are working harder and harder with less and less to show for their hard work. I want to restore the value of work to everyone working hard but struggling -- whether you earn a salary, punch a timesheet or make tips. Everyone deserves the opportunity to get ahead. That is why I have unveiled a plan to make work pay off again. We can do so by raising the minimum wage, giving workers the ability to earn paid sick days and family leave, and expanding overtime pay.  
**Question 2:** Earlier this year, I supported a pair of bipartisan bills that would have provided certainty to Dreamers while boosting security on our borders. Unfortunately those efforts failed, but I will continue to work with my Republican and Democratic colleagues until we reach a bipartisan solution to fix our broken immigration system that protects those brought here as

children who are working and contributing to their communities.

**JIM RENACCI (REP)**  
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**Education:** Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Certified Public Accountant (CPA)  
**Occupation:** Congressman of Ohio's 16th District  
**Training and Experience:** My breadth of experience in the private sector, in which I created over 1,500 jobs and employed over 3,000 people across Ohio, has rendered me uniquely qualified to effectively serve our state in the United States Senate and to advance the values of hardworking Ohioans—not Washington special interests and career politicians.

**Question 1:** Sustaining Long-Term Economic Growth, Addressing Our Debt Crisis and Tackling the Opioid Epidemic are our top three challenges. While we've seen tremendous progress and growth in our national economy over the past year, many Ohio families continue to struggle and our state has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Advancing a pro-growth, common sense agenda that fosters job creation and decreases our nation's debt will be a top priority of mine.  
**Question 2:** Our immigration system is in desperate need of reforms. I will support a merit-based immigration system so we bring in the best and brightest from around the world that have the skills we need to strengthen our country in a 21st Century economy. It's vital that we uphold our responsibility to our citizens to protect our borders and hold sanctuary cities accountable for failing to cooperate with federal law enforcement officials. We are a nation of laws and it is imperative that they are faithfully and effectively enforced.

**STEPHEN FARIS (WRITE-IN)**

**Questions for U.S. Representatives to Congress (District 3 & 15)**

**1.** What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?  
**2.** What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS**  
**3rd District**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**JOYCE BEATTY (DEM)**  
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**Education:** B.A. Degree from Central State University;M.S. Degree from Wright State University;ABD from University of Cincinnati; Honorary Doctorate Degrees: Ohio Dominican University & Central State University  
**Occupation:** U.S. Congresswoman  
**Qualifications for Office:** I have the knowledge, experience, and track record of successes that



make me the best candidate. I work tirelessly to connect people, policy, and politics to deliver results for constituents. I pass legislation and am a strong voice for the people. I love the Third Congressional District.

**Question 1:** Having a government for the people. America is strongest when we have a robust and thriving economy coupled with access to good-paying jobs, better education, and safety at home and abroad. Right now, too many hardworking Central Ohio families are struggling to make ends meet, faced with soaring costs and stagnant wage growth—and the Republican tax bill has only made things worse. I am championing equal pay for equal work, fighting for civil rights and real tax reform for all Americans, and investing in job training programs and education so that American workers and future generations are prepared for tomorrow. We need better jobs, better wages, better opportunities, and a brighter future for everyone. As examples, I successfully leveraged a \$225 million private-public partnership that revitalized Columbus' East Side and have held numerous District-wide meetings with government agencies, community leaders and stakeholders to better serve my constituents.

**Question 2:** Americans want high-quality, affordable healthcare and lower prescription drug prices. I am working tirelessly in Congress to strengthen and expand Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to ensure seniors, hardworking families, and our children have access to the healthcare they need and deserve. I support improving the Affordable Care Act, increasing federal investment in groundbreaking medical research, life-saving therapies, and technologies, and I am working with my Democratic and Republican colleagues to increase access to and the affordability of healthcare for small businesses and their employees. Most recently, 52 healthcare executives, community leaders, government officials, nonprofits, and stakeholders participated in my Healthcare Listening Session and Roundtable, sharing their perspective on improving our healthcare system, as well as fresh ideas to make sure more individuals and families can live happier, healthier lives.

**JIM BURGESS (REP)**  
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**Education:** Degree in Broadcast Operations from Washington State CC and Business Management from Columbus State CC  
**Occupation:** Central Committee Member  
**Qualifications for Office:** Currently serving as elected member of the State and County Central Committees. 8 years as leader of local grassroots org. pushing for school and local government reform. Manager in multi-billion dollar corps responsible for millions of dollars in projects and revenue with global responsibilities.  
**Question 1:** A major issue facing the U.S. is the burden our government places on us, it's citizens. Thanks to President Trump, we can see just how much better our lives are when the government is restrained.

Just think how much better off we would be if more regulations were cut, taxes were cut even more and made permanent, Obamacare was repealed, and spending was reduced. If you like how companies recently gave out bonuses, increased wages, and invested in our communities - i.e. more jobs, just think how much better it could have been. If elected, I will push for major reductions in regulations, the repeal of Obamacare, I will work to get spending under control and I will work to reduce our taxes even more. This will make you, a resident in my district, even more prosperous and successful than what has been done already.

**Question 2:** A few years ago when I was out of work and my daughter needed an immunization, I could have paid \$80 on thru my health insurance plan or \$10 cash. True story, albeit simplified! Our healthcare problems stem from government interference and an over regulated system. When we get the government and big healthcare companies out of the way, American ingenuity will kick in and we will finally be able to solve the healthcare crisis for all - making healthcare readily available and affordable. First, we repeal the failure known as Obamacare. Next, we start repealing laws that come between you and your doctor and come between you and affordable healthcare.

**MILLIE MILAM (WRITE-IN)**

**15th District**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**RICK NEAL (DEM)**  
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**Question 1:** I believe the gridlock on healthcare reform is the most pressing problem facing the federal government - because it's the most pressing issue for a lot of the people living in the 15th District. Five of the 10 poorest counties in Ohio are in the 15th District. Access to health and wellness care is as much an issue in rural Ohio as affordability. While there were gains under the ACA, there are problems that need to be fixed. 700,000 Ohioans were provided Medicaid under the Kasich-ACA expansion. A disproportionate amount of them are living in the 15th. Their healthcare is at stake with every vote my opponent has taken to repeal the ACA. Congress needs to address the weaknesses in the ACA or come up with a plan that provides a way for Americans to have access to quality, affordable coverage that maintains key items like disallowing insurance companies to turn away people

with pre-existing conditions. Fixing the ACA will be my first priority in Congress.

**Question 2:** Continuing the reforms of the U.S. healthcare system is the most pressing issue facing the federal government in 2018. The answer for now is to fix the inadequacies in the Affordable Health Care Act – not outright repeal. The fact cannot be denied that ACA led to millions more Americans gaining quality, affordable coverage. The ACA-Kasich Medicaid expansion in Ohio alone has covered 700,000 more Ohioans and is a program on the front lines of the opioid epidemic. My opponent has voted to repeal without a suitable replacement. I support putting back the individual mandate and continued work to make the healthcare exchanges competitive. I also support allowing people 55 and over to buy into Medicare – which would benefit both the Medicare pool and the healthcare exchange pools.

**JOHNATHAN MILLER (LIB)**  
Candidate did not respond.

**STEVE STIVERS (REP)**  
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Masters of Strategic Studies from Army War College  
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**Qualifications for Office:** I have experience in both the public and private sectors. Having worked in both the state and federal legislatures, I've learned how to get things done. I have over 30 years of military experience that have given me the understanding on how to tackle issues like going to war and parameters of peace.  
**Question 1:** One of the biggest issues facing the federal government in 2018 is a lack of trust by the American public. Furthermore, pundits argue that political polarization will only increase after the upcoming midterm elections. We've never needed more than we do today steady and strong leadership from men and women that are willing to work across the aisle, bring people together, and get results for the American people. Earlier this year, Congresswoman Beatty and I formed the Civility and Respect Caucus which now has 30 members – 15 Republicans and 15 Democrats. Caucus members go out into the community in each other's districts and discuss how they work together and how we can be more civil in politics and society. I plan to continue further with this effort. Additionally, every bill I introduce has a Democrat lead cosponsor. I'm committed to working together in a bipartisan fashion – the way Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill did in the 80's to achieve major reforms for the country.  
**Question 2:** I believe that our health care system has to ensure Americans have access to affordable plans that meet their unique needs, and that includes making sure that anyone with pre-existing conditions cannot be denied affordable coverage. We also need to address the true cost of healthcare and help lower the costs that patients actually pay out of pocket. I led the effort for a

bipartisan, House-passed bill that would triple the amount someone can contribute to a flex spending account and increase their tax-free savings, giving consumers more control over their family's healthcare needs. I support price transparency throughout our healthcare system so patients know how much certain procedures or tests actually costs. I support changing law to allow health insurance companies to give patients skin in the game by prepaying their premiums when they shop and save money on non-emergency services.

**Questions for U.S. Representative to Congress Candidates - District 12**  
**1.** How do tariffs on international goods affect working people regardless of their jobs? What policy do you recommend going forward?  
**2.** What are your legislative priorities to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural, and human health?

**District 12**  
(vote for no more than one)

**DANNY O'CONNOR (DEM)**  
Candidate did not respond.

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**Question 1:** Tariffs placed on international goods can be a double edged sword, being either good or bad for the American workforce and they need to be placed upon them on a case by case basis. On one hand, tariffs should be placed upon goods that are produced in nations like China, where slavery is still legal today, or when they are produced in slave labor sweat shops that employ children who are paid with poverty wages, in order to level the playing field for American workers who need to be paid a decent living wage. On the other hand, tariffs should not be placed upon products when they restrict or cause problems with the production of products or goods that are produced in the United States. This is why it is extremely important to consider the resulting impact of tariffs before they are placed upon any products or goods that are produced in foreign nations, as well as the often negative response that we receive from the nations where those products and goods are produced.  
**Question 2:** My platform and that of the Green Party of the United States includes a massive expansion of American manufactured solar and wind power technology all across America, in order to eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels and nuclear energy and to make America's ugly wars for oil around the globe obsolete. This why I

promise to sponsor legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to provide tax incentives for individuals and small, cooperative business enterprises that invest in American manufactured solar and wind power technology when I am elected. This can easily be administered through the Rural Electrification Association that is already in place. I also plan to sponsor legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to require that all food products imported or produced in the United States that contain GMO products be labeled as such, in order to help discourage farmers from producing GMO products and to encourage them to produce organic, non-GMO products.

**TROY BALDERSON (REP)**  
Candidate did not respond.

**MARC FAGIN (WRITE-IN)**

**Questions for Ohio House and Senate Candidates**  
**1.** What will be your one or two priorities if elected to office and how would you accomplish these goals?  
**2.** Describe what you have done or will do to work across political differences to solve problems.

**OHIO SENATE CANDIDATES**

**3rd District**  
(vote for no more than 1)

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**Qualifications for Office:** I have experience working as an intern for the US Senate, an intern for the Ohio House of Representatives, and a Field Fellow for the Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote), along with various volunteer positions in the community.  
**Question 1:** Closing the income inequality gap and fighting the opioid epidemic  
**Question 2:** Assisting the constituents of Ohio with their constituent issues such as preventing wrongful deportation by navigating through the complicated government agencies regardless of the changes of the laws based on the new administration. I was also a navigator with the affordable care act and assisted constituents with signing up for affordable healthcare. This helped several families receive their essential medical treatments regardless of the political climate.

**ANNE GONZALES (REP)**  
Candidate did not respond.

**15th District**  
(vote for no more than 1)

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National Leadership Fellow, Boston University  
**Occupation:** State Representative  
**Qualifications for Office:** I believe that my experience in the public sector, as a Columbus City Councilmember and State Representative, as well as my experience in the private sector, have prepared me to serve in the State Senate.  
**Question 1:** Addressing the issues surrounding poverty will continue to be a key part of the work that I hope to do if elected to serve the 15th Senate District. Throughout my time in public service, we have worked together to address the issues that are vital to the well-being of families in our community. We have expanded services to veterans, advocated for transparency and accountability in our schools, and worked to combat the opioid crisis that is plaguing our neighborhoods. There is still a great deal of work to be done, and I would be honored to continue to work with you to make our state even better.  
**Question 2:** Addressing the issues surrounding poverty will continue to be a key part of the work that I hope to do if elected to serve the 15th Senate District. Throughout my time in public service, we have worked together to address the issues that are vital to the well-being of families in our community. We have expanded services to veterans, advocated for transparency and accountability in our schools, and worked to combat the opioid crisis that is plaguing our neighborhoods. There is still a great deal of work to be done, and I would be honored to continue to work with you to make our state even better.

**JORDAN GARCEA (REP)**  
Candidate did not respond.

**Questions for Ohio Senate Candidates – 19th District**  
**1.** Do community (charter) schools need increased scrutiny and accountability for taxpayers' funds they expend? If so, what proposals do you support?  
**2.** What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system (e.g. gerrymandering, campaign finance reform)?

**Ohio Senate – 19th District**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**LOUISE VALENTINE (DEM)**  
Candidate did not respond

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**Question 1:** Yes. I believe that education is a governmental function and that charter schools are unnecessary and constitutes government outsourcing. anything a charter school does can be done by a public school. our tax dollars should be allocated to public

schools, not to private charter schools. private charter schools should not get tax monies from taxpayers because charter schools are private entities. private charter schools should fund themselves without taxpayer money. if a private entity receives tax monies to run its business, then the taxpayers' tax burden should be reduced by that level of tax attributed to the charter schools. in other words, the more government outsources its governmental responsibilities and functions to private entities, the lower our taxes should be. our taxes should not be used to fund private businesses. if private charter schools are successful, their model should be adopted by public schools. **Question 2:** it is the state's obligation and duty to protect women's reproductive health just as it is the duty of the state to protect all persons' health. health care is an inherent private issue and the government should not interfere with or limit that private interest. women's reproductive health, like all health care issues, should be a service that government provides. health care should not be a "for profit" enterprise to be manipulated by insurance and pharmaceutical companies. the united states is the only developed country that does not have universal health care and it is time to change that. it is time for this country to adopt universal health care and for the government to get out of the lives of women and their reproductive rights. whatever a woman decides for herself does not affect the public's health, safety or welfare. thus, healthcare is a private issue that the government should not limit or circumscribe.

**ANDREW BRENNER (REP)**  
Candidate did not respond.

OHIO REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES

17th District  
(vote for no more than 1)

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**Occupation:** Partner, Taft Law & Colonel, Army Reserve  
**Qualifications for Office:** 4th Generation Columbus "Hilltop" neighborhood native. Afghanistan War Veteran, Current Rank: Colonel, 22+yrs svc.; Current State Representative: South side, West side, Franklin Twp, parts of Grandview SD; House Finance, Transportation, Armed Services, Public Utilities, Education Subcommittee.  
**Question 1:** Curbing urban blight, reducing prostitution by going after the demand (Johns) and improved jobs/ economic development are my main priorities. I have introduced multiple, bi-partisan bills to help make the declaration of a public nuisance more efficient and fair. If an absentee landlord is negligent in allowing a drug house to exist,

we will empower our courts to get after that. In addition, I've fought for increased penalties for those exploiting the opioid crisis and increase funds for programs to help support victims of the crisis, including those subject to human trafficking. Anti-solicitation legislation will slap a \$2,500 fine on those who invade our neighborhoods to solicit prostitutes. Featured on NPR, WOSU, this measure will really help our law enforcement teams clean up W. Sullivant Avenue. Currently, I am working on bi-partisan legislation that will open up capital markets to economic development organizations, described in more detail below. **Question 2:** I took an oath to represent everyone in the 17th House District, regardless of their political affiliation. To that end have introduced multiple bi-partisan bills (e.g. anti-solicitation/human trafficking and curbing urban blight). To bring people together, I've co-hosted bipartisan briefings for members and staff of the Ohio House. I am introducing bi-partisan legislation to empower community development corporations to partner with port authorities to expand equitable housing, establish community resource centers and improve transportation infrastructure. It will create jobs and help Townships. We spend too much time highlighting our differences, where in the end, we agree, for the most part, on what we want for Ohio, we often disagree on how. And, those differences are exasperated in the media and political world. I've worked to focus on those efforts in which we agree and work toward solutions that don't get a lot of headlines, but improve the lives of all Ohioans.

**JOHN RUSH (REP)**  
Candidate did not respond

18th District  
(vote for no more than 1)

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Candidate did not respond.

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**Qualifications for Office:** As a small business owner, I have common sense and practical experience. As HR Director my leadership reduced grievances by 95%. As a Nonprofit Board Chair, I oversaw a successful merger saving thousands of dollars. While some may have a family "political pedigree" my background is results driven.  
**Question 1:** Drug overdose deaths are soaring to unprecedented numbers. Addicts commit serious crimes against their families and communities to pay for their habits. In Ohio, 15 addicts overdose and die every day. This crisis of epic proportions will be a priority for me as your State Representative in the following ways: I will introduce legislation to expedite the approval process and expansion of addiction treatment programs; I will also introduce

legislation to enhance the Ohio Physician Loan Repayment (forgiveness) Program to include Mental Health and Addition professions; I will support the creation of a stakeholder's task force to develop a comprehensive, state-wide drug prevention curriculum for schools, businesses, parents, and places of worship that can be adapted to their specific needs; I will also support a state-wide stakeholders task forces to help every county adapt a program like the Franklin County Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education (HOPE) Taskforce. **Question 2:** Today's political environment can be caustic not only across the aisle but even within political parties. That is why I'm excited about the recent announcement by Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-OH-03) and Congressman Steve Stivers (R-OH-15) of the creation of the Congressional Civility and Respect Caucus. The informal caucus was formed to encourage all Members of Congress to act with civility and respect in their political discourse and promote the use of a respectful dialogue on tough issues. I promise to the constituents of the 18th House District that I will live by the principle of civility, respect and open dialogue as your State Representative. As an HR Director I created an environment where grievances filed by union employees was reduced by 95%. This happened by creating an environment that was civil, respectful and safe for employees and managers conduct constructive conversations. You can't be an effective leader if you only listen to one side, you must listen to everyone.

19th District  
(vote for no more than 1)

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**Qualifications for Office:** 26 years teaching in K-12 and Higher education; 30 year resident in Plain Township; elected to leadership positions in state and national science teacher professional associations; trained as a parliamentarian; farmer and environmentalist; parent, taxpayer, problem solver  
**Question 1:** My main priorities are to ensure equal access for all to quality education and vocational training, and to ensure that hard-working Ohioans have quality health care options and affordable insurance to cover the medical care and treatment(s) they need for themselves and their families.  
**Question 2:** Educators teach all students in their classes and work with all of their parents to support their children. I have taught in the Columbus and Westerville City Schools. In order to meet the needs of my students I have collaborated with support staff, other educators, and parents who come from different backgrounds and have diverse viewpoints. My work as a member of the Westerville

Public Library Board of Trustees has presented opportunities to anticipate problems and address unexpected issues with other members of the board, who come from varied professions and have different perspectives. Members of the Ohio House need to work together to identify the most pressing problems facing Ohioans, find common ground where the majority can agree, and work together to find equitable, affordable, and practical solutions that address the issue and can be implemented to ensure a better future. I will work across the aisle to use rational problem solving to minimize divisiveness in politics.

**TIM BARHORST (REP)**  
Candidate did not respond

20th District  
(vote for no more than 1)

**RICHARD BROWN (DEM)**  
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**Qualifications for Office:** Licensed attorney, private practice of law for 36 years in the area of civil litigation/administrative law. AV rated, a peer-reviewed rating signifying the highest subject matter and ethical rating. Served for 7 years as Hearing Examiner for the Ohio Dept. of Commerce. Current State Rep. 20th Dist.  
**Question 1:** Good public schools are vitally important and the key to our future. I will continue to support a strong K-12 public school system that educates our children, whether they go on to college, the military, or a skilled trade program. Our communities benefit from good schools. I will also continue to advocate for a partnership between public schools, our friends in the skilled trades, and vocational training centers, so that those who choose a path other than college can learn a trade, vocation, or obtain the technical skills that will enable them to have good jobs with good health care that will support their families.  
I support efforts to foster economic development in the district providing good jobs for the people of the district. Economic development is key to keeping our communities strong. Good schools and good jobs make strong communities where people can raise families in safety and prosperity. Strong infrastructure aids ongoing economic development.  
**Question 2:** As a State Representative, I work on 4 committees in the House, at which members from both parties consider proposed legislation and hear and question proponents and opponents of the legislation. We work together, for the most part, to question problematic proposals and suggest changes to the proposed legislation that will make the proposed law better. Most of the time there are bipartisan efforts to pass out of committee good legislation that, if enacted, would make good law and be beneficial to the people of Ohio. I am currently working on several pieces of proposed legislation with members of the

other party to come up with legislation that will help Ohio businesses and families and make Ohio stronger and safer. These bipartisan efforts usually lead to the best laws and the most beneficial legislation that almost all can support. I am also working with a member of the other party on civility issues to develop a task force that will encourage greater civility in the House.

**BOBBY L. MITCHELL (REP)**  
Candidate did not respond.

21st District  
(vote for no more than 1)

**BETH LISTON (DEM)**  
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**Occupation:** Doctor, Mother, Professor.  
**Qualifications for Office:** I am an expert in healthcare and health policy with 15 years of experience as a physician. I serve on multiple health policy committees. I have 10 years of experience teaching and developing novel curricula for advanced learners. My academic focus is in fostering inter-professional collaboration.  
**Question 1:** There are health impacts to all policies including education, economic security, workplace safety, the environment etc. My priority is building a system that supports wellness within our communities. As a doctor and advocate for quality, affordable healthcare, I will oppose cuts to Medicaid and fight to protect women's, seniors' and veterans' healthcare. I will support new evidence-based programs to combat Ohio's opioid crisis and ensure access to preventive care for our children. As an experienced educator, I know firsthand what students need to succeed: good teachers, fewer standardized tests and fair funding for our public schools. I will address our school funding formula and ensure that charter schools have academic and financial accountability.  
**Question 2:** As a doctor, I connect with people of different backgrounds and experiences every day. My job is to reach out, find out what is wrong, establish a rapport and then work together to make things better. I use evidence and information to estab  
As an educator, I teach health professional students teamwork and collaboration. We focus on clear communication, identifying roles, areas of expertise and then working together to solve complex problems. I believe these skills will be invaluable in our current political climate.

**STU HARRIS (REP)**  
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**Qualifications for Office:** My wife

Alison and I have been married for 28 years, and we raised our sons, Jacob and Nick, in Dublin. Our family is dedicated to serving our neighbors through work in Special Olympics, Miracle League, Dublin Youth Athletics and the YMCA. My wife Alison works at the Hilliard YMCA helping people.  
**Question 1:** Education—As a 12 year member of the Dublin School Board, I will seek to make our schools the best in Ohio and the Nation for preparing our students for the jobs of the future. This means jobs in STEM, science, technology, engineering, and math and jobs in the building trades or other job ready certifications available at the schools through the programming available in our career and technical schools. Additionally, I will be focusing on—Fair Funding and Fiscally Responsibility—I will work to obtain fair funding for our schools. Too often, our schools get short-changed in the state budget. I will always fight for our fair share so our schools have the resources to excel and succeed nationally. Less Testing: I believe Ohio must reduce the amount of time spent testing so teachers can spend more time teaching and students can spend more time learning. Strengthening our Economy: I will work tirelessly to encourage businesses to locate and grow in Central Ohio.  
**Question 2:** In Dublin, local elected officials have hosted numerous town hall meetings with the community on the opioid crisis in partnership with Attorney General Mike DeWine and Prosecutor Ron O'Brien. Dublin's Mayor, Greg Peterson, and our City Council have led the push for opioid abuse prevention in our community with projects such as Take Back Tuesdays, a prescription drug drop-off program. In the Dublin schools, as a part of the Dublin School Board-we have added K-12 age appropriate drug abuse and prevention programming specifically targeted at eliminating the opioid epidemic. This includes mental health training and counseling as well as training so our teachers recognize the signs of this addiction and are prepared to assist students with seeking mental health assistance.

22nd District  
(vote for no more than one)

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**Qualifications for Office:** Aside from my political and professional experience--the most important qualification I bring to this position is my commitment to our community. I have lived in this District for nearly 50 years,and have dedicated my efforts to help make it the best place to live,work and raise a family.  
**Question 1:** There are so many.. but if I have to choose two.. One is making sure every child in Ohio has equal access to a high quality Education. Nothing is more important to personal success, and to the success of our Republic.This has to also include



post- secondary education. Our students need to be prepared for the jobs of tomorrow and we need to create the necessary environment for good paying jobs--without crippling debt. I will also continue my fight on behalf of a sustainable future. We are the first generation to understand the causes of climate change... and we are the last to be able to do anything about it.Maintaining strong environmental protections; clean air, clean water, protecting our Great Lakes,and our public parks are top priorities for me. **Question 2:** Currently I am co-sponsoring H.B. 333 with my Republican colleague from Cincinnati. This legislation would end the marriage penalty in the Ohio income tax. Currently, two people making \$50,000 pay less tax as two single individuals than when they get married--because after marriage the tax rate is higher on their now joint income of \$100,000. While tax cuts in Ohio mostly go to the wealthy few, by ending this marriage penalty, we will provide a tax cut to nearly 2.5 million hardworking Ohioans. Just one example of how I believe that we can work across party lines to promote good public policy.

**DOUG MOODY (REP)**  
Candidate did not respond

23rd District

(vote for no more than 1)

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**Education:** Bachelors and Masters at Wright State, Ford Foundation Fellow at Syracuse University  
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**Qualifications for Office:** Extensive experience as an advocate for public education. Have spent 30 years around the Ohio Statehouse. Taught economics at the university level for over a decade. Served as an expert consultant in the DeRolph school funding litigation in Ohio. **Question 1:** The school funding system remains unconstitutional. It is badly underfunded, unfair in the distribution of state aid and still over-relies on local property taxes. It is so complex that not a single school board member, school treasurer, school superintendent, or LEGISLATOR can begin to explain the system. It is little wonder that taxpayers don't fully support a system that they don't understand. Ohio is one of only a handful of states that votes on millage rates at the local level. Most states allow voters to express their desire for public education programs and opportunities by voting on school budgets or school board members. The natural answer

to a local levy election which raises your property taxes is NO. We should be asking voters whether or not they want more early childhood education and technology, instead of whether or not they want to pay 8.9 mills more of property taxation. Ohio has to stop the political process of residual budgeting and adopt an input based formula. **Question 2:** For years I have worked with the State Board of Education to improve public education in Ohio. Over that time, I have found that it is always better to organize support for good education policy around issues without regard for party affiliation.

**LAURA LANESE (REP)**  
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**Qualifications for Office:** Formerly: Justice Dep't Attorney; At-Large City Council Member; National Guardsmen and Army Reservist; Vice Chair of Veterans and member of Financial Institutions committees. Currently: State Representative and Vice Chair of Civil Justice and member of Criminal Justice committees. Wife, mom of 3. **Question 1:** Continuing the fight against the opioid epidemic and marshalling the necessary resources to combat the scourge that cost over 5200 Ohioans their lives last year. The devastation left in its wake affects everyone from the addict, to the family member, to the crime victims to the taxpayer. We will need to continue to fund prevention, prosecute traffickers and build treatment facilities and sober living houses. In last year's budget we increased spending on the epidemic by over \$180 million. We will also need to monitor the success of the 14-day prescription limit of certain opioids and to decriminalize low-level drug use and divert addicts to treatment not jail. Another priority is to focus on Ohio's environmental issues such as wind energy and nutrient runoff. Wind energy needs to be considered in addition to other forms of renewable and non-renewable energy sources to make Ohio competitive. Nutrient runoff needs to be addressed by all affected including farmers, environmentalists, ODNR **Question 2:** Many of the issues that I have worked on are issues that do not live in the world of one political party: issues like transparency in government, animal advocacy, violence against women and children,

environmentalism and veteran's issues. I have two pending bills with joint sponsors from across the political aisle on women and violence. I know that my constituents care about bipartisanship and civil discourse and that one party does not have a monopoly on good ideas and good government. I will continue to reach out to my colleagues across the aisle and will continue to refrain from the bullying rhetoric that often dominates political discourse.

24th District

(vote for no more than 1)

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**Qualifications for Office:** I am currently the Policy Research Director in a healthcare consulting firm. I've spent nearly 20 years advising senior policymakers on affordable and accessible care for seniors, families, and veterans. Also a community volunteer and mother, I am deeply committed to the people in this district. **Question 1:** As State Representative, my priorities will be to ensure our public schools are adequately funded and to make healthcare affordable and accessible for all Ohioans. Our children deserve the best possible opportunities from preschool to high school and beyond. I will work with legislators from both sides of the aisle to adequately fund our public schools and support a healthy learning environment that meets the unique learning needs of all students. Additionally, I will make college affordability and workforce training programs a state priority. I will also make it a priority to protect Medicaid expansion, invest in prevention and public health programs, support initiatives that improve health outcomes, and tackle healthcare pricing and insurance costs. I will bring my expertise in healthcare finance and delivery reform to the Statehouse to address healthcare affordability and tackle our most critical health concerns, including Ohio's addiction crisis and looming elder care crisis. **Question 2:** Throughout my career, I have used my public health training and expertise to advise senior policymakers on what is arguably the most complex policy issue facing our country and state - healthcare. Working with leaders from both

ends of the political spectrum, I have always relied on practical, evidence-based solutions rather than partisan ideology. In our current political environment, it is too easy to take a side without informed and civil discussion. To reach consensus on any complex policy issue and related legislation, it is essential to listen to multiple perspectives and consider innovative ideas from both sides of the aisle. I will never let political ideology stand in the way of progress towards what is best for the people of Ohio. Whether I am examining health policy, education policy, economic policy, or gun violence prevention policy, I am committed to using a collaborative and thoughtful approach to finding practical solutions to the critical issues facing our State.

**ERIK F. YASSENOFF (REP)**  
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**Education:** Upper Arlington Public School District; George Washington University, B.A. History and Political Science; The Ohio State University, M.A. Public Policy and Management  
**Occupation:** Public Policy Professional and Commerical Real Estate Executive  
**Qualifications for Office:** Yassenoff has private and public sector experience. He has implemented public policies for two Governors in the areas of education, energy, procurement, taxation, transportation, and workers' comp. He served 8 years on Upper Arlington City Council and is the CFO of a commercial real estate company. **Question 1:** Yassenoff's primary priorities will focus on education and workforce issues, helping Ohio continue to improve it's business climate for job creation and attacking the ever-changing drug epidemic. Ohio's education system needs to be refocused on preparing our youth to either go to college or be prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation, while ensuring that our schools are addressing the changing skills of the workforce. To attack drug abuse and addiction, we need a balanced strategy of education, enforcement, and treatment. It is going to take a broad, coordinated strategy that provides as many tools as possible to those omniscience's the frontline in our communities. To help Ohio continue to be a leader in creating jobs, we need to invest in in-demand careers through targeted workforce development initiatives, policies that drive job creation, and innovative new ways to improve infrastructure without raising taxes. Please visit his website, www.ErikYassenoff.com. **Question 2:** Good public policy that truly solves problems facing Ohio's families, communities, and businesses requires bipartisan efforts. As a member of the Upper Arlington City Council, Yassenoff worked to foster a civil atmosphere and worked in a bipartisan fashion for the good of the community. Working for the state government on public policies, Erik reached across party lines to find bipartisan support. For example, in 2011 he was part of a group tasked with getting Ohio's voter-approved casinos up and running as well as modernizing the Ohio Lottery system that supports public education across the state.

Yassenoff has always worked in data driven, collaborative approach in developing good public policy to improve the lives of all Ohioans. That is the approach that Yassenoff will bring to the Statehouse.

25th District

(vote for no more than 1)

**BERNADINE KENNEDY KENT (DEM)**  
Candidate did not respond

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**Education:** Attended Columbus City Schools for elementary, middle and high school. Received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from The Ohio State University  
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**Qualifications for Office:** Fifty year resident of Columbus, Ohio. Parent Consultant for Columbus middle school. School PTA and music booster member. Secretary for two years and currently third-year president for High School Athletic Booster. Volunteer in Columbus neighborhood, church, schools, and community. **Question 1:** To understand the concerns of the people in their neighborhoods. Find common sense avenues to stop their frustrations. Find ways to use peoples gifts and talents to solve the problems at hand. **Question 2:** Through my job and volunteer work the past twenty years I've been fortunate to work with people from different cultures, religions and political views and still been able to work together peacefully, complete the tasks and accomplish group goals. I plan to be present, listen, adhere to my morals and values, treat others as I would want to be treated, and solve problems in a common sense manner for the common good.

26th District

(vote for no more than 1)

**ERICA CRAWLEY (DEM)**  
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**Occupation:** Law Clerk  
**Qualifications for Office:** Mother of two, U.S. Navy Veteran, committed public/community servant with a record of accomplishments and awards such as the Navy & Marine Corps. Achievement Medal, former small business owner, worked with Head Start/Early Head Start programs, CASA; Endorsed by the Franklin County Democratic Party. **Question 1:** 1.Economic development and job creation. There has been underinvestment and disinvestment in this district in particular; therefore, I am committed to ensuring there is funding and opportunities for micro-business and small business development as we

know small businesses present the greatest opportunities for growth in Ohio. It is my top priority with small business growth to create and sustain good paying jobs. 2. Education. I will work tirelessly to ensure we have investment in education that supports our youth from cradle to career. From universal pre-k to apprenticeship programs, we need people in the statehouse who will make sure there is access to those programs. We need to provide more incentives geared at tackling student loan debt for students who graduate from an Ohio college or university who remain in the state. Additionally, we need vocational training and apprenticeship programs for adults- equipping them with the skills necessary to compete for the good paying jobs. **Question 2:** Although while this is my first time running for political office, my life and career experience has shown me that everyone has a diverse viewpoint on a number of issues and I have learned during my law school career that we can disagree without being disagreeable. I am known for my ability to make good decisions and stick by them, yet I can strike a balance between opinion and consensus. Therefore, I will always be willing to work with others who are interested in addressing those issues that are important to the 26 House District and others across Ohio.

**STEVE DODGE (GRN)**  
Candidate did not respond.

**SHAREEQUE ARIFE SADIQ(REP)**  
Candidate did not respond.

**Questions for Franklin County Office Candidates**  
**Question 1:** What is the most important issue facing Franklin County, and how do you plan to address it within the office you seek?  
**Question 2:** How would you describe the effectiveness of this office and the impact it has on the county?

FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

(vote for no more than one)

**MICHAEL STINZIANO (DEM)**  
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**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Qualifications for Office:** Innovative and effective leader with county wide executive experience. Columbus City Council President Pro Tem. Former Director, Franklin County Board of Elections. Former State Representative. Experienced. Accessible. Accountable. Honest. **Question 1:** Franklin County's Auditor should be more than a tax collector who makes headlines for the wrong reasons. The Auditor's office has many programs that are underutilized by our citizens that could make an impact on the

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tough kitchen table issues we all face. The Auditor’s office should be using their rental property registration and home assessment services to make sure that our communities are free of slumlords and that senior citizens and other long-term residents are not forced from their homes by rising property taxes. At the Statehouse and on Columbus City Council, I’ve fought hard to support common sense solutions to problems facing us today - and as Franklin County Auditor I will use every available service and tool of the office to continue to advocate for our residents and our communities. **Question 2:** The Auditor’s office and its services should be one of the most impactful, effective offices in the County. However, currently, many of the Auditor’s programs are underutilized if not flat out ignored. Technology has changed the way we spend – we can order groceries online, bank with the swipe of a finger and quickly comparison shop for the best prices. But our government hasn’t kept up, we need to make real changes utilizing cost cutting technologies in the Auditor’s office to make our government work better – and be more efficient. It’s time the Auditor watches your money as closely as you do. If you agree that we need to bring government into the 21st century, join with me to make our government more responsive and accessible by voting to elect me Auditor on November 6. I want to hear from you. Call me anytime at 614-219-9224 or email me at info@michaelstinziano.com. I look forward to hearing your concerns.

**CLARENCE MINGO (REP)**  
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**Occupation:** Franklin County Auditor  
**Qualifications for Office:** I have shown my commitment to public service at every stage of my life. I served our nation in combat during the Persian Gulf War. I have helped abused and neglected children, the poor of our community and victims of crime. As County Auditor I have served citizens, homeowners and taxpayers.  
**Question 1:** The biggest challenge facing our county is to make sure that government works for ALL the people. Our police and fire services must be able to protect our homes and families, our schools must be equipped to educate our children and our economy must be strong enough to bring good jobs to every neighborhood. That’s why my goal has always been to be a watchdog for taxpayers, making sure every tax dollar is spent wisely and fairly, for the benefit of our entire community. My record in office shows that I have delivered on that goal: Helping thousands of homeowners reduce their taxes, Providing fast, accurate and efficient tax valuations and appeals and Fighting to protect our neighborhoods from blighted properties and slumlords. Finally, I pledge to be an independent

voice of civility and reason in our nation’s current political debate and help restore the people’s trust that Franklin County government is focusing on their needs every day.  
**Question 2:** I have built a team of experts who have improved the Franklin County Auditor’s office by focusing on serving our community. Our service has helped: Save \$30 million in tax dollars by improving office efficiency – without cutting services, Cut two years off the time to resolve citizens’ tax challenges, Improve our ability to identify tax cheats, Install new computer technology and software and Reach out to thousands of our senior citizens to make sure they use all tax benefits allowed by law, saving approximately \$30 million each year through the Ohio Homestead Tax Exemption alone. By these actions and many others, the Franklin County Auditor’s Office has become a proven leader in serving Franklin County citizens, homeowners and taxpayers. Our service helps improve the quality of life in every neighborhood, reduce barriers to new jobs and protect our home values.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(vote for no more than 1)

**MARILYN BROWN (DEM)**  
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**Occupation:** Franklin County Commissioner  
**Qualifications for Office:** I have been honored to serve as your County Commissioner since 2006. Prior to elected office, I had extensive public service experience working in economic development, social justice, race relations, and fair housing.  
**Question 1:** Franklin County’s sustained economic and population growth, low unemployment, and entrepreneurial appeal have made our community a hub of innovation and creative energy. However, increased growth also drives a community’s challenges to the forefront – such as pay disparities and the need for more affordable housing. One of my highest priorities is getting more Franklin County residents into sustainable living situations – where they have affordable housing, sustainable wages, fresh food, and high quality healthcare to help our families thrive. We need to continue working with our public and private partners to increase access to and support the building of affordable housing options for working and middle class families. These options need to be built in concert with our public transportation systems and connect families with the resources, schools, and other supports necessary to help develop strong neighborhoods and communities.  
**Question 2:** As a County Commissioner, I am focused on reducing inequality in all areas of our great community. One of the areas that I have focused on is reducing recidivism with people who do not belong in our jail, yet

need mental health and other community support services. I serve as chair of the Re-Entry Coalition and the Criminal Justice Planning Board in our county. Being efficient with community resources is an important part of serving in this capacity. I have worked to streamline protections for families facing needs on everything from access to affordable housing to abuse and neglect. Throughout my tenure as Commissioner, we have invested in our infrastructure by building our AAA ballpark, the Franklin County Courthouse, the Franklin County Animal Shelter and the new jail and forensic center.

**MICHELE REYNOLDS (REP)**  
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**Occupation:** Chief Executive Officer, NISRE Inc.  
**Qualifications for Office:** I began working in public service as a young professional, holding various positions in City and County government including the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the City of Akron, Mayor’s Office of Economic Development. I’ve been a social entrepreneur and business owner for over 20 years  
**Question 1:** Franklin County is experiencing the highest poverty rate in it’s history. Compared to the National Average of 12.7%, Franklin County has a growing poverty rate of 16.7%, which has climbed steadily each year since 2016. With 1 in 4 individuals living in poverty in Franklin County, our most important issue facing Franklin County is economic disparity. This disparity contributes to six other major areas of concern in Franklin County, including the affordable housing crisis, opioid epidemic, food insecurity, high infant mortality rate, mental health crisis and unsafe neighborhoods. My life’s work has been creating affordable housing solutions and a range of economic empowerment initiatives designed to alleviate poverty and revitalize neighborhoods in low and moderate income communities. As Franklin County Commissioner, I will use my influence to promote public private partnerships within County government to build sustainable opportunities for marginalized citizens.  
**Question 2:** The Board of Commissioners is the administrative head of Franklin County government. The Commissioners manage the annual \$1.6 billion budget. From public and community safety, job creation, affordable housing, mental illness and drug addiction, citizens rely on their County Commissioners to provide the resources to help solve problems in a fiscally responsible manner. Our current commissioners imposed a tax levy to make our Sales Tax permanent instead of temporary as promised. My business background has taught me that both the private and public sector can operate more efficiently without placing fiscal

tax burdens on our citizens. We need to utilize our current services within budget constraints and strive to reinvest in our communities and programs through a combined effort of public and private partnerships. I intend to bring a conservative balance on the Board with a results driven mindset to ensure that our taxpayers are getting efficient use of their taxpayer dollars.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER

(vote for no more than 1)

**CORNELL ROBERTSON (REP)**  
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**Education:** I grew up in Waverly, Ohio and was Valedictorian of my high school class in 1988. I graduated magna cum laude from The Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering in 1992.  
**Occupation:** Franklin County Engineer  
**Qualifications for Office:** I have served as the Franklin County Engineer since June 2017. I began my career at the engineer’s office in 1992 and have held positions in construction, design, and overall engineering management. I am a registered Professional Engineer and Professional Surveyor in Ohio.  
**Question 1:** Good roadway and bridge infrastructure is critical for safe and efficient movement of people and goods from place to place. Good roadway infrastructure is also important to a thriving economy to promote good developments, both residential and commercial. Good infrastructure is also needed for public health, safety, and welfare to travel to hospitals, to schools, and for first responders to report to scenes of emergency. Franklin County recently became the most populous county in the state, and the growth will continue with another 1M people expected in central Ohio by 2050. This will add to wear and tear of our roads. A funding pothole has formed for maintenance of roads due to stagnant revenue streams and increasing construction costs. As Franklin County Engineer, I will continue to manage the office in a fiscally responsible manner and will look for new, innovative ways to maintain our roads, such as a Transportation Improvement District, to compile funds among multiple agencies.  
**Question 2:** The Franklin County Engineer’s Office has a history of being an agency of action. We are very similar to ODOT and City of Columbus in the road and bridge projects that we build as well as snow and ice removal that we do in the winter. However, we are much smaller than ODOT or City of Columbus. We have our niche where we fit in well, work very efficiently, and can make a difference. Another strength of the Franklin County Engineer’s Office is that we can work anywhere within Franklin County whereas municipalities are confined by their corporate boundaries. Therefore, we can bring communities together, combine small projects into larger projects, and capitalize on economy of scale for larger

quantities and lower unit prices. The Franklin County Engineer’s Office also has a strong land surveying component with our own surveying crews and close coordination with the Franklin County Auditor’s Office. Together we issue a new Highway Map every three years, per the Ohio Revised Code.

Questions for Judicial Candidates

**Question 1:** List your judicial experience (court and years)  
**Question 2:** What about your non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court – FTC 1/1/2019

(vote for no more than 1)

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**Occupation:** Judge, Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals  
**Work Experience:** Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeals, 2013 to present. Judge, Licking County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 2005-2013. Director, Licking County Child Support Enforcement Agency, 2001-2005. Partner in the Law Firm of Jones, Norpell, List Miller and Howarth. 1997-2001. Associate Attorney at the Law firm of Swank and Wilson. 1992-1997.  
**Question 1:** Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals, 2013 to present. Licking County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 2005-2013.  
**Question 2:** My time as a practicing attorney provided me with a solid background for a successful judicial career. I represented a wide variety of clients in both the civil and criminal areas, doing both trial and appellate work. This broad range of experience provided me with the legal and personal qualifications to succeed as a judge. I attended law school at night. During the day I worked for the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk of Court and the Ohio Public Defender’s Office. These law school jobs provided a sound foundation for my legal career.

**MICHAEL P. DONNELLY**  
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**Occupation:** Judge, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, 2005-Present  
**Work Experience:** Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, 1992-1997; Attorney in Private Practice, 1997-2004  
**Question 1:** I was elected to serve as a Judge in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas in November 2004 and took office on January 3, 2005. I was reelected in 2010 and in 2016. During the last thirteen years, I have presided over thousands of cases involving virtually every

type of criminal and civil claim which can be litigated in the General Division. From 2010-2017, I served as one of five judges on Cuyahoga County’s Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court, which oversees criminal cases that involve defendants who suffer from schizophrenia, schizophrenic disorder, or a developmental disability  
**Question 2:** Fighting for victims as a Cuyahoga County Assistant County Prosecutor and for injured workers as a private attorney taught me how important it is that people can see that their court system operates fairly and efficiently, and that they have access to it. Building greater trust in our court system requires advocating for systemic criminal and civil justice reform. I currently serve as xrst Vice President of the Ohio Common Pleas Judge’s Association. I am also a current member of both the Ohio State Board of Bar Examiners and the Ohio Jury Instruction Committee. I served for six years on the Ohio Supreme Court’s Commission on Professionalism. In each of these roles, I have worked to advance policies that make our court system more transparent and fair. I have worked to expose the practice of prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges who allow criminal defendants to resolve serious accusations, such as rape and gross sexual imposition, by accepting factually baseless pleas. Allowing defendants to plead to irrelevant offenses that have no basis in fact enters incorrect information into the public record, gives an inaccurate account of criminal activity, and often circumvents registration laws for sexual offenses. Because of this practice, employers who conduct important criminal background checks and those who rely on conviction data (such as law enforcement, victim advocacy groups, future sentencing courts, and the general public) cannot have confidence that the information they receive accurately reflects what people may have done. For a number of years, I have led an effort to have Ohio adopt a modification of Ohio’s Criminal Rule 11 to specifically require that plea agreements maintain a factual basis, as is already required in our federal system. Despite having the backing of The Plain Dealer, The Columbus Dispatch, the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, and the Ohio Alliance Against Sexual Violence, the current Ohio Supreme Court rejected this effort without explanation. The Ohio Supreme Court is the steward of Ohio’s justice system and must take responsibility for making it fairer and more effective. I believe my efforts to reform the system have helped prepare me for the role of Associate Justice, where I will be able to work with all of our justice system’s stakeholders to shape statewide judicial policy and help restore and deepen the public’s trust in the justice system.

Justice for the Ohio Supreme Court – FTC 1/2/2019

(vote for no more than 1)

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**Question 1:** January, 2018-date Justice Supreme Court of Ohio 2001-January, 2018 Judge Ohio 7th District Court of Appeals, serving Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Monroe & Noble Counties. (elected 2000, re-elected 2006 & 2012) Sat by assignment on 10 cases with the Ohio Supreme Court; also sat by assignment with 6 other Appellate Districts across Ohio. Served as Administrative/Presiding Judge for 2 two-year terms, 2007-2008 and 2013-14.

**Question 2:** My 33 year legal career has been dedicated to appellate practice, which is a unique writing style and very different from trial court and academic writing. I had extensive experience as an attorney; over 25 appeals before the 7th and 11th Districts and two before the Ohio Supreme Court which are rare achievements for a civil attorney. Over 17 years as a judge, I wrote 1,000+ opinions in over 3,000 cases. In several significant cases appealed to the Supreme Court my reasoning was adopted and became the law in Ohio. I grew up in Cleveland Heights and my family moved to Youngstown when I was 15, where I live today. Many family members, including my husband and son, belonged to unions and I was able to go to college because of the state university system, by living with family and working as a waitress and sales clerk. In law school I interned at a hospital legal department and for a federal trial judge My life experience and having served eight counties made up of urban, suburban, rural, agricultural and manufacturing communities has enabled me to build relationships with the people I serve, and expertise in a variety of legal issues. More important, it keeps me committed to fairly and impartially decide every case, and treat every party, attorney, court employee and member of the public with respect. I belong to numerous boards and organizations to improve the practice of law, judging and my community. It is a joyful responsibility to serve on the Youngstown Library Board, Ohio Civility Consortium, and Appellate Specialty Board for example. I am a leader in the Ohio judiciary on ethics and professionalism, and am also a voice for civility in the profession, civic engagement and daily life. Through my involvement with the

Ohio Women’s Bar Association, we have been addressing issues of recruitment, retention and advancement of women, and I recently participated in a joint Supreme Court/Ohio State Bar Association half-day presentation on sexual harassment in the legal profession. Also as an OWBA officer and justice, I have been able to begin the conversation with leaders in the legal profession about reinstituting mandatory education for judges and lawyers on substance abuse and other ways for the profession to address the drug/alcohol/opioid crisis which is affecting everyone in some way throughout Ohio.

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**Occupation:** Judge of the Ohio Court or Appeals – 8th District  
**Work Experience:** Ohio Court of Appeals Judge; Supreme Court of Ohio sitting judge by assignment of the Chief Justice; University of Toledo College of Law - law professor; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law - law professor, assistant dean, lecturer; Case Western Reserve School of Law - director; Ursuline College - Adjunct Instructor; City of Euclid - Board of Planning and Zoning chair & vice-chair; City of Cleveland and City of East Cleveland - Assistant Director of Law; Annashae Corporation - Office Manager.

**Question 1:** I have been a Court of Appeals Judge since 2006 responsible for hearing and ruling on appeals and original actions. I was the Court’s Administrative Judge in 2013. During my tenure, I have sat on the Ohio Supreme Court to hear cases by assignment of the Chief Justice. Additionally, I am currently the chair of the Ohio Capital Case Attorney Fee Council which is comprised of Court of Appeals Judges from various districts across the state responsible for setting the compensation rate for attorneys who are appointed to represent individuals being tried in death penalty cases; I am on the Board of Trustees for the Judicial College of the Ohio Supreme Court which provides continuing legal education for judges, judicial officers and court personnel throughout the state; and I served as the Court of Appeals representative on the Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification

Committee which is a bi-partisan committee created by the General Assembly to study the state’s existing criminal statutes, with the goal of enhancing public safety and the administration of criminal justice throughout the state of Ohio. The Committee is composed of twenty four individuals with extensive experience in criminal justice, law enforcement, and public safety. I also serve on the Appellate Law and Procedure Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference; the Judicial Administration and Legal Reform Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association; and served on the Supreme Court’s Judicial College Appellate Judges Curriculum Committee. I teach continuing legal education courses to judges and lawyers across the state.

**Question 2:** I have over 30 years of diverse legal experience. I practiced law, taught law, and was published in the law all before becoming an appellate court judge. Additionally having a background in music, business management, law practice and teaching, and social science makes me a more well-rounded candidate with a stronger academic background and greater diversity of thought, intellect, and experience. I have always been involved in my local and the larger state community serving on boards and committees because I feel that work is also a part of my responsibility as an elected official. Most importantly, I am an excellent public servant and always have been. I take a great deal of pride in my work. I have worked in the private and public sectors and I work the same in both. I am efficient, effective, respectful of everyone, and am a good steward of fiscal resources.

**Judge for the 10th District Court of Appeals – 2/09/2019**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**LAUREL BEATTY BLUNT**

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**Occupation:** Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

**Work Experience:** Prior to taking the bench in 2009 I practiced civil litigation on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants in both a small and large firm setting.

**Question 1:** Since 2009 I have presided over civil cases where the amount in dispute is above 5,000, felony criminal cases, and administrative appeals. Between April 2009 and December 2017, I presided over more than 10,000 cases. Of these cases, 16 were designated as complex litigation. As of December 2017, I have presided over 81 criminal jury

trials, 16 civil jury trials, 1 criminal bench trial and 34 civil bench trials. I have been exposed to and decided a variety of issues from sentencing on murder and rape cases to multi-million-dollar civil litigation. And I have done so in a thorough and timely manner. I currently serve as a Member of Franklin County Court of Common Pleas General Division Personnel and Criminal Committees and I am Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. I previously served on the Technology and Rules Committees.

**Question 2:** I have proven myself to be an independent thinker committed to following the law and doing what I think is right. I have made many difficult decisions and withstood the accompanying scrutiny. My experience and proven dedication to public service make me uniquely qualified to become an appellate judge. I am willing to listen to all people, I treat all people with respect and I work hard on every case. I apply the law to each matter before me in a tempered, impartial and fair manner while always remembering that the decisions I make have a tremendous impact on people’s lives. I have worked tirelessly to improve our community through my deep commitment to public service. For example, I served on the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force, which aimed to reduce the rate of infant mortality in Franklin County. I have served on the boards of United Way of Central Ohio and YWCA Columbus.

**Judge for the 10th District Court of Appeals – 2/10/2019**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**BETSY LUPER SCHUSTER**

(candidate did not respond)

**Judge for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Division Commencing 1/1/19**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**ELIZABETH GILL**

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**Occupation:** Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch

**Work Experience:** 2007-Present Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic and Juvenile Divisions; prior to taking the bench my practice was limited to family law matters primarily representing parents and acting as a Guardian ad Litem for children.

**Question 1:** I have served on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch since January 1, 2007. I have served as Lead Juvenile Judge since January 2012.

**Question 2:** I was a family law attorney for 18 years before I became a Judge. I became involved in judicial politics prior to my election because I saw first hand the impact a judge and judicial officer can have on case, and how important it is for that judge to have practiced in the area over which he/she presides.

This is especially true in family law. Without that experience, it is difficult for the decision maker to truly understand the emotional and financial impact that day to day judicial case management, delays and decisions have on families and children. My 18 years of representation of individuals from all walks of life and economic backgrounds and acting as a Guardian ad Litem for children gives me keen insight into each case that comes before me.

**Judge for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Division Commencing 1/2/19**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**JAMES W. BROWN**

(candidate did not respond)

**JESSICA A. BARWELL**

(candidate did not respond)

**Judge for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Division Commencing 1/5/19**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**TERRI JAMISON**

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**Education:** J.D. Capital University Law School

**Occupation:** Judge  
**Work Experience:** Insurance Agent 1985-2000, Attorney 2005-2012

**Question 1:** Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division-Juvenile Branch 5 years and 3 months

**Question 2:** I was a Hearing Officer for State of Ohio Unemployment Compensation Review Commission and a Hearing Officer Intern for State of Ohio Bureau of State Hearings. In both of these positions, I conducted administrative law hearings, including hearings in complex areas of law to determine why an individual was separated from employment; Determined whether an individual is entitled to unemployment benefits; Explained hearing procedure & advised parties of their rights, administered oaths & took testimony, secured stipulations, answered questions, interpreted policy and procedure, ruled on motions and objections, and determined admissibility of evidence; Conducted legal research in preparation for hearings (e.g., reviewed all materials from the Lower Authority proceedings & Director’s files & all additional documents & exhibits, ensured that parties & issues are correctly identified & notified), conferred with parties regarding scheduling & continuances, authorized issuance of subpoenas; and Wrote decisions (e.g., reviewed evidence, researched legal issues, drafted decisions).

**JANIE ROBERTS**

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**Education:** J.D. Capital University Law School

**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Work Experience:** Attorney since May, 1985

**Question 1:** I was a Magistrate in Franklin County Juvenile Court from 1997 to 2006. I presided over Juvenile Traffic Court and had many trials. Cases ranged from speed and assured clear distance to OVI’s and vehicular homicide. I worked with community

organizations to establish programs for juveniles.  
**Question 2:** I have practiced law for 33 years. I have represented thousands of clients in every type of case that is heard in the domestic and juvenile branch of the court. My experience as a trial lawyer in all courts gives me the perspective needed to be a fair judge. My clients are people from diverse backgrounds and with diverse issues. Domestic and Juvenile court cases involve emotional issues and people who are not in the best places. I have the personality and temperament that is needed to be a good and effective judge. I listen to people, I am respectful of all people, I am knowledgeable of the law and know when I don’t know something and need to do research. I understand that a Judge’s duty is to provide a fair, unbiased and efficient courtroom for litigants to present their cases and get resolutions so they can move on with their lives.

**Judge for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Division Commencing 1/9/19**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**MONICA HAWKINS**

(candidate did not respond)

**AMY B. KOORN**

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**Education:** Capital Law School  
**Occupation:** Magistrate, Franklin County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division

**Work Experience:** Magistrate since 2015; Staff Attorney in Common Pleas, General Division for 10 years; Prosecutor, Ohio Attorney General for 2+ yrs; civil litigator for 2+ yrs.

**Question 1:** My judicial experience consists of three years serving as a magistrate in probate court plus ten years as a staff attorney in the General Division of Common Pleas Court. My probate court experience includes the appointment of guardians, the placement of children for adoption, the distribution of assets in trusts and estates and approval of mental health commitments. In addition, probate court has a high percentage of cases with individuals who do not have legal representation. This is significant because many of the issues encountered in probate parallel the issues raised in domestic and juvenile court. In addition, my experience in the general division managing a case docket of 650+ civil cases to ensure they resolved timely will allow me to provide resolution to the litigants in domestic relations matters. This is important because families and children deserve stability and to the extent a legal determination may position them to have that, it is my responsibility to provide it. Another valuable asset I bring to the bench is my research and writing abilities that underlie making a well grounded legal decision. Lastly, I have knowledge, understanding, and commitment to the judicial canons. Ultimately, judges are tasked with making fair and impartial decisions and my record reflects that unbiased and impartial judgment.

**Question 2:** My temperament and listening skills qualify me to serve as a fair, impartial judge who respects counsel and their clients. From my experience both on the bench as a magistrate, and in my

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experience as a former Planning Commissioner, I recognize that when people come to court they have certain expectations of the judge who hears his/her case. Often, this is an individual's first personal experience with the court and the individual is facing a difficult life situation. These litigants ultimately want to be heard and be treated with respect. It is critically important for the longevity and functionality of our system of governance and justice that the public trust their judiciary. So, it is my goal to conduct the proceedings in such a way that it instills faith in the system by following the law and treating individuals as I would want to be treated.

**Judge for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division Commencing 1/3/19**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**JAIZA PAGE**  
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**Education:** BA in Government from Georgetown University and J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law  
**Occupation:** Attorney and Columbus City Councilmember  
**Work Experience:** Columbus City Attorney's Office, December 2010 to January 2015; Columbus City Councilmember January 2015 to Present; Eastman & Smith LTD, 2016 to Present  
Question1: For four years, as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Columbus, I litigated and tried environmental cases before the Franklin County Municipal Court, Environmental Division on behalf of the City of Columbus. Also, while an Assistant City Attorney I presented oral argument before the 10th District Court of Appeals for the State of Ohio. Currently, I am Of Counsel with the law firm of Eastman & Smith, LTD where I represent clients before both the Franklin County Municipal and Common Pleas Courts.  
**Question 2:** I believe that being a judge requires great listening skills, the ability to make fair decisions, good temperament and a commitment to treating every individual in the courtroom with decency. I believe that my legal, educational and personal experiences have provided me with a unique perspective that will allow me to make tough and fair decisions with the understanding that the decision will impact everyone involved. While in the Columbus City Attorney's office I litigated environmental and public nuisance issues and I held property owners accountable for plaguing our community with illegal drugs, illegal alcohol sales, vacant properties and unsafe living conditions. I saw firsthand the impact that the Judge's decisions had not only on the individuals standing before the bench but on our entire community. I do very similar work now as I am Of Counsel with the law firm of Eastman & Smith, LTD where I practice environmental and public law. My experience as a Columbus City Councilmember has afforded me the opportunity to continue to serve my community by solving problems on a daily basis. Listening to my constituents is a priority for me and with that, I understand it is my responsibility to address their issues legislatively. I know

that my experience examining pressing issues and working on legislation will be very useful and it will provide me with a unique perspective when making decisions.

**BILL CREEDON**  
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**Occupation:** Attorney with the law firm of Scott Scriven, LLP  
**Work Experience:** Attorney with the law firm of Scott Scriven LLP (2009 to Present); Assistant Ohio Attorney General (2006 to 2009); Assistant Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney (1999 to 2006); Sole Practitioner in Private Practice (1996 to 1999); Assistant City Attorney, City of Whitehall (1995 to 1996).  
**Question 1:** I am seeking judicial office for the first time.  
**Question 2:** A Common Pleas Court judge presides over many different types of cases ranging from death penalty cases to contract disputes to personal injury claims. Most attorneys practice either civil or criminal law, but not both, and spend their careers focusing on one area of the law. Their limited experience does not prepare them for the numerous and wide-ranging cases a judge must decide. However, my unique legal career of over 22 years provides me the best experience to be a judge because I have handled hundreds of civil and criminal cases in courthouses all over Ohio. I have significant experience as a civil litigator in employment law, discrimination suits, workers' compensation claims, whistle blower actions, and business disputes. I also have extensive criminal jury trial experience as a former Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor in the Special Victims Unit, prosecuting violent felons and predators in death penalty, rape, burglary, robbery, theft, domestic violence, drugs, and weapons cases. I have worked at many different levels of the justice system. I have represented clients in juvenile, traffic, small claims, municipal, domestic relations, and common pleas courts, and numerous Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Ohio, Bankruptcy Court, and United States Federal Courts. I have worked in both the public and private sectors. I have served Ohioans at all levels of government as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Whitehall, an Assistant County Prosecutor under Ron O'Brien, and an Assistant Ohio Attorney General. And I currently serve as the Chairman of the Ohio Public Defender Commission. While working in the private sector, I previously ran my own business as a sole practitioner focusing on criminal defense law and traffic offenses, fighting for justice and protecting individual rights. I currently work in a law firm representing and helping businesses as they navigate the many laws, codes, and regulations governing their operations and affecting their decisions. Most importantly, my experience has taught me that each individual, regardless of who they are or where they're from, deserves

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#1	State Issue	The Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment, and Rehabilitation Amendment	
#3	Metro Parks – Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement with Increase)	Developing, improving, maintaining and operating the park district, greenway trails, and other properties of the park district; acquiring, developing, improving, maintaining and operating additional lands for park and trail purposes; and conserving and improving natural resources, wildlife habitat and streams and natural areas	Replace 0.75 mill Increase 0.20 mill Total 0.95 mill, \$0.095 per \$100 of valuation, for 10 years, commencing in 2019.
	Delaware County District Library – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)	Current expenses	1 mill, \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, for 15 years, commencing in 2018
#5	Dublin City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levies (Additional)	Bonds – Expanding, renovating, and improving the high schools; acquiring, renovating, furnishing and equipping existing facilities; constructing, furnishing, and equipping two new elementary schools and one middle school, with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; repairing, improving, and maintaining existing school buildings and facilities; and acquiring land, and interest in land relating thereto Levy – Acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements Levy – Current operating expenses	Bonds - \$195,000,000; 3.41 mills, \$0.341 per \$100 of valuation, for 30 years  Levy – 2 mills, \$0.20 per \$100 of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2019 Levy – 5.9 mills, \$0.59 per \$100 of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2018
#6	Grandview Heights City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy (Additional)	Bonds – Constructing school facilities; renovating, repairing, improving, and constructing additions to existing school facilities, including safety and security improvements; furnishing and equipping the same; and improving the sites thereof Levy – Current operating expenses	Bonds - \$55,250,000; 7.51 mills, \$0.751 per \$100 of valuation, for 38 years  Levy - 1 mill, \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2018
	Pickerington Public Library – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Increase)	Current expenses	Renewal of 0.75 mill and increase 0.5 mill for a total of 1.25 mills, \$0.125 per \$100 of valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2019
#7	South-Western City School District – Proposed Bond Issue	Constructing, furnishing, and equipping new school facilities, buildings, and infrastructure, with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto under the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Classroom Facilities assistance Program	\$93,400,000; 1.86 mills, \$0.186 per \$100 of valuation, for 38 years
#8	Whitehall City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy (Additional)	Bonds – Renovating, improving and constructing additions to school facilities, including safety and security improvements, under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program; furnishing and equipping the same; and improving the sites thereof; and acquiring land and interest in land as necessary Levy – Acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements	Bonds - \$6,590,000; 1.41 mills, \$0.141 per \$100 of valuation, for 31 years  Levy – 2 mills, \$0.20 per \$100 of tax valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2018

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#9	Worthington City School District – Proposed Bond Issue	Renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, equipping and constructing additions to various permanent improvements; purchasing school buses and related transportation equipment; site improvements; and acquisition of land and interest in land	\$89,000,000; 2.58 mills, \$0.258 per \$100 of valuation, for 30 years
#10	Worthington City School District – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Current Expenses – The original tax is first proposed to be levied in 2018, the first increment in 2019, the second increment in 2020 and the third increment in 2021	May increase in three increments of not more than 2 mills from an original rate of 2.9 mills (\$0.29 per \$100 of valuation) to a maximum rate of 8.90 mills (\$0.89 per \$100 of valuation), continuing period of time.
#12	City of Bexley – Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement with Increase)	Constructing, reconstructing, resurfacing and repairing streets, alleys, sidewalks and other similar improvements	Replace 2.5 mills Increase 1 mill Total 3.5 mills, \$0.35 per \$100 of valuation, continuing period of time.
#14b	Canal Winchester-B Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am – midnight) (Wine/Mixed) Aldi 720 W. Waterloo St, Canal Winchester, OH 43110	
#15b	Canal Winchester-F Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am – midnight) (Wine/Mixed) BrewDog 96 & 100 Gender Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110	
#17A	Columbus 7-B Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed) Poindexter Market 1228-30 E Long St, Columbus, OH 43203	
#18A	Columbus 7-D Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed) Long & 20 <sup>th</sup> Carryout 1032 E Long St, Columbus, OH 43203	
#19A	Columbus 19-H Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) North Broadway High Professional Building, LLC 3400 N High St, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 43202	
#20b	Columbus 19-H Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) North Broadway High Professional Building, LLC 3400 N High St, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 43202	
#21b	Columbus 36-E Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am – midnight) (Wine/Mixed) Home Buys 4395 Clime Rd, Columbus, OH 43228	
#22a	Columbus 37-A Local Option Portion of a Precinct	Sunday Sales (11am – midnight)	
#23A	Columbus 55-A Local Option Particular Location A - License	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Trolley Barn, LLC Oak Street and Kelton Ave, Columbus, OH 43205	
#23b	Columbus 55-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (11am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Trolley Barn, LLC Oak Street and Kelton Ave, Columbus, OH 43205	
#24A	Columbus 55-A Local Option Particular Location C and D - License	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Trolley Barn, LLC Oak Street and Kelton Ave, Columbus, OH 43205	
#24b	Columbus 55-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (11am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Trolley Barn, LLC Oak Street and Kelton Ave, Columbus, OH 43205	
#25A	Columbus 55-A Local Option Particular Location D - License	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Trolley Barn, LLC Oak Street and Kelton Ave, Columbus, OH 43205	
#25b	Columbus 55-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (11am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Trolley Barn, LLC Oak Street and Kelton Ave, Columbus, OH 43205	
#26b	Columbus 83-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am – midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Sprituos Liquor) Whole Foods 4100 Easton Gateway, Columbus, OH 43219	
#27A	Columbus 85-A Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed) N&G Foodmart 3877 Refugee Rd, Columbus, OH 43232	

respect and dignity, and that every person is entitled to equal access to the justice system and the opportunity to be heard. My experience has taught me that a judge must be fair and impartial, cannot have a political agenda, and must constantly strive to provide justice for all. It is these life lessons, learned through experience, which qualify me to be a Judge.

**Judge for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division Commencing 1/4/19**  
(vote for no more than 1)


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**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Work Experience:** Criminal defense and civil practice since 2003.  
**Question 1:** At this time I have not presided over any Court.  
**Question 2:** I have practiced law in Franklin County for fourteen years. I have focused on criminal defense and have had numerous trials for crimes as serious as murder, rape, aggravated robbery (top felonies) as well as misdemeanors. I have practiced in the Common Pleas and Municipal Courts nearly every day for the past fourteen years. My experience in trial and also assisting clients work through their cases to resolution without a trial has provided me with an extensive background in court room work.  
In law school and for my first year as an attorney I worked at civil litigation law firms assisting with trial preparation and other civil practice duties. As a sole practitioner for the past fourteen years I have continued to practice civil law as a way to give back to the community by handling Civil Protection Orders for victims of crime. My practice and volunteer work gives me the experience that makes me a qualified candidate for the Common Pleas Court, General Division. I have handled serious cases before each current Common Pleas Judge, having had trials before most of the these Judges as well. This experience has given me the opportunity to watch our Judicial System work in Franklin County on a nearly daily basis for the past fourteen years. Providing me with the opportunity to learn from each and every Judge that has presided in this Court for the past fourteen years. I have taken the opportunity to speak with the Judges and learn from their experience as well. This provides me with a unique education as to how this court system works and how to handle each situation as it arises. I have the experience, the qualifications and a fair mind, which will make me an excellent Judge.

**JIM HUGHES**  
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**Occupation:** Attorney/ Ohio House of Representatives- State Representative 24th Ohio House District  
**Work Experience:** Current- Ohio House of Representatives for the 24th Ohio House District. Partner at Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Tettor, LLC Former- Ohio Senate for the 16th District, Assistant Prosecutor for Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office, Assistant City Prosecutor for City Prosecutor’s Office, Bailiff/ Court Constable for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas  
**Question 1:** After practicing law for 24 years, in both the public and private sectors, plus doing both civil and criminal practices, this is my initial seeking of a judgeship. In the public area, I was an Assistant City Attorney, Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor for Ron Oâ€™™ Brien and I worked as a constable/bailiff for Judge Tommy L. Thompson of The Franklin County Court of Common Pleas while attending night law school. I have been with Isaac Wiles, also known as Wiles Boyle, for 18 years representing clients in various state, county and federal courts.  
**Question 2:** It is important to look at my experience and background from a common-sense, 24-year record doing both civil and criminal, public and private practices. As an elected official for 18 years, my experience has been dealing with challenging legal issues and representing citizens. This meant doing what was right even if that was against the interests of my own party. As a legislator and judge you have to focus first on the law and what protects our citizens and community. As a lifelong resident, former Prosecutor and State Legislator, my top priority has been to keep our communities and families safe.

**Judge for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division Commencing 1/6/19**  
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**KIM BROWN**  
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**Occupation:** Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court  
**Work Experience:** Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court January 2013 – present; Associate/Partner, Bricker & Eckler LLP, August 1995 – December 2012  
**Question 1:** I began my service as a Judge in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas in January 2013. During this time I have presided over more than 60 jury trials, dozens of bench trials, and thousands of cases to resolution. I also serve on the Court’s Personnel, Technology, and Veterans’ Services Committees and am the Vice Chair of the Ohio State Bar Association’s Judicial Administration & Legal Reform Committee.  
**Question 2:** Prior to becoming a Judge, I spent 17 years with



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the law firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP in Columbus, Ohio. At Bricker & Eckler, I started as an Associate in 1995 and became a Partner in 2003. My practice included complex litigation matters, primarily in the fields of construction litigation, eminent domain, annexation, and medical malpractice. I tried cases in various county common pleas courts in the State of Ohio as well as in federal court. I was also involved in the firm’s pro bono efforts, including providing pro bono legal services and acting as one of the firm’s pro bono coordinators.

**MICHAEL CASSONE**  
(candidate did not respond)

**Judge for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division Commencing 1/7/19**  
(vote for no more than 1)

**CARL AVENI**  
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**Occupation:** Partner and Co-Chair of the Litigation Department, Carlile Patchen & Murphy, LLP  
**Work Experience:** Litigation and Trial Lawyer for 21 years before Ohio’s Courts of Common Pleas, Courts of Appeals, and the Ohio Supreme Court  
**Question 1:** Until now, my 21 year legal career has been devoted primarily to representing clients in litigation before Ohio’s Courts of Common Pleas, Courts of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Ohio. I also have significant experience litigating in the federal court system, as well as before state administrative and regulatory agencies, and through private arbitration.  
**Question 2:** A large part of my practice has been representing first and second generation family run businesses in “bet-the-company” litigation. The kinds of disputes where everything is on the line, and a bad outcome might change the trajectory of an entire family for decades. I have sat with my clients around the kitchen table the night before trial, listening to their fears and offering advice, support and counsel. Over the course of two decades, I have seen litigants, witnesses, and their families on some of the most difficult days of their lives. I have seen the toll that our system takes on them, all regardless of outcome. My legal experience has prepared me to

serve our community, with the aim of pairing legal scholarship with humility; bringing legal rigor and impartial dispassion, but also a healthy measure of compassion, respect, and, where appropriate, mercy.

**DAN HAWKINS**  
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**Education:** J.D. from The Ohio State University College of Law, B.S. in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University  
**Occupation:** Judge, Franklin County Environmental Court  
**Work Experience:** Judge, 2013-present; Special Victims Unit Director for Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, 2005-2013; Assistant Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, 2001-2013  
**Question 1:** Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court Environmental Division – 2013-present  
**Question 2:** Being a judge requires the ability to make difficult, life-changing decisions on a daily basis. My experience prior to taking the bench provided me with the proper experience and perspective to make these tough decisions. Before I became a judge, I spent 14 years as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Franklin County handling juvenile, domestic, grand jury and criminal cases. After only 2 years as an assistant prosecutor, I was awarded a spot in the office’s prestigious Special Victims Unit, which handles crimes of violence against women and children including sexual assaults, domestic and sexual homicides, child homicides, child abuse, human trafficking, and internet child exploitation. In 2005, I was promoted to the position of Director of this unit, making me responsible for not only prosecuting these cases but also overseeing a staff of six SVU prosecutors. I provided training to prosecutors, attorneys, law enforcement and medical professionals from all over the state on topics including evidence, forensics, and responding to sexual assault and domestic violence. In 2011, I traveled to the former Soviet Republic of Georgia at the request of the U.S. Department of Justice in order to help that country update its laws and judicial system. Over the course of my career, I conducted well over 100 jury trials, including six death penalty cases. In 2009, I received the Award of Commendation from the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office for the prosecution of internet child

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#28A	Columbus 86-E Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed) Shell 4984-4986 Gender Rd, Columbus, OH 43110	
#28b	Columbus 86-E Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (11am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed) Shell 4984-4986 Gender Rd, Columbus, OH 43110	
#29	City of Gahanna – Proposed income tax increase	Three quarters of the revenue from the increase be dedicated to capital improvements and the remainder to general municipal operations	An additional 1% for a total rate of 2.5%
#30	City of Grandview Heights – Proposed Charter Amendment	As proposed in ordinance 2018-20	
#31	City of Grandview Heights – Proposed Ordinance (by petition)	Ordinance to amend Section 1151.04 to redefine the Green Space Overlay District	
#32	City of Grandview Heights – Referendum of Ordinance 2018-08	An ordinance to prohibit the retail dispensing of medical marijuana within the city	
#33	City of Hilliard – Proposed Charter Amendment	Changes the city’s form of government from “Mayor-City Council” to “City Council-City Manager”	
#34	City of Upper Arlington – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend the charter of the city as recommended by the Charter Review Commission and set forth in Ordinance 55-2018	
#35A	Westerville 4-B Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) The Point at Otterbein 60 Collegeview Rd, Westerville, OH 43081	
#35b	Westerville 4-B Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (11am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) The Point at Otterbein 60 Collegeview Rd, Westerville, OH 43081	
#36	City of Whitehall – Proposed Charter Amendment	Succession of Mayor and Acting Mayor	
#37	City of Whitehall – Proposed Charter Amendment	Term Limits of Certain Elected Officials	
#38	City of Whitehall – Proposed Charter Amendment	Refer to individuals using gender neutral language	
#39	City of Worthington – Proposed Electric Service Aggregation Program	To authorize all actions necessary to effectuate an opt-out electric service aggregation program pursuant to R.C. 4928.20	
#41b	Marble Cliff-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liqueur) 1400 Food Lab 1400 Dublin Rd., Ste 2, Marble Cliff, OH 43212	
#42	Village of Minerva Park – Proposed Charter Commission	Shall a commission be chosen to frame a charter?	
#44	Blendon Township Police District – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Police Protection Levy	5.75 mills, \$0.575 per \$100 of valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2019
#45	Hamilton Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal with Increase)	Fire Protection Levy	Renew 3 mills, increase 4 mills; Total 7 mills, \$0.70 per \$100 of valuation, 5 years, commencing in 2018
#46	Perry Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)	General construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges	1.5 mills, \$0.15 per \$100 of valuation, 5 years, commencing in 2018
#47b	Prairie Township-H Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Front Row Sports Bar 4812 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43228	

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- Military identification showing your name (address not required); or
- A copy of a current utility bill, cell phone bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document showing your name and current address.

If you do not provide one of these documents at the polling place, you will still be able to vote a provisional ballot (see below). You will then be expected to provide identification to the Board of Elections within the 7 days following Election Day. If you do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a Social Security number, you will still be able to vote a provisional ballot by signing an affirmation statement swearing to your identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

predators. All of this experience helped prepare me to become the judge that I am today: fair, hard-working, and unafraid to make tough decisions.

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**Question 1:** January 8, 2008 to present Franklin County Court of Common Pleas General Division  
**Question 2:** When I was practicing law I had the opportunity to work as a prosecutor, a criminal defense lawyer, civil defense and civil

plaintiff attorney. As a prosecutor I got to understand the difficulty experience by victims moving through the system and worked hard not to victimize them a second time when dealing with their case. As a criminal defense attorney I represented defendants and was able to understand how intimidating and confusing it was for many of them to be in the “system.” It was my responsibility to ensure that their rights were protected and to provide them information in a way that allowed them to make an informed decision on how to resolve their case. In civil litigation I am under the pressures and stresses associated with defending a case when a suit has been filed against a person or company as well pursuing a case in which a person believes they were wronged by an individual or company. Of course, understanding the law in all of these areas from a practical stand point before I took the bench helped me tremendously. However, experiencing the many sides involved in litigation helped me to understand that legal system is all about people. We as attorneys and judges are dealing with people in some of the most stressful times in their lives and it is our responsibility to make sure win or lose, the system worked

BALLOT ISSUES

STATE-WIDE ISSUE 1: TO REDUCE PENALTIES FOR CRIMES OF OBTAINING, POSSESSING, AND USING ILLEGAL DRUGS

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

**The amendment would:**  
• Reclassify drug offenses from felony to misdemeanor for both

accused and convicted drug users.  
• Require the state to spend savings due to a reduction of the number of prison inmates on drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.

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

**Arguments made in opposition:**  
• The amendment would make it more difficult to prosecute drug traffickers.  
• This belongs in the Ohio Revised code. The constitution should contain fundamental principles and organization of government. Appropriation directives should not be added to the constitution.  
• This takes away available resources from the court for

rehabilitating people and doesn't give judges the ability to use incarceration when it's necessary.  
• This proposed constitutional amendment does not provide adequate funding for treatment infrastructure nor treatment itself.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ISSUE #3: COLUMBUS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY METRO PARKS REPLACEMENT TAX LEVY

**League Explanation**  
The park district is asking the voters of Columbus and Franklin County to replace the current 10-year, 0.75-mill levy approved by voters in May 2009 which will expire at the end of 2019, with a 10-year, 0.95-mill levy that would raise \$6 million more than the current levy. Currently, the owner of a \$100,000 home pays \$20.43 for the levy. If approved, beginning in 2020 this replacement levy will cost a homeowner with a home appraisal of \$100,000 an annual amount of \$33.25 a year, an increase of \$12.82 or 38 percent more than the current levy.

**Arguments Made in Support of Issue #3**  
• Metro Parks serve more than

11 million visitors a year and provides those visitors with places to hike, bike, and picnic. This levy will allow Metro Parks to build new parks, connect trails across Franklin County, and provide more programs for children, seniors, and people with special needs.  
• Metro Parks protects 27,500 acres of land. To continue in its stewardship of the environment, this levy will allow the park district to reforest 1,000 acres, create 500 acres of wetlands, and reintroduce 500 acres of native prairie.  
• Central Ohio is expected to grow by 1 million people by 2050. Passage of this levy will allow the park district to accommodate the recreational needs of a growing population.

**Arguments Made in Opposition of Issue #3**  
• Although Metro Parks includes areas in Delaware, Union, Fairfield and Hocking counties, only Franklin County residents will vote on the measure and pay the tax.  
• In challenging economic times, other public and private entities are making do with less, but the renewal levy and increase will result in taxpayers paying more in taxes.

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