

## 2017 Voter Guide Questionnaire for Candidate for Local Offices

OFFICE: Poland Village Council

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### EDUCATION:

B.A. Barnard College, Columbia University, 1982,

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### OCCUPATION:

- Grant Writer/Drafting Support Youngstown CityScape

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:

- Magistrate, Cleveland Municipal Court, Housing Division 1998-2005
- Personal Bailiff, Judge Raymond Pianka, Housing Division 1996-1998
- Assistant Director of Law, Code & Environmental Enforcement, City of Cleveland 1991-1995

Questions for Voter Guides: [Your answer may not exceed 150 Words total. Words over the limit will be cut off, even if midsentence.] What are the most serious problems facing your office and what are your solutions to those problems?

I believe there are challenges facing Poland Village Council related to both Council's functions (street repair, safety, revenue generation) and process (how the Council performs its functions and serves its constituents). The Council's *functional* challenges require our combined efforts at careful budget management and the exploration of external funding sources for our community's projects. I want our Council to focus on keeping Poland Village safe, clean, livable and drivable. I believe that Council's *process* issues can be addressed by providing greater transparency and more open communication with constituents. Examples include using online and paper surveys to gather public input on issues, developing a stronger online presence where committee/board meeting place/times and minutes are regularly posted with links to various Board websites, and making better use of social media as a way for the community to provide additional input.