

Voter Guide: General Election 2022

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ASHTABULA COUNTY

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Election Day is November 8, 2022
Polls open from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Voters:

The League of Women Voters of Ashtabula County (LWVAC) believes that informed citizens are the basis of our democracy. By publishing this Voter Guide, we provide citizens with non-partisan, factual information on the local candidates for the fall general election.

Information for the guide was obtained from the following sources:

Federal, State and Local candidates were invited to participate in the League's VOTE411 online voter guide, answering multiple question covering relevant topics.

Judicial candidates were invited to participate in the Judicial Votes Count online voter guide, answering questions from the Judicial Votes Count non-partisan partnership.

Responses from candidates who met our submission deadlines have been reproduced here in their entirety and as submitted. All candidates are solely responsible for the content of their replies. Every effort has been made by the League to ensure accuracy and completeness.

For more information, please go to VOTE411.org and Judicialvotescount.com.

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Sincerely,
Mary Howe, President



GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES 2022 OHIO GOVERNOR

Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Ensures that all laws are executed, reports the condition of the state, and presents a proposed budget to the legislature.

NAN WHALEY VS MIKE DeWINE

NAN WHALEY (D)

Website: nanwhaley.com

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Education: BA, University of Dayton. MPA, Wright State University

Training and Experience: Former Mayor of Dayton, Former President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors



Q: What are the most pressing policy issues facing Ohio? What solutions will you promote?

A: The top issue of this election is abortion access. Mike DeWine has already signed a six week abortion ban, which is before most women know they're pregnant. We've already seen the results: terrible stories of 10 year old sexual assault survivors and cancers patients having to leave Ohio for necessary care. If DeWine is re-elected, abortion will be banned in Ohio. Doctors could be prosecuted and women's health records could be searched. As governor, I will block these awful attacks on women's rights, lead a ballot initiative to codify the protections of Roe v. Wade in the Ohio Constitution, and make Ohio a state that is actually welcoming to women and families. We also must do more to help working families. That's why I will fight to raise wages by investing in apprenticeship readiness programs and lower costs by cracking down on price gouging by drug companies and capping insulin costs at \$30 a month.

Q: How will you address challenges in the healthcare system?

A: My opponent made huge cuts to Medicaid even as Ohio was facing the COVID-19 pandemic. I will always stand up for health care access and protect Medicaid expansion in Ohio. We also must do more to get health care costs down - especially when it comes to prescription drugs - because no one should have to choose between keeping food on the table and paying for their medicine. I'll fight for legislation that will impose fines on pharmaceutical companies that unfairly raise the cost of prescription drugs and I'll work to cap the out-of-pocket monthly cost of insulin at \$30. Many states, including Kentucky, have taken this step, and there is no reason Ohio cannot join them.

Q: How would you assure free, fair and secure elections, and

that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?

A: Ohio voters overwhelmingly passed reforms to end partisan gerrymandering to make sure that voters are picking their politicians, not the other way around. Unfortunately Gov. Mike DeWine has put politics ahead of people and bluntly ignored the will of Ohio voters, breaking his promise to support a bipartisan redistricting process. He and his extremist allies have repeatedly passed unconstitutional, unfair maps that have been struck down by the Ohio Supreme Court. He should be ashamed of himself. Ohio deserves better. As Governor, I will work with Democrats and Republicans to draw fair, constitutional Congressional and Legislative districts. I'll always stand up for safe and secure elections and protect the bedrock principle of the right to vote.

Q: State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of women.

A: The fact is, Gov. DeWine and his extremist allies have stripped away a woman's rights to control her own body and imposed a government mandate that bans abortion. Within hours of Roe v. Wade being overturned, DeWine helped implement a six week abortion ban, which would outlaw nearly all abortions in Ohio. Unfortunately, it is only going to get worse if he is reelected: DeWine has promised to go as far as possible to ban abortion in Ohio. This is an economic issue as well: are young women going to want to stay in Ohio when pregnancy complications could lead to their death? Will businesses want to move here if they can't attract top talent? It is time that we take back our freedom in Ohio. As governor, I will lead a statewide ballot initiative to put the basic protections of Roe v. Wade into the Ohio constitution so that women and doctors are not criminalized for making their own private health care decisions.

Q: State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of LGBTQ individuals.

A: As the mayor of Dayton, I made our city a welcoming city. In fact, I officiated the very first legal same sex marriage in Ohio after the Obergefell decision. As governor, I will strive to make our entire state welcoming and will support our LGBTQ friends and neighbors - just as I did in Dayton. As governor, I will also advocate for passage of the Fairness Act, which will outlaw discrimination against LGBTQ individuals. Unfortunately, Gov. DeWine has spent years fighting against basic LGBTQ rights. He's shown that he can't be trusted on this issue. Four more years under DeWine will make Ohio a less welcoming place.

MIKE DEWINE (R)

NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

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CANDIDATES' MEET AND GREET

OCTOBER 12, 2022 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

HELD AT THE ASHTABULA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

This meet-and-greet event will be set up in an informal style, where each invited candidate will have a table and guests are able to approach each candidate at their own pace or interest. This style of meet and greet offers the chance for guests to speak to candidates one-on-one, ask specific questions or share thoughts, and get involved in a candidate's campaign if desired.

Invitations were sent to local candidates in the following races:

- 99th District State Representative
- 65th District State Representative
- County Commissioner
- County Auditor
- Western County Court Judge

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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.

DAVE YOST vs JEFFREY A. CROSSMAN

DAVE YOST (R)
NO RESPONSE as of September 28th
JEFF CROSSMAN (D)

Biographical Information:

- **Website:** crossmanforohio.com
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/CrossmanForOhio
- **Twitter:** @twitter.com/JeffaCrossman
- **Education:** JD from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; MA from the University of Akron
- **Training and Experience:** Two Term State Representative and Two Term Parma City Councilman



Q: What divisions (e.g. consumer protection, environment, civil rights, immigration) will you prioritize and why?
A: As Ohio's next Attorney General, my priorities will be defending the rights and freedoms of all Ohioans, helping our economy grow, protecting workers and ensuring people can retire with safety and security. My office will defend women's reproductive freedom and focus on protecting Ohioans' civil rights—truly guaranteeing Equal Protection under the law. We also intend to institute a section designated with the responsibility of rooting out the corruption that has plagued our state government and holding wrongdoers accountable, something that has not been done by our current AG who let the owners of ECOT and First Energy fleece Ohio taxpayers without holding anyone accountable.

Q: When is it appropriate to bring cases on behalf of the state to federal court?
A: Cases should be brought in Federal Court when it is necessary to protect and defend the rights of all Ohioans. Ohioans' tax dollars should not be used to bring cases merely to support a political agenda.

Q: As Ohio's chief law enforcement officer, how will you remain nonpartisan while representing the diverse interests of all Ohioans?
A: As Attorney General I will pursue cases that are in the interest of all Ohioans—not just the persons who agree with me politically. The current Attorney General joins lawsuits at the behest of RAGA (Republican Attorney Generals Association) without regard for whether all Ohioans benefit from these lawsuits. This is why Ohio has joined lawsuits to overturn the 2020 election and challenged the USDA's anti-discrimination policy for LGBTQ youth in the school lunch programs and other blatantly political lawsuits. This diverts attention and resources away from doing the people's work on issues such as consumer protection, public corruption, civil rights, etc.

Q: How will you use your role to impact the criminal justice system, including inequities?
A: As Attorney General I will use my powers to continue to pursue and prosecute malevolent actors while understanding that not every infraction of the law requires a strongest possible penalty. Too many people have been incarcerated for long periods of time for relatively minor nonviolent offenses and struggle to regain their footing in common society upon release from prison. I will also use the information available to the AG to assess differential sentencing outcomes and share this data with local prosecutors so they can be more informed while carrying out their duties. We can have a justice system in our state that continues to pursue bad actors to the full extent of the law without causing irreparable damage to the lives of decent people who may have made one mistake or committed a minor infraction.


Q: State your position on women's reproductive healthcare, pay equity, the ERA, and other rights.
A: Personal reproductive decisions should not be made by the government. Women deserve the freedom to determine what happens with their own bodies without the intrusion of the state, so I do not support Ohio's extreme bans on abortion which limit access to needed healthcare and attacks everyone's right to privacy. Women cannot be equal members of society if the ability to make decisions about their own bodies are dictated to by the government. The government should protect everyone's civil rights, which means supporting equality. Men and women deserve equal pay for equal work. It is incomprehensible that women in Ohio earn 21% less on average than their male counterparts and this disparity is worse for women of color. Supporting the ERA would provide additional guarantees that civil rights for women are protected by the Constitution. I support Congress passing a resolution to codify this amendment and I favor initiating litigation to adopt it as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Q: State your position on government oversight of gun ownership and safety.
A: The state needs to play a positive role in creating safe, secure, and healthy communities. This includes instituting policies and programs that promote firearm safety. While the Second Amendment confers rights of firearm ownership, we can and should promote best practices that ensure safety and reduce violence in our communities at the same time. Popular initiatives such as universal background checks, safe storage laws, and modest waiting periods are worthy for consideration to ensure bad actors who should not own firearms do not easily obtain them, that firearms are safely stored to minimize risk of injury, all while continuing to support law-abiding firearm ownership.

Q: State your position on the rights of LGBTQ individuals.
A: LGBTQ+ individuals are entitled to the same rights and privileges as every other citizen in the state. I have always viewed LGBTQ+ advocacy as a civil rights issue and I am committed to supporting LGBTQ+ citizens as equal members of our society. I have received an "A" rating from Equality Ohio, and I have received endorsements from organizations that advocate for Ohio's LGBTQ+ community. My opponent, however, cannot say the same. He received an "F" rating from Equality Ohio and has joined lawsuits undermining LGBTQ+ rights for Ohioans, including a lawsuit challenging anti-discrimination policies implemented by the USDA for its National School Lunch Program.


ELECTION ISSUES 2022

ASHTABULA COUNTY		November 8, 2022
ISSUES SHEET		GENERAL ELECTION
REV: 9-7-22		OFFICIAL
ISS #	AREA	INFORMATION
1	STATE ISSUE 1 - BAIL REFORM	DIRECTING OHIO COURTS ON SETTING BAIL AMOUNTS AND PROCE
2	STATE ISSUE 2 - QUALIFIED ELECTORS	MANDATING THAT ONLY US CITIZENS CAN VOTE IN STATE OR LOC,
3	ASHTABULA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY	REP - 1.25 MILLS - CURRENT EXPENSES - 10 YEARS
4	ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT	REN - 0.5 MILL - CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE - 5 YEARS
5	GENEVA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT	REN - 0.28 MILL - OPERATING EXPENSE + CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
6	JEFFERSON AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	REN - 4.5 MILLS - CURRENT EXPENSES - CPOT
7	JEFFERSON EMERGENCY RESCUE DISTRICT	REP - 3.5 MILLS - CONTINUED OPERATING EXPENSES -5 YEARS
8	CONNEAUT CITY	REP+INC - 4.75 MILLS - STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES - 5 YRS
9	GENEVA ON THE LAKE VILLAGE	REN - 0.9 MILL - ROADS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
10	ROAMING SHORES VILLAGE	REP+INC - 5 MILLS - POLICE - CPOT
11	ROCK CREEK VILLAGE	REN - 0.96 MILL - CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE - 5 YEARS
12	ROCK CREEK VILLAGE	REN - 1 MILL - CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE - 5 YEARS
13	ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (Excluding CITY)	REN - 0.5 MILL - RDS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
14	ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (Excluding CITY)	REN - 1 MILL - CEMETERIES - 5 YEARS
15	ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP (Excluding CITY)	REN - 2 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
16	AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP	REN - 2 MILLS - ROADS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
17	DORSET TOWNSHIP	REN - 1 MILL - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
18	HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP	REN - 1.5 MILLS - ROADS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
19	JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP (ex Village)	REN - 2 MILLS - FIRE AND EMS - 5 YRS
20	KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP	REP+INC - 1 MILL - CEMETERIES - 5 YEARS
21	NEW LYME TOWNSHIP	REN - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE AND EMS - 5 YRS
22	PIERPONT TOWNSHIP	REN - 2.5 MILLS - FIRE + AMBULANCE SERVICE - 5 YEARS
23	PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP	REN - 1.5 MILLS - ROADS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
24	RICHMOND TOWNSHIP	REN - 1.5 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
25	SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP	REN - 2.0 MILLS - FIRE + EMS - 5 YEARS
26	SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP	REN - 2.5 MILLS - ROADS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
27	TRUMBULL TOWNSHIP	REN - 3 MILLS - ROADS + BRIDGES - 5 YEARS
28	WINDSOR TOWNSHIP	ADD - 1 MILL - PARKS + RECREATIONAL PURPOSES - 5 YEARS
29	ASHTABULA CITY 4D	LIQUOR OPTION - SUNDAY SALES - CIRCLE K 5715
30	AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP 2	LIQUOR OPTION - SUNDAY SALES - KRIS R TETRICK
31+32	PIERPONT TOWNSHIP	LIQUOR OPTION - 5R Q1 AND Q2 - RED HAWKS' LANDING
33+34	WAYNE TOWNSHIP	LIQUOR OPTION - 5R Q1 AND Q2 - CENTERRA CO-OP



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OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE

Term: 4 years
Responsibilities: Oversees the election process in each of Ohio's 88 counties. Maintains records of corporations.

FRANK LaROSE vs CHELSEA CLARK vs TERPSEHORE MARAS

FRANK LAROSE (R)

Party: Republican
NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

CHELSEA CLARK (D)

Party: Democratic
NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

TERPSEHORE TORE MARAS

NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

TREASURER OF STATE

Term: 4 year
Responsibilities: Collects and safeguards most state taxes and fees, and manages Ohio's investment portfolio.

SCOTT SCHERTZER vs ROBERT SPRAGUE

SCOTT SCHERTZER (D)

Website: <http://scottschertzerforohio.com>
Facebook: [facebook.com/scott.schertzer.7](https://www.facebook.com/scott.schertzer.7)
Twitter: @schertzer4oh
Education: Bachelor of Secondary Education and Social Studies, University of Toledo
Training and Experience: Mayor of Marion since 2008, Marion City Council, 2000-2007



Q: What are the most important functions of the state treasurer and why?

A: The Treasurer oversees billions of dollars of taxpayer investments. The Treasurer has a designated seat on all five state retirement pension boards and can influence the activity of them. The Treasurer plays a key role in state economic development through the Link Deposit programs begun by former Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow. Had the current incumbent been exercising his fiscal duties, he should have been able to catch the wasteful spending and corruption rampant today in our state government.

Q: What are your goals for improving the function of the treasurer's office?

A: True accountability! The pension funds and investment funds, as well as the day to day functions of the office need a complete audit to ensure that taxpayer money is being protected and being used in the best way to help every Ohio citizen. I pledge to pinch every penny and be a true watchdog of the people's tax dollars!

Q: How can the treasurer's office influence state fiscal policy?

A: The Treasurer, through the various Link Deposit programs, as well as the decisions on how to invest the taxpayer's money, can have significant influence on the state's fiscal policies. Helping farmers and small businesses and minority businesses with access to low interest loans spurs growth and development throughout every corner of Ohio.

Q: How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finances?

A: I will order an outside, independent audit of every investment fund, as well as the day to day functions of Treasurer's office itself. I will also call for independent audits of each of the state's five pension funds and make the results of all of these audits available to the public! I will also, while Treasurer, travel across the state to hear from everyday Ohioans on how state government can better help them succeed! As Treasurer, I will call for an independent inspector general to be created to monitor all investments of taxpayer money to ensure true accountability and transparency!

Q: How will you use your position to improve fiscal literacy among Ohioans?

A: I will work with school districts across the state to help set up voluntary programs within high schools to teach students what they will need to know about finances and everyday fiscal policy before they have to experience it after graduation. I will also encourage and work with the State Board of Education to require curriculum that prepares students in the basics of financial decisions they will need to know as adults! My office will be available to answer questions of all taxpayers in order for them to make the best financial decisions for improvements in their daily lives.

ROBERT SPRAGUE (R)

NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

OHIO - STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - DISTRICT 9

Term: 4 years
The Ohio State Board of Education is composed of one (1) seat from each of eleven (11) districts, plus eight (8) seats appointed by the governor. Districts 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10 of the 11 elected seats will on the November 8, 2022 ballot.
Responsibilities: The 19-member board is responsible for overseeing the Ohio Department of Education and creates policy and makes recommendations for K-12 education in Ohio.

ROBERT R. FULTON vs JOHN P. HAGAN

ROBERT R. FULTON

Age: 75
Education: Graduate of Wickliffe High School, Lake County; Lake Erie College – Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in Curriculum Education. Post Graduate Studies for Educational Administration: Notre Dame College, St. John College–Cleveland.
Current Occupation: Educator–Teacher, grades K-12; Supervisor and Principal, K-12 Presently retired and a member of the Streetsboro School Board, Portage County.
Qualifications: Superintendent License, State of Ohio; Elementary Teacher license, Principal license K-8; Su-

pervisor license. Reasons for seeking this position: to help develop policy for equity funding; to provide incentives for corporations to stay and locate in Ohio; to reduce taxes; to protect our land and water, student internships could be developed.

Q: What efforts would you make to assure that the local and state taxes following students, in the form of EdChoice vouchers, results in quality education?

A: All students would be tested by national normed tests, as PSAT, ACT, or SAT. Teachers would have more input as to individual proficiency of a student.

Q: What is your own experience with public education as a student, parent, and/or educator?

A: 40 years - As a student–Cleveland Schools–Kindergarten. Wickliffe Public Schools, 1st-12th. Madison Local Schools: teacher, 4th grade. Union Local: principal, Title I (K-12) coordinator, K-8 reading teacher. Hillsdale Local, Jeromesville: K-8. Pickaway: 6th grade teacher, principal K-6. Bedford: K-12 teacher/principal; Crestview Local: K-4 principal, Title II coordinator. As a parent my 2 daughters went to public school and graduated from Kent State Univ. and Youngstown Univ.


Age: 67
Education: Marlinton High School Magna Cum Laude class of 1973. Kent State University School of Architecture attended.
Current Occupation: Owner-Operator Hagan Heating and Plumbing 1976 to present. District 9 Member State Board of Education 2019 to present.
Qualifications: Business owner 46 years. Married to Tina 45 years. Father of four, Grandfather of 11. Township Trustee 19 years. State Legislator 8 years. Member State Board of Education 4 years.

Q: What efforts would you make to assure that the local and state taxes following students, in the form of EdChoice vouchers, results in quality education?




A: Although it is impossible to assure the best outcomes, monitoring results and advising friends in the Legislature of needed changes is the best way to see that taxpayer expenditures bring about positive results.

Q: What is your own experience with public education as a student, parent, and/or educator?


A: I am the product of public education, attending Marlinton schools grades 1-12 and Kent State University. All of our children attended and graduated from Marlinton schools grades k-12. Public education served all of us very well, we are all well rounded productive members of society.




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SHARON L. KENNEDY VS JENNIFER BRUNNER

SHARON L. KENNEDY (R)

Biographical Information: judicialvotescount.org

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: Ohio Supreme Court Associate Justice 2012–Present; Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division Administrative Judge/Judge 1999–2012; Butler County Area Courts, Magistrate & Warrant Officer, 1995–1998



Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

A: Attorney at Law – General Practice, 1991–1998; effectively and successfully handled criminal, civil, juvenile, probate and domestic relations litigation and appellate matters. Butler County Juvenile Court: Warrant & Compliance Officer, 1996–1997. Special Counsel to Ohio Attorney General, Betty D. Montgomery 1995–1998. Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 38: Disciplinary Coun-

sel, 1991–1998. Butler County Court of Common Pleas: Director, Victim/Witness Division, 1989–1991. Law Clerk for the Honorable Matthew J. Crehan, Judge. Hamilton Police Department: Police Officer, Civil Assistant, 1985–1989

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

A: I am running for the Chief. The role of the Chief Justice is unique. The Chief manages the daily operations of the Supreme Court of Ohio while addressing the needs of Ohio's courts and setting the vision for the future. I am uniquely qualified to serve as Ohio's next Chief Justice. I have served Ohioans and their communities in the justice system for 37 years - from police officer, to attorney, to trial court judge, and now a Justice on the Ohio Supreme Court. During the last eight years of my service in the trial court I served as the administrative judge of the division performing the same executive tasks that a Chief Justice performs. Ensuring the timely resolution of cases, overseeing and managing the daily operation of the division and effectively resolving issues by working from the premise, "Would the people be better served?" While serving the legal needs of families and the less fortunate in private practice I partnered with the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division to teach life-skills to juveniles to break the cycle of recidivism. As a trial court judge I collaborated with Butler County Jobs and Family Services and implemented a jobs program to help break down the barriers and obstacles to those in need of gainful employment. I also facilitated the Abuse Neglect Improvement Project with the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division. And during tough economic times I formed and facilitated the Budget Workgroup and the Advisory Committee to the Budget Workgroup which developed sound fiscal policies for Butler County.

As an Associate Justice I have initiated "Lean Forward: Advancing the Treatment of Veterans Across Ohio" and annual statewide summit. Through that work I have educated sheriffs, judges, magistrates, and probation and parole officers about the treatment resources available for justice-involved veterans. And I have maintained an active speaking schedule talking to civic organizations and students about our tripartite system of government, the Ohio judicial system and how it affects our daily lives, gives audiences a look behind the scenes at the Ohio Supreme Court and discusses the common misperceptions of the Right of Free Speech. I also encourage young people to chase their American Dream by sharing her journey from police officer to Justice of the Supreme

Court of Ohio.

As Ohio's next Chief Justice I will continue my "Lean Forward" initiative and will collaborate with local judges, community leaders and the people who access the courts to address the needs of the people Ohio courts serve from the premise "would the people be better served". Foremost, is the need to timely resolve cases in the aftermath of COVID-19, strengthen and grow specialty courts, address criminal justice reforms while still protecting the safety of victims and communities, and help the people learn more about the judges who serve their communities.

JENNIFER BRUNNER (D)

Biographical Information: judicialvotescount.org

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court, since January 2, 2021, elected November 3, 2020 Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, November 30, 2014 – January 1, 2021, elected 2014, re-elected 2016, resigned 2021 to take seat on Ohio Supreme Court; Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court, December 1, 2000 – August 31, 2005; elected 2000, reelected 2002, resigned 2005 to run successfully for Ohio Secretary of State.



Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

A: I have 17 years private law practice experience representing clients in state trial and appellate courts throughout Ohio, the Ohio Supreme Court, federal courts in Ohio, state and federal agencies outside of Ohio and Ohio state and local administrative agencies. I have represented clients in and out of litigation regarding their business concerns, their public participation in matters such as initiative and referendum, nonprofit and campaign work and private individuals on personal matters. The practice of law is a calling and I value it for the service lawyers can provide to the public in furthering the effectiveness of the rule of law for all.

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

A: I'm running for Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court because justice matters for every Ohioan. Steady and principled leadership of the state's highest court is essential to helping Ohioans realize justice in their everyday lives. Ohio is a very diverse state with deep rural roots, storied urban communities and countless small and middle-sized towns and cities. I take seriously my responsibility as one of seven people elected to do justice for all the people of Ohio. I am grateful for what I've learned from Ohioans in my many years of service to them, working at three levels of the state's courts and as Ohio's first female secretary of state. Administrative and policy leadership of the court is not about an ideology of who should win and who should lose. It is about a belief and understanding that courts are only as effective as people believe them to be. Good judges and fair courts can lift the confidence Ohioans have in their judiciary. I know that courts can do good things for people; protect their health, safety and welfare with fairness, equality and respect. I am committed to doing this every day now and as Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. I am further committed to using the power of the court to help lift the vision of all judges to why we serve and the power we have to do good for all Ohioans.



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FULL TERM BEGINNING 1/1/2023

TERRI JAMISON vs PAT FISCHER

TERRI JAMISON (D)

Biographical Information:
judicialvotescount.org

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: I was elected in 2012 to serve on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations - Juvenile Branch. I began service on January 5, 2013, was re-elected in 2018, and resigned from that position on June 30, 2021. In total, I served on this court 8 1/2 years. I was elected to the Ohio Court of Appeals in 2020 and began service on July 1, 2021. I am currently one of eight judges on the court. I've been on the court for one year.

Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

A: I owned and managed a multi-line insurance agency for 16 years. In that capacity, I hired, trained, and developed staff, managed and reconciled receipts, negotiated contracts for office space, phone systems, computer equipment, and grew a book of business while maintaining quality. I have great people skills that translate into treating litigants with empathy, dignity and respect. I have active listening skills that developed from listening to potential clients to be sure that I was meeting their policy needs. I was an extern with the Civil Rights Section of the Attorney General's Office. In that capacity, I learned how to review a case file, prepare it for court, and prepare the discovery documents to illicit information. I have developed a critical eye and can do analysis of the law and facts. I was



a hearing officer intern for the Bureau of State Hearings and an intermittent hearing officer for Unemployment Compensation Review Commission. I heard administrative appeals and issued a decision within the 30 day timeline. I learned how to rule on objections, admit evidence, give the oath to take testimony, make findings of fact and conclusions of law, and judge credibility of witnesses.

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

A: I am seeking election to the Ohio Supreme Court for two fundamental reasons:

First, to preserve and strengthen the Court's Constitutionally granted status as an independent and co-equal branch of state government, and Second, to use my seat on the Supreme Court to ensure that the promise of "Equal Justice Under Law" becomes a reality for all Ohioans.

The importance of an independent Court has been demonstrated as a 4-3 majority defends democracy and upholds the express will of the people by deflecting attempts to unfairly gerrymander the state's General Assembly and Congressional districts. With the retirement of the Chief Justice, it is imperative that a fourth justice that believes strongly in democracy is elected to the court. The court is the keeper of the scales, the check and balance on other branches of government.

To convert "Equal Justice Under Law" from concept to reality, I will work hard every day to restore public trust in our legal system, to abide by and to hold others to the highest possible ethical standards, to dispense justice fairly and equitably, to strive to ensure that all persons have access to the courts and competent legal counsel, to set an example for jurists at every level of our court system, to take affirmative steps to eliminate burdensome costs, and unnecessary delays, and to ensure that every litigant is provided with a fair hearing and the opportunity to be heard.

PAT FISCHER (R)

NO RESPONSE as of September 28th.

TIPS FOR ELECTION DAY

CONFIRM YOUR POLLING LOCATION

Polling locations may have changed since last year and voters who have moved in the past 12 months may now have to vote in a new location. Voters can contact their local board of elections or visit www.Vote411.org to confirm the correct polling locations. Voters should also learn the hours when the polls are open so they do not arrive too early or too late to vote.

BRING VALID IDENTIFICATION

In addition to a current driver's license or state photo ID, voters may present a military ID, current U.S. or Ohio government ID, original or copy of a current bank statement, utility bill, government check or paycheck, or any other government document other than a notice of voter registration. In all cases, the address on the identification must match the address on the official list of registered voters. See more information at <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/id-requirements/>

CONFIRM REGISTRATION

Voters can confirm that they have registered to vote by contacting the board of elections or their website www.boe.ohio.gov, in advance of Election Day. Sometimes voters' names may not appear on the registration list when they arrive to vote, even if they previously registered. Poll workers can help voters who find themselves in such situations. But voters who want to avoid such hassles on Election Day can confirm their registration beforehand.

BE FAMILIAR WITH CANDIDATES AND ISSUES

Voting is a privilege and a responsibility, so voters should familiarize themselves with the candidates and issues on the ballot in the weeks leading up to Election Day. In addition to national and statewide candidates and issues, voters should learn about local issues that may have a more direct impact on their daily lives.

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U.S. SENATOR

Full Term Beginning 1/2/2023

PAT DeWINE vs MARILYN ZAYAS

PAT DEWINE (R)

NO RESPONSE as of September 28th.

MARILYN ZAYAS (D)

Biographical Information: judicialvotescount.org

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: Judge at Ohio's First District Court of Appeals, 2016 – Present

Judge by special assignment at Ohio's Second, Sixth, Tenth, and Eighth District Courts of Appeals, Judge by special assignment at Ohio's Supreme Court.

Ohio Supreme Court Board on Character & Fitness, Commissioner, December 2018-February 2022.

I have served our community as a judge at Ohio's First District Court of Appeals since 2016, when I was first elected, winning against an incumbent appointed by the governor. I am the first Latina elected to any Ohio appellate court. In 2018, I was re-elected by an overwhelming majority of over 60% of the voters. I have decided over 1,000 appeals throughout Ohio. Additionally, I have served by appointment of Ohio's Chief Justice on the Second, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth District Courts of Appeals and on a case at the Ohio Supreme Court. Never could I have dreamed as a girl growing up in tough New York City neighborhoods that I would have this opportunity. I moved to Ohio, my utopia, 34 years ago to work in technology with Procter & Gamble. With hard work, dedication, and mentorship, much can be achieved.

Q: What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

A: My background allows me to take an independent approach to each case, with a focus on maintaining integrity and impartiality. I advocated for clients for 20 years from all over the world and from all walks of life. Some were millionaires, some were impoverished. Most spoke English, some did not. Several were persons of color. I treated all of them with the utmost dignity and respect.



I litigated in both state and federal courts. I earned a reputation as an attorney who provides honest and zealous representation while navigating complex and extremely intricate cases. My legal career began as an intellectual property and labor and employment attorney. Later, I worked for the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office representing adults and juveniles who could not afford to hire an attorney. I founded my own legal practice which focused on immigration law. I was known as the go-to attorney for complex immigration cases. I handled cases involving foreign investors who were bringing new businesses to America, in addition to family visas and asylum, and a variety of immigration appeals in federal courts. I am very proud of the work I have done as an appellate judge. I clearly and concisely explain my decisions with the goal that those impacted are confident that their case was fully and fairly resolved. My decisions are detailed, well-analyzed, and rooted in the Constitution and the law.

Q: Why are you running for this particular seat?

A: I am running for the Ohio Supreme Court because you deserve a justice who will apply the law equally to all, regardless of circumstances or politics, and who has the courage to take on the challenging issues we are facing in Ohio, understands that a vibrant economy requires people who can realize their potential, and respects the civil liberties we expect, enjoy and are responsible for.

My vast and varied experience enables me to fully understand the complex legal issues we are currently facing. This comes from my experience as an appellate judge, 20 years of experience advocating for clients, career at Procter & Gamble as an IT Manager, and overcoming a tough childhood in New York City. In 2021, I was recognized by Good Morning America for my community contributions, including my work with students.

The issues my campaign is centered on are:

- Access and Accountability: I support a statewide publicly accessible sentencing database where anyone can review sentences across counties for similar offenses with similar circumstances. Additionally, I seek to expand specialty dockets that provide proven tools for success including mental health, drug, and veterans' courts.
- Advance resources that reduce the risk of wrongful convictions: This includes implementing the 2002 Ohio Supreme Court's Racial Fairness and Implementation Taskforce recommendation that all criminal defense attorneys receive formal training in the basics of criminal defense.
- Enlarge Student Programs: To foster understanding of our courts and inspire students to dream big regardless of the obstacles they face.

Term: 6 years

Responsibilities: Represents the people of Ohio and the U.S. in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

TIM RYAN vs JD VANCE

TIM RYAN (D)

NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

JD VANCE (R)

NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

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Term: 2 years
Responsibilities: To represent the people of Ohio, their district, and the United States in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

DAVID JOYCE vs MATT KILBOY

DAVID P. JOYCE (R)

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Education: University of Dayton and University of Dayton School of Law
Training & Experience: Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney & Public Defender, Incumbent Member of Congress

1. What is the most pressing policy issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote?
A: I am running for reelection based on my record of delivering results for the 14th Congressional District and northeast Ohio. Over the past few years, my top priorities in Congress have been strengthening our regional economy, protecting and preserving the Great Lakes for future generations, and combating the opioid crisis that continues to ravage communities in Ohio. I'm proud to report that we have made significant progress on each of these items. It is my fundamental belief that the best of America is yet to come. I work each and every day on behalf of my constituents to ensure that the federal government is assisting rather than impeding our nation's growth. Right now Ohio families are facing record increases in prices for just about everything. This level of inflation is hurting just about everyone whether they are filling their gas tank or buying groceries. Throughout my career, I have been a constant voice to cut unnecessary spending, grow our economy, and support American jobs

2. The pandemic has brought to light social and economic inequities. What role does the federal government have in alleviating such inequities?
NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

3. What steps should the federal government take to assure free, fair and secure elections, and that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?
NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

4. What is your position on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you will address climate change.
NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

5. How much federal influence should there be on what is taught in schools? Please be specific.
NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

6. Why are you the best candidate for this seat?
NO RESPONSE as of September 28th

MATT KILBOY (D)

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Training & Experience: Retired Naval Officer, Registered Nurse, Educator, Certified Athletic Trainer, Small Business Owner



Q: What is the most pressing policy issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote?
A: The single most important policy issue facing the federal government is preserving our Democracy. Over the past two decades, we have seen a steady decline in civil discourse in Congress. This has led to total gridlock in Congress because folks will no longer sit down to discuss the issues facing America and how to solve those issues. This incivility spread like wildfire through our country during the past Administration and has pit family members and neighbors against each other. This has got to stop. During my first few weeks in Congress, I am committed to shaking hands with all my colleagues and getting to know them. Instead of finger-pointing and playing the blame game, I will roll up my sleeves and get my hands dirty working with my colleagues to find solutions to our challenges.

Q: The pandemic has brought to light social and economic inequities. What role does the federal government have in alleviating such inequities?
A: The Federal government plays a crucial role in protecting the rights of all Americans. This is particularly true in state legislatures that are more apt to overreach, trampling on the rights of women and minorities. Congress must pass legislation that protects the rights of women to make their own choices regarding their health - we can

no longer rely on a precedent set by the Supreme Court. Congress must also pass legislation that protects the right to vote for all Americans and expands protections for sexual and gender minorities.

Q: What steps should the federal government take to assure free, fair and secure elections, and that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?
A: We must pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. This bill stops voting discrimination in its tracks and provides voters with tools to challenge discrimination when it happens. It increases transparency by requiring notice for changes to voting policies and rules, grants the Attorney General the authority to request the presence of federal observers where there is a threat of racial discrimination in voting, implements best practices, and requires federal approval for policies that impact the ability to cast a ballot or register to vote, the availability of language assistance, or redistricting. We must also pass the For the People Act to curb voter suppression and make it easier for all Americans to cast a ballot. It would outlaw gerrymandering of congressional districts, overhaul our campaign finance laws, combat corruption, and make federal campaign spending more transparent.

Q: What is your position on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you will address climate change.
A: The air we breathe, and the water we drink are precious resources we must protect at all costs. Without these resources, there is no life on our planet. I will fiercely pursue legislation that protects these resources. I will also sponsor and co-sponsor legislation that thrusts the United States to center stage as a role model for combating climate change. Again, if we do not do everything we can to protect our planet, there will be no planet for us to live on.

Q: How much federal influence should there be on what is taught in schools? Please be specific.
A: Every level of government should have a limited role in our education system. Government should establish standards for teachers and criteria for academic achievement and provide resources to public schools to ensure our students receive the best education possible. The actual topics taught should be determined through a collaborative process involving parents, students, teachers, and school administrators. A student in rural Deerfield, Ohio, should receive the same education quality that a student gets in urban Columbus, Ohio.

Q: Why are you the best candidate for this seat?
A: I have led a life of service to this country. First, I served as a nurse in the U.S. Navy and then worked as a civil servant in the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense. The same motivation that led me to be a nurse has led me to pursue being the next Congressperson for Ohio's 14th Congressional District – the overwhelming desire to help others. I am dedicated to serving my fellow Ohioans.

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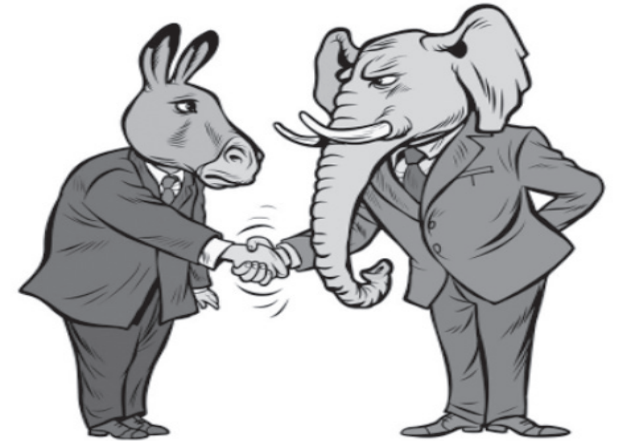
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Full term Commencing 2-9-2023

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THOMAS R. WRIGHT vs EUGENE A. LUCCI

THOMAS R. WRIGHT (D)

Biographical Information: judicialvotescount.org

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: I was an Acting Judge with the Trumbull County Eastern District Court over the course of several years where I would preside over the docket at the request of Judge Ronald J. Rice. I have served as a Judge with the Eleventh District Court of Appeals for the last twelve years.

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

A: I practiced for 17 years as a trial lawyer in both the civil and criminal arenas where my peers deemed my legal work to be outstanding.

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

A: I have served as your appellate judge for the last twelve years and would like to continue my service. My 15 years working with the appellate court as both a law clerk and judge are a benefit to the district. And over the last twelve years the lawyers within the district have consistently held me in high regard.

EUGENE A. LUCCI (R)

Biographical Information: judicialvotescount.org

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: JUDICIAL EMPLOYMENT Judge, Lake County Common Pleas Court, General Division, 2001-present; served as Presiding Judge of the court, 2009 and 2016, Administrative Judge of the court, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022; Technology Chair of the court, 2003-present; and Court House Security Chair, 2003-present Acting Judge, Municipal Court (Painesville & Mentor), 1988-2000 JUDICIAL TEACHING Judicial College Lecturer: public confidence in the judiciary, ethics and professionalism, the courts and media, science and law, court technology, and court and judicial security SPECIAL JUDICIAL EDUCATION Master of Judicial Studies

(M.J.S.) degree, University of Nevada, Reno, May 2012 Inaugural Science & Technology Fellow, Advanced Science & Technology Adjudication Resource certification (ASTAR), Washington DC, Oct 2006 Certificate in Judicial Development, General Jurisdiction Trial Skills, National Judicial College, 2004 JUDICIAL MEMBERSHIPS American Judges Association member, 2001-present; Board of Governors, 2013-present; Judicial Education Committee member since 2013, co-chair 2016-present; Court Security Committee member since 2013, chair 2017-present Ohio Judicial Conference member, 2001-present; Executive Committee member, 2005-present; Ohio Jury Instructions Editorial Board member, 2002-2007; Public Confidence & Community Outreach Committee, member since 2003; co-chair since 2005; Court Technology Committee member, 2012-present; Mentoring Program for New Judges mentor, 2002-present Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association member, 2001-present

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

A: ATTORNEY: Practicing trial attorney, 1980-2000; experience of trial practice in state and federal trial and appellate courts, in the areas of criminal, civil, domestic relations, probate, juvenile, and federal issues; Founding and senior member of law firm, McNamara, Lucci, Hanrahan & Loxterman, 1983-2000. POLICE OFFICER: Police Officer 1975-1982, and Sheriff's Detective 1994-2000; uniformed street patrol; investigations of homicides and assaults, rapes and sex offenses, robberies and burglaries, kidnappings and abductions, thefts and embezzlement, controlled substances, cyber-crime. TEACHER: Adjunct faculty – Lakeland Community College 1983-1998, 2008-present, subjects: criminal justice ethics, law office management, civil procedure, criminal procedure; Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certified instructor, 1983-present, subjects: laws of arrest, search and seizure, Ohio Revised Code criminal sections, semi-automatic pistol & re-qualification of peace officers; National Rifle Association of America certified pistol instructor, civilian concealed carry courses Mentor Police Department certified instructor, 1988-1989, Subjects: laws of arrest, search and seizure. AUTHOR: Co-author: "Ideology" or "Situation Sense"? An Experimental Investigation of Motivated Reasoning and Professional Judgment," 164 U. Pa. L. Rev. 349-439 (Jan. 2016); Author: "Who Owns the Beach of Lake Erie in Ohio," Master of Judicial Studies Thesis, May 2012; Author: "The Case for Allowing Jurors to Submit Written Questions," Judicature, Vol. 89, No. 1, July-August 2005; Author: "Judges and Concealed Carry of Handguns," The Ohio Judges Resource Manual, Chapter 7-4, Ohio Judicial Conference, June 2011-present; Many other lesser pieces for bar journals and newspapers.

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

A: None of the five judges currently on the Eleventh District Court of Appeals has any experience as an active-duty trial judge. No judge currently on the Eleventh District Court of Appeals has sentenced a criminal felon or presided over a felony or major jury trial. I have handled over 26,000 cases in the common pleas court, and have sentenced over 6,000 felony offenders, and conducted well over 300 jury trials. None of the current judges on the court of appeals have ever served as a police officer. I have done all of these things. Such experience and insight is invaluable to the function of an appellate judge in reviewing the work of police officers, trial attorneys, and trial judges. I have written extensively. My 47 years of experience as a police officer, teacher, author, trial attorney, and trial judge will fill this hole with an experienced jurist who will consistently and faithfully follow and apply the law.

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\$23,500

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You may return your absentee ballot to the Board of Elections by:

- **Mailing your ballot** to the Ashtabula County Board of Elections, 8 West Walnut Street, Jefferson, OH 44047. If mailed, absentee ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election in order to be counted. If you are returning your voted ballot by mail during the week before Election Day, you should take it to USPS no later than the day before Election Day and ensure it receives a postmark as follows:
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If you use postage stamps, ask that it be postmarked.
- **Hand-delivering** by you or a relative to the Board of Elections office before the close of the polls at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day
- **Placing it in the secure Drop off Box** outside of the Board of Elections before the close of the polls at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

2) Early In-Person Absentee Voting

You can cast your absentee ballot in person at your county board of elections or voting center as designated by the county. The deadline to vote in person at the Board of Elections is Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, at 2 p.m.

3) In Person in Election Day

- Polls are open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- You must cast your ballot at your designated polling location.
- Visit VoteOhio.gov to find your designated Election Day voting location.
- Remember to bring an acceptable form of identification to the polls on Election Day

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KATHY ZAPPITELLO vs
SARAH FOWLER ARTHUR

KATHY ZAPPITELLO (D)

Education: Bachelor Degree Kent State Ashtabula
Training & Experience: 20 years as library executive director, civic volunteer, and community leader.
Volunteer & Community Service: Association for Rural & Small Libraries, Conneaut Foundation, Rotary Club of Conneaut, Conneaut Education Foundation, Conneaut Chamber of Commerce, LEADERShip Ashtabula County,
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Q: How do you view our election system? What changes, if any, will you make?
A: I am a Librarian, so this experience is completely new to me. It is difficult to criticize or question process since I am in the middle of the storm so to speak. However, the map/district debacle is an embarrassing mess. Obviously, there is a more logical path to determine voting districts.

Q: What, if anything, will you do to ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?
A: I will be the voice of the voters. I will always work on behalf of the voters and elevate this voice and this message.

Q: State your position on women’s reproductive rights and health.
A: I am a Pro-Choice Ohio endorsed candidate

Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air and land.
A: Protecting the earth and its natural resources are a top priority for me and I will engage my constituents so that we can share information to better understand our impact on the earth.

Q: What legislation would you support or oppose to address gun safety?
A: We need to ensure the safety of our children and all residents of Ohio. We should not have laws that decrease training and other regulations to easily put guns in the hands of the untrained or unprepared. We can do better than that.

SARAH FOWLER ARTHUR (R)

Education: First homeschool graduate in the nation to serve on a State Board of Education • Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) cert
Training & Experience: Entrepreneur: SFIA Enterprises, LLC (2021-present); Badger Run Berries, LLC (2018-present); Sarah’s Eggs (1999-2012); Fowler Enterprises, Inc (2005-2020); Science & Futurism with Isaac Arthur (2020-present); Piano Teacher 2015-2020 & more!
Volunteer & Community Service: Ashtabula Ag Day, Farm Bureau member, ACYR, AREIA, Ashtabula Twp Assoc, The Ridge Nazarene Church, Licensed Foster Parent, Student Speech & Debate Judge (CCOO), Mya Women’s Center
Campaign Email: sarah@electsarahfowler.com
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Q: How do you view our election system? What changes, if any, will you make?
A: Fair and free elections are an essential part of the bedrock of our society! We have been entrusted with a system that ensures every eligible citizen has the right to vote and that their vote counts and matters. As a state legislator, I believe our role is to protect and preserve the integrity of our elections, to ensure every eligible individual is provided an opportunity to vote, and that their vote is counted. I am opposed to non-citizens being allowed to vote in our elections and voted yes to put State Issue 2 on the November 2022

ballot, allowing Ohio voters to decide if non-citizens should have the ability to vote in local elections or not. I am also a strong supporter of robust voter ID to prevent election fraud and protect every voter’s voice.

Q: What, if anything, will you do to ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?
A: The Ohio Constitutional Amendments chosen by Ohio Voters with overwhelming support for HOW new maps are to be drawn ARE being implemented, however, organizations (principally funded by out of state interests) seeking to circumvent the will of the people through judicial fiat and by legislating from the bench has seemingly resulted in the voter approved constitutional provisions dealing with map validity being entirely ignored. This is unacceptable! I think it is very important that we either have a 10 year map that both parties agree on, or a 4 year map if consensus cannot be reached, so that voters have consistent representation and know who their representatives are; while representatives have the ability to respond to the needs of their districts. Instability only creates confusion, lack of productivity, and unaccountability to the electorate which I find extremely problematic.

Q: State your position on women’s reproductive rights and health.
A: American women are more empowered than ever before to make personal decisions regarding their health and sexuality. We have access to unprecedented decision-making authority in our relationships, birth control methods, and in protecting and advocating for our personal health. I believe strongly in every person’s God-given, Constitutional Right to Life. Advancements in science and technology, along with access to personalized healthcare enable our civilization to protect the sacred lives of both mothers and unborn babies when debating and creating appropriate state legislation post the overturn of Roe-vs-Wade. Women also deserve to have decision making power when circumstances, especially when through no fault of their own, result in unplanned pregnancy. That is why I am sponsoring a bill requiring that women considering chemical abortion receive medical information about the procedure, long term impact, and the possibility of reversing it under the care of a qualified medical provider.

Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air and land.
A: Ashtabula and Geauga Counties are blessed with incredible natural resources including Lake Erie, abundant fresh water supplies, and many conservation areas and parks. Having grown up in Agriculture and as a small business owner, I understand the importance of stewarding these resources to ensure quality lives for ourselves and future generations. Adversely, over-bearing and punitive regulations can have a negative impact on preservation efforts. Balancing the needs of business and industry with common-sense stewardship are critical to ensuring our families and businesses thrive while protecting these valuable resources for future generations to enjoy as well. Preventing species-borne diseases by appropriate levels of hunting, fishing, and trapping ensure wildlife continue to thrive as well.

Q: What legislation would you support or oppose to address gun safety?
A: Our second amendment right to own and bear arms ensures every individual has a right to self-defense. For responsible, law abiding citizens, guns can be a force equalizer that help individuals protect and safe-guard their lives and families. This year, we passed legislation protecting law-abiding citizen’s right to carry a concealed firearm without a permit. We also passed training requirements for school personnel who may be authorized by their local school board to carry a concealed gun at school. Sadly, we have seen the national importance of ensuring a timely response to violent acts against our school children and often trained and armed school personnel or school resource officers can make a life-saving difference. At the same time, we have further equipped law enforcement officers to enforce the laws. I believe emphatically that public safety MUST be considered by a court when setting bail and voted to put Issue 1 on the ballot this November for voter’s voices to be heard.



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OHIO COURT OF APPEALS (11th DISTRICT)

Unexpired term ending 2-08-2025

The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts. Decisions are final except in cases involving Constitutional questions, cases of felony, cases in which it has original jurisdiction, and cases of public or great general interest.

More information about the candidate may be found at Judicial Votes Count: www.judicialvotescount.org

JOHN J. EKLUND

JOHN J. EKLUND (R)

Biographical Information: judicialvotescount.org

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: Judge, 11th District Ohio Court of Appeals July 1, 2021-present

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

A: 1) Over 40 years of experience in complex civil and criminal litigation in federal, state and local courts, administrative agencies and appellate courts

2) Almost 10 years of experience in the Ohio legislature has given me insights into the process of developing the Ohio Revised Code and its objectives that are uncommon among appellate judges

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

A: It is to fulfill a commitment to service that I made to myself when I accepted the Governor's appointment; I do not shirk commitments. It is the only service position that has the ability to restrain abuses of power by both of the other two constitutional branches of government, while at the same time protecting the inherent rights of the people; to do my part to burnish our system of justice. So I can use my legal expertise, my legislative experience and my position to perform what I believe is the most important responsibility of a public official - to establish, maintain or enhance the peoples' confidence in our system of government.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 65TH DISTRICT

Term: 2 years, commencing 1/2/2023 (Vote for not more than one)

There are 99 Representatives, one from each district, in the Ohio House

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

MIKE LOYCHIK vs JENNIFER DONNELLY

MIKE LOYCHIK (R)

NO RESPONSE as of September 28TH

JENNIFER DONNELLY

Biographical Info:

Occupation: Registered Vet Tech

Position You Are Seeking:

State representative district 65

Education: BSAS Criminal Justice; AAS Veterinary Technology

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/jendonnely65

Age: 36

Q: How do you view our election system? What changes, if any, will you make?



A: I believe our election system is generally fair, though I do think it would be more representative if the electoral votes were proportional to the votes of the people.

Q: What, if anything, will you do to ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?

A: I will support voter-approved redistricting reforms. It is ridiculous that Ohio just had to spend millions of dollars on a special election because the Ohio Redistricting Commission cannot submit district maps that can be ruled constitutional.

Q: State your position on women's reproductive rights and health.

A: Women deserve safe access to healthcare without government interference. Reproductive decisions should remain between a woman and their healthcare provider.

Q: State your position on efforts to protect our water, air and land.

A: I would support any efforts to protect our environment. We literally cannot survive without clean water, clean air and usable land to sustain us. Everyone should be concerned about the protection of these resources.

Q: What legislation would you support or oppose to address gun safety?

A: I would support measures to keep firearms out of the hands of those with a history of violence, including domestic violence, as well as more stringent background checks to facilitate those measures. I would also support more funding for mental health services and better security in schools to attempt to mitigate gun violence.

ISSUE 1: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE COURTS TO CONSIDER FACTORS LIKE PUBLIC SAFETY WHEN SETTING THE AMOUNT OF BAIL

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly To amend Section 9 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Require Ohio courts, when setting the amount of bail, to consider public safety, including the seriousness of the offense, as well as a person's criminal record, the likelihood a person will return to court, and any other factor the Ohio General Assembly may prescribe.
- Remove the requirement that procedures for establishing the amount and conditions of bail be determined by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

PROS

- Bail is about appearing for the person's court date according to the guidelines and the Supreme Court. This amendment ensures that courts, when setting bail, consider factors such as public safety, an individual's criminal record, and the severity of the offense committed.
- Courts can consider public safety, among other factors, when setting the financial conditions of bail rather than the longer process of denying bail completely.
- Puts cash bail and its conditions directly in the Ohio Constitution.
- Gives individual courts more discretion in determining cash bail.

CONS

- This amendment would no longer require the Ohio Supreme Court to establish consistent rules of bail, placing cash bail and its conditions directly in the Ohio Constitution.
- There is no substantial evidence that bail ensures public safety. But rather, it can worsen or create inequities.
- Bail allows some accused persons with enough money to be freed pretrial, while others without enough money remain incarcerated for the same or lesser crime.
- Cash bail may lead the accused in jail during pretrial to plead guilty in exchange for their freedom while awaiting trial.

ISSUE 2: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ALLOWING NON-ELECTORS TO VOTE

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly To amend Section 1 of Article V, Section 3 of Article X, and Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- * Require that only a citizen of the United States, who is at least 18 years of age and who has been a legal resident and registered voter for at least 30 days, can vote at any state or local election held in this state.
- * Prohibit local governments from allowing a person to vote in local elections if they are not legally qualified to vote in state elections.

If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.

A "yes" vote supports the proposed amendment.

A "no" vote opposes the proposed amendment.

[Note: Federal law does not allow noncitizens to vote in federal elections but it does not prohibit them from voting in local elections]

PROS

- This amendment would prevent the confusion for non-citizen legal residents voting in local elections.
- This amendment would protect non-citizens from adverse legal action in regard to voting.
- This amendment would prevent an increased administrative burden by creating a new system of voter registration for non-citizen legal residents in areas where this is enacted.
- Passing this initiative clarifies the intent of the Ohio Constitution in regard to citizenship and voting.

CONS

- This amendment prevents non-citizen legal residents from voting locally, which weakens community involvement and input in cities that allow it.
- Non-citizen legal residents are taxpayers members of our communities. This amendment prevents these residents from the right to vote provided to other taxpayers.
- This amendment weakens the ability of municipalities to govern themselves.
- This amendment eliminates the rights of 17-year old citizens (who will be 18 by election day) to vote in a primary election, as well as permanently makes the voter registration deadline 30 days prior to election day.

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COUNTY AUDITOR

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Vote for not more than 1

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

DAVID THOMAS vs BILL BUSKIRK

BILL BUSKIRK (D)

Biographical Info:

Occupation: Progressive Insurance
Position You Are Seeking: County Auditor
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Age: 49



Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: I think it is important for the Auditor to have an appropriate impartial and arm's length relationship with the other county elected officials in order to function correctly. The County Auditor should not be actively and publicly campaigning in support of policy decisions made by other county elected officials.

Q: What in your background qualifies you to serve as the Ashtabula County Auditor?

A: I have served 16 years on Geneva City Council including appointments to the Geneva Union Cemetery Board and the Northwest Ambulance District Board.

Q: What are the most pressing issues facing the Ashtabula County Auditor? What solutions would you recommend to solve these issues?

A: Although the position is a partisan elected position it is important that it operates with independence and restraint. Much like an umpire in baseball the Auditor should fairly and accurately call balls and strikes and make sure that the rules are followed.

Q: How does the position of Auditor help to shape the county's future?

A: The most important thing that the Auditor can do to shape the county's future is to confidence to all taxpayers that the office provides independent, timely and accurate information.

DAVID THOMAS (R)

Biographical Info:

Occupation: Ashtabula County Auditor
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Position You Are Seeking: County Auditor
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Campaign YouTube URL: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCldjLSjB5UY_yMPUoasmpQ
Age: 29



Q: Why are you running for this position?

A: I am running for re-election because I have fulfilled the promises I made to the voters in 2018- to lead with Accessibility, Transparency, and Customer Service. I want to ensure those values stay in your Auditor's Office and I will continue to deliver on these promises. At a time with so much uncertainty, it is important to keep the Auditor's Office working for you. Being Transparent and Accessible to the public has been at the forefront on my first term which has led to better service to you. Even those who may disagree with my Party affiliation will find it difficult to argue I have not fulfilled my promises of Accessibility, Transparency, and Customer Service.

Q: What in your background qualifies you to serve as the Ashtabula County Auditor?

A: Serving as County Auditor in my first time has allowed me to know what works, what doesn't, and take action to make many improvements and better services for taxpayers. My background in office displays that I have delivered on my promises, am engaged and energetic with the work needing to be done, and am always looking at how we can better serve our residents. Now is not the time for absent or reserved Office Holders but rather active and engaged leaders. My first term has displayed how involved and present your Auditor's Office should be in important issues.

Q: What are the most pressing issues facing the Ashtabula County Auditor? What solutions would you recommend to solve these issues?

A: With the current housing boom, real estate values are increasing at large rates. With an update year happening in 2023, successfully completing that process impacting every resident will be crucial. Also, marketing and educating our taxpayers on this impact is just as important. Our 2020 Revaluation was the most Transparent Revaluation in Ashtabula County with mailed postcards for the first time, online data and complaint opportunities, constant updates to residents, and an easy process to appeal values. Having the leadership in place which can do this and more next year is vital.

Q: How does the position of Auditor help to shape the county's future?

A: The Auditor is the information hub for the County. This is why I ran in 2018- we need good information shared right. Our office touches every department, every local government, and every resident daily. This is why the role of Auditor is so valuable in ensuring taxpayers are being educated and contacted, and local governments are being assisted. Daily I speak with other local officials or even state officials about our office and what we are doing in conjunction with them to benefit the County. I believe this priority of communication, planning, and forward thinking is helpful and needed in today's day and age.

HOURS FOR IN-PERSON VOTING FOR THE NOV. 8th GENERAL ELECTION

Starting Wednesday, Oct. 12, the Board of Elections office will be open as follows:

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https://courts.co.ashtabula.oh.us/western_county_court.htm

MICHELLE M. FISHER vs CASEY O'BRIEN

MICHELLE FISHER

Biographical Info: judicialvotescount.org

Questions:

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: Magistrate: Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas (2018-2021)

Judge: Western County Court, Geneva, Ohio (2021- Present)

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

A: I was raised on a farm and have worked every day since the age of 7. That work ethic has made me dedicated to my career and someone who knows the importance of working hard, even at the small things. For many years, I ran a successful law firm right here in Ashtabula County. I apply the skills I learned from that business and my accounting degree to evaluating the Court's processes and procedures to make them as efficient and effective as possible. Through my community involvement and representing clients, I honed my ability to communicate effectively with those whom I interact with. In my law practice, I represented hundreds of people in this community with their legal problems-big and small.

Practicing primarily in Ashtabula County made me keenly aware of the problems we face locally with those involved in the justice system. I have experience as an attorney representing individuals on everything from preparing a simple will through murder cases. Their legal issue was important to each of them, no matter the relative size of their problem. I bring the compassion and legal knowledge that I learned in representing clients to the bench, and I recognize that each individual case is important to those involved. I make every attempt as a judge to treat people fairly, with compassion, and to explain my decisions so that all who interact with my Court feel that their concerns have been heard and that justice has been served.

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

A: I am running to continue to serve as your Western County Court Judge because I believe there is no substitute for judicial experience. I believe the Court needs a judge that has a proven track record and is dedicated to the bench full-time. As a magistrate I gained experience deciding cases and learned docket management and court administration skills under the supervision of a judge. I have continued to develop those skills and have managed a docket of over 4,000 cases in my time as judge of Western County Court.



The county and municipal courts serve as a form of triage for the justice system. We have a significant volume of cases and as the judge, I have the responsibility for determining what type and degree of the available resources are needed for each case.

My education, legal experience, and judicial experience here in Ashtabula County have given me the skills to identify the problems and match them to the degree of resources needed for effective resolution of the issues.

I value the input of those before the Court and treat them with compassion and understanding. I have continued to develop my ability to do this over the past four years as a judge and magistrate. I educate school students about courts and regularly meet with community stakeholders to address the issues seen in our courts.

I hope to continue to demonstrate my commitment to these ideals as your Western County Court Judge.

CASEY O'BRIEN

Biographical Info: judicialvotescount.org

Q: List your judicial experience (courts and years)

A: Chardon Municipal Court - Part time Magistrate 2005-2207

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

A: For 22 years I have been a partner with Ibold and O'Brien (formerly Petersen & Ibold) in Chardon Ohio, a general practice law firm, where I practice in the areas of personal injury, real estate, small business, collections, estate planning/probate, criminal defense and general litigation. I practice throughout Ohio and have been named an Ohio Super Lawyer, a "10 Best" Personal Injury Attorney and am listed in the Global Directory of Who's Who as a Top Lawyer. I am a member of the Ohio State, Ashtabula and Geauga County bar associations, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Order of Barristers following my national final appearance on behalf of the Cleveland Marshall College of Law Moot Court Program. I have experience in the Real Estate/Title industry and have clerked for both the Lake County Prosecutor's office and one of Cleveland's largest firms - Arter & Hadden - nka Tucker Ellis. I am authorized to practice in all Ohio Courts, the United States District Court - Northern District of Ohio and the United States Tax Court.

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

A: I have a wealth of knowledge and experiences which, along with my civil volunteer positions, have given me the ability to not only see both sides of most disputes, but to observe the impact that the Ashtabula Western County Court has on the everyday life for the citizens of Ashtabula County. I have practiced in just about every Court in Northeast Ohio which has provided me with a unique view of the wide array of differences between the citizens, businesses, civic organizations and governmental entities throughout Ashtabula County. It is these experiences, along with my core legal training under some of the best professors, attorneys and Judges in Northeast Ohio that have prepared me for this position. I believe the Ashtabula Western County Court would be well served with the input of someone with my life experience and training in order to carry out the important tasks of the Western County Court.



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BILLY JOHNSON vs CASEY KOZLOWSKI

BILLY JOHNSON (I)

Occupation: Retired
Position You Are Seeking: Commissioner
Education: 1968 Graduate of St. John High School Ashtabula, Ohio 1970-1976 Member of Ohio National Guard attending non-commissioned officers
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Age: 73



Q: Why are you running for this position?
A: I believe there is a need for an independent voice concerning the major issues currently facing the citizens of Ashtabula County. The important decisions that need to be made should not be clouded by party politics. Rather, the focus should be on what's in the best interest of ALL our counties residents and businesses moving forward.

Q: What in your background qualifies you to serve as an Ashtabula County Commissioner?
A: In my 28 years as sheriff (7 terms), I worked hand in hand with many of our counties commissioners and department heads. My responsibilities included preparing and operating under my office's multi-million dollar budgets. I helped in the organization and implementation of our counties 911, central dispatch and MARCS radio systems. In my position as sheriff I gained firsthand knowledge of the many important issues within our county.

Q: What are the most pressing issues facing the Ashtabula County Commissioners? What solutions would you recommend to solve these issues?
A: The mandated upgrade and/or replacement of our county jail and the future of The Lodge at Geneva on the Lake. The jail situation, millions of taxpayer dollars from the American Rescue Plan have sat under-utilized when they could be applied towards the cost of refurbishing and expansion of the current facility or towards construction of a new one. Thus lessening the burden on local taxpayers. The Lodge has proven itself to be profitable. Adding up, the transfer tax, bed tax, local contributions and the income, result in all payments and bond obligations being met with a profit that increases each year. If relinquishing control of the lodge is such a great idea, why the hold up? Taxpayers will be left to pay contracts obligations in place.

Q: What quality of life issues do you think the Commissioners should address?
A: One of the goals of Ashtabula County's commissioners should be to seek out and apply for every economic grant and program available to help raise up the quality of life for all. Always exploring possible incentives that can be offered to attract and retain job and business growth. The investment in upgrading and improving the counties infrastructure and services with monies that have been made available would be of benefit to all our residents.

Q: How do you view Ashtabula County's criminal justice system? What changes would you make?
A: Having been directly involved in the county's criminal justice system throughout my career in law enforcement I have witnessed first-hand the hard work and dedication of the majority of the professionals in our county justice system. Together as a community we can voice our approval or disapproval of the job done by our judicial members at the ballot box.

CASEY KOZLOWSKI (R)

Occupation: Ashtabula County Commissioner
Position You Are Seeking: Ashtabula County Commissioner
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Age: 35



Q: Why are you running for this position?
A: During my tenure, I feel that we have made great progress in Ashtabula County with a considerable amount of momentum underway in our community while understanding we have more to do. That is why I am seeking re-election. I want to build off my successes which have including restoring the county's recycling program, finalizing the county's new 911/Dispatch Center, fiscally conservative budgeting that led to an increase in the county's bond rating, economic development work, the transition of the County Public Defender's office to a publicly accountable agency with a soon to be state paid building. As well as several transparency efforts such as placing the county's checkbook online, evening commissioner meetings and a newsletter/column.

Q: What in your background qualifies you to serve as an Ashtabula County Commissioner?
A: My background makes me uniquely qualified to serve as your Ashtabula County Commissioner. First and foremost, I have had the good fortunate serving as your County Commissioner for the last 8 years. Prior to that I served in the state legislature and as a member of the Pymatuning Valley Board of Education. I feel those positions certainly helped prepare me for the position I am in today while most certainly using my state legislative experience to our county's benefit. In addition, having come from a family that owned small businesses I always recognized that by working hard you can accomplish things and that is the passion I bring to this position each and every day and will continue to do so if re-elected.

Q: What are the most pressing issues facing the Ashtabula County Commissioners? What solutions would you recommend to solve these issues?
A: The most pressing issues facing the Ashtabula County Commissioners I would say are economic development, maintaining proper budgeting and also improving quality of life for our residents. I'm very passionate about economic development and that is an issue that I have worked hard on during my tenure. The results speak for themselves in terms of the economic progress that we have made during the last 8 years. Multiple company expansions along with new business and industry coming to our county. Also, it's vitally important to support commissioners that maintain a fiscally conservative approach when allocating the county's general fund dollars and finally tackling efforts to better the quality of life for our county residents.

Q: What quality of life issues do you think the Commissioners should address?
A: Enhancing our outdoor space for our residents to enjoy is an important issue to work on. I'd also like to further enhance our lakeshore for development and also offer up more development of our lake with many on water activities that are widely enjoyed by those in the western basin of Lake Erie. It's also important to work on issues for our aging population while enhancing our services for senior citizens to ensure that have the resources they need to succeed in their golden years. And finally it's important for our residents to feel safe and that means we must address the issue of inadequate jail and programming space so that we are addressing those community needs and people are held responsible and accountable for criminal acts.

Q: How do you view Ashtabula County's criminal justice system? What changes would you make?
A: I believe the one issue that plagues our county is the dire situation with our county jail. We don't have sufficient space and we are under strict guidelines from the State that we are unable to meet. It's important for us to have a functioning jail because those that commit criminal acts must be held accountable for those actions and I fear that we are unable to adequately do that in our county because we don't have those resources. That issue must be address. Also, we need to ensure that law enforcement are supported and given the tools necessary to succeed which I have strived to do during my tenure as county commissioner.



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KEITH FABER (R)

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TAYLOR SAPPINGTON (D)

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Education: Bachelor's from Ohio University



1. What are the most important functions of the state auditor?

A: The State Auditor is the best defense for Ohioans and their dollars. As City Auditor for my Appalachian town of Nelsonville, I stood tall against corruption, busting up a large theft scheme just two months on the job. After the IRS and State levied over \$420,000 in penalties and fines against the City due to this scheme, I took these large agencies on and earned a near 100% forgiveness of the debts. Next up, the census, which was riddled with flawed leadership and confusing guidelines from the top, attempted to downgrade Nelsonville from a city to a village. This change would have cost us funding sources and our union collective bargaining agreements. I led a community-wide effort that brought all walks of life together to recount the city door-to-door and successfully stave off village status. We saved the city. We deserve new, dedicated, young leadership in Ohio that is unafraid to take on the crooks and safeguard our money. That's exactly what I've done and exactly

what I'll do.

2. What is the auditor's role in investigating online and brick-and-mortar charter schools?

A: The Auditor has a real and credible role in investigating anything and everything relating to our tax dollars. There should be nowhere our watchdog is afraid to look and that is the attitude I have in my approach. Education is the single most important bedrock of our society and country. Therefore I would have a dual role of both supporting education's advances, while going after bad actors who are trying to take advantage. As Auditor, I will work relentlessly to ensure that our money is being spent wisely and effectively in all educational settings. This includes performance and financial audits of charters to ensure that online settings are working for students as strongly as brick and mortar settings. It also involves finding out where our tax money went in the state's emergency takeovers in East Cleveland, Youngstown, and elsewhere. I will find out why these are taking so long, where our money is going, and how they are performing. We deserve at least this. Our localities who already face a mountain of other unfunded mandates.

3. What will you do to ensure that public funds are not misused?

A: Far too often, candidates for higher office talk about what they will do with no intention of following through. In many ways, we have seen this play out with our current leadership. Corruption scandal after scandal has come down the pipeline, exposing a deep swamp in Columbus and State Government leadership. But who has been caught and sent to jail? What has been done at all to examine our utility rates, the bribery scandals, or state contracting process? The answer is nothing. While nothing was being done on these issues, I worked hard at the local level to expose a deep culture of corruption and theft at City Hall. Next, we took on some of the strongest agencies in the world and won. I was unafraid then and now. Our Auditor must be active, aggressive, and know the difference between right and wrong. On day one, I'll begin reorganizations and examinations to ensure that Ohio is no longer a safe haven for crooked leadership.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER OF ASHTABULA COUNTY HISTORY

On October 21, 1968, Gail Graham, wife of the Episcopal minister in Jefferson and a member-at-large of the League of Women Voters and Esther Buchan Blevins, a fifteen year member of the Geauga County League, met in Jefferson and agreed to start a League in Ashtabula County. The five Charter Members necessary to start the League were: Gail Graham, President; Matilda Obernyer, Julia Waters, Judith Weir and Esther Blevins.

Know Your County (required for full membership in the League of Women Voters) was the first local study completed by the group. After three years as a provisional League, the Ashtabula County League was fully recognized in January of 1972. Local President at the time was Jane Ailey.

The first League Candidates' Night in Ashtabula County was held in October 1972, at Kent State co-sponsored by AAUW and the Chamber of Commerce. The Directory of Health Services for Ashtabula County Residents was published in May 1974 as the result of a two-year study.

Some of the topics studied during the League's early days were: water pollution, the Electoral College, housing in Ashtabula County, the Ohio Constitution, U.S. policy towards China, public education finance, welfare reform and Congressional representation for the District of Columbia.

Early projects included a local study on juvenile justice that was instrumental in the building of the present facility. In 1990, the Ashtabula League received a \$7,500 grant from the LWVUS Education Fund to start an after school child care project in conjunction with the Ashtabula Area City Schools.

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OBSERVER:
THINGS TO KNOW

Election observers are appointed by political parties, groups of candidates, or issue committees to observe the conduct of the election. That role is important and can help ensure accountability, but it also requires observers to refrain from interfering in the voting process. It is imperative that as an appointed observer you maintain a high level of respect for the voters, the elections process and election officials.

- No more than one observer may be appointed to an early vote center or Election Day precinct by an appointing authority.
- Observers are allowed to be in the polling location within certain prescribed times before, during, and after voting is complete.

- Observers must not interfere with election officials or poll workers doing their jobs or otherwise slow down the operation of the polling location, board of elections, or early vote center, nor may they interact with voters in a manner that interferes with or disrupts an election.

- There are two forms that must be completed for each of the six types of observers -- a notice and certificate of appointment. These forms can be found at OhioSoS.gov.

- All observers (except recount observers) must be qualified electors in the State of Ohio. However, observers do not need to be registered to vote in the particular county where they are appointed to observe.

- Uniformed officers or political candidates cannot serve as observers.

Every observer is required to take an oath prior to observing. The oath is prescribed by law as follows:

“You do solemnly swear that you will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties as an official observer, assigned by law; that you will not cause any delay to persons offering to vote; and/or that you will not disclose or communicate to any person how any elector has voted at such election.”

The role of observers is limited to observing the proceedings of an election. Accordingly, while observers are permitted to watch and inspect, observers are NEVER permitted to handle any election materials.

Observers are permitted to move freely about the polling location or any area where ballots are being cast, processed, counted, or recounted at a board of elections office, as applicable, to the extent that they do not engage in any prohibited activity.

Observers may not enforce the law or advocate on behalf of voters. However, they may leave the voting area to contact the county board of elections to and share their concern.

Observers may NOT use any electronic or communication device or any recording device in any manner that impedes, interferes with, or disrupts an election, or in any way intimidates a voter, or risks violating the secrecy of the ballot or voter privacy. This includes taking pictures, video, and recording audio.

Observers using a cell

phone or other communication device to discuss the election or a perceived problem with the administration of the election may NOT do so inside a polling location.

Although observers may freely move about the location at which they are observing, certain behavior is prohibited, including:

- Engaging in any kind of election campaigning;
- Hindering or delaying an elector in reaching or leaving the polling location;
- Impeding, interfering with, or disrupting the election in some manner;
- Intimidating, harassing, or attempting to influence voters or precinct election officials;
- Carrying a firearm or other deadly weapon; or
- Violating the secrecy of the ballot or the privacy of voters.

Again, observers may not serve as enforcers of the laws nor act as advocates for voters before the precinct election officials.

Precinct election officials must enforce the peace and good order in and about the polling location and are responsible for protecting official observers against being bothered or harmed while observing election processes.

Ohio law provides that election officials have a responsibility to remove observers from their posts for various reasons including behavior that interferes with, impedes, or disrupts an election.

Ohio Secretary of State, n.d., Being an Election Observer: Things to Know. (sos.state.oh.us).



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