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Before the United States Supreme and am admitted to practice Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; States District Courts (Northern Ohio Supreme Court; United District Courts of Appeals; the Fifth, First, Second and Sixth courts in the Tenth, Third, Eighth, Hamilton Counties; in appellate My private law practice experience running for president (Jerry single mothers to one who was from economically disadvantaged uphold and protect the rule of law. affects people, in a wide variety better understand how the law all walks of life has helped me be a judge? My 17 years private practice constitutional law for law (2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to Part of law firm. Other experience includes serving as general counsel for a computer firm and a trade association, serving as campaign finance counsel for numerous state and local labor unions, corporations, national and state associations, candidates, caucuses and political action committees on state and federal election law, and representing neighborhood groups and developers on zoning, referendum and initiative election issues. Past experience also includes representing judges and judicial candidates before the Supreme Court concerning compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct. Hold experience in drafting state legislation and administrative rules in areas of election law, local option elections, campaign finance, and ethics laws. Served as administrative partner of law firm. (3) Why are you running for this particular court seat? I love the law, I love Ohio and I enjoy helping people. I am privileged, having traveled to every county in this state when I served as Secretary of State, to have worked with Ohio's 88 county boards of elections as we together served Ohioans. I chose to run for the Ohio Supreme Court for three reasons: First, I want to be a part of a court that ensures that the first decision interpreting the state constitution's new provisions for fair districts for Congress and the Ohio General Assembly, when challenged — and they will be — is fair and according to state constitutional requirements. As Secretary of State, my office sponsored a public contest to draw districts to show we could end gerrymandering. We used a formula that served as a basis for developing the state constitution's formula for fair districts. We proved it could be done. Nothing is more basic to the health of Ohio's democracy than fair districts, and I want to participate in any review of that process occurring after the 2020 census. I want to use my experience to the benefit of the court and the people of the State of Ohio. Second, there are important issues such as when a police office can make an individual get out of their car, under what circumstances criminal records can be expunged, when someone's home can be taken through foreclosure or when it is appropriate for legislative caps on damages (such as rape of a child by a trusted pastor) to be overcome. These issues are just a few that affect everyday people in Ohio, though many citizens often don't realize how much they are affected by just the words of the state's highest court. Third, I have found that when there is a political balance on an appellate court, there is less a tendency to "group think." Better decisions are likely to emerge when they involve the give-and- take of views and the softening of others through reasoned and respectful discussion and decision making. Currently, the political balance of the state's high court is a state of unbalance with 5 Republicans and 2 Democrats. A 4-3 balance would, in my view, create some of the best decisions possible from the court. I hope to help provide that balance with my election.

Judith L. French Age: 58 Residence: Columbus Email: JusticeJudithFrench@gmail. com Website: http://JusticeJudithFrench. com; http://FriendsofFrench.com Social Media: http://Facebook.com/JusticeJudithFrench

Occupation: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court Education: B.A. (Political Science); M.A. (History); J.D. (Law with honors), The Ohio State University Work Experience: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court (2013-present); Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals (2004-2012); Chief Legal Counsel to the Ohio Governor (2002-2004); Assistant Attorney General/Chief Counsel to the Attorney General of Ohio (1997- 2002); Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (1993-1997); Associate Counsel, Steelcase, Inc. (1993); Associate, Porter Wright Law Firm (1988-1993).

Family: Married with two children and two grandchildren

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

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


(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years) – Justice, Ohio Supreme Court 2013 – present – Appointed January 2013; elected November 2014.

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Judge, 7th District Court of Appeals
Responsibilities: The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts. Decisions are final except in cases involving constitutional questions, cases of felony, cases in which it has original jurisdiction, and cases of public or great general interest.
Salary: $152,850
Term: 6 years

Term beginning 2/9/2021
Carol Ann Robb
No information received

Term beginning 2/10/2021
Cheryl Waite
Age: 60
Residence: Youngstown
Email: Not provided
Website: Not provided
Social Media: Not provided
Occupation: Judge, Seventh District Court of Appeals
Education: B.A. from Youngstown State University, J.D. Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University

Family: Husband, Atty. Ed Romero and two children
Affiliations: YWCA Emeritus Board Member, former Chief Judge of the Ohio Courts of Appeal Association, former President of Gateways Industries Board, former member of Gateways to Better Living Board, Ohio Bar Assoc., American Bar Assoc.
Endorsements: Not provided
Bar Association Ratings: Not provided

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)
I began my judicial career in 1997 when I took the bench on the Seventh District Court of Appeals and have consistently served on this bench to the present day.
(2) What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
I began my legal career working as a lawyer for the City of Youngstown. I also served for several years as its acting Risk Manager. Because I had a degree in English Literature, I was hired to primarily handle all appellate work, both state and federal. In my years with the City, I handled hundreds of appeals, start to finish, in many appellate districts, the Ohio Supreme Court, the Sixth Circuit Federal Court, and I have filed in the U.S. Supreme Court. Additionally, I handled hearings and appeals for boards and commissions, worked in human relations, negotiated union contracts and advised the mayor and members of counsel.
(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?
I have spent over 20 years as an appellate judge. I am serving, once again, as the Presiding Judge of this court. I love appellate work, I love serving the people of the Seventh District, and I would be honored to continue to serve.

Judge, Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, General Division
Responsibilities: To preside at trials of both civil and criminal cases; to supervise the jury commission, grand jury, and other departments of the court.
Salary: $140,550
Term: 6 years

Term beginning 1/2/2021
Maureen A. Sweeney
No information received.

Term beginning 2/9/2021
R. Scott Krichbaum
No information received.

Term beginning 7/1/2021
John M. Durkin
Age: 61
Residence: Youngstown
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Website: N/A
Social Media: Not provided

Occupation: Judge
Education: J.D., University of Dayton (1983)
Work Experience: Assistant Prosecutor, City of Youngstown; Private Practice, 1983–1997
Family: Married with 4 children
Affiliations: St. Lukes Church
Endorsements: Not provided
Bar Association Ratings: Not provided

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)
I have been a judge in the General Division of the Common Please Court since 1997. In addition to my regular civil and criminal docket, I established an Adult Felony Drug Court in 1998, and continue to preside over that docket. (It was the third drug court created in the State of Ohio, and has been recognized as a mentor court by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals).
I have served as the Chair of the Ohio Judicial Conference and as an officer of the Ohio Judicial College. I currently serve as co-chair of the Ethics and
Judge, Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division

Responsibilities: To handle cases of divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, separation, and child custody matters.
Salary: $140,550
Term: 6 years

Term beginning 1/1/2021
Beth A. Smith
No information received.

Judge, Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division

Responsibilities: To rule on cases involving disposition of wills, the administration of estates and guardianships, adoptions, questions of mental or physical disability. They are also responsible for issuing marriage licenses.
Salary: $140,550
Term: 6 years

Term beginning 2/9/2021
David Engler
Age: 60
Residence: Youngstown
Email: davidengler@davidengler.com
Website: Not provided
Social Media: Not provided
Occupation: Attorney
Education: J.D. from Case Western Reserve University
Work Experience: Former Mahoning County Commissioner, Youngstown City Councilman, Mahoning County School Board (20 yrs), Attorney at Law, CEO of LightGov, the country's largest provider of guardianship software
Family: Single with Three children and Two Grandchildren
Affiliations: Crossroads Church, Trumbull County Bar Association, Mahoning County Bar Association
Endorsements: Not available at this time

Bar Association Ratings: Not available at this time

(1) List your judicial experience (courts and years)
I have not served in a judicial capacity but have been a hearing officer for The Youngstown Water Department and Youngstown Clerk of Courts for approximately 18 years.

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

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?
I want to assure that the court is operated pursuant to the law and free of cronyism. Every person that comes to the court will receive fair and expedient justice. I want to particularly make sure no one thinks they can take advantage of a senior whether they are under a guardianship or after death.

Robert Rusu
Age: 53
Residence: Canfield
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Website: www.rusuforjudge.com
Social Media: www.facebook.com/rusuforjudge/
Occupation: Judge of Mahoning County Probate Court
Education: Juris Doctorate (J.D.) Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Work Experience: Probate lawyer for 23 years prior to taking the bench
Family: Married for 28 years

with four children and two grandchildren

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

Endorsements: Not provided

Bar Association Ratings: Not provided

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

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

(3) Why are you running for this particular court seat?
Since I first began my career as a lawyer, I have always been in the probate area of law. It is an area of the law that I truly love and respect. Mostly because it deals with our most precious things, our family and our assets. While in law school I began working at the Sixty Plus Law Clinic which allowed me to help individuals 60 and older with drafting estate plans (Wills, Power of attorneys for Health Care, etc) and other legal issues that they were experiencing at the time. This
Judge, Mahoning County Court, #3

Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2022

J.P. Morgan

Age: 44

Residence: Canfield, OH

Email: jpmorganforjudge@gmail.com

Website: www.jpmorganforjudge.com, Facebook: JP Morgan for Mahoning County Court

Occupation: Mahoning County Court Judge


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

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

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

Bar Association Ratings: N/A

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

Mahoning County Court Judge March 2019 to present

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

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

As a Judge it is my goal to bring integrity and a restored trust to the judiciary. Our families and this community deserve a Court that they can trust to always act fairly, impartially and independently. A court that applies the law correctly and that does now bow to political or other pressures.

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

Joe Schiavoni

Age: 40

Residence: Boardman

Email: joeschiavoni@gmail.com

Website: www.schiavoniforjudge.com

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

Occupation: Attorney

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

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

Family: Married with two children

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

Endorsements: Multiple Labor Unions in the Mahoning Valley

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

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

None

(2) Why is your non-judicial legal experience qualified you to be a judge?

I have been a licensed attorney in Ohio since 2005. I have primarily handled Workers Compensation cases on behalf of injured workers, but have also represented parties involved in auto accidents/other personal injury, probate, domestic, contract disputes, and criminal matters. I have worked with attorneys, mediators, and judges across the state at all levels. I also served as a State Senator from 2008-2018. The opportunity to represent the Mahoning Valley in Columbus allowed me to work on changes to the law that would benefit my community. I worked with stakeholders everyday in order to make sure that my constituents voices were heard. I spent my time participating in hearings, studying the Ohio Revised Code, interviewing witnesses, and gathering facts. I then was able to make informed votes and clearly explain my positions and rationale for the proposals that I recommended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. How would you address immigration policy?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tim Ryan (D)

560 Amber Dr, SE
Warren, OH 44484

Occupation: U.S. Representative

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many people, including President Trump, have successfully voted by mail many times. To avoid long lines on election day, we must expand voting by mail, extend early voting opportunities, enable curbside voting and remove other obstacles to the ballot box.
2. Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems and foster trust with the voters you represent.

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

3. How would you address immigration policy?

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

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

I voted for the American Dream and Promise Act to provide a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers and recipients of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). The bill passed the House and is in the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: No response.

Christina Hagan (R)
10418 Beeson St. NE
Alliance, OH 44601
No information received.

District 6

Shawna Roberts (D)
60425 Kemp Rd.
Belmont, OH 43718
No information received.
through these organizations. This practice recently contributed to a corruption scheme within the Ohio House of Representatives. What impact do you think “dark money” has on our political system? Would you support legislation that would enable voters to learn the identity of donors to these groups?

58th District

Michele Lepore-Hagan (D)  
562 Madera Avenue, Youngstown  
Age: 65  
Occupation: Ohio State Representative  
Education: Cum Laude graduate, Ohio University, BFA  
Qualifications for Office: My experience as an effective legislator, director/administrator at YSU, community leader, and board member of respected institutions and agencies, combined with my involvement in politics and public policy make me uniquely qualified to serve the people of the 58th District.

Answers:  
1. The state should maintain the mask mandate, which has reduced the spread of COVID-19 until the pandemic abates. We should also fully fund an aggressive testing and contract tracing program to identify hotspots, quarantine the infected, and protect vulnerable populations. We should also provide increased support for small businesses and the unemployed by utilizing Ohio’s rainy-day fund and by rolling back tax cuts for the wealthy.
   
   To protect our elections, we must implement a Universal Vote by Mail system modeled on Colorado’s which has been cited as among the most safe and secure in the nation. I began working on this two-step process: we must first reach and violated our rights.  
   
   2. As the Householder/First Energy scandal clearly demonstrates, dark money has had a corrosive influence on our political system and legislative process dating back to the “Coingate”iasco, the ECOT debacle, and the resignation of then-speaker Cliff Rosenberger who is still under investigation by the FBI. The impact of this corruption has siphoned more than a billion dollars away from public schools, saddled Ohioans with the billion-dollar First Energy bailout, crippled Ohio’s green and renewable energy economy, perverted our budget and tax priorities, allowed predatory lending to flourish, and hurt Ohio families in many other ways. I believe we need campaign finance reform legislation based on Montana’s DISCLOSE Act which requires any entity, including 501 (C) 4’s, that makes expenditures in support of or opposition to ballot issues or candidates to disclose their donors. I also support a wide range of other reforms including weekly reporting and enhanced lobbyist disclosures.

David T. Simon (R)  
719 Glacier Heights Rd.  
Age: 57  
Occupation: Self Employed President of SEECC LLC  
Education: BSEE and certified in Environmental Sciences through NAMP  
Qualifications For Office: Co-founder/president of Youngstown Arts and Entertainment District Association (YAEDA). Worked and developed the community for 40 years.

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

4. YES!

59th District

Chris Stanley (D)  
222 Edwards Ave., Canfield, OH 44406  
Party: Democrat  
Age: 40  
Occupation: Teacher, Youngstown Public Schools  
Education: BA/MA Ohio Dominican University  
Qualifications for Office: I believe the knowledge, insight, and experience I have acquired as an educator, First Responder, successful entrepreneur, author, husband, and father have prepared me to represent the people of the 59th District in the Ohio House.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. There are various types of tax abatements! The one most commonly used by the Commissioners is Tax Increment Financing(TIF). The one most recently done was with the Austintown Racino. This tool is used to capture tax on new construction for a period of years to address public infrastructure projects. The funding can be used to leverage State and Federal Grants. The most popular abatement programs are the Enterprise Zone, and Community Re-investment, which can offer up to 100% real estate tax abatement for 10 years for companies who establish operations in low income areas. Advantages of these incentives is that it can attract new investment into low income areas. The downside of abatement’s is the loss of revenue to the communities and the schools! Also, some critics make claim that companies move out after the ten year abatement period expires!

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10 Sandy Dr., Apt. 2
New Middletown, OH
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Qualifications for Office: Strong background in business, finance, and budgeting; fiscally responsible; Commitment to Honesty, Integrity, and Accountability; Pastoral Council Member at St. Paul the Apostle Church

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

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

Term commencing 1/2/2021

Anthony T. Traficanti (D)
2817 Poland Village Blvd.
Poland, OH 44514
Age: 54
Occupation: Full-Time County Commissioner, Businessman
Education: Bachelor of Science in Applied Science (YSU) Master of Science in Education (YSU)
Qualifications for Office: Overwhelmingly elected four consecutive terms as County Commissioner. Own and operate various business’s. Real estate investor! Instructor for 10 years at YSU! Served 11 years Washington DC, United States House of Representatives.

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

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

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

Term commencing 1/3/2021

David C. Ditzler (D)
6696 New Road Austintown OH

44515
Age: 62
Occupation: Mahoning County Commissioner
Education: Two Business Degrees from Youngstown State University
Qualifications for Office: 8 Years County Commissioner, Austintown Trustee, more than 30 years successful private sector experience; small business owner, balanced multi-million dollar budgets, negotiated contracts with Fortune 500 Companies, directing workforce, creating team environment, working successfully on boards of three.

Answers to Questions:
1. The top priority is always the residents we serve. The safety of the Community is first and foremost. Commissioners formation of Justice Fund solidifies their continued operations. There is never just one correct answer that is why having experience and knowledge of your governmental responsibilities is pertinent. Mahoning County has an aging population, so Commissioners initiated funding for the Area on Aging, to help seniors stay in their homes. After the State closed the Youngstown Developmental Center the Commissioners partnered with Easter Seals, Compass, Meridian Services, and other private enterprises to buy and reopen YDC; to again provide the wrap around services to the challenged in our community. Economic Development is priority to create jobs for our youth so they have local opportunities. This is why we partner with Trumbull County and formed the Port Authority to be the economic development arm of the region creating thousands of jobs.
2. Covid related reductions in revenue will be covered by the proactive planning of the Commissioners. The current Board established a Stabilization Reserve Fund in 2013 to cover potential budget short falls created by the State cuts to County Government. Commissioners also created the Justice Fund to specifically mandate funds for the Sheriff, Prosecutor, 911, and Corner. This guaranteed no County initiated cuts to the health safety and welfare of the residents, this priority was established then and remains in effect today. The bond rating of the county increased to AA the highest in County history saving the County hundreds of thousands of dollars. Standard and Poor’s rating cited the strong Management, and strong budgetary performance of the commissioners and their conservative fiscal responsibility as the deciding factor. We were the first County to offer “Open Checkbook” transparency in spending to the residents, the State Treasurer praised the Commissioners strong leadership.
3. The advantage is that it entices new businesses to come, but it defers a portion of the new tax dollars to a later year. The considerations should be that to get the tax break local residents should be given priority to be hired for the jobs created. The local political subdivision where the business will be developed should decide on the abatement. Some communities favor and some oppose the abatements and the Trustees, Councilmen, and Mayors know their community best and should be the driving force. For example Jackson Township choose not to offer an abatement and Boardman did, in both cases the Commissioners initiated their recommendations. Commissioners need to find alternate sources of revenue to aid in business creation as the current board has. We initiated the first TIF and TID Districts in Mahoning County history returning more than 8 million dollars in infrastructure improvements to the County.

Steve Kristian (R)
72 Morningview Circle, Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 61
Occupation: Community Volunteer, Technology Consultant
Education: Bowling Green State University BSBA, Boston College Certificate Corporate & Community Relations.
Qualifications for Office: Business experience in technology, marketing, project management, union negotiations, budgeting, collaborative team building. Community service experience non-profit boards Regional Chamber, Akron Chamber, Stark County Urban League, Better Business Bureau, Rotary.

Answers to Questions:
1. Without vision, a people will perish. My top priority will be my Mahoning County Vision Plan 2025 (MV25) which strives to improve services and quality of life in three areas:
   a) Connected Community – Ensure High Speed Internet that is available across our entire county. This will benefit students for online learning, adults for working from home, and seniors for telehealth services. If we don’t solve this problem now, there isn’t going to be a problem to solve - because people and businesses are going to pick up and leave to where they do have reliable, high-speed broadband. It also includes a focus on Roads and Bridges Infrastructure.
   b) Business Growth & Jobs - The best social program is a job. Government’s role is to create an environment for business to invest, grow and create jobs.
   c) Clean County Government focuses on Transparency, Diversity and Inclusion, Policies & Procedures.
2. There’re are no question tax receipts will decrease which will require budget expense reductions and consolidations. First, I will not defund the police and Sheriff. Next I would gather department heads and union leadership immediately and discuss possible scenarios – best case, worst case, most likely and then develop solutions as to where cuts should be made. We’ll prioritize and rank essential services and review across the board percent reductions vs targeted reductions/eliminations. Then develop plans to address how to respond. Finally, I will review all real estate and look to cut expenses and consolidate. I would stop all new building relocations and additional building acquisitions. The Oakhill purchase was a disaster and as a county we can’t afford to do that again – we can’t even afford it now.
3. Mahoning County needs someone with a business background taking a hard look at these proposals. Tax abatements typically create jobs and reduce unemployment. The new people hired spend money locally
benefiting existing businesses and increasing local tax revenue. Once the new business is established and the abatement period is over, the developed property generates long-term revenue. However, sometimes local communities bid against each other with one community winning and the other losing, resulting in a neutral result for the larger area.

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

### Sheriff

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

**Term:** 4 years

**Jerry Greene (D)**

7813 Huntington Circle  
Boardman, Ohio

**Age:** 54  
**Occupation:** Mahoning County Sheriff  
**Education:** Bachelors in Criminal Justice, minor in Business Management - YSU 2000

**Qualifications for Office:**  
Promoted to Sergeant 2003; Promoted to Captain 2007; FBI National Academy Graduate 2008; Ohio Peace Officers Training Association Corrections Certified; Member National Sheriff’s Association; Member FBI National Academy Association

**Questions:**

1. What is the top priority for the Sheriff’s office? How will you address this priority?

2. What reforms or policies are most effective in ensuring racial equity in the criminal justice system? Which of these reforms or policies have been implemented within the Sheriff’s Department?

**Answers:**

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

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

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

### Engineer

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

**Term:** 4 years

**Patrick T. Ginnetti (D)**

No information received.

### Recorder

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

**Term:** 4 years

**Noralynn Palermo (D)**

424 Madera Dr.  
Youngstown, Ohio

**Age:** 67  
**Occupation:** Mahoning County Recorder  
**Education:** Ursuline High School Class of 71

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Brian Devine (R)**

No information received.

### Treasurer

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

**Term:** 4 years

**Daniel R. Yemma (D)**

232 Center St., Struthers 44471

**Age:** 62  
**Occupation:** Mahoning County Treasurer, Chairman: Mahoning County LandBank  
**Education:** Masters in Business Administration - Major: Business Administration  
Youngstown State University  
B.S. in B.A. - Major: Accounting  
Minors: Economics, Management  
Youngstown State University  
**Qualifications for Office:**  
Current County Treasurer since 2011; Chief Deputy Treasurer 2007 – 2011

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

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

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

Paul J. Gains (D)
7003 Harrington Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44512
Age: 69
Occupation: Mahoning County Prosecutor
Education: University of Akron School of Law JD 1982; BS Law Enforcement Administration Youngstown State University 1976
Qualifications for Office: Nearly 24 years experience as prosecutor, 15 years as defense attorney, nearly ten years as Youngstown Police Officer; Licensed in all State and Federal Courts in Ohio

Answers to Questions:
1. To continue to initiate and support policies that promote honesty, safety and growth in the community. Central to this is to ensure that all criminal cases are approached objectively, honestly; prosecuting only those cases where there is sufficient evidence. Impartial and fair justice promotes accountability. This includes, continued support for productive and cost effective alternatives to prosecution like Mental Health Court, Drug Court, Honors (Veterans) Court, and Theft Diversion. I will also continue to promote community revitalization. In the last seven years, my office, on behalf of the Mahoning County Treasurer, has foreclosed on over 5000 parcels of delinquent properties. Statistics show that improvements made to the physical conditions of distressed neighborhoods have the potential to reduce crime. One way to accomplish such improvements is to demolish foreclosed and vacant properties as the presence of these structures has the tendency to create negative spillovers— including crime— onto surrounding neighborhoods.
2. Restoration of the Voting Rights Act is critical to ensuring racial equality under the law. The Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides "[t]he right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude,..." Purging voters who have not voted in four years is an abridgement every American's right to vote and to a fair, honest and representative government. My role as prosecutor is to uphold the rule of law. The Vindicator Printing Company recognized this attribute when it stated; "In examining Gains' service in office, we came across this simple but revealing admonishment from him to his staff of assistant prosecutors: Follow the law." But without the confidence in elections and our elected officials, the rule of law, is at risk especially for those that suffer from racial inequality.

Marty Desmond (R)
3366 Ridgely Park
Poland, OH 44514
Age: 46
Occupation: Attorney
Education: John Carroll University (B.S.B.A. – Accounting); University of Akron (Juris Doctorate)
Qualifications for Office: 18 years law enforcement experience (probation officer; FBI; assistant prosecutor); Lead task force prosecutor; Prosecuted over 1,000 criminals. Awards: FBI; Ohio Attorney General; Mahoning Valley Police Chiefs. Part-time professor (Criminal Justice Y.S.U.).

Answers to Questions:
1. My top priority is ensuring justice and accountability are pursued lawfully, effectively, and efficiently. I will restructure the office and require detailed reviews of all cases from start to finish. This strict review ensures correct individuals and proper charges are prosecuted. This approach treats individuals uniquely, while promoting consistency across all cases. This course protects our community and achieves these goals: deterrence, rehabilitation, punishment. I will personally review matters presented to the grand jury and actively prosecute cases. Plea agreements will be thoughtfully entered to achieve our goals – not simply clear docket. Prosecutors will receive constant training in Constitutional law, courtroom procedures, evidence, and ethics. Although innocent mistakes are inevitable – intentional and harmful misconduct will not be tolerated. Victims will be advised throughout the case, and their participation will be encouraged and welcomed. As a victim of violent crime, I know the importance of including victims in the process.
2. While policies provide frameworks for racial equity, decisions are still made by individuals. For this reason, continued training is vital. Training provides education and identifies individuals lacking the integrity to hold positions of power. Again, my restructured office will implement reviews of all cases, which will identify trends and trainable moments. Whether to prosecute someone will never be based on race, nor will race factor into plea or sentencing. As prosecutor, if I learn cases are being handled based on race – it will stop. Prosecutors play an integral role in the system – every case begins and ends with the prosecutor, who makes charging decisions, plea offers, and sentencing recommendations. Prosecutors are also in position to see trends in racial inequity throughout the system, and must take action to prevent such practices. Based on this leading role in the system, prosecutors must be a leading voice when addressing reforms and policies.
That the existing Section 18, Salaries, hereinafore described, of the Charter of the City of Youngstown shall be and the same is hereby amended, by addition or deletion, effective in its pertinent sections, as herein stated and any and all amendments without an effective date shall be effective January 1, 2021, provided the provisions of this proposed amendment is adopted by the electors of the City of Youngstown to be held on November 3, 2020, in the City of Youngstown, Ohio.

Craig Beach Village
Fire Protection and EMS Services; 1.5 mills, renewal for 5 years
Street Maintenance, Paving, Construction and Repair; 3 mills, renewal for 5 years

Village of Lowellville
Current Expenses; 4.5 mills, renewal for 5 years

Austintown Township
Roads; 1.5 mills, renewal for 5 years
Parks and Recreational; 0.8 mill, renewal for 5 years

New Middletown Village
Police Department; 2 mills, renewal for 5 years
Police Department; 4 mills, renewal for 5 years
Fire Department; 2.5 mills, renewal for 5 years

Boardman Township
Current Expenses; .7 mill, renewal for 5 years
Current Expenses; 2.5 mills, renewal for 5 years
Police Department; 3.85 mills, renewal for 5 years
Park District: park expenses, .6 mill, renewal for 5 years

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

Beaver Township
Current Expenses; 1.9 mills, renewal for 5 years
Police Department; 2.9 mills, renewal for 5 years

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

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

Austintown Local School District
Current Expenses; 4.9 mills in the sum of $1,850,247; renewal for 5 years
Current Expenses; 7.3 mills in the sum of $3,304,353; renewal for 5 years

Village of Beloit
Current Expenses; 5 mills, renewal for 5 years
Parks; 1.5 mills, renewal for 5 years

Boardman Local School District
Current Expenses; 5.9 mills in the sum of $4,052,812; renewal for 5 years
Current Expenses; 6 mills in the sum of $3,412,484; renewal for 5 years

Canfield Local School District
Emergency Requirements; 1.4 mills in the sum of $890,000; renewal for 10 years

Sebring Local School District
Renewal of 1.25% income tax for 5 years

Western Reserve Local School District
Avoiding an Operating Deficit; 1.3 mills in the sum of $139,000, renewal for 10 years

Youngstown City School District
Emergency Requirements; 10.8 mills in the sum of $5,291,510, renewal for 4 years

Liquor Options
Boardman 8 Meijer, 1400 Boardman Canfield Rd. Weekly and Sunday
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Milton 1 the Prop House, 373 NE River Rd., Sunday
Poland Township 4 Dairy 224 6868 Center Rd, Sunday

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## Voter Resources:

- **Ohio election text reminders** – Sign up for text message reminders from the League of Women Voters of Ohio by texting “vote-note” to 31996.
- **www.JudicialVotesCount.org** – Learn about Ohio’s courts and read profiles of candidates running for judge.
- **www.VoteOhio.gov** – The Ohio Secretary of State website where you can check your voter registration, register to vote, print an absentee ballot request form, and look up your local Board of Elections.
- **Election Protection** – This nonpartisan coalition provides a toll-free hotline for voting information or to report problems: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (English), 1-888-Ve-Y-Vota (Spanish), 1-888-API-VOTE (Asian & Pacific Island languages).

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