



# League of Women Voters

Of the Greater Dayton Area

## VOTERS GUIDE



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## Nov. 5th

General Election  
Polls are open from  
6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

# Voting Information



## How the *Voters Guide* is compiled:

The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area publishes the Voters Guide each year to provide a forum for candidates and to list the issues on the November ballot. Questionnaires were distributed to candidates in Montgomery and Greene counties. Responses were printed without

changes other than cuts for exceeding length limits (250 characters for biography, 500 characters for answers).

Due to space limitations, this Voters Guide includes candidate responses only for contested races. Where candidates

are running unopposed, the names of the candidates are listed, along with the positions sought. Additional information on all candidates may be found at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)

Asterisks (\*) denote incumbent candidates. Not all candidates submitted photos.

The League is nonpartisan. The League does not endorse or reject the views of any candidate, nor does the League assume responsibility for the content of any candidate's reply.

## Voting Process in 2024

### Ohio voters in 2024 will elect:

- President and Vice President
- U.S. Senator
- Representatives to U.S. Congress
- Justices of Ohio Supreme Court
- Court of Appeals Judges
- State Representatives
- State Senators (even-numbered districts only)
- County Commissioners
- County Prosecuting Attorney
- County Clerk of Courts
- County Sheriff
- County Recorder
- County Treasurer
- County Engineer
- County Coroner
- Court of Common Pleas Judges
- Members of State Board of Education (some regions)

### Where to vote

Cast your ballot at the polling place designated to serve the precinct in which

you reside. If you don't know where you're assigned to vote, call your County Board of Elections or visit their website:

Montgomery County, 937-225-5656;  
<https://www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/>

Greene County: 937-562-6170;  
<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/greene>

### How to vote

- Election Day – at your precinct polling place; 6:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Early Voting – at the County Board of Elections; schedule shown below
- Absentee – vote at home and return your ballot by mail or to the County Board of Elections

### Eligibility

You are qualified to vote if you meet these requirements:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be at least 18 years old on or before Nov. 5.
- You will have been a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election.

- You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.

The last day to register for the Nov. 5 election is Monday, Oct. 7.

### Voter ID Requirements Have Changed Photo ID IS NOW REQUIRED

for in-person voting. Any of the following forms of identification may be used, as long as they show the name and address matching your voter registration:

1. A current and valid Ohio driver's license (may show a prior address)
  2. A current and valid photo ID card issued by the State of Ohio or the U.S. government
  3. A military ID with photo
  4. A valid passport
- Your ID **must not have expired**. Check your ID before Election Day to make sure it will be valid. If you do not have an acceptable photo ID, you can vote by mail (absentee) using

the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

### Early Voting Hours

You can cast your ballot up to 29 days before Election Day at your County Board of Elections. These are the in-person absentee voting hours for the State of Ohio:

- 8 am to 5 pm – Tuesday, Oct. 8 through Friday, Oct. 11
- 8 am to 5 pm – Monday, Oct. 14 through Friday, Oct. 18
- 8 am to 5 pm – Monday, Oct. 21 through Friday, Oct. 25
- 8 am to 4 pm – Saturday, Oct. 26
- 1 pm to 5 pm – Sunday, Oct. 27
- 7:30 am to 7:30 pm – Monday, Oct. 28
- 7:30 am to 8:30 pm – Tuesday, Oct. 29
- 7:30 am to 7:30 pm – Wednesday Oct. 30 through Friday Nov. 1
- 8 am to 4 pm – Saturday, Nov. 2
- 1 pm to 5 pm – Sunday, Nov. 3
- No Early Voting – Monday, Nov. 4

## Voting Absentee: Make sure your Absentee Ballot is COUNTED!

All registered voters in Ohio should have received an Absentee Voter Application Form from the secretary of state's office. If you still need one, you may download an Absentee Voter Application Form from these websites:

Montgomery County Board of Elections  
<https://www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/>

or Greene County Board of Elections,  
<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/greene>

or Ohio Secretary of State,  
<https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/>

You may also call or visit your Board of Elections and request an absentee ballot.

The completed Absentee Voter Application Form must be returned to your County Board of Elections by mail or in person.

### No faxed absentee application requests are permitted by law.

Your application for an absentee ballot must be received by the Board of Elections by 8:30 pm on **Oct. 29** (the Tuesday before election day). Please request an absentee ballot as early as possible and allow enough time to return the ballot by mail, or hand deliver to your Board of Elections to meet the return deadline (**7:30 pm on Election Day**) in order to be counted.

### Absentee Ballot Contents:

#### Voter instructions—READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

• White Identification envelope—**MUST BE FILLED OUT, SIGNED AND SEALED**

• Official Ballot Return Envelope—**MUST CONTAIN SEALED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE**

• "I Voted Today" sticker

Check your ballot envelope for the correct postage to return your ballot by mail.

The ballot must be RECEIVED by the

Director of the Board of Elections no later than the close of the polls (7:30 pm) on Election Day in order to be counted on Election Day. Ballots can be mailed or hand delivered to the Board of Elections (NOT to a polling location) by the voter or a member of their immediate family.

### Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Monday, Nov. 4.

NOTE: If you request an absentee ballot and then go to your polling location to vote, you will be **required** to vote a provisional ballot which will not be counted until 10 days after the election.

## Write-In Candidates

To be a write-in candidate in a local election, a person must file a declaration of intent with the county Board of Elections and pay the same filing fees as any other candidate for the office. A write-in candidate must meet all of the eligibility requirements of the office, such as residence in the appropriate jurisdiction.

Write-in votes are counted **ONLY** for those candidates who have filed a declaration of intent and paid the required filing fees. This ensures that write-in candidates are willing and qualified to serve in the office to which they may be elected.

The names of write-in candidates who have met these qualifications **WILL NOT** be shown on your ballot. Qualified write-in candidates **ARE** listed in this Voters Guide, and you may take the Guide with you to the polls.

To vote for a write-in candidate, follow the instructions on the touch-screen voting machine or paper ballot to insert the name of your chosen candidate.

## Convicted of a crime?

### You still have the right to vote.

- If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor, you have the right to vote, even if you are incarcerated.
- If you have been arrested for a felony but have not been convicted, you still have the right to vote.
- If you have been convicted of a felony, you may **NOT** vote while incarcerated, but you may register to vote using your new address after you are released.
- If you live in a halfway house, are on parole, probation, house arrest or any other sort of correctional control, you have the right to vote.

Reference: [www.acluohio.org/vote](http://www.acluohio.org/vote)



# League Information



## About the League

### Who We Are:

**Mission:** A nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed active citizen participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**Policy:** The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters was established as a national nonpartisan organization in 1920 to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The Dayton League of Women Voters opened its doors in 1920 making our League one of the first in the nation. Currently the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area serves Greene and Montgomery counties. We welcome all people age 16 and above to join the League.

### What We Do:

(all services provided free for residents in Montgomery & Greene County)

Voter Registration

Candidate forums

Candidate interviews in partnership with DATV & MVCC

Voters Guide, doorstep deliveries and distribution to all public libraries and other locations

Election Hotline

Cable TV program with DATV - League of Women Voters: Empowering You

Provide community programs on hot topics and ballot issues

Offer Speakers Bureau on current issues and women's history

### Community Activism and Support:

Partner with Miami Valley Voter Protection Election Coalition

Partner with Fair Districts Ohio

Continue to provide Ohio's Deaf Population with DVD in American Sign Language on Voting

Present community discussions on redistricting and increasing voter participation

Provide voter registration support to many community organizations

Participate in naturalization ceremonies serving over 1250 new citizens annually

Observe government meetings

Audit Elections and post-election ballot certification

For more than 100 years the League remains one of the nation's most respected community-based grassroots organizations. We are unique as our members have diverse political opinions yet we believe, support and participate in civil, fact-based discussion as citizens who believe that is what will, in the end, make a difference. Join Us!

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## League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area

**We were founded in 1920, as a result of the signing  
of the 19th Amendment**

We are an integral part of a three-tiered organization:

League of Women Voters of the United States

League of Women Voters of Ohio

League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area

We are governed by a set of By Laws that guide a

Board of Directors, headed by a President

We are political but nonpartisan

We function through mutual respect and

cooperation of all leaders

**We Speak With One Voice**

## Join the League

*The League of Women Voters welcomes everyone  
without regard to gender and age 16 and above to join us.*

\_\_\_\_\_ One-year individual membership \$66 annually

\_\_\_\_\_ Household membership \$100 annually

\_\_\_\_\_ Student membership \$10 annually

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: LWVGA, 127 North Ludlow St., Dayton, OH 45402

or join online at [lwvdayton.org](http://lwvdayton.org). PH 937-228-4041 Thank you for your support!





# National Elections



## U.S. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

### Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What steps should be taken to address the high cost of living and depressed wages in America, including for families, people with disabilities, and people that are economically disadvantaged?

**QUESTION #2:** What steps will you take to curb gun violence and build safe and healthy communities for communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence in the United States?

**QUESTION #3:** What are the most important steps you will take to improve U.S. immigration policies, including creating an accessible path to citizenship?

**JILL STEIN and ANITA RIOS (GRN)**  
<https://www.jillstein2024.com>

**ANSWER #1:** We need an economy that works for working people, not just the wealthy and powerful. To reverse surging inequality and insecurity, we need an Economic Bill of Rights establishing the rights to a living-wage job, guaranteed livable income, housing, healthcare, childcare, lifelong education, secure retirement, utilities, healthy food and clean water, so that all of us are guaranteed the basic security for a good life that can reach our highest potential.

A Jill Stein administration will pass a \$25 minimum wage, eliminate the sub-minimum wage loophole, pass universal rent control, cancel student and medical debt, end wage discrimination based on race, gender and other factors, and mandate paid sick and family leave as well as parental leave.

**ANSWER #2:** We need to end the epidemic of gun violence with common-sense gun safety laws.

A Jill Stein administration will ban the sale of assault rifles and establish a buyback program; establish mandatory waiting periods and background checks for firearm purchases; pass red flag laws for individuals who pose a danger to themselves and others; create standardized digital records of gun registrations and sales; close gun show loopholes; require firearm owners to own a high-quality gun safe to store their firearms; require firearm owners to purchase liability insurance of no less than \$1,000,000; and hold adult firearm owners criminally liable for minor children accessing and using firearms in the commission of any crime, accidental injury or death.

**ANSWER #3:** Immigrants' rights are human rights. It's time to completely overhaul the broken and abusive immigration system, as well as the unjust policies driving people to leave their homes. We need a comprehensive immigration policy and properly funded institutions to ensure a timely, ethical, transparent, and dignified path to citizenship for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Border policy should move away from detention and enforcement response toward humane and effective asylum processing.

A Jill Stein administration will replace ICE with an Office of Citizenship, Refugees, and Immigration Services under the Department of Labor, grant amnesty to every undocumented person, and implement a path to citizenship with expediency.

The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area regrets that the following candidates did not reply to the National League of Women Voters in time to meet our publication deadline. Their responses may be available on [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) if they submit their replies.

**KAMALA HARRIS and TIM WALZ (D)**  
<https://www.kalaharris.com>

**DONALD J. TRUMP and JD VANCE (R)**  
<https://www.donaldjtrump.com>

The following candidates will appear on the Ohio ballot but were not included in the national survey. Their websites are included as possible sources of information

**RICHARD DUNCAN AND MITCHELL PRESTON BUPP (NON)**  
<https://www.facebook.com/RichardDuncanForPresident2016/>

**CHASE OLIVER AND MIKE TER MAAT (LIB)**  
<https://votechaseoliver.com/>

**PETER SONSKI AND LAUREN ONAK (OTHER)**  
<https://www.petersonski.com/>

Additional information on these candidates is available at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

### HOW THIS INFORMATION WAS GATHERED

All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to six specific questions. Candidates were qualified if they met the following criteria: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of his/her intention to run for President. 2. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes; and, 3. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website by the date of publication. Responses were limited to a specific number of characters and were truncated thereafter. If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not responded." Is printed.

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## U.S. SENATOR

### Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** State your position on voting and elections policy.

**QUESTION #3:** State your position on immigration policy.

### Sherrod Brown\* (D)



**BIO:** BA Yale University, 1974; MA Ohio State University, 1979; MPA Ohio State University, 1981.

United States Senator, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, former Ohio Secretary of State, former Member of the Ohio House of Representatives

**ANSWER #1:** My top priority is always to fight for Ohioans and the Dignity of Work. That means standing up to special interests and big corporations to level the playing field and ensure every family has a path to the middle class.

I am proud of our recent wins like passing the Butch Lewis Act,

which secured the pensions of over 100,000 Ohio workers, the bipartisan PACT Act that delivered the largest expansion of veterans' healthcare in VA history, and the CHIPS Act that is bringing thousands of jobs to Ohio.

Currently, I am committed to passing the FEND Off Fentanyl Act to protect Ohioans from dangerous fentanyl and reinstating the Child Tax Credit to support working families..

**ANSWER #2:** As Secretary of State, I expanded voter access and information. In the Senate, I am fighting against efforts that disenfranchise voters. I support the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and will always oppose laws that intentionally make it more difficult for people of color, seniors, students, and low-income people to vote.

I've previously introduced the Election Security Act, which would require backup paper ballots and provide election security grants to states for cyber security, and I introduced

a bill to stop states from purging voters solely due to failure to vote or to respond to a state notice. I will continue to urge my colleagues to pass meaningful voting rights legislation.

**ANSWER #3:** Presidents of both parties have failed to secure our border. We need to get more resources and personnel to the border to support our border control agents and prevent a humanitarian crisis. I've also introduced legislation to protect our border control agents from illegal drugs and keep dangerous fentanyl out of our communities by cracking down on its illicit supply chains at their source.

### Bernie Moreno (R)

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

### Don Kissick (L)

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.





State Issues



# OHIO STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUE FALL 2024

## **Issue 1: Proposed Constitutional Amendment to create an appointed redistricting commission not elected by or subject to removal by the voters of the state.**

**League Explanation of Issue 1:** This issue would amend the Ohio Constitution to establish the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission with authority to determine maps for Congressional and state legislative districts..

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

- Create the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission, composed of 15 Ohio citizens, to replace the current 7-person redistricting commission, composed of 3 elected statewide officials and 4 state legislators or their representatives;
- Assign the commission responsibility for drawing district lines for the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and the Ohio seats in the U.S. House of Representatives;
- Provide that the commission is balanced with 5 members who are affiliated with each of the state’s two major political parties and 5 members who are independents;
- Provide that the members of the commission be chosen through a bipartisan process that uses the services of 4 retired court of appeals judges and in which applicants determined to be qualified to serve on the commission (by the retired judges) are identified and ultimately selected through a largely random process;
- Require that commission members have shown an ability to conduct the redistricting process with integrity and fairness and do not have any conflicts of interest;
- Prohibit service on the commission by the following persons and their immediate family members:
  - Persons who are currently serving or have recently served in (or candidates for) federal, state, or local offices;
  - Persons who have or are currently serving or recently served as staff members, paid consultants, or contractors for any elected official or candidate for any federal, state, or local office;

- Persons who are currently serving or have served as officers, paid consultants, or contractors to any political party, political action committee, or campaign committee;
- Persons who are currently or have recently been registered lobbyists or legislative agents in Ohio;

- Provide that each redistricting plan contain single-member districts that are geographically congruent, that comply with federal law, and that preserve communities of interest;
- Define communities of interest as communities of people with broadly shared interests and representational needs, including counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school districts;
- Ban partisan gerrymandering and the adoption of plans that favor or disfavor a political party by requiring that the statewide proportion of districts in a redistricting plan that favors each political party shall correspond closely to statewide partisan preferences of Ohio voters;
- Provide that no redistricting plan shall be drawn with consideration of the place of residence of any incumbent elected official or any candidate for state or congressional office;
- Require that the commission operate in a transparent public way, that all its deliberations and actions be in public meetings, and that its actions require an affirmative vote of at least 9 of 15 members;
- Require holding 5 public hearings throughout the state prior to the adoption of draft redistricting plans, 5 public hearings after the adoption of draft redistricting plans, and 2 public hearings after the adoption of final redistricting plans;
- Require the General Assembly to appropriate not less than \$7 million in 2025 for expenses of the commission with an additional appropriation for legal expenses;
- Require that redistricting plans adopted by the commission be used for the 2026, 2028, and 2030 elections, and that district lines be re-drawn every 10 years thereafter based on U.S. Census data;
- Replace the redistricting plans adopted for the 2022 and 2024 elections;
- Continue to give the Ohio Supreme Court original and exclusive jurisdiction to resolve disputes concerning compliance of redistricting plans with the proportionality and incumbency protection requirements;
- Provide procedures for removal for cause of commissioners and for the filling of any commissioner vacancy; and

- Create a procedure for resolving any impasse or stalemates in determining which redistricting plans to approve by having members of the commission rank their favored plans and vote preferentially until adoption of a plan by a majority vote.

A **“no”** vote opposes amending the Ohio Constitution to create a new redistricting commission. This, then, allows the current procedures for redistricting state and congressional seats to remain in effect.

Under the current procedures, members of the Legislature and statewide elected officials determine maps for Congressional and state legislative districts.

### **Supporters say:**

- The amendment creates a new independent body, the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission, to draw district lines for the General Assembly and the Ohio seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- The 15-member commission is balanced with 5 members affiliated with each of the state’s major political parties and 5 members who are independents.
- The amendment creates a bipartisan process for selecting commission members.
- The amendment removes politicians and political influence from the redistricting process by prohibiting elected officials, candidates, their staffs, political organizations, lobbyists, and immediate family members of these groups from serving on the commission.
- The amendment prohibits partisan gerrymandering of the General Assembly and the Ohio seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- The amendment requires that each redistricting plan contain geographically congruent districts that comply with federal law and preserve communities of interest.
- The amendment defines communities of interest to include counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school districts as well as communities of people with broadly shared interests and representational needs.
- The amendment prevents incumbency protection by barring any redistricting plan from considering the place of residence of any incumbent elected official or any candidate for state or congressional office.
- The amendment creates an open and transparent process by requiring that all commission deliberations and actions be in public meetings, and that actions by the commission require an affirmative vote of at least 9 of 15 members.

- The amendment creates a process to resolve any impasse so that the General Assembly cannot adopt its own redistricting plans.

### **Opponents say:**

- The amendment creates a redistricting commission to replace the constitutional amendments approved by Ohio voters in 2015 and 2018.
- The amendment removes elected statewide officeholders and state legislators from the process of drawing district lines for the General Assembly and for the Ohio seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- The amendment creates a non-elected commission.
- The amendment adopts procedures for selecting the members of the commission that are complex.
- The amendment permits the commission to hire consultants to assist in the drawing of districts.
- The amendment limits the right of Ohio citizens to freely express their views on redistricting to members of the commission and the commission staff.
- The amendment promises to end partisan gerrymandering but requires that the statewide proportion of districts that favor each political party correspond closely to statewide partisan preferences of Ohio voters.
- The amendment does not require districts to be compact.
- The amendment does not sufficiently respect the need to draw district lines that do not split counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school districts.
- The amendment does not permit members of the commission to be removed by the General Assembly.
- The amendment abolishes the historic tradition of having elected officials draw congressional and state legislative districts – elected officials who are directly accountable to Ohio voters.
- The amendment seeks to make significant changes in redistricting but ignores the reality that redistricting is inherently political and that one cannot take politics out of politics.

For the complete text of the amendment, go to [https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/11-28-23\\_summary-and-full-text.pdf](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/11-28-23_summary-and-full-text.pdf)

For the language that will appear on the ballot, go to [https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2024/certifiedballotlanguage\\_2024-09-18.pdf](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2024/certifiedballotlanguage_2024-09-18.pdf)

YOUR

COUNTS



# State Elections



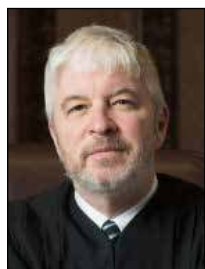
## JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you running for this particular court seat?

### MICHAEL P. DONNELLY\* (D)



**BIO:** B.A., John Carroll University, 1988; J.D., Cleveland State University College of Law, 1991. Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, 1992-1997; Attorney, Civil Litigation, 1997-2004; Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge, 2005-2018, Associate Justice, Ohio Supreme Court, 2019 to present.

**ANSWER #1:** As an assistant prosecutor and litigator representing plaintiffs and defendants, I gained extensive experience in the wide variety of cases heard in Common Pleas Court. Trying serious felonies and negotiating plea agreements provided me with critical insight into what did and didn't work in the criminal justice system that proved invaluable when I was elected to the bench.

My work as a civil litigator taught me that "justice delayed is justice denied" is not a cliché, it is a painful truth that harms

everyone involved in the civil and criminal judicial system. People who have personal injury claims can find themselves on the brink of financial ruin as they wait years for their case to be tried or settled. Criminal defendants can be incarcerated for long periods pre-trial while victims and their families wait years for justice to be done. And the costs associated with complex business litigation mount exponentially as litigants endure inordinate delays.

I resolved to do everything in my power as a judge to expedite cases. I assured litigants I would be available to quickly and efficiently resolve any impasse related to discovery. I provide parties with case management orders that included ruling dates set far enough in advance of the trial date so that neither party would incur potentially unnecessary trial expense while awaiting a ruling from me and I made it a point to provide every litigant with the highest degree of trial date certainty.

**ANSWER #2:** I first ran for the Supreme Court to rebuild public faith in the judicial system and to serve as an independent, impartial Justice Ohioans could trust to uphold the Constitution and ensure that every person received equal treatment under the law. I am seeking reelection to improve our justice system. The need for a strong, independent voice like mine on a court that has become increasingly politicized is greater than ever.

To combat the belief that the justice system is fundamentally unfair, I'll continue working with judges, prosecutors, attorneys, elected officials, and community leaders to support the adoption of policies that will promote the use of data to assure equity in sentencing, combat wrongful convictions,

close Ohio's justice gap, eliminate backroom, false, and dark plea agreements, and make Ohio's courts more transparent, equitable, accountable, and efficient.

Along with leading the reform movement during my first term, I profoundly influenced the most meaningful cases to come before the court in decades. My independent votes and opinions, including dissents that highlighted issues of law misconstrued or ignored by my colleagues, played a critical role in defending democracy, preserving the right to vote on the Reproductive Freedom Amendment, ending a multi-million-dollar First Energy surcharge, and strengthening labor rights.

My allegiance to the Constitution and the people who expect and deserve nothing less than independence and equal justice under law rather than partisan politics or ideology will continue to guide my work.

### MEGAN E. SHANAHAN (R)



**BIO:** Kent State University, B.A. 1995; University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 2000. Assistant Prosecutor, Butler County, 2000-2005; Assistant Prosecutor, Hamilton County, 2005-2011; Hamilton County Municipal Court, Judge, 2011-2015; Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, Judge, 2015-present.

**ANSWER #1:** I have spent more than two decades in the justice system. Prior to becoming a judge, I worked as an assistant county prosecutor for more than a decade handling every type of criminal case from the lowest misdemeanor to death penalty murder cases. I also handled many civil cases in the prosecutor's office and as a city solicitor for Mt. Healthy. This combined experience gives me a rare insight into the justice system and helps my work as a judge immensely. I am the youngest of 8 children from a working class family. I understand the value of hard work. My background and professional experience has helped me become a firm but fair judge who ensures justice is done.

**ANSWER #2:** The most important job of a judge is to ensure justice and protect the community. I intend to continue serving our great state in this manner. As a common pleas court judge, I preside over the most serious criminal cases and most complex civil cases. As a judge, I serve as an impartial referee in the courtroom. I conduct myself with a transparent, no-nonsense, plain-spoken approach to every case. As a common pleas court judge, I have handled virtually every type of case that is heard at the Supreme Court level.

A stable and predictable legal environment is essential to allow Ohio to prosper. I am a firm believer in following what the law says, not promoting a personal or social agenda. I will strictly apply the law as it is written and adhere to the plain language of the constitution. When our Supreme Court follows this approach, a stable, predictable and equitable environment is created for Ohio residents and businesses. My professional and personal history render me highly qualified to serve as your next Ohio Supreme Court Justice.

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**QUESTION #2:** Why are you running for this particular court seat?



### JOSEPH T. DETERS (R)

**BIO:** B.A., University of Cincinnati, J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law. Assistant Hamilton County Prosecutor, 1982-1988; Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, 1988-1992; Hamilton County Prosecutor, 1992-1998

and 2005-2023; Treasurer, State of Ohio, 1999-2004; Justice, Ohio Supreme Court, 2023-present.

**ANSWER #1:** I spent more than 25 years as county prosecutor in a major urban county arguing cases of all types. Over that time, my office and I handled tens of thousands of felony and civil cases in local, state, and federal courts.

**ANSWER #2:** I am running for this seat to continue serving the people of Ohio on the Supreme Court for the full term spanning 2025-2030.

### MELODY J. STEWART\* (D)

**BIO:** Bachelor of Music, University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music; J.D., Cleveland State University College of Law; Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University, School of Applied Social Sciences; Honorary Doctorate, Cleveland State University. Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio - 2019 to present (5+ years).



Judge on the Ohio Court of Appeals - 2006 to 2018 (12 years).

**ANSWER #1:** Prior to being elected and re-elected to the Court of Appeals and then being elected to the Supreme Court - serving 17 years writing law, I had a varied legal career practicing law and teaching law. I practiced

law primarily as a civil defense litigator in state and federal courts and worked in several capacities in legal and higher education for a combined 16 years. I served in multiple administrative capacities and taught courses in ethics and professional responsibility; criminal law; criminal procedure; and legal research, writing, and advocacy. In my doctoral studies, I was able to explore the intersection of law and social

science - researching and writing in the areas of elder law and caregiving, and juvenile delinquency to name a couple areas of study. This prior non-judicial experience helps me to ask the right questions of lawyers and litigants, colleagues and court staff, and of myself before deciding a case. My non-judicial background has also served me well with recognizing the complexities and nuances of cases that come before us and serves as a reminder to always judge the case, not the parties.

**ANSWER #2:** I am currently the incumbent Justice running for re-election to the seat that I criss-crossed the State of Ohio campaigning for in 2018, that I received bipartisan support for during that campaign, and that the voters of Ohio saw fit to elect me to in 2018. I am an even stronger Justice/Public Servant now as I complete my first six-year term on the Ohio Supreme Court. So running for re-election to the seat I currently hold is necessary to continue serving the public and our judiciary. I am the most experienced appellate jurist on the Supreme Court of Ohio.





# State Elections



## JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you running for this particular court seat?

### LISA FORBES (D)



**BIO:** Cornell University, B.S. 1985. Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D. 1992. Litigation attorney, 1993-2020. Judge, Eighth District Court of Appeals, 2020-present. Married 31 years with three adult children.

**ANSWER #1:** The depth and breadth of my knowledge of the law, coupled with my

understanding of the impact legal decisions have on clients, provides the right mix of experience to interpret and apply the law fairly and justly as a justice on the Ohio Supreme

Court. For 27 years I practiced law in trial and appeals courts all over Ohio, helping clients resolve disputes ranging from complex business litigation to consumer class actions to legal malpractice claims to trust and estate disputes, and more. Representing individuals and businesses in a wide variety of disputes gave me deep understanding of substantive and procedural law.

I saw first hand the impact legal decisions have on parties. The first appeal I argued resulted in reversal of the trial court and entry of judgment in my client's favor. After years of litigating and a devastating jury verdict, my client was in dire straits because the trial court had not applied the law correctly. The court of appeals fixed the mistake and changed my client's life. I saw firsthand the importance of the court of appeals.

While in private practice, I dedicated myself to learning the intricacies of the law and understanding the impact the law has on our communities.

**ANSWER #2:** I am running for the Ohio Supreme Court because I want to do my part to ensure that the Ohio Supreme Court is an effective firewall protecting our democracy and the rule of law. I have the expertise in the law, experience in our community, and work ethic to bring the intellectual rigor and common sense to the Court, so that our laws are applied

fairly and equitably.

Ohio needs a new justice who will stand up for all Ohioans and stand firm against political pressure. My respect for and knowledge of the intricacies of the law would enhance the work of the court.

When I ran for the Court of Appeals four years ago, I believed the greatest issue courts faced was the erosion of respect for the institution. That concern has only grown in the time I have been on the bench. In particular, partisanship has come to be accepted to explain the outcome of any particular case – not justice, not fair application of the law, not reasoned analysis.

If elected to the Ohio Supreme Court, I will commit myself to the fair and just application of the law without regard to any agenda. That includes how I will assess which cases the Court should take in for consideration, as well as how I will draft substantive opinions.

### DANIEL R. HAWKINS (R)

**BIO:** B.S. in Criminal Justice, Bowling Green State University; J.D., Ohio State University College of Law. 2001-2013: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Franklin County Prosecutor's Office. 2013-2019: Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court. 2019-present:



Judge of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Married with 3 children.

**ANSWER #1:** I spent over a decade as a prosecutor in the largest county in Ohio, personally conducting over 100 jury trials over the course of my career. As Director of the Special Victims Unit for the Franklin County

Prosecutor's Office, I oversaw and managed the prosecution of hundreds of crimes of violence against women and children, including sexual assaults, domestic and sexual homicides, child homicides, human trafficking, and internet child exploitation. My duties included overseeing a staff of seven assistant prosecutors and providing training to law enforcement, medical professionals, and attorneys across the state of Ohio.

**ANSWER #2:** I am running because I love this state and I want my children to grow up in an Ohio that is safe and prosperous. I believe in public service, and I would be honored to take my 20-plus years of legal and judicial experience to our state's highest court.

## REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS – 10TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** What changes do you support or oppose to voting and elections policy?

**QUESTION #3:** State your position on immigration policy.

**QUESTION #4:** State your priorities on foreign policy and national security.

### AMY COX (D)



**BIO:** B.S. in Biological Sciences, Wright State University (2001); M.S. in Education, Indiana University (2011). I worked in the classroom as a high school science teacher from 2002 through 2018, then transitioned into the small business realm, working at a

co-op here in Southwest Ohio. I've previously run for Ohio State House in 2020 and 2022, so I'm no stranger to the hard work of running a competitive, grassroots campaign.

**ANSWER #1:** We need a congress that supports working folks and protects women's rights, civil rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and voting rights. Congress needs to codify Roe and Obergefell into law, reign in the rogue supreme court with binding ethics laws, and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to make sure that voters have fair representation in the House of Representatives.

We need to support the middle class by making sure that the minimum wage is a living wage and remove barriers that prevent workers from forming a union. Our communities need accessible public infrastructure like high speed rail, and we have to address the housing shortage. I will also push for universal healthcare, so that no one is denied access to their healthcare providers.

**ANSWER #2:** Free and fair elections, the right to a private ballot, and the peaceful transfer of power are the cornerstone of American democracy. Unfortunately, they are under attack right here in Ohio and across the nation. Folks are being deceived into believing that their votes don't count or that election results are being tampered with, neither of which are true.

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# State Elections



## REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS – 10TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

State Legislatures have passed policies aimed at decreasing access to the polls, shortening early voting periods, and decreasing the number of drop boxes for absentee and mail in ballots. These policies are antithetical to our American ideals of freedom and representation, and we must work to reverse them by expanding and modernizing the Voting Rights Act.

**ANSWER #3:** Immigration is vital to the United States. Not only do immigrants work, buy goods and services, and contribute to the economy, but they contribute vastly to our neighborhoods and culture. American food, music, education, and more are positively impacted by the diverse communities they draw from. We must simplify the pathway to citizenship for undocumented folks, as well as expedite the process for those still waiting on visas to enter the U.S. Hiring more immigration judges, cutting through bureaucratic red tape, and ensuring a timely process is essential for easing the process for immigrants and our immigration system.

**ANSWER #4:** We must continue to embrace our allies, strengthen NATO, and must strongly reject any proposals to let our adversaries do "whatever the hell they want" with our allies.

Likewise, we must continue supporting Ukraine in their fight to protect their homeland without putting any American soldiers at risk. When our allies are attacked, we must prove that we have their backs and support them, but must also prioritize diplomacy and avoid aggression.

We must stand against any foreign influence in our elections, and that starts with cleaning the House and Senate of Russian assets.

To enhance national security, we must increase American manufacturing capacity and protect farm ground from being bought up by foreign nations.

### MICHAEL HARBAUGH (N)



**BIO:** Bachelor Degree Political Science Ohio University 2009. Food Truck Owner "The Wild Banana"

**ANSWER #1:** 1. Pay Active Duty Troops and Veterans More- End Forever Wars

2. Medicare For All- Prosecute Big Pharma

3. Paper Ballots for All Elections- Election Day Paid Holiday

4. Pay Teachers More- Provide High Quality Lunches at School  
Things are not OK in America, the two main political party's have sold out the working class to Corporate America and the Donor Class. We need Representatives that realize this and to challenge the status quo, not go along to get along with the rich and powerful.

I will be like a wrecking ball going to Washington, calling out the corruption in public and in the media, introducing 11 bills in first 100 days in Congress, and organizing my voting base and followers to help get more Independents elected to Congress..

**ANSWER #2:** Voting is extremely important, one of the last things the working class of this country has to fight back against the rich and powerful.

We need all Paper Ballots for our elections, no voting machines hooked up to the internet! Paper Ballots with lots of checks and balances and chain of custody of ballots matched up to Voter Rolls is what we need!

Illegal Citizens should not be able to vote. Election day should be a paid holiday.

We need more voting locations and staff so no voter should have to wait in long lines on election day.

I support lowering the voting age to 16 to bring more youth into the political process rather than tuning out for their entire lives- Young People are the future and their voice needs to be heard!

**ANSWER #3:** We need more judges to quickly process the number of migrants applying for citizenship. We need to incentivize Legal Citizenship and Migration by decreasing the cost to become a U.S. citizen, change regulations so illegal citizens are incentivized to become legal citizens, and go after large corporations taking advantage of illegal citizen laborers.

We need border security, drones, fencing and walls in places but not an entire 2,000 mile stretch.

Do away with Inland Border Checkpoints-Un-American and very 1984 feel to them.

Propose doing Community Service hours as part of becoming a citizen in this country, a way to give back and public works.

We cannot be giving illegal immigrants economic benefits before our own citizens first.

**ANSWER #4:** Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan were disasters. Leaders in Congress and Military need to go to jail for lying to the American Public for so many years about our "progress" in those Wars.

Propose increasing pay to our veterans and reducing the wasteful military spending going to private contractors that are ripping off the American Taxpayer.

We need a full audit of the Pentagon and DOD, they cannot account for trillions of tax payer dollars! Theft is occurring and people need to be held accountable!

Cut off funding for Ukraine War and keep Ukraine out of NATO as a neutral country.

Cut off funding to Israel for their Genocidal War against Palestinians.

America First does not mean Israel First.

Support Nuclear Arms Control Treaty

### MIKE TURNER\* (R)

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

## JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS - 2ND DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

### ROBERT HANSEMAN (R)

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.



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# Montgomery County



## STATE SENATOR – 6TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** How should government bring economic and job opportunities to Ohio?

**QUESTION #3:** What are your aspirations for K-12 and higher education?

### WILLIS BLACKSHEAR JR. (D)



**BIO:** B.A. in Political Science from Wright State University. State Representative Willis Blackshear Jr is a lifelong Dayton-area resident whose career has been dedicated to serving Montgomery County. After graduating from Trotwood-Madison High School, and Wright State University, Rep. Blackshear

worked at the Montgomery County Board of Elections and served as an outreach specialist at the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. Rep. Blackshear is currently serving in his second term as State Representative for Ohio's 38th House District.

**ANSWER #1:** Economic & Workforce Development: As I have in the State House, I'll continue to fight for more investments in making sure that our young people have the training and skills they need for the jobs of the future. Protecting our freedoms: In the State House, I've been proud to stand up

against Republican attacks on our freedoms. I fought against the August special election last year that tried to undermine our democracy and attacks on Ohioans' reproductive rights. In the Senate, I will continue standing up for Ohioans' freedoms. Bringing resources back to Montgomery County: In the State House, I've brought more than \$23 million to projects here in our community. I will keep fighting to make sure investments like these come here.

**ANSWER #2:** For too long, Ohio has pursued an economic agenda that hasn't helped our community. When the state has invested in bringing new projects and companies to Ohio, those opportunities have overwhelmingly gone to Central Ohio, not Montgomery County. Too often, the driving economic policy has been tax breaks for the wealthy while cutting basic, necessary services for Ohioans. It's time we make the wealthiest Ohioans pay what they owe in taxes so that we can invest in the sort of workforce development and small business support we need to grow the Ohio economy from the middle out, not the top down.

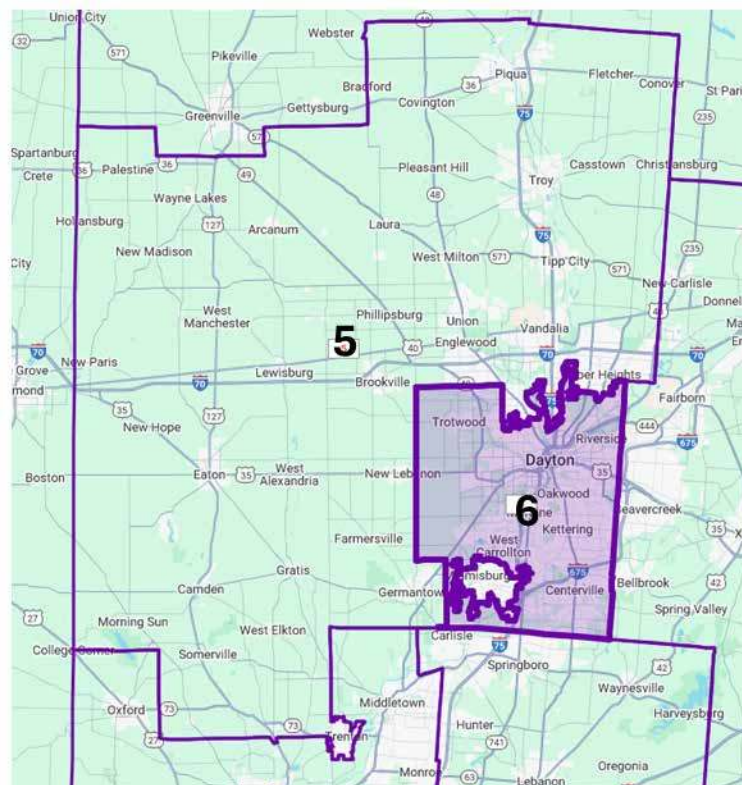
**ANSWER #3:** While we have seen some improvements in our education system after years of GOP cuts to our schools, more must be done. If we are serious about the future of our state, we need to invest in our schools and universities, rather than attack teachers and ban books.

I also want to see the State stop investing so much in privately run failed charter schools that face little accountability and transparency and focus first on our public schools. The charter school system in Ohio has robbed our children of the education they deserve.

### CHARLOTTE MCGUIRE (R)

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENATE DISTRICTS



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 36TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** How should government bring economic and job opportunities to Ohio?

**QUESTION #3:** What are your aspirations for K-12 and higher education?

### ROSE LOUNSBURY (D)

**BIO:** B.A. in Secondary Education, English, Education at Western Michigan University and M.A. in Teaching English at Miami University. Rose is an entrepreneur, coach, author,



speaker, former teacher, and the mother of teenage triplets.

**ANSWER #1:** The three major issues I am highlighting in my campaign are:

1. Public Education: Our public schools are not failing our kids. Republican politicians are failing our public schools by starving them of the funding and resources needed to do the job they've been assigned to do.
2. Personal Freedoms: All Ohioans should have the personal

freedom to have our voices heard at the ballot box and our private decisions respected in our doctors' offices.

3. Economic Growth: Ohio needs an economy focused on the future, with green energy, union jobs, and fair taxes.

**ANSWER #2:** The first step is to stand up to extremism in our government. Businesses don't want to invest in Ohio, because Ohio has become a less safe place for working families. Attacks on reproductive rights, attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, and undemocratic special elections drive our workforce away. When Ohio is a more welcoming place for people, it will be a more welcoming place for businesses, too.

We also need to work towards more sustainable energy, which will create jobs and make Ohio a better place for families. Ohio

has a strong manufacturing history. I'd love to see factories in Ohio building solar panels, wind turbines, and electric vehicle batteries right here in our state.

**ANSWER #3:** As the daughter of two public school teachers and a former teacher myself, I'm appalled to see the attack on public schools. Vouchers are siphoning millions from public schools to private schools with little to no oversight. Our legislature recently stripped power and funding from our democratically-elected State Board of Education. This should alarm all Ohioans. Public education is a public good, not a private entity. There is nothing more important to a strong democracy than a free and fair education for all. I will stop the bleeding of public dollars to private institutions and

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# Montgomery County



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 36TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

support returning autonomy to the State Board of Education. I will support educators at all levels in teaching an inclusive and historically accurate curriculum.

**ANSWER #1:** Everyone deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive to their fullest God-given potential. As a State Representative, I leverage years of experience as a results-oriented, common-sense problem solver to bring people together to find the best community solutions. Top priorities – Ensuring access to quality, affordable early learning, health and child care for families - for our current and future workforce; Providing quality education for all K-12 students including career and prevention education so they have the academic and life skills to pursue a post high-school path; Increasing mental health/substance use prevention and recovery resources; Building our adult workforce; Affordable energy; Cutting gov. costs/taxes; Public safety

**ANSWER #2:** Investing in developing our people through workforce training, credential and higher ed attainment, reducing government regulations and taxes, and improving access to housing, transportation, continuing education and childcare to support our workforce are key to helping Ohio continue to attract and retain businesses. We must continue to invest in our small businesses - including minority, veteran and women-owned businesses - which drive our economy, make up 99.6% of our businesses and employ nearly 44% of our workers. Continued collaboration through JobsOhio, local and state governments is vital to our ability to remain competitive and provide opportunities for Ohioans to thrive. We must also ensure a strong energy policy to meet demand.

**ANSWER #3:** Education changes the trajectory of life for our children and adults. It begins with helping parents have the tools they need to support their young child's physical and mental development, providing access to quality early learning to ensure all of our children are ready for kindergarten (right now only 35% are), ensuring adequate funding and safe, healthy school environments so ALL kids can learn to read, have access to STEM and career training, learn life skills and providing a pathway to a post-high school credential or degree attainment. That might be through the military, an apprenticeship, certificate program, or higher education degree-our workplaces and demands will continue to evolve and so must our education system.



**ANDREA WHITE\* (R)**

**BIO:** B.A. Communication, Wright State University. State Representative, 2021-Present; Clerk of Court, Kettering Municipal Court 2004-2020; Business Consultant and Small Business Owner, 1988-2003

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 37TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**TOM YOUNG\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 38TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**DESIREE TIMS (D)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.



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# Montgomery County



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 39TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** How should government bring economic and job opportunities to Ohio?

**QUESTION #3:** What are your aspirations for K-12 and higher education?

### DION GREEN (D)



**BIO:** B.S. Business Administration and M.B.A. Peer Supporter, CDCA, Trauma Informed, Community Resilience, Leadership Ohio, and Gun Violence Interrupter

**ANSWER #1:** The only way to create something sustainable in the combat against mass shooting and community gun violence is to

be willing to work with others in a bi-partisan effort. As there are

things that acts in a preventable measure such as Safe Storage, Red Flags Laws, ERPO, and Background Checks.

Mental Health is a very close issue that raises concerns with me. As I am very invested in community locally and nationally, I hear the cries for help. But the complaints I hear is the lack of access to healthcare that are not available for many individuals. So, I would love to create a policy to guarantee our children and adults have access to health care.

Reproductive Rights their body their choice.

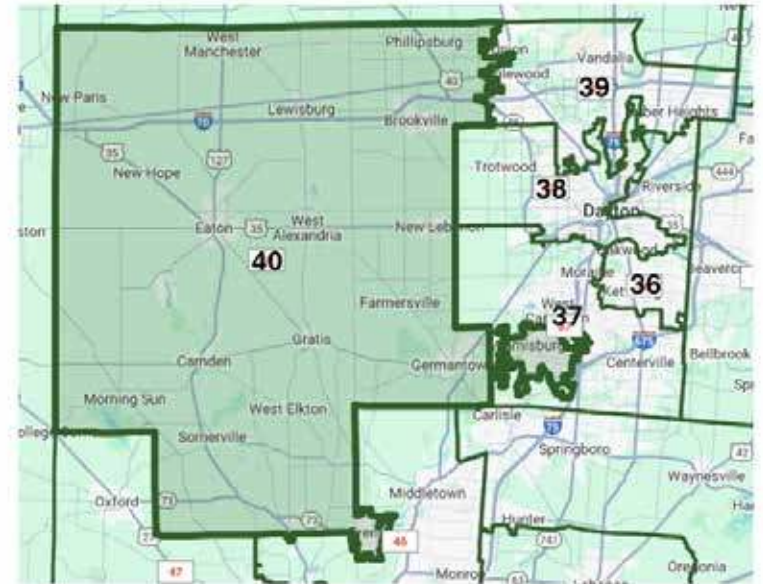
**ANSWER #2:** Initiate with a focus on Education and Workforce Development, establish Tax Incentives for small businesses through support and grants, and enhance the Quality of Life.

**ANSWER #3:** Ensure that every child, regardless of their socio-economic background, has access to high-quality education, including well-funded schools, experienced teachers, and modern learning resources. An for higher education make it more affordable and accessible to all students, regardless of their financial background.

### PHIL PLUMMER\* (R)

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICTS



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 40TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** How should government bring economic and job opportunities to Ohio?

**QUESTION #3:** What are your aspirations for K-12 and higher education?

### BOBBIE ARNOLD (D)

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

### RODNEY CREECH\* (R)

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.







# Montgomery County



## COUNTY RACES

### Montgomery County Commissioner

**Term Begins 1/2/25**

\*Indicates incumbent

**Vote for 1**

**QUESTION #1:** What do you believe are the most important issues facing Montgomery County?

**QUESTION #2:** What skills and experiences qualify you to serve as a County Commissioner?

**QUESTION #3:** What challenges do you see in serving a diverse body of constituents and how would you address them?

#### JUDY DODGE\* (D)



**BIO:** Bachelor of Arts - Political Science; County Commissioner (2006-Present)

#### ANSWER #1:

Affordable Housing -Montgomery County continues to provide money to the Human Services Planning & Development - Homeless Solutions Policy Board which identify the needs for housing and services to end homelessness, coordinate funding for shelter and housing programs. Secondly, Food Insecurity,

Montgomery County supports the Food Equity Plan aimed at increasing the availability of healthy, affordable, local food, while also decreasing food insecurity and food waste. Lastly, employment -the county supports the Employment Opportunity Center which offers job training, job access, and job search.

**ANSWER #2:** As current county commissioner, I have been a diligent steward of the taxpayers' dollars. I currently assist in overseeing a \$1 billion budget. I will continue to use oversight to ensure that projects are completed efficiently and effectively. I sit on several local boards, as well as the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board (Opioid Settlement money) as Director for Region 8. Recently, the Region 8 board recommended \$4.1 million to be awarded to Montgomery County entities. Additionally, I sit on Food Equity Coalition Steering Committee in addressing Food Insecurity.

**ANSWER #3:** There is different communication styles, cultural/ethnic backgrounds, and various other factors that need to be taken into consideration when making decisions. Based on this, as a commissioner I just need to make sure that I listen and understand their need.



#### KATE BAKER (R)

**BIO:** I was born and raised in Huber Heights. I graduated from Wayne High School, earned an Associates in Financial Management from Sinclair, & a BS in Economics and Organizational Leadership from WSU. I have been on Huber Heights City Council since 2020.

**ANSWER #1:** Countywide families suffer from the effects of high inflation and interest rates, the drug epidemic, and a decades long exodus of middle-income jobs from our county. While the county cannot affect these issues it can make sure it is running efficiently with our resources so as to provide the best services with the least burden the residents. This means making sure county dollars spent on anti-drug and anti-crime programs are spent in the most effective ways This means getting the county out of the way of the job- creating entrepreneurs and incentivize companies to relocate to Montgomery County.

**ANSWER #2:** I am a proven leader with a servant's heart. I am accessible, dedicated, and value honesty and integrity. As Councilwoman I have worked with Local and State leaders to get things done. If you want others to take action you must lead by example, no matter how small. If I see a street light is out, I report it. I don't pass by a piece of litter. I pick it up. I am accessible by being involved in the community. I do not attend events just for a photo opportunity and leave. I am there to meet and talk with everyone. I am there to connect with people and learn about their needs and concerns.

**ANSWER #3:** While Montgomery County is a diverse community, there are many things that we all want: safe streets, county programs and services that are accessible and serve all the residents. A County Commissioner must also recognize the needs and concerns of each individual community. You cannot just sit in a chamber and assume to know the residents' real concerns. You have to go into these communities; visit, listen and learn from each of them. As a candidate I have already started connecting with community leaders and meeting with residents. As a commissioner I will continue to visit, listen and learn.

### Montgomery County Commissioner

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**Vote for 1**

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#### DEBORAH LIEBERMAN\* (D)



**BIO:** AA, BA and JD degrees combined with decades of Montgomery County experience.

**ANSWER #1:** The past several years our county has seen robust economic development. While this is great news, one of our pressing issues is workforce development that ensures individuals are ready to work and can earn a livable wage. Another key issue is the need for housing inventory that aligns with the job market and rates of pay, making it affordable. Additionally, effective and affordable childcare that allows parents to work and children to thrive. Another important issue is that of

economic mobility to minimize income inequality and promote financial prosperity. I focus on all these areas.

**ANSWER #2:** I bring decades of County experience, a strong educational background as a UD law school graduate, my connections in county, state and federal government, and my experiences with the citizens of Montgomery County. I have championed several vitally important and impactful initiatives to include services and opportunities for returning citizens, economic mobility to reduce and eliminate poverty, infant vitality to improve birth outcomes and babies thriving to their first birthdate and I served as the original champion for Preschool Promise.

**ANSWER #3:** There can be challenges ensuring all citizens are heard and addressed. I'm known throughout the county as someone who leads with integrity and serves with heart. As a trained mediator, my listening skills have proven to be very useful over the years. I have long been a champion for diversity and a voice for those without a voice. The initiatives I champion and invest in are aimed at uplifting all citizens. I am known to work across the aisle on important issues and I take pride in serving the residents in all parts of Montgomery County.

#### MARY MCDONALD (R)



**BIO:** 8 years as Mayor of the City of Trotwood and 18 years as an elected official in the City of Trotwood.

**ANSWER #1:** I believe citizens are concerned that there seems to be a lack of connection from County Commissioners with local Mayors, City Councils, Trustees and citizens. There are citizens concerned with the continuous increase in water rates and taxes that seem to have no end. As a County Commissioner, it is our job to find a way to provide services to citizens without putting the

burden on those same citizens by increasing their taxes. Safety at the county jail is also an issue and the increased need for updates and programs that break cycles of recidivism.

**ANSWER #2:** I have been a small business owner for over 30 years and served on the Trotwood City Council for 18 years with the last 8 years as Mayor. My leadership turned the City of Trotwood around. We went from a failing community to a thriving, competitive and economically sound city poised as a regional player. It is time to share that experience of re-energizing and revitalizing with the whole county. I am pleased to share that I am the people's candidate for Montgomery County Commissioner.

**ANSWER #3:** My best gifts are the ability to serve individuals who want a win-win leader. I believe my gift for listening to concerns and turning those concerns into actionable solutions that benefit all people is needed here in Montgomery County. I actually see working with a diverse constituency as a plus. I was the Mayor of a diverse city. I believe my ability to work across party lines and get things done shows that I am skilled at working with diverse constituents. I do not see any challenges in working with diverse constituencies, only opportunities here in Montgomery County.





# Montgomery County



## Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What ideas do you have to make the office of the Clerk of Court operate more effectively?

**QUESTION #2:** Describe the skills and experience which qualify you to be Clerk of Court.

### LYNN COOPER (D)



**BIO:** I have 22+ years working for Montgomery County - 20 of them with the Clerk and Court. I have my Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management and Master's Degree in Public Administration.

**ANSWER #1:** Transparent decision making and ethical leadership will allow me to re-establish trust with partners and employees. This will contribute to the office operating more effectively and efficiently. Fiscal responsibility is of the utmost importance to

me. I will ensure tax dollars are not wasted and services will improve. Eliminating many unnecessary administrative positions and ensuring proper front line staffing will be crucial for improvements. Finally, my proven 22+ years of public service includes innovative leadership, which will ensure the office runs fairly and more effectively.

**ANSWER #2:** My bachelor's degree in organizational management, and my master's degree in public administration, provide an excellent foundation for leadership. Most important, my 22+ years with Montgomery County, 20+ with the Clerk of Court's Office and the Courts, make me the best person for the job. I am a Certified Court Manager through the National Center for State Courts and the Ohio Supreme Court. My involvement in developing and implementing technology in the Clerk's Office also qualify me to be Clerk of Courts.

### MIKE FOLEY\* (R)



**BIO:** Ohio State University- Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Mgmt/ Finance. US Army/ National Guard. Montgomery County- Clerk of Courts. United Healthcare- Community Advocate. Ohio BMV- Deputy Registrar. First Watch Restaurants- Area Developer

**ANSWER #1:** Since elected in 2018 as your County Clerk of Courts, I have brought transformative practices to the forefront. Technology has played a central role in improving efficiencies. Unlike many Courthouses, Montgomery County is leading the way

in both Electronic Filing and our Public Records Online system (PRO). Documents can be filed and viewed 24/7. I recently introduced a text message notification system, TSA Pre-Check services, and a legal Help Center to bring extra resources to those seeking help navigating the court system. Our priorities continue to be both Technology and Customer Service!

**ANSWER #2:** My tenure as Clerk has been focused on adding needed services and being a good steward of taxpayer dollars. As a former Deputy Registrar, veteran, and small business owner, I learned to appreciate the importance of customer

service. In just over five years, I have added 10 New Services, and given back 10 Million Dollars to the County for other needed projects and programs- the only County official to do so! Our Community is very important to me, so I started an Outreach Program that educates and assists residents where they live, work, and raise their families. Visit [CourthouseToYou.com](http://CourthouseToYou.com).

## Montgomery County Treasurer

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the most important responsibility of the office you are seeking?

**QUESTION #2:** Describe the skills and experience which qualify you for this position.

### MOHAMED AL-HAMDANI (D)



**BIO:** JD University of Dayton School of Law

**ANSWER #1:** The County Treasurer's office is an important part of our county government and serves a vital role in our community. The County Treasurer's office can do more to improve the lives of our community members by making smart investments and creating programs and initiatives that can protect members of our community.

**ANSWER #2:** I have extensive knowledge and experience in running large organizations both in

the public and private sector. I am seeking this office because I believe that I have the experience necessary to run the office and to make a positive impact in our community.

### JOHN MCMANUS\* (R)



**BIO:** (1) Montgomery County Treasurer (2021-Present); (2) Member, Dayton Board of Education (2016-20); (3) Chief Deputy Court Clerk, Montgomery Co.; (4) Legislative Liaison, Tenn. Governor; (5) Staff Assistant, White House; (6) BA (U. Memphis); JD (U. Dayton)

**ANSWER #1:** The Montgomery County Treasurer is responsible for serving as the county's chief tax collector, banker, and investment officer. Gathering the resources necessary for government to operate is a critical role of the office. It is equally important

that the Treasurer effectively pursue delinquent taxes across Montgomery County. Upon collection of tax revenue, it is vital that the Treasurer ensures that funds are protected and fully accounted for while in the county's treasury. Finally, the Treasurer is responsible for investing public funds on behalf of county residents.

**ANSWER #2:** I would be honored to be re-elected as Montgomery County Treasurer. Since taking office in 2021, the Treasurer's Office is on track to collect over \$120 million in delinquent taxes, reversing a decades' long trend of increased delinquencies. Our Finance Division has earned tens of millions of dollars in investment income through strategic approaches, allowing for less spending out of the county general fund than without these earnings. Our office has increased

taxpayer enrollment in PrePayment programs and digitized/streamlined more functions, saving taxpayers' money. I hope to earn your vote.

## Montgomery County Recorder

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the most important responsibility of the Recorder?

**QUESTION #2:** Describe the skills and experience which qualify you for this position.

### STACEY BENSON-TAYLOR\* (D)



**BIO:** Stacey holds an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies from Sinclair, a Bachelor of Science in Political Sciences with a Minor in Sociology from Wright State University, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Dayton School of Law.

**ANSWER #1:** Historically, the primary and most important responsibility of the Recorder was to record, maintain and protect all records related to property in Montgomery County. As the instances of deed/property fraud have significantly increased

the past few years, actually protecting and securing property has become as important as protecting property records. At the Recorder's Office we have made significant changes to address this growing problem and will continue to work diligently to protect your property.

**ANSWER #2:** Since 2021, I have been responsible for managing/ overseeing the day-to-day operations of the office. As your Recorder, I have worked to protect property and provide resources by increasing community engagement through my Exposing Deed Fraud initiative. In addition to increasing enrollment in the Fraud Alert System 100%, we have added additional safeguards to security and office procedures. I also implemented the Good Deeds Program to assist families with estate planning and avoiding probate court, & the Veteran Outreach program to provide mobile recording of DD-214's and issuing of ID'S.

### LORI KENNEDY (R)



**BIO:** Real estate agent, small business owner, and broker

**ANSWER #1:** Being a Realtor myself, along with a mortgage loan officer, I know the Recorder's office is of critical importance and demands high public trust beyond reproach. When I'm Recorder, I will protect the property rights of residents and business owners of Montgomery County along with being accountable for the \$1.2 million annual budget of taxpayer money to run the office. Currently,

countless Montgomery County residents and veterans have fallen victim to deed

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# Montgomery County



fraud. When I'm Recorder, I will ensure to put the proper procedures in place for the prevention of these heinous crimes.

**ANSWER #2:** As a small business owner, real estate agent, mortgage industry executive and broker who has done thousands of mortgage and real estate deals, I will bring needed private sector experience into the Recorder's office. I will ensure the office is providing top quality customer service to the public while ensuring Montgomery County's real estate records, commercial filings, and personal matter filings are secure and accurate. I will be the leader of the Recorder's office who uses taxpayer money wisely while operating the office in an efficient manner while protecting your property rights.

## Montgomery County Coroner

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**KENT E. HARSHBARGER\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Montgomery County Engineer

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**ANDREW J. SHAHAN (D)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**MAT HECK, JR.\* (D)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Montgomery County Sheriff

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**ROB STRECK\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Unexpired Term

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** List your judicial experience (courts and years)

**QUESTION #2:** What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?

**QUESTION #3:** Why are you running for this particular court seat?

### JULIA J. MAUK



**BIO:** B.A., University of Dayton J.D., University of Dayton School of Law. Montgomery County Public Defender's Office: trial attorney in both felony and misdemeanor divisions, handling cases at all points from arraignment through jury trial. Misdemeanor Division Manager (6 years), Administrative Manager. Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow at LegalAid of Western Ohio, Inc.

**ANSWER #1:** N/A

**ANSWER #2:** The reputation I would bring to the bench is not only shaped by my education and experience in the courtroom, but also by my character of even temperament and respect. I have practiced in nearly every courtroom in Montgomery County, and have worked with a multitude of prosecutors and judges over the years. Whether negotiating a plea or preparing a case for trial, I stood firm in advocating for clients, while also approaching opposing counsel and the judge with honesty and integrity. Outside of the courtroom, I served on the Dayton Bar Association's Grievance Committee for over 7 years, where I demonstrated the ability to remain impartial, consider the viewpoints of all parties involved, and make informed decisions on action that should be taken.

**ANSWER #3:** Montgomery County is my home. I care deeply about the community and its well-being, and have spent much of my time and energy doing what I can to ensure that it continues to grow and thrive. Whether coordinating driver's license reinstatement clinics in my role at the Public Defender's Office, or serving on the boards of House of Bread and Rainbow Elder Care, I have centered servant leadership at the core of all I do. As a Common Pleas Court Judge, Julia will embody that same spirit with both the individuals appearing in her courtroom and the community as a whole, advocating for accessibility and inclusivity within our court system. The judicial branch serves the people, and the people deserve a Judge that continues to demonstrate their commitment and dedication to the citizens of Montgomery County.

### ELIZABETH A. ELLIS\*



**BIO:** 2001 - University of Dayton School of Law, Dayton, OH. Juris Doctorate 1999- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Oxford Summer Law Program, Okford, UK 1997 - Denison University, B.A. Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Judge - June 2023 - present; Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office - January 2021 - June 2023; Greene County Prosecutor's Office - July 2002 - January 2021; GCPO Civil Division Chief-November 2010 - January 2021; Legal Aid of Western Ohio (f.k.a. WOLSA) - October 2001 - June 2002

**ANSWER #1:** Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas General Division Judge, June 2023 - present

**ANSWER #2:** My diverse legal background, combined with my commitment to upholding the law and seeking justice, make me highly qualified to hold this judicial position. My experience in handling a wide range of civil and criminal cases, from mortgage foreclosures to death penalty cases, and my ability to navigate complex legal issues at the appellate level, including in the Ohio Supreme Court and United States Supreme Court, have prepared me well to preside over the cases that come

before me. Furthermore, my track record of honesty and of providing sound legal advice to public officials and my dedication to ensuring that the law is followed, demonstrate my commitment to fairness, integrity, and the principles of justice. I have the knowledge, skills, and ethical foundation necessary to serve as a fair and impartial judge and as a dedicated and trustworthy public official. I look forward to the opportunity to continue my public service in my capacity as judge.

**ANSWER #3:** I am running to keep the seat that I presently hold, so that I can continue to serve the people of Montgomery County with honor and integrity. I sought this position because I love living in Montgomery County and I truly care about its citizens. I want every citizen in this community to thrive and feel safe. I do my best every day to provide a forum where people feel heard and are treated with dignity. My record as a judge shows that I treat everyone with respect. My hard work and dedication enables me to run an efficient docket and make the best use of everyone's time and ensure that public money is used wisely. As a judge, I believe in the importance of being unbiased, even-tempered, and fair in applying the law. I treat all lawyers and litigants with respect and work diligently to uphold the principles of justice in every case that comes before me to foster fairness and faith in our justice system. I have also taken the initiative to learn more about mental health courts in our state. I recognize the importance of expanding specialized dockets for mental health cases to better serve a wider range of individuals, including violent offenders. If given the opportunity to continue in office, I am committed to expanding the mental health docket in Montgomery County to ensure a fair and just legal process.

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**TIM O'CONNELL\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**KIM MELNICK\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**GERALD PARKER\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.





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## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**MARY MONTGOMERY\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**ANGELINA JACKSON\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas- Domestic Relations Division

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**JENNIFER A. PETRELLA**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas- Domestic Relations Division

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**TIMOTHY D. WOOD\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Judge of the Court of Common Pleas- Juvenile Division

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**HELEN WALLACE\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## Moraine Council District 1

Unexpired Term

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**MICHAEL DAUGHERTY\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

## New Lebanon Council

Unexpired Term

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**CHARLES COOPER\***

**CHRISTOPHER K. SANDS (WRITE-IN)**

Information on this race was received too late for publication. See VOTE411.com for information on candidates.



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# Montgomery County



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY ISSUES FALL 2024

Note: 1 mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of property. The taxable value is often less than the appraisal value. A renewal levy continues at the same tax level as a previous levy, so there is no increase in taxes.

### Issue 1 Statewide Issue

(Proposed Constitutional Amendment)  
Citizen initiative to establish the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission with authority to determine maps for Congressional and state legislative districts. See p. 5 for information.

### City of Brookville Issue 2

Referendum on Ordinance No 2024-07 establishing the zoning classification of lots 2798, 2799, and 2800 with 27,465 acres for general business planned development overlay and suburban residential district on 58.146 acres.

### City of Carlisle Issue 3 Authority to aggregate retail electric loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the city the authority to form such a group for purchasing electricity.

### City of Carlisle Issue 4 Authority to aggregate retail natural gas loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the city the authority to form such a group for purchasing natural gas.

### City Of Centerville Issue 5

#### Charter amendments

Section 4.01 clarifies procedures if a candidate becomes disqualified thru death or otherwise.

Section 4.03(b) addresses filling vacancies of Individual running for mayor, who might die prior to general election.

Section 4.05 addresses filling vacancies of someone running for city council who might die prior to general election.

Section 4.06 revises percentage of signatures needed for a recall petition from 25% to 10% of registered voters.

Sections 4.08, 4.12 and 5.03 update requirements for publishing notices of hearings, audit, or ordinance from a printed newspaper to a website.

Section 5.09 requires annual codification of municipal legislation instead of once every 10 yrs.

Section 6.01 removes residency requirement for a City Manager.

Section 6.02(i) removes requirement that every city contract to be authorized or ratified by Council instead requires contracts to be in line with relevant ordinances and resolutions adopted by the City Council.

Section 7.06 removes central purchasing from city since purchasing is decentralized with policies in place.

Section 8.02(c) permits City Council to adopt budget and capital program at same time.

Section 8.03 requires City Manager to submit the budget for review to City Council at least one month prior to final submission date.

Section 8.06 revises processes for budget certification to the county.

Section 8.07 repeals a revision of the budget that is not in line with city operations.

Section 8.10 clarifies appropriations must be amended in alignment with Ohio law under same project fund.

Section 10.01 repeals merit-based system because city has at-will employment system.

Section 10.02 revises service classification for city personnel.

Section 10.03 revises job description for personnel officer.

Section 10.04 revises the application to classified service.

Section 10.05 prohibits city employees, except elected officials, from engaging in political campaigns in which Centerville is involved.

Section 10.06 repeals requirement for promotional examination.

Section 12.03 removes prohibition on use of municipal facilities to allow for events like the Kalamian Golf Outing.

### City of Clayton Issue 6

Renewal of 1.5% income tax with additional 1% tax increase on income

Restoration of the 100% income tax credit

For police and fire services

### City of Dayton (Precinct 4-C) Issue 7

Local Option 5-R Petition Question 1 & 2: sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor by Mozaik LLC, 229 Riverside Dr, Dayton Oh 45405

### City of Dayton (Precinct 7-B) Issue 8

Local Option 5-R Petition Question 2: Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor by W. Social Tap & Table, 1100 W. Third St. (Patio and Basement) Dayton Oh 45402

### City Of Huber Heights Issue 9

Charter Amendment: Amend Sections: 4.04, 4.12, and 5.12

Proposes giving the mayor a single vote on Council matters, while removing the Mayor's ability to veto Council decisions. Currently Mayor has no vote on council but power to veto.

### City Of Huber Heights Issue 10

Charter Amendment: Amend Section 4.03

Proposes that candidates for the offices of council member or mayor cannot hold those offices at the time of filing their nomination petition, unless they are in the last year of their current term.

### City Of Huber Heights Issue 11

Charter Amendment: Amend sections 9.07 and 13.08

Proposes that the board or commission members, as well as council members, may be removed if they have three or more unexcused absences from meetings.

### City Of Huber Heights Issue 12

Charter Amendment: Section 5.08

Proposes that the Clerk of Courts can provide public notice of any proposed adoption or recodification of the City Code by posting it on the City website and at least 3 public places within the City for at least 10 days prior to adoption.

### City Of Huber Heights Issue 13

Charter Amendment: Section 6.01

Proposes that the residency requirement for the City Manager be determined by existing Ohio State Law and as negotiated by the City Council. This will allow flexibility in setting residency requirements.

### City Of Huber Heights (Precinct 1-D) Issue 14

Local Option 5-R Petition Question 2: Sunday sale of wine/mixed beverages by Wawa #7200, 4909 Chambersburg Rd., Huber Heights Oh 45424

### City of Riverside Issue 15

Charter Amendment: Amend Section 9.03, Planning Commission

Would allow for two (2) non-residents to serve on Planning Commission.

### City of Riverside Issue 16

Charter Amendment: Amend Section 4.12, Clerk of Council

Would move the appointment and day to day supervision of the clerk from under the city council to the City Manager.





# Montgomery County



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY ISSUES FALL 2024

## City of Riverside Issue 17

Charter Amendment: Amend Section 5.03(A), Procedure for Passage of Ordinances

Would reflect the changes the ORC made to requirements for Publication of Ordinances and Resolutions (ORC Section 731.21 effective October 3, 2023), allowing publication of proposed ordinances and resolutions on official websites and social media accounts and outlining procedures for publishing and posting such notice.

## City of Riverside Issue 18

Charter Amendment: Amend Section 9.05, Board of Zoning Appeals

Would allow for two (2) non- residents to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

## City of Riverside Issue 19

Charter Amendment: Amend Section 6.03(l), Powers and Duties

Would clarify powers of the city manager to procure according to City ordinances and resolutions.

## City of Riverside Issue 20

Charter Amendment: Amend Section 13.04, Charter Review Commission

Would reduce the number of members of the Charter Review Commission from nine (9) to seven (7) electors, and leave the current 5- year period between charter review in place.

## Beavercreek City School District Issue 21

4.9 mills for 37 yrs.

Bond issue for constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new high school campus for grades 9-12 and related site improvements

Tax increase of \$172.00 based on \$100,000.00 value

## City of Riverside Issue 22

Renewal of current 4.95 mills levy for 5 yrs.  
For police services  
No increase in taxes

## Village of Phillipsburg Issue 23

Additional 3 mills for 5 yrs.  
For current expenses  
Tax Increase of \$105.00 on \$100,000.00 value

## Village of Verona Issue 24

Additional 4 mills for continuing period of time  
For providing and maintaining fire protection  
Tax increase of \$140.00 on \$100,000.00 value

## Village of Verona Issue 25

Replacement of existing 1 mill for 5 years  
For fire protection  
Variable increase in taxes

## Butler Township Issue 26

Resolution to adopt limited home rule in township permitting it to exercise limited powers of local self-government within the unincorporated area of the township

## German Township Issue 27

Additional 4 mills levy for continuing period time  
For fire and emergency services  
Tax Increase of \$140.00 on \$100,000.00 value

## Harrison Township Issue 28

Replace existing 4 mills for 5 yrs.  
For current expenses  
Variable increase in taxes

## Jefferson Township Issue 29

Additional 10 mills for 5 yrs.  
For streets, roads, and bridges  
Tax Increase of \$350.00 on \$100,000.00 value

## Jefferson Township Issue 30

Additional 7 mills for 5 yrs.  
For current expenses  
Tax Increase of \$245.00 on \$100,000.00 value

## Centerville City School District Issue 31

Additional 3.9 mills for continuing period of time  
For current expenses  
Tax Increase of \$136.80 on \$100,000.00 value

## Mad River Local School District Issue 32

Additional 2.9 mills replacing expiring 5.22 mills bond for continuing period of time  
For general permanent improvements  
Tax increase of \$102.00 on \$100,000.00 value

## New Lebanon Local School District Issue 33

Renewal of an existing 0.75% income tax for 5 yrs.  
For current expenses  
No increase in taxes

## Dayton Metro Library Issue 34

Additional 1 mill for 5 yrs.  
For current expenses  
Tax increase of \$34.84 on \$100,000.00 value

## Five Rivers Metro Parks Issue 35

Additional 1 mill for 10 yrs.  
For protecting, conserving, and improving natural areas  
Tax increase of \$34.84 on \$100,000.00 value



# VOTE!







# Greene County



## STATE SENATOR – 10TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** How should government bring economic and job opportunities to Ohio?

**QUESTION #3:** What are your aspirations for K-12 and higher education?

### KYLE KOEHLER (R)

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

### DAN MCGREGOR (D)



**BIO:** BS Honors Physics, Purdue University; MS Electrical Engineering, University of Minnesota; Doctoral program (ABD) in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Colorado – Denver. Studied abroad for one year at the Universität

Hamburg, West Germany. I have over twenty years of combined experience in STEM, including experience in corporate research and development, working as a consultant in modeling electromagnetic fields, and software sales. I have also worked as a civilian employee at Edwards AFB and as a contractor at Wright-Patt AFB. I also have ten years of experience as a residential mortgage broker, including several years both

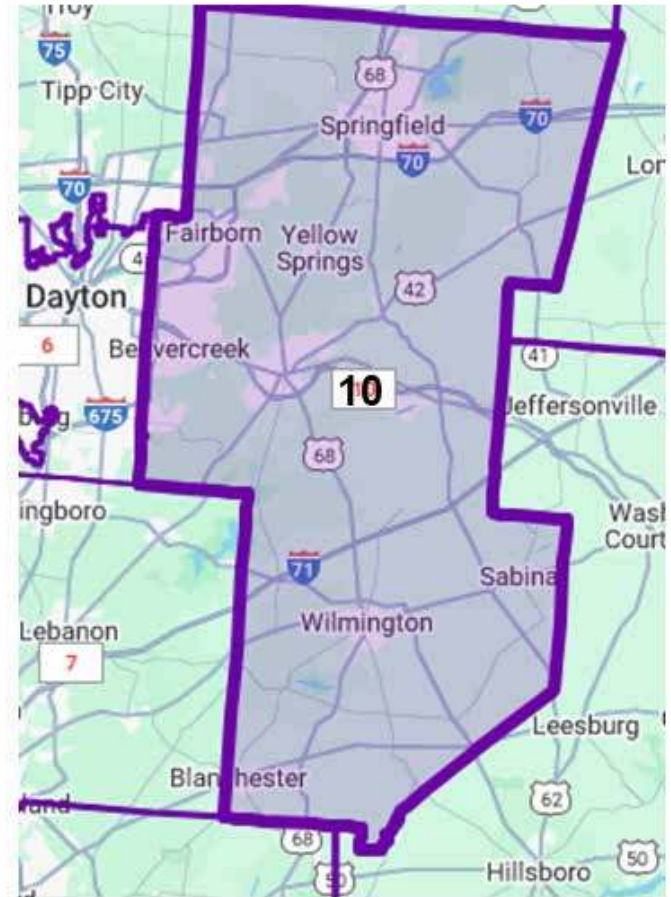
before and after the financial crisis.

**ANSWER #1:** My top priority is to 'Bring Balance Back to Ohio.' One party now controls nearly 80% of the votes in the Senate. The consequences of such supermajorities are detrimental to ALL Ohio voters. Without accountability to the voters, Republican legislators often favor their donors, lobbyists, and special interest groups instead. This can lead to corruption—exemplified by the First Energy scandal, which culminated in the imprisonment of a former Speaker of the House. Furthermore, with this power, the legislature feels empowered to dismiss issues supported by most Ohioans, such as women's reproductive rights and gun background checks. As your state senator, I will work to increase the transparency of state government.

**ANSWER #2:** I will leverage my experience of living in Europe for two and a half years, split equally between France and Germany, to work on growing Ohio's foreign trade. I will make a point of learning about the foreign trade offices in other states to identify success stories and best practices to enhance Ohio's economic growth in international markets. I also support legislation that would create a public Bank of Ohio. Such a bank, modeled after The Bank of North Dakota, will be able to finance numerous initiatives in Ohio to help grow Ohio's economy.

**ANSWER #3:** The legislature's primary responsibilities include ensuring fair and adequate funding, safeguarding emotional and physical safety, supporting the decision-making authority of teachers and local districts, and protecting children's educational rights to a curriculum that is tailored to their needs, truthful, and comprehensive. Oversight should focus on protecting academic freedom, preventing curriculum distortion by special interests—especially religious or political groups—and reviewing statewide outcomes and quality.

## GREENE COUNTY SENATE DISTRICT 10



Check [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org) for more information on candidates.



# Greene County



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 70TH DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** How should government bring economic and job opportunities to Ohio?

**QUESTION #3:** What are your aspirations for K-12 and higher education?

**BRIAN LAMPTON\* (R)**

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

**JOE WILSON (D)**

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

Every **VOTE** COUNTS!

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 71ST DISTRICT - VOTE FOR 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are your top priorities and how will you address them?

**QUESTION #2:** How should government bring economic and job opportunities to Ohio?

**QUESTION #3:** What are your aspirations for K-12 and higher education?

**LEVI P DEAN (R)**

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.

**KRISTA MAGAW (D)**



**BIO:** B.A. in Psychology, University of Cincinnati, 1975; Masters in Public Policy Science, Duke University. 25 years experience in the Mental Health field, in direct service, advocacy, policy and program development in the public and

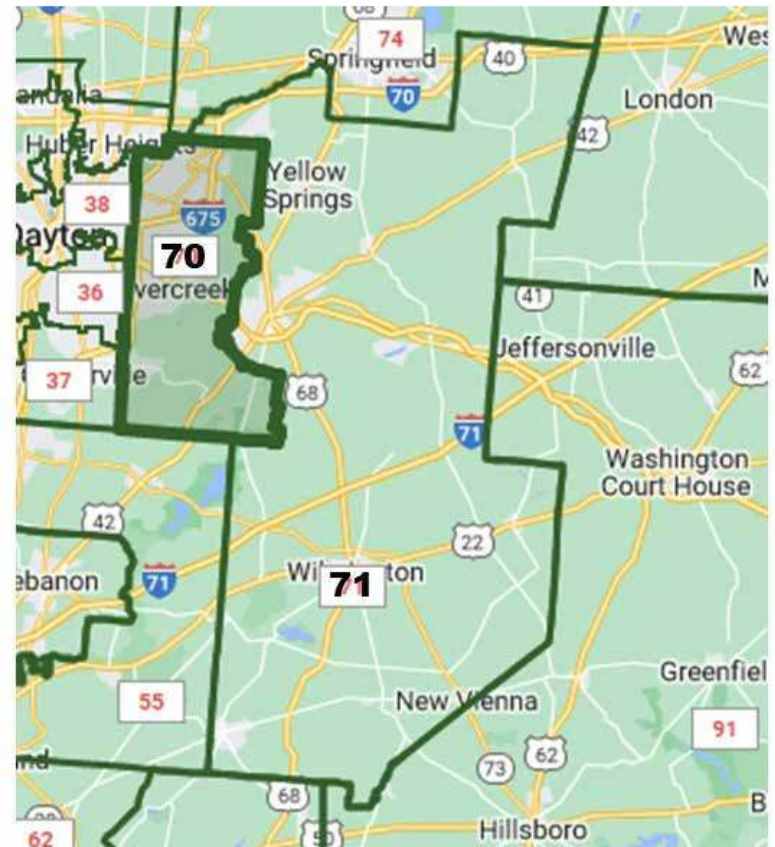
non profit sectors; 20 years as the first Executive Director of Tecumseh Land Trust, where I developed programs and policy and secured funding and partnerships to protect 32,000 acres of natural areas, forests and farmland, and 42 miles of stream.

**ANSWER #1:** My campaign centers on 5 issues: health care, education, green energy, water, and an economy that allows more people the security and hope of a strong and stable middle class. Protecting water resources, and managing them for the long term benefit of the people of Ohio and beyond, is a core personal value for me.

**ANSWER #2:** Universally available and affordable child care is probably the most important strategy to create economic and job opportunities for all Ohioans. Additionally, ongoing planning and coordination with educational institutions as well as industry is needed to train and retrain the workforce needed for Ohio's future. Economic incentives, such as tax credits for the creation of green energy jobs should be restored. State federal and local funding and resources can be better coordinated to invest in small business creation and innovation, especially in essential businesses that provide needed resources in rural parts of the state.

**ANSWER #3:** Ohio's standing among the states in offering quality education continues to fall as local districts scramble to fund their public schools through levies and income taxes, a formula the Ohio Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional decades ago. Poor rural schools are suffering from a "brain drain" as families with money move to wealthier districts, and recent legislation subsidizing religious and charter schools use funds which otherwise would have supported struggling school districts. Many from my generation benefitted from good public education and affordable college tuition. Today, students graduate high school less prepared only to face enormous debt to pay for their higher education.

## GREENE COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICTS







# Greene County



## COUNTY RACES

### Greene County Commissioner

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**SARAH MAYS (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Greene County Commissioner

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**TOM KOOGLER\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Greene County Clerk of Courts

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**AJ WILLIAMS\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Greene County Coroner

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**KEVIN L. SHARETT\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Greene County Engineer

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**STEPHANIE ANN GOFF\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Greene County Prosecutor

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**DAVID D. HAYES\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Greene County Recorder

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**JOE KENNEDY (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Greene County Sheriff

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**SCOTT J. ANGER\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Greene County Treasurer

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**KRAIG A. HAGLER\* (R)**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.

### Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**AMY H. LEWIS\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed to run for the position.



## STATE SCHOOL BOARD RACE

### Member of the State Board of Education District 5

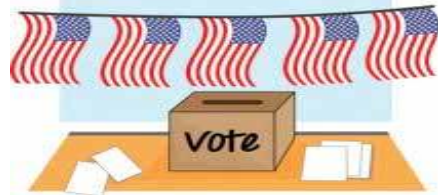
Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Why should you be elected to the State Board of Education?

**QUESTION #2:** What could the State Board do to address Ohio's teacher shortage?

**QUESTION #3:** Certification ensures qualified teachers are in our classrooms. What are your thoughts about the current requirements and system?



### MARY E. BINEGAR



**BIO:** Bachelor of Science/ Comprehensive Social Studies - Ohio State Univ, Masters of Secondary Education -University of Dayton. 34 yrs in education

**ANSWER #1:** From my experience of 34 years in the classroom to my current position of Ohio Education Association-Retired Chair,

I have had many opportunities to observe and discuss real issues within our state public school system. I believe I can represent the voice of educators both past and present on the Board. Hearing from "those in the trenches" is important as we move forward to continuously improve our public school system to meet the educational needs of current and future students and address the concerns of parents and the local community

**ANSWER #2:** The State Board of Education needs to maintain reasonable fees for Educator Licenses to encourage prospective and current educators to stay in the field. The Board of Education might also advocate for reduced fees or actual pay for student teachers. The current state of paying full tuition plus additional fees just to student teach is prohibitive to many students. The Board should also support such programs as the Teacher Apprenticeship Program which encourages non-teaching staff in the schools who are interested in teaching to be able to afford getting a degree in education.

**ANSWER #3:** I was glad to see the Resident Educator license moved back from 4 years to 2 years. I believe a new educator working with a mentor for 2 years is sufficient time. I'm a little concerned about the Senior Professional and Lead Professional Educator Licenses. I like the concept, but in several conversations with educators in District 5 the educators saw no real merit in applying for those licenses as they created no difference in their pay or their professional status within their school district.

### HAVA LAUDON

Candidate did not respond before publication deadline.







# Greene County



## GREENE COUNTY ISSUES FALL 2024

Note: 1 mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of property. The taxable value is often less than the appraisal value. A renewal levy continues at the same tax rate as a previous levy, with no increase in taxes.

### Issue 1: Statewide Issue

(Proposed Constitutional Amendment)

Citizen initiative to establish the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission with authority to determine maps for Congressional and state legislative districts. See p.5 for information.

### City of Xenia Issue 2

Renewal levy  
3.5 mills for 5 years  
For operating expenses  
No increase in taxes

### City of Beaver Creek Issue 3

Charter Amendment: Section 4.02  
Proposes extending term limits for the mayor and city council members from two (2) to three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms.

### City of Beaver Creek Issue 4

Charter Amendment: Sections 4.08 thru 11.03  
Revises requirements for public meeting notifications, publication requirements for city documents, and updates various administrative procedures. Additional information available at [beavercreekohio.gov](http://beavercreekohio.gov)

### City of Beaver Creek Issue 5

Additional levy  
0.49 mill continuous  
For maintaining and improving the city's 24 parks and Senior Center  
Increase of \$17.00 per \$100,000.00 value

### Village of Jamestown Issue 6

Renewal of 1.1 mill for 5 years  
For current expenses  
No increase in taxes

### Village of Jamestown Issue 7

Renewal of 3.5 mills for 5 years  
For police services  
No increase in taxes

### Cedarville Township & Village Issue 8

Renewal of 1 mill for 5 years  
For current expenses  
No increase in taxes

### Cedarville Township & Village Issue 9

Renewal of 2.0 mills for 5 years  
For fire and EMS services  
No increase in taxes

### Silvercreek Township Issue 10

Renewal of 2.3 mills for 5 years  
For fire and EMS Services  
No increase in taxes

### Bath Township Issue 11

Renewal of 7.0 mills for 5 years  
For Fire and EMS services  
No increase in taxes

### Xenia Township Issue 12

Renewal of 3.0 mills for 5 years  
For fire and EMS services  
No increase in taxes

### Jefferson Township Issue 13

Renewal of 3.0 mills for 5 years  
For fire and EMS services  
No increase in taxes

### Sugarcreek Township Issue 14

Renewal of 2.0 mills for 5 years  
For police  
No increase in taxes

### Greeneview Local School District Issue 15

Bond (2.8 mills) for 37 years and Levy (0.3mill) continuous  
For buildings: renovation and construction at new middle school  
Combined increase of \$109.45 on \$100,000 value

### Beavercreek City School District Issue 16

Additional Bond of 4.9 mills for 37 years.  
For building new high school and renovation of older buildings  
Increase of \$172.00 on \$100,000 of value

### Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District Issue 17

Substitute levy of 9.0 mills replacing two (2) emergency levies for 10 years  
For improvements and upgrades

### Greene County Park District Issue 18

Renewal of 0.90 mill for 5 years  
For parks  
No increase in taxes

### LOCAL OPTIONS

#### Precinct 301:

Roosters, 400 W Main St, Xenia, Oh 45385 Sunday sales, wine / mixed beverages

#### Precinct 430:

RBS Real Estate Investments LLC 19 W Main St Spring Valley 45370  
(1) Sunday sales: on premises  
(2) Beer, wine / mixed beverages, and spirituous

#### Precinct 440:

Yellow Springs Brewery, 305 N. Walnut St., Suite B, Yellow Springs 45387  
Sunday sales, beer, wine/ mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor.

#### Precinct 34: (Beavercreek)

- (1) Beer off premises consumption only
- (2) wine/mixed beverages off premises consumption only
- (3) State Liquor Store or Liquor agency stores for sale of spirituous liquor for the consumption off premises

#### Precinct 155:

Imaginary Heroes LLC 3669 Centerville Rd, Bellbrook, Oh 45305  
(1) beer, wine/mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor on premises  
(2) Sunday sales wine/mixed beverages





# Information



## FIVE STEPS To Vote by Mail

Check with [VoteOhio.Gov](http://VoteOhio.Gov) to assure you are registered to vote

**1** Request vote by mail application  
From [VoteOhio.Gov](http://VoteOhio.Gov) or contact LWV to learn where you can pick one up

**2** Return application to Board of Elections  
Complete it, **SIGN IT** and return to your County Board of Elections

**3** Receive your ballot  
They will be sent after **October 8**

**4** Carefully fill out ballot  
Completely fill in circles, **SIGN IT**, and return ballot in sealed exterior envelope, using adequate postage (if mailing)

**5** Return the ballot ASAP  
Drop off in secure boxes outside Board of Election office by 7:30 pm November 5 or mail back AT LEAST one week before election day, or by **October 29**



## Completing a Vote by Mail APPLICATION FORM

### DO'S

- Request your ballot now
- Print very clearly with a black pen or #2 pencil.
- Fill in name to match your registered voter name
- Use your address where you are registered to vote
- Provide just ONE form of identification
- Check (X) GENERAL election and use date of **11/05/2024**
- **SIGN YOUR NAME** as it appears in section #1
- Mail your ballot request to your County Board of Elections right away using adequate postage

### DON'TS

- Don't forget to sign the form!!
- Don't wait to request a ballot-- you can do this now to help 'flatten the curve' for election workers
- Don't leave address or date of birth lines blank
- Don't provide a copy of your Drivers License or your Social Security Card. The drivers license number or last four digits of your Social Security number is all that's needed

### MAIL APPLICATION TO YOUR COUNTY OFFICE:

Greene County Board of Elections  
551 Ledbetter Road, Xenia, OH 45385  
(937) 562-6170

Montgomery County Board of Elections  
451 W. Third St. (mezzanine level)  
(937) 225-5656

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### Can I vote if I have a disability?

**Yes.** If you're at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen, you have the right to vote.

- If you have a guardian, you can still vote.
- If you cannot read or write, you can still vote.
- If you cannot leave a hospital, nursing home, or your house you can still vote.

The only time you may not be able to vote is if a judge in probate court decided that you do not have the "capacity" to vote. "Capacity" refers to the ability to understand voting information.

### Can I vote if I have been arrested or convicted of a crime?

**Yes,** you can still vote:

- If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor.
- If you have been arrested for a felony but not convicted.
- If you are on parole or probation, live in a halfway house, or are on house arrest.

### How do I know if I'm registered to vote?

Go to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov), click [Check My Voter Registration] and type in your name and the county in which you live.

### How do I sign up (register) to vote?

Complete a voter registration form. You can ask for help completing it.

- **Option 1:** Go to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) and click [Register To Vote]. You can either complete a form online or print the form and mail it in
- **Option 2:** Go in-person to the Board of Elections (BOE), the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, a public high school, or library and ask for a voter registration form.
- The deadline to register to vote is **30 days** before Election Day (ED).

You need to complete a **new** voter registration form if you:

- Have a new address, even if it's in the same city, or have changed your legal name.

### Do I have to show my ID when I vote?

**Yes,** but depending on if you vote by mail, or in-person, ID requirements are different. To vote in-person, you must provide a photo ID.

- Photo ID includes: an unexpired Ohio driver's license or state ID, a U.S. Passport, or federal or state military ID (includes Ohio National Guard ID).

### Can I vote absentee by mail?

**Yes,** if you are registered to vote, you can vote by mail with an absentee ballot.

- Voting absentee means you can vote from home and mail in your ballot, or deposit your completed ballot in the designated county dropbox, or at your BOE.
- You can provide the last four digits of your SSN as your voter ID if voting by mail.

**Request an absentee ballot** online at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) or by calling your local BOE. A family member, support staff or friend can pick up a form for you at the local BOE.

- For persons with accessibility concerns, sensory issues and communication challenges, this may be an easier option than going to the voting polls on ED.

### Will my polling place be accessible?

Contact your local BOE for questions about accessibility.

- All voting places must be physically accessible unless an exemption is granted.
  - If an exemption is given, you may ask to vote curbside.
- Each polling place must have one accessible voting machine for persons with disabilities, including those with vision disabilities.
  - When you arrive at your voting place, let a poll worker know if you would like to use the ADA-compliant voting machines.

### What if I need help at the polls?

**You can bring** a family member, close friend or support staff into the voting booth if you need help to vote because of your disability.

- You may not bring your employer, an agent of your employer or candidate whose name appears on the ballot.
- You can also ask for help from the poll workers where you vote.

### For help or more information:

- Call the **Ohio Secretary of State's office** at 877-SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446) or go to [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov). Email options are listed on the website.
- If you feel your right to vote has been denied, contact the **ACLU of Ohio** at 614-586-1959 or [contact@acluohio.org](mailto:contact@acluohio.org).
- If you feel that you have been discriminated against while trying to vote because of your disability, contact **Disability Rights Ohio** at 614-728-2553, 800-858-3542 for TTY, or by emailing at [disabilityrights@ohio.org](mailto:disabilityrights@ohio.org)/[contact](http://disabilityrightssohio.org/contact).

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# Information



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### 3. How did you receive your *Voters Guide*?

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_ On-line \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. What improvements could be made?

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