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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Term Commences 1/20/21

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Duties: The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

Term: Four years. Limit of two terms.

Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.

Note: All candidates who will appear on your state’s ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League’s questions in this guide.

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President.
2. 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 Federal Elections Commission website.
3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.

The candidates below appear have qualified for the Ohio ballot according to the Secretary of State of Ohio but did not meet the LWVEF criteria

Howie Hawkins
Party: Green

Jo Jorgensen
Party: Libertarian



Donald J. Trump
Party: Republican

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Q. What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?

Candidate has not yet responded.

Q. What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?

Candidate has not yet responded.

Q. How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?

Candidate has not yet responded.

Q. What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?

Candidate has not yet responded.

Q. What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?

Candidate has not yet responded.



Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Party: Democrat

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Mailing Address Biden for President PO Box 58174 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Q. What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?

It’s a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they’re linked. On

Day One, I’ll implement the COVID strategy I’ve laid out since March – surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I’ll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I’ll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I’ll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving – easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve. ©League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Q. What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?

Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We’re facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I’ll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we’re never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I’ll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I’ll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I’ll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I’ll work as hard for those who don’t support me as for those who do. That’s a president’s job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal. ©League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Q. How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?

America is at an inflection point. It’s past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation’s promise to too many for too long. I’ll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I’ll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I’ll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention. ©League of Women Voters of the U.S. ©League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Q. What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?

My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It’s past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I’ll reverse Trump’s assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers’ arms. I’ll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that’s humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture. ©League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Q. What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?

This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That’s why I’ll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I’ll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I’ll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

U.S. STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO DISTRICT 4



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.

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$174,000

Shannon Freshour
Party: Democrat

Current Job Position: Civil Litigation Paralegal for 20+ years

Education: B.A. in Political Science and Art History, M.A. in American Government

Q. Given our experiences with Covid-19, what precautions would you put in place to allow safe, secure elections whereby voters are not choosing between their health and their right to vote, especially

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in November? Include how you would fund any necessary precautions and changes.

Ohio should be using election security funds given through the CARES ACT to mail, pre-paid ballots to all registered voters and have a robust early voting program to ensure the maximum number of people can participate in this election. Additionally, every county in Ohio should have multiple secure drop boxes, located in areas of greatest need. For a longer-term solution, I support automatic voter registration and restoration of the Voting Rights Act to full strength.

Q. What policies and actions will you promote to pursue social and racial justice in our country?

Although no policy or law can change hearts and minds of those committed to supporting racism, we have a requirement implement anti-discrimination laws and policy that punish racism in all aspects from health care to financial lending to police reform. There must be actionable punishments for embedding racism in society. We also need to develop anti-racism education programs in schools and all other aspects of broaden our understanding of the American experience.



Jim Jordan
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: US Representative to Congress, District 4

Education: Graham High School, B.S, Economics, University of Wisconsin; M.A. Education, The Ohio State University; J.D. Capital University Law School

Training & Experience: State Representative (1995-2001); State Senator (2001-2007); Congressman (2007-present)

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

We Ohioans have ample opportunity to safely cast our vote, including a 30-day window to vote by mail. I trust state and local officials will take every precaution and implement the proper procedures to make sure that in-person early voting and in-person election day voting will be safe for everyone as well. State and local elected officials are also in the best position to decide if additional funding is needed to execute these plans.

Q. What policies and actions will you promote to pursue social and racial justice in our country?

America must strive to be a country where all citizens, created equally in God's image, have the freedom and opportunity to pursue their dreams under a system of limited government where individuals are protected by equal opportunity and equal justice under the law. Much of my work in Congress is in pursuit of these ideals: personal freedom, economic opportunity, limited government, equal opportunity, and equal justice. These principles will help secure social and racial justice.



Steve Perkins
Party: Libertarian

Current Job Position: Educator

Education: B.S. in Technology Education from BGSU.

Training & Experience: Twenty plus years as an educator. I have conducted classes in over 45 states.

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

Both major parties want to exploit Covid for political gain. Safety is not the concern of either. Libertarians were repeatedly denied injunctive relief in court to keep us from having to engage the public to collect hundreds of thousands of signatures during a pandemic to be on the ballot. Outside of social distancing at polling locations, this is the LAST year we should tamper with the process. We far more need to ensure its validity.

Q. What policies and actions will you promote to pursue social and racial justice in our country?

Police need to be accountable to the same laws they enforce, not be above them. Qualified Immunity must end as it puts officers above the law. No-knock raids endanger not only the public, but police officers themselves. Police brutality is not a SOCIAL justice issue, it's a BASIC justice issue. It affects minority communities disproportionately, largely due to the ineffective, costly war on drugs in which the "cure" is worse than the disease.

State of Ohio

OHIO STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 12

Term Commences 1/01/21

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.

Term: 2 year

Salary:*\$60,584 (*Base salary)

Matt Huffman
Party: Republican
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Ken Poling
Party: Democrat
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U.S. STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO

DISTRICT 4 - Term Commences 1/01/21

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

Term: 4 yrs.

***Base Salary:** *\$60,584



Bob Cupp
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: State Representative for Allen County (District 4).

Education: Ohio Northern University - B.A. in political science; J.D.(law degree); Columbus Grove local schools.

Training & Experience: Current state representative; Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio 2007-2012; Judge, 3rd District Court of Appeals, 2003-2006; State Senator, 1985-2000; Senate President Pro Tempore, 1997-2000; Allen County Commissioner, 1981-84; Lima City Prosecutor and Asst. Law Director, 1976-1980; engaged in private

practice of law for 25 years.

Q. What additional safeguards to Ohio's elections process should be implemented to prepare for possible crisis events that impair the right to vote?

Ohio election authorities are taking extra precautions this year for in-person voting, whether on election day or, starting Oct. 6 in advance of Election Day. These precautions include physical distancing polling places, extra sanitizing, and recruiting extra poll workers. In addition, Ohio permits voting by mail for over 3 weeks prior to Election Day, including some weekend days. All registered voters have been mailed absent ballot request forms by which to have a ballot mailed to them to vote in their own homes and then mail back. Fortunately, Ohio has bi-partisan local boards of elections, meaning that each political party has a check on the other in election procedures to ensure that the law is complied with and there is no "cheating" in favor of either part. Not all states have this safeguard. A big concern is multiple lawsuits before the election attempting to have federal courts change election requirements and procedures at the last minute. It is very disruptive, but cannot be legislated against.

Q. What policies and actions will you promote to protect our water, air and land? Include how you would address climate change.

Clean water, air, and uncontaminated land are essential to a healthy community. Ohio's newest water quality initiative, dubbed H2Ohio, will help keep reduce soil erosion, as well as the run-off of fertilizers and animal waste into Ohio's rivers and streams and Lake Erie. It engages landowners and others to follow best practices, and it provides voluntary incentives to landowners to participate.

OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Term Commences 1/02/21

Responsibilities: The Supreme Court is the court of last resort in Ohio. The Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction in cases involving questions arising under the Ohio or U.S. Constitution, cases originating in the courts of appeals, and cases in which there have been conflicting opinions on the same question from two or more courts of appeals. The Supreme Court hears all cases in which the death penalty has been imposed.

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$148,700



Jennifer Brunner

Current Job Position: Judge, Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals

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

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

1. List your judicial experience (court and years)

List your judicial experience (courts and years) Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, elected 2014, reelected without opposition 2016 • Serve as one of eight judges in jurisdiction of 1.2 million people reviewing cases filed as of right from lower courts at county and municipal level (civil and felony and misdemeanor cases, probate, family law and administrative law), state court of claims cases, administrative law decisions and holding original jurisdiction in government-related cases. • Participate in three-judge panels that hear oral arguments on cases fully briefed and prepared for review. • Manage team of staff attorneys and paralegal in review of records and drafting and review of decisions. • Confer with other appellate judges on cases presented for oral argument and written decisions following oral arguments. • Sit as visiting judge on the Ohio Supreme Court and in other courts of appeals. • Participate in state appellate judge training and information exchange. • Research and draft decisions on appeals. (Answer exceeded work count.)

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

My 17 years private practice experience with people from all walks of life has helped me better understand how the law affects people, in a wide variety of life situations. To be a lawyer is a calling to serve society and to uphold and protect the rule of law. I have worked for clients ranging from economically disadvantaged single mothers to one who was running for president (Jerry Brown in 1992). My private law practice experience includes trial and appellate work for clients in common pleas courts in Franklin, Cuyahoga, Licking, Fairfield, Carroll, Mahoning and Hamilton Counties; in appellate courts in the Tenth, Third, Eighth, Fifth, First, Second and Sixth District Courts of Appeals; the Ohio Supreme Court; United States District Courts (Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio); Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; and am admitted

(Jennifer Brunner's response continued on page 4)

to practice before the United States Supreme Court. I have represented clients in administrative proceedings before numerous state and local boards, served as a special prosecutor for.. (Answer exceeded work count.)

3. Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I love the law, I love Ohio and I enjoy helping people. I am privileged, having traveled to every county in this state when I served as Secretary of State, to have worked with Ohio's 88 county boards of elections as we together served Ohioans. I chose to run for the Ohio Supreme Court for three reasons: First, I want to be a part of a court that ensures that the first decision interpreting the state constitution's new provisions for fair districts for Congress and the Ohio General Assembly, when challenged — and they will be — is fair and according to state constitutional requirements. As Secretary of State, my office sponsored a public contest to draw districts to show we could end gerrymandering. We used a formula that served as a basis for developing the state constitution's formula for fair districts. We proved it could be done. Nothing is more basic to the health of Ohio's democracy than fair districts, and I want to participate in any review of that process occurring after the 2020 census. I want to use my.. (Answer exceeded work count.)



Judi French

Current Job Position: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

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

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

Firm (1988-1993).

1. List your judicial experience (court and years)

— Justice, Ohio Supreme Court 2013 — present — Appointed January 2013; elected November 2014. — Serve on seven-member court with statewide jurisdiction over all legal matters, including discretionary and non-discretionary appeals, original actions, death-penalty appeals, and disciplinary matters. — Serve as frequent presenter before high school, college, law school, legal professional, and general public audiences on matters of access to justice, civic education, law, and campaign policy. — Appointed by United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts to serve on the Federal Appellate Rules Committee. Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals 2004 — 2012 — Appointed October 2004; elected November 2004; re-elected November 2010. — Served on eight-member court with jurisdiction over civil, criminal, and administrative appeals; authored 800 opinions. — Served as administrative judge (2007 and 2008) and as presiding judge (2009)

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

For more than two decades, I have dedicated my career to public service. Before becoming a judge, I had served as chief legal counsel to the governor, an assistant attorney general, and a state government lawyer. Those years in public service are critical to my understanding of state laws, my adherence to constitutional limitations, and my commitment to careful and efficient decision making on behalf of all Ohioans. I also have legal experience in the private sector, having worked in a law firm and a large manufacturing corporation. That private experience helps me understand the practical impact of our decisions and appreciate the impact of our judicial rules and procedures. Finally, as the daughter of a schoolteacher, I appreciate my Ohio roots and education, and I am committed to using my voice as a Justice to be a part of civic education in Ohio. I speak frequently to students, educators, and civic organizations. Since taking office, I have traveled to all 88 counties (I am on my fifth time around), and I have...(Answer exceeded word count.)

3. Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I first aspired to be a justice because it offers interesting, challenging, and meaningful work that serves the public interest. I aspire to be reelected to the office because I want to continue that work, both on and off the bench. As a justice, I am able not only to bring attention to needs within the legal profession, the judiciary, and the public as a whole, but also to advocate for change to meet those needs. In particular, during my next term, I intend to continue the court's work to improve our efficiency and that of all Ohio courts. I also intend to continue my work with the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation and local legal aid organizations to bring more attention, resources, and innovation to the needs of undeserved Ohioans.

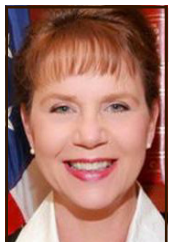
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Term: 6 years

Salary: \$148,700.



Sharon L. Kennedy

Current Job Position: Ohio Supreme Court Justice

Education: Juris Doctor, University of Cincinnati, College of Law 1991; Bachelor Degree of Social Work, University of Cincinnati, School of Social Work, 1984

Work Experience: Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 2012-Present; Administrative Judge/Judge, Butler County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 1999-2012; Attorney at Law, General Practice, 1991-1998; Magistrate & Warrant Officer, Butler County Area Courts, 1995-1998; Warrant & Compliance Officer, Butler County Juvenile Court, 1996-1997; Special Counsel, Ohio Attorney General Betty D. Montgomery, 1995-1998; Disciplinary Counsel, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 38, 1991-1998; Director, Victim/Witness Division, Butler County Court of Common Pleas, 1989-1991; Law Clerk for the Honorable Matthew J. Crehan, Judge, Butler County Court of Common Pleas, 1989-1991; Police Officer, Hamilton Police Department, 1985-1989

1. List your judicial experience (courts and years)

Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 2012-Present; Administrative Judge/Judge, Butler County Court of Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 1999–2012

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

My non-judicial experience informs my judicial experience and I draw upon that experience everyday as a justice at the Supreme Court of Ohio. I began my career in the justice system as a police officer in the City of Hamilton enforcing the law and keeping the peace.

I left law enforcement to attend law school and served as a law clerk in the Court of Common Pleas, General Division for Judge Matthew J. Crehan drafting memos and opinions for motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.

Serving as a solo practitioner, I practiced law in a wide-array of areas including, but not limited to, criminal, domestic relations, probate, and juvenile in both the trial courts of Butler County and the Twelfth District Court of Appeals. During that time I also served as Special Counsel for Attorney General, Betty D. Montgomery and a part-time Magistrate in the Butler County Area Courts hearing civil cases.

In 2019 the docket of the Ohio Supreme Court of Ohio included the following case types: 48.8% criminal; 21.8% miscellaneous; 17.5% civil; 7% practice of law; 4.9% domestic relations, juvenile, and probate.

3. Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I am seeking re-election to the Ohio Supreme Court to continue my service to the people of Ohio — applying the law equally — in a fair and impartial manner providing a definitive statement of law in a clear and concise decision.

In addition, I seek to continue my work beyond the bench, including but not limited to, my Lean Forward initiative which advances substance abuse and mental health treatment of justice-involved veterans, civic education about the importance of our tripartite system of government and the role of the judicial branch in that government and the availability of employment opportunities for women and minorities in the law, continuing to write and present legal education programs on important issues like professionalism and cultural consciousness, and my work to expand the reach of problem solving courts by incorporating programs like Bridges Out of Poverty and growing holistic re-entry programs.



John P. O'Donnell

Current Job Position: Judge Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Education: Cleveland St. Joseph High School, Miami (O.) University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

Training & Experience: Legal work experience: Civil trial attorney 1993-2002 and 2005-2007; Judge, 2002-2005 and 2007-present

List your judicial experience (court and years)

I have been a judge for over 16 years. I have presided over hundreds of jury trials, both criminal and civil, and scores of bench trials. I have handled death penalty cases. I was selected by the Chief Justice of The Ohio Supreme Court to be one of only eight judges in Ohio to preside over a commercial docket dedicated to the swift and just resolution of business disputes. I have presided over a criminal mental health docket specializing in the issues arising in the adjudication and disposition of cases where a defendant has a serious mental illness with a psychotic feature. I have a reputation for political independence, a necessity for any good judge.

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

I was a civil trial attorney who was in court almost every working day for approximately 10 years.

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

The Ohio Supreme Court decides issues affecting everyone on a wide variety of subjects: constitutional law; education; collective bargaining; employer/employee rights; civil rights; utility rates; criminal law; commerce; legislative districting and others. I want to bring to these issues an independent perspective, informed by practical experience and the law, to decide these cases for the common good of all Ohioans.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISTRICT 1 - Term Commences 1/01/21

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.

Term: 4 years

No Salary

Diana M. Fessler

NO REPLY RECEIVED

Given our experience with Covid-19, what role can the state board play in helping schools protect the health and well-being of citizens while providing for the education of our children?

Allen County

ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Term Commences 1/02/21

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

Term: 4 yrs

Salary: \$72,346

Cory Noonan - NO REPLY RECEIVED
Party: Republican

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Term: 4 yrs

Salary: \$72,346.



Dan Beck
Party: Independent

Current Job Position: Campaigning for Allen County Commissioner
Education: Attended Ohio State University. Many Management and Leadership Schools. FBI National Academy. National Sheriffs Institute.
Training & Experience: U.S. Navy, 4 years, 6 Deployments, Vietnam combat veteran. Private business management and ownership, 21 years. Municipal law enforcement, 17 years. Elected Sheriff of Allen County, 16 years.

1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?

The #1 priority for Allen County is the repair and replacement of bridges. A 2018 study of the bridges in Ohio categorized 70 bridges in Allen County as either functionally obsolete or structurally deficient. As we anticipate economic growth in Allen County, we need to prioritize every element that eases the burden on our agricultural, commercial, and industrial partners. The County Commissioners, the County Engineer and Regional Planning Commission need to develop a long-range plan and consult state and federal leaders to determine what financial resources are available. But the funding for our elected officials is always the #1 priority. We expect our County Engineer to maintain roads, bridges, and drainage. We expect our Sheriff to keep Allen County safe and secure. We expect our justice system to function and our elected Recorder, Clerk, Auditor and Treasurer to keep accurate records. These hard working folks can't do it without the resources that the Commissioners control.

2. The Coronavirus has had an economic impact upon our country, city and county. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?

The financial impact of the Covid-crisis is nationwide. The New York Times reported on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 that, "State and local governments are facing a severe budget crisis because of the coronavirus pandemic." Responsibly, we have to search for any additional funding available from the state and federal governments. We must apply for, and secure any grants that we can. The process will be very competitive. I believe that Allen County will have to tighten its belt in 2021 and 2022 to live within the confines of its revenue sources. In April 2020 the unemployment rate in Allen County peaked at 17.6%. Since July 2020 it has been hovering at 8.9%. It would be irresponsible for any elected official to attempt to levy more taxation on the good citizens of Allen County who are already struggling financially.

3. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?

My child and teen years were spent in rural Sugar Creek Township. I served four years in the United States Navy. After six deployments I returned home. At 24 years of age I had visited 19 Countries, Republics and Island Nations on 3 continents. I am a combat veteran of the Vietnam conflict. I worked in management for a private sector company, and in our family owned business. I was elected Sheriff in 1992 and served for 16 years. The Sheriffs Office employed 165 full-time employees. Our budget was between \$7 million and \$9.5 million each year. It was an opportunity to learn and understand the inner-workings of Allen County government and the challenges of 24/7 government agencies, overtime, emergency call-outs, sick time, bargaining unit contracts, and payroll issues. I worked 60-80 hours almost every week. My goal as Allen County Commissioner is to work hard for growth in our economy, our quality of life, and the safety and security of every resident of Allen County.



Norman B. Capps
Party: Democrat

Current Job Position: Perry Township Trustee 14 years Operate family farm
Education: Graduated Lima Senior High 1966 Attended OSU Lima
Training & Experience: US Army-Vietnam Nam -(Security&Operations) Laborer at Tuttle Construction Retired LU776 Pipefitters and Plumbers Journeyman pipe fitter/welder LU776 Twenty years supervisory Experience Major projects exceeding 150 million dollars Family farm since 1976 Married 45 years ,3 children, 7 grandchildren Coached baseball for ten years President of Perry Athletic Boosters Served on Allen County Regional Planning Commission Allen County Development Corporation

Board- Appointed by Allen County Commissioners Volunteer at Allen County Fair Allen County Veterans Memorial Foundation Board member

1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?

Roads and bridges are the most pressing issues facing Allen County. Recent increases in gas and license plate fees will help, but may not be enough to meet needs. Building maintenance issues are becoming a major concern. The next area for concern is expanding utilities to urbanized areas of the County to accommodate expansion of commercial, industrial, and residential areas.

2. The Coronavirus has had an economic impact upon our country, city and county. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?

The first step to increase County revenues would be pursuit of restoring Local Government Funds that were cut by the State several years ago. Next we simply have to become more efficient in our day to day operations. Economic development is being promoted and as new commercial enterprises are completed they will add needed tax dollars to the general fund.

3. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?

Probably the best qualification I possess is the ability to work with people. As Security and Operations NCO in the US army I worked with Colonels, Majors, Warrant Officers, Sergeant Majors, NCO's and civilian employees of the Army. In the construction industry I worked as a journeyman, foreman, general foreman, superintendent, and project co-ordinator. Some of these projects include: refinery/chemical plants, power plants, auto plants, hospitals, schools, and food processing plants. Some of these projects exceeded \$150 million. Experience gained by serving on County Boards adds to my qualifications. Also operating our family farm and volunteering at Perry School and the Allen CountyFair add to my qualifications to be your commissioner. Finally, and most important is my family: wife of 45 years Charlotte, Dr. Carrie Dehoff daughter, Eddie and Mike sons, and seven grandchildren.



Beth A. Seibert
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: Allen County Commissioner

Education: Spencerville High School graduate. The Ohio State University undergraduate courses in the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. Columbus State Community College undergraduate courses in Business Management.

Training & Experience: I am honored to serve currently as your Allen County Commissioner. Since taking office, I have effectively used my extensive network of professional experiences and relationships in order to fulfill the many responsibilities and obligations of the Office. I have over 36 years of leadership and budget administration experience associated with county government, community and religious organizations, and nonprofits. Through the 3,000 Conservation Districts across the U.S., I have served in top leadership roles for Ohio, the north central regional states, and at the national level. I hold a professional certification in Municipal Stormwater Management and served 27 years as Allen County's representative to Ohio EPA, defending our community in environmental matters. My business management skills and work ethic were born on our family farm operation and I've spent a lifetime involved in Allen County's largest industry – agriculture. I served eight years as a highly engaged board member on the Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce – which assists nearly 900 local businesses. I was appointed by the Allen County Commissioners to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee in 2011 and remained in that capacity until I became an Allen County Commissioner.

1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?

The most pressing infrastructure needs are roads, bridges, and county owned buildings/facilities. I advocate providing our motoring public with the best roads and safest bridges possible. While the County Engineer has the responsibility of maintaining our county roads, I work to ensure a close relationship between our two offices. I favor maintaining the current level of support for the County Engineer. Through the enhanced funding his office has received from the State, I am very optimistic that the quality of our roads and bridges will continue to improve. With regard to county owned buildings/facilities I am currently accessing information gathered on every county owned facility to determine the best use of taxpayer dollars to improve the current condition of needed buildings/facilities as well as identifying buildings/facilities that may be more beneficial for the County to divest from rather than invest in.

2. The Coronavirus has had an economic impact upon our country, city and county. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?

Corona-virus has forever changed how Allen County families, businesses and agencies operate. Our 2020 general fund budget was approved at \$29.3 million. It is supported by 150 different sources of revenue – the largest being sales tax at nearly \$17 million. In March when COVID-19 restrictions halted our economy, our office asked the agencies supported by those funds to determine how 10% of those budgets could be cut. I am proud to say that Allen County Government is meeting that expectation! The additional resources needed are being found through state, federal and private grants. Continually, our agencies work hard to identify and bring such opportunities to Allen County. Another important resource that we have benefited from for the past year is the collection of e-commerce Wayfair/Amazon sales tax revenue – made to happen by 2019 legislation. I am dedicated to economic growth and prosperity in Allen County, not raising taxes.

3. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?

I am a current seated Allen County Commissioner who is working hard for you every single day. I understand that I work for you and answer to you – the voter and taxpayer. There is not another candidate in this race that will be more dedicated or work longer or harder for you as an Allen County Commissioner than I have and will continue to do so. My work ethic is a product of my upbringing on a family farm in western Allen County. I was entrusted with considerable responsibility at a very young age and I embraced the opportunity. I spent countless hours working and learning valuable skills that have benefited me into and throughout my adulthood. I have a true passion for Allen County and am dedicated to serving each and every one of our 102,000 citizens. I would appreciate your vote in this November 2020 General Election!

ALLEN COUNTY

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Term Commences 1/04/21

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

Term: 4 years Salary: \$140,638.



Juergen A. Waldick
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: County Prosecutor

Education: Associate of Arts – Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement – Montgomery College, Md- 1980 -- Bachelor of Arts – Judicial Administration – American University, D.C. - 1982 -- Juris Doctor – Ohio Northern University College of Law – 1985 --

Training & Experience: Allen County Prosecutor 2005- Present -- Allen County Prosecutors Office 1998-Present -- Putnam County Prosecutors Office 1992-1998 -- Delphos City Law Director 1991-1996 -- Lima City Prosecutors Office 1986-1992 -- Private Practice of Law 1985-2005 -- Legal Experiences & Affiliations: Admitted to Ohio Bar in 1985 -- Admitted to Federal Court Bar, Northern District Ohio in 1988 -- Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar in 2001 -- Allen County Bar Association - Member -- Additional Experience: Ohio Northern University, College of Law, Law Review – Editor -- University of Northwestern Ohio, Adjunct Professor, 1987 -- Ohio Northern University, College of Law - Adjunct Professor - Trial Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy, Real Estate Transaction & Finance and Introduction to Criminal Practice, 1988- Present -- Court Appointed Special Prosecutor – Auglaize County, Delaware County, Putnam County, Logan County, Auglaize County, Hardin County, Union County, Van Wert County, City of Bellefontaine, City of Sylvania and City of St. Mary's... (Answer exceeded word count)

What is the greatest challenge to the office of the Allen County Prosecutor?

The major challenge facing county prosecutors is managing the increased technology workload without an increase in funding. Law enforcement has struggled to keep up with the forensic aspects of technology. Jurors know that we are able to extract very detailed information from electronic devices (GPS, smart phones, cruiser cameras, body worn cameras or surveillance cameras) giving rise to a "CSI effect". The storage, retrieval and interpretation of that information comes at a significant cost in both training, materials and man-hours. Today's jurors expect to be able to have access to this "CSI" type of evidence. As prosecutors we have to be able to produce that evidence in court in order to get convictions. The cost of the production and presentation of voluminous digital evidence is overwhelming the budgets of local jurisdictions. The costs of digital forensics will continue to increase and funds will need to be allocated to the task if we are to keep up with these advancements.

ALLEN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS - COMMON PLEAS

Term Commences 1/04/21

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

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$67,525.



Margie Murphy Miller
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: Allen County Clerk of Common Pleas Court
Education: Northwestern Business College - Paralegal; Ohio Clerk of Courts Assn. Education Certification 2011-19
Training & Experience: Clerk of Courts 2010-present, Court Bailiff 1991-2010

How can the services provided by the Allen County Clerk of Court's Office be maintained or improved?

The technological advancements we have made over the past decade have allowed us to become more efficient and effective in the services we provide to the citizens of Allen County. As the custodian of records for all three divisions of the Common Pleas Court (Civil, Criminal and Domestic Relations), as well as Court of Appeals, it is imperative that the filing, indexing and preservation of all court pleadings and orders of the court continue to be our highest priority. We are constantly improving upon efficiencies by digitizing court record archives and moving to electronic filing. In addition to the technological advancements, we have made continuing education a priority for our staff. The laws governing our Legal and Title Departments are ever changing and we work diligently to stay abreast of new legislation that affects our office. All of this is done in effort to remain efficient, effective and courteous public servants.

ALLEN COUNTY RECORDER

Term Commences 1/04/21

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

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$63,098.



Mona Losh
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: Allen County Recorder
Education: Graduate of Bluffton High School and Rhodes State College. Associate's Degree -Applied Business Legal Assisting
Training & Experience: 15+ years experience serving the residents of Allen County as their County Recorder

How can the services provided by the Allen County Recorder's office be maintained or improved?

Today, the Recorder's Office is extremely user-friendly. You may visit the actual office or visit the website. Our office is located in downtown Lima. We offer a public website where you can search a name or a specific legal description to locate your real estate documents. Documents may be displayed, printed or e-mailed free of charge. We record in real-time. Our daily work is current and up-to-date. However, if I could improve the services to make the Recorder's Office more customer-friendly, I would expand the office hours. I would modify the office hours to be more favorable to the customers' schedules.

ALLEN COUNTY SHERIFF

Term Commences 1/04/21

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

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$102,737



Matthew B. Treglia
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: Allen County Sheriff
Education: Allen East High School graduate Apollo Law Enforcement, O.P.O.T.A. certification
Training & Experience: 22+ as an Allen County Sheriff Deputy which include: West Central Ohio Crime Task Force officer and Sergeant, SWAT Team member and Lieutenant & Commander, Uniformed Division Lieutenant and Staff Lieutenant, appointed Interim Sheriff in 2017, elected sheriff 2018

What is the greatest challenge to the office of the Allen County Sheriff?

It's difficult to label one item as the greatest challenge for The Allen County Sheriff's Office as many things factor into our day-to-day operations. Typically though budgetary monies and jail population remain a constant challenge. Inmate population isn't within my control and that fluctuates daily, therefore budgeting fluctuates daily with unknown variables. Housing, meals, medical, and transportation are just some of the daily needs met for inmates in the jail. Those costs depend 100% on the number of inmates housed. While the actual number of inmates is unpredictable we plan for approximately 240-270 inmates per day annually. More personally, there are nearly 170 employees within the Sheriff's Office. I take the safety of each of them very seriously. Training and education for staff is a regular conversation in my office. Their dedication and hard work are unmeasurable. I strive to foster a positive work environment for them, as well as opportunities for advancement and success.

ALLEN COUNTY CORONER

Term Commences 1/04/21

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

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$56,458.

John T. Meyer-NO REPLY RECEIVED
Party: Republican

ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEER

Term Commences 1/04/21

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

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$78,594.



Brion E. Rhodes
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: Allen County Engineer
Education: Ohio Northern University, B.S. Civil Engineering 1995
Training & Experience: Chief Deputy/Bridge Engineer '09-'15 Bridge Engineer '00-'09 Asst. Bridge Engineer '97-'00 T.E. Intern - ODOT District One '96-'97 Asst. Warren County Engineer '95-'96

What do you see as the most pressing needs for roads and bridges (commonly referred to as infrastructure) in Allen County and how will you prioritize resources to repair or replace them?

As your County Engineer, my job is to administer all aspects of design, construction, repair and maintenance of our local roads and bridges here in Allen County, which includes 352 miles of roads and 377 bridges. With help from my staff, our goal is to provide the safest and most efficient roadway system possible. Unfortunately, maintaining this system has become extremely difficult due to inadequate funding over the last fifteen (15) years. This lack of funding has caused significant deterioration to our infrastructure. While our bridges are in good to fair condition overall, our roadways need attention. Therefore, I plan to dedicate more revenue to upgrading our roadways. To help prioritize our needs, I implemented a pavement management system two (2) years ago. This database tracks the age and condition of each section of roadway and enables us to manage the maintenance of our county roads on both a micro and macro level, therefore helping us to save money.

ALLEN COUNTY TREASURER

Term Commences 9/06/21

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

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$67,525.



Evalyn M. Shaffner
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: Allen County Treasurer
Education: Associates Degree in Accounting
Training & Experience: 24 years with Allen County (Civic Center, Auditors' Office & Treasurers' Office

How can the services provided by the Allen County Treasurer's Office be maintained or improved?

The Treasurer's Office has continued to improve efficiency & taxpayer service. We have a well-trained team with many years of experience. Understanding the process of real estate taxes is a must for the Treasurer, starting from how the values & tax rates come about to the final balancing & distribution to the entities that are funded from those taxes. I feel working first in the Auditors' Office, where the valuations are derived has given me an advantage to knowing the process. Also working in the Treasurer's Office as Chief Deputy of Finance, I obtained the knowledge of balancing the daily receipts of real estate taxes as well as mobile home and our in house escrow program. Someone coming in fresh, would not have the background knowledge of daily balancing and processes; along with monthly, biannually and annual processes.



ALLEN COUNTY COMMON PLEAS JUDGE - PROBATE DIVISION/JUVENILE COURT

Term Commences 2/09/21

Responsibilities:

To rule on cases involving disposition of wills, the administration of estates, and guardianships, adoptions, questions of mental or physical disability. They are also responsible for issuing marriage licenses. They also preside over Juvenile Court and rule in cases involving persons under 18 years of age. The Juvenile Court has authority in cases of delinquency, unruliness, juvenile traffic offenses, abuse, neglect, and dependency.

The Juvenile Court may be part of the Court of Domestic Relations or the Probate Court.

Term: 6 yrs.

Salary: \$140,550



Todd E. Kohlrieser
Party: Republican

Current Job Position: Juvenile Court Chief Magistrate

Education: J.D. from Ohio Northern University

Training & Experience: Licensed Attorney since 2002 Member of the Allen County Bar Association; Member of the Ohio State Bar Association; Member of the Lima Noon Optimist Club

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

I graduated from Ohio Northern University in 2002, earning my Juris Doctorate degree. I worked as a general private practice attorney at the Law Offices of Thomas Kuhn and Randy Reeves, focusing on credit disputes, civil litigation, and criminal law. In 2003, I became an Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Lima, working at the Lima Municipal Court for five years. I was appointed as a Magistrate of the Allen County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division in 2008. Since January of 2015, I have served as the Chief Magistrate of the Allen County Juvenile Court. I have served the citizens of Allen County, Ohio for the past seventeen years, and I look forward to continuing to serve our community.

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

I am a parent of two wonderful children. The daily challenges of raising children, being fair, but stern, is something I take with me every day I go to work. I also have been a volunteer coach for the youth of our community. I love children and interacting with them. I strive to positively impact the lives of our citizens every day, and that includes the youth of our community. I am also aware of the challenges of a single-parent family, as I am a child of divorced parents myself. I understand the turmoil and struggles that children experience and the sacrifices that parents make on a daily basis. I have used those experiences and that knowledge as a foundation for fairness and justice in all of my decisions.

3. Why are you running for this particular court seat?

I have had the honor and privilege of serving this great community for the past seventeen years; first, as an Assistant City Prosecutor, and, for the past twelve years, as a Magistrate at Juvenile Court. Over those twelve years, I have been able to successfully handle every type of case at Juvenile Court. I have listened to the parties and the attorneys, taken evidence, conducted various hearings, and issued decisions and orders. I have accomplished all of this by listening to our citizens, being fair and impartial, and upholding the law. I have a real passion for children and in protecting our community. I grew up in the Greater Lima, Allen County Region, and I desire for this community to continue to grow and prosper; for our own children and for generations to come. I have the knowledge, commitment, and work ethic to ensure that Probate and Juvenile court will continue to serve our citizens in the future. My goals as the next Probate and Juvenile Court Judge are to work to make the courts user friendly, both when individuals are in the building, as well as through the use of our website. (Answer exceeded word count.)

LOCAL OPTIONS

SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION - Local Option Election for Particular Business Location - Elida B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Casey's Marketing Co, doing business as, Casey's General Store#3779, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating family oriented, full-service convenience stores at 4411 Elida Rd., Elida, Ohio 45807 in this precinct?

LOCAL ISSUES

Amanda Township Zoning Referendum

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall an amendment to the Amanda Township Zoning Resolution requested by Joshua Eugene Vandemark to rezone 1.63 acres, located in the northwest corner of Allen County Tax Parcel#45-1000-03-019.000 (225 feet east and west by 315 feet north and south), from Agricultural District to B-1 Local Business District for the purpose of using this portion of this property as a wedding and events venue, to be known as The Vandemark Estate and Events Venue, be approved?

Bath Township, Zoning

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A proposed amendment to the Bath Township Zoning Resolution & Zoning Map to create a Planned State Route 309 Corridor Overlay District (PCOD). The subject corridor properties are bordered on the south at State Route 309 from Saratoga Avenue at the west to a point at the east located 2 parcels west of Devonshire Drive; and extending to the north between 1 and 6 parcels. The Bath Township Zoning Resolution #107 creates a zone along State Route 309 in Bath Township on the southern edge of the Lost Creek subdivision, normally at a depth of about 2 to 3 lots. The resolution does not change the existing zoning. A property owner in the PCOD may request that the regulations on business type, business activity, architectural, landscaping, and other restrictions within the zone apply to their specific property by submitting a development plan to the Bath Township Trustees. If the Trustees find by majority vote that the owner's development plan complies with all the restrictions created by the PCOD, then the zoning would change for that specific property to the extent necessary to allow for the implementation of that specific planned project. Shall the zoning amendment as adopted by the Board of Trustees of Bath Township be approved?

Monroe Township Proposed Tax Levy (RENEWAL)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Monroe Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employers' contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Perry Local Schools District Proposed Tax Levy (RENEWAL)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Perry Local School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 4.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.49 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Perry Township Tax Levy (RENEWAL)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Perry Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.18 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding 4.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.44 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Village of Cairo Proposed Levy (RENEWAL)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Cairo for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.40 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Spencerville Local School District (RENEWAL)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Spencerville Local School District for the purpose of providing funds for permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding 1.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.14 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Village of Lafayette Proposed Tax Levy (RENEWAL)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Lafayette for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 7 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.70 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

Allen County--Senior Citizens Services Levy (RENEWAL)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Allen County for the purpose of providing and maintaining Senior Citizens Services or facilities for the elderly, specifically through the Allen County Council on Aging, Inc.; Delphos Senior Citizens, Inc.; Senior Citizens Association, Inc. of Bluffton, Ohio; and Senior Citizens Services, Inc. of Allen County, Ohio, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

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