

VOTER INFORMATION BULLETIN

Nonpartisan Guide to November 7, 2017 General Election For Franklin County Voters

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Questions for all Municipal Court Judge Candidates:

- Question 1:** List your judicial experience (court and years)
- Question 2:** What about your non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?
- Question 3:** Why are you running for this particular court seat?

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

Franklin County Municipal Judge – FTC 1/1/2018
(vote for no more than 1)

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Work Experience: Criminal Defense and Family Law Attorney

Question 1: This is the first time I have sought a Judicial position. Up to now I have been in private practice for sixteen (16) years representing private and court appointed clients throughout many Ohio counties. I have practiced in Federal, State, and Municipal courts, and have extensive courtroom Jury and Bench trial experience.

Question 2: As a private attorney with extensive in-court experience in many Municipal and Common Pleas courts, I have represented thousands of clients (adult and juvenile) as they have made their way through the various Justice systems. My ongoing caseload includes many serious felony cases, including Murder, Kidnapping, Drug Trafficking, Sex Crimes, Thefts, and Civil matters such as personal injury cases.

Question 3: In Franklin County and surrounding counties, I have represented hundreds of clients in Municipal courts where they faced charges such as OVI offenses, domestic violence, assaults, and other traffic and civil matters. I am one of a handful of Franklin County court appointed attorneys qualified to represent juvenile offenders as they defend against transfer to the adult criminal justice system as part of the bind-over process. As part of my private practice, I have represented hundreds of clients as they entered Domestic Relations Court with matters such as Divorce or Dissolution of their marriages, and I have assisted parents with custody matters and Civil Protection Orders. I have represented many business owners as they formulate companies and sometimes litigate contractual issues. Prior to obtaining my law degree, I acquired extensive business experience in the private retail sector and as Deputy Director of Purchasing with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). I have interacted with more than thirty (30) judges throughout various Ohio courts and have learned from each one of

them how to Judge and manage a courtroom. If elected Judge, I will take the best practices from all of them and formulate a courtroom atmosphere that administers justice that is fair, responsive, and respectful to all who enter.

Question 3: As I have traveled the State in my private practice, I have seen and experienced varying degrees of success in how Municipal court judges perform their duties. It is my belief that a Municipal Court Judge can no longer ignore the "where from, and the "how to" when dealing with Defendants and victims. As an example, I would look to the current opioid crisis in our State and county and point out that many of the defendants and victims of this crisis and resulting crimes put families in two separate court systems simultaneously. Affected families find themselves before the Franklin County Domestic Relations division and in the Franklin County Municipal Court. As an attorney/candidate practicing in both divisions (adult and Juvenile) and the Common Pleas Criminal division, I am experienced with negotiating and forging a resolution that helps families as defendants and victims. If elected to the Franklin County Municipal Court bench I have the in-depth knowledge and understanding of how the three (3) courts interact (via Defendants and Victims) and the experience working resolutions that address all concerns of defendants and victims and the goals and expectations they have of our justice system. As the largest and busiest Municipal Court in Ohio, our Judges must be informed and responsive to administering justice that is sensitive to the make-up of the defendants and victims and to the full circle of service providers in and around the judiciary.

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Work Experience: Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court since 2005; Assistant City Attorney; Assistant City Prosecutor; Assistant County Prosecutor; County Public Defender

Question 1: I have served as a Judge in Franklin County Municipal Court since 2005.

Question 2: I began my legal career in Franklin County Municipal Court as an intern in the Franklin County Public Defenders Office. During laws school I was employed part time as a mediator and case intake officer in the Columbus City Prosecutor's Office. I was hired full time to the trial staff and was selected as a domestic violence unit prosecutor. During this time in the prosecutor's office, I tried the misdemeanor cases that come in front of me as a judge. I also have experience with felony cases from my years in the County Prosecutor's Office where I worked in Juvenile Court, Grand Jury and Felony trial

staff. To round out my experience I joined the City Attorney's Office where I tried civil cases in municipal court, common pleas and federal court. I also served as an advisor for various city commissions and served as lead counsel for administrative liquor license objections.

Question 3: I am running for this particular court seat, because it is the one I am most passionate about and most qualified for. During my legal career, I have had the opportunity to participate extensively in both criminal defense and prosecution in Franklin County. As a Franklin County Municipal Court Judge for nearly 12 years I have had the honor of carrying out that role in the legal process and serving the citizens of Franklin County. The law is fluid and I enjoy continually learning in furtherance of performing my duty at the highest level. Franklin County Municipal Court is truly the people's court. It is one of the busiest courts in the State of Ohio. I am challenged daily and it is rewarding. As both Columbus and Franklin County become more diverse so does the population that uses the court. I am proud to be on the forefront of language and cultural education in the state of Ohio. Through the Ohio Supreme Court language access advisory committee I help craft training for interpreters going through the Supreme Court classification process. I also assist in ensuring that courts throughout Ohio are aware of the state and federal standards. Over the last 12 years, I have had the opportunity to watch Franklin County Municipal Court change and evolve. It is important to appreciate its history, but is it tremendously rewarding to be in a position to help guide changes and shape its future. That future is digital. I was one of the first judges to adopt the electronic search warrant procedure. This is an important first step and the adoption of electronic records will be a larger and necessary step in ensuring that Franklin County Municipal Court continues to keep up with the times in serving the citizenry.

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2004-2013, Judge Advocate officer, Ohio Army National Guard.

Question 1: Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, March-July 2015. Visiting Judge, July 2015. Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court, July-December 2015.

Question 2: I spent most of my career in trial courts working as an assistant prosecutor, a job which allowed me to develop knowledge of the law, understanding of courtroom procedure, and an appreciation for the virtues of accountability and patience. I am committed to fairness for all parties. I also served as a soldier and judge advocate officer in the Army and the Ohio Army National Guard, which reinforced my belief in hard work. I was deployed to Afghanistan, where I saw first hand what happens to communities that lose faith in the fairness of their courts. That experience led me to consider work as a judge.

Question 3: I served as a judge in municipal court in 2015, and loved the opportunity to serve in multiple roles. Municipal court judges maintain active trial dockets for both criminal and civil cases, make bond determinations for all kinds of criminal cases, and approve search warrants where probable cause can be shown. The municipal court is where we as citizens are most likely to come into contact with the government, and it was a privilege to serve there.

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Question 1: Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court, December 2015 to present; Magistrate, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, 2002-2015

Question 2: While my judicial experience has taught me how our courts can work and do work, it is my non-judicial legal experience that constantly reminds me how our courts should work. As a legal intern, intake officer and Assistant Prosecutor for the Columbus City Attorney I handled, tried and resolved thousands of cases in Municipal Court, both criminal and civil. This experience allowed me to evaluate cases before and after the filing of formal charges and to deal with the effects, both technical and human, of all aspects of pre-trial motions and litigation. As a Senior Assistant Prosecutor with the Franklin County Prosecutors Office I handled criminal and delinquency cases from minor misdemeanors through murder cases. Further, I supervised legal interns and tried to pass along what I had learned to the next generation of those who would take on the responsibility of managing our legal system. Each of these experiences helped me to develop my abilities to evaluate evidence, situations and

individuals, and to assess and weigh the needs and rights of all parties, while at the same time factoring in the needs and rights of the community as a whole. These skills enabled me to excel at determining dispositional and sentencing orders in each individual case. They also helped me develop my skills in maintaining appropriate judicial temperament, and the ability to relate to and communicate with all people.

Question 3: I am motivated to retain my seat on the Franklin County Municipal Court for the same reason I was initially motivated to run; it is the court of the people. Through my experience, I have learned the broad reach and scope of the power of the court to not only impact the lives of those who come before it, but also of the community as a whole. This has proven especially true through my work in the Mental Health Court. The benefits of finding and improving alternatives to jail for our community's mentally ill makes the community safer, improves the quality of life of families, frees up court and jail resources, and saves taxpayers dollars. As a judge I have committed to improving the lives of those caught in the legal system through the cycles of violence, unaddressed mental health issues, drug dependence and poverty. Municipal Court, I believe, provides me with the best foundation from which to reduce crime and violence, and to help build healthy adults, families and communities.

Franklin County Municipal Court Judge – Commencing 1/3/2018

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Work Experience: B.A. from The Ohio State University; J.D. from Capital University Law School

Question 1: I am currently a Senior Prosecutor in Franklin Municipal Court and I have practiced in Municipal Court for over 10 years. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, I was a Staff Attorney in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. I have not had the honor of being a judge; however, based on my extensive knowledge of Municipal Court and my experience managing a common pleas civil docket, I have the qualifications, experience, and demeanor to become a successful judge.

Question 2: As a Senior Prosecutor for the City of Columbus, I have prosecuted thousands of Municipal Court cases. This encompasses every type of case heard in Municipal Court, from minor offenses such as traffic violations and disorderly conduct to more serious crimes such as domestic violence and vehicular homicide. I have been the lead attorney in many jury trials and court trials and I have litigated numerous motion hearings. I also handle cases for the City of Worthington and seven other townships in Franklin County. As one of the most senior attorneys in the City Attorney's Office, I also train new prosecutors on methods including trial strategies and how best to analyze fact patterns in addition to acclimating new judges to the bench by usually being their first assigned prosecutor. Additionally, I have had the distinct privilege of being the Environmental Prosecutor for the City of Columbus for two years. As the environmental prosecutor, I prosecuted animal abusers, slumlords, those who take advantage of vulnerable residents as well as countless other misdemeanor offenses, making certain to ensure that all parties involved in a case were treated with respect. I've presented classes on topics including Animal and Humane Law, Vicious Dog Law, and Ohio Code Enforcement and have trained both police officers and animal control agents on courtroom procedures. As a staff attorney, I conducted extensive research on substantive issues as well as procedural and evidentiary questions. I researched various

motions submitted to the Court to provide accurate and unprejudiced decisions by synthesizing case law and legislative history. I drafted decisions for Motions for Summary Judgment, Discovery Motions, Motions to Dismiss, Motions for Relief from Judgment and Motions in Limine for my Judge's approval. I also conducted pre-trials, status conferences, and settlement conferences. I currently serve on the Capital University Law School Alumni Association Board. I have served on the African American Law Alumni Board at Capital University Law School and as the President of the John Mercer Langston Bar Association. As a mentor, I've presided over mock trials and participated in both the Ohio Supreme Court Lawyer to Lawyer and Ohio Law and Leadership programs.

Question 3: Franklin County Municipal Court is the largest and busiest court in Ohio. The citizens of Franklin County need judges who are knowledgeable in all aspects of Municipal Court, including civil, criminal, and environmental issues. I am experienced in all three of these areas of law and I understand the right balance of holding criminals accountable to protect society while treating each person, regardless of accusations, fairly. In addition to experience, I have both the temperament perspective to become a successful judge, and, if elected, I will continue to fairly interpret the laws of Ohio and will strive to protect all citizens of Franklin County. Municipal Court is sometimes known as "The People's Court," as regular, everyday citizens can find themselves standing before a judge in Municipal Court. Whether it's a traffic violation, being called for jury duty or being involved in a dispute with a landlord, I believe that by serving as a judge in Municipal Court, I can have the greatest effect on the lives of every day citizens, whether offender, victim, or innocent witness.

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Question 1: I am running for judge for the first time; I am not currently a judge. However, I have been a magistrate in various Mayor's Courts for five years now. Currently, I am a magistrate in Reynoldsburg Mayor's Court, which averages about 150 per court date. There, I hear criminal and traffic cases very similar to those I would hear in Municipal Court, with the exception of a few cases over which the Mayor's Court does not have jurisdiction (i.e. repeat OVI offenses, domestic violence, etc.). Additionally, although I have presided over court trials there, unlike the municipal court, Mayor's Courts do not have jury capabilities.

Question 2: I have been practicing law for nearly eleven (11) years, and in that time I have been a defense attorney, a prosecutor, and a magistrate. As a defense attorney, I tried serious felony cases, having jury trials for clients charged with murder, sex offenses, and weapons offenses. I conducted motion hearings, and practiced in many different counties. I understand the difficulties of representing clientele who are often poor, lack education and resources, and who often lack the ability to meaningfully assist in their own defense. Being a defense attorney who represented clients charged with very serious crimes gave me perspective, a thorough understanding of how the rules of evidence operate in the courtroom,

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and the ability to effectively communicate with a diverse demographic of people. Subsequent to practicing criminal defense, I became a prosecutor, the position I now hold, and have tried countless misdemeanor cases. As the Grove City, Pickerington and Obetz prosecutor, I have handled thousands of cases, and managed to juggle a heavy caseload with careful consideration and attentiveness. Additionally, as part of my position as the prosecutor for these various jurisdictions, I have created and presented legal updates to the police departments in our municipalities, and regularly advise the officers regarding legal questions and concerns. As a prosecutor, I have prosecuted numerous types of cases, including but not limited to OVIs, domestic violence, assault, theft, drug possession, traffic cases. This experience, in particular, has largely been focused in the very court in which I am seeking election; I have practiced law in that court on an almost daily basis now for nearly eleven years. I am familiar with its operation and caseload. I am able to evaluate a case, and I understand the nuances of the kinds of cases over which I will preside. In sum, I not only have experience from both sides of the courtroom, but I also have experience from the bench from my experience as a magistrate.

Question 3: I grew up in Caledonia, Ohio with my brother, Alex, in a middle-class home full of love and unconditional support. While our parents had rules and expectations for us, they also gave us ample opportunity to succeed. After my brother graduated high school, he attended the College of Wooster to pursue a degree in medicine; his goal was to be a neurologist. Unfortunately, despite a foundation filled with encouragement, love, and opportunity, Alex took his life only four years later. He'd battled drug addiction on and off for those years, and became so ashamed and hopeless that he took his life out of desperation and despair. That day was single-handedly the worst day of my life; Alex was my best friend. He was brilliantly intelligent, witty, creative, passionate, and caring. He died when I was practicing criminal defense, and it rocked my world. Just a year later, I took my current position as a prosecutor. Now, nine years after Alex left us, I find myself looking forward to using my legal background to make an even greater impact. Every day I encounter people facing challenges of all kinds; some addiction related, some are victims of circumstance, and still others are simply people who've made a bad choice. All of them, though, are at a potential crossroads when they come into the municipal court, a place where the court can possibly redirect them. I want to be a judge because I want to be a larger part of that. I recognize that every case in that court is a person; that no matter how minor the case might appear on the surface, every single one is deserving of special attention. Additionally, I have found my calling in municipal court. As I've aged, I've become acutely aware of my strengths and weaknesses, and my strengths serve the judiciary well. I am an absolute "people person," as I truly enjoy the people contact trial court provides. Moreover, I believe a great judge is someone with an even temperament; someone who keeps her cool, someone who is decisive, and someone who is knowledgeable about the law and how the rules of evidence operate. I have those qualities. I know that I can be fair, make difficult decisions, and that I can do it with tact, grace, and empathy. This judicial seat, I believe, is exactly where I can benefit my community the most.

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Office; 2013-2016 Lead Attorney from the Public Defender's for the Franklin County Specialized Dockets (Opiate Extension Program, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program, Mental Health Court, and the Military and Veterans Service Program)

Question 1: I am currently serving as a Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court since April 2016. I am hearing an average of 50-75 criminal cases a day involving charges such as domestic violence, drunk driving, theft, soliciting, drug possession, and various traffic violations. In addition, I carry a civil docket with cases that involve landlord and tenant disputes, debt collection, personal injury and breach of contract. I rotate with the other Judges in the arraignment courts setting bonds on misdemeanor and felony cases, and I review search warrants and subpoenas for law enforcement. Additionally, I serve on our courts judicial personnel committee, the probation committee, and specialty docket committee. I also assist the presiding Judges of the the CATCH program (human trafficking docket), the Alcohol and Drug Addiction program and the Opiate Extension Program when they are unavailable by covering the status review hearings and overseeing the group sessions.

Question 2: My legal career began 14 years ago as a staff attorney for the Franklin County Public Defender's Office. I was there until taking the bench in April of 2016. As a defense attorney, my role was to zealously advocate for my client. I have represented thousands of people using a practice style that not only protected their rights, but also tried to put them on a better path in life. I worked with individuals that were charged with crimes such as domestic violence, drunk driving, drug possession, soliciting, theft and various traffic violations. It was my job to advocate for these people to the best of my abilities, and to do so in an ethical way no matter the crime or my own beliefs. I would take this responsibility a step further by not only resolving the case in a legal sense, but also providing resources to my clients that help them become productive citizens of our community. I spent the last several years of my practice as the lead attorney in the Franklin County Specialized Dockets. I monitored my clients daily as they would work to complete a two year program that held them accountable for their actions, but also provided them with appropriate treatment services. My effort and commitment to understanding the nature of addiction and mental health, and how it impacts criminal behavior, helped me better advocate for my clients and led to recognition in the community. I was chosen twice by the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County as Attorney of the year for my work in Mental Health Court and the Opiate Extension Program. I received the Model of Justice Award from the Justice League of Ohio for my work with victims of human trafficking. I was also recently selected for induction into the Gahanna Lincoln High School Hall of Fame. I was nominated for this honor because of the time I spend giving back to the community and my ongoing support for those in need.

Question 3: I have spent the last 14 years practicing in the Franklin County Municipal Court which is the same court where I am currently serving as a Judge. My background and experiences working with victims of human trafficking, those suffering from drug addiction and/or mental health disorders, and veterans, prepared me for exactly where I am today. I want to continue to use these tools that I have obtained and apply them to this position. Working in the specialized dockets, I frequently witnessed the powerful role that a judge can play in improving the lives of individuals, while simultaneously improving the safety of our community. I feel I am doing just that in the way I handle the cases that come before me. I understand that a "one size fits all" approach is not the best way to reduce recidivism. I am constantly researching and visiting facilities and treatment options, I take advantage of the resources through our probation department like SCRAM (alcohol monitoring device),

GPS tracking, and work release, and I also hold individuals accountable for their actions. Approximately 400 attorneys participated in a judicial performance poll with the Columbus Bar Association this year. I was honored to learn that in my first year on the bench I received such high ratings in all the areas including judicial temperament, objectivity, legal knowledge, sentencing, quality of opinions, and timeliness (www.cbaw.org). I work hard each day to examine each case and apply a sentence that is appropriate both for the needs of that individual and the overall safety of the community. I maintain an efficient courtroom and I am accessible and available to attorneys and court personnel. The civil docket is definitely a new area for me, but I jumped right in to learning the cases and presiding over court trials. I am constantly learning and working to be the best judge that I can be. One of my goals will always be for litigants to leave the courtroom believing as though they were treated with dignity and respect, even if they do not agree with the outcome. I am honored to serve the citizens of Franklin County and I would like to keep my seat this November.

Questions for Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk Candidates:

1. What would be your top one or two priorities if elected to this position?
2. Should access to information about cases and on-line filing ability be improved? Explain your answer.

Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk
(vote for no more than 1)

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Occupation: Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk
Qualifications for Office: I have more than 34 years of experience working in the legal system. Prior to taking office, I served as a legal assistant and paralegal in private law offices specializing in criminal, civil, and probate law. As a small business owner, I learned the value of personal and business relationships. My public sector experience included duties performed as a legal assistant at the Ohio Consumers' Council and as a Bailiff for Judge Jennifer Brunner in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. For the past 11½ years, I have served as the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk. During that time, I developed and strengthened professional and personal relationships which have helped the Clerk's Office move forward. With assistance from staff, I studied and implemented new technologies to improve our processes and procedures. I have a proven track record of fiscal responsibility and transparency.
Question 1: The Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office is working on a number of projects as part of its strategic goals. The top two goals include: 1. Electronic Filing - We are working to make it easier to file documents with the court. The Clerk's Office is working to implement an electronic filing and management system to provide instant/real time access to official case files for judges, court staff and all parties to a case. Additionally, the Clerk's Office is participating in a pilot project with the Ohio Highway Patrol, The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and The Upper Arlington Police Department. This

project includes implementation of an electronic traffic ticket (and eventually a complaint form) with a complete data transfer directly to the Clerk's case management system. 2. Web Chat - We will offer customers of the Criminal/Traffic Division the option of online chat to provide the convenience of instant communication for expedited customer service.
Question 2: The Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office is working on an on-line electronic filing solution to improve access to information and make it easier to file documents with the court. The Clerk's Office currently has over 40 million digital images of court records on file dating from 1992 to 2017. Improving access through on-line electronic filing is a priority, which will become a reality in the near future.

Questions for City/ Village/ Township Office Candidates:

1. Describe what you believe is the greatest challenge for your city/ township/village neighborhoods.
2. Explain your financial policy for your city/township/village. If you believe your community would need to raise money for a project, explain the need and how you would raise the money.

CITY OF BEXLEY

City Auditor
(vote for no more than 1)
uncontested race.

BILL HARVEY - WRITE-IN

Candidate did not respond.

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 3)

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Occupation: Educator/Bexley City Council Member
Qualifications for Office: The past four years of serving on Council has enhanced my ability to affect local government operations. The knowledge that I gain by sharing my time and energy with the citizens in Bexley allows me to continue to get better at what I do do best - Build Community!
Question 1: The greatest challenge for Bexley is to be vigilant in assuring that we continue to deliver the highest quality services in a cost effective manner. The current high quality of city services needs to be a benchmark for all future contracts. We need, at each opportunity, to explore whether we can deliver services of the same quality at a lower cost or in a more effective manner. All of the other important issues for the city - building our tax base, insuring sound infrastructure, improving the Livingston corridor need to continue to be a priority.
Question 2: Bexley is fortunate to be in a financially sound position. I do not foresee the need to raise money for a special project at this time. The role of City Council is to be good stewards of the tax payer's money while making sure that city services are robust, efficient, and first-rate.

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Question 1: As a Bexley resident for 17 years and parent of two daughters

who attend our public schools, I believe that maintaining our safe neighborhoods is the current greatest challenge in Bexley. There are daily reports of car break ins, varying thefts, and residential break ins throughout Bexley. I would like to increase communication between our residents and the Bexley Police Department regarding pivotal safety and crime issues and work with the Bexley Police Department to increase citizen awareness on hardening Bexley's targets and protecting valuables.
Question 2: I believe Bexley's budgets must be balanced and include reasonable reserves on an annual basis. Our rainy day fund must include monies for future capital needs, to stabilize fluctuations, and provide for emergency situations. I further believe that the City needs to maintain competitive employee compensation so that city services to our residents will be efficient, useful and exemplary. An additional emphasis should be placed on maintaining Bexley's aging infrastructure, including our streets, sewers, and sidewalks through smart financial practices aimed at protecting our tax dollars.

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Qualifications for Office: Completing first term as Bexley City Council Member; Strong understanding of government workings and Council's legislative authorities; Strong partnerships with City Administration, department heads, and regional leaders; Years of leadership in workplace and as a volunteer; Strong financial acumen
Question 1: I believe that our greatest challenge is to ensure that the services and resources that we provide as a City are equally available and accessible to all residents of Bexley, and that our shared sense of identity as residents of Bexley extends to all corners of the community. We have portions of Bexley that are socio-economically and racially diverse, and we have residents in Bexley who are not aware that they reside in our community. That indicates to me that we have a lot of work to do to not only uplift portions of the community, but ensure that we are serving all residents well.
Question 2: Broadly, my financial policy is that spending needs to reflect our community's values. We value the excellent service, amenities, and sense of community and place that Bexley has, therefore we commit resources to maintaining those priorities. We also values things like protecting green spaces and the environment, so we look for opportunities to provide additional amenities that reflect those priorities and make financial sense. The City Administration has a responsibility to explain its requests for funding, and should the need arise to raise funds, we can do so through a variety of means.

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Education: MBA, Capital University, BS in Business Administration, Bowling Green State University
Occupation: Local small business owner
Qualifications for Office: Bexley resident for 28 years, Bexley based small business owner for 14 years, former corporate controller, two term Bexley City Council member and most senior current member of council in years of experience.
Question 1: Bexley's greatest challenge is the same as it has been for years: staying fresh and relevant as a desirable place to live and raise a family, given the City's limited and constrained geographic size in an expanding and vibrant metro area.
Question 2: Reasonably cautious with regards to general operating expenses, but willing to be more aggressive in funding investments (in the traditional sense of the word - not just a euphemism for unlimited future spending for "programs" that don't actually solve a problem) that have

long term impact in addressing the City's published vision and goals

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)

JILL AMOS

Candidate did not respond.

WILL BENNETT

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Education: I graduated with a BFA from the Columbus College of Art & Design. I am also continually challenging myself to understand what's been done before and what I can do better serve those I represent.
Occupation: Associate Creative Director
Qualifications for Office: I am currently serving as the Vice President of City Council and Chair of the CW Joint Rec. District. Prior to being elected I served on Landmarks from 2009-13, Charter Review Commission in 2010, Destination Canal Winchester from 2010-14, and Elementary School PTO President from 2010-13.
Question 1: Recently, we have engaged the Fairfield County Sheriffs to begin the process for increasing staffing. At the end of this agreement I would like to request a study to evaluate our options prior to the next agreement. Our city has fallen behind the FBI data average for number of officers by population. I would like to see us add five sheriffs to get us closer to this average. Even with adding five sheriffs this would only add one additional officer per shift. This increase would also force some very tough decisions as it relates to the 2018 budget.
Question 2: I believe in living within our means. Never spending more than what we bring in. We have an excellent staff, they do a fantastic job and are always very fiscally responsible.

MICHAEL COOLMAN

Candidate did not respond.

PATRICK LYNCH

Candidate did not respond.

BOBBIE MERSHON

Candidate did not respond.

BOB TOLEDO

Candidate did not respond.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 3)

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Occupation: Self Employed
Qualifications for Office: Organizing for America, Field Organizer, 2012; Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin - 15'; Master of Public Affairs Ohio Organizing Collaborative, Voter Registration Regional Field Director, Spring-Fall 2016, Columbus People's Partnership, Government
Question 1: Inequitable economic development is the greatest challenge our city is facing. We are investing tax payer money in our downtown but have largely neglected our working class neighborhoods. Small business ownership is the cornerstone of our Columbus economy and is a necessity for thriving, safe, and healthy communities in Columbus. Our neighborhoods with the highest rates of unemployment have some of the lowest rates of small business ownership. We must re-invest in our neighborhoods in a more meaningful way and help those interested in opening businesses in their communities.
Question 2: Columbus has had a budget surplus for at least the last two years. We have more than

enough money to do what is best for the people of Columbus and more deeply invest in our children and in our neighborhoods. Our policies on tax abatement's must be reviewed to ensure our tax payer money is being invested in all of our neighborhoods not just a chosen few. Any new suggested programs will search for funding from the Federal, State, and County in conjunction with city funds. I have no plans on raising taxes for Columbus residents.

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Education: Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Senior Executive Program; University of Pittsburgh, Class of 1980
Occupation: Columbus City Councilmember, chair of Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committees
Qualifications for Office: I have served as your City Councilmember, acting as chair of the Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committees. With more than 40 years of public and private sector experience, I have served as Director of Public Safety for Columbus, Cleveland and the State of Ohio.

Question 1: People are drawn to our great city because of the opportunities we strive to provide for every neighborhood. As the Columbus population and land area continues to grow, our greatest challenge will be to continue to provide the requisite level of Fire, EMS, Police and Public Services to our citizens. We will do that by taking advantage of the ever-changing technology to improve our efficiency while containing costs. The goal is to ensure the safe neighborhoods for all of our citizens, regardless of their zip code.

Question 2: Columbus has been blessed to be one of the fastest growing cities in the Midwest. This growth provides incredible opportunities for City Council to utilize our most effective tool, public/private partnerships, and to expand the city services to a growing population. An excellent example of partnership utilization is the Smart Cities project

that began last year. Columbus was able to leverage a \$40 million federal grant from the Department of Transportation into funds totaling \$417 million with support from local resources. By continuing these partnerships, Columbus can continue to thrive.

KIERAN CARTHARN
Candidate did not respond.

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Education: I attended Columbus Alternative High School and received a B.A. in Political Science from Morehouse College.
Occupation: I serve Columbus on City Council, chairing the Public Service and Transportation Committee, the Small and Minority Business Development Committee, and the Neighborhoods Committee.

Qualifications for Office: I have nearly a decade of public service experience in executive government & policy development. As the External Affairs Manager for Mayor Coleman, I developed & oversaw programs around violence intervention and anti-recidivism. Since joining Council, I have worked to strengthen our neighborhoods.

Question 1: I believe that the lack of affordable housing is the greatest challenge facing Columbus. Experts estimate that Franklin County is short 54,000 affordable housing units. Columbus is the fastest growing city in the Midwest, and we can expect to see another million people in our region by 2050. To close the affordable housing gap, we will need a set of solutions including inclusionary housing, incentivizing affordable housing, and investigating designated streams of revenue for affordable housing. If a policy solution doesn't help create a city for all of us, then it isn't for Columbus.

Question 2: It is critical to maintain Columbus' AAA bond rating to provide affordable, consistent city services to residents. The City has been able to spur economic growth

by supporting our small businesses and through strategic business recruitment. Because no single sector employs more than 18% of residents, Columbus has the ability to weather economic downturns better than peer cities. By funding community goods through public-private partnerships, maintaining our diversified employment portfolio, and supporting small businesses, Columbus will remain a fiscally sound city.

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Occupation: Employed by AECOM/Hunt as the Construction Safety Manager at the Mt. Carmel Grove City Hospital Construction Project
Qualifications for Office: 32 years of public service and activism concerning fair wages, opposing tax abatements & thoughtless development, improving city parks & affordable housing, and pursuing additional drug treatment centers. Past member of the University Area Commission, Vice-Chair Columbus Historic Resources Commission (over character limit)

Question 1: This city's greatest challenge is for our current elected City Council to alter their priorities from pandering and taking their marching orders from the rich and powerful, to increasing their primary focus on the needs of working families, the less fortunate, neighborhood development & low income housing, livable wages and invest in community-based violence intervention training for police officers. And because this challenge will most likely never materialize, the challenge must come from its people to be better educated on the policies and actions of its City Council Members and elect indep (over character limit)

Question 2: I will continue to reject and speak out against tax abatements for billion dollar corporations, successful developers and well established large businesses in risk free development locations such as

the Short North, Downtown, Polaris, Easton and Rickenbacker. It is not the City Council's responsibility to ensure such businesses excessive guaranteed profits at the expense of increasing property taxes for those who can least afford it and granting abatements to companies who create low-paying jobs. Tax abatements reduce school funding, weaken teachers' salaries, lower revenues for our libraries, (over character limit)

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Occupation: Local Matters, Grants Associate
Qualifications for Office: I have a track record of making a difference for families. As State Director with Advocates for Ohio's Future, I helped build a coalition of over 475 state and local organizations that helped expand healthcare coverage. Because of this work, over 725,000 people now have access to healthcare.

Question 1: Columbus is a vibrant, welcoming city, brimming with potential--but there are many in this city who are working harder than ever struggling to pay for housing and child care. There are mothers who live in fear that their sons will be shot during a traffic stop. These deeply-rooted systemic issues impact our schools, our neighborhoods and our economy, even as the city continues to grow. These challenges will not be overcome by a political system that has become corrupted by money and power. If we want to build a safe, prosperous future for all of us, we need to get big money out of politics.

Question 2: I believe in access and opportunity for all. Wealthy developers continue to receive tens of millions of dollars in tax giveaways, while families are working harder than ever, but are struggling to pay the rent and afford child care. I'll fight to make sure wealthy developers pay their fair share, so we can use the money that's currently going back into the pockets of real estate developers to invest in our neighborhoods and our schools. We should be using this money to make long-term investments in affordable housing, quality education, child care and job training for working families.

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Education: I am a graduate of Eastmoor Senior High School and I received Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio in 1978.
Occupation: I am currently a member and President Pro Tem of Columbus City Council. I am also employed by Alvis as - Sr. Director of Family Programs.

Qualifications for Office: My public service experience has uniquely prepared and qualified me to serve the residents of Columbus. I've served on Columbus City Council since 2007. I have a good understanding of city government operations and the needs of our community.
Question 1: Columbus has experienced a great degree of success; however these triumphs have resulted in a number of emerging issues. With that, our greatest challenge is finding a way to ensure that each of our residents have the same opportunity to be a part of our success. To achieve this I remain committed to jobs, safety, and neighborhoods. Our new challenges include - affordable housing, a workforce that can meet the needs of our community and new transportation options. We also have social challenges which impact us - specifically the need to reduce poverty and opiate addiction.

Question 2: As Chair of the Finance Committee, I have worked directly with our City Auditor Dorrian, Mayor Ginther, and the Director of Finance & Management to ensure that our city is exercising strong conservative fiscal management while providing critical services for our neighborhoods. For example, safety remains a key priority

for our City and as such is nearly 70% of our annual budget. We currently have saved more than \$73,728,000 since our pledge of \$75 million to our city's rainy day fund in 2009 and have increased our goal to \$80 million by the end of 2020.

Questions for City Attorney Candidates:

1. What would be your top one or two priorities if elected to this position?
2. In addition to your professional and educational background, what administrative and managerial skills do you bring to the position of City Attorney?

City Attorney
(vote for no more than one)

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Occupation: City Council President
Qualifications for Office: I currently serve as the President of Columbus City Council, where I guide and oversee the work of council. As Assistant Ohio Attorney General for then Attorney General Rich Cordray, I served on a securities litigation team that ultimately recovered billions of dollars for Ohio's retirees

Question 1: I am determined to continue the fight against the scourge of opioid addiction and aid victims of human trafficking. I will continue efforts to hold absentee landlords and homeowners accountable, and find creative, effective, and aggressive strategies to abate nuisance properties. I will fight for criminal justice reform, and expand community policing initiatives, including full implementation of body cameras for Columbus police officers, in order to protect them and the community.

Question 2: Throughout my career, especially as City Council President, I have tried to lead by example and ensure my colleagues know that I fully support them in their professional endeavors. I strongly believe in creating collaborative work environments that encourage all voices be heard.

DON KLINE
Candidate did not respond.

Questions for City Auditor

1. What would be your top one or two priorities if elected to this position?
2. In addition to your professional and educational background, what administrative and managerial skills do you bring to the position of City Auditor or Fiscal Officer?

City Auditor
(vote for no more than one)

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Occupation: Municipal Financial Advisor
Qualifications for Office: Megan Kilgore is a municipal advisor for H.J. Umbaugh & Associates assisting cities, counties, utilities & school districts with financing transactions. For 11 years, from 2004-2015, Kilgore was the Asst. City Auditor for Columbus & involved in the issuance of \$5.9 billion of municipal securities.

Question 1: Population growth: proactively managing for increasing populations so our infrastructure (e.g. water & sewer systems, roadways, etc.) can remain well-maintained while keeping utility user-rate increases low. Maintaining the City's Triple-A bond ratings while fulfilling the City's typical & planned capital improvements, building new infrastructure to support our growing population, maintaining existing infrastructure, & adapting to any changes in the state/

local economies. As City Auditor, I will continue Auditor Dorrian's commitment to maintaining the City's Triple-A bond ratings
Question 2: I've been a public administrator, a private sector manager, a college adjunct professor, a longtime basketball coach, and a leader on many nonprofit boards. All of these positions - the best experience being administering the City Auditor's Office under Auditor Dorrian - make me uniquely qualified to fill this position.

BOB MEALY
Candidate did not respond.

CITY OF DUBLIN

Member of Council - Ward 1
(vote for no more than 1)

MARK B. KOOGLER
Candidate did not respond.

GREGORY S. PETERSON
Candidate did not respond.

Member of Council - Ward 2
(vote for no more than 1)

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Occupation:
Qualifications for Office: As a 28 year Dublin resident I believe in preserving Dublin's authentic character. Serving on Dublin's Architectural Review Board, I studied and understand the processes needed to protect our neighborhoods, include our citizens in development decisions and build a community with timeless appeal.

Question 1: As Dublin enters the future, we must pay close attention to the temptations of following trends. Strong, timeless cities are built on age-tested principles. Those successful principles create authentic neighborhoods of diverse uses and populations. Local knowledge contributed by citizens should help drive the design of the environment. Natural environments are to be conserved and public spaces beautifully designed to enrich public life. Infill and development should not erode the DNA of a neighborhood. A city is public ground and should be built on the shared vision of those who live there.

Question 2: Dublin's early past leaders invested our resources prudently to provide outstanding services and amenities to our residents while building assets and keeping debt low. Direct and indirect city subsidies for private development should be able to show data on the amount of tax revenue obtained for every dollar of liability assumed. The question needs to be asked: If the private-sector investment we have made in the Bridge St. District was guaranteed how long would it take to pay off all the project costs associated and the future infrastructure maintenance/ replacement of them? Profitable or not?

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LEED Accredited Professional (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design)
Occupation: Architect
Qualifications for Office: 26 year Dublin Resident; Ohio Registered Architect ; City of Dublin Building Construction Appeals Board 1993-1995; City of Dublin Board of Zoning Appeals 2008 - 2012 (2 Terms); City of Dublin Planning & Zoning Commission 2012 -Present (Chair); Dublin Library Signature Transition Element Committee
Question 1: Perhaps our greatest challenge is one that is not unique to Dublin. Competition for high quality office space has our legacy office parks hurting in attracting newer businesses. We must focus on strategic planning for these legacy



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parks, to assure Dublin remains a vibrant and innovative community and a leader in both Central Ohio and in our global economy. We must strive to position ourselves as a city for entrepreneurship in order to maintain and attract new businesses that allow us to generate the tax revenue to support our community, neighborhoods and residents.

Question 2: The city of Dublin engages in a conservative budgeting process each year through analysis of projected revenues from tax dollars. This allows us to prioritize projects based on need and tax revenue allowing us to set reserves aside through the Capital Improvements Tax Fund to fund many projects from our income tax revenues. In some instances priorities may be pushed up due to the benefit a particular project may have to the community. In those instances, tax increment financing or municipal bonds might be considered to fund a portion of the projects.

Member of Council – Ward 3
(vote for no more than 1)
uncontested race

JOHN G. REINER
Candidate did not respond.

Member of Council – Ward 4
(vote for no more than 1)

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Qualifications for Office: 24-Year Dublin Resident; Community Leadership Experience; Planning & Zoning Commissioner, current, Dublin City Schools, Business Advisory Council, 2 terms; Business Leadership Experience: 13-year executive at Dublin's 8th largest employer, Financial, marketing, and technology expertise

Question 1: Dublin's biggest challenge is to retain its unique character, high quality of living, strong economy, and "small-town" feel as it grows to become one of the largest suburbs in Ohio. Very soon Dublin will reach 50,000 residents, up 50% from a population of 32,000 in 2000. Rapid growth is already placing pressure on traffic flow, green space management, city planning, and our public school facilities. Strong resident involvement, along with new skill sets and fresh perspectives on City Council, are needed to guide Dublin through this critical phase in its evolution.

Question 2: I believe that prudent, conservative funding policies are the best way to build strong economies that endure over time. Dublin has a solid economic base and has adopted a generally conservative financing policy. The City is currently in a heavy investment cycle, with significant funding commitments for building and financing infrastructure for new commercial, residential, and community developments along the Scioto River and in other areas around the City. It will be critical to maintain strong citizen, staff, and City Council oversight during this high-investment period.

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Occupation: Print, Web & Video Graphic Designer & Marketing Specialist
Qualifications for Office: I live in Dublin, own a small business in Dublin, and volunteer in Dublin. There are great things going on in our city, but we also have significant problems in Ward 4. Please visit my website to learn more at KaplanforDublin.com.
Question 1: Dublin is a wonderful city, but we do have numerous problems. Without new leadership, these problems will continue to grow and have a negative impact on our way of life in Dublin. Please visit my website to learn more at KaplanforDublin.com.

Question 2: I am against increasing taxes on Dublin residents and I want to cultivate an environment where businesses can thrive. That being said, this is a complex question that cannot be answered in 600 characters. Please visit my website to learn more at KaplanforDublin.com.

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Question 1: One of Dublin's greatest challenges is to responsibly manage the effects of growth while maintaining its competitive edge amongst central Ohio communities. Dublin manages growth via its Comprehensive Community Plan which is designed to balance residential development with commercial/office development in a manner that ensures the City can provide its residents with high quality services well into the future. Dublin competes for income tax producing jobs by offering outstanding infrastructure like the recent I-270/33/161 interchange improvements, as well as its Dublin fiber optic system.

Question 2: The City of Dublin enjoys nearly unparalleled financial stability resulting from the experience and steady leadership of Council members like myself. Dublin's outstanding financial position has earned it the highest possible ratings from both Moody's (Aaa) and Fitch (AAA). In my last 12.5 years on Council, the City of Dublin wisely has offered incentives (NOT abatements) that have created and/or retained more than 20,000 jobs, including Wendy's HQ relocation to Dublin, Cardinal Health's expansion, and the construction of IGS Energy's headquarters. I will continue this trend.

CITY OF GAHANNA
Member of Council – Ward 1
(vote for no more than 1)

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Occupation: Retired; Business Consultant
Qualifications for Office: 30 year Gahanna resident with 25+ years business experience. Dedicated 30+ years to Veterans and the American Legion. Proven leadership of more than 14 years at the local and state level.

Question 1: The City of Gahanna should focus on basic necessities such as capital projects and infrastructure within the budget and move into quality of life improvements that we all expect and support in our community.
Question 2: The City of Gahanna need to research and implement a Financial and Economic Development Plan. This plan should layout the financial planning for at least the next decade and into the future within projected or expected revenue.

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Occupation: Director of External Relations at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Qualifications for Office: I believe I

am qualified to run for office because I have had public and private sector experience. Currently I work at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce where I serve as the Director of External Relations. During my time in the public sector, I worked for the Ohio House of Representatives.

Question 1: "Like many, I came to Central Ohio for a job, but I chose Gahanna to be my home." This may not be the most eloquent quote; however, it is the theme of my entire campaign. Many communities that surround big cities tend to emulate them and lose their identity because they believe this will attract new, young families. However, this could not be further from the truth. Many young professionals like my husband and I moved to Gahanna because of their low income tax rate, great schools, and hometown feel. I believe that Gahanna, especially Ward 1, needs to enhance its charm and character.

Question 2: It is imperative that Gahanna implements financial policies that are attractive to young professionals and families. In order to do this, I will keep advocating for low taxes and a lean, efficient government. While working for the House of Representatives, I had the privilege to clerk the Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Development. I believe this opportunity deepened my knowledge on the legislative process of the state budget and how it affects certain sectors of industry. This experience taught me how taxpayer dollars are spent and how they can be better utilized.

Member of Council – Ward 2
(vote for no more than 1)
uncontested race

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Occupation: Director, Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering
Qualifications for Office: I have served the community on City Council as the representative for Ward 1 since 2012. I am also the director of the Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering, and am a Certified Tourism Ambassador through Experience Columbus. Stephen was Gahanna City Council President in 2013 and 2016

Question 1: The most significant challenge we face as a community is sustaining our roads and infrastructure while continuing to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Also, preserving our parks and making them more family-friendly is important not only to raising our children here, but to attract successful businesses who will help to pay for those improvements. Strong businesses are a cornerstone to creating a strong and vibrant community.
Question 2: The city council and mayor have worked in a collaborative effort to establish a sustainable operating budget that is available on the city's website for citizens to review. This new process took many years to develop and has been recognized for its innovative approach. The financial plan we have implemented has allowed us to provide an unprecedented depth and clarity within city budget and has allowed us to plan for operating expenses and capital projects well into the future.

Member of Council – Ward 3
(vote for no more than 1)
uncontested race

BRIAN D. LARICK
Candidate did not respond.

Member of Council – Ward 4
(vote for no more than 1)

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LEED Accredited Professional
Occupation: Professional Civil Engineer
Qualifications for Office: I've had the honor of representing residents of Gahanna on city council since 2014. During that time, I served as Vice President & Chair of the Service and Safety Committee. I am a civil engineer with over 24 years of experience managing multi-million dollar public & private projects.
Question 1: A challenge shared by most municipalities is how to determine the services a city may provide based upon the level of funding available and approved by the residents. As a member of council, I worked with my peers and the administration to complete and implement a strategic plan to identify opportunities for our community. In addition, we approved an economic development plan to identify new ways to pay for those services and where to locate amenities. We continue to engage the community to determine what is important to the residents so that we may provide improved cost-effective services.
Question 2: Gahanna has been recognized for its award-winning budget that is transparent and easy to understand. As a council, we have made enormous strides in improving the budget process. We have established a mandatory emergency reserve in the general fund as well as having identified the need for annual road and bridge replacement projects. We will continue to use the new process and review the progress every five years.

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Education: Gahanna Lincoln High School; Former Marine
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Qualifications for Office: Small business owner; United States Marine
Question 1: Right now the greatest challenge is attracting new employers to our city. Unfortunately, job numbers have been sluggish over recent years and with a \$12 million+ overtaxation lawsuit lingering, we may be seeing a holding pattern with potential employers who may not want to risk moving to Gahanna right now. Unlike some incumbents, I believe it's important we focus our efforts on bringing new jobs to Gahanna, not high density residential or apartments.
Question 2: As a small business owner I know what it's like to balance budgets. Currently, I see no need for a tax increase and believe every day that goes by, it becomes clearer that my opponent was wrong for supporting an increase in Gahanna's tax rate which would have taken it from central Ohio's lowest, to its highest. I do support eliminating the piggy back tax, but believe we must start looking at alternative methods to do so.

CITY OF GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS
Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)

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Qualifications for Office: I have been fortunate to work in both the private industry as well as in government, handling real estate telecommunications, site acquisition and asset management. Grandview City Council ; 2004-2006. President 2006; Grandview Parks Bd. 2007-present. Chair Greater Linden Development Corporation
Question 1: Grandview is in need of a new City Hall Building. The Fire Department , Police Department and City staff are operating in a building that has outlived its functional life.
Question 2: The planning and development of any new project is complex and creates many needs in attempt to serve the entire community. That being said , I think you keep all funding options open and work with to Director of Finance

to achieve long range goals that are achievable and realistic.

MELANIE HOUSTON
Candidate did not respond.

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Education: University of Iowa College of Law, J.D. (1997); University of Kansas, Bachelor's of Music Education (1993)
Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications for Office: I bring a broad skill set from my 20 years of law practice to my role as a public official including advocacy, negotiation, collaboration and consensus-building, analysis and evaluation of complex scenarios, and communication. I am a parent of 3 with strong relationships in the community.
Question 1: We are fortunate to have a balanced tax base and robust economic development with extensive private investment in and around Grandview Heights. With this comes growth and high density development within our borders and in surrounding areas such as Third and Fifth Avenue that impact our residents and strain our infrastructure. Grandview Heights is known for its urban-suburb character and quality of life -- our residents value this and we need to be vigilant about protecting it with continued investment in smart community planning and infrastructure.
Question 2: Grandview Heights is on a secure and sustainable path with strong revenue growth and a AAA debt rating. I supported formalizing our debt policy to protect our AAA rating as well as an income tax relief measure to eliminate the extra .25% burden for residents who work in Columbus. We have a City income tax and I support a long term strategy of becoming less reliant on property tax for municipal revenue over time. I support financing needed capital improvements to our aging municipal buildings primarily with bond revenue and available bond capacity.

ANTHONY PANZERA
Candidate did not respond.

NICHOLAS PAVLIK
Candidate did not respond.

CHRIS SMITH
Candidate did not respond.

CITY OF GROVE CITY
Member of Council – at-large
(vote for no more than 1)
uncontested race

STEVEN R. ROBINETTE
Candidate did not respond.

Member of Council – Ward 1
(vote for no more than 1)

TED A. BERRY
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Education: Capital University - Political Science and History; The Ohio State University - Business and Public Admin.; Fisher College of Bus. Executive Courses.; Officer Candidate School - Ohio Military Reserves
Occupation:
Qualifications for Office: The only candidate with private sector, and public sector budget experience with a proven record of innovation and service. I balanced over 10 Grove City budgets as well as worked on 10 State budgets as senior budget aide in the Senate. My outreach to residents; yearly ward and neighborhood events
Question 1: Controlled growth, balancing budgets, social issues like drug addiction are at the top of our list of challenges. The State has cut our budget by one million dollars, we are sitting hours in traffic to get to jobs in Columbus, and like most communities drugs are primary concern. Thanks to the investments by our City Council and Administration coupled with our development efforts that have attracted two hospitals and other major corporations we will survive the cuts and be able to invest dollars to

address these other issues. We have challenges but we also have a plan to deal with them.

Question 2: Our Council and Administration has always approached budgeting like families do. We don't spend what we don't have. We only spend what is brought in via income tax and other sources of revenue (fees, etc) go into savings or capital projects. This philosophy has allowed our City to have one of the highest bond ratings in Ohio and shelters us from an economic down turn. Our City has been very successful at also partnering with corporations to raise dollars for park land, and other amenities. I have sponsored of revenue Administration two tax cuts and I am confident of our current fiscal plan.

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Education: Graduated from Grove City High School in 2003; Attended Wright State University from 2004-2007; Hondros College: Life and Health License 2007; Hondros College P&C License 2016
Occupation: Owner and President of Shepherd Insurance
Qualifications for Office: Vice President at Large for Grove City Chamber of Commerce; Chair of the Government Affairs committee for Grove City Chamber of Commerce; Serve on the Grove City Community Improvement Corporation; President of Grove City Noon Lions Club; Risk Management committee for Lifecare Alliance/Columbus Cancer C (over character limit)
Question 1: Maintaining the charm and essence of Grove City while we grow in an unprecedented way. It is the people in Grove City that make us special, not the number of people. If we focus on developing every square inch of our city with apartments, houses, and warehouses we will lose the small town feel that many of us hold dear. Almost as important are the shrinking revenues to the city due to legislative decisions made by the state. This coupled with MILLIONS of dollars in cost overruns for recent city ran projects, Grove City must find a sustainable way forward
Question 2: Quite simply, we will no longer approve any form of financial assistance from the City without a full development plan. Most recently Grove City created a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and provided 15 years of property tax abatement before finalizing a development plan for the site. This gives too much leverage to the property owner and does not provide the city with a clear picture of the potential return on investment. We must reverse this process. Assuming the only option left are city funds (tax payer dollars), then the voters should get to decide with a bond issue.

Member of Council – Ward 3
(vote for no more than 1)

STEVEN M. BENNETT
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Education: Attended Ohio Institute of Technology, various professional classes, studies and courses over 37 years.
Occupation: President – Bennett-Edgar Insurance
Qualifications for Office: I have served as Ward 3 Council member for 3 terms and one as At-Large, chaired 3 committees and served as Council President. I am President of Bennett-Edgar Insurance Agency so I know what it takes to succeed. I have a common sense approach to solving problems and a history of getting things done.
Question 1: I think that responsible growth is our biggest challenge. Striking a good balance of residential and business is important. Our people appreciate excellent housing but also enjoy having good local jobs, quality medical facilities close by and places to relax, dine, shop and recreate. I am proud Grove City was named "Best Hometown Ohio" twice during my time on Council and I will strive to keep it a safe and prosperous City. I am a fiscal Conservative who believes in living within our means and controlling taxes, prioritizing our projects and

planning for the future.
Question 2: We have several budget meetings each year allowing us to scrutinize expenditures and compare them to projected revenues. This allows us to have a tight handle on keeping within proper margins and being good stewards of your funds. We have reduced the voter approved inside property tax millage and have held that rate for many years. If funds are needed for a project, we have several options available including Tax Increment Finance, Bonds, property or income taxes. We can use public-private partners allowing sponsors to contribute to the project such as the new Buddy Ball field.

CHRISTINE HOUK
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Education: B.A. in Accounting, Capital University
Occupation: Firm Manager/Accountant
Qualifications for Office: More than 23 years as an active volunteer for various community organizations. Currently serve on boards of the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce and the South-Western City Schools Educational Foundation (Treasurer). Reappointed to city's Racetrack Redevelopment and Charter Review committees.
Question 1: At present, managing Grove City's rapid growth is our most significant challenge. Though it is exciting to see the recent infusion of development, both residential and commercial, it is imperative that we balance pursuit of these types of opportunities with attention to infrastructure. This attention should include planning for expansion with an eye toward future needs and ongoing care and maintenance of what is currently in place. Additionally, the city's growth should not be at the expense of this community's identity, the hometown character that sets it apart from other Columbus suburbs.
Question 2: The city's financial policy should be a reflection of the money management strategy an individual would employ. One must wisely manage revenue dollars in order to cover "household" expenses. Prudent use of taxpayer dollars should be central to council's decision-making. If projects require funding outside of our current resources, the various financing mechanisms should be weighed according to criteria including the project's significance to the community, length of time to recoup the city's investment, and the project's impact on the resources of other entities within the community.

CITY OF GROVEPORT

Member of Council
 (vote for no more than 4) uncontested race

EDWARD G. DILDINE
 Candidate did not respond.

BECKY HUTSON
 Candidate did not respond.

SCOTT LOCKETT

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Education: Graduate Groveport Madison Local School District; Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Capital University; Master's Degree in Psychology from The Ohio State University
Occupation: Retired - working part-time as Psychologist for Groveport Madison Local School District
Qualifications for Office: Groveport City Council - two years
Question 1: Thanks to the accomplishments of previous public servants, Groveport is truly a great place to live. Of course, there is always room for improvement.
Question 2: One of my objectives as a member of City Council is to continue current initiatives already in progress. These include conservative fiscal oversight through budgeting, continuing planned improvements and development, growing our rainy day fund and providing our residents with easy access to all of our facilities and services.

MARVIN A. STEVENS

Candidate did not respond.

CITY OF HILLIARD

Member of Council
 (Vote for no more than 4)

TOM BAKER, REPUBLICAN
 Candidate did not respond.

KELLY MCGIVERN, REPUBLICAN

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Education: Graduated from Bishop Watterson High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Education from The Ohio State University.
Occupation: Insurance Executive and A Mom
Qualifications for Office: As a long time resident, I have been active in our community by volunteering at schools, supporting non-profit Hilliard groups and advocating for change. I have an understanding of government finances, how to support economic development and work collaboratively with others to get things done!
Question 1: Our great challenge is our aging infrastructure. This includes roads that need replaced, expanded or added to address traffic issues and aging community/senior center and community pools. Additionally, the layering on of taxes (schools, township, city, etc) on our residents has come to a critical level - especially for our seniors. This must be addressed. Finally, the emerging opioid crisis is taxing our resources and impacting us all. Whether it's EMS response to overdoses, police arresting those attempting to sell drugs, or families struggling with addiction - we must find a solution.
Question 2: I believe the city must operate within our current tax revenue, just like Hilliard families do every day. Taxes are already too high for many residents and they should NOT be asked to pay more. Instead, we should focus on attracting businesses to locate in our community. This serves to bring in additional revenue to be used for monetary priorities without adding additional expenses on our residents. Additionally, we should seek alternative revenue sources such as grants, state capital funding or corporate partnerships that pay for needed community projects without a burden on residents.

LES CARRIER, REPUBLICAN

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Education: Les is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association; and received his law degree from University of Toledo. He has an Undergraduate degree in Finance from Ohio University.
Occupation: Structured Settlement Consultant
Qualifications for Office: Currently finishing my first term, I think the community has had a good chance to see what I stand for. I believe development should benefit the entire community, and developers should pay for infrastructure related to new development. As a leader in the community, I hope for your support in Nov.
Question 1: We have historically operated in a very narrow way, each community government agency working independently. If we are to grow successfully, this culture of "Hilliard proper" as I hear it often described, needs to change. We have to recognize Council's development decisions can have an adverse impact on other supporting government agencies. Simply telling our schools to "mind their own business" as our mayor did in the debate over issue 9, will not work. We must seek to understand the needs of all our service providers (Schools, EMS, and Fire) to create comprehensive, collaborative policies.
Question 2: Since serving on Council, I have continued to push for more investment in our Parks and Recreation department, expanding our police force, accelerating our street improvement plan, and reducing our short term debt. Additionally, I have supported refinancing of

longer term Bonds to reduce interest expense. As our population grows, demands on city services will continue to increase, as must our financial support of providing better quality of life amenities (Parks and rec, walking paths, etc.). Hopefully, we can continue to make strategic upgrades in our various facilities.

CHAD QUEEN, DEMOCRAT
 Candidate did not respond.

SARAH SCHREGARDUS, DEMOCRAT

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Occupation: attorney
Qualifications for Office: I am a wife and mother to two young boys, as well as an attorney and small business owner. I am committed to public service and criminal justice. My family chose Hilliard because of its great schools and sense of community, and I want to be part of strengthening that future for my children.
Question 1: Hilliard is one of the fastest growing suburbs of Columbus, with a current population of more than 35,000. I believe we need community leaders that are committed to moving our city forward with a controlled and well-thought out vision that protects our current residents and continues to grow our community.
Question 2: Hilliard residents pay more than their fair share in taxes. We all know it. As a result, I believe that our residents should expect city leaders to be careful stewards of the community's funds, as well as focus on targeted investments that improve property values and the overall quality of life in Hilliard. From our parks, to our public works, to our first responders, our investments should focus on the part of our community that will keep us safe, happy, healthy and thriving.

JOEL SCIPIO
 Candidate did not respond

ANDY TEATER, REPUBLICAN

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Economics; The Ohio State University
Occupation: Owner, Teater Relocation Services
Qualifications for Office: I am currently President of the Hilliard City School Board and have served on the board since 2005. I am a founding member of Keep Hilliard Beautiful which led the effort to pass Issue 9 which eliminated the City's ability to provide tax breaks to apartment developers.
Question 1: The greatest challenge for the City of Hilliard has been created by our recent development policies. We need to quit building apartments and single family homes until we can build up the commercial tax base. The recent trend of building high density residential developments strains an already overcrowded road system and also increases the burden on safety services and the schools.
Question 2: I would not support an increase in our income tax. Having a focused development policy to concentrate on commercial growth and bringing new jobs to our City will increase income tax revenue while reducing the real estate tax burden on our residential properties.

CITY OF NEW ALBANY

Member of Council - Full Term
 (vote for no more than 4) uncontested race

COLLEEN H. BRISCOE
 Candidate did not respond.

EDWARD JOSEPH FELLOWS
 Candidate did not respond.

GLYDE A. MARSH
 Candidate did not respond.

MATT SHULL
 Candidate did not respond.

Member of Council - Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2019
 (vote for no more than 2) uncontested race

MARLENE BRISK
 Candidate did not respond.

MICHAEL DURIK
 Candidate did not respond

CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG

Member of Council
 (vote for no more than 3)

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Education: Bachelors Degree, The Ohio State University; Masters Degree, Ohio University
Occupation: Policy Analyst
Qualifications for Office: Having work for and with the Franklin County government in various capacity involving policy for the past 6 years. I have gain experience and the skills to help me govern as a member of the Reynoldsburg City Council. My experience will help me bring new ideal, so our community can grow and prosper
Question 1: The greatest challenge for the neighborhoods in the City of Reynoldsburg is fixing the infrastructure and creating economic opportunities for our citizens. The fact is not all our neighborhoods are getting the needed attention from the Reynoldsburg Government to the point that some areas of the city have declined over the past decades. For example, the Livingston Ave-Brice Rd area use to be an economic hub, but now it is in much needed the infrastructure repair and reinvestment.
Question 2: This past spring the City of Reynoldsburg voters pass an income tax levy-Issue 11 that will help generate the very much needed monetary funds that the City of Reynoldsburg have been lacking for the past 10+ years. However, I would not exclusively depend on the new tax levy to save Reynoldsburg financially. I would try and raise additional money by applying for state and federal grants to fund projects and reach out to our neighboring municipalities like the City of Columbus and the Franklin County government, to partner with to help create economic projects that will reinvest in areas.

KRISTIN J. BRYANT, DEMOCRAT

Candidate did not respond.

BARTH R. COTNER, REPUBLICAN

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Education: I have a bachelors degree in Mortuary Science from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.
Occupation: Funeral Director
Qualifications for Office: Being a lifetime Reynoldsburg resident has allowed me to build many diverse relationships with both new and "old Reynoldsburg" families. I have spent 8 years serving on council. I have worked diligently to listen, learn, and work with others to make our community one of which we can be proud.
Question 1: We have faced tough challenges the last several years and we have grown stronger. Reynoldsburg has operated on a very frugal budget and has made difficult choices to keep going. With the community decision to invest into a community center we showed that we are care about and are proud of Reynoldsburg. We now have a challenge to make Reynoldsburg better. We can now invest into making Reynoldsburg safer and stronger as we intentionally plan for our future. We now have the opportunity to take the belief of our community and work together to make a master plan for a better Reynoldsburg.
Question 2: Serving as the finance

chairman for city council I've worked diligently the last 8 years with other elected officials to carefully manage the limited resources for our city. Our community members chose to pass an increase in the tax rate with a desire for building a pool and community center. Along with the community center there will be money available for additional safety and infrastructure improvements. Due to the communities recent decision to raise this rate the most important issue now is the responsible management of every aspect of this investment.

KELLY S. CRUSE, DEMOCRAT

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Occupation: Insurance Agent & Business Consultant
Qualifications for Office: Franklin County Central Committee member representing Reynoldsburg Ward 4; Director for The Reynoldsburg Area Chamber of Commerce; Small business owner with business to business experience; Lifelong Reynoldsburg area resident with a passion for Reynoldsburg
Question 1: The greatest challenge for Reynoldsburg is funding. We recently passed a tax levy, which will help in the short term, but cannot be seen as a complete fix. Our leaders need to be conservative with these funds. We, also, need to bring new business to the city to stimulate our economy. Over the past several years, numerous businesses have closed or pulled out of the city, causing a loss of millions in income tax revenue. If we do not have strong leadership, with the ability and determination to bring in new business, we will be back in the same situation in a few years.
Question 2: Establishing a strong city development plan and filling long vacant spaces will attract businesses, while creating jobs and additional income tax revenue, replacing the loss in recent years. We must actively explore possibilities, to entice new businesses to become a part of our community and avoid missed business opportunities. The city needs to be transparent in our spending. This will let the citizens hold their city government accountable, as well as voice their opinions as to the importance of expenditures. It is imperative that we spend responsibly. All possible grants must be explored.

AARON DELONG, REPUBLICAN

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Occupation: Lead Pastor of Simple Church
Qualifications for Office: As a home owner, family man whose kids attend Reynoldsburg schools, entrepreneur and local business owner, I have a broad perspective on the current needs of the city and its future.
Question 1: The biggest challenge is the implementation of the City's plan following the passing of the tax initiative, also known as Issue 11. This includes the execution of plans to fight crime, researching and implementing the right team to build the community center, planning and prioritizing the repaving of our roadways, and adding staff to assist with code enforcement to protect our property values.
Question 2: The need for the project should be clear and decided upon by the results of the research and benefits it would provide to our community. My first step in addressing the financial needs for any project is to see how current funds are being managed. If the funds for the needed projects are still lacking, I would search for appropriate grants, government and private alike, and invite philanthropists and local businesses to invest in our community. A recommendation for taxation would be a last resort and would depend heavily on the weight of the need.

CHRIS LONG, REPUBLICAN

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Occupation: Director Client Satisfaction, North America
Qualifications for Office: ENDORSED by FOP and Fire Unions, 2 Term - Reynoldsburg City Council Member, Chairman - Safety Committee, Vice Chair - Finance Committee, Council President Pro Tempore, Central Committee Member, Council Member - RPD Community Advisory Panel, Lifelong Reynoldsburg Resident, U.S Air Force Veteran
Question 1: My top priority is Public Safety. I will continue to use my years of experience as chairman of the Reynoldsburg City Council - Safety Committee, to strengthen and enhance our city's safety services. Safer streets and neighborhoods enable us to attract new families and businesses. And helps us retain the families and businesses we now have. In June 2017, I introduced legislation increasing the staffing level of the Reynoldsburg Police Department by 12 sworn officers. These new officers will be used for Community/Business Outreach, Enhanced Neighborhood Safety and new Education Programs.
Question 2: My financial policy it quite simple. When discussing a proposed project I ask if it satisfies a "Need, Want or a Wish". The Needs of our community must be met first. We've pinched pennies for the nearly 8 years I've been on Council. ALWAYS addressing needs before wants and wishes. There were many projects that had to be placed on hold due to revenues. Many are now being looked at again. These are exciting times for the City of Reynoldsburg. 2 new projects, The Reynoldsburg community center and the Waggoner Road phase 1 project. Both will greatly improve the quality of life in our community.

Questions for City Auditor

1. What would be your top one or two priorities if elected to this position?
2. In addition to your professional and educational background, what administrative and managerial skills do you bring to the position of City Auditor or Fiscal Officer?

City Auditor
 (vote for no more than 1)

STEPHEN M. CICKAK, REPUBLICAN

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Occupation: Business Owner
Qualifications for Office: I am qualified for the Office of Auditor due to my training and experience in accounting, financial reporting, and fiscal matters. I have over 30 years of industry experience. My first auditing position involved commercial insurance and commercial businesses. I have been self employed for 14 years.
Question 1: The City Auditor is the Chief Fiscal Officer of the city. Our city does not yet have a Triple-A bond rating. I have a plan to get that rating. Our Mayor and City Council are moving forward with development and redevelopment projects. When we need to borrow money, I will make certain that we do so at the lowest cost to taxpayers, are keeping our promises for its use and account for every cent spent. Another priority is Efficiency. I want to hear the ideas of those who work in the auditor's office. I will combine their ideas with my own experience to streamline and make it more businesslike.
Question 2: I have held management positions in the insurance industry as well as owning a business representing and providing service for one of

the top ten companies in the USA. Management and Administrative results all relate and are affected by the actions of the individual at the helm. I believe that I have always brought out the best in people by providing them a voice in how they operate, modern and efficient ways of conducting business and recognition for excellence.

MILDRED M. JOHNSON, DEMOCRAT

Candidate did not respond.

CITY OF UPPER ARLINGTON
Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)

MICHAELA BURRIS

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Education: B.A. Political Science Pre-Law (Ohio University); J.D. (Capital University Law School); Admitted to the Ohio Bar in 2012

Occupation: Ohio Outreach Manager; Small Business Majority

Qualifications for Office: I've held positions with the Columbus City Attorney's Office, Ohio Senate, & U.S. Senate. As an attorney I've always worked within government and lawmaking or influencing it in a non-partisan capacity. I'm a Leadership UA Board Member, 2016 LUA Class Member, & UAHS swim coach.

Question 1: Being a bedrock, landlocked community will make commercial & residential development a growing challenge. The percentage of zoned commercial space is so small that developers are purchasing homes nearby to meet project needs. Maintaining the suburban feel of our neighborhoods must be a priority for Council. This should include dissuading developers from proposing projects that move too deeply into communities. We do need to address regional population increases & diversify our tax revenue. I'll support projects that do this so long as they do not impede upon our suburban neighborhoods.

Question 2: As a proponent of government efficiency, I'm hesitant to raise taxes without a robust need & calling from constituents of Upper Arlington. While out canvassing, I hear mostly about the need for improved communication. There are few requests that would require unplanned/budgeted allocations. I have no intention of raising taxes for UA residents absent a catastrophic need or several year master planning process for a desired project. As a landlocked community, this type of planning would be necessary before going to voters for increased taxes. Maintaining our AAA bond rating is essential.

BRIAN CLOSE

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Education: DePauw University (B.A. - Economics and Management); Capital University Law School (J.D.); Capital University Law School (LL.M - Taxation)

Occupation: Business and Tax Attorney

Qualifications for Office: As husband and father of 3 young children, we are true users of all UA's facilities and services. As a business and tax attorney, I regularly bring two sides together on complex business deals. I will bridge our community by applying my problem-solving skills to the issues my family lives every day.

Question 1: Balancing our limited developable land and greenspaces between the type of facilities our residents expect and the income the city needs to provide the services and facilities our residents deserve. The most divisive issues over the last few years - Northam Park, MSC, and J.Liu - have all centered on trying to find this appropriate balance. To address this challenge, the city needs to provide a more specific and comprehensive plan to our parks and developable land so there is an opportunity for the residents and the city to work together, instead of against each other, to shape UA's future.

Question 2: We need to balance

the need to keep our physical infrastructure up to date with our limited resources. As we approach our community's Centennial, our infrastructure is showing its age, but as a landlocked bedroom community we have limited sources of income to repair, replace and improve it. In addition to prudent oversight of our city's spending on these projects, we need to have high expectations for any new development to ensure it not only provides a substantial tax return to facilitate these necessary improvements, but that it is also in line with neighborhood and community standards.

BOB FOULK

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Education: 1984 - PhD, Ohio State University; Specialized in research methodology, statistics, policy analysis, and public administration. Past adjunct professor at OSU instructing bachelors through PhD classes.

Occupation: Small Business IT Consultant

Qualifications for Office: Being a small business owner, community volunteer, and being active in community affairs, I have an applied understanding of organization and personnel management as well as budgeting. I have a practiced appreciation for listening carefully, collaboration, and focusing on well-articulated goals.

Question 1: The greatest challenge for our community governance will always be to ensure that the wide range of opinion within our community is pursued by all means possible and meaningfully incorporated into policy and project priorities through efforts at genuine compromise. It is only by doing this that any plan or policy that evolves can honestly reflect the range of views and opinions that will exist for any topic. Residents should not need to resort to yard-sign campaigns and recurring referendum against city actions to force their municipal government to meaningfully represent their interests.

Question 2: Responsible management of the public purse is a primary duty for anybody elected to city council. Such management requires comprehensive fiscal planning to ensure sufficient funds for true municipal needs first, then balancing the value of any proposed new project or amenity against available dollars and clearly determined community wants. Additionally, policy must also consider future needs, their likely immediate financial liability, and their long-term impact on city finances. Smart, neighborhood-friendly development of the commercial tax base must be a priority in fiscal planning.

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Occupation: Managing Director, Public Finance Banker

Qualifications for Office: Over 35 years of Public & Private sector experience, including Deputy Director-Treasurer State of Ohio. Budget Director, City of New Haven, CT. Analyst, City of Houston, TX. Managing Director of three successful private sector firms over last 20 years. Security Licenses: Series 7, 63, 52, and 79

Question 1: Recent issues of transparency has taken a toll on our citizens whereby we must do better communicating the delivery of vital city services, including informing the public, and listening to the needs of our people. Issue 23 was one of those tax increases where information was not appropriately disseminated to the public, we must do better to communicate public policy. Referendums, yard sign campaigns arise from a disconnect from their elected officials to their constituents. I am running to ensure all our citizens

have a voice to be heard at all times, inclusion, and transparency are key. **Question 2:** UA functions as a city manager form of government. As with all finance departments those in the decision making process have to determine how to fund city services through public policy goals. With Municipal Services, more than likely a line item budget methodology may work best to deliver the necessary services.

FRANCIS C. GREENHILL

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Education: B.S. Baldwin Wallace University; Masters in Educational Administration Kent State University **Occupation:** Educational consultant **Qualifications for Office:** During my 17 years as principal of UAHS, I successfully used a collaborative leadership model with all stake holders. This model led to record breaking SAT and ACT scores most years and helped earn recognition from US NEWS and NEWSWEEK, and being selected as the top high school by COLUMBUS MONTHLY.

Question 1: Our city has become increasingly divided over the past decade, along with a reduction in trust for the city to do the right thing and an absence of civility in the essential conversations about the future direction of the city. It is predicted that central Ohio will have a population increase of well over 500,000 within the next 30 years. We need to begin building a financial base, without raising taxes, to maintain our infrastructure and to ensure the safety of our residents. Without steady and dependable financial resources, our safety forces and infrastructure will become over extended.

Question 2: Our city's finances will be stretched as a result of reductions in state funding, and more demands on our safety forces and infrastructure from anticipated population growth. Raising taxes is not an acceptable solution to this challenge. The city will need to continue to be aggressive in pursuing private economic development, such as the three new medical facilities, to increase revenues. I have not supported all economic development when it has not met community standards. However, sound economic development, that is in line with residents' values, will provide the necessary money.

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Occupation: Municipal Finance (ret).

Qualifications for Office: 30 plus years municipal budget/finance experience for Cities of Columbus and Dublin, including operating/capital budgeting and revenue forecasting; over fifty years' residence in UA, serving in various volunteer capacities including Cultural Arts Commission and Financial Task Force.

Question 1: Improving the relationship between UA government and its citizens. Government has a responsibility to communicate with its citizens as well as a responsibility to listen and ensure that residents' concerns are heard. We need to utilize both traditional and innovative communication tools ranging from open town hall meetings to social media to ensure that Council members are accessible to the community through less formal opportunities to interact and share ideas. UA's high quality of life didn't happen by chance; we must work together to keep our city great.

Question 2: Each budget decision must be evaluated in the context of both short-term and long-term viability. We must safeguard our resources today to ensure funding to maintain high quality services tomorrow. I will encourage cooperation and collaboration with other government entities, as well as with the private and non-profit sector to eliminate duplication. I also support responsible economic development that maximizes revenue potential within our limited commercial areas while respecting existing adjacent

neighborhoods.

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Occupation: Public Policy Communications Director

Qualifications for Office: Jim Lynch has 25 years of public policy experience having served in senior roles with The Ohio State University, Ohio Office of Budget & Management and State of Ohio. He has been active in the community, serving as a past director with the Upper Arlington Civic Association.

Question 1: Improving the way City Council talks to - and listens to - its citizens: Increasing government transparency, communications and citizen involvement are essential as Upper Arlington moves forward. With 25 years of communications and public policy experience - in senior roles with OSU and Ohio state government - I plan to help our community improve the way it interacts with and gains input from residents about key issues impacting our neighborhoods and quality of life. We must improve the way city leaders communicate with their constituents about key projects and impacting our neighborhoods

Question 2: Upper Arlington must commit to living within its means, while continuing to provide solid public services and security our citizens have come to expect. That's a difficult balance, but one our leaders - working with residents - must be prepared to achieve. Any suggested need for increased revenues to pay new expenses must first be tested by a full, transparent dialogue between City Council and taxpayers - something not always apparent in the past. Long-term borrowing is appropriate only for essential, long-term expenditures, like infrastructure and public works.

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Occupation: Engineer, P.E Ohio **Qualifications for Office:** Forty-two years of work experience including time in the US Navy, at General Electric Aircraft Engine Group, at the US Department of State, and at The Ohio State University. As a professional engineer I have a strong technical background that is becoming increasingly important in city decisions.

Question 1: Local government should be a leader in openness, transparency, and trust. In our divided times it is important to reinvent local government and reestablish trust via stronger community communication and friendlier meeting venues. It's time to research live streaming of sessions and Skype/call-in access to those same meetings. The floor should always be open for discussion.

Question 2: Upper Arlington has a 2.5% tax base, one of the highest in the area, along with a fairly hefty property tax. With this financial base, the city is not in any financial trouble, however this financial security comes with a price. For some residents, this hefty combination of taxes is becoming a true burden, and it is certainly a concern for young families shopping Columbus neighborhoods for affordable homes. It is time for a complete review of government services and a justification of the present tax rate.

CITY OF WESTERVILLE

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)

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Occupation: Retired

Qualifications for Office: Lifetime resident of Westerville /Blendon township.; Retired as Chief Fire Marshal from Westerville Division of Fire with 38 years of service. Currently on City Council as Vice Mayor. Extensive knowledge of city

operations, budgeting and history. Volunteer to various charitable organizations.

Question 1: Maintaining and improving parks, city buildings, and infrastructures including services of the city. Protecting and maintaining our neighborhoods.

Question 2: The city's primary source of funds comes from our collected income tax and property tax. When large projects are needed we should analyze the best way to finance it. First we should search for any available grants. Then operating funds and capital improvements funds should be considered first. If that is not an option, debt should be issued. There are many ways to do this. Debt levels must always be carefully considered and monitored.

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Qualifications for Office: Currently completing my third term on City Council (12 years); Currently serving as Mayor for third term (6 years); Resident of Westerville, 35 years; Many years of community service, including Westerville Library Bd, Concord Counseling Bd, Dir. of Safety City and more

Question 1: The greatest challenge for our City is to continue to increase our income tax revenue base while still maintaining the friendly, small-town feel of Westerville. Income tax raised enables the City to provide outstanding services to our residents, and offer increased amenities all while keeping our residents and businesses safe. Maintaining our infrastructure by continuing to replace curbs, gutters and pave our streets is essential. **Question 2:** Westerville has a sound fiscal policy. The City plans 5 years in advance in order to budget for any project, improvement, or replacement & maintenance of current facilities. Whenever there is a project, our staff looks for and applies for any grants that are available. The remaining funds needed are budgeted and either paid with cash or an issuance of municipal

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bonds. We have the highest bond rating available (Aaa) which allows us to borrow money at the lowest rates possible. Our income tax rate was raised to 2% in 2008 with 1/4% of that dedicated to Parks and Rec with no need to increase it.

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Question 1: I think the greatest challenge we face as a city is that there are, in essence, "two Westervilles." We have a thriving Uptown business district, beautiful parks, and residents report that their favorite thing about Westerville is that it is "safe and family-friendly." However, this isn't true for everyone. Our hate-crime rate is higher than both the state and national average. Over 25% of our households are at or below the poverty line. The unemployment rate among African-Americans is nearly three times the city average. This is why my campaign slogan is "Growing Westerville for Everyone!"
Question 2: Westerville residents pay 2% income tax. I am opposed to raising that tax. Rather, I would like to see money reallocated. Our City Council recently spent \$2.6 million renovating the outside of City Hall, and has now proposed a sidewalk widening project in the Uptown area that would cost up to \$3 million. These projects are unnecessary and unwanted by many taxpayers. Halting these beautification project would free up funds to support many new programs that would directly benefit the people of Westerville, such as improving access to public transportation or investigations into renewable energy.

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Question 1: The biggest challenge is to manage growth and development in a way that makes Westerville an affordable, family friendly, welcoming, and thriving community. This requires carefully watching the city's wallet, which is one my strengths as former performance auditor who evaluated the efficiency of local governments. It also requires a vision to develop the city in a way that makes Westerville a place where families, seniors, and young people want to live and can afford to do so. This means providing multiple mobility options and diverse recreation, retail opportunities and high quality parks.
Question 2: My financial policy would be to ensure the city lives within its existing budget. I would not raise taxes. I think it is important that the city look for ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of it operations. One way this can be done to is to improve planning and execution of projects. For example, the City built a road to nowhere near Starbucks on South State, because it did not plan the project properly. It also seems clear that a systematic

review or performance of the operations of certain Departments should be done to ensure that the operations are efficient and effective.

MICHAEL HEYECK

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Occupation: Electric Utility Executive
Qualifications for Office: Experienced Leadership on City Council since 1993; Held positions of Chairman, Mayor, Vice Chairman for nearly 10 years; Served Westerville as Volunteer for numerous City and Community Boards since 1986; Experienced in Private Industry with Business and Finance Education and Experience since 1976.
Question 1: Westerville, on my watch as your City Councilman, has enjoyed over \$200 million of investment in roads, bridges, 40 parks (655 acres), 44 miles of trails, Uptown parking, facilities, sewers, electric utility lines, substations and street lights, and water plant and pipes. Since the last decade, we tripled our budget to improve street maintenance with curb and gutter replacement and repairs. We must continue to focus on investment in our roads and Infrastructure for our citizens and their property value, and for our businesses in support of vibrant commerce. These are the basics for any city.
Question 2: Westerville has annual five-year financial planning (now per our Charter), and sound fiscal policy reserves to fund needs well into the future without raising taxes. Westerville earned many financial awards by the Auditor of State, and earned the highest financial ratings by independent agencies (Moody's and S&P). Only a few cities in Ohio enjoy these high ratings. Westerville dedicates 20-25% of income tax revenues to capital needs and the remainder to operational needs (e.g., Police). It is my intent to fund ongoing needs without raising taxes for the foreseeable future. This is my promise.

LARRY C. JENKINS

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Question 1: The challenge for Westerville is maintaining the balance of protecting the heritage that our residents cherish while allowing for the growth and change necessary to keep Westerville a vibrant and attractive community for new residents. The boomers and the millennials may be at different points in their lives but they all want the same thing. They want to live in walkable, accessible, active communities that provide all the amenities and resources to meet their needs. It takes careful planning to provide these new opportunities while not forgetting who you are and where you came from.
Question 2: The City of Westerville enjoys a very strong financial position. The City maintains a AAA bond rating with all rating agencies based on the City's adopted fiscal policy, our reserved and well planned spending, and our strategic use of debt service. I would maintain the fiscal stability of Westerville by continuing to utilize our balanced five year budgeting process which anticipates changes in State funding, scrutinizes growth in programs and continues to reinvest in infrastructure that supports the needs and growth of our residents and businesses.

LEE ALAN PETERS

Candidate did not respond.

CITY OF WHITEHALL

Member of Council Ward 1
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Occupation: Server/Actor
Qualifications for Office: I've participated in council proceedings for 6 years. I use sense, reason and logic for thoughtful deliberation. As a curious observer in life, I'm drawn to sociology, city planning and psychology as avocations. I've spent many hours in learning, discussion and thoughtful consideration of these 3.
Question 1: Balancing imminent sociological and economic change with not just traditions but with the long-held populace who created, stood by and continue to call Whitehall their home. Economic and sociological change will always exist. I think its important to have the knowledge and understanding of these changes in order to successfully integrate them into that which already exists. It is key for a harmonious growth.
Question 2: I am socially liberal and fiscally conservative. I believe in a tight belt with the citizen's money. The city should encourage business in so much as it positively affects the quality of life of its citizens. As well, I expect the city's government to always apply spotless ethics and morality when making plans and deals that spend their tax dollars. If it is not clear and above-board, it has no place in our city. If it cannot be brought in within budget, it also must be tabled for another time.

CHRIS RODRIGUEZ

Candidate did not respond.

Member of Council Ward 2
(vote for no more than 1)

JOANNA HECK

Candidate did not respond.

LEE STAHLEY

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Occupation: Whitehall City Councilman
Qualifications for Office: I have lived in the city of Whitehall for over twenty years. My family and I have been involved in many different aspects. I have served on Whitehall City Council the past two years and have worked diligently to bring new programs to the city, as well as strengthening our safety forces.
Question 1: I believe the greatest threat to our city is the opioid crisis. The city of Whitehall has been effected like many other cities around central Ohio. With the state government constantly taking away funding to essential programs, it is up to the cities to seek different and innovative solutions to this crisis. In 2016, 11 people died everyday of an over dose due to opiates. The safety of our citizens is my highest priority, and these drugs are effecting so many people. It's time to take action, and get these drugs off the streets!
Question 2: The city of Whitehall does an amazing job reaching out for grants and different opportunities that are open to municipalities to help assist in different ares. The city has worked with multiple organizations, such as, Rebuilding Together Central Ohio, and MORPC. This allows us to do new and creative things for our residents without having to dip into tax funds.

Member of Council - Ward 3
(vote for no more than 1)

JARRY R. MORRISON

Candidate did not respond.

PAUL H. WERTHER

Candidate did not respond.

Member of Council - Ward 4
(vote for no more than 1)

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Occupation: Alliance Data - Payment Solutions Specialist
Qualifications for Office: Over 25 years experience in professional business world. I have been an over achiever in my positions with continued growth within the company. In my career, I pride myself with Customer Relations, a skill that has excelled my Company's growth and relationship with clients.
Question 1: Crime and the safety of our community is our biggest challenge we face today. We are facing these challenges of crime that can't always be controlled, but addressing them with priority and the needed resources will ensure safe neighborhoods within our community. I believe being a voice for the citizens of this city; you must put the citizens and their safety needs first!
Question 2: Our Financial Policy is a yearly budget that is prepared by the Mayor through Department Directors and approved and voted on by council. At the time of the review, the most important needs are going to be addressed with also making cuts to ensure a balanced budget is kept in assuring our city revenue available in meeting any upcoming emergency and challenges the city may endure. We must continue to meet revenue levels with strengthening our community. We must continue our growth in development, recreational needs and neighborhood curb appeal to ensure the property values are at its best.

City Auditor

(vote for no more than 1)
uncontested race

DAN A. MILLER

Candidate did not respond.

CITY OF WORTHINGTON

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)

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Occupation: Sales
Qualifications for Office: Lifelong Worthington resident. 10 year Fundraising Chairman for the Dyslexic Learning Center for Children
Question 1: To make sure that undeveloped land is developed properly and benefits everyone. UMCH should be purchased by the city and then the residents should decide what to do with it. My idea would be to have a large park area consisting of several soccer fields, a bike and walking path, and parking. The Partnership Worthington and Worthington Youth Boosters would partner together to bring tournaments to town. The new hotel would have people to stay in it, and the downtown and other merchants would have new shoppers all shuttled to and from the site.
Question 2: Right now the city has an \$11 million surplus and a 2 1/2% tax rate. We need to continue to have developers remodel office sites along Wilson Bridge Road, East and West. The Anthem property will be the same challenge, but it's always better to remodel than tear down and rebuild.

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Occupation: Mechanical Engineer
Qualifications for Office: Currently serving 6th year on Council and served the City as Vice Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Actively participates and holds leadership roles in many community organizations, helped create the Bike and Ped Advisory Board, and would like to continue to serve you as your City Councilmember.
Question 1: The greatest challenge for our City is to continue to develop and provide opportunities for everyone. I believe cities can provide opportunities for everyone, only because and only when they are created by everyone. Only by listening to community members and integrating ideas beneficial to all, can we create and sustain our city now and continue to provide a solid foundation for future generations.
Question 2: Financial policies are created by priorities set by the community and Council and implemented by our staff. I believe we should be looking to improve efficiency for services and annually engage community members in what their top priorities are. Worthington's finances can fluctuate significantly. 75% of General Revenue is from income tax received from workers and businesses within the City. Loss of a key business can be a significant drop in revenue; therefore we continually strive to adopt budgets with reserves to absorb short term losses while still being able to attract new businesses.

MICHAEL D. FARLEY

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Occupation: Vice President, Legal and Government Affair
Qualifications for Office: I have 20 years of experience in leadership positions in government and nonprofit organizations—managing people, budgets, and public policy. I am adept at collaborating with diverse voices to work toward consensus. I am a proven listener and I will proactively listen to the residents of Worthington.
Question 1: Our biggest challenge is managing the externalities—issues not in our control. Decisions by out-of-town property owners, state budget policies, or surrounding infrastructure needs, are largely out of the control of city government. To lead through these issues the city government must be nimble, collaborative, think "outside the box." This may mean doing things in a way we never thought of before. Saying "we dream" before "we can't." If we are complacent we will not overcome externalities. However, if we use the incredible resources of our residents we can excel in times of great difficulty.
Question 2: Financial policy for a city is analogous to a family budget. Planning is essential. We look at short-term, intermediate, and long-term goals. We examine revenues and prioritize. We also plan for a rainy day. We must not imperil the future with more debt than is absolutely needed. Debt should only be used when it meets our long-term goals. Budget planning must be transparent and collaborative. Much like a family budget, we must discuss and reach consensus on priorities. We must keep our eye on maintaining excellent public services while keeping an eye toward the future.

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Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Qualifications for Office: I am a licensed attorney with 25 years of experience in public interest and public service in Ohio with local, state and federal government. I have fought for access to justice, streamlined government services, and ensured a voice for the most vulnerable Ohioans.
Question 1: Worthington has one of the largest percentages of its population over 65 in central Ohio, and that number will continue grow. We also continue to see growth in families with young children. Much of what both these groups want in a community are the same - walkability, accessibility and connection to community. As we plan for the future of Worthington, we need to think about how we can promote these policies and identify ways to further them.
Question 2: Worthington's high quality city services are primarily (75%) funded through municipal income taxes, not property taxes. That means our primary source of funds are from income taxes from people working in the City of Worthington. For this reason, efforts to maintain, strengthen and diversify Worthington's businesses are essential to maintaining the quality services we have.

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Occupation: Assistant Attorney General
Qualifications for Office: Experience. I have spent 30 years in public service at both the state and city level. Including; 22 years as an Assistant Attorney General, 8 years as a member of ARB/ MPC and 8 years on Worthington City Council the last 2 serving as President Pro Tem.
Question 1: Maintaining the integrity and character that makes Worthington the special place we call home while at the same time fostering responsible economic development in order to strengthen our economic position so that we may continue to provide the unparalleled level of service citizens have come to expect.
Question 2: My first duty is to be a steward of the taxpayer's money. I consider myself a fiscal conservative and having experienced the recession of 2008 and the continued erosion of state funding to cities I place great emphasis on maintaining a strong rainy day fund. Any new project must either be a public necessity or an expansion of existing services that can be justified by an acceptable return on investment. Funds should first come from available current revenues, grant money or other available sources. Debt is an option if it can be reconciled with current revenues.

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Occupation: Telecommunications Specialist
Qualifications for Office: I spent four years as part owner a cooperative restaurant where all decisions were made by consensus. I served on the Board of Directors of ACeNet - a community economic development organization in Athens Ohio. I was Vista volunteer for Rural Action, a community development organization.
Question 1: Worthington's greatest challenge is learning to work together toward a future that we can all agree on. As I knock on doors I continually meet people who express mistrust and animus toward others in our community as a result of zoning and development issues. I believe City Council must work hard to re-create a sense of community and trust so that we can be strong. As Columbus continues to grow, Worthington must be unified to establish our expectations about how we fit into the future of Greater Columbus.
Question 2: Businesses come to

Worthington because of the safety and quality of life that is created in large part due to the civic and community participation by residents with high levels of home ownership. 74% of revenue comes from payroll taxes, so it is in the interest of everyone to have high-skilled office jobs located in Worthington, so that we can continue to afford the services that we all so appreciate. Thoughtful planning can help ensure revenue is dedicated toward attracting home owners, and great jobs.

DAVID NORSTROM
Candidate did not respond.

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Occupation: Business Owner/ Executive

Qualifications for Office: President & co-owner of export-driven, innovative manufacturing company. Led successful 2015 citizens-initiative (Keep Worthington Beautiful); Public speaker on climate/clean energy; Alzheimer's advocate. Dedicated to listening to the public, and translating this collective wisdom into sound policy.

Question 1: Worthington's position is strong moving forward: unique historic core and distinctive neighborhoods—walkable & authentic; excellent schools; skilled & accomplished population; strategic location within outerbelt; robust city finances (revenue up 25%+ in five years; large surplus); positive demographics (growing % of millennials and <10); rising home values. So our greatest challenge is to develop in a way that enhances our distinctive character and does not degrade it. This requires a healthy political process where residents are informed and engaged as full participants in decision-making.

Question 2: Our city depends on income tax for ≈ 3/4 of our revenue. Certain forms of development (apartments) have a net cost for the city. So our development policies should focus on high-payroll jobs and not high-density apartments. Specifically, the city should focus its efforts on attracting emerging businesses and their entrepreneurial owners that want to both live and work in an authentic, diverse, and intellectually dynamic city. Our tax base would be broader and more secure if based on owner-residents committed to our community. We can both prosper and preserve what we love about Worthington.

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Qualifications for Office: 4 years on Worthington City Council; 21 year Worthington resident; 25 years of financial management experience in state, county, K-12, higher education and non-profits; board member of WIFA; Ohio Department of Education licensed school treasurer.

Question 1: The greatest challenge for Worthington is to maintain our excellent services, amenities and overall quality of life while keeping taxes low. 75% of our general fund revenue comes from our income tax. Retaining and attracting new business is essential. I am fiscally conservative and will ensure that we keep an eye on expenses.
Question 2: If Worthington needed to raise money for a project, I would look to utilize the most cost effective way to pay for it. I would be in favor of issuing bonds for long term projects that are essential to city operations. If council felt a need to spend on services that are non-essential, I would be in favor of putting the levy issue on the ballot for Worthington residents

to decide. While campaigning, I have been made acutely aware of the financial constraints of many citizens and I am very sensitive to residents' financial concerns.

VILLAGE OF HARRISBURG

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)
uncontested race

DORIS BEATTY
Candidate did not respond.

STEVEN M. FOISY
Candidate did not respond.

VILLAGE OF LOCKBOURNE

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)
uncontested race

TONY GRANDSTAFF
Candidate did not respond.

MARY A. PETTY
Candidate did not respond.

VILLAGE OF MARBLE CLIFF

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4) uncontested race

MATTHEW P. CINCIONE
Candidate did not respond.

MARNIE HOAG
Candidate did not respond.

MATT JOLSON
Candidate did not respond.

DOW T. VOELKER
Candidate did not respond.

VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)

TONY BENEDETTI
Candidate did not respond.

CECILY RAE EICHMAN
Candidate did not respond.

TIFFANY M. HUGHES
Candidate did not respond.

JENNIFER G. PAUKEN
Candidate did not respond.

ROB PILDER
Candidate did not respond.

DIANE M SCHRIMPF
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Website:
Education: BS Degree Cleveland State University. Certified project manager (PMP) since 2007. Forty years of business experience. Recently retired as senior executive of locally headquartered social enterprise.
Occupation: Retired Business Executive

Qualifications for Office: Village resident - 30 years; business professional with expertise in service based small to mid-size companies; creative solutions for limited budgets; implemented business solutions including contact/call center; staff management; strategic planning.
Question 1: Picking one great challenge was difficult. I started out with three. Government transparency, fiscal management of our aging infrastructure and maintaining our cohesion as a Village in the face of an ever changing neighborhood. The fastest way to get to where we want to go is to agree on our starting point while rowing in the same direction. But are the three areas mentioned shared by the majority of Minerva Park residents? If we want to energize the community, our greatest challenge is to make sure we all share the same

vision.
Question 2: My experience is in using financial statements as an operations chief. Given the variety of backgrounds of the council members at large and the heavy responsibility of voting on funding ordinances, we would expect the Financial Officer to provide a risk assessment of any recommended loan/TIF/Bond and including the bottom line impact to the current Outstanding Debt. It would also be helpful to clarify the assumptions applied to the 5 year financial forecast.

ERIK SCHULTZ
Candidate did not respond.

VILLAGE OF OBETZ

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)

LOUISE CRABTREE
Candidate did not respond.

ANGIE KIRK
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Email: obetzCouncilwomankirk@gmail.com
Website:
Education: I attended Hamilton Local Schools from k-12, completed state testing for STNA Nursing Program, I have certifications in Communications, Finance, Accounts payable, as well as several computer programs.
Occupation: Secretary/Council Woman

Qualifications for Office: I'm in my fourth year in office. I Chair Parks and Recs. I've overseen the opening of Fortress Obetz, and two new parks, thousands of new jobs. We have one of the best housing markets in Franklin County. Understanding how to plan and implement our community's vision is a skill I am proud to possess.
Question 1: Infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure. Like most local governments, Obetz will always have to work hard to ensure the highest quality infrastructure to our residents. New roads, sewers, quality water, walking paths, and recreation areas are expensive to build and maintain; but, critical to the quality of life for our residents. We have to be great long-range planners and to be disciplined in our commitment to making Obetz an excellent place to live.

Question 2: Our fiscal policy is conservative. We are mindful of the burden taxes are for our people and seek out projects that provide a return to the citizens and citizen employers. Whenever we need to raise money for a project, we ask, "How may this be accomplished without asking for more money from our residents?" We use creative financing structures and push the income side of our equation heavily by promoting responsible development. Our fiscal policies have resulted in tremendous gains for the Village and allowed us to deliver important, low-cost, amenities to our people.

ROBERT KRAMER
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Website: https://www.facebook.com/RobertKramerForObetz
Education: University of Toledo - College of Engineering - 2005: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, Minor in Mathematics
Occupation: Programmer
Qualifications for Office: I have had the privilege of serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission of Obetz for the past 2 years, where I work to protect public health, safety, and the general well-being of the community. As a resident, I have attended nearly every village council meeting for the past two years.
Question 1: Within the next few years, Obetz will need to consider the replacement of its water towers, which are nearing the end of their lifespan. The village will need to decide whether it wants to replace the towers with similar capacities, or if it wants to further expand its capabilities and capacity, to provide more water to the residents of Obetz, and be less dependent on Columbus water. As this project becomes more critical, the village also needs to create a utilities commission, so that council, citizens, and businesses are all represented as the village makes this important

decision.
Question 2: Live within your means. A municipality's expenses should not be too close to its income. This is living "paycheck to paycheck" and is no way to run a municipality. Obetz has done an excellent job at living within its means. It is vital for municipalities to save a portion their tax revenue when times are good, so that when a large project comes along, a municipality is less dependent on bonds to pay for it. The remaining balance of long-term investments in the community could be paid for with bonds. It's also key to apply for grants and funding from the county, state, and federal governments.

JIMMY LOVE
Candidate did not respond.

PAUL A. MUNK
Candidate did not respond.

GUILLES G. RICHARDSON
Candidate did not respond.

BONNIE WILEY
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Website: Facebook: KeepBonnie
Education: Catholic and public grade schools, Hamilton Township High School, Capital University
Occupation: Council Member
Qualifications for Office: Three terms in office devoted to changing Obetz from a poor, marginally performing community into one of the most diversified, solvent, and successful villages in Ohio. We now have a tax base of over 20,000 employees working at over a hundred well established companies, and it shows.
Question 1: We need to maintain the small town feel of Obetz even as we create and enhance new facilities for those who live and work here. Our Zucinifist is still one of the great bargains in Ohio. Many of our best attractions are free or available at very nominal cost. Our homes are still reasonably priced, and our schools and services are first rate. Now we have built Fortress Obetz where Columbus Motor Speedway was, and we strive to keep it a public park where any eight year old can play where pros play. Small town. Big league dreams. With the right focus, we can keep doing it.

Question 2: We are frugal almost to a fault. Not that many years ago we were nearly dead broke with a low credit rating. By wooing enough employers, we have built our village income substantially. We watch our expenses carefully, and keep a reserve. Auditors have graded us one of the best in Ohio. Fortress Obetz was built with off-the-shelf components and recycled shipping containers, quickly and relatively cheaply. Unlike others, our revenue is growing with our needs and wishes. By living within our means, lenders remain willing to invest in Obetz.

Question 1: We need to maintain the small town feel of Obetz even as we create and enhance new facilities for those who live and work here. Our Zucinifist is still one of the great bargains in Ohio. Many of our best attractions are free or available at very nominal cost. Our homes are still reasonably priced, and our schools and services are first rate. Now we have built Fortress Obetz where Columbus Motor Speedway was, and we strive to keep it a public park where any eight year old can play where pros play. Small town. Big league dreams. With the right focus, we can keep doing it.

VILLAGE OF RIVERLEA

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)
uncontested race

KATHY MCCLINTOCK
Candidate did not respond.

VILLAGE OF URBANCREST

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)

DONNA BOGUE
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Email: votedonabbogue@gmail.com
Website:
Education: Graduated Sinclair Community College. Graduated from Westland High School.
Occupation: Neighborhood Advocate
Qualifications for Office: 7 years on Village of Urbancrest Board of Zoning Appeals. Served on the Village of Urbancrest Playground Committee 2017. 10 years experience Fair Rivers Oaks Council Priority Board. 11 years as a Neighborhood Block Watch Captain. 11 years involvement in a Neighborhood Improvement Association.
Question 1: The need for all of the Village Council and residents to work together toward the stability and

continued growth of Urbancrest for everyone's benefit.
Question 2: Short and long term budgeting for administrative and infrastructure needs is a must. If a project comes up we could apply for grants, use tax income, or bonds if necessary.

STEVEN L. LARKINS
Candidate did not respond.

SHAWN R. MOORE
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Email: mshawn49751@yahoo.com
Website:
Education: Paralegal Studies - Miami Jacobs - Columbus, Ohio; Diploma - Grove City High School - Grove City, Ohio
Occupation: Retired
Qualifications for Office: I am a lifetime resident of the Village of Urbancrest currently serving as a Member of Council. I am a good listener and communicator who understand the wants and needs of our community. I have the ability to work as a team to meet goals and objectives.

Question 1: I believe one of our greatest challenges is the use and selling of illegal drugs. It is something that isn't talked about however is a national issue that needs to be a priority at the local, state and national levels. Our Village has been negatively affected by this epidemic and our residents have faced varying health, safety and family issues.
Question 2: My financial goal is to remain financially solvent and take advantage of federal dollars available to the Village of Urbancrest.

VERONICA E. SHEPHERD
Candidate did not respond.

ALICIA R. SKINNER
Candidate did not respond.

LACY D. WALLACE, JR.
Candidate did not respond.

ALICIA WIGGINS
Candidate did not respond.

Board of Public Affairs
(vote for no more than 1)
uncontested race

CAROLYN L. WILLIS
Candidate did not respond.

VILLAGE OF VALLEYVIEW

Member of Council
(vote for no more than 4)
uncontested race

LUNA FAYE - WRITE-IN
Candidate did not respond.

WILLIAM LOWE - WRITE-IN
Candidate did not respond.

BLENDON TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)

DELENA CIAMACCO
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Website: www.DeLena.com
Education: Columbus Public schools & Ohio State University 1984-1989 (Studies in International Business, International Marketing, Minors in Sociology and Criminology) . Licensed & practicing Realtor since 1989.
Occupation: Realtor-Business Owner
Qualifications for Office: I have resided and operated my businesses in Blendon Township for - 20 years. I have been selling homes in Blendon Township for almost 30 years. My ability to lead, grow businesses, work w/ the public & property owners and solve problems will be well utilized as Trustee. I care about our community!
Question 1: Making our residents feel as though they have a voice and our leaders are working to help. Utilizing the Township funds efficiently and effectively and in a way that makes our residents proud to live and promote our Township.
Question 2: First, before ever initiating a need to raise money, it would have

to be my community that believes we need to do this and not just me believing the community needs it. With that being said, I will say that in the course of speaking with voters in Blendon Township the topic of traffic was raised numerous times. This problem may warrant some additional traffic studies and if it is concluded in those studies that there is a reasonable solution, my preference would be to put a bond issue up for a vote

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Website:
Education: Denison University, BA with high honors
Occupation: Financial Consultant
Qualifications for Office: 13 years on Westerville City Council, 4 Years as Mayor of Westerville, 10 1/2 years as Blendon Township Trustee

Question 1: The greatest challenge facing our township is the redevelopment of the aging neighborhoods, while maintaining a sound fiscal policy.
Question 2: The income from our JEDZ allows us to have the matching funds and seed money to obtain grants. We need to continue to balance the budget. I would continue our program of doing more with less. The goal is to find as many alternative sources of funding as possible, limiting property tax increases.

JAN D. HEICHEL
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Email: jheichel76@gmail.com
Website: none
Education: Graduated from Career Academy College 1974, Columbus, Ohio. Associate of Applied Science
Occupation: Blendon Township Trustee, Board Chairman
Qualifications for Office: I am currently the Blendon Twp. Trustee Board Chairman, twice elected to include the past eight years. I'm a professional business woman, retired from JP Morgan Chase Bank for 16 years. I have lived in Blendon Twp. for over 40 years and have been involved in its community for equally as many years

Question 1: One of the most pressing crime issues county wide is the opiate epidemic/drug abuse. It is a concern that affects everyone, regardless of race, gender, or economic status. The Blendon Township Police and surrounding police agencies will continue working with our partners in the criminal justice system, public health, treatment, and education to find solutions to the growing heroin epidemic and keep our neighborhoods safe.
Question 2: Blendon Township's financial policy is to provide maximum services and benefits to its citizens, all while keeping the tax burden down. We take a responsible, conservative approach. With our excellent fiscal leadership we have not found it necessary to reach out for community fund raiser projects.

BROWN TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)
uncontested race

GARY L. DEVER
Candidate did not respond.

JOSEPH T. MARTIN
Candidate did not respond.

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)

WAYNE L. NEWMAN
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Education: Bachelors Degree in Marketing from Franklin University; Associates Degree in Business Management from Franklin University
Occupation: Controller

business & managing a township have a lot of similarities. I believe that like my business if we control our costs and make good financial decisions we should not have any need to raise money for township services for the next several years. I believe we need to be as creative as ever in our budgeting and cost management within the township.

JILL REARDON

Candidate did not respond.

JIM ROPER

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Education: Mount Union College, BS (1981); Capital University Law School, JD (1986)

Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications for Office: I have been a Perry Township Trustee since 2002. I am the senior member and current Chairman of the Board of Trustees. I am also the trustee liaison to the Perry Twp. Police Department. Prior to being a Perry Trustee, I was a Board Member and President of The Worthington Hills Civic Association.

Question 1: Our greatest challenge is to continue to provide residents with the high level of services that they expect. During my tenure, we added increased police personnel at no increased cost to the township. We created new partnerships

with other local governments for township services which saves Perry thousands of dollars. We added curbside recycling to our weekly trash collection program. To improve communication, we added a township website, a newsletter and an email system to keep residents up to date. The real challenge is to continue to find new ways to deliver even better township services.

Question 2: Perry Township is primarily funded by tax levies collected through property taxes. As a result of sound fiscal budgeting and reducing costs by partnering with other local government for township services, I don't foresee Perry Township asking for any new or increased tax levies in the near future.

PLAIN TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)
uncontested race

DAVID W. FERGUSON

Candidate did not respond.

TOM RYBSKI

Candidate did not respond.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)
uncontested race

RANDI J. GOOD

Candidate did not respond.

NANCY HUNTER

Candidate did not respond.

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)

RONALD D. BALL

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Website:

Education: Graduate of South-Western City Schools; Graduate of the Grant Hospital Paramedic Program; Various continuing education classes while employed by Prairie Township covering variety of topics

Occupation: Retired
Qualifications for Office: 37-years of service with Prairie Township Fire Department; Eighth year as trustee; Working with trustees and township administrators to achieve Standard & Poors AA rating for financial management; Building strong working relationships within the township;

Township improvement planning and implementation

Question 1: As a township, we need to continue to look for viable ways to lower water and sewer rates, including ongoing work with state and local government officials to address the issue. This has been an ongoing issue in the township for quite some time and we need to continue to look for alternative ways to try to address this problem.

Question 2: Our policy has always been to stay within budgetary guidelines. If projects within the township were to come up, we would apply for Ohio Pubic Works grants for funding, which how most of the townships projects are completed.

JAMES BEARDSLEY

Candidate did not respond.

STEVE KENNEDY

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Email: skennel@aol.com

Website: www.prairietownship.com

Education: 1974 Graduate of Westland High School

Occupation: Business Owner (Steve's Country Drive Thru)

Qualifications for Office: Prairie Township Trustee 2006-2017, Franklin County Township Association President 2013-2016, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission current board member, executive board member of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the current

chairman of the Prairie Township C.I.C.

Question 1: The greatest challenge for Prairie Township neighborhoods is dealing with some of the highest water and sewer bills in Franklin County. I believe this is our greatest challenge because the Township Trustee's have no decision making authority over water and sewer service in Prairie Township.

Question 2: Generally, I prefer a "pay-as-you-go", or current funding, approach, but financing is sometimes a good way to spread the cost of big ticket items over the life, or part of the life, of the improvement or purchase. Aside from current funding and bond funding, we also have used lease-purchase funding for three to ten year terms for appropriate equipment purchases and small construction projects. Prairie Township currently has an AA rating with Standard & Poor's, which means Prairie Township has strong financial capacity, and therefore has numerous options for funding projects.

MIKE MCKAY

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Email: Mike.McKay1@yahoo.com

Website: Mike

Education: The Ohio State University, B.A., Political Science

Occupation: Manager, Early Stage Investment Funds, State of Ohio

Qualifications for Office: Westland Area Commission, Chair of Zoning Committee and previously Chair of

the Commission; United Westside Coalition, Member; South-Western City Schools Educational Foundation, Member, Board of Trustees. 20 year State of Ohio economic development professional, leading efforts to create Ohio jobs.

Question 1: The greatest challenge for Prairie Township is sustainability. Despite the JEDZ voters wisely approved several years ago, challenges remain. Job opportunities are stagnant, seniors who can no longer remain in their homes have few options, and there is a lack of active parkland in a number of areas. Most importantly, some home values have risen, but many have dropped. And since Townships are primarily funded through property taxes, falling property values absolutely have a negative impact on Township revenue. If bottom-line, pocketbook economics don't improve, overall quality of life will fall.

Question 2: I will bring conservative fiscal policies which ensure a balanced budget, and will provide a strong foundation to create momentum for new investments in our community. I believe in continuous improvement and will look for ways in which we can provide greater efficiency and improve the quality of services for the benefit of all our residents. I will strive for greater efficiency, better service, and lower cost.

CATHY SCHMELZER

Candidate did not respond.

ISSUES AND LOCAL OPTIONS CERTIFIED LIST NOVEMBER 7, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION Revised 8/21/2017			
#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#4	Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Renewal	Serving children and adults who have developmental disabilities by providing community programs and services.	Renewal of 3.5 mills, \$0.35 per \$100 valuation, for 10 years, commencing in 2018
#5b	Columbus 2-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Hey Hey Bar & Grill 361 E. Whittier St, Columbus, OH 43206	
#6b	Columbus 3-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Toolbox Saloon 744 Frebis Ave, Columbus, OH 43206	
#7b	Columbus 12-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed) Oats & Barley Market 970 N High St, Columbus, OH 43201	
#8b	Columbus 21-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Donerick's Pub 5225 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214	
#9A	Columbus 21-F Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Little Eater 4211-4215 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214	
#9b	Columbus 21-F Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight)(Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Little Eater 4211-4215 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214	
#10A	Columbus 21-F Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Hot Chicken Takeover 4203-07 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214	
#10b	Columbus 21-F Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight)(Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Hot Chicken Takeover 4203-07 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214	
#11b	Columbus 40-C Local Option Particular	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight)(Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Yellow Brick 245 King Ave, Columbus, OH 43201	
#12b	Columbus 58-F Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10 am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) LOOM Lodge 1444 Demorest Rd, Columbus, OH 43228	
#14b	Gahanna 2-D Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (11am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Gahanna Lanes 215 W Johnstown Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230	
#15	City of Grove City – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Sections 2.04, 2.12, 2.13, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.07, 4.05, 5.02, 5.05, 5.06, 5.07, 5.14, 9.04, 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, and 10.07	
#16	City of Grove City – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Sections 2.10, 2.11, and 5.03 – Planning Commission and Resolutions	
#17	City of Grove City – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Sections 2.15 and 4.01 – Planning Commission and Resolutions	
#18	City of Grove City – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Section 2.05 – Beginning of Term, Meetings, Officers	
#19	City of Grove City – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Sections 2.01, 2.02, 7.03 and 10.10	
#20b	Grove City 1-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10 am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Venue 62 3995 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123	
#21	City of Reynoldsburg – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Section 8.04, Purchasing and Contracting Procedures	
#22	City of Reynoldsburg – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Section 4.14, Publication	
#23	City of Reynoldsburg – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Section 7.01, Planning Commission	
#24	City of Reynoldsburg – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Section 7.02, Board of Zoning and Building Appeals	
#25	City of Reynoldsburg – Proposed Charter Amendment	To amend Section 4.11, Zoning Measures	
#26b	Reynoldsburg 2-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Winking Lizard Tavern 7995 E Broad St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	
#27b	Upper Arlington 4-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (11am-midnight) (Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverages) Gallo's Kitchen and Bar 2820 Nottingham Rd, Upper Arlington, OH 43221	

ISSUES AND LOCAL OPTIONS CERTIFIED LIST NOVEMBER 7, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION Revised 8/21/2017			
#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#28A	Westerville 1-A Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) MKS Ohio 8 N State St, Westerville, OH 43081	
#28b	Westerville 1-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Beer, Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) MKS Ohio 8 N State St, Westerville, OH 43081	
#30	Village of Minerva Park Referendum on Resolution	Shall the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a real estate purchase contract be approved?	
#32	Village of Valleyview – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Police Protection	12 mills, \$1.20 per \$100 valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2017
#34	Franklin Township (Unincorporated Area)	Proposed Limited Home Rule Government	
#35b	Franklin A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (11am-midnight) (Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverages) Harrisburg Pike Duchess 1825 Harrisburg Pike, Grove City, OH 43123	
#36	Jefferson Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Renewal	Fire Protection	2 mills, \$0.20 per \$100 valuation, 5 years, commencing in 2017
#37A	Madison A Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Blystone Farm 8677 Oregon Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110	
#37b	Madison A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed & Spirituous Liquor) Blystone Farm 8677 Oregon Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110	
#38b	Madison D Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (10am-midnight) (Wine/Mixed) Hamilton Rd Duchess 3458 S Hamilton Rd, Columbus, OH 43232	
#39	Mifflin Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement and Increase (Unincorporated Area)	Police Protection	Replace 3 mills and increase 3 mills for a total of 6 mills, \$0.60 per \$100 of valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2017
#40	Sharon Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional (Unincorporated Area)	Police Protection	4 mills, \$0.40 per \$100 of valuation, continuing period of time, commencing 2017
#42	New Albany Plain Local School District – Proposed Tax Levy - Additional	General Permanent Improvements	1.25 mills, \$0.125 per \$100 valuation, 5 years, commencing 2017
#43	Upper Arlington City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy – Additional	Bonds – Constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new high school; constructing, furnishing, and equipping new elementary schools; renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, equipping, and constructing improvements and additions to existing school facilities, buildings, and infrastructure; and replacing existing equipment and constructing various permanent improvements; and constructing and improving various athletic facilities	Bonds - \$230,000,000; 6.92 mills, \$0.692 per \$100 valuation, for 38 years Levy – 3.75 mills, \$0.375 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2017
#44	Delaware Area Career Center – Proposed Tax Levy – Renewal	Improving, renovating, remodeling, enlarging, furnishing and equipping school buildings and facilities and current expenses	1.7 mills, \$0.17 per \$100 valuation, 9 years, commencing 2017
#	Madison-Plains Local School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Renewal	Providing permanent improvements and for the purchase of school buses	2.5 mills, \$0.25 per \$100 valuation, 5 years, commencing 2018

SHARON TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)

HENRY I. BELSZEK
Candidate did not respond.

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Education, Major: Business Education & Marketing
Occupation: Financial Advisor
Qualifications for Office: 25 years of experience as a financial advisor and leadership roles with numerous organizations where I successfully brought change while collaborating with key stake holders. As a University Trustee, I have successfully worked in a non-partisan manner to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan.

Question 1: Steadily decreasing support from the State as a result of the cuts to the local government fund. Further, State & Federal support to the Police Department will leave the township with no choice but to seek dollars through property tax revenues.
2. Competition with the larger municipalities for future development due to the municipalities having the ability to give tax abatements.
3. Declining infrastructure with roads and the need to keep up.
Question 2: I would like to see the Township review the viability of utilizing TIF's - Tax Incremental Financing. The Columbus Metropolitan Area is expected to have a surge in population growth and it is vital that the township transition with this growth. Fiscal oversight- finding additional revenue sources along with efficiencies within the overall budget will be a priority. The Strategic Planning Commission will help to target opportunities.

LUCAS HAIRE
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Website:
Education: Bachelor of Arts, Urban Geography, The Ohio State University; Master of Business Administration, Franklin University
Occupation: Development Director
Qualifications for Office: 16 years of local government experience as a planner and economic development director. I have developed and implemented strategic plans for communities, set and managed budgets, and assisted in attracting more than \$100 million in investment and more than 3,000 jobs to the communities I worked in.
Question 1: The increasing costs of providing services while existing revenue streams are decreasing. The State of Ohio has significantly changed

the ability for townships to collect revenue over the last decade, but local governments have not done enough to adapt and plan for these reduced funding streams. Instead of adapting and changing their service model the local leaders have decided to request more revenue from the residents through a property tax increase. I believe that economic development needs to be more of a priority so the property tax burden on local residents can be reduced.
Question 2: My financial policy for the township would be conservative. The township already spends more on police services per resident than nearly any other police agency in Central Ohio. The existing services need to be evaluated to examine if this is the most efficient and cost effective way to provide the service to ensure maximum benefit to the residents. I have experience completing these examinations and then implementing change at the local level. I have done this through privatizing services when more cost effective, and sharing services with other government entities to benefit local residents.

ED JOHNSTON
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Education: Master of Education, American InterContinental University; Trade and Industrial Vocational Education, Ohio State University, Bachelor ; Law Enforcement Columbus Technical Institute
Occupation: CEO/President
Qualifications for Office: Operating a local business for over 25 years, creating jobs, employing associates. I believe in being involved in our community, from Leadership Worthington, Worthington Schools, Ohio Railroad Museum, Central Ohio Charity Golf Outing, Worthington Historic Society
Question 1: In reviewing the overall challenges of the township, first is in supporting the Police Levy for future police operations continue at the same level. Secondly, the township has had a reduction of tax / local revenue for day to day operations, finding ways to raise revenue and doing my part in decline health care coverage in an immediate saving's of \$ 20,000.00 per year.
Question 2: In Sharon Township, tax revenue has held strong for a number of years, as for the Police Department levy should keep strong for several years. The cemetery tax has held at the same level for sometime and at this time it appears to have no need for increases anytime soon. As for the general fund, this will need to be addresses, I will decline health care insurance in which will help in savings of over \$ 80,000.00 during my time as trustee. I am in total support in listening with the other trustees would seek alternative ways, this would be discuss at this time.

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Occupation: Realtor, Medical Practice Administrator
Qualifications for Office: Chair of the Mount Air Improvement Corporation; over 17 years experience in business; Masters in Business Administration. Licensed Real Estate agent.
Question 1: Many Sharon Township residents struggle with access to sewers, drinking water and natural gas services that others might take for granted. I will fight to provide these services to all residents while ensuring our township taxes remain as low as possible! I believe I can be a voice for Sharon Township residents living in the unincorporated areas, because I am also a resident of the unincorporated neighborhoods. They deserve representation!
Question 2: Sharon Township is a mostly residential community, so we depend on our limited commercial areas for vital revenues. I will support renovations and updates to our commercial properties so they offer great services while supporting our township. As a licensed real estate agent, I know the services that improve our home values and how to help keep taxes low.

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Occupation: Attorney/Township Trustee
Qualifications for Office: Sharon Township Trustee for 12 year (Current Chair); Vice Chair of Local Cemetery Board; Worthington Tax Incentive Review Council member; Former Ohio State Airport Advisory Committee Member; Worthington Tax Incentive Review committee member; Village of Riverlea Infrastructure committee member
Question 1: Maintaining services at their current level will be our key challenge based on current funding sources. The legislature has cut the local government fund. We need to be proactive to find funding opportunities while working to keep the taxes low. After doing a survey, we learned residents are very happy with current services and want them continued. I have been working with our team to find new revenue sources & to increase the property value of the township through development projects. We have been very successful in bringing in new revenue and I have the experience to achieve this goal.

Question 2: The Township has made conservative financial decisions to keep costs of government down for our residents. We have been focused on bringing in grants and other funding to keep our costs down. Our salaries to employees are not at the high end in comparison to other townships yet we still attract talent. Most townships have an administrator to run the Township but we have chosen not to hire one to keep cost down. This creates more work on the Trustees, but it is worth it. Our financial policy is based on the goals of our residents and we continue to seek input from our residents.

PHILIP SMITH
Candidate did not respond

TRURO TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)
uncontested race

STEPHANIE MCCLLOUD
Candidate did not respond.

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Occupation: Retired Journeyman Wireman
Qualifications for Office: I served 11 years as a Truro Township Trustee. My experience as President of IBEW Local Union 683 (12 years) in private industry gives me the insight to manage efficiently.
Question 1: I believe in taking care of the residents of the township. First and foremost is making sure that if you have an emergency, that we respond as quickly as humanly possible. I want to help any resident that has a matter that needs addressed. I have a lot of connections that will be advantageous to help with the situations.
Question 2: We work within the Levy's approved by the voters. We have combined services with other public entities and will continue to do so as long as it doesn't affect our ability to serve the residents of Truro Township.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee
(vote for no more than 2)
uncontested race

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Occupation: Township Trustee
Qualifications for Office: 35 years public service at the local, state and federal level including: 15 years as a Washington Township Trustee; Two terms on Dublin City Council; Head of the Ohio Farmland Preservation Program; Head of the Ohio Recycling Program; 7 years in private business as a natural resources consultant
Question 1: Our greatest challenge is that Dublin City Council, over our objections, has diverted 12% of the levy the public voted to support fire and emergency medical services and used it for city improvements despite new development increasing the number of emergency runs by 24%. When the voters approve a fire levy they expect it to support the fire department. The city should stay within the \$90 million in funds generated annually by their 2% income tax.
Question 2: My financial policy is that the township should live within the funds provided by the voters. The 2015 fire levy passed by 72% indicating that the residents value the services provided. When we need to raise funds for the construction of a new fire station to serve the rapidly growing NW portion of Dublin, we will probably fund it through the sale of bonds, spreading out the payments as a homeowner would with a mortgage.

CHARLES W. KRANSTUBER
Candidate did not respond.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Questions for Board of Education Candidates:

1. What components of 21st century learning compels you to seek this position?
2. What would you do to improve the school's financial stability?

Bexley City School District Board of Education Member
(vote for no more than 3)

JOHN C. BARNO
Candidate did not respond.

MICHELLE MINEO
Candidate did not respond.

ALISSHA M. MITCHELL
Candidate did not respond.

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Occupation: Marketing
Qualifications for Office: I've been a marketing professional for 20+ years. I know the power of building consensus can create shared goals and purpose. I served the city on the Alternative Revenue Task Force, and the Cassingham PTO as communications chair. I am a parent and the recipient of an amazing public education.
Question 1: Working with the Fortune 500 to help solve the skills gap compelled me to be part of the solution. I feel strongly that our children need to be developing critical thinking skills, as well as the ability to adapt and pivot to support long-term growth and innovation in our country. I think the best way to accomplish these goals is in our schools and curriculum. There are massive shifts in our world as it relates to innovation, and if we are to keep pace with the globe, we need to infuse more of the Framework for 21st Century Learning into our daily school activities and curriculum.
Question 2: Bexley is 3rd in Central Ohio in terms of per student spending. We invest, on average, \$14,428/ student. In a community that is land locked, with aging structures, financial stability will continue to be a challenge for our district. The passage of the bond renewal in 2016 for permanent improvement will offset some of the challenges we face with our older buildings. We have to closely examine how our tax dollars are spent so we can drive deeper engagement for all students in our district. It's time to start looking at creative solutions to our budget challenges.

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Occupation: Attorney/Mediator
Qualifications for Office: Served on the Bexley Board of Education since 2010. Vice President 2012-14, and President 2014-16. I was awarded the Ohio School Board Award of Achievement in 2017 and the Bexley Friend of Education on 2008. As an attorney and mediator I have experience working collaboratively with many groups.

Question 1: I think the distinguishing goal of 21st century learning is differentiated learning. We strive not just to educate "all" students but "each" student as well. In order to be successful we need to meet each child where they are in their learning and support them as they build on their individual strengths. This is a challenging task for educators. We have some of the best in Ohio and they need support from the Board to encourage this growth. This growth mindset is what motivates me to continue my work on the Board

because meaningful public education is the essential to our democracy.
Question 2: We are very fortunate in Bexley to be financially stable. This comes from purposeful planning and a focus on making sound financial decisions. We have managed our money carefully so that we have not been on the ballot asking for a levy from the Bexley community since 2010. This is an exceptional achievement in Ohio where the complex school finance environment often requires districts to ask for levies every 3 years. Through careful strategy we also passed a permanent improvement fund for capital improvements without raising taxes which eases some of the expenses our general fund pays.


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Occupation: Special Education Teacher/Transition Coordinator
Qualifications for Office: I have spent over 10 years in public education and have 4 children in the district. I'm an active parent and community member who has the opportunity to experience our district from different perspectives. My diverse viewpoints are unique and valuable, and would make me a valuable board member.
Question 1: When I hear 21st Century Learning, I first think of the four C's; Community, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity. These components are skills and assets that I value and work hard to instill in my students, as well as my own children. They are also components that have compelled me to seek this office. I love my community and want to work collaboratively with them. I know that by working together and using our creativity, and by thinking critically, we can make our district even better.
Question 2: We are very fortunate to be a well-funded district. However, it is important as a board member to maintain our strong financial projections by making informed and sound fiscal decisions. The Board should continually be reviewing our expenses and ensuring they are essential and/or being done in the most cost efficient way. It is also imperative that we communicate with our community, to inform them of the financial state of the district and the impact our expenditures have on teaching and learning.

Canal Winchester School District Board of Education Member
(vote for no more than 3)

JOAN HATLEY
Candidate did not respond.

YULIYA HOEHN
Candidate did not respond.

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Occupation: Attorney - State of Ohio
Qualifications for Office: I have served on the CW School Board for the last four years, including serving as president over the last calendar year. I have devoted my entire 23 year professional career to public service, working 16 years as an attorney for the State of Ohio and 7 years as an assistant prosecuting attorney.
Question 1: I want to contribute to the learning environment that modern education offers our students. Technological progress provides educators and pupils with more accessible information and learning opportunities. Our district is progressing with STEM based learning (Science Technology Engineering Math). In the modern world, STEM careers are growing at a greater rate than any other. It is important



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exist within the organization. Currently we are exploring facilities options with the specific purpose of executing a plan that will focus on the long term fiscal health of the district.

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Question 1: The world is changing quickly and our students must be prepared to meet the needs of today, but to anticipate the needs of tomorrow. This can be achieved is the creation of an innovative educational system that links the students and teachers with the resources of the community as a whole. It is those professionals who will serve as a bridge and help to bring real life experience into the classrooms. They have a first-hand view of the knowledge, skills, and mindset that will be most valued as we move forward. Armed with this understanding, the teachers and administrators should create a rigor (over character limit)
Question 2: I believe that there has been good work done to keep Grandview schools fiscally efficient and I would welcome the chance to explore increased opportunities for grants as well as working with neighboring districts to share ideas on funding and revenue growth. I firmly believe that pressure must also be put on the officials at the state level. I have, in the past, lobbied state representatives to help them understand why we need more state support. As a board member, I would use that position to increase my lobbying efforts and work with members of the state assembly.

Groveport Madison Local School District Board of Education Member
(vote for no more than 3)

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Qualifications for Office: GM Board of Education 2010-2017; OSBA Urban Schools Network; OSBA Student Achievement Liaison; GM Schools District Leadership Team; volunteer, Asbury Elementary; 17 years employment at Columbus Metropolitan Library (Whitehall), supporting learners of all ages
Question 1: Collaboration- students need to relate well to others through group projects, service learning, and extra curriculars. Creativity- students need to be given opportunities to use knowledge to solve real problems, not just marking a box on a state test. Critical Thinking- we obtain information at a rapid rate; teachers now need to guide their students in

how to discern fact v. fiction and bias in media. Global perspective- students must connect with people across the nation and around the world if they are to fully grasp their responsibilities as American citizens.
Question 2: We are in good shape financially now, but the conversations surrounding the need for equity in public education need to continue at the state level so that the next economic downturn doesn't decimate our programs like they did in 2013 and I want to help our legislators understand the importance of strong neighborhood schools for the growth of Ohio's economy. Locally, we must ask "what if" questions of our Treasurer to understand the financial effect on the 5 year forecast of new courses, raises, and services that we want to add.

LIBBY GRAY
Candidate did not respond.

PATRICK M. NIEMANN
Candidate did not respond.

DIANA FORTNER ORUM
Candidate did not respond.

BRYAN SHOEMAKER
Candidate did not respond.

Hamilton Local School District Board of Education Member
(vote for no more than 3)

AMBER CLARK
Candidate did not respond.

WALLEY OBERT
Candidate did not respond.

DAVID L. SCHUTTE
Candidate did not respond.

JEFFREY J. SEWELL
Candidate did not respond.

Hilliard City School District Board of Education Member
(vote for no more than 3)

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Education: Bachelors of Civil Engineering - University of Dayton (1999); Masters of Business Administration with focus on Strategic Human Resources - Franklin University (2005)
Occupation: Talent Management Specialist
Qualifications for Office: I have been in the Hilliard School District since 1989 and graduated from Hilliard High School in 1995. For the past 10 years, I have been involved with various committees where I have learned about district governance and execution of our policies. I have two young daughters in Hilliard Schools.
Question 1: Today's work environment requires that people work together to craft effective and long-lasting solutions to complex problems. What's most important is one's ability to work as part of a team, be accountable for one's own work, be curious and a continual learner, deal with ambiguity, and to take a variety of data and information and find connections that make sense in crafting an answer to a problem. These are the skills that I see the Hilliard Schools working to instill in the students of the district and ones that I will continue to encourage.
Question 2: From what I know at this point, I feel like the school district and administration is doing a fantastic job of being responsible with the funds available. I believe the use of new

technology and innovation to assist in managing costs has been a great step forward both from a financial standpoint and from a curriculum standpoint. The only thing I can think of to improve the school's financial stability would be to have better confidence (and more consistency) in state funding in order to lessen the reliance on local funding.

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Education: BA, Management - Capital University
Occupation: Retired Executive
Qualifications for Office: Current Member of the Hilliard School Board. Retired technology executive with experience leading large, diverse, geographically distributed organizations. Resident of the Hilliard School district since 1979. Parent of two Hilliard graduates. Brought the Columbus Tutoring Initiative to HCS District
Question 1: My career was spent delivering leading-edge services to businesses and consumers around the world, in many cases changing fundamentally the way people went about doing things. We are now on the cusp of a significant evolutionary step in technology: the wide scale implementation of artificial intelligence. One example is already used by millions every day - the voice interpretation technology built into Siri on the iPhone. What are the next jobs when AI systems become superior to humans for many white collar roles, from engineering to finance to medicine? I want to help figure that out.
Question 2: I am one of the founders of Keep Hilliard Beautiful, the team organized to bring Issue 9 to the voters of Hilliard, ending the practice of granting TIFs to residential developers. Our school district is the largest public investment we make in our community, and its reputation for excellence continues to draw more families. Even though our spending per student is middle of the pack for the suburban districts in the region, our property tax rate is near the highest. That's because we don't have enough commercial development to help carry the burden of all the new housing. KHB want to fix this!

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Nursing, Ohio State University, 1984
Occupation: R.N., Performance Improvement Coordinator
Qualifications for Office: I have served on Hilliard City School District Board of Education for the past ten years. Dedicated and willing to put time and talent into continuing the excellence of our school system. Have crucial experience advancing quality initiatives while improving the organizations' financial positions.
Question 1: As a school board member I am committed to making sure every student is Ready for Tomorrow. We provide our students the skills to be prepared to succeed in life after high school. The 4 C's of 21st Century Education; critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity are critical to the success of our students in school and beyond. Hilliard has one additional C, connection. It is very important to teach our students how to stay connected to one another, to professional networks, and to learning experiences. These skills will help students become well-rounded, prepared adults.
Question 2: Sound financial oversight

and accountability is fundamental to the success of a school district. I must advocate and assure financial decisions that maximizes student achievement. I independently assess revenues and expenditures and work with district leadership to evaluate our budget to assure we are functioning as efficiently as possible. Remaining current about educational funding legislation and policy changes are vitally important and I will make this a high priority. Providing our community with transparent financial information is important to retain support for our district.

DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS (WRITE-IN)
Candidate did not respond.

New Albany Plain Local School District Board of Education Member
(vote for no more than 3)
uncontested race

MIKE BUSCH
Candidate did not respond.

DEBRA KALINOSKY
Candidate did not respond.

JOHN W. MCCLELLAND
Candidate did not respond.

Reynoldsburg City School District Board of Education Member
(vote for no more than 3)

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Education: Graduate of Worthington Public Schools. BA from The Ohio State University, majoring in Political Science with minors in English and Philosophy. JD from Quinnipiac University School of Law.
Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications for Office: I have the proven ability to negotiate and mediate disputes. I have a first-hand knowledge of the local, state, and federal laws and regulations that govern school districts, and a strong understanding of the funding system. I have lectured students in several states about their rights at schools.
Question 1: A hands-on, student-led education is the best system to allow each student to learn the information in a manner and method that connects best with them. This keeps the student engaged with the subject, and allows the student to explore how they can use the subject in their own life. It also allows for the teachers to experiment and discover the best methods, even if they are brand new. I believe that critical thinking and learning by discovery are also extremely important. By allowing students the freedom to explore, and to see how the topic interacts with others, their grasp strengthens.
Question 2: I will examine our current budget and see what the main balance concerns are, and if we can adjust them. I will insist upon a rainy-day fund, to ensure that in the case of an emergency the district is prepared. I will examine, and if appropriate vote for, any replacements in the technology, infrastructure, and other maintenance of the schools, in order to minimize on-going repair costs, and ensure that we have the most cost-efficient schools possible. I will examine any levy-based funding issue as it arises, but believe that the current fiscal state does not require one in the near future.

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Education: I earned my Bachelors in Education from Ohio University in 2004, and my Masters in Social Science from Ohio University in 2006.
Occupation: American History Teacher

Qualifications for Office: A two time teacher of the year I am experienced with the demands of today's students. I have been able to successfully use this knowledge to work with our board and Superintendent so we can develop the programs that will bring the most success for our students while respecting the taxpayers.
Question 1: The opportunities for our students makes me proud to be a part of Reynoldsburg City Schools. Education is changing, and only the districts that are willing to do what is best for students can bring the education students need to find success after high school. We need to provide the options for our student to have success. Success comes in many forms and we have to be willing adapt our existing programs with an eye to the future. From career readiness partnerships and allowing students to get a head start by taking college classes will allow a student to graduate ahead of the pack.
Question 2: While state legislature continues to underfund all public schools, respectful use of the taxpayer's money is a major concern in Reynoldsburg. This respect has allowed our board to keep its promise to stay off the ballot since 2010. Our board has made it a focus to develop a relationship with our administration, staff, and community so we can work together to find the most effective use of our funds while maximizing student learning opportunities. There will always be work to be done, but it should be done with the best interest of the students, staff and community members in mind.

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Occupation: Asst. School Administrator
Qualifications for Office: With my experience as an Administrator in schools, I will be able to see how the policies that we put in place will directly affect students, teachers, schools and the community. I also have a good understanding of the fiscal side of the position.
Question 1: The component that compels me most to seek this position are the core subjects. These subjects; math reading /language arts, science etc are needed to provide the necessary basic knowledge on which to build those 21st century skills. It is important that all students are given the opportunity to reach as far as they are able to ensure they are ready to meet the demands of their future.
Question 2: Right now in the Reynoldsburg School district, with the school choice option in place, we are financially stable. However in order to continue this stability, we must provide a high quality education to all students in an effort to keep the students in our schools and not be lured away to charter or community schools. I propose that we have full day kindergarten options, ensure that our special educationist would provide full day k programs are meeting the needs of the students, and bring the Arts programs back to our schools.

ROBERT G. TRUEX II
Candidate did not respond.

Southwestern City School District Board of Education Member
Full Term
(vote for no more than 3)

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Occupation: Director of Public Affairs
Qualifications for Office: In my professional life, I work to bring people together on issues of mutual concern to improve the lives of working people and their families.
Question 1: We need to make sure we offer the best educational experience to ensure that all students are ready for college or the work force. In an increasingly connected world, we need children who are familiar with the tools that allow them to live and learn in it. That is why we need to have modern technology in our classrooms and more investment for career and technical programs.
Question 2: We need to continue to invest in our South-Western City School District so that our students have clean and safe learning environments that our community can be proud of and will encourage economic development and job creation in our neighborhoods.

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Occupation: Senior Account Coordinator, Tailored
Qualifications for Office: Lifelong resident of Franklin County and product of our public schools. Senior Account Coordinator for a national staffing firm. Involved in my community, including the Lincoln Village Residents Association and block watch organization. Supported by Board President Cathy Johnson and other officials.
Question 1: On a daily basis, I interact with leaders of Fortune 500 companies, and see what jobs are being created across America - and what employers expect. Our world is changing, and the expectations of high school and college grads entering the workforce is an ever-rising bar. We must be up for the challenge, and continually exceed our own metrics and expectations - our students should demand no less. Teaching to a test is far from fair to our kids, and does nothing to prepare kids for their future schooling or career paths. We must keep our eye on why we are educating kids in the first place.
Question 2: With the departure of Karen Dover, we are losing our fiscal operations expert from the Board, and I believe I can successfully fill her shoes because I have 6 years of experience on the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, where we oversaw a multi-million-dollar budget of state and local funds, not all that different than a school board. I feel confident that I can continue her meticulous attention to detail in that regard. I'll be a good fiscal steward and partner for our Board, particularly as our district grows, without needing to raise taxes on our residents.

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- Military identification showing your name (address not required); or
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If you do not provide one of these documents at the polling place, you will still be able to vote a provisional ballot. You will then be expected to provide identification to the Board of Elections within the 10 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.

Issue 1 (Marsy's Law) will alter the state constitution to significantly expand the rights of victims in Ohio. The law would ensure that crime victims have a meaningful role throughout criminal and juvenile justice systems. It would provide crime victims with specific constitutional rights, including the right to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's safety, dignity, and privacy; to be notified about and present at proceedings; to be heard at proceedings involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole of the accused; to a prompt conclusion of the case; to reasonable protection from the accused; to be notified about release or escape of the accused; to refuse an interview or deposition at the request of the accused; and to receive restitution from the individual who committed the criminal offense.

Marsy's Law is named after Marsy Nicholas, a California college student who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. One week after her death, her mother and brother Henry walked into a grocery store where they saw the accused murderer. The family had no idea that he had been released on bail. Dr. Henry T. Nicholas, brother of Marsy, is the key backer and proponent of Marsy's Law. Marsy's Law initiatives have been passed in California, Illinois, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota (see <https://marsylaw.us/about-marsys-law/marsys-story/>).

There is already language addressing rights of crime victims in the Ohio constitution which voters passed in 1994. However, Marsy's Law would replace it with language that, as described above, would expand the existing rights of victims and would

establish new rights for victims.

Pros:

1. This proposed law will increase the legal rights and privileges of victims.
2. Marsy's Law would replace the 1994 Ohio Victims' Rights Amendment, which victims' rights advocates said has been unenforceable.
3. The proposed law would ensure that victims are informed when the accused offender is released from custody.
4. It will inform crime victims of their rights.

Cons:

1. The amendment would override state law, eliminating judges' abilities to weigh the rights of victims and defendants.
2. Victims are already protected by 1994 Ohio Victims' Rights Amendment in the constitution.
3. The amendment would allow crime victims to directly file an appeal, overstepping the decisions of prosecutors.
4. Victims could refuse to be interviewed or to turn over pertinent evidence or testimony.

PROPOSERS: Marsy's Law for Ohio is leading the campaign in support of the initiative.

OPPOSERS: As of our publication deadline, no organized opposition has formed, however representatives from the legal profession have voiced concerns and may formalize their opposition. This Vote411 summary will be updated if and when an opposition campaign is announced.

ISSUE 2: The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

Will appear on the ballot as "STATE ISSUE 2: To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law"

Prohibits the state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer for a price over the lowest price paid for the drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

(Proposed by Initiative Petition)

A YES vote means approval of the Act.

A NO vote means disapproval of the Act.

If approved, the proposed Act will take effect immediately after Election Day.

League Explanation of Issue 2:

The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

Issue 2 would limit the amount the state and state agencies could pay for prescription drugs. This Act is designed to restrict the amount that any state agency could pay for drugs, tying it to the price paid by the VA. The VA negotiates drug prices with companies and typically pays 20 to 24 percent less than other agencies for prescription drugs. Specifically, it would forbid state agencies to enter into any purchasing agreement with drug manufacturers unless the net cost of the drug is the same or less than that paid by the VA.

State agencies would not be allowed to pay more than the VA pays for a

particular medication. These state agencies include, but are not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (the program for people with low incomes or disabilities).

The bill will only impact those who receive drugs paid for by the State, not those with any other type of coverage. If adopted, the proposed statute would affect only those associated with the above mentioned state agencies - roughly 4 million Ohioans. The Act would not apply to those who use private insurance, Medicare, or other non-state-provided coverage - approximately 7 million Ohioans.

Pros:

1. Drug costs are the main driver of rising health care cost. There is an urgent need to control costs while maintaining access to needed medications.
2. Too many Ohioans must choose between the basic necessities of life and paying for their medications.
3. There is an indirect benefit to taxpayers as the state would save an estimated \$536 million per year on drugs. This could free up some substantial money that the state could use for other programs.

Cons:

1. The Act does not define some important terms, such as "drug," "state," "ultimate payer," and "net cost."
2. The Act does not address pricing of drugs that are not purchased by the VA and creates costly, complex purchasing arrangements.

3. Pharmaceutical companies might respond to passage of the Act by a) negating existing discounts and rebates, b) raising prescription prices charged to non-covered entities and individuals, and/or c) raising prices charged to the VA.

PROPOSERS: Yes on Issue 2, also known as Ohio Taxpayers for Lower Drug Prices, is leading the campaign in support of the initiative.

OPPOSERS: No on Issue 2, also known as Ohioans Against the Deceptive Rx Ballot Issue, is leading the campaign in opposition to the initiative

FRANKLIN COUNTY ISSUES

ISSUE 4: The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is requesting that voters approve a renewal of an existing 3.5 mill levy for a period of 10 years. The board serves over 20,000 infants, preschoolers, children, adults, and seniors each year.

The board's services include:

- Early childhood services for children ages birth to 6 years.
- School services for children who have multiple disabilities, ages 6 to 21 years.
- Adult services providing job training and jobs for adults.
- Special services including Special Olympics, therapies, and home-based services.
- Supported living and service

coordination services for individuals and their families.

- Services for senior citizens who have developmental disabilities.

The board is the beneficiary of two taxes levied on Franklin County property owners:

In 2009, a permanent levy was approved by voters. The permanent levy was sought because the cost of caring for the population often is for life. It costs the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$107 per year and raises about \$94.2 million per year.

In 2013, voters approved a six-year levy also estimated to raise \$94.2 million per year. It costs the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$107 per year. It expires at the end of 2018. The board wants to extend this levy for 10 more years, with collections beginning in 2019. It will not increase taxes.

Together the two levies provide more than 75% of the agency's support.

Arguments made in Support of Issue 4:

- Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities provide services needed by residents of Franklin County.
- The Board is not asking for an increase in taxes.

Arguments made in Opposition to Issue 4:

- Other counties in Ohio provide services for less money per capita.
- Property taxes are too high and should be lowered.

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