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JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court

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

Salary: \$164,000

Term: 6 years

Term Beginning 1/1/2019

Craig Baldwin

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Occupation: Judge, Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals

Education: J.D. Capital University Law School. B.A. Ohio University.

Work Experience: Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeals, 2013 to present. Judge, Licking County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 2005-2013. Director, Licking County Child Support Enforcement Agency, 2001-2005. Partner in the Law Firm of Jones, Norpell, List Miller and Howarth. 1997-2001. Associate Attorney at the Law firm of Swank and Wilson. 1992-1997.

Family: Married thirty years to Kelly with two grown daughters.

Affiliations: First Presbyterian Church of Granville. Newark/Heath Rotary member. Board member, Licking Memorial Hospital. Member, Licking County, Stark County and Ohio State Bar Associations. Member and Treasurer, Ohio Court of Appeals Judge Association. Member, Ohio Judicial Conference.

Endorsements: N/A

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals, 2013 to present. Licking County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 2005-2013.

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

My time as a practicing attorney provided me with a solid background for a successful judicial career. I represented a wide variety of clients in both the civil and criminal areas, doing both trial and appellate work. This broad range of experience provided me with the legal and personal qualifications to succeed as a judge. I attended law school at night. During the day I worked for the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk of Court and the Ohio Public Defender's Office. These law school jobs provided a sound foundation for my legal career.

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

I believe in our democracy and in our constitution. I have great respect for our legal system. During my time on the bench I have considered it my privilege to participate in our system as a Judge. I hope to be elected as an Ohio Supreme Court Justice so I can work to ensure the system works for all according to our constitutional principles. Further I have strong feelings about the way all participants in the system should be treated. Every person who enters a courthouse, no matter what their role, should be treated with dignity and respect, in short as a citizen in their courthouse. I believe that Judges at every level should be fair, timely and only rule on the specific issues in front of them. Judges should interpret the law and then be humble enough to stop, refraining from legislating from the bench. These are the values and principles I lived by as a Common Pleas Judge, as an Appellate Court Judge and these are the values and principles I will live by as an Ohio Supreme Court Justice.

Michael P. Donnelly

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Occupation: Judge, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, 2005- Present

Education: J.D., Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; B.A., John Carroll University; St. Ignatius High School

Work Experience: Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, 1992-1997; Attorney in Private Practice, 1997-2004

Family: Married with two children

Affiliations: Gesu Catholic Church

Endorsements: Ohio Democratic Party; Cuyahoga County Democratic Party; Cleveland Stonewall Democrats; Congresswoman Marcia Fudge; Ohio Education Association (OEA); Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE); Service Employees International Union (SEIU); Ohio State Senator Joe Schiavoni

Bar Association Ratings: Lake County Bar Association – Highly Recommended

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

I was elected to serve as a Judge in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas in November 2004 and took office on January 3, 2005. I was reelected in 2010 and in 2016. During the last thirteen years, I have presided over thousands of cases involving virtually every type of criminal and civil claim which can be litigated in the General Division. From 2010-2017, I served as one of five judges on Cuyahoga County's Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court, which oversees criminal cases that involve defendants who suffer from schizophrenia, schizophrenic disorder, or a developmental disability.

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

Fighting for victims as a Cuyahoga County Assistant County Prosecutor and for injured workers as a private attorney taught me how important it is that people can see that their court system operates fairly and efficiently, and that they have access to it. Building greater trust in our court system requires advocating for systemic criminal and civil justice reform. I currently serve as first Vice President of the Ohio Common Pleas Judge's Association. I am also a current member of both the Ohio State Board of Bar Examiners and the Ohio Jury Instruction Committee. I served for six years on the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism. In each of these roles, I have worked to advance policies that make our court system more transparent and fair. I have worked to expose the practice of prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges who allow criminal defendants to resolve

serious accusations, such as rape and gross sexual imposition, by accepting factually baseless pleas. Allowing defendants to plead to irrelevant offenses that have no basis in fact enters incorrect information into the public record, gives an inaccurate account of criminal activity, and often circumvents registration laws for sexual offenses. Because of this practice, employers who conduct important criminal background checks and those who rely on conviction data (such as law enforcement, victim advocacy groups, future sentencing courts, and the general public) cannot have confidence that the information they receive accurately reflects what people may have done. For a number of years, I have led an effort to have Ohio adopt a modification of Ohio's Criminal Rule 11 to specifically require that plea agreements maintain a factual basis, as is already required in our federal system. Despite having the backing of The Plain Dealer, Columbus Dispatch, the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, and the Ohio Alliance Against Sexual Violence, the current Ohio Supreme Court rejected this effort without explanation. The Ohio Supreme Court is the steward of Ohio's justice system and must take responsibility for making it fairer and more effective. I believe my efforts to reform the system have helped prepare me for the role of Associate Justice, where I will be able to work with all of our justice system's stakeholders to shape statewide judicial policy and help restore and deepen the public's trust in the justice system.

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

In the broadest terms, the Ohio Supreme Court is responsible for ensuring: 1. That Ohio's justice system runs fairly, effectively, and efficiently. 2. That Ohio's laws are justly applied. When these jobs aren't done well, the public's faith in our courts begins to erode and I believe that's what has been happening in Ohio. People fear that our courts are focused less on the fair application of the law and more on serving the interests of those who can afford to access them and those who help fund judicial election campaigns. Maintaining public confidence in our court system should be a priority for everyone. Our justice system is the backbone of our society because it provides the means for parties to resolve their disputes. Without our courts, these disputes would tear apart families, businesses, and communities.

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To operate as designed, however, our courts must earn the public's trust. People must be confident their court system will treat them fairly and that its decisions will be just. I believe our courts can and must do better at earning society's trust. The most important element in accomplishing this is greater transparency because the public's ability to discern that our courts are functioning properly and efficiently resolving disputes depends upon it. I also strongly believe that Ohioans suffer from a huge justice gap. Citizens with lower income face significant barriers to justice. This is not a matter of opinion or debate; it is a matter of established fact. I have worked hard in my court room and in the other settings to advance policies that would reform our court system. But, inevitably, there is a limit to how much a single trial court judge can do; building greater trust in our court system requires advocating for systemic criminal and civil justice reform. I'm running for Associate Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court for the opportunity to help rebuild the public's trust in its courts and prove to Ohioans that justice is for ALL of us.

Term Beginning 1/2/2019

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Education: 1986 JD Cleveland State University; 1983 BA Youngstown State University

Work Experience: January, 2018-date Justice Supreme Court of Ohio; 2001-January, 2018 Judge 7th District Court of Appeals; 1986-2001 Appellate/General Practice Attorney Youngstown Ohio; 2011-2013 Adjunct Faculty Youngstown State University Political Science Department

Family: Married 34 years; older son is married and younger son is engaged.

Affiliations: Religious: Roman Catholic. Professional includes: 2010-date Ohio Women's Bar Association, current Vice-President; 2001-date Member Ohio Judicial Conference Judicial Ethics & Professionalism Committee and Co-Chair 2013-date, OJC Executive 2013-date, Founding Member Appellate

Practice & Procedure 2013-date, Specialized Dockets 2017-date; 2005-date Founding Member Appellate Practice Certification Board through the Ohio State Bar Association which administers the bar exam for lawyers specializing in Appellate Practice; 2003-04 Named by then Chief Justice Thomas Moyer to serve on the Voter Education/Public Funding Working Group as a part of a larger Committee reviewing issues involving judicial races. Also helped prepare YSU teams to compete in national college appellate competitions and judged Ohio High School Mock Trial Competitions for 17 years. Community & Civic includes: 2015-date Ohio Civility Consortium, created in 2015 to promote and educate about the importance of civil discourse; 2017-date Ohio Farm Bureau member; 2011-date Mahoning Valley Historical Society Board, has held various offices, 2003-date Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County Board, 2007-2012 Mahoning County Alcohol & Drug Addiction Service Board; External Advisory Committees for Cleveland State University Center for Women in Public Service 2002-2004 and Youngstown State University College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences 2007-2009; Also a member of the Italian Education Foundation and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. 2018 Inductee, Association of Ohio Commodores.

Endorsements: Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council ACT Ohio; Ohio Chamber of Commerce, National Federation of Independent Business; Western Reserve Building and Construction Trades; Columbus Fire Fighters Union Local 67; Ohio State Medical Association; Ohio Manufacturers Association; Ohio Society of CPAs.

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

January, 2018-date Justice Supreme Court of Ohio 2001-January, 2018 Judge Ohio 7th District Court of Appeals, serving Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Monroe & Noble Counties. (elected 2000, re-elected 2006 & 2012) Sat by assignment on 10 cases with the Ohio Supreme Court; also sat by assignment with 6 other Appellate Districts across Ohio. Served as Administrative/Presiding Judge for 2 two-year terms, 2007-2008 and 2013-14.

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

My 33 year legal career has been dedicated to appellate practice, which is a unique writing style and very different from trial court and academic writing. I had extensive experience as an attorney; over 25 appeals before the 7th and 11th Districts and two before the Ohio Supreme Court which are rare achievements for a civil attorney. Over 17 years as a judge, I wrote 1,000+ opinions in over 3,000 cases. In several significant cases appealed to the Supreme Court my reasoning was adopted and became the law in Ohio. I grew up in Cleveland Heights and my family moved to Youngstown when I was 15, where I live today. Many family members, including my husband and son, belonged to unions and I was able to go to college because of the state university system, by living with family and working as a waitress and sales clerk. In law school I interned at a hospital legal department and for a federal trial judge My life experience and having served eight counties made up of urban, suburban, rural, agricultural and manufacturing communities has enabled me to build relationships with the people I serve, and expertise in a variety of legal issues. More important, it keeps me committed to fairly and impartially decide every case, and treat every party, attorney, court employee and member of the public with respect. I belong to numerous boards and organizations to improve the practice of law, judging and my community. It is a joyful responsibility to serve on the Youngstown Library Board, Ohio Civility Consortium, and Appellate Specialty Board for example. I am a leader in the Ohio judiciary on ethics and professionalism, and am also a voice for civility in the profession, civic engagement and daily life. Through my involvement with the Ohio Women's Bar Association, we have been addressing issues of recruitment, retention and advancement of women, and I recently participated in a joint Supreme Court/Ohio State Bar Association half-day presentation on sexual harassment in the legal profession. Also as an OWBA officer and justice, I have been able to begin the conversation with leaders in the legal profession about reinstating mandatory education for judges and lawyers on substance abuse and other ways for the profession to address the drug/alcohol/opioid crisis which

is affecting everyone in some way throughout Ohio.

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

In addition to deciding cases, I believe a justice on the Ohio Supreme Court has additional responsibilities: 1) improve access to and the administration of justice on the Supreme Court and statewide; 2) educate the public about the work of judges and lawyers; and 3) public service to improve the lives of Ohioans. I have a passion for literacy, civic education and civility, and as a justice I have a platform to bring attention to these issues and the opportunity to promote programs that will make a difference. To successfully improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our courts and the practice of law, relationships with judges, lawyers and the public across the Ohio is important. I have built those relationships over 17 years as an active member of the Ohio Judicial Conference, the Ohio Civility Consortium, the Ohio State and Women's Bar Associations. For example, I helped put together a panel of health professionals and women in recovery for an OWBA seminar on substance abuse. I encourage the creation of, as well as promote and educate the public about specialty courts which address drug abuse, human trafficking and other criminal and juvenile/family issues. This is a creative tool for judges to address the opioid/drug/mental health crisis and to stop the revolving court/jail door. Finally, the Supreme Court decides what cases it will hear; hundreds of requests are filed but less than 10% are accepted. Since I've joined the Court, we have tested and implemented a new process to review the requests, and we still thoughtfully but more efficiently make that decision. I also believe as a justice it's important for me to be accessible to the public and dispel the myths popular culture and TV have created about the legal system, so they understand the work that lawyers and judges really do every day in Ohio's courts to help people: start a business, guide them through a divorce, help them with an adoption, and protect their civil rights. There are still countries around the world which don't have the independent legal system we do. I am honored to be serving as a Justice, and am proud to be a part of a team of over 200 professional, dedicated people at the Court who work every day to make the Judicial System in Ohio the best it can be. DeGenaro

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Court of Appeals – Eighth District

Education: Beaumont High

School; B.Mus. ~ College-

Conservatory of Music, University

of Cincinnati; J.D. ~ Cleveland-

Marshall College of Law,

Cleveland State University; Ph.D.

~ Mandel School of Applied Social

Sciences, Case Western Reserve

University; Honorary Doctor of

Laws ~ Cleveland State University

Work Experience: Ohio Court of

Appeals Judge; Supreme Court of

Ohio sitting judge by assignment

of the Chief Justice; University

of Toledo College of Law ~ law

professor; Cleveland-Marshall

College of Law ~ law professor,

assistant dean, lecturer; Case

Western Reserve School of Law

~ director; Ursuline College

~ Adjunct Instructor; City of

Euclid ~ Board of Planning and

Zoning chair & vice-chair; City

of Cleveland and City of East

Cleveland ~ Assistant Director

of Law; Annashae Corporation ~

Office Manager.

Affiliations: Ohio Court of

Appeals Judges Association; Ohio

Judicial Conference; Dwight D.

Opperman Institute of Judicial

Administration; American

Inns of Court; Ohio State Bar

Association; Ohio Women's Bar

Association (founding member);

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar

Association; Norman S. Minor

Bar Association; Cleveland-

Marshall Law Alumni Association

Life Member; Mu Phi Epsilon

music fraternity; Phi Alpha

Delta law fraternity; St. Agnes-

Our Lady of Fatima Parish;

Mandel School, CWRU Visiting

Committee; former Cleveland-

Marshall College of Law Visiting

Committee Member; former

Board of Trustees member

of the Catholic Charities

Service Corp, the Cleveland

BoyChoir, Beaumont School,

Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni

Association; Fairhill Partners; and

the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar

Association; former volunteer

Magistrate for county juvenile

diversion program.

Endorsements: Ohio Fraternal

Order of Police; Ohio AFL-CIO;

Ohio Education Association;

Ohio Association of Public School

Employees; United Steelworkers;

United Autoworkers; U.S. Senator

Sherrod Brown to name a few.

Bar Association Ratings: Ohio

State Bar Association – “Highly

Recommended” with 29 out of a

possible 30 points; Judge4Yourself

Judicial Candidates Rating

Coalition – perfect 4.0 rating;

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar

Association – Excellent-Preferred;

Cuyahoga Criminal Defense

Lawyers Association – Excellent;

Norman S. Minor Bar Association

– Excellent-Preferred.

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

I have been a Court of Appeals Judge since 2006 responsible for hearing and ruling on appeals and original actions. I was the Court's Administrative Judge in 2013. During my tenure, I have sat on the Ohio Supreme Court to hear cases by assignment of the Chief Justice. Additionally, I am currently the chair of the Ohio Capital Case Attorney Fee Council which is comprised of Court of Appeals Judges from various districts across the state responsible for setting the compensation rate for attorneys who are appointed to represent individuals being tried in death penalty cases; I am on the Board of Trustees for the Judicial College of the Ohio Supreme Court which provides continuing legal education for judges, judicial officers and court personnel throughout the state; and I served as the Court of Appeals representative on the Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification Committee which is a bi-partisan committee created by the General Assembly to study the state's existing criminal statutes, with the goal of enhancing public safety and the administration of criminal justice throughout the state of Ohio. The Committee is composed of twenty four individuals with extensive experience in criminal justice, law enforcement, and public safety. I also serve on the Appellate Law and Procedure Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference; the Judicial Administration and Legal Reform Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association; and served on the Supreme Court's Judicial College Appellate Judges Curriculum Committee. I teach continuing legal education courses to judges and lawyers across the state.

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

I have over 30 years of diverse legal experience. I practiced law, taught law, and was published in the law all before becoming an appellate court judge. Additionally having a background in music, business management, law practice and teaching, and social science makes me a more well-rounded candidate with a stronger academic background and greater diversity of thought, intellect, and experience. I have always been involved in my local and the larger state community serving on boards and committees because I feel that work is also a part of my responsibility as an elected official. Most importantly, I am an excellent public servant and always have been. I take a great deal of pride in my work. I have worked in the private and public sectors and I work the same in both. I am efficient, effective, respectful of everyone, and am a good steward of fiscal resources.

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

I am running for the Ohio Supreme Court for several reasons. My diverse educational and professional experiences make me the stronger and better candidate for the Court. In addition to the perspective which I bring that is currently missing on the Supreme Court, I will work to help reform our judicial system to make it more efficient, more effective, more accountable, and more responsive to the people it serves. I also want to provide to the citizens of the state the same good service that I have provided to the citizens of my county over the past three decades. Finally, the Supreme Court is currently comprised of justices who all belong to the same political party. That is not a good composition for our state, particularly since, with rare exception, the Court gets to decide which cases it will hear. I think it is naive at best and insulting at worst to think that the citizens of a state as diverse as Ohio is can have confidence in the highest level of our judiciary being made up of justices who all belong to the same political party – regardless of the party. As a nominee different from the current make up of the court, my election improves the court from day one. Finally, I have had the privilege of being educated by some of the best colleges and universities our state has to offer (and our state has a lot of great colleges and universities). I was taught at a very young age that you

always leave a place better off than it was when you got there and that, if you have the credentials and the ability to be part of the solution to any problem and you don't make the effort to be part of that solution, then you are – or you become – part of the problem. I hope voters see fit to make me part of the solution.

For Judge of the Seventh 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.

Salary: \$152,850

Term: 6 years

Term Beginning 2/9/2019

Kathleen Bartlett

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Mahoning, Columbiana, Carroll,

Jefferson, Harrison, Monroe,

Noble, Belmont counties –

Seventh District Court of Appeals

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Occupation: Judge of the Seventh District Court of Appeals

Education: Miami University, Ohio; Cleveland Marshall College of Law

Work Experience: Judge of

7th District Court of Appeals

since 2018; Attorney since 1994;

Common Pleas Magistrate since

2006; Mayor's Court Magistrate

since 1996

Family: Married to Alan Bartlett

for over 22 years

Affiliations: Member Ohio State

Bar Association, Columbiana

County Bar Association.

Endorsements: Mahoning County

Republican Party; Columbiana

County Republican Party

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

Judge of 7th District Court of

Appeals since 2018; Common

Pleas Magistrate from 2006-2018

Mayor's Court Magistrate from

1996-2018

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

I was in the private practice of law

from 1994-2006. In 2006, I was

appointed a full-time Magistrate

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in the Columbiana County Common Pleas Court. While in private practice, I represented clients in a wide range of legal areas, including, but not limited to: criminal, civil, domestic relations, bankruptcy, probate and juvenile law. I also practiced law in several counties included in the Court of Appeals district.

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

Judges make really hard, important decisions every single day. And each of those decisions personally affects each litigant who appears before the court. A judge's decision will literally change someone's life.

Therefore, it is so important that we elect the very best to these judicial positions. We need to elect judges who are honest and honorable, fair and impartial. We need to elect judges who have integrity and who are dedicated to the just administration of the law. I am mindful that every decision I have made, or will make, as a Judge or Magistrate has deeply impacted the parties who have appeared in front of me. I treat everyone in my court with respect. I dedicate sufficient time and resources to all of my judicial duties. The judicial experience that I gained at the trial court level has provided the necessary background for the appellate level. I am the only candidate who has actual Court of Appeals judicial experience.

David A. D'Apolito

Office: Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Monroe, and Noble Counties. Courthouse is located in Mahoning County. County – Seventh District Court of Appeals
Age: 54

Residence: Canfield, OH

Email: N/A

Website: N/A

Occupation: Mahoning County Court Judge, Attorney at Law
Education: Youngstown State University, University of Akron School of Law

Work Experience: Practicing Attorney since 1989, County Court Judge since 2000

Affiliations: N/A

Endorsements: Mahoning County Democrat Party, Columbiana County Democrat Party, United Auto Workers

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

Mahoning County Court Magistrate 1997-2000 Mahoning County Court Judge 2000-present

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

As a practicing attorney I have handled criminal as well as civil cases in many different areas of the law. I have tried both criminal and civil cases to juries. I have served as Mahoning County Court Judge since 2000.

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

I believe that the Court of Appeals is a very important bench. It is not an entry level position. I have 18 years of judicial experience as a trial court judge. I have presided over many jury trials both civil and criminal. I believe that this experience is invaluable at the appellate court level. I will be able to understand the view of the trial court as I review their decisions. I believe that I am the only candidate with this experience which makes me uniquely qualified in this election.

For Judge of the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas, 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 1/1/2019

Anthony Donofrio

For Judge of the Mahoning County Court, #5

Term Beginning 1/1/2019

Scott D. Hunter

For Judge of the Mahoning County Court, #2

Term Beginning 1/2/2019

Joseph M. Houser

For Judge of the Mahoning County Court, #3

Term Beginning 1/3/2019

A. Ross Douglass

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Occupation: Attorney

Education: Juris Doctor in 2000, Duquesne University Law School

Work Experience: Trial Attorney for thousands of criminal and civil cases, Guardian Ad Litem for the protection of children

Family: Married with two children. My wife Denise serves as a supervisor with Mahoning County Children Services and we have two children, Amelia and Giovanni.

Affiliations: Mahoning County Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, National Drug Court Institute, Mahoning County Family Dependency Treatment Court establishing board member, past President and member of the Wolves Club of Youngstown, past service on the Board of Directors of the Youngstown Community School, member of St. Charles of Borromeo Church

Endorsements: N/A

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

Not applicable. I have never run for office before.

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

The primary purpose of a Mahoning County Court Judge is to preside over criminal cases with the secondary responsibility of presiding over civil matters. I established my private law practice in 2001 focusing on the representation of hard working families and small businesses. I have served as Chief Trial Counsel for thousands of criminal and civil matters pending before the Mahoning County Courts located in Austintown, Boardman, Canfield and Sebring as well as the Court of Common Pleas General Division, Domestic Division and Juvenile Division. I have had the opportunity to handle many different types of cases including criminal defense, civil litigation, family law, probate, personal injury and mental health proceedings.

Most important to me is that I serve as a Guardian Ad Litem in the Mahoning County Juvenile Court in an effort to protect the best interests of our community's children. I am licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and have the proven experience and integrity to serve as Judge.

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

I have never run for office before and I believe it is time to dedicate my service to our community. Over the years as citizens of Mahoning County we have had to suffer repeated harm and embarrassment as a result of the criminal actions and ineptitude of so many of our elected officials. As someone who has spent the last seventeen years in a courtroom, I have gained the highest respect for the office and I know how important it is for the citizens of Mahoning County to have a qualified Judge. Through my extensive experience as a trial attorney, I have proven that I have the integrity to serve in this most respected capacity.

Matthew Hammond Gambrel

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Occupation: Attorney

Education: J.D. from Cleveland Marshall College of Law (Cleveland State), B.A. from Ohio University, H.S. Diploma from Boardman High School

Work Experience: Sole practitioner attorney since 2008. My practice focuses on criminal defense (felonies and misdemeanors), probate (wills, estates, guardianships), and general civil litigation

Family: Married, one child placed with us, waiting for the adoption to be finalized

Affiliations: Boardman Lions (past president from 2016-2018) / Mahoning County Bar Association / Catholic

Endorsements: N/A

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

I have never held judicial office.

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

A county court judge presides over evictions, lawsuits under

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5,000.00, traffic offenses, misdemeanor crimes, and preliminary hearings for felony crimes. It is the equivalent of a municipal court, but located in areas that are not established as a municipality. In Mahoning County, the four county courts are located in Boardman, Canfield, Austintown, and Sebring. I have been a licensed attorney in the state of Ohio since 2008. I have been actively practicing in the Mahoning County Courts, as well as the Mahoning and Trumbull Common Pleas and Probate Courts since starting my practice. I have been a sole practitioner my entire career with my practice focusing primarily on probate, criminal defense and civil litigation. I have worked on over 1,000 cases over the course of my career. I am very familiar with the types of cases that come through the court. This experience has given me a thorough understanding of all parties involved in the county court system. Because of my experience and understanding, I will make sure everyone before me is treated fairly and with respect and that my rulings will be just and appropriate. I do not believe in blanket policies and absolutes. I think every situation is different and needs to be heard and resolved based on the particular facts of each case. This takes time, patience, and a real understanding and appreciation of the cases. My experience as a practicing attorney, actively practicing in the county court system since 2008 qualifies me to be a judge in this court.

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

I am running for this particular court seat because I think I have the experience and commitment to the community to run a fair and honest court. I have already discussed my professional qualifications for the position. I firmly believe this area is a wonderful place to call home. I am committed to serving and improving my community. I am a member of the Boardman Lions Club, serving as club president for the past two years. As member have worked to raise money and help provide assistance for those in need in the community. I have chaired committees and worked with the local food pantry to establish a food pantry at the Boardman Center Intermediate School. I believe I can further better my community by serving as a County Court Judge. My professional experience, personal

history and priorities, and temperament make me the ideal choice as county court judge. My goal is to preside over a fair, honest, efficient and accessible court. In my years of practicing in the courts, I have seen what judicial methods work and which ones fail. I understand the perspectives of the parties and attorneys. I have proven my pride in our community and will approach a judgeship with the same philosophy of improving the community and making a courtroom that the people of Mahoning County deserve and can take pride in.

Molly Johnson

J.P. Morgan

Office: Mahoning County Court #3 – Sebring

Age: 44

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Occupation: Attorney

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

Work Experience: General Practitioner with JP Morgan Esq., Ltd. (2003-Current)

Family: Married with six children
Affiliations: Mahoning County and Ohio State Bar Association, Member – Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Austintown)

Endorsements: N/A

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

I have not yet served in any Judicial capacity.

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

As a practicing attorney in the Mahoning Valley for 17 years, I will 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 might not have been able to 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 area's unique challenges and will 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. I want to serve as a Judge to bring integrity and a restored trust to the bench I seek. Our families and this community deserve a Court that they can trust to fairly, impartially and independently hear their case. A court that will apply the law correctly and not bow to political pressures. My Christian faith provides the backdrop 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 seek to become the next judge of the Mahoning County Court.

Christopher Sammarone

Office: Judge of Mahoning County Court #3

Age: 46

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Occupation: Attorney

Education: Cleveland State University, John Marshall College of Law, JD 1999, YSU, BS 1995

Work Experience: Practicing attorney since 1999. I have represented hundreds of clients in both the Mahoning County District and Municipal Courts in both civil and criminal matters. Counsel for the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities in Probate matters and counsel for the Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation. I am an Administrative Hearing Examiner for the Ohio Department of Public Safety. I have served as a guardian ad litem in Trumbull County Domestic Relations Court.

Family: Married with 5 Children

Affiliations: Member of the Ohio State and Mahoning County Bar Associations, member of the St. Christine's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes, a committeeperson for the Taft Promise Neighborhood in Partnership with the United Way, Board Member for Ohio Glacier Sports, Inc. an Ohio nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing baseball in the Mahoning Valley. A member of the YSU Penguin Club and YSU Football Alumni Club and Canfield High School Grid Iron Club.

Endorsements: N/A

Bar Association Ratings: In 2014, when I ran for Mahoning County Probate Court Judge I was recommended by the Mahoning County Bar Association.

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

I have never held a judicial office.

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

In the practice of law for nearly 20 years I have handled hundreds of cases in the Mahoning County District Courts and Municipal Courts. This experience includes representing criminal defendants and representing both plaintiffs and defendants in civil matters. Additional I have practiced in all of the Mahoning County Common Pleas Court Divisions from domestic relations matters to civil litigation and criminal matters. I have served as guardian ad litem in the Trumbull County Domestic Relations Court. I currently represent the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities in probate matters affecting the clients that the Board serves. I also represent

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our Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation which is otherwise known as the Mahoning County Land Bank. Its mission is to acquire vacant, abandoned properties and make them productive again. Further I am an Administrative Hearing Examiner with the Ohio Department of Public Safety. This position requires me to conduct hearings which involve matters whereby individuals have received an adjudication which negatively impacts their Ohio driver's license or commercial driver's license. As part of the administrative process they are entitled to a hearing which is conducted by an Administrative Hearing Examiner. I am required to hear evidence by way of testimony of the parties and/or documents admitted into evidence. After conducting hearings and addressing the evidence presented, I am required to prepare written reports which include findings of fact and conclusions of law.

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat? I am running for this position because I have the experience and qualifications to serve our community in this capacity. I was born and raised in Mahoning County and have served this community in many ways for the past 20 years. Now I am desirous to continue to serve this community in the role of Judge for Mahoning County District Court. I believe my experience makes me the most qualified candidate for this position

Kathi McNabb Welsh

Office: Mahoning County Court [term commencing 1/3/18]

Age: 58

Residence: Boardman, Ohio

Website: Facebook: Kathi McNabb Welsh for County Court Judge

Occupation: Attorney. Chief Deputy Clerk of Court for the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas and County Courts

Education: Juris Doctor, University of Akron School of Law, 1985; Bowling Green State University; Austintown Schools
Work Experience: Chief Deputy Clerk of Court for the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas and County Courts [December 1994-present]; Assistant Mahoning County Prosecuting Attorney [Jan. 1989-Dec. 1994]; Assistant Akron City Prosecutor [1987-1988]

Family: I am married to Attorney Timothy Welsh, who

is a magistrate in the Mahoning County Common Pleas Court. We have one son, Timothy, an actor in New York City.

Affiliations: Member and Past President Mahoning County Bar Association, Mahoning County Bar Foundation, Elected Governing Board Member Mahoning County Educational Service Center Board since 2003, Member Board of Education Mahoning County Career and Technical Center since 2003, Former Trustee Eastern Gateway Community College, Board of Directors Boardman Civic Association, League of Women Voters of Greater Youngstown, Member St. Charles Church
Endorsements: N/A
Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

N/A. I have never run for judge before.

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

As a former assistant prosecuting attorney, I have experience in trying felony and misdemeanor jury and bench trials before the common pleas courts and municipal courts. I have argued cases before courts of appeals and have argued several times before the Supreme Court of Ohio. As Chief Deputy Clerk of Court, I have expanded my knowledge of the law in civil matters, including those handled by the county courts. Every day, I use my legal skills to ensure that the Clerk's office, including the County Court Clerk's office, is in compliance with the law and its many changes. Also, I have the unique experience of understanding the administration and operation of the Mahoning County Courts. I have also represented clients in private civil matters.

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

I am running because I believe that my unique qualifications and my record of qualified and ethical service to the law and to the community make me an ideal candidate for county court judge. Throughout my legal career and my career in public service, I have held true to my core values of hard work, honesty and integrity. As a school board member with over 15 years of elected office experience, I have served my constituents honorably. I will do the same as judge.

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

Party information is after the candidates name in parentheses.

D – Democrat, **R** – Republican, **L** – Libertarian, **G** – Green, **WI** – Write-In.

US Senator (Ohio)

Responsibilities: Represents the people of Ohio and the U.S. in dealing with matters of national and international importance.

The general welfare should be a prime concern.

Salary: \$174,000

Term: 6 yrs

Sherrod Brown (D)

Biographical Information

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Education: Masters from The Ohio State University, BA from Yale

Training and Experience: U.S. Senator for Ohio

What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?

Ohioans are working harder and harder with less and less to show for their hard work. I want to restore the value of work to everyone working hard but struggling -- whether you earn a salary, punch a timesheet or make tips. Everyone deserves the opportunity to get ahead. That is why I have unveiled a plan to make work pay off again. We can do so by raising the minimum wage, giving workers the ability to earn paid sick days and family leave, and expanding overtime pay.

What would you do to enact a fair and equitable immigration policy in Congress?

Earlier this year, I supported a pair of bipartisan bills that would have provided certainty to Dreamers while boosting security on our borders. Unfortunately those efforts failed, but I will continue to work with my Republican and Democratic colleagues until we reach a bipartisan solution to fix our broken immigration system that protects those brought here as children who are working and contributing to their communities.

Explain your position on gun safety, sales, and ownership.

We cannot say we are doing what it takes to keep Americans safe until we are finally willing to pass commonsense laws to protect people from gun violence. I have always respected the rights of hunters, collectors, and other law-abiding gun owners, and no one intends to take their guns away. But when our children are not safe in their schools, it's clear something has to be done to protect Ohioans against gun violence.

That's why I am proud of my record of supporting: true comprehensive background check legislation, closing loopholes that allow suspected terrorists to buy guns, funding research into the causes of gun violence, and banning deadly assault rifles that belong on the battlefields and not on our streets.

How do tariffs on international goods affect working people regardless of their job? What policy do you recommend, going forward?

I grew up in Mansfield, Ohio and I've seen first-hand what America's disastrous trade policy has done to Ohio workers. Whether it's cheating through currency manipulation, illegal dumping, or Republican tax breaks that reward companies for moving to Wuhan, China or Reynosa, Mexico, U.S. trade and domestic policy must take aggressive steps going forward to combat these factors that have cost Ohio too many jobs. Three days after the election, I wrote President-Elect Trump a letter, where I asked him not to play off agriculture against industry, farmers against steel workers. I support the President's tariffs -- but they need to be focused on the serial cheaters and not our friends and allies. Using every tool at our disposal, including targeted tariffs, will help create a level playing field for all Ohioans.

What are your legislative priorities to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural, and human health?

From the Great Lakes to small ponds, I have been a leader in defending Ohio's lakes and waterways. I partnered with senators throughout the region to champion the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, to clean up and revitalize these vital water resources, and, together with Senator Portman, vocally opposed the Trump Administration's efforts to drastically reduce support for the project.

The health of our environment has a direct impact on the health of

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Ohioans. I worked to protect our drinking water and am a strong proponent of increasing funding to prevent, monitor, and eliminate lead poisoning. I also worked with Senator Portman to protect our water from microcystin, the byproduct of the algal blooms that created the 2014 water crisis in the Toledo area. Furthermore, I've spoken out against dangerous cuts to the federal budget that would make it nearly impossible to enforce clean air and water laws.

In your role in the confirmation process of federal judicial nominees, what will you do to ensure the independence and impartiality of the judiciary?

More and more often these days, the only thing standing between Ohioans and their healthcare, the freedom to marry whoever they love, or the right to organize, is the Supreme Court. That's why it's more important than ever that we have fair and independent judges at all levels of the federal court system. That's why I opposed Justice Gorsuch and that's why I will oppose Brett Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh would be a vote for big corporations and special interests, not Ohio's workers, consumers, and the five million Ohioans with pre-existing conditions. The White House already looks like a retreat for Wall Street and pharmaceutical companies. We don't need the Supreme Court to look that way too.

Stephen Faris (WI)

Biographical Information
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Education: Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering and Business Administration; studied at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Oklahoma City University, University of Akron, and Kent State University.
Training and Experience: Privately employed (2014-present); U.S. military officer (2005-present); Leadership; Management; Electrical engineering; Scientific and technical intelligence; R&D; Logistics;
What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?
 The most pressing problem facing the Federal Government in 2018 is whether or not it will address long standing issues or leave them to worsen with age. The primary example of this is

the continued deprivation of life and the continued denial of equal protection of law to unborn persons since 1973. The Constitution is clear in the 5th and 14th Amendments that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of law and that States shall not deny to any person in their jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. Science has proven that a person's life begins at conception, yet the Federal Government struggles to challenge the longstanding expectation that some of us can be arbitrarily denied life and equal protection by the choices of others of us. For this, I am a single-issue candidate. I bring definition and protection to unborn persons, as well as prosecution or preservation to institutions that would harm or help them, to resolve this issue before it worsens beyond repair.

What would you do to enact a fair and equitable immigration policy in Congress?

I would lead Congress to establish and maintain uniform rules of naturalization as directed in the Constitution and I would provide for up-to-date defense measures at our borders. I would love to expound further on this issue and give it more attention, but it is currently a lower priority of mine relative to preserving the right to life and the right to equal protection to all persons in America, notably, unborn persons. Once the right to life and the right to equal protection is guaranteed to all, without exceptions, I can give my full faith and attention to immigration policy. As a single-issue candidate, other rights, issues, and conversations are less urgent.

Explain your position on gun safety, sales, and ownership.

The Federal Government must not infringe upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms. However, Congress may regulate interstate gun sales and provide for gun safety programs, as needed, in providing for the general welfare of the United States as allowed in the Constitution. I would love to expound further on this issue and give it more attention, but it is currently a lower priority of mine relative to preserving the right to life and the right to equal protection to all persons in America, notably, unborn persons. Once the right to life and the right to equal protection is guaranteed to all, without exceptions, I can give my full faith and attention to gun policy. As a single-issue candidate, other rights, issues, and conversations are less urgent.

How do tariffs on international goods affect working people regardless of their job? What policy do you recommend, going forward?

Tariffs cause working people to face higher prices on imported goods relative to domestic goods and tariffs essentially attempt to promote domestic purchases. I would lead Congress to lay and collect such taxes, as allowed in the Constitution, and as necessary, provided they are uniform through the United States. I would love to expound further on this issue and give it more attention, but it is currently a lower priority of mine relative to preserving the right to life and the right to equal protection to all persons in America, notably, unborn persons. Once the right to life and the right to equal protection is guaranteed to all, without exceptions, I can give my full faith and attention to foreign trade policy. As a single-issue candidate, other rights, issues, and conversations are less urgent.

What are your legislative priorities to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural, and human health?

It is a priority of mine to lead Congress to provide for the general welfare of the United States, and that includes considering response measures to a changing climate and related challenges. I would love to expound further on this issue and give it more attention, but it is currently a lower priority of mine relative to preserving the right to life and the right to equal protection to all persons in America, notably, unborn persons. Once the right to life and the right to equal protection is guaranteed to all, without exceptions, I can give my full faith and attention to climate change policy. As a single-issue candidate, other rights, issues, and conversations are less urgent.

In your role in the confirmation process of federal judicial nominees, what will you do to ensure the independence and impartiality of the judiciary?

This question is intimately tied to the deprivation of life and the denial of equal protection to unborn persons that has been occurring in America since 1973. I would thoroughly screen a nominee's public record to determine if the nominee has demonstrated independence and impartiality in all rulings. Additionally, I would clearly communicate to the President, nominees and prospective

nominees that I will support impeachment measures from the House of Representatives against any Supreme Court Justice or Federal Judge who resorts to political activism against any person in any ruling. Apart from the confirmation process, I will propose and support an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that limits the terms of Supreme Court Justices for the role played in the continued deprivation of life and continued denial of equal protection of our laws to unborn persons, signaling that there is no exception to the requirement for an independent and impartial judiciary.

Jim Renacci (R)

Biographical Information
Website: <http://jimrenacci.com>; Facebook: <http://facebook.com/jimrenacci>; Twitter @jimrenacci
Education: Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
Training and Experience: My breadth of experience in the private sector, in which I created over 1,500 jobs and employed over 3,000 people across Ohio, has rendered me uniquely qualified to effectively serve our state in the United States Senate and to advance the values of hardworking Ohioans—not Washington special interests and career politicians.
What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?
 Sustaining Long-Term Economic Growth, Addressing Our Debt Crisis and Tackling the Opioid Epidemic are our top three challenges. While we've seen tremendous progress and growth in our national economy over the past year, many Ohio families continue to struggle and our state has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Advancing a pro-growth, common sense agenda that fosters job creation and decreases our nation's debt will be a top priority of mine.
What would you do to enact a fair and equitable immigration policy in Congress?
 Our immigration system is in desperate need of reforms. I will support a merit-based immigration system so we bring in the best and brightest from around the world that have the skills we need to strengthen our country in a 21st Century economy. It's vital that we uphold our responsibility to our citizens to protect our borders and hold sanctuary cities accountable for

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failing to cooperate with federal law enforcement officials. We are a nation of laws and it is imperative that they are faithfully and effectively enforced.

Explain your position on gun safety, sales, and ownership.

I support Second Amendment rights. I'm a gun owner and I have a conceal carry permit. I've fought to uphold the Constitutional rights of Ohioans to protect their families. I'm proud to have supported bills to ensure that people who pass the test to get a concealed carry permit can take that license across state lines. And I have fought to keep the guns out of the hands of the dangerous and the mentally ill. Now I understand that good people can disagree on this issue, and I support common-sense reforms like an improved background check system, and more safety for our schools.

How do tariffs on international goods affect working people regardless of their job? What policy do you recommend, going forward?

I support trade that is fair and reciprocal and that protects Ohio workers. We need to make it easier for Ohio businesses to sell products and services overseas. But trade agreements need to be fair and we need to make sure they're in our best interest. Each trade deal is different and should be evaluated on their merits. And trade deals should never stand indefinitely – they should be reevaluated to make sure they are being followed and that they remain beneficial to American workers and American consumers. I would support re-evaluating South Korea, Panama and Colombia free trade agreements. I also strongly support Trade Adjustment Assistance which provides training and other benefits to any workers who are who might be affected badly by trade.

What are your legislative priorities to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural, and human health?

As the largest industry in Ohio, agriculture is vital to the Ohio economy. We have more than 75,000 farms in Ohio, & the agriculture industry adds more than \$100 billion to our state's economy each year. I've fought to make sure Ohio farmers have a voice in D.C. & am proud to have been endorsed in 2012, 2014 and 2016 by the Ohio Farm Bureau. But in recent years, career politicians in D.C. have caused some major problems for our Ohio farmers. I can't tell you

how many farmers I've talked to who have told me how the EPA and Washington Bureaucrats have harassed them, driven up the cost of doing business, and forcing them to lay off workers. Let me give you just one example. The EPA dramatically expanded the definition of the Waters of the US, or WOTUS, to give them authority over a low spot where rainwater collects no matter how small. This created confusion & costly bureaucratic hoops for Ohio's family farms. That's why I supported legislation that would've reversed the WOTUS regulation. ***In your role in the confirmation process of federal judicial nominees, what will you do to ensure the independence and impartiality of the judiciary?*** I will look to support candidates for the U.S. Supreme Court who demonstrate a clear commitment to upholding the original meaning and text of the constitution, and I'll oppose those who engage in judicial activism by applying new and shifting interpretations of the document.

U.S. Congressional Representative

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 year

U.S. Representative 6th (1 from each district)

Shawna Roberts (D)

No information received by the time of publication

Bill Johnson (R)

No information received by the time of publication

U.S. Representative 13th (1 from each district)

Chris DePizzo (R)

No information received by the time of publication

Tim Ryan (D)

No information received by the time of publication

Ohio Governor

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

Salary: \$148,304

Term: 4 years

And

Lieutenant Governor

Responsibilities: Succeeds to the office of governor in the event of death, conviction by impeachment, or disability of the governor.

Salary: \$142,501

Term: 4 yrs

Rebecca Ayers & Anthony Durgans (WI)

No information received by the time of publication

Richard Cordray & Betty Sutton (D)

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Training and Experience:

Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (2011 – 2017) Ohio Attorney General (elected in 2008 – 2010) Ohio Treasurer (elected in 2006 – 2008) Franklin County Treasurer (elected in 2002 and 2004 – 2006) Solicitor General (appointed 1993 – 1994)

What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?

Republicans have failed to respond effectively to this epidemic that is ravaging our families and our communities; it now kills about 14 Ohioans every day and costs taxpayers as much as \$8.8 billion each year. My running mate, Betty Sutton, and I have proposed a comprehensive plan to address this crisis, the details of which are described at CordrayforOhio.com. We will start by taking the following steps: 1) immediately declare a "state of emergency" requiring the strategic coordination of federal, state, and local government resources and community-based

efforts; 2) protect Ohio's Medicaid expansion, which supports treatment, and increases capacity for local enforcement and first responders; 3) expand access and funding for prevention and treatment; 4) provide support and resources for families and improve foster and adoptive services; and 5) replace economic despair with broader economic opportunity.

Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to support or to restrain local governments?

As I campaign across the state, I see many heads nod from the rural areas and small and mid-sized towns around Ohio when I detail the relentless war on local governments that the Republican State Legislature has been waging for years now. This must change. It's wrong, and it will not be our approach to governing. We must support the devoted local public servants I know all over Ohio. I am running for Governor in part because I believe that our local governments deserve more. Having served at the local level, I know firsthand the resources required to address the issues our cities and towns are facing. Issues like decent jobs, a strong public education system, and broadband access for all Ohioans. As Governor, I would support restoration of local funds to the state budget. Betty and I will end the war on local government.

What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in overseeing online and brick-and-mortar community schools? How will you ensure adequate funding for k-12 public schools?

We will hold charter schools accountable for their performance and for the effective use of public funds—including moving to close failing charters. We believe that charter schools should have to meet the same civil rights, health and safety, and teacher quality standards as traditional public schools. The online "Electronic Classroom Of Tomorrow" (ECOT) is a grotesque scandal, which plundered our public schools and left too many children without the education they deserve. Because of the shameful influence of moneyed interests, ECOT wasted as much as a billion tax dollars and still owes the taxpayers at least an \$80 million refund for its fraudulent use of taxpayer money. Vast resources were siphoned away from our schools and our kids and funneled to cronies and special interests protected by the Ohio Legislature, Ohio Auditor, and Ohio Attorney General. This scandal demands accountability.

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What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Betty and I have proposed a comprehensive plan to ensure accessible and affordable health care for all Ohioans. Our plan has six key elements: 1) protect the Medicaid expansion to keep our health care, which is crucial in providing coverage for families, reducing infant mortality, and battling opiate addiction; 2) improve the exchanges to provide more choice, reduce costs, and ensure access across the state—this will help limit closures of local hospitals and clinics that create community health care vacuums; 3) expand children's health insurance coverage; 4) tackle our opiate addiction crisis, which is ravaging our communities; 5) focus resources for women and children, after the State Legislature has pursued a narrow ideological agenda that has hurt women's health programs and undermined children's health; and 6) invest in Ohio's health care industry, which is one of our strongest areas of job growth.

What strategies will you pursue to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural and human health? How will you achieve both economic growth and environmental protection in Ohio?

Ohio is tragically missing out on the clean energy revolution. We could be creating more good-paying jobs, revitalizing rural communities, reducing energy bills, and improving our air and water quality. Instead, we rank #38 in renewable energy production and #31 for energy efficiency. This is simply unacceptable. In order to make Ohio a leader on clean energy, we need to strengthen Ohio's renewable portfolio standard. As governor, I will double our renewable energy and energy efficiency targets by 2025. We also need to stop over-regulation that has halted Ohio's wind energy development. Finally, we need to invest in solar power to create more local jobs. These initiatives will encourage other businesses from elsewhere to locate in Ohio, both as a matter of corporate preference and because they want reliable and predictable energy bills from power sources that are based on free energy creation, such as from the sun and the wind.

Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

We must take common sense steps

to address the senseless killings that we see in our communities and in our schools. Law-abiding citizens should continue to be able to exercise their constitutional rights, but criminals, domestic abusers, and anyone who is at high risk of using a gun to commit a crime should not be able to obtain assault weapons or any gun period. Betty and I will bring everyone together, including law enforcement, community leaders, faith leaders, gun owners, and crime victims to put all options on the table and find solutions that will work in Ohio. We will expand background checks to cover all gun sales in Ohio, and will make sure they are fully funded and effective in keeping guns out of the wrong hands. We will ban modifications like bump stocks that illegally convert firearms into fully-automatic weapons. We will increase support for school safety, including identifying early warning signs and putting school resource officers on campuses.

Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.

Having strong allies as governor and Lt. governor has never been more important for Ohio's women after seven years of assaults by Republicans in the statehouse. Time after time, the General Assembly has attempted to pass unconstitutional legislation that would take away the ability of women in Ohio to make basic personal health decisions. We saw that clearly in 2016, when Gov. Kasich and Republicans in Columbus defunded Planned Parenthood in Ohio, putting critical health care for countless Ohioans at risk.

As your next governor and Lt. governor, Betty and I will put a stop to this and will stand strong for women in Ohio. I will veto anti-choice legislation, and together with Betty, I'll work to restore funding for women's health programs. And we'll block backdoor attempts to drive abortion providers out of Ohio.

Mike DeWine & Jon Husted (R)

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served as Ohio Attorney General, U.S. Senator, Ohio Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Congressman for the 7th District, Ohio State Senator for the 10th District, and Greene County Prosecutor.

What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?

The Governor must be the undisputed leader on issues of this magnitude impacting Ohio. As Attorney General, my office has: seized over \$181 million in drugs; convicted over 2,500 drug dealers; started a heroin unit; invested \$17 million in NEW funding to fight the epidemic; awarded more than \$24 million in drug prevention grants; and sued the opioid manufacturers and distributors. As Governor, I will leverage the full resources of state government to amplify these successes. I have created a 12-point Recovery Ohio Plan that details the steps I will take as Governor, including: improving law enforcement data-sharing; increasing task forces that disrupt drug cartel activity; increasing treatment capacity, recovery supports, and employment opportunities for those in recovery; implementing prevention education from Kindergarten to 12th Grade; and providing early intervention programs for families and children. I will also create a cabinet level position to coordinate our state response.

Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to support or to restrain local governments?

I am a product of local government. I began my career as an assistant prosecutor in Greene County, and one of my running-mate, Jon Husted's, first jobs was doing economic development work for the Montgomery County Commissioners. So we understand first-hand the challenges of local government and the importance of home rule. We have promised to be good partners to local governments. They carry out a very important job of directly serving Ohioans, and the DeWine-Husted administration has committed to working closely with our local partners.

What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in overseeing online and brick-and-mortar community schools? How will you ensure adequate funding for k-12 public schools?

Every parent should have the right to decide what is best for his or her child's education. I will support school choice and ensure

access to quality choice options – public, charter, private, and parochial. Our goal is academic excellence for all children, regardless of where they attend school.

The Ohio Department of Education has authority to regulate charter schools, and I will support continued enforcement of House Bill 2, which evaluates charter school sponsors.

I will strive to make Ohio a leader in public education by investing in our schools. School funding always will be a foundational element of our education system. With 608 school districts in Ohio, it is a challenge to design a system that serves the unique needs of a diverse state. However, funding is not about systems. It's about students and giving children access to quality educational opportunities. I will create a more equitable funding system that directs state resources to children most in need.

What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

I am proud to have been endorsed by physicians at the Ohio State Medical Association PAC in my campaign for Governor. I support protecting coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. I understand that health insurance needs to be there when people need it the most. That includes the traditional Medicaid program, which is designed to primarily take care of the elderly, people with disabilities, and children. In addition to supporting coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, the DeWine- Husted administration will keep extended Medicaid coverage for adults and continue to reform the program, find ways to improve it for the people it serves, and make the program stronger for the future. The DeWine-Husted Administration will support a reasonable work requirement for adults who are healthy and able to work, a wellness program to improve health outcomes for people, and we will work to drive down pharmacy costs that are bloating the program.

What strategies will you pursue to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural and human health? How will you achieve both economic growth and environmental protection in Ohio?

As Attorney General, I have served as legal counsel for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, prosecuting those who

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pollute our natural resources. I have also fought against the federal government to protect Ohio's waterways from Asian Carp and the depositing of contaminated dredged material. As Governor, I will continue to advocate for and protect Ohio's natural resources.

I will rely on science-based approaches to Ohio's environmental challenges, including nutrient loading in Lake Erie and other bodies of water and will bring all interested parties to the table to reach reasonable solutions.

Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

I support the Second Amendment. I also believe in better enforcing Ohio's existing background check laws. More than 1,300 law enforcement agencies and courts are required to submit information into Ohio's background check system. The DeWine-Husted Administration will advance the work I have done as Attorney General to build a 21st century, statewide data infrastructure that will ensure we keep guns out of the hands of criminals and others who are prohibited from owning firearms.

Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.

I am pro-life and believe that life begins at conception. I also believe in compassion for those who need help, especially mothers in difficult situations. That is why I have committed to tripling home visiting services. These are programs that connect pregnant mothers to prenatal care and other social services, as well as help children reach critical developmental milestones by helping mothers to become their child's first and best teacher.

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What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?

It is the responsibility of Government to assist those less fortunate, who have turned to drug use as they feel hopeless in today's society. One of my 4 platform points is to provide jobs

in this State so those people can be gainfully employed and make it easier to lesson their dependence. Another of my platform points is to run as an independent candidate to escape the terrible major party fighting which wastes money, time and causes bitter feelings. A current example is the Judge Cavanaugh hearings. I can as Governor claim a neutrality and devote resources toward helping these people.

Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to support or to restrain local governments?

Only when it raises a statewide issue, otherwise municipalities and townships should run themselves. If a conflict arises, the courts will address it make a ruling.

What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in overseeing online and brick-and-mortar community schools? How will you ensure adequate funding for k-12 public schools?

Candidate has not yet responded.

What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

I will propose a market based approach to costs where consumers are free to shop competitively for services. Also I will promote more exercise programs in the State to help keep people healthy and therefore avoid repetitive doctors appointments. **What strategies will you pursue to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural and human health? How will you achieve both economic growth and environmental protection in Ohio?**

Candidate has not yet responded.

Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

The 2nd amendment will continue to allow guns for protection and recreation. Assault rifles will be the only issue to be reviewed to prevent mass shootings such as Sandy Hook.

Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.

I am pro life due to my religious upbringing but also I believe in free choice. Therefore, Rowe vs Wade will remain in tact.

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What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?

It is imperative that we learn from what other states are doing to effectively battle this crisis by fast tracking our medical marijuana program and eventually fully legalizing marijuana. This is a no-brainer -- in states where they have ample medical or recreational marijuana legally available to responsible adults, the opioid crisis is 25 percent less deadly, harmful and expensive. My two opponents are both going to try and fix this crisis by spending more taxpayer dollars on enforcement and incarceration, but the opioid crisis is a health problem -- not a criminal problem. We cannot enforce our way out of it and must focus on the only solution that will reduce addiction to opioids while also bringing in revenue to treat those who need help -- without just throwing them in cages. That is what so many other states are doing and it is high time for Ohio to legally embrace marijuana as well.

Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to support or to restrain local governments?

My goal as governor will be to reduce the overall tax burden at the state level by cutting spending, which would leave more money in local areas for the people of these municipalities to decide what to fund and how to fund it. We should not burden localities with unfunded mandates. The state's role in localities is to ensure that the locality is not violating the rights of the people in that locality and to maintain state highways and other essential services, but not much beyond that. Once we reduce state taxes, folks in various

municipalities across our state can use their money locally as they see fit.

What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in overseeing online and brick-and-mortar community schools? How will you ensure adequate funding for k-12 public schools?

We need to allow the variety of schools in our state to determine how best they can improve K-12 education in their own districts and then remove any restrictions that keep them from doing so. We cannot pursue a top-down approach and must reform how our schools are funded, so that poorer districts still have the monetary means to maintain their programs as they see fit and richer districts don't reap all the benefits. There cannot be a "one size fits all" approach to school funding or curriculum, and we need to reduce the amount of standardized testing on students, increase parents' access to school choice and eliminate any corrupt charter and online schools that waste taxpayer money without producing any results. Ohio's schools have plummeted in the nationwide rankings under the Republicans, but the typical Democrat solution of throwing more money at the problem won't solve it -- we need real, innovative education reform.

What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

I am the only candidate who is opposed to Kasich's Medicaid expansion and would work with Republicans in the state legislature to gradually roll it back over a four year period, so we aren't leaving folks currently on Medicaid without better, less expensive options. Currently CVS lobbyists are entrenched in our Medicaid program and funneling millions of taxpayer dollars to their own coffers by getting exclusive contracts for certain medications, while PBMs insert themselves between patients and pharmacists to steal up to \$225 million from the taxpayers a year. This is unsustainable and like most of the government healthcare programs in our country, is the most expensive way possible to get people the healthcare that they desperately need. We need to make Ohio a true innovator and unleash the free market on our healthcare system so Ohioans can buy health insurance from other states and prescription drugs from other countries such as Canada.

What strategies will you pursue to effectively respond to our

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changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural and human health? How will you achieve both economic growth and environmental protection in Ohio?

We must address any environmental issues such as toxic algae blooms with a comprehensive strategy that includes both private and public entities. Harming the environment harms everyone and Libertarians are against any abuse against people or their property. We need to allow innovative energy solutions to be created and the free market to flourish so they can expand, but need to maintain a safe and regulated environment for these ideas to develop. I will only appoint qualified people who share this view so we can protect the environment and private enterprise simultaneously.

Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

Gun-free zones are not effective and gun control efforts don't reduce gun violence, as gun violence is only committed by those who don't abide by laws anyway. It's yet another area where I and my liberal friends disagree, and while I'm no fan of the NRA or its lobbying efforts, at the end of the day the only thing that ends up stopping a bad person with a gun is a good person with a gun. Any gun laws that Kasich and his cronies were hoping to get through the state legislature via DeWine or Cordray will not happen on my watch -- we have very low gun violence compared to other states and the best way to keep it that way is by maintaining responsible and constitutional gun access laws in our state. We simply cannot reduce gun violence by restricting lawful citizens' access to guns.

Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.

The topic of abortion has been mostly decided at the federal level by the Supreme Court, so it's important to focus on what we can do in Ohio to keep unwanted/unexpected pregnancies down, even though they are currently at an all time low. We can mainly do this by allowing for more age-appropriate sex education in schools and communities as needed, and by decreasing unnecessary and artificial barriers -- like any "pink taxes" -- to lawfully obtaining birth control, etc.

Renea Turner & Keith Colton (WI)

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Training and Experience: I'm a business entrepreneur I have over 20 years experience in building and creating businesses and selling them turn key. I gave testimony on the House side the Senate side and JACARR for the House Bill 523.

What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy is there a state-regulated entity. They should be held responsible along with the pharmaceutical companies concerning our opioid addiction crisis we have currently. I will hold them all accountable and make them pay to fix the problem they created. The Board of Pharmacy knows every single prescription every doctor and every pill that had crossed the counter and how much money was made now they can also fix this problem they will be responsible to fix the problem. Our attorney general was aware of these issues for the last decade along with the pharmaceutical Board of Pharmacy.

Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to support or to restrain local governments?

They are Ohio government should support all of the local governing entities. The job of the Ohio governing entity such as Governor attorney general all others are to protect all Ohioans no matter what area they live in. Example when DP&L requested to raise the utilities in Dayton their reason being so they could donate more money to the local parks in upgrading her community. Most people are on a budget or Social Security they cannot afford to have their utility bills increased. It's a local community wants to enhance their Community they can do fundraisers or try and get other funding. I also am going to decrease the age before they are allowed to get Social Security back to 62.

What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in overseeing online and brick-and-mortar community schools? How will you ensure adequate funding for k-12 public schools?

I support brick and mortar there is funding we can get from the lottery by increasing their amount that they supposedly donate to the school systems in the state of

Ohio I will more than double it to facilitate brick-and-mortar for K through 12 to allow smaller classes and more teachers. There is other funding that can be directed to the brick and mortar to educate our next Generations .

What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

The medical marijuana industry will make multiple millions of dollars per year those are all self-pay patients that will minimize the use of other insurance entities. There are currently insurance companies getting in place to start covering the medical marijuana patients only therefore that will allow some revisions in the current Healthcare System along with other revisions that will be made. I will also be fighting for our veterans to be able to see local doctors instead of only going to the VA hospitals.

What strategies will you pursue to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural and human health? How will you achieve both economic growth and environmental protection in Ohio?

I plan to legalize hemp for outside grow in the state of Ohio we nutrition Eliza's the soil to allow for better crops of vegetables and other products. And also is used as a textile you can make clothes housing materials building materials and CBD medical uses as well. All of the medical marijuana and hemp will be all organic and holistic. We will be able to recycle or recompose all of the hemp and marijuana products to reintroduce into the soil allowing it to self enrich the soil. Allowing for future vegetable planted crops to require less need for chemicals to promote gross and health to the product. The medical marijuana industry will bring thousands of skill level paying jobs period along with I would make tax cuts and give incentives to other businesses to come to Ohio. The medical marijuana industry will utilize current abandoned buildings this will allow revitalization of a lot of towns in Ohio.

Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

Anyone that has an opioid addiction or mentally unstable should not own a gun I believe people should have guns to protect their homes their family enter property in themselves. I also believe if you are a medical marijuana patient and it is not

due to mental illness or addiction issues will be allowed to own a gun. Guns don't kill people people kill people. I think there should be at least a week to attend a period between putting in an application for a weapon to getting one. Better background checks federal background check should be performed before issuing the sale of a gun. Everyone should have some certified training on how to handle a gun and be put in simulators with certain situations to see how they would handle a situation with having a gun. They should have a certificate prior to two hand in with their application for purchasing a gun.

Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.

I got pregnant when I lost my virginity at the age of 16 I gave birth to a precious baby boy he is 35 now he is giving me free precious grandbabies. However I do believe if someone has been raped or there child is going to be born with deformities which will in time the child will die of an early age if it is born. I believe there are circumstances were it is acceptable. If a woman is using abortion as a form of birth control I'm absolutely against that I think if they go in and get an abortion the doctor will be required to tie the tubes at the time of the abortion.

Attorney General

Responsibilities: Represents the state in all legal cases in which the state is a party or has a significant interest.

Salary: \$109,565

Term: 4 years

Steve Dettelbach (D)

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What are the most important functions of the state attorney general and why?

The Attorney General's job is to ensure that no one is above

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the law, no one is below the law, and no one is beyond its reach. Fundamentally, that means protecting people – from violent crime, corrupt politicians, and a broken political system that allows powerful special interests to play by a different set of the rules than everyone else.

What divisions (e.g. consumer protection, environment, civil rights, immigration) would you prioritize and why?

The job of the Attorney General is to enforce the Rule of Law and to protect Ohio's citizens. Right now, our political system is broken. We have corrupt politicians -- both Democrats and Republicans -- who are allowed to play by a different set of rules than everyone else. That is wrong. As AG, on day one, I will conduct a top-to-bottom review of Ohio's corruption laws to put a stop to the pay-to-play culture running rampant in our Statehouse. It's time to put Ohioans first, and stop letting special interest donors call the shots in our government.

During a time of shrinking budgets for state government agencies, how would you focus resources allocated to the Attorney General's office to make it more efficient and cost effective?

As United States Attorney, I managed the office through one of the most challenging budget periods of all time. Despite sequester, shut down, and shrinking budgets, I am proud that the office continued to maintain high levels of productivity and efficiency during my tenure. The Attorney General's office can improve efficiency and cost savings by investing in new technologies that save resources in the long run. The office should look to partner with county and local governments, law enforcement agencies, and community-based organizations to end duplication of efforts and make sure that the best agent is delivering the critical services Ohioans need. Furthermore, I would end our current AG's policy of wasting money on blatantly political cases and investigations, like those that attack a woman's constitutional right to make her own healthcare decisions.

What is the role of the attorney general's office in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?

If we want to really combat the problem, we need a comprehensive approach -- what I call a 'three-legged stool' approach -- of enforcement, prevention, and treatment. As U.S. Attorney of the

Northern District of Ohio, I was on the front lines of the crisis; this is a fight I know well. I've prosecuted drug traffickers that flooded the streets with opioids, including a case that resulted in one of the largest heroin seizures in Ohio history. I've aggressively gone after corrupt doctors and drug companies who pushed pills into our communities. I also established an award-winning task force, the Northeast Ohio Heroin and Opioid Task Force, to prevent and treat addiction, which has become a national model used in other U.S. cities. As AG, I will continue this fight. I will make pharmaceutical companies pay for treatment, and aggressively take on those who perpetuate a crisis that has plagued our communities for far too long.

How will you execute your authority as Attorney General to hold accountable online and brick-and-mortar community schools?

The fact that ECOT executives were allowed to defraud the State of Ohio to the tune of nearly \$200 million is both inexcusable and a case study of the corruption that has become characteristic in Ohio. This all happened under the watch of our current Statehouse leadership, including my opponent, who was supposed to be auditing them. Make no mistake -- the attempts of politicians to cover their political tracks on ECOT now is not fooling anyone. They failed Ohio children, families, and taxpayers, and continue to do so. As AG, I will work to hold each and every person or entity accountable. I will fight for transparency and accountability throughout state government and without regard for who might be a powerful political donor.

Under what circumstances should AT pursue legal action against federal policies?

When considering whether to intervene in federal policy on behalf of Ohioans, I will implement a two-part test. First, I will consider if the policy violates the protections and requirements of the Constitution. If it does, I will then consider whether the policy is in the best interests of Ohioans. If the policy is unconstitutional and harmful to Ohioans, I will use my authority as Attorney General to intervene.

Dave Yost (R)

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What are the most important functions of the state attorney general and why?

The attorney general's job is to protect Ohio and its people--from prosecuting crime, to protecting the environment and consumers, I will fight for the best interest of all Ohioans. As attorney general, I will take an oath to uphold the rule of law, defend the Ohio Constitution and fight for all Ohioans. I will apply the law with an even hand, and make Ohio a safer and more predictable place to work and live.

What divisions (e.g. consumer protection, environment, civil rights, immigration) would you prioritize and why?

I will prioritize the rule of law and pound this message: The client is the State of Ohio and its people, not the politicians or the bureaucrats.

During a time of shrinking budgets for state government agencies, how would you focus resources allocated to the Attorney General's office to make it more efficient and cost effective?

While serving as Ohio's Auditor of State for the past eight years, I specialized in finding savings. My office's studies identified more than \$260 million in taxpayer savings for state and local governments. I will bring this same eye for efficiency to the attorney general's office, and make sure your hard-earned tax dollars are spent wisely and effectively.

What is the role of the attorney general's office in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?

The attorney general has to lead on many fronts--through the courts, through law enforcement, through collaboration and education. We need to get tougher on dealers that are flooding our streets with drugs and poisoning our communities, while investing in results-driven treatment, and rethinking how we address prevention.

How will you execute your authority as Attorney General to hold accountable online and brick-and-mortar community schools?

As Auditor of State, I have long been an advocate for stronger charter school accountability and increased transparency to guarantee our kids receive the quality education they deserve, and our tax dollars are used

responsibly. I was a proponent of House Bill 2, which brought increased accountability to Ohio's charter school system. I also led efforts to prevent systemic over-payments to charter schools by working to close loopholes in Ohio law. As attorney general, I will continue my oversight, and hold bad actors accountable, while rewarding the quality schools that support our kids.

Under what circumstances should AT pursue legal action against federal policies?

As attorney general, I will take an oath to uphold the Ohio Constitution, bills passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the governor, and the rule of law. My client will be the people of Ohio, and frivolous political lawsuits have no place in the attorney general's office. To that end, I have a test for determining whether I will join a multi-state lawsuit as attorney general. I will ask three questions of each case that comes before me prior to signing Ohio's name to a multi-state suit: 1. Was there a clear violation of process, the Constitution or the Ohio Revised Code? 2. Was harm done to Ohioans/is there anything to be gained from adding Ohio's name to the suit? 3. What does the evidence show? Is the case winnable? To create stability and predictability—and avoid entanglements in drawn-out lawsuits that drain resources—each case must pass through this test.

Auditor

Responsibilities: Audits all financial records of public offices in Ohio. Maintains deed records of state.

Salary: \$109,565

Term: 4 yrs

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Accounting

What recommendations do you

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have to improve operations in the auditor's office?

My non-partisan approach as the Auditor of State will bring independence and objectivity to the analysis of risks to Ohio taxpayer dollars and the prioritization of audit resources. Decisions regarding entities/areas to audit will be free of conflicts of interest. Financial Audits – I will focus resources on the entities that are most in need of help from the expertise of the audit staff. I will ensure that the most cost effective and efficient use is being made of Independent Auditor firms in the financial audit process. Performance Audits – I will continue the practice of performance audit engagements. I will continuously evaluate the areas of focus for these audits in order provide the most operational improvement savings for taxpayers. I will ensure that the auditing software in place is the most appropriate and current for cybersecurity, financial and performance audits.

What would you do to ensure that public funds are not misused by government officials and those in a position of public trust?

The assurance of appropriate expenditures of public funds by individuals will be incorporated into all audits, as is done in audits of private companies. All audits will include an internal controls assessment, which includes assures proper authorization and recording of expenditures, documentation of the appropriateness of the expenditure for the individual and position, and the review and disclosure of any external funding sources or gifts. A comparison of expenditures to the detail of an approved budget will highlight unusual, extraordinary or unplanned items. An analysis of these exception items is a means to uncover fraud and the misuse of funds. Scrutiny of non-healthcare benefits and perks can also reveal abuses and fraud by officials in charge of public funds.

What is the auditor's role in the oversight of online and brick-and-mortar community schools?

The Auditor of State has a critical role in the oversight of community schools. This monitoring of the granting of public funds for a specific purpose (education) parallels the close examination by government and other funding organizations of the use of their funds. All grants that I have managed have required that the recipient of the funds allow complete and open access to auditing how the funds are used.

The Auditor's office must review and evaluate all aspects from the procedures to ensure fair admissions, validating the tracking and reporting results, confirming the achievement of performance criteria per statutes and contracts (e.g., attendance, instruction time), and examining the billing/documentation for accurate and proper invoicing/requests for funds expenditures.

How will you faithfully execute redistricting reforms overwhelmingly passed by voters for statehouse and congressional map making?

My non-partisan approach as the Auditor of State will bring independence and objectivity to redistricting process for Congressional and State legislative districts. I will apply the criteria defined in the constitutional amendment to achieve community-centric voting districts that are not based on historic partisan voting results and tendencies. Population and location information will be used to develop the district maps. Voting results data (e.g., precinct level results by party designation) will not be a criterion for determining the district boundaries, in order to eliminate gerrymandering and its impact on future election results. Legislators must not select their voters. The voters should select their legislators.

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Training and Experience: My career as an attorney handling complex financial matters coupled with my years in the state legislature, including a term as President of the Ohio Senate, have equipped me with the tools necessary to be Auditor. I know how state government operates and where to look to find efficiencies.

What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the auditor's office?

My entire legislative career has focused on making state government more efficient, effective, and transparent. I was a part of the Senate leadership that worked with Governor Kasich to cut taxes by almost \$5 billion. I drafted the Common Sense Initiative that has dramatically reduced new regulations. I worked

on balancing a budget that started with an \$8 billion deficit and turned it into a \$2 billion surplus and that has taken our rainy day fund from \$0.89 to \$2.7 Billion. Ohio is doing better but better is still not good enough.

I'm running for Auditor now because it is the one office responsible for oversight in state government and protecting the taxpayers. An Auditor that wants to see government work quicker, better, and cheaper for the taxpayers has tremendous power to whip government into shape. That is what I plan to do.

What would you do to ensure that public funds are not misused by government officials and those in a position of public trust?

The Auditor is the State's "Chief Compliance Officer," meaning he is responsible for holding government officials accountable when they lie, cheat, or steal. For public officials that abuse the public trust, I will make sure they are sent to prison - where they belong. The Auditor's fiscal audits have done an excellent job of catching waste, fraud, and abuse. I will continue those practices, ensuring that those who seek to betray the public trust are punished and those who need better training get the training they need to serve the public well.

What is the auditor's role in the oversight of online and brick-and-mortar community schools?

Every public school in Ohio, traditional, charter, brick and mortar, and online, is already audited by the Auditor of State in accordance with the standards put forth by the Department of Education. I will use this authority to ensure that ALL public schools are complying with state law and that children are receiving a quality education that sets them on a path to success. As Senate President I fought for and passed stricter charter school accountability and as a state representative I have fought for reforms that would allow the Auditor and the Ohio Department of Education to receive real time access to participation data and other factors that are related to funding for online schools. An issue that has been raised by online schools is how to measure if children are actually receiving a quality education. I have advocated for a system of school funding that awards monies based on performance. This system would help ensure that every child in Ohio is receiving a quality education.

How will you faithfully execute redistricting reforms***overwhelmingly passed by voters for statehouse and congressional map making?***

Contorted legislative lines that divide communities and stretch hundreds of miles across our state, in an effort to achieve politically driven ends, are a bad practice. As Auditor, I will oppose such attempts. I will uphold the law and seek to keep communities together and districts compact. As President of the Ohio Senate, I was proud to help draft on the redistricting reform of state legislative lines that the voters ultimately approved with over 70% of the vote. And as a state representative I was proud to vote in favor of the recent Congressional redistricting reform that voters approved with over 70% of the vote. I will follow the constitution and have legislative and congressional districts where the voters can be represented by people who share their values.

Zack Space (D)

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Education: Kenyon College, B.A. Political Science; Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D.

Training and Experience: Practicing attorney, private practice and public defense, 1986-2006; Law Director, City of Dover, OH, 2001-2006; United States Congressman, Ohio's 18th District, 2007-2011

What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the auditor's office?

I intend to sufficiently fulfill all traditional responsibilities of the Auditor's office. The Auditor's office can focus on materiality and risk-based audits, conducting basic audits and agreed upon procedures where appropriate. I will also recruit a diverse and qualified staff, who represents all of Ohio and understands our local communities, to help accomplish these goals.

I believe I can add tremendous value to the Auditor's office by making it far more dynamic. Performance audits, for instance, allow the Auditor to make holistic observations about public entities and make thorough recommendations for improvement.

What would you do to ensure that public funds are not misused by government officials and those in a position of public trust?

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I commend Auditor Yost for creating the Public Integrity Assurance Team (“PIAT”). The PIAT is well known for investigating theft of public dollars. Just as important, if not more so, are PIAT’s trainings for local government officials on fraud prevention and combating cybercrime. I will continue to investigate those suspected of stealing public money and expand the training program, so our local governments have the tools they need to avoid becoming victims of crime.

What is the auditor’s role in the oversight of online and brick-and-mortar community schools?

The Auditor of State has the authority to audit any entity that uses public monies, including educational institutions. The Auditor must hold online schools and traditional community schools to the same standards. This oversight responsibility has lapsed significantly in recent years, as for-profit online charter schools such as the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow have scammed taxpayers out of hundreds of millions of dollars by tampering with attendance records.

I find it wholly unacceptable that the management firms who operate such for-profit schools could receive millions of dollars that would otherwise have gone to public education, without any transparency or oversight whatsoever. As these firms are taking public monies, they could -- and would -- be declared “unauditable” under my administration, and public funding would then stop.

Any entity that receives public money must justify its actions and verify that it is not being wasteful. This is especially true for schools.

How will you faithfully execute redistricting reforms overwhelmingly passed by voters for statehouse and congressional map making?

If elected Auditor, I will serve on the Redistricting Commission. I have pledged to wield that power not on behalf of the Democratic or Republican Party, but on behalf of ordinary Ohioans, who have been shut out of that partisan process for over a generation. Members of the Redistricting Commission have a duty to the people of Ohio to only approve legislative (and possibly Congressional) districts that are fair and competitive. In furtherance of this goal, I pledge that I will ensure the Redistricting Commission complies with the Open Meetings Act, bringing a new level of transparency to proceedings.

Robust public debate on the best way to combat gerrymandering is still underway, and given the Supreme Court’s expected landmark ruling on gerrymandering cases this summer it may be too soon to declare explicit tools (such as the efficiency gap) that will be useful in preventing gerrymandering. I believe that drawing competitive districts should be the Commission’s top priority.

Treasurer

Responsibilities: Collects and safeguards most state taxes and fees, and manages Ohio’s investment portfolio.

Salary: \$109,565

Term: 4 yrs

Rob Richardson (D)

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Education: Bachelor’s in Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati
Training and Experience: I believe my most relevant

experience is my nine years on the University of Cincinnati’s Board of Trustees, where I capped my tenure as Chair. Over that time we experienced record financial growth and enrollment.

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

The state treasurer is essentially the state’s banker, responsible for overseeing all financial transactions of the state government. In 2017 the Treasurer’s office managed more than \$224 billion in financial assets, including more than \$21.5 billion in state investments. This has tremendous influence on the economy and overall health of Ohio, and it affects everyone regardless of political affiliation. These are essential, baseline functions the treasurer must perform to maintain stability, but I believe the state treasurer can do more than just the bare minimum. As treasurer, I plan to enact policies that hold the powerful accountable and expand opportunities for all Ohioans.

What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the treasurer’s office?

Given the importance of the treasurer’s role to our state’s economic well-being, it’s crucial to maintain an office that runs as efficiently as possible. While

I don’t necessarily foresee any major overhauls to the office’s operations, I want to stress that I will only hire staff of the highest caliber who have gone through a strict vetting process. If any area of the office is performing in a substandard manner I will immediately work to see that the issue is corrected.

How can the treasurer’s office influence state fiscal policy?

Contrary to popular belief, the treasurer does not create or control the state’s budget. As treasurer I wouldn’t have discretion over state spending and couldn’t affect taxes. However, I would administer the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), an investment fund that allows government subdivisions—from municipalities to school districts—to invest funds in a highly rated public investment pool. STAR Ohio has a AAA S&P rating and a record of high returns, and if elected I will encourage counties, schools, municipalities, et. al. to invest. As treasurer, I would also appoint members to Ohio’s public pension boards. Anyone I appoint to a pension board will share my values of responsible investment, push for investing in entities that bring more jobs to Ohio, and work to divest from companies that actively harm Ohioans--e.g. private, for-profit prisons.

How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finances?

While I’m not a fan of current Treasurer Josh Mandel, I do think his Checkbook has potential for reigning in excessive or questionable spending by state and local governments. That being said, I believe we need to focus less on how school districts spend their money and more on how much we as a state invest in entities like private prisons and large drug corporations. Months ago I wrote a letter to Treasurer Mandel, asking him to conduct a fiscal impact study on the criminal justice system. I’ve not received a response of any kind, but if I’m elected to the treasurer’s office I promise to do so. My plan is to expand the Checkbook into a Taxpayer’s Right to Know Report Card--that way taxpayers will have a clear view of where their money is going.

How will you ensure that the office is run in an ethical manner?

I believe in leading with one’s values, and if elected treasurer I will hold that same standard to anyone working in the office. As mentioned, I believe the treasurer’s office can do more for everyday

Ohioans than the simple, baseline requirements of the job. As a public servant, my commitment to the public comes before all else. This means I won’t do business with or invest in companies whose practices harm the people of Ohio, such as private prisons or for-profit charter schools. I expect my employees to share my values and act with integrity at all times. Anything less will not be tolerated.

Robert Sprague (R)

Biographical Information
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Education: Duke University, BSA Mechanical Engineering MBA University of North Carolina, emphasis in finance
Training and Experience: State Representative - appointed 2011, elected 2012, 2014 and 2016 Auditor, City of Findlay - elected 2008 Treasurer, City of Findlay - elected 2004 Principal, Vasa Capital, Findlay Ohio 2005 Owner, Talus Technology, Atlanta GA 1998 Ernst and Young
What are the most important functions of the state treasurer and why?

The Treasurer’s power to issue debt is extremely important because it is the intersection between private capital markets and the government. I have a plan to unlock creativity in the private market to help fight the opiate epidemic, infant mortality and other societal ills through the standardization of Social Impact Bonds (SIBs). SIBs foster partnerships between the public and private sectors, where the private market develops new programs, but the public sector only pays if the new programs can be proven to deliver results. This innovative financial tool will bring the private sector to the table in a meaningful way and introduce a new funding stream to the effort to tackle Ohio’s most pressing problems. I encourage readers to visit SpragueForOhio.com/vision to find a more detailed overview of how I plan to use the Treasurer’s office to make a positive and meaningful difference in the lives of Ohioans.

What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the treasurer’s office?

As an international business consultant for Ernst & Young, I was trained to evaluate companies’ operations, find efficiencies and improve their internal processes. Once I am elected, I plan to use this experience to do an in-depth

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evaluation of the office and the programs the Treasurer manages to ensure we are achieving the highest quality outcomes at the most effective cost for taxpayers. Ohio's Online Checkbook and STABLE Account Program are two areas where I believe we can achieve greater fiscal efficiencies and drive down administrative costs by actively working to expand participation in the programs to individuals and entities both in and out of state. As Treasurer, I will also use the knowledge gained in both the private sector and as a member of the Ohio House Finance Committee to keep our office operating costs in-check through regular internal budget evaluations.

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

As a member of the House Finance Committee during the last three state budget negotiations, I have a keen understanding of state fiscal policy and the often difficult financial decisions we face. As Treasurer, I believe that I can have an impact by promoting innovative financial tools designed to deliver cost savings. For example, applying the Social Impact Bonds model described above to the heroin epidemic would mean investments in programs that produce better recovery rates than the programs the state is currently funding. Increasing our recovery rates means healthier Ohioans and could in turn help reduce spending for Medicaid, Child & Protective Services and Corrections, all areas that have been put under increasing pressure as a result of this crisis. By forming strategic partnerships with the private sector, we can improve government efficiency from the outside in and have a lasting, positive effect on how we approach state fiscal policy.

How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finances?

I believe increased transparency leads to greater accountability, which is why I created an annual financial report as Auditor of Findlay to help people better understand the City finances. I applaud Treasurer Josh Mandel for taking the first step in giving the public access to how their tax dollars are spent through the creation of Ohio's Online Checkbook. I plan to take this tool to the next level by further expanding the scope and capabilities of the program - creating a SMART Online

Checkbook. Drawing upon my private sector experience as a business and financial consultant, I'll empower taxpayers to use the data to benchmark spending, make comparisons across agencies and better identify government efficiencies (or inefficiencies). Furthermore, I will work to increase participation in the program so that all Ohioans have a window into spending at every level of government.

How will you ensure that the office is run in an ethical manner?

I am committed to executing my responsibilities as Treasurer of State with integrity and will expect the same of my staff and all those who interact with the office. I believe that having a leader at the helm with financial experience further helps to ensure the office is run in an ethical manner. As Treasurer, you're overseeing billions of taxpayer dollars. This is an incredible responsibility and that's why it's critical that the individual filling this role has a firm understanding of not only the duties of the Treasurer but of those who work in and with the office as well. I earned my MBA with an emphasis in finance, worked in the private sector advising companies worldwide on complex financial matters and gained valuable public sector finance experience as City Auditor, Treasurer, and State Representative. I will bring to the Treasurer's Office an unparalleled level of professional competence born in part from these experiences and will serve with the integrity Ohioans deserve.

Secretary of State

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

Salary: \$109,565

Term: 4 yrs

Kathleen Clyde (D)

Biographical Information
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Education: BA from Wesleyan University JD from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Training and Experience:

Currently serving fourth term in the Ohio House of Representatives. Served as an election official with the Franklin County Board of Elections. Served as a law clerk for the Ohio Secretary of State and the Ohio Senate.

How would you promote equitable, ample ballot access and registration for all eligible voters?

Ensuring access to the ballot box is critical to the health of our democracy. The best way to do this is by modernizing our outdated registration process. That's why I introduced Automatic Voter Registration, a plan to automatically register and update the info of every eligible Ohio voter when they do the things they already do every day, like renew a driver's license or apply for benefits. In fact, more than half of Americans live in states with AVR. It's efficient, saves money and has actually proven to increase turnout.

How will you champion voter roll maintenance procedures that proactively include vulnerable and historically underrepresented populations?

While it's important to keep our voter rolls up-to-date, it's also imperative that we do what we can to ensure our vulnerable, underrepresented and less politically active populations have the tools they need to exercise their most fundamental right. I'll continue removing voters ineligible under Ohio law, but act to reverse Ohio's aggressive supplemental purge process that cancels the rights of eligible Ohio voters. With automatic registration, we'll be able to update our rolls in real time, saving money on costly, inefficient mailings and, most importantly, keeping eligible Ohioans up-to-date and on the rolls.

What would you do to improve voter turnout in primary and general elections in Ohio?

Voters come to the polls when they feel something real is at stake. In a system where rigged districts silence the voice of the people, many voters feel their voice no longer matters. Bringing fair districts back to Ohio will go a long way to energizing voters to get out to the polls. In addition to unrigging the system, we also need to modernize it to make it more accessible—that begins with getting more people registered. My Automatic Voter Registration and Future Voter Act will make this process easier for eligible Ohioans, and, in turn, increase voter turnout.

How will you support local Boards of Elections with the training, guidance, and resources necessary to ensure that elections are secure, reliable, fair, and accessible?

I have a comprehensive plan to ensure our elections are fair,

secure, transparent and accessible. That begins with modernizing the office. Many of our systems are operating with technology from more than a decade ago. Data sharing under my Automatic Voter Registration plan would cut down on paperwork and make our Boards of Elections run more efficiently. Finally, I introduced a comprehensive cybersecurity plan which would increase security in all 88 counties and prepare our state for the next wave of cyber threats. It's all about modernizing the office so it works better for you, the voter.

How will you faithfully execute redistricting reforms overwhelmingly passed by voters for statehouse and congressional map making?

Better representation begins with fair districts. I've been pushing for redistricting reform throughout my time in office, working with the League and other advocates behind the scenes and publicly in recent years to fight for fair districts. I'll continue that important work as Secretary of State. Ohio is a diverse state, and our districts should reflect that. It's critically important that we keep the process open to the public so that they have a voice in their representation. In the end, we need a process that, for the first time in a long time, truly puts Ohioans before partisanship.

Frank LaRose (R)

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FrankLaRose

Education: Graduate of Copley High School in Summit County and The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Consumer Affairs and a Minor in Business Administration.

Training and Experience: United States Army Veteran (10 years), State Senator (7 years), Eagle Scout.

How would you promote equitable, ample ballot access and registration for all eligible voters?

Ohio has among the most generous early and absentee voting in the country. That's a good thing, and we must maintain our position as a national leader. I've championed several pieces of legislation that make it easier for citizens to register and vote. Those bills include online voter registration which allows Ohioans to securely register using a computer or smartphone, and

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legislation that will allow people to request absentee ballots online. I have opposed efforts by some to make it harder for Ohioans to vote, and have supported maintaining convenient weekend options for early in-person voting. Additionally, I'm working to create "automated voter registration," so that people can automatically register to vote when they interact with state agencies, such as the BMV.

As Secretary of State, I'll continue working in a bipartisan fashion to get automated voter registration passed, and to move the ball forward in other areas in order to ensure we continue to be a voter-friendly state.

How will you champion voter roll maintenance procedures that proactively include vulnerable and historically underrepresented populations?

Ohio law requires the Secretary of State to maintain accurate voter rolls. We also have a responsibility to ensure we aren't removing eligible voters. Every Secretary of State for the last twenty years has followed nearly the same process for maintaining the rolls, but I believe we can improve our process.

First, we should encourage participation so voters don't go years without voting. Competitive elections are one of the clearest ways to increase participation, which is why I'm passionate about redistricting reform. We can also do more to educate voters, especially young voters, so they understand the importance of participating.

Finally, we should make it easier for eligible citizens to get and stay registered, and keep their registration up-to-date. My online voter registration bill does this. I'm also working on a bill to implement "automated voter registration" so people who interact with state government are automatically registered and stay updated, unless they opt-out.

What would you do to improve voter turnout in primary and general elections in Ohio?

I authored Ohio's law that makes it easier to exercise our voting rights by allowing people to use a computer or smartphone to register to vote online (SB 63). Additionally, Ohio voters can easily update their address online. I have also worked to protect Ohioans opportunity to vote early and would continue to advocate that in-person voting begin the day after the close of the voter registration deadline to ensure Ohioans have ample in-person early voting and opportunities

for convenient weekend voting hours. As Secretary of State, I will personally work to encourage more civics education and get young people excited about the power they have as a voter.

Voting in Ohio has never been easier, and that's a good thing. However, we must also acknowledge that while access has improved, we have not seen a corresponding increase in turnout. To increase turnout further, we need to end gerrymandering because we know competitive elections drive turnout.

How will you support local Boards of Elections with the training, guidance, and resources necessary to ensure that elections are secure, reliable, fair, and accessible?

In today's partisan environment one of the under-appreciated success stories is Ohio's bipartisan county Boards of Elections. Every day, Republican and Democratic staff sit side by side and do the work of running our elections. My job as Secretary of State will be to support and advocate for them, which is why I've spent much of my time visiting with county boards across the state.

As a State Senator I've successfully passed legislation to provide funding for electronic poll books and new voting machines that make our elections more secure, convenient, and efficient. I've also worked to create the nation's first "Cyber Reserve" with the National Guard to support our Boards in the case of a cyber attack.

As Secretary of State I'll continue working with the legislature to provide necessary resources for our counties while also updating online resources and creating a more customer-focused experience for elections workers who reach out for advice and assistance. This is a key priority.

How will you faithfully execute redistricting reforms overwhelmingly passed by voters for statehouse and congressional map making?

I've been a proponent of redistricting reform from the beginning, and introduced bipartisan legislation on the issue every year. Issue 1, which has now been overwhelmingly passed by voters, was crafted from language I proposed last March. When I came out as a leading voice for reform during my first months in office it wasn't popular with some in my own party, but I knew it was time for change. Ohio agreed. I was proud to team-up with the League of Women Voters and thousands of dedicated Ohioans to help pass Issue 1. Now it will

be my commitment to faithfully carry out that process in a fair and non-partisan manner on the redistricting commission.

The system we now have is a major step forward, but it is still going to depend on people faithfully executing their duty. I have a history of working across party lines, and I've been a champion of reform for far longer than I've been running for higher office. Voters can trust that I'll work to do what is best for Ohio -- not a party.

Dustin R. Nanna (L)

Biographical Information

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Education: Graduate of Rutherford B. Hayes High Sch

Training and Experience: I have spearheaded multiple petition drives here in Ohio and am well versed and familiar with the Ohio Revised Code, specifically when it has to do with the electoral process.

How would you promote equitable, ample ballot access and registration for all eligible voters?

Part of my platform is an automatic voter registration system. I would like to see the State automatically register you to vote/update your voting information anytime you give the State enough information to do so. I believe this will add tens if not hundreds of thousands of new eligible voters to the rolls.

How will you champion voter roll maintenance procedures that proactively include vulnerable and historically underrepresented populations?

As mentioned I want automatic voter registration in Ohio. I believe a system like this can keep the rolls clean without having to purge them of potential future voters. Voting is a right for any taxpaying citizen of Ohio and we should be doing our best to add folks to the rolls, not find ways to disqualify them that disproportionately affect minorities.

What would you do to improve voter turnout in primary and general elections in Ohio?

The best way to increase voter turnout is by making sure that everyone is aware of the location of their polls and is given ample time to vote. One method to increase numbers in elections is having polls set up on the Sunday before election night. I have found that from discussions with leaders of urban communities, a lot of folks would vote on this day if it

were allowed statewide and as SoS I will work to make it a reality. We should be giving Ohioans more opportunities to vote, not less.

How will you support local Boards of Elections with the training, guidance, and resources necessary to ensure that elections are secure, reliable, fair, and accessible?

This is an area that I think the Secretary of State's office has done well in recently. I would like to continue this success, but I am also always searching for ways to make these trainings and resources better. In fact, if there are any Board of Elections officials that are reading this right now and you have any suggestions about this, I would love to hear from you at Dustin.Nanna@lpo.org.

How will you faithfully execute redistricting reforms overwhelmingly passed by voters for statehouse and congressional map making?

Gerrymandering is a serious issue in Ohio. All one has to do is look at the district maps to see that. Since the Secretary of State sits on the newly created Redistricting Commission, should the legislature fail to provide a suitable District map, I would work tirelessly to make sure that any map recommended by the Committee was fair, and balanced. I have no dog in the Republican vs Democrat fight and I will be a strong independent voice in Columbus.

Michael W. Bradley (WI)

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MAHONING COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

State Senator, 33rd District

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

Salary: \$60,584 (base pay)

Term: 4 years

John A. Bocchieri

2951 Autumnwood Trail
Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Party: Democrat

Age: 48

Education: M.A. Business; M.A. Public Administration; Webster University; BS. Economics St. Bonaventure University

Occupation: US Air Force Pilot, Commercial Pilot, State Representative

Qualifications: Previous State Legislator and Member of Congress; Former 757th Airlift Squadron Commander, US Air Force

Question: Explain your Position on the regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership

Answer: I'm a member of the Armed Forces. I own weapons. I'm an avid outdoorsman. I've trained and qualified as a small-arms expert in the Air Force. I support gun ownership. However, I believe the United States has a public health crisis with gun violence. In Ohio someone is killed with a gun every eight hours and Ohio is one of 17 states where more people die from guns than motor vehicles. It's important to recognize that upholding the Constitution doesn't mean felons or the mentally ill should be able to buy guns. Instead of reducing gun violence, the Legislature weakened commonsense laws allowing more guns in daycares, schools, airplanes and Police station lobbies. I support gun safety measures, but I believe our present crisis stems from a 'culture of violence' that is glamorized on

TV, in movies and video games. We've de-sensitized our children to a perpetual 'culture of violence.'

Michael A. Rulli

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Party: Republican

No information received by the time of publication

State Representative

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

Salary: \$60,584 (base pay)

Term: 2 years

58th District

Michele Lepore-Hagan

562 Madera Ave.
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Party: Democratic

Age: 63

Education: Cum Laude graduate, Ohio University, B.A., Fine Arts

Occupation: State Representative

Qualifications: Education, integrity, experience gained during my career as an administrator/director at YSU, community involvement and activism, and proven ability to effectively represent the interests of and advocate for the people of the 58th District of Ohio.

Question: Explain your position on the regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

Answer: While the Supreme Court has ruled that under the Second Amendment Americans may own firearms, the justices also held that the right to do so is not absolute. Today, gun violence snuffs out the lives of more than 30,000 Americans annually and injures many more. We must take steps to stop the carnage now. We must close the gun show and private sale loopholes that make it far too easy to acquire guns, impose a strict three-day waiting period for all commercial and private sales, substantially enhance the background check system, ban the manufacture, sale and ownership of assault-style weapons and multi-round magazines, and empower law enforcement to take possession of firearms owned by individuals charged with domestic abuse/endangerment until their cases have been adjudicated. Taking

these steps, along with increased funding for mental health services, will reduce gun violence and save thousands of lives.

David T. Simon

719 Glacier Heights Rd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44509

Party: Republican

Age: 55

Education: BS Elect Eng

Occupation: Self Employed

Qualifications: Eng, President of YAEDA (Past). Made a Tremendous Difference to the Valley as a Private Citizen.

Question: Explain your position on the regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

Answer: NRA Member; 2nd Amendment Fully; Education for Gun owners; Hunting, Target Practice And Defense.

59th District

Eric C. Ungaro

7127 Youngstown Pittsburgh Rd.
Poland, Ohio 44514

Party: Democrat

Age:

Education: Masters in Administration

Occupation: Special Education Teacher / Coach / Elected Poland Trustee

Qualifications: Treasurer of the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, Chairmen of the Poland Township Trustees; Chairmen of the Western Reserve Joint Fire District; First and present Chairmen the Red Zone Advisory Board; Member and first President of SOLACE.

Question: Explain your position on gun safety, sales, and ownership.

Answer: Being that the two main issues we ran on were – The State of Public Education and the Opioid Epidemic – This issue has not come up much. The increase funding for School safety and behavioral health services in schools are much more talked about issues. The Second Amendment allows for us to bear arms. There seems to be adequate laws on the books to address these issues. We must enforce them. I will lean on a coalition of respected law enforcement people to inform me on issues that arise with concerns to gun safety. If we spend more time helping our youth with drug and mental health issues – I believe violence of all natures will decrease.

Don Manning

2 Sandy Drive, Unit 2
New Middletown, Ohio 44442

Party: Republican

Age: 51

Education: B.A. Social and Criminal Justice (Minors: Sociology and Political Science)

Occupation: Quality & Compliance Analyst

Qualifications: Current New Middletown Village Councilman, Member of Drug Free Mahoning County, member of Compliance Committee, Conduct government Fraud, Waste, and Abuse investigations, experienced in working with Mental Health, Addiction, and Behavioral Health population,

Question: Explain your position on the regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.

Answer: I am a STRONG SUPPORTER of the 2nd

Amendment. I enjoy an A Rating with both the NRA and Buckeye Firearms Association.

I am in support of the current

Ohio concealed and open carry laws, including the training and

ownership requirements. I feel the laws that are already on the

books are adequate and should be strictly enforced. I agree with

and support the United States Constitution, all of it. What we

hear from gun control advocates is already against the law. For

example: It is already illegal for a person to own or purchase a gun if they have a mental health issue.

It is already against the law for a person to possess a gun if they are

a felon. It is already against the law to possess a firearm if a person is

under the influence. I support the right of the people to be able to

defend themselves.

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County Commissioner

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

Full 4 Year Term Commencing January 1, 2019

Carol Rimedio-Righetti

1360 Leyton Drive
Youngstown, Ohio 44509

Party: Democrat

Age: 66

Education: Ursuline High School; Post-Secondary Education at Youngstown State University

Occupation: Mahoning County Commissioner

Qualifications: 43 years of government experience-32 years with the Mahoning County Board Elections, 2 years with AmeriCorps Vista, 8 years Youngstown Councilman and at present Mahoning County Commissioner. 1st Woman Chairperson of the Mahoning County Commissioner in 2013. I am a full-time Mahoning County Commissioner.

Question: What do you hope to accomplish as County Commissioner?

Answer: From FY 2008 through 2018 the County has experienced various shifts in resources that had major impact on the ability to support County Services. This includes changes to State and Federal Funding to the County, losses in investment income, and a weak economy. These were and are major factor in some of the stress that was put on the County. Through these changes we were able to go out for an additional ¼% increase in the Sales Tax. That increase plus a current ½% were allocated to the Criminal & Administrative Justice Fund. This provided stability to both the General fund and the Justice problems. We were able to increase the County's bond rating with S&P from "A+" to an "AA-" as the result of the "ability of the County to adjust to changes in revenues.... and strength of management". Working to secure more Federal and State funds for Veterans Projects and the YDC Project.

Rick Barron

11372 Woodworth Rd.
North Lima, Ohio 44452

Party: Republican

Age: 53

Education: Chaney High School and attended Y.S.U.

Occupation: Self employed contractor

Qualifications: Tile layer (marble mason certificate.) Over 30 years dealing with blueprints, contracts, negotiations, engineers, architects, constructions managers, all levels of inspectors, ADA, board of health etc.& unions in numerous cities across the country.

Question: What do you hope to accomplish as County Commissioner?

Answer: Streamline and get our county running efficiently. Get business here. Work with our citizens together to accomplish these goals.

County Auditor

Responsibilities: To serve as fiscal officer for the county and its agencies and departments; to establish taxable value and transfer ownership of all real and personal property in the county; and to ensure public funds are being spent for proper public purpose.

Term: 4 years

Ralph T. Meacham

1776 N.E. River Rd.
Lake Milton 44429

Party: Republican

No information received by the time of publication

State Board of Education

Responsibilities: The 19-member board is responsible for overseeing the Ohio Department of Education and creates policy and makes recommendations for K-12 education in Ohio.

Elect: 1

Term: 4 years

Salary: none

8th District**Melissa Dahman**

4264 Canfield Rd, Canfield OH
44406

Age: 18

Education: I earned my High School Diploma June 2018 and am currently a full-time student at Walsh University studying Sociology.

Occupation: As stated previously, I am a full-time student at Walsh University.

Qualifications: The past six months I have advocated for mental health efforts and school safety, as well as help draft S.B. 314, as I finished my senior year of high school. The past 3 years I have spent volunteering with different children's programs through the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown.

Question: How can the State Board of Education improve direct communication to the public, educators, and the legislature to increase public awareness and State Board of Education visibility.

Answer: The State Board of Education can improve direct communication to the public through increased usage of social media, allowing the common citizen to see their efforts for Ohio. State Board of Education district representatives should hold open monthly meetings with educators in their district in order to get those opinions to the state level. With the legislature, the State Board of Education could increase the narrative between them and all elected officials of the legislature.

John P. Hagan

11301 Marlboro Ave NE,
Alliance OH 44601

Age: 63

Education: Marlinton HS graduated magna cum laude; attended Kent State School of Architecture

Occupation: Self + owner Hagan Heating and Plumbing since 1976

Qualifications: Active member of my community, served nearly 19 years as Township Trustee, 1 year on fire board and 8 years as State Representative

Question: How can the State Board of Education improve direct communication to the public, educators, and the legislature to increase public awareness and State Board of Education visibility.

Answer: In all of my public capacities I have made it my priority to reach out to service organizations and speak to their groups. I will attend district School Board meetings and meet with educators and administrators.

I have issued press releases throughout my career on subjects of public interest. As a former State Legislator and Committee Chair, I have the ability to deliver information to the legislature and know many of the current members.

Kathleen Purdy

361 Briarcliff Ave NE,
Alliance OH 44601

Age: 65

Education: Bachelor's of Science, M. Ed. Curriculum & Instruction w/ honors, Ashland University

Occupation: Volunteer with the United Way/Summit County I C.A.R.E. Mentoring Program, Retired Teacher grade 4-6

Qualifications: 30+ years aiding and teaching, OSBA Workshop, Lifetime Volunteering, Stark County Law Related Teacher of the Year, Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2005 Edition.

Question: How can the State Board of Education improve direct communication to the public, educators, and the legislature to increase public awareness and State Board of Education visibility.

Answer: The use of broadcasting technology has now been implemented to directly communicate to the public of the SBOE 2 day meetings because they're televised over the Ohio Channel. This is in addition to the open meeting concept of which the Board's minutes, agenda and work group committee recommendations continue to be on their website. "Public Speaks" is also offered.



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State Issue 1

To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To add a new Section 12 to Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

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

LEAGUE EXPLANATION OF ISSUE 1

Issue 1, also known as The Amendment to Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs, would add a new section 12 to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution. The amendment is designed to reduce the number of people in state prisons for low-level, nonviolent drug possession; drug use offenses; or for non-criminal probation violations. In addition, it would provide sentence credits for participation in rehabilitative programs; and is intended to direct the savings achieved by such reductions in incarceration to substance abuse treatment programs, crime victim programs, probation programs, graduated responses programs, and rehabilitation programs.

The amendment would:

Reclassify drug offenses from felony to misdemeanor for both accused and convicted drug users.

Require the state to spend savings due to a reduction of the number of prison inmates on drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.

PROS ACCORDING TO PROPONENTS:

1. It would make the possession, obtainment and use of drugs no more than a misdemeanor.
2. It would create a sentence reduction credits program for inmates' participation in rehabilitative, work, or educational programs

3. It would reduce the number of people in state prisons for low-level crimes
4. It would save tens of millions of dollars annually in prison spending and direct the savings to addiction treatment and victims of crime.

CONS ACCORDING TO OPPONENTS:

1. The amendment would make it more difficult to prosecute drug traffickers.
2. This belongs in the Ohio Revised code. The constitution should contain fundamental principles and organization of government. Appropriation directives should not be added to the constitution.
3. This takes away available resources from the court for rehabilitating people and doesn't give judges the ability to use incarceration when it's necessary.
4. This proposed constitutional amendment does not provide adequate funding for treatment infrastructure nor treatment itself.

Questions and Issues

Issue 2: Mahoning County

Board of Mental Health and Recovery: A 5-year current expenses renewal levy with increase at 1.35 mills

Issue 3: Mahoning County Children Services: Care and Placement of Children renewal levy at 1.85 mills for 5 years

Austintown Township: A replacement of a 2.4 mills levy with an increase of 0.8 for a new mill rate of 3.2 mills for a continuing period of time for the purpose maintaining the police department

Beaver Township: the issue of gas aggregation

Beaver Township: An additional 1 mill 5 year levy providing for and maintaining the fire department

Berlin Township: the issue of gas aggregation

Boardman Township Park District: A renewal of an 0.6 mill, 5 year levy for park purposes

City of Campbell: A renewal of 1% income tax for 5 years

City of Canfield: 2 charter amendments regarding the terms of council members

Coitsville Township: An additional 2 mill levy for a continuing period of time providing for and maintaining the fire department

Ellsworth Township: the issue of gas aggregation

Green Township: the issue of gas aggregation

Jackson Township: the issue of gas aggregation

Jackson Township: An additional 1.5 mill levy for a continuing period of time providing for and maintaining the police department

Poland Township: An additional 2.03 mill levy for 7 years for streets, roads and bridges

Village of Sebring: A 0.5 mill 5 year renewal levy for recreational purposes

Smith Township: An additional 1 mill 5 year levy for current expenses

City of Struthers: A 3 mill, 5 year renewal levy for streets, roads and bridges

Village of Washingtonville: Proposed ordinance repealing ord. no. 6-2017

Western Reserve Joint Fire District: An additional 1 mill levy for a continuing period of time providing for and maintaining the fire department

City of Youngstown Charter Amendment: Drinking Water Protection Bill of Rights

City of Youngstown Charter Amendment: President of Council and Council Members to be elected for an unlimited number of terms

School Issues

Boardman Schools: A 2.4 mill, 10 year renewal levy for emergency requirements

Poland Schools: A 2.65 mill, 5 year renewal levy for emergency requirements

South Range: An 8.8 mill, 10 year renewal levy to avoid an operating deficit

West Branch: A 0.50 income tax for 5 years

Liquor Options

Austintown 13th precinct: Fabulous Times, LLC, 3681 Connecticut Ave., Sunday sales

Austintown 19th precinct: Marino's 5423 Mahoning Ave., wine and mixed beverages Sunday sales

Boardman 2nd precinct: Fire Fox Café, 7393 California Ave., Weekly sales

Boardman 3rd precinct: Pho Saigon, 6532 South Ave., Weekly and Sunday sales

Boardman 29th precinct: Roxbury Pizza Co., 558 E. Western Reserve Rd., Weekly and Sunday Sales

Ellsworth 2nd Precinct: Ellsworth Sunoco, 11025 Akron Canfield Rd., wine and mixed beverages, Weekly and Sunday sales



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