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For Mahoning County Voters

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VOTING OPTIONS

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Early In-Person: Begins OCTOBER 6 AT MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

Schedule:

T-F 10/6 – 10/9 8am-5pm	M-F 10/26 – 10/30 8am-7pm
M-F 10/12 – 10/16 8am-5pm	Sat 10/31 8-4 pm
M-F 10/19 – 10/23 8am-6pm	Sun 11/1 1-5 pm
Sat 10/24 8am-4pm	Mon 11/2 8-2pm
Sun 10/25 1pm-5pm	

In-Person on ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3:
Polls open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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- (D) Democrat
 (R) Republican
 (L) Libertarian
 (I) Independent

** All judicial candidates run as non-partisan in general elections

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D)
 Vice-President
 Kamala Harris

Donald J. Trump (R)
 Vice-President
 Michael R. Pence

Howie Hawkins (I)
 Vice-President
 Angela Walker

Jo Jorgensen (L)
 Vice-President
 Spike Cohen

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court**

Responsibilities: Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions. The Supreme Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S. Constitution, statutes, or treaties.

Salary: \$175,214

Term: 6 years

Term Beginning 1/1/2021

Sharon L. Kennedy

No information received

John O'Donnell

No information received

Term beginning 1/2/2021

Jennifer Brunner

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<https://www.facebook.com/BrunnerCommittee/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Justice-for-the-People-Judge-Jennifer-Brunner-for-Ohio-Supreme-Court-101751074823700/>

<https://twitter.com/JenniferBrunner>

<https://www.instagram.com/jenniferlbrunner/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jennifer-brunner-7584153>

Occupation: Judge, Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals

Education: J.D. Capital University Law School, Order of the Curia; B.S. Sociology-Gerontology, Miami University, Cum Laude

Work Experience: Court of Appeals Judge since 2014; 17 years private law practice, during period of 1987 through 2014 when not in elected public service (founded what was initially home-based law firm in 1988 with 3 small children at home); USAID Rule of Law Expert for 4 engagements in Republic of Serbia on Judicial Reform and Government Accountability (anti-corruption) and 1 engagement in Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, all during period of 2012-2015; International Election Observer in Arab Republic of Egypt for 3 engagements in 2014-2015; Secretary of State of Ohio 2007-2011 (first female elected); Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge 2000-2005; Ohio Secretary of State's office deputy director and legal counsel 1983-1987; Ohio Senate legislative aide and committee secretary 1978-1981, Member of 5 state/local boards: Ohio Student Loan Commission early 1990's, Franklin County Board of Elections 1997; Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission 2011-2012; Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist Board 2012-2014; Central Ohio Transit Authority

Family: Married since 1978 to attorney Rick L. Brunner from Columbiana County, Ohio, 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren with another on the way; 2 rescue dogs

Affiliations: 2008 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award Recipient for work as Ohio's 52nd Secretary of State – <https://www.jfklibrary.org/events-and-awards/profile-in-courage-award/award-recipients/jennifer-brunner-2008>; current Board Chair, The Legacy Fund of the Columbus Foundation, supporting central Ohio LGBTQ+ nonprofit organizations; former board member of Cleveland-based Center for Community Solutions (research and advocacy on health policy) 2012-2019; American, Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations; American Judges Association; Oxfam Sisters of the Planet Ambassador; Member of US Global Leadership Coalition Ohio Advisory Committee; religious affiliations: Catholic and United Church of Christ (protestant)

Endorsements: Cleveland Construction and Building Trades Council; SEIU Local 11199; Communication Workers of America District 4; Ohio Federation of Teachers

Bar Association Ratings: 2002 Highly Recommended – http://www.cbalaw.org/cba_prod/files/polls/2002%20Judiciary%20Committee%20Findings.pdf;

2014 Highly Recommended – http://www.cbalaw.org/cba_prod/files/polls/2014%20Judiciary%20Committee%20Findings.pdf

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)

Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, elected 2014, reelected without opposition 2016

- Serve as one of eight judges in jurisdiction of 1.2 million people reviewing cases filed as of right from lower courts at county and municipal level (civil and felony and misdemeanor cases, probate, family law and administrative law), state court of claims cases, administrative law decisions and holding original jurisdiction in government-related cases.

- Participate in three-judge panels that hear oral arguments on cases fully briefed and prepared for review.

- Manage team of staff attorneys and paralegal in review of records and drafting and review of decisions.

- Confer with other appellate judges on cases presented for oral argument and written decisions following oral arguments.

- Sit as visiting judge on the Ohio Supreme Court and in other courts of appeals.

- Participate in state appellate judge training and information exchange.

- Research and draft decisions on appeals.

- Serve on court Personnel Committee.

- Central Ohio Association for Justice George E. Tyack Judicial Excellence Award for performance as appellate judge, May 2016.

- Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court, elected 2000, reelected 2002

- Managed regular docket of at least 500 civil cases and 125 criminal cases at any time pending.

- Eliminated docket backlog from 991 cases to 713 cases in one year.

- Conducted trials including three judge panel death penalty trial, criminal trials for aggravated murder, rape, felonious assault, complicity to felonious assault, robbery, burglary, and theft, and civil trials including age discrimination, premises liability (slip and fall), auto accident and medical malpractice.

- Implemented procedures for jurors to ask questions in trials; affirmed by Ohio Supreme Court with statewide procedures modeled after those challenged and affirmed.

- Working within court and with community mental health and substance abuse service providers, established and presided over the TIES (Treatment is Essential to Success) Program, a felony drug court specialized docket, providing for intensive probation of persons whose substance abuse or substance abuse co-occurring with mental illness has contributed to their commission of nonviolent felonies; this specialized docket is still in operation today.

- Supervised 45 probationers in TIES program and supervised activities of TIES Program coordinator, while maintaining regular docket.

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- Collaborated with TIES program service providers across disciplines, including assisting with cross-training for better cooperation; advocate of collaboration for best planning, execution and results, including acceptance by affected populations.
- Presided over cases involving administrative appeals of state agency decisions, including appeals of ballot issue challenges.
- Served on following court committees: Court Personnel Committee, Court Technology Committee, New Judges Committee, Grants Review Committee, Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defendants Committee.
- Taught probation officers of the court and lawyers involved with the Ohio State Bar Foundation curriculum on poverty and working with people in poverty to help them succeed.
- Adjunct professor for graduate law enforcement program for Tiffin University, a private Ohio University, teaching law and ethics for law enforcement officers and for undergraduate law enforcement program, constitutional law for law enforcement

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

My 17 years private practice experience with people from all walks of life has helped me better understand how the law affects people, in a wide variety of life situations. To be a lawyer is a calling to serve society and to uphold and protect the rule of law. I have worked for clients ranging from economically disadvantaged single mothers to one who was running for president (Jerry Brown in 1992).

My private law practice experience includes trial and appellate work for clients in common pleas courts in Franklin, Cuyahoga, Licking, Fairfield, Carroll, Mahoning and Hamilton Counties; in appellate courts in the Tenth, Third, Eighth, Fifth, First, Second and Sixth District Courts of Appeals; the Ohio Supreme Court; United States District Courts (Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio); Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; and am admitted to practice before the United States Supreme

Court. I have represented clients in administrative proceedings before numerous state and local boards, served as a special prosecutor for election fraud and as a hearing officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

In 2011, I drafted a statewide referendum petition for a coalition of voting rights activists, labor organizations, state and local political party organizations and faith-based and other nonprofit organizations who gathered more than 400,000 petition signatures to place voting rights referendum on statewide ballot; in 2012-2013 I developed a multi-state and federal executive agency government affairs practice focused on matters before the FCC and state public utilities commissions relating to low income telephone government programs.

I started my own law firm from the corner of my bedroom when our children were 7, 4 and 2, growing it to 32 people after ten years. Other experience includes serving as general counsel for a computer firm and a trade association, serving as campaign finance counsel for numerous state and local labor unions, corporations, national and state associations, candidates, caucuses and political action committees on state and federal election law, and representing neighborhood groups and developers on zoning, referendum and initiative election issues. Past experience also includes representing judges and judicial candidates before the Supreme Court concerning compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct. Hold experience in drafting state legislation and administrative rules in areas of election law, local option elections, campaign finance, and ethics laws. Served as administrative partner of law firm.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I love the law, I love Ohio and I enjoy helping people. I am privileged, having traveled to every county in this state when I served as Secretary of State, to have worked with Ohio's 88 county boards of elections as we together served Ohioans.

I chose to run for the Ohio Supreme Court for three reasons: First, I want to be a part of a court

that ensures that the first decision interpreting the state constitution's new provisions for fair districts for Congress and the Ohio General Assembly, when challenged — and they will be — is fair and according to state constitutional requirements. As Secretary of State, my office sponsored a public contest to draw districts to show we could end gerrymandering. We used a formula that served as a basis for developing the state constitution's formula for fair districts. We proved it could be done. Nothing is more basic to the health of Ohio's democracy than fair districts, and I want to participate in any review of that process occurring after the 2020 census. I want to use my experience to the benefit of the court and the people of the State of Ohio.

Second, there are important issues such as when a police officer can make an individual get out of their car, under what circumstances criminal records can be expunged, when someone's home can be taken through foreclosure or when is it appropriate for legislative caps on damages (such as rape of a child by a trusted pastor) to be overcome. These issues are just a few that affect everyday people in Ohio, though many citizens often don't realize how much they are affected by just the words of the state's highest court.

Third, I have found that when there is a political balance on an appellate court, there is less a tendency to "group think." Better decisions are likely to emerge when they involve the give-and-take of views and the softening of others through reasoned and respectful discussion and decision making. Currently, the political balance of the state's high court is a state of unbalance with 5 Republicans and 2 Democrats. A 4-3 balance would, in my view, create some of the best decisions possible from the court. I hope to help provide that balance with my election.

Judith L. French

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Occupation: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Education: B.A. (Political Science); M.A. (History); J.D. (Law with honors), The Ohio State University

Work Experience: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court (2013-present); Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals (2004-2012); Chief Legal Counsel to the Ohio Governor (2002-2004); Assistant Attorney General/Chief Counsel to the Attorney General of Ohio (1997-2002); Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (1993-1997); Associate Counsel, Steelcase, Inc. (1993); Associate, Porter Wright Law Firm (1988-1993).

Family: Married with two children and two grandchildren

Affiliations: Court Liaison, Ohio Access to Justice Foundation Board; Volunteer, Franklin County Children's Services College Bound Program; Member, Federal Appellate Rules Committee; Member, First Community Church; Member, OSU Moritz College of Law National Council

Endorsements: Ohio Fraternal Order of Police; Ohio Chamber of Commerce PAC; Ohio Farm Bureau AGGPAC; NFIB Ohio; Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio (ACT Ohio); Ohio State Medical Association PAC

Bar Association Ratings: 2020: "Highly Recommended" <https://www.ohio.org/about-us/media-center/osba-news/2020news/ohio-state-bar-association-commission-on-judicial-candidates-announces-ohio-supreme-court-candidate-ratings-for-the-2020-election/>; 2014 "Highly Recommended" by the Ohio State Bar Association Commission on Judicial Candidates; 2010 "Highly Recommended" by the Columbus Bar Association Judicial Committee http://www.cbalaw.org/cba_prod/Main/Resources/Public/Judicial-Elections.aspx

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)

– Justice, Ohio Supreme Court 2013 – present

– Appointed January 2013; elected November 2014.

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– Serve on seven-member court with statewide jurisdiction over all legal matters, including discretionary and non-discretionary appeals, original actions, death-penalty appeals, and disciplinary matters.

– Serve as frequent presenter before high school, college, law school, legal professional, and general public audiences on matters of access to justice, civic education, law, and campaign policy.

– Appointed by United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts to serve on the Federal Appellate Rules Committee. Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals 2004 – 2012

– Appointed October 2004; elected November 2004; re-elected November 2010.

– Served on eight-member court with jurisdiction over civil, criminal, and administrative appeals; authored 800 opinions.

– Served as administrative judge (2007 and 2008) and as presiding judge (2009)

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

For more than two decades, I have dedicated my career to public service. Before becoming a judge, I had served as chief legal counsel to the governor, an assistant attorney general, and a state government lawyer. Those years in public service are critical to my understanding of state laws, my adherence to constitutional limitations, and my commitment to careful and efficient decision making on behalf of all Ohioans.

I also have legal experience in the private sector, having worked in a law firm and a large manufacturing corporation. That private experience helps me understand the practical impact of our decisions and appreciate the impact of our judicial rules and procedures.

Finally, as the daughter of a schoolteacher, I appreciate my Ohio roots and education, and I am committed to using my voice as a Justice to be a part of civic education in Ohio. I speak frequently to students, educators, and civic organizations. Since taking office, I have traveled to all 88 counties (I am on my fifth

time around), and I have met with individuals, organizations, businesses, and local leaders, all in an effort to serve them better. If reelected, I will continue that level and method of service.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I first aspired to be a justice because it offers interesting, challenging, and meaningful work that serves the public interest. I aspire to be reelected to the office because I want to continue that work, both on and off the bench. As a justice, I am able not only to bring attention to needs within the legal profession, the judiciary, and the public as a whole, but also to advocate for change to meet those needs.

In particular, during my next term, I intend to continue the court's work to improve our efficiency and that of all Ohio courts. I also intend to continue my work with the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation and local legal aid organizations to bring more attention, resources, and innovation to the needs of undeserved Ohioans.

Judge, 7th District Court of Appeals

Responsibilities: 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.

Salary: \$152,850

Term: 6 years

Term beginning 2/9/2021

Carol Ann Robb

No information received

Term beginning 2/10/2021

Cheryl Waite

Age: 60

Residence: Youngstown

Email: Not provided

Website: Not provided

Social Media: Not provided

Occupation: Judge, Seventh District Court of Appeals

Education: B.A. from Youngstown

State University, J.D. Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University

Work Experience: Assistant Law Director, City of Youngstown 1986-1996, Court of Appeals Judge 1997-present

Family: Husband, Atty. Ed Romero and two children

Affiliations: YWCA Emeritus Board Member, former Chief Judge of the Ohio Courts of Appeal Association, former President of Gateways Industries Board, former member of Gateways to Better Living Board, Ohio Bar Assoc., American Bar Assoc.

Endorsements: Not provided

Bar Association Ratings: Not provided

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)

I began my judicial career in 1997 when I took the bench on the Seventh District Court of Appeals and have consistently served on this bench to the present day.

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I began my legal career working as a lawyer for the City of Youngstown. I also served for several years as its acting Risk Manager. Because I had a degree in English Literature, I was hired to primarily handle all appellate work, both state and federal. In my years with the City, I handled hundreds of appeals, start to finish, in many appellate districts, the Ohio Supreme Court, the Sixth Circuit Federal Court, and I have filed in the U. S. Supreme Court. Additionally, I handled hearings and appeals for boards and commissions, worked in human relations, negotiated union contracts and advised the mayor and members of counsel.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I have spent over 20 years as an appellate judge. I am serving, once again, as the Presiding Judge of this court. I love appellate work, I love serving the people of the Seventh District, and I would be honored to continue to serve.

Judge, Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, General Division

Responsibilities: To preside at trials of both civil and criminal cases; to supervise the jury commission, grand jury, and other departments of the court.
Salary: \$140,550
Term: 6 years

Term beginning 1/2/2021

Maureen A. Sweeney

No information received.

Term beginning 2/9/2021

R. Scott Krichbaum

No information received.

Term beginning 7/1/2021

John M. Durkin

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Occupation: Judge

Education: J.D., University of Dayton (1983)

Work Experience: Assistant Prosecutor, City of Youngstown; Private Practice, 1983-1997

Family: Married with 4 children

Affiliations: St. Lukes Church

Endorsements: Not provided

Bar Association Ratings: Not provided

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)

I have been a judge in the General Division of the Common Pleas Court since 1997. In addition to my regular civil and criminal docket, I established an Adult Felony Drug Court in 1998, and continue to preside over that docket. (It was the third drug court created in the State of Ohio, and has been recognized as a mentor court by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals).

I have served as the Chair of the Ohio Judicial Conference and as an officer of the Ohio Judicial College. I currently serve as co-chair of the Ethics and

Professionalism Committee for the Ohio Judicial Conference. I was appointed by Chief Justice Thomas Moyer to serve on a Task Force that revised the Code of Judicial Conduct in Ohio, and was appointed by Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor to serve on a Task Force examining Court Funding. I currently serve on the state team for the Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative (RJOI), and was the only judge nominated by Chief Justice O'Connor to attend a conference at the National Judicial College sponsored by the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry that promotes the cultivation of law and medicine for individuals involved in the justice system who suffer from a substance-use disorder.

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I was an assistant prosecutor for the City of Youngstown, and was also in private practice for 13 years. I handled almost every case that is seen in the General division of the Common Pleas Court, including personal injury, medical malpractice jury trials, and was certified by the Ohio Supreme Court as First Chair in Death Penalty Litigation. I also served as counsel for the Mahoning County Children Services Board, handling matters involving abuse, neglect and dependency. Although those cases are not handled in the General Division, it gave me a great understanding that substance-use disorder does not only impact the individual, but also the entire family.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am very proud of the work that I have done since taking the bench over 22 years ago, and candidly, I enjoy this job as much today as I did when I first took the bench. The best part of my job is being able to witness the transformation of individuals who embrace recovery; to move from an absolute place of hopelessness to the realization that anything is possible.

Judge, Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division

Responsibilities: To handle cases of divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, separation, and child custody matters.

Salary: \$140,550

Term: 6 years

Term beginning 1/1/2021

Beth A. Smith

No information received.

Judge, Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division

Responsibilities: To rule on cases involving disposition of wills, the administration of estates and guardianships, adoptions, questions of mental or physical disability. They are also responsible for issuing marriage licenses.

Salary: \$140,550

Term: 6 years

Term beginning 2/9/2021

David Engler

Age: 60

Residence: Youngstown

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Website: Not provided

Social Media: Not provided

Occupation: Attorney

Education: J.D. from Case Western Reserve University

Work Experience: Former Mahoning County Commissioner, Youngstown City Councilman, Mahoning County School Board (20 yrs), Attorney at Law, CEO of LightGov, the country's largest provider of guardianship software

Family: Single with Three children and Two Grandchildren

Affiliations: Crossroads Church, Trumbull County Bar Association, Mahoning County Bar Association

Endorsements: Not available at this time

Bar Association Ratings: Not available at this time

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)

I have not served in a judicial

capacity but have been a hearing officer for The Youngstown Water Department and Youngstown Clerk of Courts for approximately 18 years.

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I have been among the most active attorneys in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties for 35 years. I have handled successfully probate litigation which is among the most contentious court fights that exist. I have developed software that is used across the country by governments and not for profits operating guardianships and Social Security representative-payee programs. I have been a life long advocate for the needs of senior citizens both as a lawyer and elected official; protecting them from financial fraud and physical abuse. I have practiced in 30 county courts of common pleas throughout the State and five federal district courts and appellate courts. In addition I have briefed matters both to the Ohio Supreme Court and United States Supreme Court. My experience is much broader and diverse than my opponent's.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I want to assure that the court is operated pursuant to the law and free of cronyism. Every person that comes to the court will receive fair and expedient justice. I want to particularly make sure no one thinks they can take advantage of a senior whether they are under a guardianship or after death.

Robert Rusu

Age: 53

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Occupation: Judge of Mahoning County Probate Court

Education: Juris Doctorate (J.D.) Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Work Experience: Probate lawyer for 23 years prior to taking the bench

Family: Married for 28 years

with four children and two grandchildren

Affiliations: Past President of the Mahoning County Bar Assn; current Secretary of the Ohio Probate Judges Association

Endorsements: Not provided

Bar Association Ratings: Not provided

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)

I have been the Mahoning County Probate Judge for the last six (6) years. On July 8, 2014, I was appointed by then Gov. John Kasich to fill the unexpired term of probate judge. After winning election in the November 2014 general election, I have been the Probate Judge in Mahoning County presiding over estate administrations, guardianships, will contest matters, adoptions and numerous other issues that have come before the Court on a daily basis.

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

Prior to taking the bench in July 2014, I was an Estate/Probate lawyer for twenty three (23) years, limiting my practice to probate matters. During my 23 years as a practicing lawyer, I drafted hundreds of Wills, Trusts and estate plans for my clients and administered estates for those that passed. In addition, I also established Guardianship for my clients disabled family members who could not care for themselves and was fortunate to represent new parents creating a forever home for a child by adoption. In total, I handled over 1,200 cases in the probate court during my 23 years as a lawyer.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

Since I first began my career as a lawyer, I have always been in the probate area of law. It is an area of the law that I truly love and respect. Mostly because it deals with our most precious things, our family and our assets. While in law school I began working at the Sixty Plus Law Clinic which allowed me to help individuals 60 and older with drafting estate plans (Wills, Power of attorneys for Health Care, etc) and other legal issues that they were experiencing at the time. This

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furthered my interest and passion for helping individuals with aging issues.

After graduating law school, I began my law career with my law partner, Joseph Lane in Canfield, Ohio where we limited our practice to probate matters. Things like drafting Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney's, qualifying individuals for Medicaid, handling Adoptions and establishing Guardianships were all part of my every day work life.

I believe that I bring a great deal of experience, empathy and integrity all coupled with a common sense approach to the bench that has helped the citizens of Mahoning County. In my first six years as judge, I was responsible for creating a "National Adoption Day" which brings awareness of the importance of adoption in Mahoning County. I also created a "Help Desk" wherein local lawyers make themselves available to help citizens with simple probate matters at no charge. In addition, I created a mental health court called "Fresh Start Court" that offers assistance to individuals who have been discharged from the hospital stay on their medication and limit their re-hospitalization's by providing support services and encouragement from the bench. These are just a few of the reasons that I believe that I am the best person suited to be the probate judge of Mahoning County. When re-elected, I will continue my passion for helping individuals in the area of probate by making the process easier to understand, and the court more accessible and user friendly.

Judge, Mahoning County Court, #3

*Unexpired Term Ending
12/31/2022*

J.P. Morgan

Age: 44

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Occupation: Mahoning County Court Judge

Education: B.S. University of Akron (1997) J.D. Ohio Northern University (2001)

Work Experience: Chief Legal Counsel for J.P. Morgan Esquire, Limited (2003 – current)

Family: Married 22 years to his wife (Ronnie), the Morgan's have 6 children together (ages 7 – 18)

Affiliations: Member – Mahoning County and Ohio State Bar Association – Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Austintown)

Endorsements: Updated endorsement list available upon request (info@judgejpmorgan.com)

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)

Mahoning County Court Judge
March 2019 to present

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

As a practicing attorney in the Mahoning Valley for 18 years, I bring a wide-ranging skill set and vast courtroom experience to the bench. My multi-county legal practice has allowed me to see how our area courts can run efficiently and justly. Serving as both a public defender (10 years) and acting prosecutor, I understand our criminal justice system from every angle. My civil litigation experience has given me the experience and knowledge of the law that will be needed to hear and decide those civil cases assigned to the County Court.

I have been a trusted member of the bar association having served for 10 years (2 as chairman) on the Trumbull County Ethics Committee, a committee that investigates and holds accountable lawyers who violate ethical rules. I have volunteered hundreds of hours assisting low income and underprivileged clients in the Mahoning Valley who otherwise would not have had access to our legal system. As a Guardian Ad Litem for hundreds of children I served as a voice for children in abuse, neglect and dependency cases. I understand the positive impact our Courts can have on children and families. I have also seen firsthand how the drug epidemic in our community has

wreaked havoc on our families. While there is no easy answer to this problem, I have seen and experienced programs that work and those that don't. I understand our Courts, our areas unique challenges and run a Court that puts integrity and the rule of law at the forefront of all it does.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am married with six children. My wife and I love the Mahoning Valley and we want to see it be a great place to live and raise a family. Having lived in this Valley since a young age, I have seen how corruption and poor decisions by local officials and judges have eroded the public confidence and trust in our government and courts. This is not acceptable to me.

As a Judge it is my goal to bring integrity and a restored trust to the judiciary. Our families and this community deserve a Court that they can trust to always act fairly, impartially and independently. A court that applies the law correctly and that does not bow to political or other pressures.

My Christian faith provides the back drop and foundation of who I am. Honesty, character and integrity are truths that I have been taught from a very young age. I have learned that integrity is not something you say you have, it is something you do. My life's work reflects a dedication to seeking truth, to seeking what is good and just and seeking what is right. It is for these reasons I am running to remain as Judge of the of the Mahoning County Court.

Joe Schiavoni

Age: 40

Residence: Boardman

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Social Media: @joeschiavoni (twitter); Joe Schiavoni (facebook)

Occupation: Attorney

Education: B.S.-Communications (Ohio University) & J.D.-Capital University Law School

Work Experience: Attorney since 2005 / Ohio State Senator 2008-2018

Family: Married with two children

Affiliations: Mahoning County Bar Association, Ohio Association For Justice, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Italian American Education Foundation & Curbstone Coaches

Endorsements: Multiple Labor Unions in the Mahoning Valley

Bar Association Ratings: Mahoning County Bar Association has not conducted interviews

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)

None

(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

I have been a licensed attorney in Ohio since 2005. I have primarily handled Workers Compensation cases on behalf of injured workers, but have also represented parties involved in auto accidents/other personal injury, probate, domestic, contract disputes, and criminal matters. I have worked with attorneys, mediators, and judges across the state at all levels.

I also served as a State Senator from 2008-2018. The opportunity to represent the Mahoning Valley in Columbus allowed me to work on changes to the law that would benefit my community. I worked with stakeholders everyday in order to make sure that my constituents voices were heard. I spent my time participating in hearings, studying the Ohio Revised Code, interviewing witnesses, and gathering facts. I then was able to make informed votes and clearly explain my positions and rationale for the proposals that I recommended.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I want to make a positive impact in the lives of others and benefit my community. As a lawyer, that is my goal each and every day when I drive to work. As a County Court judge, I will have that opportunity and will always take it seriously. I will thoroughly work with victims, law enforcement, attorneys, and defendants in order to find fair resolutions to the matters presented to the court. I will always provide an open minded and unbiased courtroom, no matter the circumstances

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surrounding the case. I will consider that facts of the matter and follow the law as written. I will always put the community first and will not make any of my decisions without considering all sides and properly deliberating.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES

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.

Salary: 174,000

Term: 2 years

District 13

Michael Fricke (L)

7395 OH-43

Kent, Ohio 44420

Occupation: Senior Scientist

Education: BS Chemistry Ohio State 1997 BA Political Science Ohio State 1998 PhD Chemistry University of Cincinnati 2004

Training/Experience: Became a Buckeye, majored in chemistry and political science, baseball umpire for 18 years, learned the piano, loved and lost, joined the Chi Phi fraternity, worked a summer in Alaska, sold snow skis and skied 33 days in a year, became a wilderness first responder, graduated Ohio State with a BS and a BA, 7000 mile road trip after graduation, grad school at the University of Cincinnati for six years, hiked the Inca Trail, PhD in arsenic, 8 trips to Europe to present my research, Oak Ridge Fellow for 4 years, toured with Phish, learned the bass, visiting scholar at the University of British Columbia, taught the blind, learned from the blind, started a design firm, moved to the east coast then back to Ohio, invented the Frickey, got engaged in India, got married and had two boys, started woodworking, joined a band, 15 year career in pharma, sold my side business, moved to Alabama, flipped a house, moved back to Ohio, went to Jordan to start a lab, ran Ohio's first cannabis lab, got married to the love of my life, moved next to a lake

and got a flotilla of kayaks, went back into pharma and built two more labs, rehired twice by former bosses, became chair of the Akron American Chemical Society, did the analytical development for the leading candidate for a COVID-19 therapy and ran for US Congress as a Libertarian.

Questions and Answers:

1. Given our experience with Covid-19, what precautions would you put in place to allow for safe, secure elections whereby voters are not choosing between their health and their right to vote, especially in November? Include how you would fund any necessary precautions and changes.

A: I recently celebrated my birthday and had to renew my auto registration and get the eCheck. The technician asked me to wait behind my vehicle and then climbed in my car and connected his machine under my dash. I thought to myself if the state can come into my vehicle during a pandemic, I can walk into a building and cast my ballot like citizen of that state. The option to request an absentee ballot is sufficient protection for voters in November. My bigger concern is the ability to vote in person which I consider the minimal requirement of living in a democracy.

2. Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems and foster trust with the voters you represent.

A: One of the reasons I am running for office is a response to the polarity of politics in America. I cherish my ability to vote and I study the issues and struggle with my decisions. I have voted for both Republicans and Democrats and have always been proud to be a swing voter in a swing state. The last few elections I have noticed the swing voter has become a dying breed. Politicians don't speak to the middle anymore, all of their efforts are spent only riling up their base. This has led to an inability to work with the other side or even talk to the other side. I represent a different way to do things; a revolution from the middle.

3. How would you address immigration policy?

A: The United States does not have an immigration issue, America has a drug war refugee crisis. If we end the War on Drugs, the civil wars in Central and South America will wind down and people won't be forced to leave their homes. I would also eliminate entitlements which attract immigrants and dis-incentivize both immigrants and citizens from working. Once these two issues are addressed, I favor minimizing restrictions that allow foreign visitors to come to America as tourists or guest workers.

4. Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air and land?

A: I did my post-doctoral research with the US EPA and consider myself to be an environmentalist. Environmental action has had many successes including the improvements in the Cuyahoga River over many years. I am also aware of the consequences of poor environmental stewardship.

5. What legislation, if any, would you suggest to address gun safety?

A: A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

6. What solutions do you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system, women's reproductive rights and maternal and child health?

A: I fully support women's reproductive rights. I favor a free market approach to health care solutions. One reason is the success of Lasik surgery. This is an elective surgery and no insurance covers the procedure. Operating completely in a free market system, the price of Lasik has dropped while service has improved.

Tim Ryan (D)

560 Amber Dr, SE
Warren, OH 44484

Occupation: U.S. Representative

Education: Tim Ryan has a law degree from the University Of New Hampshire School Of Law (formerly the Franklin Pierce Law Center). He studied abroad as part of the Dickinson School of Law's International Law Program.

He received a BA in Political Science from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Training/Experience: U.S. Representative 18 years Ohio Senator 2 years

Questions and Answers:

1. Given our experience with Covid-19, what precautions would you put in place to allow for safe, secure elections whereby voters are not choosing between their health and their right to vote, especially in November? Include how you would fund any necessary precautions and changes.

A: The U.S. is facing a public health crisis, which has seriously impacted families, workers, business owners, and our economy. It is also straining a pillar of our democracy: our elections. With public health officials urging Americans to stay at home and practice social distancing, the prospect of long lines and crowded polling places could be dangerous to voters and disastrous for our democracy. We cannot force Americans to decide between making their voice heard in November, and their own health and the health of their loved ones.

Millions of Americans already face significant barriers to voting, obstacles that could be made worse in certain states in a continuing public health crisis. Given the uncertainties of the pandemic and physical distancing measures necessary in November, we must ensure the upcoming election is free, fair, secure, and on-time. I was proud to see that the House-passed HEROES Act included many strong provisions to shore up these concerns, including ensuring that voter registration application forms, absentee ballot application forms, and absentee ballots in federal elections are mailed to voters expeditiously with self-sealing envelopes and prepaid postage.

Many people, including President Trump, have successfully voted by mail many times. To avoid long lines on election day, we must expand voting by mail, extend early voting opportunities, enable curbside voting and remove other obstacles to the ballot box.

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2. Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems and foster trust with the voters you represent.

A: The only way we will be able to truly move our country forward is by setting aside our differences and finding common ground. In 2019, I was named the second most bipartisan Member of Congress from Ohio and the 35th most bipartisan out of the 435 members of the House of Representatives. Bipartisanship is more important now than ever as our nation combats this worldwide pandemic. I am proud of the strong relationships I have forged with my Republican colleagues and my long record of bipartisan work to bring federal dollars back to Ohio and provide our state with the support and resources we need.

3. How would you address immigration policy?

A: I support strong border security and smart investments in advanced border technologies, but we should focus on comprehensive immigration reform: a long-term solution to fix our broken immigration system and secure our border. I introduced legislation to create the independent Nonpartisan Commission comprised of 9 immigration experts appointed by the top four leaders in Congress. The bill prohibits members from being current elected officials or political appointees. It's time for Congress to develop an informed, long-term fix for our broken immigration system.

We also need to create a pathway to citizenship for the undocumented immigrants who are here and abiding by our laws. This includes 1.8 million DREAMers, young people who were brought to the United States as children. These young people voluntarily registered with the government, so they could legally drive, work, attend college, serve in our military, and pay taxes. This country is the only home they know and remember, yet they are forced to live in fear and uncertainty waiting to know whether their future is secure.

I voted for the American Dream and Promise Act to provide a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers and recipients of the

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). The bill passed the House and is in the Senate.

The U.S. should be able to ensure our national security while continuing to be the nation of immigrants, dreamers, and refugees that we have been in generations past.

4. Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air and land?

A: Scientists agree that global climate change is real, but its impacts are being felt firsthand by Ohio's farmers, sportsmen, and working families. Things will only get worse if we do not get serious about reducing carbon pollution.

The consequences of inaction will be felt not by politicians in Washington, but by the communities they have let down. As a father, I understand we have a duty to our children and grandchildren to do all we can to prevent the economic and environmental devastation that climate change threatens.

By stepping up to the challenge of combating climate change we can also jump-start Ohio's green energy economy. Each wind turbine that spins in northwest Ohio has over 8,000 parts that could be built by machinists in Youngstown and Akron. In Congress, I have supported investment in green energy, liquefied natural gas, and fuel-efficient automotive technology, which create tens of thousands of Ohio jobs and reduces our dependence on foreign oil.

Green infrastructure is way to address climate change in Ohio. We must rebuild America's infrastructure, invest in modernizing clean energy systems and green surface transportation to create jobs and protect our environment for the future.

Clean air and freshwater are not partisan issues. I have fought attempts by big business to gut environmental safeguards that keep our air and water clean. I have worked with fellow Ohio representatives of both parties to ensure that Lake Erie and Ohio's waterways are protected.

5. What legislation, if any, would you suggest to address gun safety?

A: We have seen that horrific acts of gun violence can happen anywhere, to anyone. Congress must act.

I broke completely with the NRA after their non-response to the shooting at Sandy Hook and their opposition to universal background checks. I support Sandy Hook Promise, Americans for Responsible Solutions and Everytown for Gun Safety.

Congress can keep Americans safe while honoring the 2nd Amendment, which I support. I voted a background check for every firearm sale, and to strengthen procedures federal firearms licensees or dealers must follow before selling or transferring a firearm.

Congress should increase funding so the records are sufficiently updated to provide timely and accurate background checks. I support a ban on high-capacity magazines and assault weapons. Semi-automatic rifles and pistols with military-grade features have no place in the hands of civilians. At the same time, we must make it harder for these mass killing technologies, such as bump stocks, to be obtained.

We need to overturn a 1996 law that prevents the CDC from conducting research on gun violence and give states more power to enact gun safety laws.

After so many school shootings, we must ensure the safety of our children and teachers. I will fight tirelessly for safer schools. No parent, child, friend, or teacher should be forced to worry about their safety or the safety of their loved ones while going about their daily lives.

6. What solutions do you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system, women's reproductive rights and maternal and child health?

A: No response.

Christina Hagan (R)

10418 Beeson St. NE
Alliance, OH 44601

No information received.

District 6

Shawna Roberts (D)

60425 Kemp Rd.
Belmont, OH 43718

No information received.

Bill Johnson (R)

519 5th St.
Marietta, OH 45750

Occupation: Member of Congress; Lt. Col. (RET), U.S. Air Force

Qualifications for Office: I go to Washington to get results. Using experiences from the farm, 26-plus years of military service, and small business owner, I've had 18 bipartisan bills signed into law.

Did not submit responses to questions.

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES

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

Base Salary: \$60,584

Term: 2 years

Questions:

1. *What actions should the State of Ohio take to minimize the economic and health damage caused by the Covid 19 pandemic? What legislation, if any, should be considered to ensure future elections are not disrupted by a pandemic?*
2. *Do you think systemic racism exists in Ohio? If yes, what is the role of State Government in reducing systemic racism? If no, what needs to be done to change the perception that systemic racism exists?*
3. *What will you do to ensure that the approved redistricting reforms are implemented on schedule?*
4. *Some types of non-profit organizations can influence politics via "dark money." They can receive unlimited donations from corporations, unions, or individuals, that are spent to influence elections. "Dark" refers to the fact that these organizations are not required to disclose the names of their donors, leaving voters "in the dark" about who is making campaign donations*

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through these organizations. This practice recently contributed to a corruption scheme within the Ohio House of Representatives. What impact do you think “dark money” has on our political system? Would you support legislation that would enable voters to learn the identity of donors to these groups?

58th District

Michele Lepore-Hagan (D)

562 Madera Avenue, Youngstown

Age: 65

Occupation: Ohio State Representative

Education: Cum Laude graduate, Ohio University, BFA

Qualifications for Office:

My experience as an effective legislator, director/administrator at YSU, community leader, and board member of respected institutions and agencies, combined with my involvement in politics and public policy make me uniquely qualified to serve the people of the 58th District.

Answers:

1. The state should maintain the mask mandate, which has reduced the spread of COVID-19 until the pandemic abates. We should also fully fund an aggressive testing and contract tracing program to identify hotspots, quarantine the infected, and protect vulnerable populations. We should also provide increased support for small businesses and the unemployed by utilizing Ohio's rainy-day fund and by rolling back tax cuts for the wealthy.

To protect our elections, we must implement a Universal Vote by Mail system modeled on Colorado's which has been cited as among the most safe and secure in the nation. I began working to bring this proven method for conducting elections to Ohio in 2019 and introduced UVBM legislation, HB 560 in 2020. While it gained little traction this year, I intend to reintroduce it and use the problems associated with this year's elections to highlight the need to change elections in Ohio.

2. Yes. It is evident in Republican budget priorities that cut support for cities to provide tax cuts for the wealthy and chronically

underfund public schools, universities, housing, and public transit. It also manifests itself in racist policies like in HB 70, the state takeover of public schools, and the prevalence of predatory lending, including exploitative land installment contracts, in our urban areas.

State government can address racism by increasing funding for local governments so city leaders have the resources they need to keep our families safe and improve policing, ensuring that every kid in Ohio has the opportunity to attend a world-class public school, and by making public universities and advanced training more affordable. We must erase HB 70 and reign-in predatory lenders who make huge profits by exploiting the poor and disadvantaged. And, finally, we must focus the state's business recruitment and job creation efforts on cities like Youngstown.

3. Work diligently with my colleagues in the General Assembly, the LWV, and other interested parties to abide by the will of the people and create equitable General Assembly and Congressional districts that strengthen rather than undermine our democracy. If the majority party attempts to once again draw ludicrous, gerrymandered districts I will not hesitate to publicly criticize their efforts to subvert the process and ask my constituents, community leaders, and all Ohioans to join me in demanding that the Republicans expeditiously abide by the spirit and the letter of the overwhelmingly popular redistricting and reapportionment reforms. I will not allow the GOP to go behind closed doors and create districts that are biased and drawn solely to secure an unassailable majority.

4. As the Householder/ First Energy scandal clearly demonstrates, dark money has had a corrosive influence on our political system and legislative process dating back to the “Coingate” fiasco, the ECOT debacle, and the resignation of then-speaker Cliff Rosenberger who is still under investigation by the FBI. The impact of this corruption has siphoned more than a billion dollars away from public schools, saddled Ohioans with the billion-dollar First Energy bailout, crippled Ohio's

green and renewable energy economy, perverted our budget and tax priorities, allowed predatory lending to flourish, and hurt Ohio families in many other ways.

I believe we need campaign finance reform legislation based on Montana's DISCLOSE Act which requires any entity, including 501 (C) 4's, that makes expenditures in support of or opposition to ballot issues or candidates to disclose their donors. I also support a wide range of other reforms including weekly reporting and enhanced lobbyist disclosures.

David T. Simon (R)

719 Glacier Heights Rd.

Age: 57

Occupation: Self Employed President of SEEC LLC

Education: BSEE and certified in Environmental Sciences through NAMP

Qualifications For Office: Co-founder/president of Youngstown Arts and Entertainment District Association (YAEDA). Worked and developed the community for 40 years.

Answers:

1. Follow the current laws and our legislation. Amy Acton over reached and violated our rights.
2. NO
3. Evaluate first and see what is good for the people as a whole.
4. YES!

59th District

Chris Stanley (D)

222 Edwards Ave., Canfield, OH 44406

Party: Democrat

Age: 40

Occupation: Teacher, Youngstown Public Schools

Education: BA/MA Ohio Dominican University

Qualifications for Office: I believe the knowledge, insight, and experience I have acquired as an educator, First Responder, successful entrepreneur, author, husband, and father have prepared

me to represent the people of the 59th District in the Ohio House.

Answers:

1. The state must reorder its budget and tax priorities to generate the funds needed to help workers, businesses, and local governments decimated by the pandemic survive the crisis. Failure to provide support for the unemployed will touch off an eviction and foreclosure crisis that will destroy families and crater our economy. As a school teacher, I also know that it is essential to mount a comprehensive testing and contact tracing program that will stem the tide of COVID-19 and enable our schools and businesses to operate safely. The state can and should pay for this life and economy-saving strategy.

The answer to protecting our elections can be summed up in four words: Universal Vote by Mail. This proven system, now used in five states, will enable Ohioans to change the world from the safety of their kitchen tables. It's time for Ohio to embrace this much-needed electoral reform.

2. I believe systemic racism exists because I see how it effects my students. The kids I teach in Youngstown are as inquisitive, talented, and eager to learn as students in Ohio's most affluent suburbs, but due to Ohio's unconstitutional school funding formula, their prospects for success in school and in life are in large part determined by their zip code. That must change.

In addition to school funding, the Republican majority's overall budget priorities reflect systematic racism. State funding for urban areas has been slashed to fund tax cuts for the wealthiest Ohioans. That means urban mayors and county commissioners don't have the money they need to pay for better policing, infrastructure improvements, and other programs that will improve residents' quality of life. Erasing systemic racism will be a two-step process: we must first acknowledge the role misguided/ malevolent public policy has played in fueling it and then alter those policies.

3. Demand that the Republican majority abide by the new laws and work with Democrats, the LWV and other interested parties to create districts that

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reflect the state's actual partisan makeup, encourage substantive debate, and empower rather than disenfranchise voting. The new processes for Congressional redistricting and legislative reapportionment were intended to erase discredited practices like "packing" and "cracking" that made legislators impervious to challenge and unafraid to do the bidding of their contributors.

I'll do everything in my power to ensure that all involved work collaboratively and I will use the bully pulpit of my office to credit those who are working in the public interest and identify those who are carrying water for special interests.

4. The Householder scandal shouldn't shock anyone. The Republicans nailed a "For Sale" sign to the pillars of the Statehouse decades ago. In fact, they've been so blatantly corrupt for so long without consequence they believed they could perpetrate a billion-dollar shakedown of Ohio residents and businesses. But their overreach may lead to substantive campaign finance and lobbying reform.

Those reforms should be based on Montana's DISCLOSE Act which requires all entities promoting or opposing a candidate or ballot issue to reveal their donors, thereby shining disinfecting sunlight on dark money. We must also require more frequent disclosure of contributions and expenditures: weekly during election years and daily in 30 days preceding primary and general elections. Finally, lobbyists must be forced to disclose their clients, the side of an issue they are working, what they are being paid and by whom. Exposure is key to curing what ails the body politic.

Al Cutrona (R)

No information received.

MAHONING COUNTY OFFICE CANDIDATES

Mahoning County Commissioner

Responsibilities: To exercise financial control of county expenditures; to authorize public works; to purchase land and buildings; to vet contracts; to plan and administer welfare. The Board of County Commissioners appoints other officials to operate various departments.

Term: 4 years

Questions:

1. **What is the top priority for the Board of County Commissioners? How will you address this priority?**
2. **Should county tax receipts decrease due to economic fallout from the Covid 19 virus, what budget priorities should be set?**
3. **What are the advantages and disadvantages of granting tax abatements to businesses? What should be taken into consideration when determining whether a business should be granted a tax abatement?**

Term commencing 1/2/2021

Anthony T. Traficanti (D)

2817 Poland Village Blvd.
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 54

Occupation: Full-Time County Commissioner, Businessman

Education: Bachelor of Science in Applied Science (YSU) Master of Science in Education (YSU)

Qualifications for Office: Overwhelmingly elected four consecutive terms as County Commissioner. Own and operate various business's. Real estate investor! Instructor for 10 years at YSU! Served 11 years Washington DC, United States House of Representatives.

Answers to Questions:

1. The top priority for the Board of Commissioners is always the health, safety, and welfare of it's citizens. Ensuring the continuity of essential Government services to our citizens. We have accomplished this by working cooperatively within County Government, and externally with

State and Federal officials. We have strived to make sure that each elected official, and Board is sufficiently and economically funded to meet their objectives. Because the largest portion of our budget deals with Criminal Justice, our emphasis has been on the Justice Center—making sure that we are meeting all federal and State guidelines! Equally important we continue to successfully maintain our Bond ratings to reduce costs of capital to keep our infrastructure current. This allows funding for expansion of our Sanitary sewer system in under-served areas, while keeping us compliant with EPA guidelines! The Commissioners remain steadfast in pursuing economic development on a Regional basis!

2. The Board of Commissioners have built sufficient cash reserves to address short-term economic downturns. Within County Government we have worked with all elected officials to address revenue losses. The County continues to maintain a AA Bond rating, despite all the economic downturns and upheavals. The Commissioners are transparent with the funding resources of the County, and have built a trust within County Government! Departments have stepped up to work with the Commissioners to transition the County through these tough economic times, while maintaining essential services. Our main budget priorities will be safety services, criminal justice system, and Federal and State mandated services! We can use reserves only as a temporary measure to address short-term revenue losses. We will continue to seek out State and federal dollars to address any short-term losses, as well as any losses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic!

3. There are various types of tax abatement's! The one most commonly used by the Commissioners is Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The one most recently done was with the Austintown Racinco. This tool is used to capture tax on new construction for a period of years to address public infrastructure projects. The funding can be used to leverage State and Federal Grants. The most popular abatement programs are the Enterprise Zone, and Community

Re-investment, which can offer up to 100% real estate tax abatement for 10 years for companies who establish operations in low income areas. Advantages of these incentives is that it can attract new investment into low income areas. The downside of abatement's is the loss of revenue to the communities and the schools! Also, some critics make claim that companies move out after the ten year abatement period expires!

Grant W. Williams (R)

10 Sandy Dr., Apt. 2
New Middletown, OH

Age: 27

Occupation: Self-Employed Contractor

Education: M.B.A. from Franciscan University of Steubenville; B.A. from Youngstown State University; graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School

Qualifications for Office: Strong background in business, finance, and budgeting; fiscally responsible; Commitment to Honesty, Integrity, and Accountability; Pastoral Council Member at St. Paul the Apostle Church

Answers to Questions:

1. The top priority of the county commissioners, as well as all other government officials, should be to serve the best interests of their constituents and act as good stewards of taxpayer money. As your county commissioner, I will never forget who hired me and who can fire me: the voters of Mahoning County. That's why I'm fully committed to serving you, the people of the valley. Utilizing my business background, I will push for greater efficiency in local government, doing more with what we have instead of supporting higher taxes. Every day in my career, I strive to find ways to cut costs while still maintaining the same high level of service. I will bring that same cost-cutting mindset to our county government. To learn more about me and my campaign to rebuild and restore our Mahoning Valley, please visit electgrantwilliams.com. Thank you for your time and consideration.

2. Considering that tax receipts likely will decrease as a result

of the economic effects of COVID-19, those in government must act proactively to ensure operations remain as close to normal as possible. When setting priorities, we must determine which budget items are most important to public welfare. From there, we can then rank budget items from greatest to least importance. Those of most consequence will receive closest to the typical budgeted amount. Conversely, those of lower significance will receive less funding. Ideally, day-to-day operations will remain close to fully funded. Any non-routine, non-emergency projects likely will need to be delayed until tax receipts return to pre-COVID amounts. My fellow commissioners and I would determine specific budgetary priorities within the guidelines outlined above. Under no circumstance, however, should we seek to remedy declines in tax receipts by raising tax rates. Lower tax receipts require budget cuts.

3. Tax abatements offer significant potential positives but not without possible drawbacks. On the positive side, tax abatements can entice businesses to relocate to your area, bringing jobs and increased economic activity. In general, more jobs leads to fewer unemployed, fewer people on welfare, lower crime rates, nicer neighborhoods, and stronger families. Tax abatements, however, do not come without potential risks. For instance, if tax abatements are too freely available and offered without sufficient consideration, lost tax revenues will likely outweigh the economic benefits. Businesses also may choose to leave an area shortly after the abatement period ends. This scenario leaves local governments with lost tax revenues and limited long-term economic benefits. Therefore, whenever abatements are under consideration, we must first estimate the expected lost tax revenues. Then, compare that to the expected economic benefits. If economic benefits clearly outweigh lost tax revenues, tax abatements are likely a good option.

Term commencing 1/3/2021

David C. Ditzler (D)

6696 New Road Austintown OH

44515

Age: 62

Occupation: Mahoning County Commissioner

Education: Two Business Degrees from Youngstown State University

Qualifications for Office: 8 Years County Commissioner, Austintown Trustee, more than 30 years successful private sector experience; small business owner, balanced multi-million dollar budgets, negotiated contracts with Fortune 500 Companies, directing workforce, creating team environment, working successfully on boards of three.

Answers to Questions:

1. The top priority is always the residents we serve. The safety of the Community is first and foremost, Commissioners formation of Justice Fund solidifies their continued operations. There is never just one correct answer that is why having experience and knowledge of your governmental responsibilities is pertinent. Mahoning County has an aging population, so Commissioners initiated funding for the Area on Aging, to help seniors stay in their homes. After the State closed the Youngstown Developmental Center the Commissioners partnered with Easter Seals, Compass, Meridian Services, and other private enterprises to buy and reopen YDC; to again provide the wrap around services to the challenged in our community. Economic Development is priority to create jobs for our youth so they have local opportunities. This is why we partner with Trumbull County and formed the Port Authority to be the economic development arm of the region creating thousands of jobs.

2. Covid related reductions in revenue will be covered by the proactive planning of the Commissioners. The current Board established a Stabilization Reserve Fund in 2013 to cover potential budget short falls created by the State cuts to County Government. Commissioners also created the Justice Fund to specifically mandate funds for the Sheriff, Prosecutor, 911, and Corner. This guaranteed no County initiated cuts to the health safety and welfare of the residents,

this priority was established then and remains in effect today. The bond rating of the county increased to AA the highest in County history saving the County hundreds of thousands of dollars. Standard and Poor's rating cited the strong Management, and strong budgetary performance of the commissioners and their conservative fiscal responsibility as the deciding factor. We were the first County to offer "Open Checkbook" transparency in spending to the residents, the State Treasurer praised the Commissioners strong leadership.

3. The advantage is that it entices new businesses to come, but it defers a portion of the new tax dollars to a later year. The considerations should be that to get the tax break local residents should be given priority to be hired for the jobs created. The local political subdivision where the business will be developed should decide on the abatement. Some communities favor and some oppose the abatements and the Trustees, Councilmen, and Mayors know their community best and should be the driving force. For example Jackson Township choose not to offer an abatement and Boardman did, in both cases the Commissioners initiated their recommendations. Commissioners need to find alternate sources of revenue to aid in business creation as the current board has. We initiated the first TIF and TID Districts in Mahoning County history returning more than 8 million dollars in infrastructure improvements to the County.

Steve Kristan (R)

72 Morningview Circle, Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 61

Occupation: Community Volunteer, Technology Consultant

Education: Bowling Green State University BSBA, Boston College Certificate Corporate & Community Relations.

Qualifications for Office: Business experience in technology, marketing, project management, union negotiations, budgeting, collaborative team building. Community service experience non-profit boards Regional Chamber, Akron Chamber, Stark

County Urban League, Better Business Bureau, Rotary.

Answers to Questions:

1. Without vision, a people will perish. My top priority will be my Mahoning County Vision Plan 2025 (MVP25) which strives to improve services and quality of life in three areas:

a) Connected Community - Ensure High Speed Internet that is available across our entire county. This will benefit students for online learning, adults for working from home, and seniors for telehealth services. If we don't solve this problem now, there isn't going to be a problem to solve - because people and businesses are going to pick up and leave to where they do have reliable, high-speed broadband. It also includes a focus on Roads and Bridges Infrastructure.

b) Business Growth & Jobs - The best social program is a job. Government's role is to create an environment for business to invest, grow and create jobs.

c) Clean County Government focuses on Transparency, Diversity and Inclusion, Policies & Procedures.

2. There're are no question tax receipts will decrease which will require budget expense reductions and consolidations. First, I will not defund the police and Sheriff. Next I would gather department heads and union leadership immediately and discuss possible scenarios - best case, worst case, most likely and then develop solutions as to where cuts should be made. We'll prioritize and rank essential services and review across the board percent reductions vs targeted reductions/eliminations. Then develop plans to address how to respond. Finally, I will review all real estate and look to cut expenses and consolidate. I would stop all new building relocations and additional building acquisitions. The Oakhill purchase was a disaster and as a county we can't afford to do that again - we can't even afford it now.

3. Mahoning County needs someone with a business background taking a hard look at these proposals. Tax abatements typically create jobs and reduce unemployment. The new people hired spend money locally

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benefiting existing businesses and increasing local tax revenue. Once the new business is established and the abatement period is over, the developed property generates long-term revenue. However, sometimes local communities bid against each other with one community winning and the other losing, resulting in a neutral result for the larger area.

To evaluate an abatement, an analysis should be conducted comparing the present value of lost tax revenue with the present value of the potential revenue benefit. That's why Mahoning County needs someone with a proven business background to take a hard look at these proposals. The status quo isn't working. The tax payer must come first. We're discussing YOUR tax dollars.

Sheriff

Responsibilities: To provide services to the courts, to oversee the county jail, and to act as chief law enforcement officer for the county.

Term: 4 years

Jerry Greene (D)

7813 Huntington Circle
Boardman, Ohio

Age: 54

Occupation: Mahoning County Sheriff

Education: Bachelors in Criminal Justice, minor in Business Management - YSU 2000

Qualifications for Office:

Promoted to Sergeant 2003; Promoted to Captain 2007; FBI National Academy Graduate 2008; Ohio Peace Officers Training Association Corrections Certified; Member National Sheriff's Association; Member FBI National Academy Association

Questions:

1. **What is the top priority for the Sheriff's office? How will you address this priority?**
2. **What reforms or policies are most effective in ensuring racial equity in the criminal justice system? Which of these reforms or policies have been implemented within the Sheriff's Department?**

Answers:

1. To continue to be proactive in dealing with the responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff. This includes continuing our high standards of excellence already achieved in maintaining the county jail, servicing the courts, as well as the patrol functions of the Sheriff's Office, all while being a good steward of the peoples' tax dollars.

Continue progress through the following programs my administration has implemented:

- Human Trafficking Task Force
- Drone Unit - Administering the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force
- Regionalize the County Dispatch Service - Community Service Program for sentenced offenders - Weight Enforcement Scale Program - Quick Response Team to provide help to illegal drug users to reduce recidivism
- Stepping Up Program - mental health program for inmates to help them re-enter society and reduce recidivism

2. I have implemented the following reforms and new policies:

1. New standards that hold Deputies accountable for their actions - instill confidence with the public.
2. Implemented Body Worn Cameras for patrol.
3. Implemented a minority recruitment program
4. Updated "Use of Force Policy" with annual testing.
5. Community engagement utilizing social media and public events.
6. Implemented Bias Free Policing policy which has Deputies document race, gender and result of interaction
7. Created a link on our website for the public to inform the administration of a complaint on a Deputy Sheriff.
8. Implemented a new policy "Duty to Intervene". This orders a Deputy Sheriff to intervene either physically or verbally in any situation in which he/she is observing excessive use of force of any kind by another officer.
9. Staff is required to test annually on all of the above.

Engineer

Responsibilities: To oversee the construction, maintenance, and repair of all bridges in the county, and of county roads and other public improvements except buildings in the county.

Term: 4 years

Patrick T. Ginnetti (D)

No information received.

Recorder

Responsibilities: To record deeds, mortgages, plats, liens, and other written instruments.

Term: 4 years

Noralynn Palermo (D)

424 Madera Dr.
Youngstown, Ohio

Age: 67

Occupation: Mahoning County Recorder.

Education: Ursuline High School Class of 71

Qualifications For Office: 46 years' experience working in the Recorders Office

What is the top priority for the Recorder's Office? How will you address it?

My top priority is to continue to serve the taxpayers of Mahoning County in an efficient and transparent way.

I have generated over \$1 million in cost savings for the county's General Fund by reducing staff and implementing programs in internet technology.

My office offers Veterans Document Identification Cards that enable our heroes to easily access their records so they can obtain the benefits and services they need and deserve. Since 2019 my office has offered Property Fraud Alert at no cost to the property owner.

As the keeper of records of Mahoning County for the last 12 years, I am dedicated to the maintenance of all verified documents in the Mahoning County Recorder's Office. I pride myself on customer service, dedication to all citizens and accountability as an elected official. I would like to continue to serve the taxpayers of Mahoning

County with the valued attention I now provide.

Brian Devine (R)

No information received.

Treasurer

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

Term: 4 years

Daniel R. Yemma (D)

232 Center St., Struthers 44471

Age: 62

Occupation: Mahoning County Treasurer, Chairman: Mahoning County LandBank

Education: Masters in Business Administration Major: Business Administration

Youngstown State University B.S. in B.A. Major: Accounting Minors: Economics, Management Youngstown State University

Qualifications for Office:

Current County Treasurer since 2011; Chief Deputy Treasurer 2007 - 2011

What is the top priority for the Treasurer's Office? How will you address this priority?

The Treasurer's office serves as the "bank" for the County responsible for in excess of \$400 million dollars of taxpayer dollars on an annual basis. The Treasurer is accountable to the taxpayer to manage, safeguard and invest tax dollars to achieve maximum benefit to the taxpayer. I will continue to work to maximize tax collection, reduce delinquency, manage the investment portfolio and eradicate vacant, abandoned tax-delinquent blighted properties. This is accomplished with honesty, integrity and transparency resulting in annual satisfactory audits with no citations or management deficiencies. I will continue to strive to make use of available technologies to increase efficiency in performing the duties of the Treasurer's office.

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Coroner

Responsibilities: To determine the cause of death of persons dying in a violent or suspicious manner and to issue death certificates.

Term: 4 years

David Kennedy (D)

No information received.

John J. Vargo (R)

2587 Rosemont Road
North Jackson, Ohio 44451

Age: 68

Occupation: Physician

Education: Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery

Qualifications for Office: I am a Physician. I have been a Mahoning County resident since birth except for the years of my education. I have been in Family Practice in Austintown since 1990. I am medical director for the Mahoning County Jail. Married 47 years.

What is the top priority for the Coroner's Office? How will you address this priority?

The Top priority to determine if the demise of individuals is by natural causes or homicide vs. suicide and to insure in questionable cases that an appropriate investigation into the cause of death is undertaken. This determination would be done by scientific method and by history and evaluation.

Clerk of Courts

Responsibilities: To enter judgments and collect court costs for appellate and common pleas courts, and also to issue and transfer automobile and water craft certificates of title

Term: 4 years

Anthony Vivo (D)

No information received.

Prosecuting Attorney

Responsibilities: To investigate and prosecute crimes committed within the county, to defend the county in court, and to give legal advice to county agencies and townships

Term: 4 years

Questions:

1. **What is the top priority for the County Prosecutor? If elected, how would you address this priority?**
2. **What reforms or policies would ensure racial equity throughout the criminal justice system? What role would (or does) the Prosecutor's Office play in these reforms or policies?**

Paul J. Gains (D)

7003 Harrington Avenue,
Youngstown, OH 44512

Age: 69

Occupation: Mahoning County Prosecutor

Education: University of Akron School of Law JD 1982; BS Law Enforcement Administration Youngstown State University 1976

Qualifications for Office: Nearly 24 years experience as prosecutor, 15 years as defense attorney, nearly ten years as Youngstown Police Officer; Licensed in all State and Federal Courts in Ohio

Answers to Questions:

1. To continue to initiate and support policies that promote honesty, safety and growth in the community. Central to this is to ensure that all criminal cases are approached objectively, honestly; prosecuting only those cases where there is sufficient evidence. Impartial and fair justice promotes accountability. This includes, continued support for productive and cost effective alternatives to prosecution like Mental Health Court, Drug Court, Honors (Veteran's) Court, and Theft Diversion. I will also continue to promote community revitalization. In the last seven years, my office, on behalf of the Mahoning County Treasurer, has foreclosed on over 5000 parcels of delinquent properties. Statistics show that improvements made to the physical conditions of distressed neighborhoods have the potential to reduce crime. One way to accomplish such improvements is to demolish foreclosed and vacant properties as the presence of these structures has the tendency to create negative spillovers—including crime—onto surrounding neighborhoods.

2 Restoration of the Voting Rights Act is critical to ensuring racial equality under the law. The Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides "[t]he right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, ..." Purging voters who have not voted in four years is an abridgement every American's right to vote and to a fair, honest and representative government. My role as prosecutor is to uphold the rule of law. The Vindicator Printing Company recognized this attribute when it stated: "In examining Gains' service in office, we came across this simple but revealing admonition from him to his staff of assistant prosecutors: Follow the law." But without the confidence in elections and our elected officials, the rule of law, is at risk especially for those that suffer from racial inequality.

Marty Desmond (R)

3366 Ridgely Park
Poland, OH 44514

Age: 46

Occupation: Attorney

Education: John Carroll University (B.S.B.A. – Accounting); University of Akron (Juris Doctorate)

Qualifications for Office: 18 years law enforcement experience (probation officer; FBI; assistant prosecutor); Lead task force prosecutor; Prosecuted over 1,000 criminals. Awards: FBI; Ohio Attorney General; Mahoning Valley Police Chiefs. Part-time professor (Criminal Justice Y.S.U.).

Answers to Questions:

1. My top priority is ensuring justice and accountability are pursued lawfully, effectively, and efficiently. I will restructure the office and require detailed reviews of all cases from start to finish. This strict review ensures correct individuals and proper charges are prosecuted. This approach treats individuals uniquely, while promoting consistency across all cases. This course protects our community and achieves these goals: deterrence, rehabilitation, punishment. I will personally review matters presented to

the grand jury and actively prosecute cases. Plea agreements will be thoughtfully entered to achieve our goals – not to simply clear dockets. Prosecutors will receive constant training in Constitutional law, courtroom procedures, evidence, and ethics. Although innocent mistakes are inevitable – intentional and harmful misconduct will not be tolerated. Victims will be advised throughout the case, and their participation will be encouraged and welcomed. As a victim of violent crime, I know the importance of including victims in the process.

2. While policies provide frameworks for racial equity, decisions are still made by individuals. For this reason, continued training is vital. Training provides education and identifies individuals lacking the integrity to hold positions of power. Again, my restructured office will implement reviews of all cases, which will identify trends and trainable moments. Whether to prosecute someone will never be based on race, nor will race factor into pleas or sentencing. As prosecutor, if I learn cases are being handled based on race – it will stop. Prosecutors play an integral role in the system – every case begins and ends with the prosecutor, who makes charging decisions, plea offers, and sentencing recommendations. Prosecutors are also in position to see trends in racial inequity throughout the system, and must take action to prevent such practices. Based on this leading role in the system, prosecutors must be a leading voice when addressing reforms and policies.



QUESTIONS, ISSUES, AND LIQUOR OPTIONS

Mahoning County

Senior Citizen Services or
Facilities; **1 mill**, renewal
for 5 years

Mahoning County Board of
Developmental Disabilities;
3 mills, renewal for 5 years

City of Youngstown

Proposed Charter Amendment.
A majority affirmative vote
is necessary for passage.
(Amendment language is bolded.)

Shall Section 18, under Salaries,
of the Charter of the City of
Youngstown be amended to read:

Each member of the Council
except the President shall receive
a salary of twenty-seven thousand
eight hundred seventeen dollars
and twenty-four cents (\$27,817.24)
a year, and the President shall
receive a salary of twenty-eight
thousand one hundred seventeen
dollars and twenty-four cents
(\$28,117.24) a year, payable in
equal bi-weekly installments. The
salary of the council members
and President of Council may be
amended from the time to time by
ordinance, such ordinance being
passed prior to the beginning of the
term of the Council and Council
President to be affected thereby.
The salary of Mayor shall be set by
ordinance of Council; the Mayor
must be the highest paid elected
official, i.e., higher than the City's
share of the Municipal Judges
and Clerk of Courts salaries. The
Mayor's salary shall be payable in
equal bi-weekly installments. Such
ordinance shall be passed prior to
the beginning of the term of the
Mayor to be affected thereby. **The
salary for the Finance Director
and Law Director shall be set by
Ordinances of City Council.**

Above to be voted upon: City of
Youngstown – All Precincts.

That the existing **Section 18, Salaries**, hereinabove described,
of the Charter of the City of
Youngstown shall be and the same
is hereby amended, by addition or
deletion, effective in its pertinent
sections, as herein stated and any
and all amendments without an
effective date shall be effective
January 1, 2021, provided the
provisions of this proposed
amendment is adopted by the
electors of the City of Youngstown
to be held on November 3, 2020, in
the City of Youngstown, Ohio.

Austintown Township

Roads; **1.5 mills**; renewal
for 5 years

Parks and Recreational; **0.8 mill**,
renewal for 5 years

Beaver Township

Current Expenses; **1.9 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Police Department; **2.9 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Boardman Township

Current Expenses; **.7 mill**, renewal
for 5 years

Current Expenses; **2.5 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Police Department; **3.85 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Park District; park expenses,
.6 mill, renewal for 5 years

Green Township

Fire Department; **1.5 mills**,
additional, for a continuing period
of time

Village of Beloit

Current Expenses; **5 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Parks; **1.5 mills**, renewal
for 5 years

Craig Beach Village

Fire Protection and EMS Services;
1.5 mills, renewal for 5 years

Street Maintenance, Paving,
Construction and Repair; **3 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Village of Lowellville

Current Expenses; **4.5 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

New Middletown Village

Police Department; **2 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Police Department; **4 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Fire Department; **2.5 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Poland Village

Street, Roads and Bridges; **2 mills**,
renewal for 5 years

Village of Sebring

Amend Section 5.02 of the
Charter; appoint manager solely
on basis of qualifications

Austintown Local School District

Current Expenses; **4.9 mills in the
sum of \$1,850,247**; renewal
for 5 years

Current Expenses; **7.3 mills in the
sum of \$3,304,353**; renewal
for 5 years

Boardman Local School District

Current Expenses; **5.9 mills in the
sum of \$4,052,812**; renewal
for 5 years

Current Expenses; **6 mills in the
sum of \$3,412,484**; renewal
for 5 years

Canfield Local School District

Emergency Requirements;
1.4 mills in the sum of \$890,000;
renewal for 10 years

Sebring Local School District

Renewal of **1.25% income tax**
for 5 years

Western Reserve Local School District

Avoiding an Operating Deficit;
1.3 mills in the sum of \$139,000,
renewal for 10 years

Youngstown City School District

Emergency Requirements; **10.8
mills in the sum of \$5,291,510**,
renewal for 4 years

Liquor Options

Boardman 8 Meijer, 1400
Boardman Canfield Rd.
Weekly and Sunday

Boardman 8 Meijer, 1400
Boardman Canfield Rd.
Spirituosous Liquor, Weekly and
Sunday

Milton 1 the Prop House, 373 NE
River Rd., Sunday

Poland Township 4 Dairy 224
6868 Center Rd, Sunday

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2020 Ohio Election Dates

General Election

Oct 5 - Voter registration deadline
 Oct 6 - Absentee and in-person voting begins
 Oct 31 - Absentee ballot request deadline, Noon
 Nov 2 - Postmark deadline for absentee ballots
 Nov 3 - Election Day! Polls open 6:30am -
 7:30pm; drop off absentee ballots at your
 County Board of Elections by 7:30pm

2020 General Election Early Voting Hours

T-F 10/6-9, 8am-5pm
 M-F 10/12-16, 8am-5pm
 M-F 10/19-23, 8am-6pm
 Sat 10/24, 8am - 4pm
 Sun 10/25, 1pm-5pm
 M-F 10/26-30, 8am-7pm
 Sat 10/31, 8am-4pm
 Sun 11/1, 1pm-5pm
 M 11/2, 8am-2pm

Voter Resources:

www.Vote411.org – Look up your polling place & get a personalized Voter Guide where available from the League of Women Voters.

Ohio election text reminders – Sign up for text message reminders from the League of Women Voters of Ohio by texting “vote-note” to 31996.

www.JudicialVotesCount.org – Learn about Ohio’s courts and read profiles of candidates running for judge.

www.VoteOhio.gov – The Ohio Secretary of State website where you can check your voter registration, register to vote, print an absentee ballot request form, and look up your local Board of Elections.

Election Protection – This nonpartisan coalition provides a toll-free hotline for voting information or to report problems:
 1-866-OUR-VOTE (English), 1-888-Ve-Y-Vota (Spanish),
 1-888-API-VOTE (Asian & Pacific Island languages).

Visit the League of Women Voters of Ohio at www.lwvohio.org



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