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Questions:
1. What are the most pressing policy issues facing Ohio? What solutions will you promote?
2. How will you address challenges in the healthcare system?
3. State the role of the governor in protecting the rights of women.
4. State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, land, and climate.
5. State your position on government oversight of gun ownership and safety.

OHIO GOVERNOR
Salary: $161,121
Term: 4 years

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

Mike DeWine, Republican
Campaign Website: www.mikedewine.com
Candidate has not yet responded.

Nan Whaley, Democratic
Education: BA, University of Dayton. MPA, Wright State University
Qualification/Experience: Former Mayor of Dayton, Former President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors
Campaign Website: http://nanwhaley.com

Mike DeWine, Republican

Question 1: The top issue of this election is abortion access. Mike DeWine has already signed a six week abortion ban, which is before most women know they’re pregnant. We’ve already seen the results: terrible stories of 10 year old sexual assault survivors and cancer patients having to leave Ohio for necessary care. If DeWine is re-elected, abortion will be banned in Ohio. Doctors could be prosecuted and women’s health records could be searched. As governor, I will block these awful attacks on women’s rights, lead a ballot initiative to codify the protections of Roe v. Wade in the Ohio Constitution, and make Ohio a state that is welcoming to women and families. We also must do more to help working families. That’s why I will fight to raise wages by investing in apprenticeship readiness programs and lower costs by cracking down on price gouging by drug companies.

Question 2: My opponent made huge cuts to Medicaid even as Ohio was facing the COVID-19 pandemic. I will always stand up for health care access and protect Medicaid expansion in Ohio. We also must do more to get health care costs down - especially when it comes to prescription drugs - because no one should have to choose between keeping food on the table and paying for their medicine. I’ll fight for legislation that will impose fines on pharmaceutical companies that unfairly raise the cost of prescription drugs and I’ll work to cap the out-of-pocket monthly cost of insulin at $30. Many states, including Kentucky, have taken this step, and there is no reason Ohio cannot join them.

Question 3: The fact is, Gov. DeWine and his extremist allies have stripped away a woman’s rights to control her own body and imposed a government mandate that bans abortion. Within hours of Roe v. Wade being overturned, DeWine helped implement a six week abortion ban, which would outlaw nearly all abortions in Ohio. Unfortunately, it is only going to get worse if he is reelected: DeWine has promised to go as far as possible to ban abortion in Ohio. This is an economic issue as well: are young women going to want to stay in Ohio when pregnancy complications could lead to their death? Will businesses want to move here if they can’t attract top talent? It is time that we take back our freedom in Ohio. As governor, I will lead a statewide ballot initiative to put the basic protections of Roe v. Wade into the Ohio constitution so that women and doctors are not criminalized for making their own private health care decisions.

Question 4: After FirstEnergy, a huge utility company, bankrolled his campaign, Gov. DeWine gave them everything they wanted, including a billion dollar bailout for their failing energy plants paid for by new fees on every Ohioan’s electricity bill each month. The law also gutted Ohio’s renewable energy industry. Not only has the law been called the worst environmental policy of the 21st Century, but it is at the heart of the largest corruption scheme in Ohio history. As governor I’ll clean up this corruption and fully repeal this awful bill. It’s time our state finally prioritizes protecting our environment and supporting clean energy. Ohio has always been a leader in new technology and my energy and environmental plan will ensure that Ohio once again leads the nation in building the future by investing in the renewable energy industry.

Question 5: This issue is personal for me. As mayor of Dayton, I had to lead our city through an awful mass shooting that left 9 people dead. After the shooting, Gov. DeWine committed to me that he wanted to tackle gun violence in our state. Unfortunately, he broke his word. Time and time again, he has folded to the gun lobby and signed extreme bills opposed by law enforcement like stand your ground and permitless concealed carry. Most recently he signed a law to put more guns in schools with next to no training. Educators need 180 hours of training to renew their teaching license, but only 24 hours of training to carry a gun around your kids. As governor, I will fight to repeal these dangerous laws that will lead to more gun violence. I’ll work to pass common sense laws like universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders that will actually make all of our communities safer.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
Salary: $124,196
Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Represents the state in all legal cases in which the state is a party or has a significant interest.
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**Question 4:** As Attorney General I will use my powers to continue to pursue and prosecute malevolent actors while understanding that not every infraction of the law requires a strongest possible penalty. Too many people have been incarcerated for long periods of time for relatively minor nonviolent offenses and struggle to regain their footing in common society upon release from prison. I will also use the information available to the AG to assess differential sentencing outcomes and share this data with local prosecutors so they can be more informed while carrying out their duties. We can have a justice system in our state that continues to pursue bad actors to the full extent of the law without causing irreparable damage to the lives of decent people who may have made one mistake or committed a minor infraction.

**Education:** JD from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; MA from the University of Akron

**Qualification/Experience:** Two Term State Representative and Two Term Parma City Councilman

**Campaign Website:** http://crossmanforohio.com

**Question 1:** As Ohio’s next Attorney General, my priorities will be defending the rights and freedoms of all Ohioans, helping our economy grow, protecting workers and ensuring people can retire with safety and security. My office will defend women’s reproductive freedom and focus on protecting Ohioans’ civil rights—truly guaranteeing Equal Protection under the law. We also intend to institute a section designated with the responsibility of rooting out the corruption that has plagued our state government and holding wrongdoers accountable, something that has not been done by our current AG who let the owners of ECOT and First Energy fleece Ohio taxpayers without holding anyone accountable.

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Questions:
1. What are your goals for improving the function of the treasurer's office?
2. How can the treasurer's office influence state fiscal policy?
3. How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finances?

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

**Robert Sprague, Republican**

Campaign Website: www.spragueforohio.com  
Candidate has not yet responded.

**Jennifer Brunner, Democratic**

Campaign Website: www.justicebrunner.com

**Questions:**
2. I have 17 years private law practice experience representing clients in state trial and appellate courts throughout Ohio, the Ohio Supreme Court, federal courts in Ohio, state and federal agencies outside of Ohio and Ohio state and local administrative agencies. I have represented clients regarding their business concerns, their public participation in matters such as initiative and referendum, nonprofit and campaign work and private individuals on personal matters. The practice of law is a calling and I value it for the service lawyers can provide to the public in furthering the effectiveness of the rule of law for all.
3. Steady and principled leadership of the state's highest court helps Ohioans realize justice in their everyday lives. Ohio is a very diverse state with deep rural roots, storied urban communities and countless small and middle-sized towns and cities. I take seriously my responsibility as one of seven people elected to do justice for all the people of Ohio. I am grateful for what I've learned from Ohioans in my many years of service to them, working at three levels of the state's courts and as Ohio's first female secretary of state. Administrative and policy leadership of the court is not about an ideology of who should win and who should lose. I know that courts can do good things for people; protect their health, safety and welfare with fairness, equality and respect.

**Sharon L. Kennedy, Republican**

Campaign Website: http://kennedyforohio.com

**Questions:**
1. OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 2012–Present: Associate Justice
2. Effectively and successfully handled criminal, civil, juvenile, probate and domestic relations litigation and appellate matters.
3. The role of the Chief Justice is unique. The Chief manages the daily operations of the Supreme Court of Ohio while addressing the needs of Ohio's courts and setting the vision for the future. I am uniquely qualified to serve as Ohio's next Chief Justice. I have served Ohioans and their communities in the justice system for 37 years - from police officer, to attorney, to trial court judge, and now a Justice on the Ohio Supreme Court. During the last eight years of my service in the trial court I served as the administrative judge of the division performing the same executive tasks that a Chief Justice performs. Ensuring the timely resolution of cases, overseeing and managing the daily operation of the division.
and effectively resolving issues by working from the premise, “Would the people be better served?”

Questions:
1. List your judicial experience (courts and years)
2. What non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
3. Why are you running for this particular court seat?

(Mfull term commencing 1/1/2023)

Pat Fischer, Republican

Campaign Website: https://fischerforohio.com
Candidate has not yet responded.

Terri Jamison, Democratic

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

Question 2: I owned and managed a multi-line insurance agency for 16 years. In that capacity, I hired, trained, and developed staff, managed and reconciled receipts, negotiated contracts and grew business while maintaining quality. I have great people and active listening skills that translate into treating litigants with empathy, dignity and respect. As an extern with the Civil Rights Section of the Attorney General’s Office, I learned how to review a case file, prepare it for court, and prepare the discovery documents to illicit information. As a hearing officer intern for the Bureau of State Hearings and an intermitting hearing officer for Unemployment Compensation Review Commission, I learned how to rule on objections, admit evidence, give the oath to take testimony, make findings of fact and conclusions of law, and judge credibility of witnesses.

Question 3: First, to preserve and strengthen the Court’s Constitutionally granted status as an independent and co-equal branch of state government, and Second, to ensure that the promise of “Equal Justice Under Law” becomes a reality for all Ohioans... The court is the check and balance on other branches of government. I will work hard every day to restore public trust in our legal system, to abide by and to hold others to the highest possible ethical standards, to dispense justice fairly and equitably, to strive to ensure that all persons have access to the courts and competent legal counsel, to set an example for jurists at every level of our court system, to take affirmative steps to eliminate burdensome costs, and unnecessary delays, and to ensure that every litigant is provided with a fair hearing and the opportunity to be heard.

(Mfull term commencing 1/2/2023)

Pat DeWine, Republican

Campaign Website: www.patdewine.com
Candidate has not yet responded.

Marilyn Zayas, Democratic

Campaign Website: https://judgemarilynzayas.com
Question 1: I have served our community as a judge at Ohio’s First District Court of Appeals since 2016, when I was first elected, winning against an incumbent appointed by the governor. I am the first Latina elected to any Ohio appellate court. In 2018, I was re-elected by an overwhelming majority of over 60% of the voters. I have decided over 1,000 appeals throughout Ohio. Additionally, I have served by appointed of Ohio’s Chief Justice on the Second, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth District Courts of Appeals and on a case at the Ohio Supreme Court.

Question 2: I take an independent approach to each case, with a focus on maintaining integrity and impartiality. My legal career began as an intellectual property and labor and employment attorney. Later, I worked for the Hamilton County Public Defender’s Office representing adults and juveniles who could not afford to hire an attorney. I founded my own legal practice which focused on immigration law. I handled cases involving foreign investors who were bringing new businesses to America, family visas and asylum, and a variety of immigration appeals in federal courts.

As an appellate judge, I clearly and concisely explain my decisions so those impacted are confident that their case was fully and fairly resolved. My decisions are detailed, well-analyzed, and rooted in the Constitution and the law.

Question 3: You deserve a justice who will apply the law equally to all, regardless of circumstances or politics, and who has the courage to take on the challenging issues we are facing in Ohio, understands that a vibrant economy requires people who can realize their potential, and respects the civil liberties we expect, enjoy and are responsible for. My experience enables me to fully understand the complex legal issues we are currently facing. This comes from my experience as an appellate judge, 20 years of experience advocating for clients, career at Procter & Gamble as an IT Manager, and overcoming a tough childhood in New York City. In 2021, I was recognized by Good Morning America for my community contributions, including my work with students. My campaign is centered on: Access and accountability; advancing resources that reduce the risk of wrongful convictions; and enlarging student programs.
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 8TH DISTRICT
Salary: $174,000
Term: 2 years
Responsibilities: To represent the people of Ohio, their district, and the United States in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

Questions:
1. What is the most pressing policy issue facing the federal government? What solutions will you promote?
2. What steps should the federal government take to assure free, fair and secure elections; and that every eligible voter has full access to the ballot?
3. State your position on efforts to protect our water, air, land, and climate.

Warren Davidson, Republican
Campaign Website: www.davidsonforcongress.com
Candidate has not yet responded.

Vanessa Enoch, Democratic
Education: Dr. Enoch holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Concentration in Information Technology from Xavier University and a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Social Change from Union Institute & University.
Qualification/Experience: Dr. Vanessa Enoch has been a business owner for over 20 years. She is the President & CEO of Cultural Impact, LLC, a management consulting firm. Dr. Enoch’s objective in business is to inspire individuals and business owners to walk in passion, purpose, and power. Dr. Enoch has lived overseas and works cross-culturally to incubate and accelerate innovative ideas and help solve some of the world’s greatest challenges, in areas such as the alleviation of poverty, food insecurity, climate change, and clean air and water. Enoch is an award-winning journalist and reports for local and national radio and television.
Affiliations: Named one of 15 Women in Business and nominated for the Cincinnati Business Couriers Forty Under 40 award. Member of the Cincinnati Chamber C-Change Leadership Class. Board member for the YMCA, Vision Works, Inc., Black Greeks Speak, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce.
Political Philosophy: Dr. Enoch is a Democrat, who believes people have the power to transform their own circumstances.

Campaign Website: www.enochforcongress.com
Question 1: I believe the most pressing policy issue we face as a nation right now is climate change. Climate change is a clear and present danger to the entire globe. I will support legislation that gets a handle on the air and water pollution problem. Drinking water must be protected from contamination that may result from flooding, by retooling sewage and water treatment facilities. I will support revamping how reservoirs are managed; re-evaluate flood protection and modify power plant operations.
Question 2: The federal government must combat misinformation, prevent election tampering, and protect access to the ballot. The government should also reinstitute civics in school, and educate students about our government institutions, and how to participate. The government should ensure that voter registration is automatic at age 18.
Question 3: Dams, levees, floodwalls, pumps and reservoirs need to be redesigned, to better provide river navigation, flood control, and accommodate the use of hydropower. I support reducing water consumption, encouraging cleaner energy usage, and building safer cars that are less inclined to pollute the environment. We must build new regional power plant facilities and ensure that our workforce has the knowledge and skills necessary to understand emerging infrastructure technologies and techniques.

Stephen A. Huffman, Republican
Campaign Website: www.stevehuffmanohio.com
Candidate has not yet responded.

OHIO STATE SENATOR, 5TH DISTRICT
Salary: $68,673 (base)
Term: 4 years
Responsibilities: Represents the people of Ohio and the U.S. in matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

Questions:
1. What is your view of the way redistricting has proceeded in Ohio this year? What will you do to ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?
2. How do you see the Legislature’s role in determining curriculum policy for local school districts?
3. What is your position on women’s reproductive rights and health?
4. What is your position on development of renewable energy sources in Ohio? What are your recommendations to address climate change?

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Nancy Kiehl, Democratic
(write-in candidate)
Education/Experience: Early career: Film Preservationist, Library of Congress, WPAFB. Then, Marriage, Motherhood, Girl Scout Leader, 4H Advisor, PSR Teacher, Divorce, Artist-Activist, Election Poll Worker, CENSUS Field Representative, Clergy Community Coalition Board.
Campaign Website: https://www.kiehlforohiosenate.com/
Question 1: Politicians don’t choose the voters, the voters choose their representatives. The Republican Majority Redistricting Committee submitted five Congressional maps that the Ohio Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional. This is lawlessness. No one is above the law, especially the Governor. We are a country of laws and these rogue members including Governor DeWine and Secretary Frank LaRose must be held in contempt by the court or voted out by the electorate. When elected and if the Republican majority holds the voters, the voters choose their representatives. The Republican Majority Redistricting Committee submitted five Congressional maps that the Ohio Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional.
Question 2: Over 20 years ago, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Ohio’s funding of schools based on property tax unconstitutional. Since 2020, House Bill 305 continues to languish in a Senate sub-committee… It is time to dust off this important piece of bi-partisan legislation and get it passed. We must fully fund Universal Pre-K. This helps working parents and low income families who cannot afford the high cost of childcare and creates equity in preparedness for upper grades. The salary for Pre-K teachers must be on scale with upper grades as their work is equally important. No child in Ohio should go hungry. Schools are a central community hub. Let’s end the trauma of food insecurity suffered by our most vulnerable children by providing meals 3 times a day, 7 days a week.
Question 3: I am pro-choice. Choice for
women and girls to have full healthcare support while receiving a safe abortion due to illness, violence or personal reasons. Choice for women to have healthcare during pregnancy and birth, a stable home for the mother and baby, food security, enlightened education, and a clean environment as they grow. Roe v Wade exposed the need for and made available safe abortions, but it was a weak case ruling and should always have been recognized as the first step. We need a strong Constitutional amendment for Reproductive Freedom for Women and the Protection of Women, Girls and children.

**Question 4:** The unstable sustainable energy policy in Ohio has kept many investors away from the state as we continue to rely on coal, oil, gas, nuclear and imports. Ohio’s energy instability is a factor in climate change as higher temperatures, stronger storms, tornadoes and droughts wreak havoc across the state. The corruption surrounding HB 6 reveals the ugly underbelly of the nuclear, coal, oil and gas lobbies dictating policy. We in Ohio must create a clear Clean Green Sustainable Energy Policy that meets the needs of all our communities. Ohio can be a leader in research, development and investment in new green sustainable energies because of our dedicated college, agricultural, engineering and technology communities.

**Amy Cox, Democratic**

**Education:** Amy Cox has a BS in Biology and a Master Degree in Science Education.

**Qualification/Experience:** Amy has worked in public schools since 2003. Amy taught in both urban and rural districts. Amy is married to a Union Ironworker and has 2 sons, Grant and Lee.

**Website:** https://voteamycox.com/

**Question 1:** What is your view of the way redistricting has proceeded in Ohio this year? What will you do to ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?

**Question 2:** What measures would you support to ensure the safety of Ohio’s schoolchildren?

**Question 3:** What is your position on women’s reproductive rights and health?

**Question 4:** What is your position on development of renewable energy sources in Ohio? What are your recommendations to address climate change?

**Rodney Creech, Republican**

**Campaign Website:** www.rodneycreech.com

Candidate has not yet responded.

**Sara Carruthers, Republican**

**Campaign Website:** www.facebook.com/SaraforOhio

Candidate has not yet responded.
Questions:
1. Why are you running for this position and what skills and experiences do you bring?
2. What would be your top priorities in this position?
3. How would you ensure accountability in budgeting? In particular, what is your strategy for handling distribution of funds from the American Rescue Plan?
4. What do you see as the priorities for land use planning within the unincorporated areas of Butler County?

Cindy Carpenter, Republican

Education: Attended Miami University
Qualification/Experience: Previous experience: 3 terms as County Commissioner and 4 terms as Clerk of Common Pleas Court. Currently serving on Ohio Board, Courthouse Restoration Committee, Criminal Justice Board, Housing and Homeless Coalition, Investment Advisory Board, Land Bank, BC Cares Group, OSU Advisory Council.

Campaign Website: https://www.cindycarpenter.com/

Question 1: In early 2020, at the start of the pandemic, I began holding weekly meetings with key leaders from the health and business sectors to coordinate local response with state and federal officials. We faced some of the most difficult challenges of my public service. In fact, many of the American Rescue Plan proposals were developed to make improvements recommended by my weekly health and business collaborative, which we named BC Cares. Project proposals include $10 Mil for countywide broadband, new facilities for the General Health District, and building two Butler Tech schools for workforce.

Question 2: My number one priority is to ensure that Butler County is placed in the best position possible to recover from the pandemic and “the great resignation” that followed. Workforce development and retention are critical initiatives along with acknowledging that a segment of the workforce now desires to work from home. The challenges with housing and homelessness were exasperated during the pandemic. I have organized a countywide housing collaborative that is finalizing a housing inventory and will develop a countywide housing plan in partnership with the local communities.

Question 3: I met with communities across Butler County to discuss projects that met the criteria for America Rescue Plan Funds. First and foremost, I supported two new Butler Tech schools, a school of Advanced Manufacturing and a school of Aviation. Both schools were funded and will be build. Additionally, I supported a Crisis Stabilization Unit, The Great Miami River Trail, expansion of Metro Parks, broadband accessibility, critical water system repair, small business support, all of our community centers, and revitalization of aging neighborhoods, in accordance with US Treasury guidelines.

Question 4: I foresee that the Butler County Commissioners will continue to look to Township Trustees for guidance within their own particular township. Butler County is unique in its diversity; urban, suburban, forests, streams, farmland, etc... With that being said, there are initiatives underway that will benefit Butler County residents regardless of their home community. One example is the Great Miami River Trail. I strongly support completing the trail and connecting Butler County to the hundreds of miles of trails throughout Ohio. I also support improving the river for recreational activities.

Butler County Auditor

Salary: $89,109
Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: To value real property in each county; to maintain county financial records and issue warrants for the payment of county obligations.

Latisha Hazell, Democratic

Education: Franklin University, Columbus, OH - MBA Human Resources Management and Executive Leadership, BS Human Resources Management, Associates Business Management

Qualification/Experience: Twenty plus years as a dedicated public servant and human resources leader, which includes extensive experience in state and local government in Ohio. Currently Deputy Director and Chief Talent Acquisition Officer for the City of Cincinnati Columbus City Schools, 15 years with the State of Ohio as

Campaign Website: www.latishahazell.com

Question 1: I have 20 years of experience with the State of Ohio covering 9 different departments.

Question 2: Economic Development for underserved areas of the county; Workforce Development; Homelessness in the county; create green strategic plan for county; set up commission on Women and Girls

Question 3: ARP fund deployment should be driven by city councils and township trustees with money distributed equitably based on need and requiring compliance reporting.

Question 4: Would work to overturn the restrictions created by current commissioners (wind and solar). We need to be guided by science and facts for land use.

Mike Dalesandro, Democratic

Education: xxx
Qualification/Experience: I served on City Council for 8 years and as Mayor for 2 years. I led Council through the annual budget process and served on the City Financial Audit team where we were awarded the “Excellence in Financial Reporting” Award.

Campaign Website: https://mikeforbutlercounty.com/

Question 1: Our County Auditor has been indicted on six felony corruption charges. I’m running for Butler County Auditor to put an end to these scandals and restore good government practices. As a Mayor and City Councilmember, my record was built on transparency, fairness and restoring public trust. My approach is simple: good government is responsible, responsive and open. Together with your support, we can restore integrity, accountability and fairness to the office of the Auditor. I ask for your support so we can move past these scandals and get back to serving you.

Question 2: I have a record of fiscal responsibility. Every budget I supported was balanced. I worked to reduce long-term city debt, reduced taxes and made record investments in police and fire protection services. I have record of full transparency. The books were open to taxpayers; every transaction, every time. As Mayor, our city received the “Excellence in Financial Reporting” award, the highest recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting in the state. I have a record of good governance. As Mayor, we modernized our city web site for full transparency.

Question 3: As a public servant, there’s nothing more sacred than your obligation...
Roger Reynolds, Republican

**Education:** Bachelor degrees in Accounting and Finance

**Qualification/Experience:** Certified Public Accountant, 14 years as Auditor, 30+ years of Real estate experience

**Website:** www.KeepReynolds.com

**Question 1:** I’m running for County Auditor to continue my pledge to reduce the size of government, return tax dollars back to the citizens and maintain trust and accountability in the office.

Through hard work and improved processes, the Auditor’s office has returned over $21 million dollars in tax savings back to the communities across Butler County. I’ve placed our office expenditures online for all to see. I strengthened county wide internal controls resulting in multiple awards for our clean audits by the State Auditor’s Office.

I refuse to be a cog in the wheel for the good old boy system.

**Question 2:** I’ve served as auditor for 14 years. I’m a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and I earned degrees in Accounting and Finance. Prior to my election, I worked as a CFO for SummitQwest. I am experienced in hiring and managing a large staff. My experience in accounting and real estate makes me uniquely qualified for County Auditor.

I am skilled in technology. I overhauled the office by installing modern technology and hiring staff members who are committed to replacing outdated processes with time saving methods. I improved the office website to reduce the need to visit or call.

**Question 3:**

- Transparency - All expenditures are posted online for everyone to view.
- Clean audits – County finances continue to receive a clean bill of health from the State Auditor’s office.

**Training** – I make available continuing education and training for all staff members to ensure compliance with current accounting and real estate laws/practices.
- **Customer Service** – I work for the citizens of Butler County. I will continue to operate the office that best suits the needs of all county citizens.

Charlotte McGuire

**Campaign Website:** https://charlottemcguire.wordpress.com/

Candidate has not yet responded.

**MEMBER OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 3RD DISTRICT**

**Salary:** No salary

**Term:** 4 years

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

**Judicial Candidates**

Visit [www.judicialvotescount.org](http://www.judicialvotescount.org) to learn about the Butler County judicial candidates.

Judicial Votes Count is a nonpartisan initiative committed to providing you, the Ohio voter, with everything you need to make informed choices about judicial candidates, including:

- Why the candidate is running
- Their legal experience
- What judges do

**For Judge of the Twelfth District Court of Appeals**

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The proposed amendment would:

- Require Ohio courts, when setting the amount of bail, to consider public safety, including the seriousness of the offense, as well as a person’s criminal record, the likelihood a person will return to court, and any other factor the Ohio General Assembly may prescribe.

- Remove the requirement that procedures for establishing the amount and conditions of bail be determined by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

**Pros**

- Bail is about appearing for the person’s court date according to the guidelines and the Supreme Court. This amendment ensures that courts, when setting bail, consider factors such as public safety,
an individual’s criminal record, and the severity of the offense committed.

- Courts can consider public safety, among other factors, when setting the financial conditions of bail rather than the longer process of denying bail completely.
- Puts cash bail and its conditions directly in the Ohio Constitution.
- Gives individual courts more discretion in determining cash bail.

Cons
- This amendment would no longer require the Ohio Supreme Court to establish consistent rules of bail, placing cash bail and its conditions directly in the Ohio Constitution.
- There is no substantial evidence that bail ensures public safety. But rather, it can worsen or create inequities.
- Bail allows some accused persons with enough money to be freed pretrial, while others without enough money remain incarcerated for the same or lesser crime.
- Cash bail may lead the accused in jail during pretrial to plead guilty in exchange for their freedom while awaiting trial.
- Prohibit local governments from allowing a person to vote in local elections if they are not legally qualified to vote in state elections.
- Prevent the confusion for non-citizen legal residents voting in local elections
- Protect non-citizens from adverse legal action in regard to voting.
- Prevent an increased administrative burden by creating a new system of voter registration for non-citizen legal residents in areas where this is enacted
- Clarifies the intent of the Ohio Constitution in regard to citizenship and voting.

CONS
- Prevents non-citizen legal residents from voting locally, which weakens community involvement and input in cities that allow it
- Non-citizen legal residents are taxpaying members of our communities. This amendment prevents residents from the right to vote provided to other taxpayers.
- Weakens the ability of municipalities to govern themselves
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State Issue #2: Proposed Constitutional Amendment
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Cutting vital teaching and support staff has had an especially negative impact on student learning. The increased funding provided by the levy is needed to fund basic operating expenses and is essential to continuing a high quality education for our students.

The mill levy is based on the property’s assessed value, and the levy will be 5.7 mill for every one dollar of valuation. To see how this impacts you financially, go to https://propertysearch.butterculountyauditor.org/ and search for your property address or owner name. Then choose the Levy Tab on the left hand side of the page.

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Butler County: Children Services
- Renewal
- 2 mills/5 years

Village of Seven Mile–Current Expenses
- Replacement
- 3 mills/5 years

FIRST TIME VOTER?
Don't worry, we've made a checklist to make voting for the first time stress free!
www.vote411.org/first-time-voter-checklist
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New District Maps & How To Find Your District

Following the 2020 census, new district maps have been assigned in the state’s redistricting and are in effect for this election.

To identify the newly assigned district for the U.S. Congress, Ohio House, and state school district, type your address into the ‘Find My District’ tool on the Ohio Secretary of State website; https://findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov/.

All of Butler County is in U.S. Congressional District 8 and the State School District 3. Ohio House Districts 40, 45, 46, and 47 all touch within Butler County.

The Ohio State Senate map was also issued. Part of Butler County is in Ohio Senate District 5 and part is in Ohio Senate District 4. Ohio Senate District 5 is up for election this year and Ohio Senate District 4 is not.

All Ohioans should vote in the U.S. Senate race. This is a statewide election and districts are not relevant.

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS?

Report an election issue by calling:

✓ 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
✓ 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)
✓ 1-888-API-VOTE (Asian multilingual assistance)
✓ 1-844-YALLA-US (Arabic)

League of Women Voters® of Oxford

Election Day: Polls are open 6:30am to 7:30pm on November 8

Butler County Residents: Find your polling place here: https://elections.bcohio.gov/where_do_i_vote/

Join the League of Women Voters Oxford: www.LWVOxford.org. The League of Women Voters pursues all constitutional avenues to ensure that citizens rightly seeking to vote have the access and means to do so. The League welcomes as a member anyone who believes in democratic government. We are grateful to the supporters of the League of Women Voters of Oxford Education Fund for making the Voter Information Guide possible.