

VOTER INFO GUIDE 2026

GENERAL ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2026

★ Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ★

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: October 5

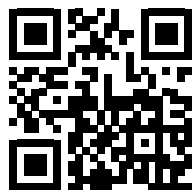
EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING begins on October 6 and concludes on November 1. Find the schedule at VoteOhio.gov. Early voting is only available at the Butler County Board of Elections.

VOTE-BY-MAIL (absentee ballot) REQUEST FORMS must be received by the Board of Election (BOE) by 8:30pm the Tuesday preceding the election (October 27). Request forms can be submitted by mail, in person, or via the BOE's 24-hour secured drop box.

VOTE-BY-MAIL (absentee) BALLOTS returned by U.S. Mail must be received by the Board of Elections no later than Election Day, November 3. They may also be returned in person to the Board of Elections by the close of polls on Election Day. Do not return them to polling places.

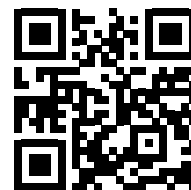
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BALLOT

vote411.org



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ONLINE

olvr.ohiosos.gov



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ID REQUIREMENTS AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS

How do you vote using an absentee ballot?

- The Ohio Secretary of State sends registered voters an absentee (mail-in) ballot application form in presidential and gubernatorial election years (even-numbered years).
- If you do not receive a mail-in ballot application, you may request one using Form 11-A available to print from VoteOhio.gov or from the Butler County Board of Elections by calling (513)-887-3700 or visit elections.bcoho.gov and click on "Request your absentee mail ballot."
- You cannot request an absentee ballot using any form other than Form 11-A.
- Your absentee ballot request must be received by the Board of Elections no later than 8:30 pm on the Tuesday immediately preceding Election Day (Oct. 27).
- Vote-by-mail (absentee) ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be received by the Board of Elections no later than Election Day or delivered in person to the Board of Elections by the close of polls on Election Day.
- Do not return absentee ballots to polling places.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) estimates that mail delivery may take 2 to 5 days. Please plan accordingly to ensure your ballot is received on time.

What is the ID Requirement for Early In-Person and Election Day Voting?

You'll need one of the following forms of unexpired photo IDs:

- Ohio driver's license;
- State of Ohio ID card;
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV;
- A US passport;
- A US passport card;
- US military ID card;
- Ohio National Guard ID card; or
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card.

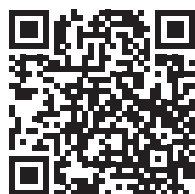
All photo IDs must have the following:

- An expiration date that has not passed;
- A photograph of the voter;
- The voter's name, which must substantially conform to the voter's name as it appears in the Poll List or in the Poll Book.

You cannot vote in person with:

A driver's license issued by another state, a copy of a photo ID, a digital ID, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document as a form of ID.

Note: An unexpired Ohio Driver's License, Ohio ID Card, or Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV with your former address is an acceptable form of ID when your current address is in the pollbook.



Learn more about ID requirements:

ohiosos.gov/elections/voter-ID-requirements

What is the ID Requirement for Voting by Mail?

You'll need to demonstrate your identity in one of the following ways:

- Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.
 - Ohio driver's license number or Ohio ID card number.
- OR
- A COPY of one of the following: your Ohio driver's license, Ohio state ID card or interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV; a US passport or passport card; a US military, or ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or US Department of Veterans Affairs card.

How Can You Obtain the Required ID?

Ohio residents who wish to drive can apply for an Ohio Driver's License at an Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. There is a fee charged for a driver's license.

If you are a resident of Ohio 17 years or older and do not have an Ohio Driver's License, you qualify for a free BMV-issued State ID Card. If an individual has a driver's license in a different state and applies for an Ohio ID, the driver's license from that state will be canceled. If the individual holds an Ohio driver's license and applies for an Ohio ID, they will be downgraded to a State ID.



Visit Ohio BMV for more information:

bmv.ohio.gov/driver-license.aspx

How Can You Vote if You Have a Disability or Need Assistance?

Vote curbside: You can vote curbside if you are a voter with a disability and you are physically unable to enter your early voting location or polling location. With curbside voting, two poll workers from opposite major political parties bring out a ballot, and you have the option to sit in your vehicle to vote or vote at the door of the early voting location or polling location. If early voting, arrangements must be made to vote curbside at the early voting location prior to arrival. If voting on Election Day, you may send another person into the polling location to inform poll workers of your desire to vote curbside.

Request an accessible absentee ballot: Ohio voters with disabilities can request an accessible absentee ballot, which is an absentee ballot in an accessible format that can be marked with assistive technology. This is a secure, safe, and accessible option to vote privately and independently.

Vote early in person or by mail: All voters in Ohio have options to request and receive in the mail an absentee ballot to be marked at their leisure. Ohio voters can vote early in person at their county-designated early voting location.



Learn more about assistance:

ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/voters-with-disabilities/early-voting/

If you are hospitalized, unable to sign, or have other unforeseen circumstances, contact the Butler County Board of Elections: (513)-887-3700.

Join the League of Women Voters of the Oxford Area

The League of Women Voters, founded in 1920, is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, and works to increase understanding of major public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters provides nonpartisan information and educational services to citizens.



LWVOxford.org

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CANDIDATES

Questions were selected by the League of Women Voters.

Candidates were given 750 characters for each question response, and they are solely responsible for their answers. Responses are printed exactly as candidates submitted them.

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GOVERNOR

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Ensures that all state laws are executed, reports the condition of the state, & presents a proposed budget to the legislature. They represent you as the chief executive of the State of Ohio, where they:

- Set state policy by approving, vetoing, & giving feedback on proposed laws & overseeing their execution.
- Propose & sign the state budget that decides funding for education, health & Medicaid services, state prisons, developmental services, State parks, state agencies, & much more.
- Appoint state department officials who lead agencies that carry out laws & create policies impacted by state budget. These departments include Transportation, Insurance, Veteran Services, Rehabilitation & Corrections, Taxation, Commerce, & many more.
- Serve on the Ohio Redistricting Commission to redraw Ohio's state & congressional districts.
- Manage emergencies such as natural disasters & command the Ohio National Guard.

Questions:

1. What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?
2. What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?
3. How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?
4. What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?
5. How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?
6. How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?



Amy Acton
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Education: Northeast Ohio Medical University BS/MD; The Ohio State University MPH

Training & Experience: None Provided

Question 1: Both Republican and Democratic officials attest to the security of Ohio elections; however, I oppose the recent and repeated efforts to cast doubt on the integrity of our elections, which erode public trust in the foundation of our democracy. I reject efforts by some to use unfounded claims of widespread voter fraud as justification for restrictive voting measures that make it harder for eligible Ohioans to participate in the electoral process under current law.

Question 2: Ohioans are working harder than ever, but they just can't make ends meet. My ActOn Costs Agenda will lower costs, help Ohioans keep more of their money by cutting taxes, and put money back in people's pockets. My Working Families Tax Cut includes an Earned Income Credit that will support up to 775,000 working families and a child tax

credit of \$1,000 a year for children aged 0-6 and \$500 for children aged 7-18 for families making up to \$85,000 in annual income. As governor, I will expand the Homestead Exemption so more of Ohio's seniors are eligible for property tax relief, introduce a property tax spike rebate, and crack down on predatory collection practices. I will also fully implement the Fair School Funding Plan, which will decrease the local property tax burden.

Question 3: As a doctor, I've seen how important it is that Ohioans can both access and afford the care they need – and right now, that simply isn't the case for so many people in our state. As governor, I will fight to lower healthcare costs by protecting against attacks on Medicaid and Medicare, launch an online platform to leverage Ohio's purchasing power on prescription drugs, and forgive medical debt. I will work to lower healthcare premiums through transparency, and crack down on surprise billing and predatory collection practices. Our energy bills are too high, and as governor, I will fight to lower your bills through an energy strategy that enhances production, incorporates the lowest-cost and cleanest sources of energy, and expands access to cost-saving programs.

Question 4: First, I will fully and constitutionally fund our public schools, allowing us to prioritize students, educators, and schools to reduce the pressure on local property taxes. Second, Ohio's private school voucher program is sending billions of hardworking Ohioans' tax dollars to fund private schools with no accountability. I will tackle the out-of-control private school voucher system and push for desperately needed transparency regarding where those billions are being spent. Third, I will use those savings to invest in best practices that will bring Ohio's schools into the 21st century, with cutting-edge literacy and math programs that help kids prepare for the workforce. I will invest in new approaches to math and literacy programs to make sure they're tied to real-world demands.

Question 5: Everywhere I go, Ohioans share their stories and exhaustion at the chaos, hate, and vitriol in our politics. People are longing for public servants who solve problems instead of creating them – leaders who address the issues that all of us want to be solved: costs, affordable childcare, lowering property taxes, providing dignity while aging in place, safety, and good-paying jobs that provide a high quality of life. I am not a politician; I am a doctor and a public servant who has

worked with both Republicans and Democrats. Ohio needs a leader who will bring people to the table and work through the hard issues. As governor, I am committed to having leadership in my cabinet from both parties because my top priority is solving problems and delivering real results for Ohioans.

Question 6: Ohioans have spoken loud and clear that they want to end gerrymandering in Ohio. They've figured out that gerrymandering is a key reason Ohio has been going in the wrong direction for so long, and why extremists and special interests run Ohio. And they're right. Despite the voters' mandate and the clear requirements of Ohio's constitution, politicians in Columbus have abused the process, broken the law, and defied multiple court rulings to continue to gerrymander Ohio's districts. As governor, I will have a seat at the table in the 2030-31 map-drawing process. In that role, I will fight for fair and constitutional districts that put the people back in charge of their government. I will oppose any rigged map, and I will veto any bill that tries to gerrymander Ohio once again.



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(Libertarian)

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X: None Provided

Education: None Provided

Training & Experience: Military Background

Question 1: Especially when it comes to the Save America Act; we're finding that it's incredibly problematic because it's targeting people who are typically democratic voters so the overreach from an act like that is something we speak ardently against. Overall though, we've found that the current system has disenfranchised challenger parties like ours because it favors simplistic duopolistic voting. Rank Choice or STAR Voting, something more like a survey model where I can say – my first choice is X, my second choice is Y, and my third choice is Z is much more favorable to challenger parties because it sees more of the grey complexity that is how people view and think. Given the fact that

49% of Ohio identify themselves as politically homeless – it makes alot of sense to change the way we're voting.

Question 2: As it pertains to abolishing property tax- we are in favor of it but you first have to address a few key strings: 1. Investors in residential real estate 2. How we're addressing education. It's a case of a balance sheet inflows, we can replace our property tax revenue with local consumption-based taxes especially on luxury goods and you can also look at the sin taxes like marijuana, cigarettes, gambling (especially the lottery), and alcohol. In the case of outflows—we have a lot of money going to corporate subsidies, international donations, and the school system—in particular with the school system if you remove teaching towards the test and compliance-based programs you can significantly reduce the budget because those systems are costly to manage. It's about balancing the budget.

Question 3: This is a tough one because rising costs are being caused by a number of things outside of our control- the war and tariffs which both will cause supply chain issues. We've talked a lot about deregulation for the small business because the amount of taxes and regulations impacting the small business owner has essentially been constricting them out of business. On top of that if we can create a more collaborative environment for resources in the given locales like opener and more collaborative coalitions for mental health nonprofits, housing, small business incubators—you can drive jobs back to the smaller communities which will in theory drive more business back to the mom and pop shops—especially if you eliminate the subsidies that have gone to mainly large scale corporations

Question 4: As mentioned, we'd focus on ending compliance-based testing programs which are costly to manage and create additional bureaucracy in administrators.

Similar to business, where my boss trusts me to do the work—and in theory my boss is supposed to be either more educated, more certified, or more experience than me—we should move towards a model where because this teacher has indicated they have a mastery over math or a mastery over English, I should trust them that they're teaching their students mastery. We can use testing for diagnostic purposes, you could also have more portfolio-based modeling for students; but at the end of the day, if that teacher is a master of the topic and the department head or admin over them has said they're doing an

adequate job—who am I to say otherwise?

Question 5: The first step in loving thy neighbor is to step outside to meet them. We've become so engrained in our own echo chambers that if you're left or right, that's your sole identity. I want to have people recognize that we're all people and the bulk of us are wanting what's best for the community we're just disagreeing about how to do that. The way to break echo chambers is to be curious, not judgmental. Ask questions first, clarify why someone believes something, and be open to dialogue. We win when we win together. We've already started doing this—we've hosted townhall events across the state where we've invited democrats, republicans, libertarians, and independents to just talk about the issues and how to solve them. And we do it in a way where we're trying to listen more than we talk.

Question 6: I will make this clear—what's gone on in Ohio with the constant redrawing of legislative district lines has shown just how toxic our institution is. It wasn't perfect but something like what was proposed in 2024 with issue 1 where you have a nonpartisan committee that takes into account all recognized parties in the state is something I'd love to come back up on the ballot. Candidly it was short sighted when the GOP shot it down because they don't recognize that when the Dems come into power, the power struggle to remove them will be just the same as the power struggle the dems are facing in unhousing the GOP. Make it equitable (which issue 1 was attempting to do) and give the people the chance to actually vote for what they want. Make politicians stand on their own merit.

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(Republican)

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Training & Experience: None Provided
Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided
Question 1: None Provided
Question 2: None Provided

Question 3: None Provided
Question 4: None Provided
Question 5: None Provided
Question 6: None Provided

LT. GOVERNOR

Note: The Governor and Lieutenant Governor run as a single ticket but appear separately here to allow for different questions.

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Succeeds governor in the event of death, conviction by impeachment, or disability of the governor. They represent you as the deputy chief executive of the State of Ohio, where they:

- Succeed the Governor in the event of death, conviction by impeachment, or disability of the governor
- Serve as a member of the governor's cabinet & oversees meetings in the governor's absence
- Can be appointed as the leader of an administrative department
- Serve as the governor's representative on any board, agency, committee, or commission on which the governor is a member
- Has appointment authority to any nonelective body in the executive department or other area the governor considers in the interest of the state.

Questions:

1. What are the most important functions of the lieutenant governor, and why?
2. What are your top two policy priorities for the next four years?
3. Are you interested in leading a state agency? Which agency, and why?
4. How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?
5. How will you represent the diverse interests of all Ohioans?

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**David
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(Democrat)

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Education: None Provided
Training & Experience: None Provided
Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided
Question 1: None Provided
Question 2: None Provided
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Question 5: None Provided



**James
Mills**
(Libertarian)

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X: None Provided
Education: MBA from Xavier, Econ and political science degree from UC
Training and Experience: 10 years in finance with various professional designations like retirement planning counselor, and securities and insurance evaluations
Training & Experience: None Provided
Volunteer & Community Service: Run a clothing drive where we distribute coats to the homeless
Question 1: The ability to preside over the state senate. One of the most prominent facets of LT. Governor is to help implement the legislative agenda so when Don and I talk about bolstering an environment to overturn citizens united and get rid of money in politics, to focus on deregulating the small business owner, or even some of the influences we've seen with local law enforcement working with ICE- as a Lt. Governor having the ability to influence legislative agenda, these are all things I

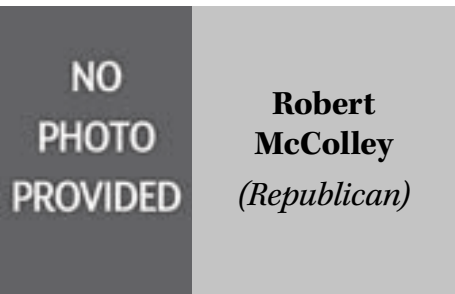
can imbue the state senate to start working on.

Question 2: First rebuild Ohio’s economic engine by expanding access for small businesses and workers: cutting barriers, opening up capital and contracts, and creating real pathways to growth. Second, restore trust in government through transparency and accountability—making sure every dollar is trackable, every decision is open, and the system works for people, not insiders.

Question 3: I’d take an active role in strengthening ethics oversight and transparency across state agencies, while leading workforce and economic development efforts that actually connect Ohioans to real opportunity. That means cleaner government, open access to contracts, and building pathways for workers and small businesses to grow.

Question 4: The first step in loving thy neighbor is to step outside to meet them. We’ve become so engrained in our own echo chambers that if you’re left or right, that’s your sole identity. I want to have people recognize that we’re all people and the bulk of us are wanting what’s best for the community we’re just disagreeing about how to do that. The way to break echo chambers is to be curious, not judgmental. Ask questions first, clarify why someone believes something, and be open to dialogue. We win when we win together. We’ve already started doing this- we’ve hosted townhall events across the state where we’ve invited democrats, republicans, libertarians, and independents to just talk about the issues and how to solve them. And we do it in a way where we’re trying to listen more than we talk.

Question 5: I grew up in a lower-middle-class Ohio family, worked across finance, construction, and nonprofit service, and I’m raising my kids here—so I’ve lived a lot of the realities Ohioans face. Representing diverse perspectives isn’t about checking boxes: it’s about building systems where everyone has a voice and a fair shot. I’ll stay grounded by being present in communities across the state, listening first, and making sure our policies actually reflect the people they impact—not just the people in the room.



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Training & Experience: None Provided
Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided
Question 1: None Provided
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Question 5: None Provided

ATTORNEY
GENERAL

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Represents the state in all legal cases in which the state is a party or has a significant interest. They represent you as the Chief Legal Officer of the State of Ohio, where they:

- Represent Ohio in all court cases where Ohio has a significant interest & provide legal counsel to all elected state officials, state departments, commissions, & the General Assembly
- Coordinate with local law enforcement at their request & provide criminal justice support services, & approve summaries for proposed citizen ballot initiatives
- Lead Ohio enforcement authority for Ohio law, including Ohio’s laws in consumer protection, antitrust actions, human trafficking, organized crime, & nursing home patient abuse & neglect
- Decide which issues & cases to prioritize & pursue.

Questions:

1. What are the most important functions of the attorney general, and why?
2. What divisions (e.g. consumer protection, environment, civil rights, immigration, elections, etc) will you prioritize, and why?
3. When is it appropriate to bring cases on behalf of Ohio to federal court?
4. How will you represent the diverse interests of all Ohioans?
5. What changes would you make, if any, regarding transparency in government?



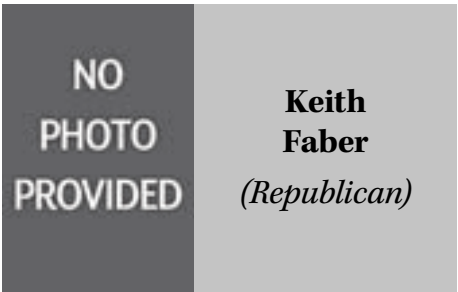
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X: JohnKulewicz
Education: B.A. History at Ohio State, J.D. at Yale Law School
Training & Experience: Partner at at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, 1987-2024; Associate attorney, 1981-1987
Volunteer & Community Service: I have previously served as board president of the Columbus Zoo, Catholic Social Services, and Federal Bar Association (Columbus); and as a member of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission and Ohio Historical Society Board.
Question 1: The Attorney General is the chief law officer of the State of Ohio. They are responsible for police officer training and certification, consumer protection, anti-trust enforcement, and rooting out corruption in our state and local governments.

Question 2: Right now, times are tough. I would prioritize the section of the office that handle consumer protection, anti-trust, and anti-corruption efforts to ensure that Ohioans are being given a fair shake in the economy. These are not the most glamorous cases to bring, but they make a real difference for working people all across the state.

Question 3: It is appropriate only when the rights of Ohio and the rights of The People of Ohio are directly under attack.

Question 4: Everyone is equal under the law. I am campaigning the same way I will govern. That means going everywhere across the state and listening to the needs of The People of Ohio. The Ohio Attorney General is The People’s Lawyer, meaning your job is only accountable to The People, not the political whims of the Governor or the General Assembly or anyone else.

Question 5: I have already filed multiple complaints with the Ohio Inspector General looking into the resignation of former Ohio State President Ted Carter and JobsOhio’s involvement in that and the lobbying practice of the Chairman of their Board. I have called upon the General Assembly to significantly rollback the privacy shield afforded JobsOhio, as we all have a right to see how our public money is used.



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Question 4: None Provided
Question 5: None Provided

AUDITOR OF STATE

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Audits all financial records of public offices in Ohio. Maintains deed records of state. They represent you as the Chief Accounting Officer of the State of Ohio, where they:

- Audit all Ohio public offices, including local governments, public schools, public libraries & state universities, & state government departments, agencies, & commissions
- Serve as watchdog for public fraud by preventing, identifying, & investigating fraud in public agencies
- Serve on the Ohio Redistricting Commission to redraw Ohio's state & congressional districts; Provide financial services & oversight to local governments, promote transparency in government, & decide where to direct public financial reviews

Questions:

1. What are the most important functions of the state auditor, and why?
2. What are your goals for improving the function of the auditor's office?
3. What will you do to ensure that public funds are not misused?
4. What is the auditor's role in investigating non-public schools?
5. How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?



**Annette
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(Democrat)

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Education: Ursuline College, B.A., Public Relations & Corporate Communications; Cleveland State University, Certified Public Manager (OCPM); Indiana Wesleyan University, ASB; St. Joseph High School, Cleveland, High School Diploma

Training & Experience: Mayor of Maple Heights, 2016-present; Deloitte, Senior Property Tax Analyst, 1999-2016; University Hospitals Cleveland, Administrative Coordinator, 1987-1999

Volunteer & Community Service: Black Women's Political Action Committee; Cuyahoga County's Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity; Cuyahoga County's Land Reutilization Corporation Board of Directors; Cuyahoga County Mayors & City Managers, Executive Board Member

Question 1: The Auditor's main function is to protect taxpayer dollars against fraud, misuse and corruption. I further believe that the auditor's office should work to support government entities in improving financial practices to not just comply with regulations, but to stretch hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

Question 2: As Ohio's Auditor, my top priority is to transform the office from a purely punitive watchdog into a proactive partner for Ohio's communities. Too many local governments, school districts, and small public entities lack access to the financial expertise they need to manage their systems well. My office will close that resource gap. I will expand the Auditor's role as a trusted consultant and coach to provide hands-on technical assistance, training and fiscal guidance so communities can build stronger financial systems before a crisis occurs. That said, accountability is non-negotiable. I will investigate all cases of corruption and fiscal mismanagement and hold bad actors accountable, regardless of political affiliation.

Question 3: As Mayor of Maple Heights, I inherited a city in fiscal emergency and

turned it around. I balanced budgets, restored honest accounting, and earned four consecutive Clean Audit Awards from the very office I'm now running to lead. As State Auditor, I'll bring that same discipline statewide: proactive audits that catch problems early, transparent public reporting so Ohioans can see exactly how their money is spent, and accountability that applies to all public entities. Every dollar protected is a dollar that stays in our schools, roads, and communities.

Question 4: When a private institution accepts public dollars, it must accept all public accountability obligations. While state spending on private school tuition has increased, the oversight has not done so. We need mandatory regular audits of any schools receiving EdChoice and other voucher program dollars. We also must require regular, consistent financial, enrollment and attendance reports from these schools. And, we must hold all schools accountable for not complying with basic reporting requirements.

Question 5: As a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, I'll fight for fair representation. Ohioans have made clear, again and again, that they want districts drawn fairly, and I'll hold that line, even when it's politically inconvenient. Fair maps mean real competition, real accountability, and a legislature that actually reflects the people it represents.



**Frank
LaRose**
(Republican)

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Education: Ohio State University

Training & Experience: Ohio Secretary of State (2018-Present), Ohio Senator (2010-2018)

Volunteer & Community Service: Member of the U.S. Army in the Ohio National Guard

Question 1: The most important functions of the Auditor of State are ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in government; protecting taxpayers

from fraud, waste, and abuse; and giving the public confidence that their tax dollars are being managed responsibly. The office plays a critical role by auditing state and local entities, identifying weaknesses in financial controls, investigating misuse of public money, and helping public agencies operate more effectively. Those responsibilities matter because taxpayers deserve honest government, and public officials should be held to the highest standards when they are entrusted with public resources. The office also performs performance audits aimed at improving economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in public operations.

Question 2: My goal is to strengthen the Auditor's office as an independent watchdog that is focused not only on finding problems, but also on helping government work better. That means continuing to prioritize transparency, efficiency, and accountability; using audits and performance reviews to identify ways agencies and local governments can improve operations; expanding efforts to detect fraud, waste, and abuse early; and making sure audit findings are clear, timely, and useful to the public and to the entities being audited. I also believe the Auditor's office should be a constructive partner to local governments by helping them improve internal controls and deliver the services their constituents depend on, and strengthening trust in government.

Question 3: I will insist on strong, independent oversight, aggressive investigation of fraud, waste, and abuse, and clear accountability when public funds are misused. That includes supporting thorough financial and compliance audits, strengthening internal controls, encouraging timely reporting of suspicious activity, and using the office's investigative tools to pursue wrongdoing wherever it occurs. Just as importantly, I believe prevention matters: training, transparency, and strong financial practices can stop problems before they become scandals. Taxpayers deserve confidence that every public dollar is being handled responsibly and that anyone who abuses the public trust will be held accountable. I will also support practical safeguards that help deter misuse before it starts across government.

Question 4: The Auditor's role is to follow the public money. When non-public schools receive public funds or participate in publicly funded programs, the Auditor has a responsibility to ensure those dollars are used lawfully, properly, and in accordance with applicable requirements. The

office's role is not to interfere with the mission or beliefs of a non-public school, but to provide oversight wherever taxpayer funds are involved and to investigate credible allegations of misuse. That is the same standard that should apply across the board: if public dollars are being spent, the public has a right to expect accountability. The Auditor's core authority is tied to public money and legal compliance, and to ensuring public funds are used for their intended purpose, with transparency and accountability.

Question 5: I would approach redistricting with seriousness, transparency, and respect for both the Ohio Constitution and the people of our state. Ohioans may not always agree on the outcome, but they should be able to expect a process that is open, constitutional, and understandable to the public. The goal should be constitutional maps that provide clear representation, preserve communities where possible, and are drawn through a process the public can understand and trust. Because the Auditor serves on the seven-member Ohio Redistricting Commission, that responsibility requires independence, careful attention to legal standards, and a commitment to conducting the process openly and responsibly.



SECRETARY OF STATE

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Oversees the election process in each of Ohio's 88 counties. Maintains records of corporations. They represent you as the Chief Election Officer of Ohio, where they:

- Oversee Ohio elections to ensure compliance with state & federal laws, appoint & train election officials in all 88 counties.
- Chair the Ohio Ballot Board, which writes & approves ballot language for statewide issues.
- Serve on the Ohio Redistricting Commission to redraw Ohio's state & congressional districts; Oversee the Ohio Election Integrity Commission, which investigates possible cases of voter suppression and election fraud.
- Serve as state record keeper, provides public access to state government records & registers businesses in Ohio.

Questions:

1. What will you do to promote voter participation?
2. What changes, if any, would you make to election security?
3. What changes, if any, would you promote for the Ohio Ballot Board?
4. What changes, if any, would you make to campaign finance policy?
5. How will you represent the diverse interests of all Ohio voters?
6. How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?



Allison Russo
(Democrat)

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Education: Allison Russo holds a doctoral degree in health policy from The George Washington University and a master's degree in public health epidemiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Training & Experience: Allison spent more than 20 years working to solve problems in health care — advising federal agencies and health systems on how to improve care for seniors, veterans, military families, and vulnerable communities. She then entered the state legislature in 2019, where she was later elected House Minority Leader. In that time she helped build a coalition to defeat the August 2023 Issue 1 "60% power grab" and then enshrine reproductive rights into Ohio's constitution.

Question 1: I believe increasing voter participation and voter education should be key duties of the office. Ensuring that Ohioans are informed about how, when, and where to vote is essential to a strong democracy. This work relies on building partnerships with key communities, including school districts, universities, nonpartisan organizations focused on voting, faith communities, and local governments. These partners play a critical role in helping reach voters in their communities and encouraging civic participation. In addition, we should focus on making voting information more accessible. That includes reimagining the technologies voters use to access election information and register to vote. By improving the platforms voters rely on, we can ensure accurate information is readily available.

Question 2: One change I would make is increasing and stabilizing funding for our local Boards of Elections. Currently, funding for county Boards of Elections comes from a mix of state and county resources. As a result, some counties are well funded, while others only have enough resources to do the minimum required to carry out elections with limited staffing. When resources vary significantly by

county, it can create gaps that make it harder for some jurisdictions to maintain the highest standards of security and efficiency. My knowledge and experience navigating the state budget process will be important in advocating for adequate funding for our Boards of Elections. Ensuring these offices have the staffing, technology, and training they need will help maintain secure, reliable elections.

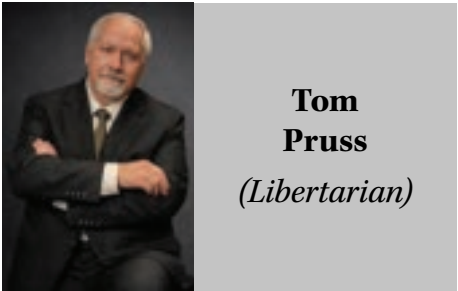
Question 3: While Section 1 of Article XVI of the Ohio Constitution dictates the composition of the Ohio Ballot Board, the Secretary of State serves as the Chair of the Ballot Board and can dictate the tone and tenor of the Board's activities. I believe the Ohio Ballot Board should function as an unbiased Board that prescribes and certifies the ballot language for proposed Constitutional amendments, initiatives, and referenda and oversees efforts to inform voters of ballot issues. Personal and partisan perspectives on a specific issue should not dictate the work of the Board. Regarding ballot language specifically, the change I would promote would be to simplify the official ballot language so that it can be easily read and understood by the average voter, is fair, and is as unbiased as possible.

Question 4: The Secretary of State carries out campaign finance laws, but does not have the power to set new policy without legislative action. However, the Secretary of State still has regulatory oversight into this process. Last year, the Ohio Legislature dissolved the Ohio Elections Commission and shifted the investigation for violations of campaign finance laws to the Secretary of State's office. Appeal of decisions goes to the Ohio Elections Integrity Commission, whose chairperson is also appointed by the Secretary of State. The Ohio Secretary of State has enormous discretion to investigate campaigns for any potential campaign finance infractions. Because of this new and relatively unchecked power, it is more important than ever that Ohio elects a Secretary of State who is fair and transparent.

Question 5: I believe that the best way to represent the diverse interests of all Ohio voters is to conduct the Office of Secretary of State in a fair and unbiased manner. It should not matter what issues or candidates a Secretary of State supports or opposes—the responsibility of the office is to ensure that every candidate the same fair opportunity to come before Ohio voters, and that every voter has their voice heard and counted.

To achieve this, the office must prioritize professionalism and transparency in every aspect of election administration. That includes hiring staff who represent the diversity of Ohio's political perspectives and communities. By bringing together people with different viewpoints and experiences, the office can better understand and respond to challenges voters face.

Question 6: First, I believe Ohio's redistricting process should NOT include any politician, including the Secretary of State. The current process is fundamentally broken because it relies on politicians to make unbiased decisions to fairly draw our gerrymandered districts, and it includes no enforcement power for the Ohio Supreme Court when bipartisan agreement cannot be reached. The Ohio Redistricting Commission will not meet to redraw district lines until after our next census in 2031, meaning that the Secretary of State that we elect this year will not sit on that commission unless reelected in 2030. However, I believe the role of the next Secretary of State is to give any future citizen-led ballot initiative that may reform our current redistricting process a fair shot with unbiased language.



Tom Pruss
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Training & Experience: Owner, North-coast Print Mail Marketing

Volunteer & Community Service: Vice President-Northwest Ohio Polish Cultural Center Advisory Board

Question 1: First, eliminate unnecessary barriers to voting. I support same-day registration tied to routine interactions like driver's license renewals, while keeping ballots clear, simple, and auditable.

Second, protect election integrity with common-sense voter ID—the same kind Ohioans already use for banking or travel—while ensuring free state IDs are avail-

able for anyone who needs one.

Third, break the two-party stranglehold. I support fair ballot access, open primaries, and voting reforms like ranked-choice or approval voting so voters have real choices.

Finally, increase transparency. Election data should be open, systems secure, and the Secretary of State must act as a neutral referee—not a partisan tool.

More participation happens when voters have access, trust, and real choices.

Question 2: Election security should focus on transparency, verifiability, and public trust. Ohio already has strong safeguards, but we can improve confidence by expanding risk-limiting audits, ensuring every vote has a verifiable paper trail, and making election data more transparent to the public.

Security measures must protect the integrity of elections without making it harder for eligible voters to participate. That means clear procedures, secure voter ID with free state IDs available to anyone who needs one, and consistent statewide standards for equipment and auditing.

The goal is simple: secure elections that are easy to vote in and hard to cheat in.

Question 3: The Ohio Ballot Board should focus on clarity, fairness, and transparency. Ballot language must accurately reflect the proposal without confusing wording or partisan influence. I would push for clearer, plain-language summaries so voters can easily understand what they are voting on.

I also support greater transparency in how ballot language is drafted and approved, including public input and review. Ohio voters deserve summaries that explain issues honestly—not language designed to persuade or mislead.

Question 4: Ohio's campaign finance system should emphasize transparency and fairness. Voters deserve to know who is funding political campaigns, so I support stronger disclosure requirements and faster reporting of major contributions so the public can see who is trying to influence elections in real time.

At the same time, regulations should not be so complex that they discourage everyday citizens from running for office or participating in the political process. I support simplifying compliance rules for smaller campaigns while ensuring large donors and political action committees remain fully transparent.

Question 5: The Secretary of State's role is not to represent one party or ideology—it's to serve every voter in Ohio. I will run the office as a neutral referee, ensuring that election laws are applied fairly and consistently no matter who you vote for or where you live.

That means protecting equal access to the ballot, maintaining transparent and secure election systems, and making sure every eligible voter can participate without unnecessary barriers. I will also work with local election officials, community groups, and voters across the state to ensure their voices are heard.

Question 6: Ohio voters have made it clear they want fair maps, not partisan gerrymandering. My approach is simple: the goal of redistricting should be to represent voters—not to protect politicians or political parties.

I support transparent map-drawing processes with public input and clear standards that prioritize compact districts, respect for communities, and competitiveness wherever possible. Ohioans should be able to see how maps are drawn and have meaningful opportunities to comment before they are finalized.

Most importantly, the rules must be applied fairly and consistently, regardless of which party benefits. Voters deserve districts where their voices actually matter and where elections are competitive, not predetermined.



Robert Sprague
(Republican)

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Training & Experience: None Provided

Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided

Question 1: None Provided

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Question 3: None Provided

Question 4: None Provided

Question 5: None Provided

Question 6: None Provided

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OHIO TREASURER
OF STATE

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Collect taxes in the county & its subdivisions, disburse expenditures, & invest the county's funds. They represent you as the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Ohio, where they:

- Collect, invest, & protect state funds, including most state taxes & fees.
- Track & maintain Ohio's unclaimed property database.
- Act as state banker by issuing bonds for voter-authorized infrastructure improvement programs & school facilities construction.

Questions:

1. What are the most important functions of the state treasurer, and why?
2. What are your goals for improving the function of the treasurer's office?
3. How can the treasurer's office influence state fiscal policy?
4. How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finances?
5. How will you use your position to improve fiscal literacy among Ohioans?



Seth
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Education: Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Xavier University

Training & Experience: Seth is an accomplished nonprofit leader, securing \$85 million in economic development funding as Executive Director of the College Hill Urban Redevelopment Corporation. First appointed to Cincinnati City Council in December 2022, he has championed millions of dollars in direct economic support to grow Cincinnati's small businesses and neighborhoods. Seth is a member of the Cincinnati Retirement System Board of Trustees. A native of St. Joseph, Michigan, Seth graduated from Xavier University, w

Volunteer & Community Service: Seth has served as President of the Friends of Taft Legacy Foundation, and was Chairman of the Cincinnati Elections Commission. He founded the Cincy Soccer League in 2017, and for years was a member of the WCPO-TV Community Advisory Board.

Question 1: The Treasurer of Ohio has two top priorities: securing the state's investments and stewarding our public pension funds. As Treasurer, I will ensure the state's investments, pension funds, and revenue are managed with integrity and are used to strengthen our communities so all Ohioans thrive.

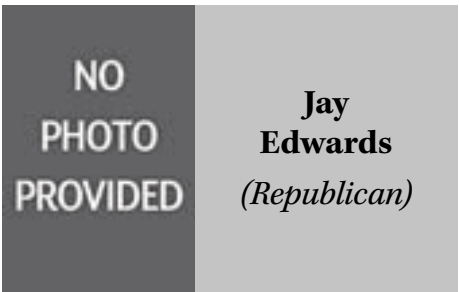
Question 2: As Treasurer of Ohio, I will ensure the office operates with integrity and our focus is on investing in all of our communities so Ohioans can succeed. Programs like the LinkedDeposits program, the 529 College Advantage and social impact bonding are the type of programs that the Treasurer's office should

continue to implement to maximize and optimize how Ohio reinvests its money in our people.

Question 3: If the State of Ohio, and its \$280 billion investment portfolio, were a person, it would be the second-wealthiest person on Earth. That means with the right strategy, we can use Ohio's revenue and investment dollars to drive increased returns and reinvest those dollars back in our communities.

Question 4: There is no greater or more solemn responsibility to Ohioans than to maintain transparency and accountability in the Office of Treasurer of Ohio. As Treasurer of Ohio, I will ensure the state's investments, pension funds, and revenue are managed with integrity.

Question 5: As Treasurer of Ohio, I will use my ability to convene and maximize the opportunity we have with banks, credit unions and other financial institutions who are providing fiscal literacy in our public schools and to adults throughout Ohio.



Jay
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(Republican)

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Training & Experience: None Provided

Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided

Question 1: None Provided

Question 2: None Provided

Question 3: None Provided

Question 4: None Provided

Question 5: None Provided

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STATE OF OHIO — U.S. SENATOR

*Term: Unexpired term
ending 1-3-2029*

Responsibilities: Represents the people of Ohio & the U.S. in dealing with national & international matters in the U.S. Senate in Congress. They represent you in the U.S. Senate, where they:

- Propose & pass federal laws on taxes, Medicaid/Medicare, parks & land use, food & drug standards, veteran services, Social Security, education, & more.
- Decide the U.S. Budget on Social Security, Medicaid/Medicare, military, veterans' benefits, National Parks, science & technology research, education, veteran services, & more.
- Approve U.S. Supreme Court, Federal Judges, & Federal Prosecutors, who make choices about the constitutionality of federal laws about issues like personal freedoms (such as speech & religion), public safety, government power, & more.
- Confirm Executive appointments including cabinet-level positions, directors of agencies, & ambassadors.

Questions:

1. What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?
2. How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?
3. How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?
4. State your position on foreign policy and national security.
5. What changes would you make, if any, to immigration policy?

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Training & Experience: None Provided

Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided

Question 1: None Provided

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Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided

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Question 5: None Provided



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Question 1: Our political system should belong to working people, not corporations and billionaires. I support outlawing corporate lobbying and corporate political donations, making Election Day a federal holiday, and banning racist gerrymandering and voter suppression. Further, I support measures which tie Congressional salaries to workers' wages. Beyond elections; we are in desperate need of democratic systemic reform: replacing the undemocratic Senate with a representative national legislature, abolishing the unelected Supreme Court and transferring its powers to democratic institutions, and expanding direct participation through worker councils, neighborhood assemblies, and community organizations.

Question 2: The rising cost of living demands emergency action for working people. I support an immediate nationwide price freeze on essential goods and services, raising the federal minimum wage to \$30 an hour, and canceling student, medical, and utility debt. I will fight to ban evictions and foreclosures, prohibit rent increases, and guarantee free universal childcare so families aren't forced to choose between working and caring for their children. We can pay for these measures by cutting the Pentagon budget by 90% and taxing the massive windfall profits corporations have made while working people struggle to afford basic necessities. For too long, our policies have been dictated by the tiny clique of billionaires who stand to profit from rising costs.

Question 3: We need a political system that gives working people a real voice while reducing the stranglehold of corporations and billionaires. Mentioned above, I support banning corporate political donations and lobbying, protecting voting rights, and expanding democratic participation. I will work with anyone when it advances the interests of working people, while refusing to compromise on racism, attacks on immigrants, or assaults on ba-

sic rights. Our politics must be grounded on providing dignified lives for working people—not avoiding necessary political disagreements.

Question 4: I support a foreign policy based on peace, sovereignty, and international cooperation—not endless war. I would cut the Pentagon budget by 90% and redirect those resources toward housing, healthcare, education, and other social needs. We should dismantle the vast network of over 800 U.S. military bases abroad, end military alliances used to enforce U.S. domination, and end military aid to Israel and support for occupation and genocide. I also support lifting sanctions that punish ordinary people in countries like Cuba and Iran, defending the independence of colonies and Indigenous nations, and cooperating internationally to confront the shared threats facing humanity and the planet; like climate change, pandemics, and poverty.

Question 5: We must fundamentally change our immigration system to protect human dignity and workers' rights. I support abolishing ICE, ending immigration raids and mass deportations, and closing immigration detention camps. We need a clear and immediate path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants already living and working in our communities. Immigrant workers should have full labor protections and the right to organize into unions without fear of retaliation or deportation. Immigration policy should never be used to divide workers, suppress wages, or pit people against one another. Additionally, we must address the war machine and an imperialist foreign policy which compels so many to flee their home countries in the first place.



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Financial Analyst-Retired. Accredited Senior Appraiser, Business Valuation, American Society of Appraisers-Retired. Work Experience: Auditor or Accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co, Cincinnati; WISH-TV, Indianapolis; ABC & NBC, New York. Total: 5 years. Business Appraiser, specializing in Media & Telecommunications, with BIA Advisory Services, Washington, and Summit Ridge Group, New York & Chicago. Total: 38 years.

Volunteer & Community Service: Co-Editor, Ballot Access News and ballot-access.org. National Ballot Access Coordinator, Libertarian Party. Treasurer, Libertarian National Committee & Libertarian Party of Ohio. Former Chair, Libertarian National Committee.

Question 1: A two-party system is unnatural and only occurs through political repression, which we have in Ohio and the US because of very high signature requirements for non-R&D candidates to get on the ballot. Our Single Member Plurality (single member legislative districts, person with the most votes wins) voting system props up the two old and unpopular parties, because it boxes too many people into feeling they have to vote for “the lesser of two evils.” I support Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for single winner elections. But elections for federal, state and local legislatures should be changed to either a system of “self-districting,” whereby voters select the district they want to be in, or a system with multimember districts elected through RCV. This would allow non-R&D candidates to be elected.

Question 2: Reduce Federal government spending. If not, we might have a debt crisis, the easiest response to which might be tolerating higher inflation. End the Federal Reserve’s “dual mandate”: maximum employment and stable prices. Focus on an inflation rate no higher than 2% every year. Repeal not just Trump’s tariffs, but all tariffs. I support a policy of unilateral free trade, which is a pro-consumer trade policy. We’re all consumers. It will also promote international peace. President Trump just suspended the Jones Act, which is a protectionist maritime policy, for 60 days due to high oil prices. It should be totally repealed. End product price support programs, like the sugar support system, which causes sugar to cost double the world average. Terminate all corporate welfare and farm subsidies.

Question 3: I think hyperpartisanship and a lack of civility are largely due to the combination of our two-party system, in which too many people feel they have to side with one of the two old parties, and the advent of social media and our highly siloed media platforms. Honestly, when was the last time you heard a real debate on either Fox News or MS NOW? I don’t think much can be done re: the media situation. There is a First Amendment, and Walter Cronkite isn’t walking through that door again. But, making changes to our electoral systems that would allow new and more diverse voices to be heard and elected to public offices will help the public understand that there are more than two opposing views to policy issues, which will give people alternative means to be politically effective.

Question 4: The United States now frequently behaves as a rogue nation, with its military attacks on several nations and threats to longtime allies, such as Canada and Denmark. This will make US citizens less safe over the long run. I support a non-interventionist foreign policy, and only when the US homeland or territories are threatened, with very rare exceptions. That would allow us to cut the Defense budget. We need to regain the moral high ground, with a renewed emphasis on human rights. The Founders correctly made war declaration a committee decision. Congress must reassert its war powers. The US should treat the Middle East with benign neglect. The “special relationship” with the government of Israel only leads the US into problems. We should treat Israel as we would any other allied nation.

Question 5: I agree with Alex Nowrasteh of the Cato Institute: “All immigration should be allowed except for a handful of people who fall into the categories of criminals, terrorists, the seriously ill, or others who would harm the life, liberty, and property of people here. Libertarian and classical liberal values, American Enlightenment values, our support of free market capitalism, and support for meritocracy all compel us to support free immigration.” Open immigration would be the greatest anti-poverty program in history. Economist Michael Clemens has estimated that free immigration would increase the amount of global economic production, Gross World Product, by 50-150% – that’s \$50-\$150 trillion of extra production a year. The United States will benefit from a more open immigration system.

8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT – FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

Term: 2 years

Responsibilities: To represent the people of Ohio, their district, & the U.S. in dealing national & international matters in the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress. They represent you in the U.S. House, where they:

- Propose & pass federal laws on Social Security, Medicaid/Medicare, taxes, parks & land use, food & drug standards, agriculture, veteran services, national & international interests & more.
- Decide the U.S. Budget for Social Security, Medicaid/Medicare, military, veterans benefits, National Parks, science & technology research, education, veteran services, & more.

Questions:

1. What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?
2. What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?
3. How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?
4. What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?
5. How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?



Vanessa Enoch
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Education: Dr. Enoch holds an MBA with a concentration in Information Technology from Xavier University and a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Union Institute & University

Training & Experience: Dr. Vanessa Enoch a distinguished entrepreneur with an illustrious career spanning over three decades. Dr. Enoch worked in corporate America for nearly a decade before launching her business in 1999. As the Founder, President & CEO of Cultural Impact, LLC, a management and technology consulting firm, she has been at the forefront of providing innovative business support services. Additionally, she is President & CEO of Vision Works, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to workforce development.

Volunteer & Community Service: Her accolades include being named one of the 15 Women in Business and a nomination for the Cincinnati Business Couriers Forty Under 40 award. Dr. Enoch has also served on the board of the Cincinnati and went through Chamber C-Change Leadership Class

Question 1: The freedom to vote is the foundation every other freedom rests on. I believe access and security are partners, not opposites: we can protect early, absentee, and mail-in voting for seniors, veterans, and working families while investing in auditable, paper-backed systems that make every result trustworthy. I’ll fight to end partisan gerrymandering through fair, citizen-centered redistricting, so voters choose their representatives — not the other way around. And I’ll work to get secret money out of politics through full transparency and empowering small-dollar donors. I’ll know we’re succeeding when turnout rises, wait times fall, no eligible voter is turned away, and Ohioans on both sides can trust that every election was free, fair, and truly theirs.

Question 2: No one who works hard should struggle to afford the basics, yet too many Ohio families are stretched thin by rising prices for housing, groceries, healthcare, and childcare. I'll fight to lower everyday costs by expanding housing supply and cracking down on price-gouging, capping out-of-pocket drug and insurance costs, and making childcare and eldercare affordable so parents can work with peace of mind. I'll push to strengthen wages and protect the tax credits that put money back in working families' pockets, while easing the small-business burdens that drive prices up. Relief has to be real, not rhetorical. I'll know we're succeeding when a family's paycheck covers rent, food, and savings again — when working people across our district cannot just get by, but truly get ahead.

Question 3: Ohioans are tired of leaders who treat the other side as enemies instead of neighbors. Hyperpartisanship isn't just unpleasant — it blocks real solutions our families need. I'll work across the aisle without apology, judging every idea by whether it helps our district, not which party it came from. I'll support fair redistricting that rewards listening over extremes, transparency that rebuilds trust, and a return to the basic decency of disagreeing without contempt. Leadership means modeling the respect we want to see. I'll know we're succeeding when Ohioans see their representatives solving problems together again — when we measure progress by results delivered, not battles won, and when people believe once more that government can bring us together rather than tear us apart.

Question 4: America is strongest when our power is matched by our principles, and after decades of endless war, it's time to bring that wisdom home. I'll support a strong defense, but I refuse to send our sons and daughters into open-ended conflicts with no clear mission and no way out. Too many Ohio families have borne that cost. I'll insist Congress reclaim its constitutional duty to authorize war, demand clear goals and real accountability before any deployment, and invest in the diplomacy and deterrence that prevent conflict in the first place. And I'll fight

to give our veterans the care they earned when they come home. Strength with restraint. I'll know we're succeeding when we're defending our nation without draining it, when peace, not permanent war, becomes the measure of American leadership.

Question 5: We can enforce our laws and have compassion; both are part of who we are. Our immigration system is broken, and Washington's refusal to fix it fails everyone. I'll support securing our borders with smart technology and enough personnel to stop trafficking and fentanyl, while fixing a legal system so tangled that families wait decades and employers can't find workers. I'll fight for a real, earned path to citizenship for Dreamers and for those already contributing here, and for treating people with basic dignity throughout. Reform has to be practical, humane, and finally get done. I'll know we're succeeding when our borders are secure, our laws are enforced fairly, our workforce needs are met, and immigrants who play by the rules can build their lives openly as part of our community.

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Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided
Question 1: None Provided
Question 2: None Provided
Question 3: None Provided
Question 4: None Provided
Question 5: None Provided

40TH HOUSE
DISTRICT
—
FOR STATE
REPRESENTATIVE

Term: 2 years

Responsibilities: They represent you in the Ohio House of Representatives, where they:

- Propose & pass Ohio laws on taxes, education funding & curriculum, election rules, healthcare, corporate & environmental regulation, district maps for the Ohio Statehouse & U.S. Congress, public utilities & energy, healthcare, & more.
- Decide Ohio state budget, which impacts taxes for citizens, local communities, & corporations & funding for public education, public health, transit, drinking water, prisons, libraries, higher education, childcare programs, state employee wages & benefits, natural resources, & more.

Questions:

- What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?
- What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?
- How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?
- What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?
- How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?



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Training & Experience: Retired owner operator Hornbacker Earthmoving, retired owner operator Big Four Dairy Farm, Retired 20 years as Registered Nurse
Volunteer & Community Service: Fire-fighter/Paramedic Pleasant Hill/ Newton Township FD , foster parent DeKalb Co. IN
Question 1: The vote is the most important bulwark of democracy. It is a right that should be available to every person who is qualified and made as easily accessible as possible.

Question 2: Simply those of us who have more have to be willing to help those who have less.
Question 3: Contain energy costs. Data centers should supply their own electricity. Drop the subsidies for inefficient energy suppliers and support the most cost effective.
Question 4: Return to full support for public education where the intermingling of every individual personality teaches acceptance and understanding.
Question 5: Common sense and common decency, a standard that used to be common in public life. It's really not that hard to not insult and disparage other people, lifestyles, and ethnic groups. Bring back DEL.



**Joshua
Umbaugh**
(*Libertarian*)

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Education: Bachelor of Fine Arts, Adrian College

Training & Experience: Multiple experiences with teams, committees, and boards of various types

Volunteer & Community Service: Annual volunteer for the Springfest Parade in Miamisburg. Currently on the Citizens Urban Forestry Advisory Board of Miamisburg.

Question 1: Well, Ranked Choice Voting has just been effectively banned in Ohio. Which I feel would have been a good system, and I am extremely disappointed in this act against Home Rule in Ohio. So, perhaps removing party affiliation on the ballots could be a beneficial move. We should all be voting for an individual candidate and their ideas!

Question 2: Apparently the lottery and legalized gambling haven't solved all of the state's financial woes.

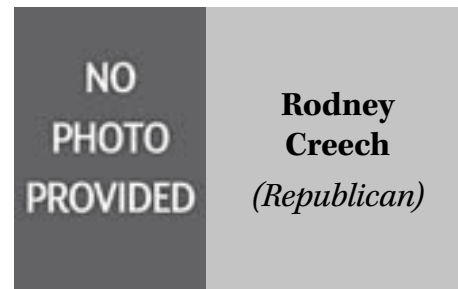
We need lower income taxes, and property taxes. While lobbyist continually get breaks and sweetheart deals, it's time that the hardworking people of Ohio get a well-deserved break!

Question 3: While a lot of this is inflation caused at the federal level, it would be encouraging to see Ohio reduce the tax burden as well as some regulatory burden on our citizens. We need to stop the cor-

porate welfare and let hard working folks keep more of their earnings during this difficult time of rising costs.

Question 4: I believe that school choice is imperfect and has a few issues that could be adjusted but is a step in the right direction. The incentives of high school administrations need to continue to evolve. For too long high schools always had success based on the number of students who went on to college. We know that success in life isn't necessarily based on higher education.

Question 5: Reducing the barriers to ballot access for non-legacy parties and independents, would be a good step to curb the tribalism. I believe more use of Ranked Choice Voting would have helped as well, but unfortunately, it doesn't sound like that could be a viable option anytime soon.



**Rodney
Creech**
(*Republican*)

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Training & Experience: None Provided

Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided

Question 1: None Provided

Question 2: None Provided

Question 3: None Provided

Question 4: None Provided

Question 5: None Provided

45TH HOUSE DISTRICT — FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Term: 2 years

Responsibilities: They represent you in the Ohio House of Representatives, where they:

- Propose & pass Ohio laws on taxes, education funding & curriculum, election rules, healthcare, corporate & environmental regulation, district maps for the Ohio Statehouse & U.S. Congress, public utilities & energy, healthcare, & more.
- Decide Ohio state budget, which impacts taxes for citizens, local communities, & corporations & funding for public education, public health, transit, drinking water, prisons, libraries, higher education, childcare programs, state employee wages & benefits, natural resources, & more.

Questions:

1. What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?
2. What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?
3. How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?
4. What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?
5. How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?



**Jayson
Ameer
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Education: Bachelor of Science in Sports Administration and Communication from Wilmington College

Volunteer & Community Service: Served on numerous NCAA board and committees; served on College Sports Communicator committees; coached youth sports; Polaris Iota Phi Theta (Connecticut Chapter); Vice Polaris Iota Phi Theta (Connecticut Chapter)

Question 1: I believe our elections are currently free and fair, and I do not support claims of widespread voter fraud that are not backed by credible evidence.

One change I would advocate for is returning to a system where mail-in ballots that are postmarked by Election Day are counted. Requiring ballots to be received by Election Day introduces unnecessary barriers and uncertainty, particularly given the variables and delays that can occur within the postal system. If we are serious about improving our elections, our focus should be on expanding access, ensuring transparency, and making it easier—not harder—for eligible citizens to participate in the democratic process.

Question 2: The best tax reform for Ohio is one that creates balance: asking more from those who can afford it, providing relief to those who need it most, holding incentives accountable, and investing in the long-term success of our state. The goal of tax reform should not simply be to reduce taxes, but to ensure that our system works for working families, supports local communities, and provides the resources needed to invest in education, infrastructure, and public safety.

Question 3: Addressing the rising cost of living starts with meaningful tax reform. We must reduce the heavy burden that property taxes place on families in our community. I support tying increases in property taxes to the rate of inflation, along with targeted caps for seniors and those on fixed incomes. Homeowners who



have fully paid off their homes should not continue to face rising tax pressures that threaten their ability to stay in place. We also need to expand access to affordable housing. One important step is limiting the large-scale purchase of single-family homes by corporations. At the same time, wages have not kept pace with the rising cost of living. We must invest in workforce development, job training, and strong partnerships with local employers.

Question 4: My priority is to support a balanced state budget that fully and fairly funds education at every level. If Ohio truly wants to position itself as a leader in economic growth and innovation, we must invest in an educated workforce—and that begins with strong public schools. I also believe we need to revisit the original intent of the EdChoice program. While school choice can play a role, its expansion has diverted significant public dollars—now exceeding \$1 billion—away from traditional public schools. We must ensure that any choice program is targeted, accountable, and does not come at the expense of the vast majority of students who rely on public education.

Question 5: Reducing hyperpartisanship starts with a simple but important commitment: putting the people of Ohio ahead of politics. When we focus on what is best for our communities, it becomes easier to find common ground and move forward together. There are issues that should not be partisan—strengthening our education system, addressing the rising cost of

living, and reducing the over-reliance on property taxes are all challenges that affect Ohioans regardless of politics. By centering our work on these shared priorities, we can shift the conversation from division to problem-solving. Promoting civility also means engaging with respect, even when we disagree. That includes listening to different perspectives, being willing to collaborate, and recognizing that no one party has all the answers.

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Question 4: None Provided
Question 5: None Provided

46TH HOUSE DISTRICT
—
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Term: 2 years

Responsibilities: They represent you in the Ohio House of Representatives, where they:

- Propose & pass Ohio laws on taxes, education funding & curriculum, election rules, healthcare, corporate & environmental regulation, district maps for the Ohio Statehouse & U.S. Congress, public utilities & energy, healthcare, & more.
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 **1-888-VE-Y-VOTA**
(en Español)

 **1-888-API-VOTE**
(Asian Multilingual Assistance)

 **1-844-YALLA-US**
(Arabic)

Questions:

1. What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?

2. What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?

3. How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?

4. What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?

5. How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

47TH HOUSE DISTRICT — FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Term: 2 years

Responsibilities: They represent you in the Ohio House of Representatives, where they:

- Propose & pass Ohio laws on taxes, education funding & curriculum, election rules, healthcare, corporate & environmental regulation, district maps for the Ohio Statehouse & U.S. Congress, public utilities & energy, healthcare, & more.
- Decide Ohio state budget, which impacts taxes for citizens, local communities, & corporations & funding for public education, public health, transit, drinking water, prisons, libraries, higher education, childcare programs, state employee wages & benefits, natural resources, & more.

Questions:

1. What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?
2. What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?
3. How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?
4. What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?
5. How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?



**Jordan
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Education: Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Training & Experience: I'm a mental health counselor of 13 years and a business owner for that practice for the last 6 years.

Volunteer & Community Service: I am currently a member of Hamilton Junior Women's League, which focuses on supporting programs that support women and children in our community.

Question 1: I would like voting to be easily accessible to all people, reducing the barriers to getting registered and getting to the polls. Longer polling hours, mail-in voting-- all should be options for this.

Question 2: Tax reform would best focus on reducing taxes on residents of Ohio and shifting the burden back to the corporations that are moving into Ohio. Reducing tax abatement timelines would be a good start.

Question 3: The above would allow for more tax revenue generated by corporations, hopefully to lessen the burden of residents. I would focus on policy that reduces costs, eliminate frivolous fees, and make policies that focus on giving seniors a break, especially.

Question 4: Fund them properly and constitutionally, focusing on renewing the previous funding formula while also trying to design a system that will meet all the correct criteria that provides a better education. Education is one of the top priorities for my campaign.

Question 5: I intend on showing up in spaces, remaining calm, and putting the focus on the system being the issue. As a mental health counselor, I think I have some skills that could be really useful in this arena.



**Jason
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Education: Associate Aviation Maintenance

Training & Experience: FAA Airframe & Powerplant Certificate

Volunteer & Community Service: Fairfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Question 1: I support common sense reforms to strengthen election integrity and voter confidence in Ohio. I favor requiring photo ID for in-person and absentee voting, eliminating post-election grace periods for late ballots, and setting earlier deadlines for requesting and returning mail-in ballots. I would promote greater transparency in ballot counting and chain-of-custody processes while opposing automatic and same-day registration changes that risk errors or fraud. These targeted measures build on recent Ohio laws to ensure elections are secure, verifiable, and trusted without unduly restricting access.

Question 2: I support simplifying Ohio's tax code to make it fairer, easier to understand, and less burdensome for families and businesses. A flatter, streamlined income tax structure with fewer brackets and deductions would reduce complexity, lower compliance costs, and make filing straightforward for most taxpayers. I also favor protections against unvoted increases, so homeowners face more predictable and manageable bills. These changes would reward hard work, encourage investment in our communities, and keep more money in the pockets of everyday Ohioans while preserving the revenue needed for essential services

Question 3: I would combat rising living costs in Ohio by prioritizing policies that increase take-home pay and reduce every-

day expenses. Simplifying and lowering taxes would let families and workers keep more of their earnings while attracting businesses that create higher-paying jobs. Stronger property tax relief would ease the burden on homeowners and help control rents. To improve housing affordability, I support reducing unnecessary regulations to encourage more construction and supply of workforce housing. On energy and utilities, resisting AI data centers and prevention of tax breaks for them, would help keep rates reasonable and reliable. These pro-growth, fiscally responsible steps would fight inflation's effects, reward hard work, and make Ohio more affordable.

Question 4: My first priority for K-12 education is establishing stable and adequate state funding, so Ohio public schools no longer depend on frequent local levies to cover essential costs. The state already collects enough revenue to fully support quality education if allocated properly. This would end the cycle of levy campaigns that burden local taxpayers.

My second priority is reducing excessive state mandates that overburden local schools with unfunded requirements, compliance paperwork, and top-down directives. These mandates often divert time and resources away from classroom instruction toward bureaucratic tasks. Together, reliable funding and regulatory relief will empower schools to focus on what matters most, effective teaching and student success.

Question 5: Running as a Libertarian candidate gives voters an opportunity to put another party in place to help bring back real discussions instead of the same partisan shouting matches. The two major parties have locked Ohio into hyperpartisanship by prioritizing loyalty over solutions, turning every issue into a battlefield. I offer a genuine alternative as a Libertarian. I will focus on principles like individual liberty, limited government, and fiscal responsibility rather than endless culture-war distractions or power grabs. To reduce hyperpartisanship, I would champion electoral reforms such as ranked-choice voting for state offices. This system lets voters rank candidates by preference, encouraging campaigns to reach beyond narrow bases and reward those who build broader coalitions.

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Question 1: None Provided

Question 2: None Provided

Question 3: None Provided

Question 4: None Provided

Question 5: None Provided

BUTLER COUNTY RESIDENTS

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ViewPollingLocation.aspx](https://electionlink.bcoho.gov/Portals/ElectionLink/ViewPollingLocation.aspx)



BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: County administrator whose duties include:

- Exercise financial control of County expenditures, Authorize public works, and purchase land and buildings.
- Vet contracts
- Plan and administer welfare.
- Appoint other officials to operate various departments.

Questions:

1. What are the most important issues and challenges facing Butler County?
2. What is your position on data centers in Butler County?
3. What is your position on Butler County's 287(g) contract with ICE?



**Mike
Miller**
(Democrat)

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Education: B.S., Butler University, M.Ed.
Xavier University

Qualifications for Office: Mike has lived in Southwest Ohio for most of his life. He grew up in nearby Lebanon, and moved to Butler County in 2010. Mike

is an active member of the community, coaching youth sports and volunteering with various organizations. His previous professional experience includes working in event operations and account management.

Question 1: Many Butler County residents are struggling to make ends meet and feel that they are being overtaxed, even though local schools and services are struggling with funding themselves. The current commissioners have put an overemphasis on saving money and not investing in the community. Hoarding taxpayer money is just as fiscally irresponsible as spending beyond your means. Butler County has almost \$110 million in general fund reserves and had a \$23 million general fund surplus in 2025. Butler County should invest more on local services, such as infrastructure, homelessness, mental health and addiction recovery, while reducing taxes that go to the general fund.

Question 2: Development in Butler County should be used to enhance the quality of life of the citizens, not be a burden. Business development, including data centers, must not increase the strain on existing utilities, harm the environment or be a nuisance and decrease the quality of life of nearby residents. Almost all hyperscale data centers fail to meet those criteria. Tax abatements and credits for large businesses should also be limited. Large corporations shouldn't pay less property tax than everyday residents of the county.

Question 3: Public safety resources need to be focused on protecting families here in Butler County. Not serving political agendas. Taxpayer dollars and county facilities should be used to promote local needs and safety first. Over half of the Butler County Jail population is currently ICE detainees or from the U.S. Marshals Service. Many of whom have no violent criminal history and are charged with civil or misdemeanor offenses that would be releasable with little or no bond. Detention of these undocumented immigrants from across the area does not increase the safety of Butler County residents.



**Michael V.
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(Republican)

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Education: Bachelors of Arts in Mass Communication from Wright State University; Associates of Applied Sciences from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science

Training & Experience: I bring eight years of local government experience as a Hamilton City Councilman and Vice Mayor. I have worked on budgets, infrastructure, public safety and economic development. I have collaborated with businesses, community leaders and residents to create opportunities and deliver results- 1400 new jobs, \$700 Million in capital investment and 20% increase in income tax revenue generated.

Question 1: The biggest issues facing Butler County are rising Property Taxes, the need for infrastructure improvements and ensuring we have enough housing to support responsible housing development. We need to find ways to control rising property taxes while protecting essential services. We must continue to invest in roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure initiatives to keep pace with growth. We need to encourage responsible housing development that expands housing options and affordability while preserving the quality of life and character in our communities.

Question 2: I support the current County Commissioners data center moratorium and believe we should carefully review the findings from the State of Ohio Select Committee on Data Centers before anymore are built in our county. Simply put, we need to know more about the impact data centers can have on our electricity, water, infrastructure and communities before allowing new projects to move forward.

Question 3: I fully support the 287(g) contract with ICE. Our county should support law enforcement and uphold the rule of law. This partnership strengthens our public safety throughout the county.

BUTLER COUNTY AUDITOR

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Chief Fiscal Officer in the County, whose duties include:

- Administration and distribution of tax Revenues.
- Accounting for all county funds, administration of county payroll.
- Produces official financial reports for county, state and federal governments.
- Establishes the real property value and calculates the property tax for every parcel of real estate.

Questions:

1. What are the most important challenges facing this office and how would you address them?
2. What is the role of the county auditor in collaborating with the state legislature in addressing property tax reform?
3. What role does a county auditor play in promoting transparency in public finances?



**Amy
Hines**
(Democrat)

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Education: BS Indiana University, Kelley School of Business with Highest Distinction

Training & Experience: I have experience in financial management, real estate, compliance, and organizational leadership. I served as general manager of a credit union, worked in wealth management and real estate, and held real estate salesperson and broker licenses. My work has required accuracy, sound financial judgment, regulatory compliance, and clear communication.

Question 1: The biggest challenges are making a complex office easier to understand and making sure its systems and processes are strong enough for the work they support. Ohio's property-tax system is unusually complicated, and residents should be able to see how values and taxes are calculated. I would modernize public-facing technology, review internal systems and long-standing processes with fresh eyes, and explain decisions in plain language. Accuracy and continuity matter, but so does asking whether there is a clearer, fairer, more reliable way to do the work.

Question 2: The Auditor's first responsibility is to do the job entrusted to the office well: value property fairly, keep accurate financial records, apply tax laws consistently, and give people clear information. Beyond that, the Auditor can be a useful partner to other public servants, including state legislators who write the laws. Because the office sees how state tax laws work in practice, I would share local data, identify unintended consequences, and offer practical ideas to legislators and fellow auditors. Good government works better when public servants do their own jobs well and help one another improve how the system works.

Question 3: A county auditor promotes transparency by making public financial information accurate, accessible, and understandable. That is central to why I am running. I want the Auditor's office to be a trusted source of key financial facts people can find, search, understand, and share. Those facts help us see how public money is used and how tax decisions affect us. Public money tells a public story and provides common ground for public conversation. We may not agree on every solution, but we are far more likely to find solutions we can agree on when we begin with facts we can trust.



**Nancy
Nix**
(Republican)

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Education: MBA from Miami University. BS in Accounting and Marketing, double major, from Truman State University, Kirksville, MO.

Qualifications for Office: Certified Public Accountant. Former Banking Manager. Former Vice Mayor and City Councilwoman.

Question 1: County auditors offices across Ohio have been heavily stressed the past several years due to exacerbated inflation in the residential real estate market causing extremely high property taxation. Homeowners are fed up and often blame the auditor, who simply administers the highly complex system created by the State. As county auditor the past several years, I've testified at the statehouse about property tax reform; I've held town halls throughout the county to inform residents; I run an active FB page that regularly reaches tens of thousands of residents; I have written op-eds; lastly, I serve on the County Auditor Association board where my voice gets heard.

Question 2: Auditors are at the center of property tax reform. It was county auditors that put forth property tax reform recommendations to Ohio lawmakers, which became law in December 2025. Auditors across the state have been implementing these reforms this past year, which have provided credits to taxpayers. As a board member of the County Auditor Assn, I'm in regular contact with fellow auditors and Ohio lawmakers. More reform is needed, as homeowners are finding it difficult to pay their taxes. Auditors continue to advocate for more robust Homestead Exemption programs and reducing levy rates where possible through the county's budget commission.

Question 3: The County Auditor is the Chief Financial Officer of the county, overseeing all expenditures, as well as the county's payroll. All data going through the auditor's office is public information, and we regularly receive records requests for our data, which we respond to promptly.

ly. In addition, on our website, anyone has access to our annual financial reports which provide information on property tax collections, levies, sales tax, the library fund, county debt, and employee levels per department. The link to the report is here: auditor.bcoho.gov/real_estate/real_estate_reports/index.php

The Butler County Auditor's Office motto is Honesty, Transparency, and Outreach.

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Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Questions:

1. List your judicial experience (courts and years).
2. What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
3. Why are you running for this particular court seat?
4. What major challenges do courts face today? How would you address them?
5. What do you perceive as the greatest obstacle to justice, if any?

JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT

Term: 6 years

Full term commencing 1-1-2027

Responsibilities: Interpret and apply Ohio laws, which must be in compliance with the Ohio & United States Constitutions. Justices represent the Ohio Supreme Court as a co-equal branch of government that provides a check & balance on Ohio's legislative & executive branches. They serve you as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, where they:

- Interpret Ohio laws by reviewing & ruling on state laws for compliance with Ohio & US Constitutions, impacting constitutional rights, healthcare, housing, criminal sentencing laws, drug policies, energy practices, election laws, corporate regulation, district maps for the Ohio Statehouse & U.S. Congress, & more.
- Decide appeals on cases tried in an Ohio lower court involving constitutional questions, death penalty sentences, and other cases of statewide importance.
- Oversee lower Ohio Courts & lawyers by setting policy & budgets for lower courts. Establishes & oversees ethical guidelines for Ohio lawyers & judges.



Marilyn Zayas
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Education: J.D. University of Cincinnati College of Law; CCNY Bachelor's in Computer Science

Training & Experience: Served several times at the Ohio Supreme Court to replace a recused justice by selection of the Ohio Chief Justice; Ohio Court of Appeals Judge since 2016; Decided over 2000 appeal cases across Ohio; Attorney nearly 20 years; Provided legal education and training to attorneys, including prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, and civil litigators; Alum of the FBI Citizens Academy; Procter & Gamble IT Manager

Volunteer & Community Service: Creator & program director of the Educating Tomorrow's Leaders student program; U.C. College of Law Dean's Advisory Board; Past Board member Beech Acres Parenting Center; Partnered with law enforcement for years helping crime victims

Question 1: Ohio First District Court of Appeals Judge, 2016–present; decided 2,000+ appeal cases across Ohio. Last year, selected three times in 40 days by the Chief Justice (associated with a different political party) to replace a recused justice on our Ohio Supreme Court, an unprecedented honor. Additionally, previously appointed to the Supreme Court and the Second, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth District Courts of Appeals.

Question 2: My non-judicial experience is shaped by my personal journey & nearly 20 years as an attorney. I grew up in a neighborhood devastated by drugs and crime and was raised by a mother with a seventh-grade education who worked as a factory seamstress. She taught me hard work, perseverance, & integrity. I earned a degree in computer science and worked as an IT manager at Procter & Gamble, developing strong analytical and problem-solving skills. I used my savings to attend law school, then represented individuals, families, and businesses in complex legal matters. My police officer brother was nearly killed by a drunk driver in the line

of duty. These experiences showed me how the law affects real people and strengthened my commitment to fair, independent courts, rule of law and safe communities.

Question 3: I am running because Ohio's highest court must be a beacon of integrity, impartiality, & independence, deciding cases based on the Constitution, law, & facts. People are losing faith in our courts because of politics. Our Ohio Supreme Court will decide cases involving data centers, what energy companies can charge us, & government overreach. I have accepted \$0 from corporate interests: energy, banking, and insurance companies. After nearly a decade and 2,000+ appeals, plus multiple selections by the Chief Justice (she's from a different political party) to sit on the Supreme Court, I have built a record of fair, principled decisions, earning trust across the political spectrum. Ohio ranks 9th in overdose deaths. I will expand Veterans, Mental Health, & Drug Courts to improve public safety.

Question 4: The greatest challenges facing Ohio courts are restoring public trust in an independent judiciary & maintaining stability in the law. Yet our Ohio Supreme Court has increasingly departed from well-established precedent. In April 2026, its decision in Disciplinary Counsel v. Rudduck departed from federal precedent & allowed judges to endorse politicians, raising concerns about the integrity of our courts. I will never endorse a political candidate because everyone deserves confidence that the courtroom is a place of impartial justice. In July 2026, the Court reversed its own 1987 precedent in State v. King. Changes to settled law should be rare, principled, & carefully explained. I will remain faithful to the rule of law. Trust is earned through integrity, independence, & equal justice.

Question 5: The greatest obstacle to justice is unequal resources: wealth provides advantages that hard-working Americans often lack. This can affect cases from the outset. Public defenders face heavy case-loads with limited support. In civil matters, such as custody and family disputes, many cannot afford attorneys, preventing them from pursuing cases or forcing them to represent themselves at a major disadvantage. Even small fines or fees can lead to escalating barriers. This challenges our ideal of equal treatment under the law. I believe that practical, bipartisan initiatives, such as better funding for legal aid, greater access to information about court proceedings, and streamlined processes, can level the playing field while maintaining public safety and accountability for all.

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Question 2: None Provided

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Question 5: None Provided

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JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT

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Full term commencing 1-2-2027

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- Decide appeals on cases tried in an Ohio lower court involving constitutional questions, death penalty sentences, and other cases of statewide importance.
- Oversee lower Ohio Courts & lawyers by setting policy & budgets for lower courts. Establishes & oversees ethical guidelines for Ohio lawyers & judges.



Jennifer Bruner
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Education: Miami University 1975-1978 B.S. Sociology-Gerontology, Cum Laude; Capital University Law School 1979-1982 J.D. Law (1983), Order of the Curia; University of York, UK, PhD, Sociology (remote

study) expected 2027

Training & Experience: Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, elected 2020; Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, 2014-2021; Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, 2000-2005; Secretary of State of Ohio, January 2007-2011; private law practice, 3/1987-2/2000, 9/2005 -1/2007, 1/2011-12/2014

Volunteer & Community Service: Past Board Member, Center for Community Solutions, Cleveland (2013-2019); Past Board Chair/Member, Legacy Fund of Central Ohio (2012-2021); OxFam America, Ambassador (2014-2021); various local and state government boards (1991-2021)

Question 1: Supreme Court of Ohio, Justice (2021-Present); Ohio Appellate Judge-10th District Court of Appeals (2014-2020), Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Court (2000-2005), founder of Treatment is Essential to Success (TIES) felony drug court in 2004, still in operation; International Governance and Rule of Law Experience to National Center for State Courts for Serbian Ministry of Justice and misdemeanor judges (2012-2013); conducted training onsite for Sri Lanka Bar Association (2015); USAID observer of 3 elections in Egypt, working with judges who supervised elections (2014-2015); remote volunteer for American Bar Association (ABA) for NGOs in Kazakhstan, producing video training for civil society advocacy, and onsite consultant to Benin Human Rights Commission for ABA (2022).

Question 2: As Ohio's first woman Secretary of State (2007-2011), I served as the state's chief election officer and supervised the state's 88 bipartisan county boards of elections; promulgated rules and issued directives and instructions for the fair conduct of elections in Ohio. I oversaw a staff of 200 and was personally involved in settling litigation issues on election administration regarding the 2008 Obama election. I received the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, the nation's most prestigious award for elected public servants, for what Caroline Kennedy called, "dauntless commitment to the enfranchisement of every Ohio voter."

Question 3: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's 2016 book, In My Own Words, inspired me to understand just how focused she was on improving the lives of women and on equality, even before she was an attorney, judge or U.S. Supreme Court Justice. She also understood that collegiality among her colleagues was essential to forging a path to accomplish her goals. As the only Democrat on the Ohio Supreme Court, I

understand that and have worked to develop relationships that help me to contribute to Ohio law so that rule of law may stay strong and justice for all be more than an idea.

Question 4: My judicial philosophy is based in fairness, equality and respect. The rule of law exists to provide fairness in human endeavors, which allows individuals to live peaceably among one another with predictability, safety and a springboard for their individual pursuit of happiness. In a democracy bound to the rule of law, it is inherently recognized by members of such a society that there is something greater than themselves in the law to help all people govern their own affairs. When the keepers of the rule of law of that society remember that they work in service to the people, the law works to the good of the people and their freedoms.

Question 5: I believe that we must continue to improve access to justice through legal reform initiatives. That is why I have advocated for the use of technology to improve court efficiency and accessibility. Commitment to diversity and inclusion within the judiciary also requires vigilance in making sure our courts reflect the diversity in our state. Finally, I believe that public confidence in the independence of our courts is imperative. Justice requires fairness, access and rule of law in decision making. It is neither red nor blue. It is and should be above the fray of politics.

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Colleen O'Donnell
(Republican)

Website: None Provided

Facebook: None Provided

X: None Provided

Education: None Provided

Training & Experience: None Provided

Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided

Question 1: None Provided

Question 2: None Provided

Question 3: None Provided

Question 4: None Provided

Question 5: None Provided

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3. Why are you running for this particular court seat?

12TH COUNTY
COURT OF APPEALS
DISTRICT

JUDGE OF THE
COURT OF APPEALS

Term: 6 years

Full term commencing 1-1-2027

Responsibilities: Review trial court decisions for legal errors, decide cases in three-judge panels, manage a regional appellate docket spanning eight counties, and issue original extraordinary writs.

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**Matthew
Byrne**
(Republican)

Note: Byrne withdrew after the deadline. His name will appear on the ballot but he will not be a candidate. There will be 3 write in candidates.

12TH COUNTY
COURT OF APPEALS
DISTRICT
—
JUDGE OF THE
COURT OF APPEALS

Term: 6 years

Full term commencing 2-9-2027

Responsibilities: Review trial court decisions for legal errors, decide cases in three-judge panels, manage a regional appellate docket spanning eight counties, and issue original extraordinary writs.

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**Robert
Hendrickson**
(Republican)

Website: None Provided

Facebook: None Provided

X: None Provided

Education: None Provided

Training & Experience: None Provided

Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided

Question 1: None Provided

Question 2: None Provided

Question 3: None Provided

BUTLER COUNTY
JUDGE OF
THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS

Term: 6 years

Full term commencing 1-1-2027

Responsibilities: Preside over serious legal matters across four specialized divisions, managing felony criminal cases, major civil lawsuits, domestic relations, juvenile matters, and probate administration to provide impartial justice.



**Jennifer
McElfresh**
(Nonpartisan)

Website: None Provided

Facebook: None Provided

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Education: I received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Cincinnati in 1994 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati in 1997.

Qualifications for Office: I was appointed to serve as a Judge of the General Division of the Butler County Common Pleas Court in October of 2013. I was elected to the same position in 2014 and 2020. Prior to taking the bench, I served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with the Butler County Prosecutor's Office for 15 years. I spent the bulk of my career as a prosecutor handling felony child abuse cases.

Question 1: I was appointed to the General Division of the Butler County Common Pleas Court in October of 2013. I was elected to my first full term in 2014 and was reelected in 2020. I handle criminal felony and civil cases. In addition to my regular docket, I preside over a Drug Court docket. My Drug Court docket is a Supreme Court certified specialized treatment docket which strives to enhance the public safety by preventing recidivism while assisting felony non-support offenders in taking responsibility for their behavioral issues and in paying their court ordered child support.

Question 2: I hold both a Bachelor of the Arts and Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to taking the bench, I served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with the Butler County Prosecutor's Office for fifteen years. In addition to representing county agencies as an Assistant Prosecutor, I prosecuted juvenile delinquency cases as well as adult misdemeanor and felony cases. For thirteen years, I prosecuted child homicide, physical abuse, and sexual abuse cases. In 2011, I became the Division Chief of the Child Assault Division of the Butler County Prosecutor's Office. I received a Meritorious Service Award from the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association in 2012.

Question 3: I am running for reelection to my current seat on the General Division of the Butler County Common Pleas Court because my experience and demeanor qualify me to be a fair and impartial judge. Judges have the responsibility to apply the law fairly and impartially. In addition to knowing the law, we must be patient with and courteous to those who come in front of us. Every case is important. Every litigant and attorney deserves to be treated with respect and to feel that he or she has been treated fairly. I endeavor to handle every case with this mindset. It has been an honor to serve the people of Butler County for thirteen years. I appreciate their support and trust.

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**BUTLER COUNTY
JUDGE OF
THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS**

Term: 6 years
Full term commencing 1-3-2027

Responsibilities: Preside over serious legal matters across four specialized divisions, managing felony criminal cases, major civil lawsuits, domestic relations, juvenile matters, and probate administration to provide impartial justice.

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**Daniel
Haughey**
(Nonpartisan)

Website: None Provided
Facebook: None Provided
X: None Provided
Education: None Provided
Training & Experience: None Provided
Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided
Question 1: None Provided
Question 2: None Provided
Question 3: None Provided

**BUTLER COUNTY
JUDGE OF
THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS**

Term: 6 years
Full term commencing 2-9-2027

Responsibilities: Preside over serious legal matters across four specialized divisions, managing felony criminal cases, major civil lawsuits, domestic relations, juvenile matters, and probate administration to provide impartial justice.

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**Michael A.
Oster, Jr.**
(Nonpartisan)

Website: None Provided
Facebook: None Provided
X: None Provided
Education: None Provided
Training & Experience: None Provided
Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided
Question 1: None Provided
Question 2: None Provided
Question 3: None Provided

**BUTLER COUNTY
JUDGE OF
THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS
(JUVENILE DIVISION)**

Full term commencing 1-2-2027

Responsibilities: Handle matters concerning minors, delinquency, adoptions, estate planning, and wills.



**Erik D.
Niehaus**
(Nonpartisan)

Website: None Provided
Facebook: None Provided
X: None Provided

Education: Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana - B.S. (1994); Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky Univ. - J.D. (December 2004)

Question 1: Butler County Juvenile Court Judge: January 2021-present; Butler County Juvenile Court Magistrate: January 2018-December 2020

Question 2: Private law practice (family law; criminal law): full time from 2014-2021; Private law practice: part time from 2009-2014; Part-time prosecutor for city of Hamilton Municipal Court: 2014-2018; Law enforcement officer at the West Chester Police Department: 1994-2014 (Chief of Police 2008-2014) ; Adjunct professor at Miami University Hamilton teaching criminal justice courses: 2016-2024; Adjunct professor at University of Cincinnati teaching criminal justice courses: 2024-2026

Question 3: My father was the Juvenile Court Judge for 27 years and I had always been interested in the type of work he did while on the bench. I really wanted to work in the Juvenile Court because I believe it is the best way to make a positive impact on our future by working with and helping shape the lives of the youth (and their families) that are involved in our system.

**BUTLER COUNTY
JUDGE OF
THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS
(PROBATE DIVISION)**

Full term commencing 2-9-2027

Responsibilities: Handle matters concerning minors, delinquency, adoptions, estate planning, and wills.

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**John M.
Holcomb**
(Nonpartisan)

Website: None Provided
Facebook: None Provided
X: None Provided
Education: None Provided
Training & Experience: None Provided
Volunteer & Community Service: None Provided
Question 1: None Provided
Question 2: None Provided
Question 3: None Provided



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ISSUES

ISSUE # 3

STATE OF OHIO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ENACT SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OHIO

Statewide – Photo ID Ballot Measure

A majority yes vote is required for adoption.

- (A) Electors shall provide photo identification in order to vote in person at a polling place or other voting location designated by law, in accordance with laws passed by the general assembly, except that the laws may provide an alternative method of verifying the identity of an elector who does not have photo identification because the elector has a sincere religious objection to being photographed.
- (B) At a minimum, and in accordance with laws passed by the general assembly, electors shall provide photo identification or, if authorized by law, a signature and at least one other unique identifier in order to vote by any other method authorized by law.
- (C) As used in this section:
- (1) “Photo identification” means one of the following documents that is issued by an agency of this state or the United States, includes the elector’s name and photograph, and is not expired:
- (a) A driver’s license or state identification card issued by the Ohio bureau of motor vehicles or its successor agency or a temporary document issued by that agency to an applicant for a driver’s license or state identification card that contains all of the information otherwise found on the license or card and that the applicant may use as a form of identification while waiting to receive the license or card;

- (b) A United States passport or passport card;
- (c) A United States military identification card, an Ohio national guard identification card, or an identification card issued by the United States department of veterans affairs or its successor agency.
- (2) “Other unique identifier” means one of the following that is authorized by the general assembly by law for voting purposes:
- (a) A unique numeric or alphanumeric descriptor assigned to the elector by an agency of this state or the United States;
- (b) A truncated version of a descriptor described in division (C)(2)(a) of this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this proposal, Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio enacted by this proposal shall take effect immediately.

Explanation: A “yes” vote supports amending the Ohio Constitution to:

- Enshrine into the Ohio Constitution the state’s current voter ID law for those voting in person at the Early Voting Location or on Election Day.
- Constitutionally require specific documents to count as voter ID including: a driver’s license or state ID card issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles or its successor agency or a temporary document issued by that agency for an applicant to use while waiting to receive the license or card that contains all the same information; a U.S. passport or passport card; a U.S. military ID card; an Ohio National Guard ID card; or an ID card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.
- Allow the Ohio General Assembly to continue to choose whether to require photo ID to vote by mail.

A “no” vote opposes amending the Ohio Constitution to enshrine Ohio’s existing photo ID requirements. If this does not pass, Ohio’s current photo ID law remains in effect, and the General Assembly would continue to have the authority to pass voter ID legislation.

PROS: Argument for voting YES

- Enshrining Ohio’s current voter ID law into the state Constitution may strengthen election integrity.
- By embedding the current voter ID requirements into the Ohio Constitution, this measure would prevent the Ohio General Assembly from changing those requirements unless voters approve a future constitutional amendment.
- Though Ohio is widely regarded as a national leader for its election security, this amendment may improve public trust in elections.
- Currently, Ohio residents 17 and older can get a free State ID from Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, if they do not have a valid Ohio driver’s license.
- This proposal grants the Ohio General Assembly the power to approve additional types of photo ID beyond those listed, maintaining election security as technological standards evolve.

CONS: Argument for voting NO

- The amendment is redundant and wasteful, because Ohio election law already requires this exact list of photo IDs.
- Ohio’s Constitution ought to be reserved for foundational rights and principles, rather than policies that can be enacted and modified through regular Ohio legislation. Details of election law are better updated through the legislative process as technology and security needs change.
- By calling for physical documents and cards when the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs only offers digital ID, the language of this proposed Constitutional Amendment is already outdated.
- Obtaining the prescribed forms of acceptable ID and underlying documents required to get the prescribed IDs can be costly, may not be readily available, and could be ruled to be a form of poll tax. While Ohio currently offers free state IDs from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, that law could be revoked at any time.
- The proposed amendment would disproportionately affect seniors, people with disabilities, students, married women, and rural Ohioans.
- By only covering ID requirements for in-person voting and not including voting by mail, this proposed Constitutional Amendment doesn’t treat all forms of voting equally.

ISSUE #6

BUTLER COUNTY

RENEWAL MENTAL HEALTH TAX LEVY

1 MILL/10 YEARS

Butler County - Renewal Mental Health Tax Levy - 1mill/10 years (F) 07-27-2026

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Butler County for the purpose of operating mental health service programs and maintaining and operating mental health facilities by the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$8,462,958 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$20 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s market value, for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

☐ For the Tax Levy

☐ Against the Tax Levy

Explanation: Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services (MHARS) facilitates and supports partner agencies which provide critical services to individuals at a range of income levels in Butler County, including those below the federal poverty level. These services include addiction recovery, reducing overdose and suicide attempts/deaths, mental health education, prevention and other supportive services and treatment. They facilitate services for children, families, adults, seniors and veterans of diverse backgrounds. MHARS has recently expanded services to best address youth in schools and juvenile detention as well as seniors, including support for dementia, veterans and mental health crisis prevention.

This levy is a renewal of a 2020 levy. If a majority vote in favor, the existing 1 mill property tax will be renewed. This equals \$20 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s market value. The levy will apply for 10 years starting in 2026, with tax collection beginning in 2027.

ISSUE #7

CITY OF OXFORD

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CHARTER AMENDMENTS

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SECTIONS: 2.12, 3.05, 4.01, 4.02(7), 9.07, AND 10.01

City of Oxford – Charter Amendments – Sections: 2.12, 3.05, 4.01, 4.02(7), 9.07, and 10.01

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the Charter of the Municipality of Oxford, Ohio be amended by:

1. removing Section 2.12 regarding utility users liable for own uses and not for others;
 2. revising Section 3.05 to require that initiative or referendum petitions be filed with the city clerk and not the city auditor;
 3. revising Section 4.01 to provide the option of the city manager residing outside the city with the approval of city council;
 4. revising Section 4.02(7) to remove the reference to Civil Service Commission and insert reference to Personnel Appeals Board;
 5. revising Section 9.07 Recall by removing existing wording and replacing with new process;
 6. removing Section 10.01 regarding official bonds and renumber remaining Sections?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

LEVY TYPES: According to the Butler County Auditor’s website, there are 3 types of property tax levies that can be proposed to voters:	
TYPE OF LEVY	DESCRIPTION
Additional	A new levy approved by voters for a specific purpose, most commonly for current operating expenses or permanent improvements.
Bond	Levied to pay principal and interest on bonds issued for capital projects, such as buildings or infrastructure.
Renewal	Renews an existing levy at the same voted rate as the original levy. As property values increase, the effective tax rate is reduced, resulting in no tax increase.

Background: Voters will vote on six proposed changes to the city’s charter that affect a variety of issues.

Under Section 2.12, the city of Oxford can only collect unpaid utility bills from the tenant and not the property owner.

Sections 3.05 and 4.02 have references to offices or commissions that no longer exist in Oxford.

Section 4.01 has a residency requirement for the city manager, which goes against Ohio’s Revised Code.

Section 9.07 refers to the Ohio Revised Code for how to proceed in the event of a recall of a member of city council; an Ohio Supreme Court Case ruled that such language did not properly incorporate Ohio’s statutory procedure and was therefore ineffective. This amendment provides a process for recall.

Section 10.01 currently requires the city to have a bond for the city’s finance director and assistant finance director.

Arguments for:

Removing 2.12 will allow the city to recoup unpaid utility bills, which amounted to \$17,000 in 2025.

Revising sections 3.05, 4.02(7), and 9.07 resolve current ambiguities in the city’s charter.

Revising section 4.01 will bring the city into compliance with Ohio Revised Code and provide extra flexibility in the hiring of city managers.

Revising Section 10.01 would allow the city to expand the city’s employee dishonesty and faithful performance insurance policy to cover the finance director and assistant finance director.

Arguments against:

Changing section 2.12 will mean property owners will be held responsible for unpaid utility bills if the city cannot collect from tenants.

A city manager who does not live within Oxford, as would be allowed under the revised section 4.01, may not be as invested in local services and community issues.

ISSUE #8

CITY OF OXFORD

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CHARTER AMENDMENTS

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SECTION 2.11(4)

City of Oxford – Charter Amendments – Section 2.11(4)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the Charter of the Municipality of Oxford, Ohio be amended by: 1. revising Section 2.11 paragraph (4) by removing all wording after the first sentence?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Background: This change to the city charter focuses on housing in Oxford’s Historic Mile Square, plus certain properties north of Sycamore Street. This portion of the city charter dates to 1976 and currently limits the number of dwelling units per building to three. In 2007, the restriction was removed by voters for the 8-block Uptown area, between Church St, Campus Ave, Walnut St, and College Ave. A majority vote for the amendment would remove the remaining restriction and rely on Oxford Zoning Code and Building Code to regulate the number of dwelling units per building.

Argument for:

Revising the charter would provide greater flexibility for new housing within the Mile Square. Removing the prohibition on the number of dwelling units per building will enable developers to build more dense housing, which could alleviate housing shortages. It will also incentivize the construction of newer, modern housing.

Argument against:

Revising the charter would allow owners to rebuild or modernize older buildings, which might compromise the character of the Mile Square. Developers may also be incentivized to build dense housing for college students rather than affordable housing for long-term residents.

ISSUE #13

HANOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

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3.5MILLS/5YEARS

Hanover Township Fire District Additional Tax Levy - 3.5mills/5years

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Hanover Township Fire District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,147,529 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$123 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s market value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

- ☐ For the Tax Levy
- ☐ Against the Tax Levy

Explanation: Hanover Township is seeking funding for fire equipment and personnel, as well as emergency medical equipment and personnel. A detailed list of how the funds will be used, if approved, is noted above.

If a majority vote for the levy an additional 3.5 mills for each \$1 taxable value will be placed on Hanover Township properties. This equals \$123 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s market value. The levy will apply for 5 years starting in 2026, with tax collection beginning in 2027.

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BALLOT CHECKLIST

2026

GOVERNOR/LT GOVERNOR

- ☐ Amy Acton/David Pepper (D)
☐ Don Kissick/James Mills (L)
☐ Vivek Ramaswamey/
Robert McColley (R)
☐ Write-in Candidate _____

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- ☐ John Kulewicz (D)
☐ Keith Faber (R)

AUDITOR OF STATE

- ☐ Annet Blackwell (D)
☐ Frank LaRose (R)

SECRETARY OF STATE

- ☐ Allison Russo (D)
☐ Tom Pruss (L)
☐ Robert Sprague (R)

OHIO TREASURER OF STATE

- ☐ Seth Walsh (D)
☐ Jay Edwards (R)

STATE OF OHIO—U.S. SENATOR (UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING 1-3-2029)

- ☐ Sherrod Brown (D)
☐ William B. Redpath (L)
☐ Gregory Lee Levy (NP)
☐ Jon Husted (R)
☐ Write-in Candidate _____

8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT— FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

- ☐ Vanessa Enoch (D)
☐ Warren Davidson (R)

40TH HOUSE DISTRICT— FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- ☐ Timothy Hornbacker (D)
☐ Joshua Umbaugh (L)
☐ Rodney Creech (R)

45TH HOUSE DISTRICT— FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- ☐ Jayson Ameer Rasheed (D)
☐ Jennifer Gross (R)

46TH HOUSE DISTRICT— FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- ☐ Benjamin McCall (D)
☐ Thomas Hall (R)

47TH HOUSE DISTRICT— FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- ☐ Jordan Haire (D)
☐ Jason Purviance (L)
☐ Diane Mullins (R)

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER

- ☐ Mike Miller (D)
☐ Michael V. Ryan (R)

BUTLER COUNTY AUDITOR

- ☐ Amy Hines (D)
☐ Nancy Nix (R)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (FULL TERM COMMENCING 1-1-2027)

- ☐ Marilyn Zayas (D)
☐ Daniel Hawkins (R)

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (FULL TERM COMMENCING 1-2-2027)

- ☐ Jennifer Bruner (D)
☐ Colleen O'Donnell (R)

12TH COUNTY COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT—JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS (FULL TERM COMMENCING 1-1-2027)

- ☐ ~~Matthew Byrne~~ (R) *Withdrawn*
☐ Write-in Candidate _____

12TH COUNTY COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT—JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS (FULL TERM COMMENCING 2-9-2027)

- ☐ Robert Hendrickson (R)

BUTLER COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (FULL TERM COMMENCING 1-1-2027)

- ☐ Jennifer McElfresh (NP)

BUTLER COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (FULL TERM COMMENCING 1-3-2027)

- ☐ Daniel Haughey (NP)

BUTLER COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (FULL TERM COMMENCING 2-9-2027)

- ☐ Michael A. Oster, Jr. (NP)

BUTLER COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (JUVENILE DIVISION) (FULL TERM COMMENCING 1-2-2027)

- ☐ Erik D. Niehaus (NP)

BUTLER COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (PROBATE DIVISION) (FULL TERM COMMENCING 2-9-2027)

- ☐ John M. Holcomb (NP)

BALLOT ISSUES

ISSUE 3: STATE OF OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ENACT SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OHIO

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

ISSUE 6: BUTLER COUNTY RENEWAL MENTAL HEALTH TAX LEVY

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

ISSUE 7: CITY OF OXFORD CHARTER AMENDMENTS SECTIONS 2.12, 3.05, 4.01, 4.02(7), 9.07, AND 10.01

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

ISSUE 8: CITY OF OXFORD CHARTER AMENDMENT SECTIONS 2.11(4)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

ISSUE 13: HANOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

(D) = Democratic Party
(L) = Libertarian Party
(NP) = Nonpartisan
(R) = Republican Party

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