

Voter Information Guide

Nonpartisan information about candidates and ballot issues

For Trumbull County Voters



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Representative – 13th District

1 to be elected: 2-year term commencing 1/3/2020

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Occupation: U.S. Representative

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Questions/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.

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 dangerous to 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.

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 bipartisan 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?

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 drive, work, 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?

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 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?

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?

(NO RESPONSE GIVEN)

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Questions/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.

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.

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 middle.

3. HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IMMIGRATION POLICY?

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?

I did my post-doctoral research with the US EPA and consider myself to be an environmentalist. Environmental action has had many successes 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 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?

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.

Representative – 14th District

1 to be elected; 2-year term commencing 1/2/2021

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The CDC spells out clear recommendations for holding safer elections in light of the COVID-19 crisis. The risk for infection is highest when circumstances force larger crowds to congregate indoors for longer wait times. Lower risk scenarios include having a wide variety of voting options, longer voting periods (more days and/or more hours), and other means of reducing the number of voters congregating indoors. Polling locations should be set up to maximize adherence to CDC recommendations, including mask use, social distancing, and hygiene. Further, we should invest alternatives to in-person voting, including extended absentee voting and the placement of ballot deposit boxes, placed in an equitable manner based on population and travel time from population centers.

The CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) Act combined with 2002's HAVA (Help America Vote Act) provide over \$825M in available funding; however, most estimates place the cost of a safe, secure election closer to \$2B and the shortfall ought to be covered by Congress via a further stimulus package. Additionally, the Postal Service must be fully funded as part of our election infrastructure. The right to vote is one of Americans' most basic Constitutional rights and Congress

has a sworn obligation to ensure all citizens have the ability to safely cast their ballots.

2. DESCRIBE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO WORK ACROSS POLITICAL DIFFERENCES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND FOSTER TRUST WITH THE VOTERS YOU REPRESENT.

As a Navy combat veteran, I have always had a country-first, mission-oriented focus. I believe in service -- service to country, and service to constituents. In Congress, I will continue the ethic of service that I have demonstrated throughout my career to serve my country and my District.

It is no coincidence that division has peaked in our government as the number of veterans in Congress has reached historic lows. According to The Lugar Center's Bipartisan Index, veterans, especially younger ones, score better than other members of Congress on their willingness to work across the aisle.

The incumbent in this office has demonstrated his unwillingness to work across the aisle with his strikingly partisan voting record (exceptional even in our currently divided era) and voting with the current administration over 95% of the time. I will always work in service of my Country and my constituents across political differences to solve problems and foster trust with the voters I represent.

3. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO SAFEGUARD OUR ELECTIONS AND ENSURE FREE AND FAIR VOTING ACCESS FOR ALL?

Voting is a fundamental right of citizens. The House of Representatives has laid out a great framework for ensuring free and fair voting access and for securing our elections with its passage of H.R. 1. Among other provisions, this bill: -Requires states use paper ballots -Requires states to establish & operate an automatic voter registration system -Limits voter purges -Enables registration corrections at a polling place -Establishes same-day voter registration -Requires states to allow online voter registration -Makes Election Day a federal holiday -Establishes cybersecurity standards for voting systems vendors -Funds grants for states to improve and maintain the security of their election systems -Requires the President to produce a national strategy for protecting democratic institutions -Creates a National Commission to Protect United States Democratic Institutions.

Beyond the direct election security measures, H.R. 1 also addresses the poisonous role of current campaign finance rules. Transparency in campaign finance is absolutely necessary in order to ensure our elections are secure from the influence of foreign nationals, special interests, and deliberate misinformation. H.R. 1: -Expands the ban on foreign nationals contributing to or spending on elections -Expands disclosure rules for organizations spending money during elections, campaign advertisements, and online platforms -Revises disclaimer requirements for political advertising.

4. HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IMMIGRATION POLICY?

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...

The United States is a nation of immigrants, creating not just our identity, but also a necessary component of our economic success.

Our system is undeniably broken with arcane rules, years-long backlogs, and no identifiable 'line' amongst numerous problems. Current toxic discourse has led to the US shirking its duty under international law to care for refugees, locking children in cages, separating families, removing people from the only home they've ever known, and even deporting military veterans.

Perhaps it is not pragmatic to conceive of rebuilding the system from the ground-up, but it is obvious that wholesale reform is necessary.

The most immediate reform necessary is a return to the rule of law. Due process in immigration enforcement. Adherence to international treaties. A return to decency and fair play and rejection of unnecessarily cruel and punitive enforcement actions. Our focus and investment should be in combatting the flow of illegal drugs, weapons, and human trafficking.

5. WHERE DO YOU STAND ON EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR WATER, AIR, AND LAND?

If we fail to act soon, climate change will damage our economy and leave a difficult and uncertain future for future generations. Climate change is hurting our community in important ways including damage to agriculture, health, and damage to Lake Erie that can't be fixed with a few dollars of cleanup efforts.

Further, I believe our military leaders when they tell us that climate change is a national security threat. For example, many naval bases are highly susceptible to sea level rise. Further, climate change will exacerbate conflicts around the world and may lead to mass migrations of people escaping the ensuing conflict, drought, and famine.

As Americans, we have the ability to face and overcome any challenge, and climate change requires our unique American ingenuity, spirit, and

can-do attitude. What's more, we've had historic successes using policy—in cooperation with business and markets—to solve major environmental issues. Despite dire warnings that solving these problems would harm the economy, the economy grew as the solutions were implemented. For example, our heavily polluted rivers, dramatized by the Cuyahoga River fire in Cleveland in 1969, were cleaned up through industry's innovation and federal legislation (Clean Water Act).

Taking on this challenge can actually benefit us. Environment vs. economy is a false choice—the clean energy economy creates jobs in green infrastructure that can't be shipped overseas.

6. WHAT LEGISLATION, IF ANY, WOULD YOU SUGGEST TO ADDRESS GUN SAFETY?

As a combat veteran I will unequivocally say that weapons of war do not belong on our streets. This does not translate to 'anti-gun;' firearms are necessary tools and belong in the hands of trained law enforcement personnel and hunters amongst others. We can prevent guns from getting into the hands of criminals through common-sense regulation which respect the 2nd Amendment and are in keeping with historical precedent.

Priority one is universal background checks. Background checks have the support of over 85% of Americans. They work and have prevented over 3.5 million sales to people who are prohibited from owning guns, such as felons, abusers, and fugitives. Simply put, background checks help keep weapons out of the hands of criminals making our streets safer for us, our children, and law enforcement. Universal checks close the loopholes in the system. Over 30 states—including Ohio—do not require a check on unlicensed sales.

We must reinstate the 1994 prohibition on assault weapons and high capacity magazines and institute a voluntary buyback of those in circulation. This prohibition made our streets safer and is consistent with historical regulations dating back to our nation's earliest days.

Finally, the gun industry's immunity to most civil lawsuits, established by PLCAA, must be revoked so they reap the costs of selling their products, not just the profits.

7. WHAT SOLUTIONS DO YOU PROPOSE TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH?

Health care is a human right. In the richest country on Earth, it is inconceivable that people are forced into bankruptcy by simple accidents and forced to extremes like insulin rationing in order to make ends meet. All Americans should be able to count on affordable, available, quality health care. In pursuit of universal coverage, I support "public option" insurance in which a government-run health plan would compete with private insurers. Market forces should lead to better prices, better coverage, and better service for all Americans. Further, I support an expansion of the National Health Service Corps to increase access to doctors in high-need areas.

The Supreme Court has recognized abortion as a Constitutional right longer than I have been alive. Polling data shows 71% of Americans oppose overturning Roe v. Wade, including a majority of Republicans. Women's health requires access to reproductive care; one need look no further than Ireland and the tragic death of Savita Halappanavar to understand the consequences of involving the government in a woman's health decisions.

Severe maternal complications have more than doubled in the last 20 years with the US rocketing to the top of high-income countries. Expanded access to health care to care for expectant mothers, new mothers, and newborn babies beyond the paltry 60 days provided for by Medicaid is necessary to ensure a healthy start to a new family.

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Training and Experience: In 2012, I was elected to Congress to represent the 14th district of Ohio. I serve on the influential Appropriations Committee where my priorities are to get Washington on a budget, reduce the scope & size of government & protect your tax dollars. I was appointed, and then elected as the Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney in 1988. During my 24 years in that office, I built a reputation as being a protector of both Geauga County families and Geauga County taxpayers.

Question/Answer:

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.

Here in Ohio, our election professionals have worked hard to ensure you can safely cast your ballot this November, whether you choose to do so by mail or in person.

Voters who don't want to risk their health amid the ongoing pandemic by voting in person still have the right to participate in our nation's democratic process and must have the option to do so. To ensure the Postal Service has the resources they need to deliver those ballots, I recently voted with my colleagues across the aisle to provide the Postal Service with \$25 billion in additional funding. Ohioans who plan to cast their ballot by mail should have full confidence that their vote will be counted.

Similarly, voters who wish to cast their ballot in person must be able to do so safely. Our board of elections are working to establish the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of those who vote in-person as well as those working the polls.

Last month, I was proud to work with a Lake County manufacturer, RB Sigma, and the Secretary of State's office to create a partnership that will provide nearly half a million surgical masks for poll workers and voters in all 88 counties on election day. RB Sigma was able to retool their machinery to produce PPE thanks to a \$500,000 grant funded by the CARES Act. I'm proud to support manufacturers like RB Sigma that have worked around the clock to produce and deliver essential PPE across Ohio, ensuring that voters who choose to vote on election day are safe.

2. DESCRIBE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO WORK ACROSS POLITICAL DIFFERENCES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND FOSTER TRUST WITH THE VOTERS YOU REPRESENT.

Regardless of where you land on the political spectrum, I think everyone can agree that the American people pay the price when partisanship prevents Congress from addressing the challenges facing our nation. That's why I'm proud to have been recognized as one of the most bipartisan members of Congress by the Lugar Center and Georgetown University. While the majority of members ranked below the historical average, I earned a spot in the top 10% in their annual rankings of the most bipartisan members of Congress, which are based on the frequency with which members work with members of the other party on their legislation. I was also honored to receive the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's first-ever Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship.

As a member of the House Problem Solvers Caucus, I consistently work across the aisle to find common ground on issues facing the American people. This year alone, I've worked alongside my Democratic colleagues to combat the skyrocketing opioid overdoses amidst the pandemic, ensure our hospitals have sufficient resources and PPE, address military suicide rates, reduce our nation-wide sexual assault kit backlog, and protect student loan forgiveness for public servants like nurses, police officers, social workers and firefighters.

Every time I go to Washington, I go ready to leave the toxic red team versus blue team mentality at the door and work together with my colleagues across the aisle to create a better future for our country.

3. WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO SAFEGUARD OUR ELECTIONS AND ENSURE FREE AND FAIR VOTING ACCESS FOR ALL?

Both the integrity of our elections and the ability of Americans to participate in our nation's democracy are of the utmost importance.

While states, territories and localities have primary responsibility for ensuring that election systems are secure, federal agencies also play a role in helping identify and address election system threats and vulnerabilities. That's why, since the 2016 election, I have voted to provide more than \$800 million in federal funding to help secure our elections systems at the local level and counter threats to our nation's democratic institutions and processes at the federal level. I was also proud to join my colleagues Reps. Marcia Fudge, Marcy Kaptur and Anthony Gonzalez for a bipartisan field hearing held by the House Administration Elections Subcommittee in Cleveland last year.

Additionally, I've been glad to see that every board of elections in Ohio has adopted 34 different election security measures, including physical security assessments and improvements, strengthened background checks for staff and personnel, secure websites and email domains, cyber-attack detection and network defense, and security training.

4. HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IMMIGRATION POLICY?

I have long worked across the aisle to address the problems we're currently

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facing due to our broken immigration system and am frustrated that Congress has failed to act to end the crisis at our southern border. America is the land of opportunity. That's why fixing our broken immigration system should not be a red or blue issue. It protects both Americans and those who want to come here for a better life.

Congress needs to provide the tools our border patrol agents need to do their jobs safely, ensure the security of our nation and end the broken cycle that has led to the humanitarian crisis at our border. Whether it's women and children being abused or trafficked on their way to our country, the separation of those individuals once they get here, the level of drugs flowing across our southern border that contribute to thousands of American deaths each year, or those impacted by crimes committed by individuals who would've never been allowed into our country had they gone through legal channels, it is very clear that there is too much suffering going on.

Partisan politics have prevented progress on this issue for decades, but the reality is that perpetuating the security and humanitarian crisis at our southern border can no longer be an option. As someone who has voted both to provide DACA recipients with legal certainty and strengthen our border security, I firmly believe we cannot continue to shy away from compromise when it comes to fixing our broken immigration system.

5. WHERE DO YOU STAND ON EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR WATER, AIR, AND LAND?

Having lived my entire life here in Northeast Ohio, I know how valuable our natural resources - like Lake Erie - are. In Congress, I'm proud to help lead the bipartisan effort to protect and preserve the Great Lakes. I'm known in Washington as "the Great Lakes Guy" for all the work I do to combat invasive species, restore habitats, reduce harmful algal blooms and prevent pollution in the Great Lakes region. These lakes supply 90% of our nation's surface water, are home to 3,500 species of plants and animals, create \$62 billion in wages each year and support 1.5 million jobs. They're a national treasure and must be preserved for future generations to come.

In addition to my work to restore the Great Lakes, I've introduced a number of bipartisan conservation and environmental bills, including the RECYCLE Act with Rep. Dean Phillips and a bill to extend and increase funding for the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area with Rep. Tim Ryan. That's not to mention the countless other pieces of legislation I've cosponsored such as the Restore our Parks and Public Lands Act and the Trillion Trees Act. We must continue to be good stewards of our environment and I will continue to work across the aisle to ensure legislation coming out of Congress helps us accomplish that.

6. WHAT LEGISLATION, IF ANY, WOULD YOU SUGGEST TO ADDRESS GUN SAFETY?

As a member of the initial prosecuting team for the Chardon High School

shooting in 2012, I have seen first-hand the impact that acts of senseless violence have on our communities. That's why I have reached across the aisle and offered to work with my Democratic colleagues to address this critical issue in a non-partisan way.

In addition to consistently voting to protect and strengthen the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), I voted to increase the accuracy of background checks and penalize agencies that fail to report required information to NICS. I have also supported numerous pieces of legislation that address the root cause of these tragedies, such as the Mass Violence Protection Act of 2019. This legislation tackles gun violence by improving information sharing among law enforcement agencies and cracking down on illegal firearm possession.

Other legislation I've cosponsored includes the Mental Health Crisis Act of 2016, the STOP School Violence Act, the Securing our Schools Act, and the Safe Schools Improvement Act. Last Congress, I sent a letter to the Department of Justice in support of Ohio's application for funding under the STOP School Violence Act to help bring threat assessments and training programs to all Ohio schools.

As the only member of Congress to have prosecuted a school shooter, I remain committed to finding commonsense solutions to reduce gun violence and directly improve the safety of our communities.

7. WHAT SOLUTIONS DO YOU PROPOSE TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH?

This pandemic has underscored just how important our healthcare system is, as are those who work in it. As the proud husband of a nurse, I've always known that our healthcare workers are heroes but over that past several months, the word "hero" has reached a whole new meaning. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, medical professionals across the country have been working non-stop to preserve the health and safety of the American people all while risking their own.

That's why, as the Co-Chair of the House Nursing Caucus, I led the charge to directly include \$100 billion in relief funding for hospitals and healthcare systems to battle COVID-19 on the frontlines. But even before COVID-19 swept across our nation, I was working to enhance healthcare for millions of Ohioans. The first bill I introduced this past Congress was to protect individuals with pre-existing conditions and ensure their coverage remains intact despite legal uncertainty stemming from the Affordable Care Act's ongoing litigation. I have also advocated for increased and unbiased access to healthcare services for those suffering from mental health disorders and worked across the aisle to combat the skyrocketing costs of prescription medications.

The fact of the matter is that healthcare should be accessible and affordable for all Ohioans and much work remains to be done to accomplish that.



JUDGES



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Why is a judge candidate's political affiliation not listed here on his/her bio? In Ohio, municipal judge candidates run in partisan primary elections, meaning they are nominated by a political party and their political affiliation is listed on the primary ballot. However, all judicial candidates run as non-partisan candidates during the general election, meaning their political affiliation, if any, is not listed on the ballot.

In 2020, all Ohio voters will vote for two Supreme Court justices' seats and seats in their district of the Ohio Court of Appeals. Voters in most Ohio counties also will vote for county court and common pleas court judges.

Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court

1 to be elected: 6-year term commencing 1/1/2021

SHARON L. KENNEDY

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Occupation: Judge, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

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

Work Experience:

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

Family: Married with five children



Affiliations: Roman Catholic; St. Malachi Center Bd. of Trustees; Lakewood City Academy Bd. of Trustees; Cuyahoga County Law Library Resource Board; Ohio State Bar Association; Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association; Consistently disappointed Cleveland Browns fan

Questions/Answers:

1) LIST YOUR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (COURTS 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.

Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court

1 to be elected: 6-year term commencing 1/2/2021

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Occupation: Judge, Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals

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

Work 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

Family: Married since 1978 to attorney Rick L. Brunner from Columbiana County, Ohio, 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren with another on the way; 2 rescue dogs

Affiliations: 2008 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award Recipient for work as Ohio's 52nd Secretary of State – <https://www.jfklibrary.org/events-and-awards/profile-in-courage-award/award-recipients/jennifer-brunner-2008>; current Board Chair, The Legacy Fund of the Columbus

Foundation, supporting central Ohio LGBTQ+ nonprofit organizations; former board member of Cleveland-based Center for Community Solutions (research and advocacy on health policy) 2012-2019; American, Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations; American Judges Association; Oxfam Sisters of the Planet Ambassador; Member of US Global Leadership Coalition Ohio Advisory Committee; religious affiliations: Catholic and United Church of Christ (protestant)

Questions/Answers:

1) 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.

- Serve on court Personnel Committee.

- Central Ohio Association for Justice George E. Tyack Judicial Excellence Award for performance as appellate judge, May 2016.

- Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court, elected 2000, reelected 2002

- Managed regular docket of at least 500 civil cases and 125 criminal cases at any time pending.

- Eliminated docket backlog from 991 cases to 713 cases in one year.

- Conducted trials including three judge panel death penalty trial, criminal trials for aggravated murder, rape, felonious assault, complicity to felonious assault, robbery, burglary, and theft, and civil trials including age discrimination, premises liability (slip and fall), auto accident and medical malpractice.

- Implemented procedures for jurors to ask questions in trials; affirmed by Ohio Supreme Court with statewide procedures modeled after those challenged and affirmed.

- Working within court and with community mental health and substance abuse service providers, established and presided over the TIES (Treatment is Essential to Success) Program, a felony drug court specialized docket, providing for intensive probation of persons whose substance abuse or substance abuse co-occurring with mental illness has contributed to their commission of nonviolent felonies; this specialized docket is still in operation today.

- Supervised 45 probationers in TIES program and supervised activities of TIES Program coordinator, while maintaining regular docket.

- Collaborated with TIES program service providers across disciplines, including assisting with cross-training for better cooperation; advocate of collaboration for best planning, execution and results, including acceptance by affected populations.

- Presided over cases involving administrative appeals of state agency decisions, including appeals of ballot issue challenges.

- Served on following court committees: Court Personnel Committee, Court Technology Committee, New Judges Committee, Grants Review Committee, Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defendants Committee.

- Taught probation officers of the court and lawyers involved with the Ohio State Bar Foundation curriculum on poverty and working with people in poverty to help them succeed.

- Adjunct professor for graduate law enforcement program for Tiffin University, a private Ohio University, teaching law and ethics for law enforcement officers and for undergraduate law enforcement program, constitutional law for law enforcement

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 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 election fraud and as a hearing officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

In 2011, I drafted a statewide referendum petition for a coalition of voting rights activists, labor organizations, state and local political party organizations and faith-based and other nonprofit organizations who gathered more than 400,000 petition signatures to place voting rights referendum on statewide ballot; in 2012-2013 I developed a multi-state and federal executive agency government affairs practice focused on matters before the FCC and state public utilities commissions relating to low income telephone government programs.

I started my own law firm from the corner of my bedroom when our children were 7, 4 and 2, growing it to 32 people after ten years. 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 officer 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 is it 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.

JUDI FRENCH

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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

1) LIST YOUR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (COURTS 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 met with individuals, organizations, businesses, and local leaders, all in an effort to serve them better. If reelected, I will continue that level and method of service.

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.



Judge of the Eleventh District Court of Appeals

1 to be Elected, 6-year term commencing 2/9/2021

TIMOTHY P. CANNON

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Occupation: Judge, 11th District Court of Appeals

Education: J.D. Cleveland Marshall College of Law 1980

Work Experience: 27 years as an attorney, 13th year on the 11th District Court of Appeals

Family: Married 40 years, 2 children and 2 grandchildren

Affiliations: Ohio Bar Assn., Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Trumbull and Portage County Bar Assns

1) LIST YOUR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (COURTS AND YEARS)

Judge, 11th District Court of Appeal, August 2007 to present. Visiting Justice, Ohio Supreme Court, 4 occasions since 2009. Administrative and Presiding Judge 5 different years. Currently, Presiding Judge 11th District Court of Appeals.

2) WHAT ABOUT YOUR NON-JUDICIAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE QUALIFIES YOU TO BE A JUDGE?

Prior to becoming judge, I had a very broad-based law practice for 27 years. Since becoming judge in 2007, I have worked very hard to stay up to date on developments and changes in the law. The Lake County Bar Association, where I am known best, has been conducting a judicial poll since the 1970's. At the time of completion of this form, they have not yet conducted their poll for 2020. However, in 2014, I was the first judge in the history of the poll to receive a 100% affirmative vote.

I have been asked on many occasions to lecture on a variety of topics. In fact, the Ohio Supreme Court has requested many times over the past few years that I come to help train the new appellate judges. I enjoy doing that, because each time I update my materials and prepare for the new judge orientation, I learn more about the current trends in the law.

3) WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS PARTICULAR COURT SEAT?

I have been in this seat since August of 2007. I believe I become a better judge with each year that goes by. I have always had a love for the law. My father was an attorney for almost 50 years. We practiced law together for over 20 years. I understand the importance of the work we do, and the need for judges to resolve cases based on the law, and not some philosophical ideal of what we may individually believe.

I believe my willingness to lecture on topics related to our work, and the commitment to resolve cases in an efficient manner help in the quality of service we provide to litigants. I've been appointed to serve by assignment on the Ohio Supreme Court by three different Chief Justices. I believe my experience of serving in that capacity has helped my understanding of what should be expected of the courts of appeals.

MATT LYNCH

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Judge of the Eleventh District Court of Appeals

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1) LIST YOUR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (COURTS AND YEARS)

N/A

2) WHAT ABOUT YOUR NON-JUDICIAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE QUALIFIES YOU TO BE A JUDGE?

I will bring a new outlook and sensible approach to the 11th District Court of Appeals. I am a practicing attorney who has served my community for over 22 years as both an assistant prosecutor and as defense counsel. I have been appointed by the court to represent indigent clients as well as

being privately retained counsel in my practice, Kovoord Law, LLC. I have represented clients in courts throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois ranging from Municipal, Family, State, Federal and Appellate Courts. I have litigated thousands of cases in criminal, civil and domestic court and tried more than 40 cases to a verdict. I have a diverse practice and I have represented people from many different cultures, with varied viewpoints and needs.

As such, I am adept at evaluating both sides of an issue. I have successfully fought for many people's civil rights when government entities overreached and violated them and in two particular cases, White v. Bukowski, et al., No. 14-3185 (7th Cir. 2015) and Rafferty et al. v. Trumbull Cty, et al, No. 17-4223 (6th Cir. 2019), I won landmark decisions.

My years of experience in the areas of criminal, family and civil rights and appellate law make me uniquely qualified to be a Judge on the 11th District Court of Appeals. On the bench, I will ensure that all parties are heard, that both sides of the issues presented are carefully considered, and the law is consistently applied as written. I will safeguard fairness and justice to the residents of the Eleventh District.

3) WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS PARTICULAR COURT SEAT?

I am running for the 11th District Court of Appeals because I have called Northeast Ohio my home for over 30 years. It is the area where I have practiced law and raised a family. During this time, I have advocated in court for the State and for my clients, both retained and appointed. Through this lifetime of experience, I have had the opportunity to see the good that a Judge can do, both in the courtroom and as a member of the community. When in the courtroom, I will ensure that everyone is given the opportunity to have their appeal heard in a fair and unbiased setting, influenced only by the letter of the law and the evidence presented. As a member of the community, Judges have the opportunity to engage with the public as non-partisan advocates for understanding not only the State Constitution but the American Legal System as a whole. As an immigrant, I was fortunate to be given the opportunity to grow up with the protections afforded by the American Legal System and this experience lead me to pursue a career dedicated to these practices and traditions.

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1) LIST YOUR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE (COURTS AND YEARS)

Judge, Eleventh District Court of Appeals, 2003 – Present; Presiding/Administrative Judge, 2007, 2016 & 2017; Administrative Judge, 2020; Preside over appellate cases in Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage, and Trumbull Counties. Authored over 1,500 appellate decisions and decided over 4,000 appeals. Ohio Judicial Conference – Executive Committee, 2011 – present; Criminal Law & Procedure Committee co-chair, 2011 – present; Appellate Law & Procedure Committee, 2013 – present; Ohio Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Court Security, 2013 – present

2) WHAT ABOUT YOUR NON-JUDICIAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE QUALIFIES YOU TO BE A JUDGE?

Prior to taking the bench, I spent 12 years as a state and federal criminal prosecutor. I prosecuted all major crimes including capital murder, murder, rape, bank robbery, cyberstalking and gang violence. As a criminal prosecutor, I gained experience in the courtroom trying cases to juries. During my service on the bench, I have been able to contribute insight into nuances of criminal procedure that have assisted our court in delivering sound, well-reasoned opinions.

– Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office, 1991- 1999

– United States Attorney's Office, 1999 – 2002; Assistant United States Attorney, General Crimes Division, Youngstown, Ohio Responsible for prosecuting to trial assigned federal offenses including firearms violations, drug trafficking, cyberstalking and bank robbery.

– Special Assistant United States Attorney, 1997 – 1999

– Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office, 1991 – 1999; First Assistant, Criminal Division

Responsible for overseeing all felony criminal prosecutions. Trial counsel on major criminal cases including capital murder, murder, and rape. Managed criminal staff of ten attorneys and four secretaries; Chief Counsel, Vertical Prosecution Unit, Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement



Task Force Responsible for setting up new unit designed to provide multi-jurisdictional prosecution and in-house counsel for the Task Force. Coordinated efforts between Mahoning and Trumbull and the United States Attorney's Office; Criminal Administrator, Duties included plea authorizations on major felony cases and coordination of criminal staff meetings; Courtroom prosecutor; Chief Counsel, Drug Prosecution Unit Responsible for prosecuting all felony drug crimes in Trumbull County. Established and directed the Pharmaceutical Diversion Unit targeting violations of drug laws regulating ethical pharmaceuticals, the precursors to opioid addiction. Appointed Mahoning County Special Prosecutor to prosecute the Mahoning County Coroner on drug trafficking charges. - Private Practice, Rice Law Offices, 1989 - 1993; General law practice including contracts, probate matters, and family law.

3) WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS PARTICULAR COURT SEAT?

I have served the 11th District as a judge for the past 18 years. I believe my legal experience is an asset to the court. The majority of my legal practice prior to taking the bench was as a state and federal prosecutor. Approximately half of our appellate cases are criminal. Presently, none of the current judges have an extensive background in criminal law and procedure.

During my service on the appellate bench, I have been able to contribute insight into nuances of criminal procedure that have assisted our court in delivering sound, well-reasoned opinions. Having practiced as an Assistant United States Attorney, I am more familiar with differences between state and federal criminal laws. This enables me to better determine how U.S. Supreme Court decisions that address federal cases affect Ohio's criminal justice system.

I have worked in various positions with the Ohio Judicial Conference for over ten years. The judicial conference provides research and impact statements on legislation that affects the administration of justice in Ohio. The goal of the Ohio Judicial Conference is to improve the judiciary from within the judicial branch and to recommend legislation where needed. I would like to continue my work with the Ohio Judicial Conference during my upcoming term on the bench. Judicial education is a critical part of ensuring a strong judiciary. I have assisted other appellate judges in teaching the new appellate judges' educational seminar. I have also taught various continuing legal education courses for the local bar associations in our district. I find teaching intellectually challenging and hope to continue contributing in this manner. And last but not least, I will serve as the Ohio Court of Appeals Judges' Association Chief Judge in 2020. I am looking forward to this responsibility and challenge.

Judge, Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

1 to be elected; 6-year term commencing 1/1/2021

PETER J. KONTOS (Unopposed)

Judge, Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division

1 to be elected; 6-year term commencing 2/9/2021

JAMES A. FREDERICKA (Unopposed)



Responsibilities: To represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government. Base salary \$60,584

Senator, Ohio 32nd District

1 to be elected; 2-year term commencing 1/1/2021

SEAN J. O'BRIEN (D) Cortland, Ohio 44410

Biographical Information:

Website: http://seanobrienforohio.com

Facebook: http://Sean O'Brien for Ohio

Education: Edinboro University Akron School of Law

Qualifications for Office: Training and Experience 3 Terms in the House and 1 term in the Senate

Question/Answer:

1) IN WHAT WAYS WOULD YOU CHANGE OUR ELECTION SYSTEM IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR CRISES THAT IMPAIR THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

Prepaid postage for return ballots. Multiple drop boxes per county. Same day voter registration

2) WHERE DO YOU STAND ON GUN SAFETY ISSUES?

As a proud gun owner and avid hunter, I believe we need common sense legislation that requires proper training all gun owners.

SANDRA O'BRIEN (R) Rome, Ohio 44085

Biographical Information:

Email: sandy@sandyforsenate.com

Education: Masters in Administration, Edinboro University, PA; Bachelors in Elementary Education, Bowling Green State University, OH

Occupation: Educator

Qualifications for Office: Twelve years as elected Ashtabula County Auditor; Masters in Administration

Question/Answer:

1) IN WHAT WAYS WOULD YOU CHANGE OUR ELECTION SYSTEM IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR CRISES THAT IMPAIR THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

In twenty years of political activity including elected office, I have never come across a single instance of anyone being denied the right to vote. The current hysteria of voting suppression is simply a political ploy that has been hatched for political gain.

2) WHERE DO YOU STAND ON GUN SAFETY ISSUES?

As a concealed carry license holder, I have experienced firsthand the training required to obtain one's license. This training for self-protection is thorough, practical and has proven to be an effective method of training one for gun safety.



What if I don't feel safe mailing by absentee application or ballot?

The Trumbull County Board of Elections has a secure 24 hour drop box right outside our front door at 2947 Youngstown Rd. SE, Warren that is always available for use.

99 Representatives in Ohio House (1 from each district); Base Salary for 2021: \$67,493

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

Representative, Ohio 63rd District

1 to be elected; 2 year term commencing 1/1/2021

GIL BLAIR (D)

Niles, Ohio 44446

Biographical Information:

Education: JD University of Akron School of Law 1995; BA University of Akron, Political Science 1992

Occupation: State Representative 63rd District; Attorney

Qualifications for Office: Township Trustee Weathersfield Township 8 years; Prosecuting Attorney, City of Warren; 25 years law practice; Worked in local mills while in college

Question/Answer:

1) IN WHAT WAYS WOULD YOU CHANGE OUR ELECTION SYSTEM IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR CRISES THAT IMPAIR THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

I would establish a safe and efficient vote by mail program. Ballot applications would be mailed to all registered voters and postage would be paid for bother application and ballots. In addition, I support the use of secure drop boxes.

2) WHERE DO YOU STAND ON GUN SAFETY MEASURES?

I am an outdoorsman and strong supporter of the Second Amendment. However, I do support a red flag law that would remove guns from those suffering from mental illness who are a threat to themselves or others. Due process must be given to those having any weapon seized.

MIKE LOYCHIK (R)

Cortland, Ohio 44410

Biographical Information:

Education: Associate of Technology, Aviation Maintenance Technology, CCAF; Bachelor of Science, Environmental Management, CSU; Masters of Science, Occupational Safety and Health, CSU (continuing)

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Qualifications for Office: 8 years military leadership and management experience, work ethic and integrity; successful small business owner; college graduate

Question/Answer:

1) IN WHAT WAYS WOULD YOU CHANGE OUR ELECTION SYSTEM IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR CRISES THAT IMPAIR THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

Policing place modification for safety; Expand early voting; Increase funding to allow the resources to be available for polling place modification.

2) WHERE DO YOU STAND ON GUN SAFETY MEASURES?

Gun safety is vital to protect the individuals using them and the people around them. I agree with gun safety courses. I'm 100% pro 2nd Amendment and will never allow our 2nd Amendment to be infringed upon.

State Representative, Ohio 64th District

1 to be elected; 2-year term commencing 1/1/2021

MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN (D)

Warren, Ohio 44483

(Did not respond by publication deadline)

MARTHA YODER (R)

W. Farmington, Ohio 44491

Biographical Information:

Education: Berkshire High School, Lakeland Community College, Liberty University

Training and Experience: Owner and Director of Social Service Agency for more than 25 years. Served as Township Trustee for 4 years. Currently serving on Trumbull County Transit Board. Ohio Township Leadership Academy, Jo Ann Davidson Leadership Institute, Fire Academy Public Officials Program

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Questions/Answers:

1) In what ways would you change our election system in order to be prepared for crises that impair the right to vote?

I agree with House Bill 680 that was passed by the Ohio House in June. The authority to change election dates, etc. should be shared between the legislature and the executive branch.

2) Where do you stand on gun safety measures?

"The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

3) How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system?

I agree with the proposal from 2016 by the Representative now Senator Andrew Brenner that the individual levies and bond issues by local school districts be eliminated and the statewide property tax with equal funding given to each district.

4) What will you do to combat gerrymandering and ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?

In 2015 and 2018, voters approved constitutional amendments for legislative and congressional redistricting respectively. The purpose of these amendments is to combat gerrymandering. Any participation i would have as a legislator would be accordance with these amendments, and I would advocate for following the constitution.

5) Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you would address climate change.

The efforts currently in place for OEPA and Federal EPA are more than sufficient. I do not believe in manmade climate change.

6) Where do you stand on women's reproductive rights and health?

I stand for the rights of the unborn. Abortion is not health care.

7) Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to restrain or check local government?

When the local government is acting in violation of US or Ohio Constitution.

8) How would you work to implement uniform internet access throughout your district for those who work and learn at home?

The pandemic shelter in place orders brought this issue to the forefront. There is pending legislation in the legislature to begin to address residential broadband access to those who still don't have that. I support this legislation and if it is not successful in this session, I would advocate for it to be introduced again. I would advocate for a task force or working group to include stakeholders like the Township Association, the County Commissioners Association, the Farm Bureau, Ohio Library Council, boards of education, and NFIB as well as broadband providers and others with expertise in this field. I would like to see Ohio look at opening up state owned property for broadband installation. There is also the idea of leapfrogging technology-we see this in developing countries where they have skipped landlines and gone straight to mobile phone technology. Bringing experts and stakeholders to the table will help us find the best solutions to this problem.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/2/2021

MAURO CANTALAMESSA (D)

Warren, Ohio 44484

Biographical Information:

Education: Bachelor of Arts, John Carroll University; Secondary Education Teaching Certificate, Youngstown State University

Occupation: Small Business Owner/Operator, Enzo’s Restaurant and Banquet

Qualifications for Office: My background as a former educator and current small business owner has allowed me a unique perspective in dealing with county budgeting, appropriating, taxing and purchasing.

Question/Answer:

1) WHY DO YOU WANT TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONER?

As a lifelong resident of Trumbull County, I have a vested interest in the future of our community. As a small business owner and a father to a six-year old boy that interest has only grown stronger and more personal. Ever since graduating college my goal has been to serve others. That is evident in the time I was a public-school teacher, to the civic organizations I have belonged (i.e. Rotary Club, Meals on Wheels, AHEPA, Knights of Columbus), and as a current Trumbull County office holder. I believe that each of us has a moral and social responsibility to give back and make this community the best that it can possibly be. I am running again for Trumbull County Commissioner to utilize my unique skillset that is the culmination of my experiences.

2) IF ELECTED, OR RE-ELECTED, WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS FOR THE COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS?

My personal goals if re-elected are simple. 1) I will continue to lead the county with fiscal conservancy and fiscal responsibility as a top priority. Trumbull County has been able to operate and maintain service through some lean economic times. We have streamlined services and adjusted employer cash dividends. Under my watch we have held the line on the sales tax and Trumbull County remains at the bottom fourth of all 88 counties when it comes to sales tax rate. Put simply, this equates to more money in the pockets for residents and families. 2) We will continue to operate transparently and openly. Trumbull County was one of the first to sign up for Ohiocheckbook.com which tracks government spending. I will personally continue to make sure that proper bidding procedures are adhered to and contracts are awarded solely based on fairness and merit.

3) WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE GREATEST CHALLENGE AS COMMISSIONER AND, IF ELECTED, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ADDRESS IT?

The greatest challenge we have as public servants is two-fold. First, we need to be more engaged and active as listeners. Two often elected officials get caught up prescribing remedies to problems they do not necessarily live with or they don’t take enough time to understand. I believe that engaging in dialogue and listening to the challenges of individuals and communities how we will move our county forward. Becoming a more active and engaged listener involves ensuring everyone has a seat at the table. In my time as commissioner our board has made a concerted effort to include more females and minorities in both job placement and board appointments. Second, we must be mindful of the differences in our county and negotiate those differences fair and equitably. Trumbull County is extremely diverse.

DENNY MALLOY (R)

Cortland, Ohio 44410

Biographical Information:

Education: 1988 Cardinal Mooney HS; 1993 West Virginia University – BS – Natural Resources

Occupation: Regional Director – Whitetails Unlimited-20 years; Radio Host-13 years

Qualifications for Office: 30 years of public service and community involvement on radio and TV; Organizational leadership experience

Question/Answer:

1) WHY DO YOU WANT TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONER?

I want to hold the office of Commissioner to bring a voice to the townships outside of Warren and Niles who have been overlooked for many years. The Board needs a person who has lived in and understands the needs of those who reside North of Rt. 82. I bring a fresh view and experience

with our rural residents combined with my upbringing in the city. We need to manage the County as a whole- for all citizens. Trumbull is one of the most diverse blends of people and environments anywhere in Ohio. For too many years, Mosquito Lake, the rural townships and belt outside of the metro area has been neglected and the County as a whole needs to work toward common goals.

2) IF ELECTED, OR RE-ELECTED, WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS FOR THE COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS?

My first order would be to form diverse councils of regional representatives to meet monthly with the Board of Commissioners, made up of their own citizens to bring the issues pertinent to their locals to the attention of County government. I would lead together to make Trumbull a whole body working in unison to attract visitors and business to our unique County. I also plan to focus on infrastructure, county employee morale and pride in our community.

3) WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE GREATEST CHALLENGE AS COMMISSIONER AND, IF ELECTED, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ADDRESS IT?

The greatest challenge we have today is trust in our elected officials. Township trustees, councils and other legislative bodies have lost trust in our 3 commissioners. The infighting, bickering and lack of working together has bled onto employee morale, and hindered progress and basic services. Our county workers need to see that they are appreciated, listen to and have trust their management and leaders. This starts at the top, and frankly- our dedicated workforce is not happy. I will establish myself as a leader they will want to follow. As morale builds up- the production will increase, and our County will flourish again together.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/3/2021

DANIEL E. POLIVKA (D)

(Did not respond by publication deadline)

NIKI FRENCHKO (R)

Warren, Ohio 44483

Biographical Information:

Education: Masters of Public Administration, KSU; Bachelors of Social Work, YSU, Appraisal Institute & Hondros College Real Estate programs, Warren G. Harding

Occupation: Small Business owner & Real estate agent, consultant & investor

Qualifications for Office: US Army Veteran, Experience in Grants & Community Development, Planning. Knows how to run government properly from learning outside Trumbull County. Eliminated corruption on the Senior Services Advisory Council.

Question/Answer:

1) WHY DO YOU WANT TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONER?

I have witnessed endemic corruption firsthand by my opponent and his cohorts while serving on the Sr. Levy Council. I cannot stand by and watch, as we have, for 37 years, a career politician self-serve, and help only friends and family. I NEED to hold this office to restore integrity, take back the county for the citizens, and put PEOPLE over politics. I possess the experience, education, and professional integrity necessary to represent the needs of ALL Trumbull County residents, urban, suburban & rural. County voters, including myself, are craving a leader with the intellectual capacity to problem solve, and the backbone to stand up for us. I fit that description, and I want this job—to work for YOU.

2) IF ELECTED, WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS FOR THE COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS?

Improve the culture of county government. We have a friends & family hiring plan, lifetime managerial positions & board appointments for those who follow political agendas. There is no consequence for departmental overspending, hostile work environments, costing us lawsuits, and no managerial evaluations. Job qualifications have been reduced to allow hiring of cronies. I will implement a rubric, to ensure fair hiring based on ranking applicants on their qualifications and education. I will implement an anti-nepotism policy, a citizen oversight panel to ensure public oversight, and employees will be hired based on what they know, not who they know— 100% of the time. Board & council members will reapply annually, proving their contributions & attendance. Department heads will be evaluated, including subordinate feedback.

3) WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE GREATEST CHALLENGE AS COMMISSIONER AND, IF ELECTED, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ADDRESS IT?

Improving the reputation of Trumbull County in our region and nation to create and retain industry, jobs & our population. It's critically important. We are regarded as "trouble" county from previous regimes which practiced "good ole boy." "pay to play" government; it has caused us to fall behind state and national averages of job creation and retention. I will increase transparency, professionalism and accountability; we will be regarded as more respectable to attract industry, jobs, work and raise families. I will ensure county business is conducted lawfully, in full compliance with all laws. I will market our county to site selection firms, and we will award contracts based on qualifications rather than to those who gain financially from relationships with officials.

CLERK OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/2/2021

KAREN INFANTE ALLEN (D)
(unopposed)

CORONER

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/2/2021

LAWRENCE M. D'AMICO (D)
Warren, Ohio 44484

Biographical Information:

Education: Warren John F. Kennedy High School; Walsh University BA; Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine MD; University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Occupation: General/Trauma Surgeon

Qualifications for Office: I have served as deputy Coroner for the past two years. I have over 25 years of serving in general and trauma surgery. Together my background in healthcare and deputy Coroner experience has give me the necessary qualifications to serve as the Trumbull County Coroner.

Question/Answer:

1) WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE DO YOU HAVE THAT QUALIFY YOU TO SERVE AS THE CORONER?

Working in my role as deputy Coroner, I have been privileged to gain experience and knowledge of how the office operates and functions. I have had the opportunity to work closely with law enforcement to investigate various deaths of both natural and unnatural causes. I have been afforded the great opportunity of partnering with emergency service agencies, the fire and health departments, and funeral directors who issue certificates of deaths. My years of experience serving as a general surgeon has given me the clinical background necessary to fulfill the obligations of the Coroner of Trumbull County. As a trauma surgeon, I also have extensive knowledge of traumatic injuries which is very advantageous when dealing with coroner cases.

2) WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE?

My goals for the Coroner's office are to remain committed to delivering compassionate and quality care to our community. I hope to upgrade our computer software to collect data necessary to meet the state requirements. In addition, I would like to continue the close relationship with law enforcement and emergency services to provide a safe and secure environment for the general public. Suicides and opioid addiction are two troublesome problems related to the coroner's office. I plan to lend our office's support to community programs related to opioid addiction ad suicide prevention.

LARRY WOODS (R)
(Did not respond by publication deadline)

ENGINEER

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/2/2021

RANDY L. SMITH (D)
(unopposed)

COUNTY RECORDER

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/2/2021

TOD LATELL (D)
(unopposed)

SHERIFF

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/2/2021

PAUL S. MONROE (D)
(unopposed)

PROSECUTOR

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/2/2021

DENNIS WATKINS (D)
(unopposed)

COUNTY TREASURER

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 9/4/2021

SAM LAMANCUSA (D)
(unopposed)

NEWTON FALLS COUNCIL – 3RD WARD

1 to be elected; 4 yr. term commencing 1/3/2021

TESA SPLETZER
Newton Falls, Ohio 44444

Biographical Information:

Education: B.S. Kent State; Comprehensive Business Education; M.S. Walden University – Technology/Curriculum

Occupation: Retired High School Teacher

Qualifications for Office: Desert Storm Veteran, 324th Military Police Co. (Sgt. E-5); Diverse background in business; Advocate for children, veterans and victims of domestic violence.

Question/Answer:

1) WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE DO YOU HAVE THAT QUALIFY YOU TO FILL THIS POSITION?

I am a life-long resident of Newton Falls. I have 20 years' experience teaching high school business courses such as Accounting, Intro. To Business and Computers. I was the co-owner of a construction business for 20 years. I am currently working part time at Someplace Safe (the only domestic violence shelter in Trumbull County). During my 6 years of military service I received numerous awards for outstanding performance, most notably an ARCOM (Army Commendation Medal), while deployed in Saudi Arabia for Desert Storm.

LYLE A. WADDELL
Newton Falls, Ohio 44444

Biographical Information:

Education: Newton Falls High School – 1973; Lineman, Safety and Management Training classes

Occupation: Retired from Ohio Edison after 43 years as Supervisor, Regional Operations

Qualifications for Office: Councilman-1 year; Mayor-10 years; Vice President of Ohio Municipal League-13 years; Chairman, Newton Falls Planning & Zoning Commission; President, Commerce Association; Fourth of July Committee

Question/Answer:

1) WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE DO YOU HAVE THAT QUALIFY YOU TO FILL THIS POSITION?

In addition to the above, I am a subject matter expert for our Municipal Electric System, owner of my own electrical contracting company. I hold 15 National Incident Management System (NIMS) certificates for Disaster Management, Executive Board Member of Trumbull County Emergency Management Agency, as an operations supervisor. I have had to make many high-level decisions for power restoration ad employee safety during national disasters.

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP

(Bazetta Twp B, C, D, F, G)
Renewal, Provide and maintain police protection, 0.6 mill, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP

(Bazetta Twp B, C, D, F, G)
Renewal, Provide and maintain police protection, 1.8 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP

(Bazetta Twp B, C, D, F, G)
Renewal, General construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges, 0.6 mill, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

(Bloomfield Twp)
Replacement, Provide and maintain fire & EMS protection, 1.3 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

BRISTOL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Bristol Twp A, C, Farmington Twp. W. Farmington Village)
Renewal, Permanent Improvements, 2.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

(Bristol Twp A, C)
Renewal, Current Expenses, 1.1 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

(Bristol Twp A, C)
Renewal, General construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges, 1.1 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

CHAMPION TOWNSHIP

(Champion Twp A, B, C, E, F, G & K)
Renewal, Provide and maintain police protection. 1.1 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

CHAMPION TOWNSHIP

(Champion Twp A, B, C, E, F, G & K)
Renewal, General construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, road and bridges, 1.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

CORTLAND CITY

(Cortland City A, C, D, F, G, H)
Additional, Provide and maintain fire protection, 1.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021

CORTLAND CITY

(Cortland City A, C, D, F, G, H)
Renewal, Operating expenses, 1.9 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

CORTLAND CITY

(Cortland City A, C, D, F, G, H)
Additional, Provide and maintain police protection, 1.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021

CORTLAND CITY

(Cortland City A, C, D, F, G, H)
ISSUE: Proposed Charter Amendments (2)
PURPOSE: 1) Organization of the Planning, Zoning and Building Commission
2) Municipal Elections

GIRARD CITY

(Girard City 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3D, 4A, 4C)
Renewal, providing funds for the collection and disposal of garbage or refuse, 1.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP

(Hartford Twp A, B Excludes Orangeville Village)
Renewal, Provide and maintain fire protection, 2 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

HOWLAND TOWNSHIP

(Howland Twp A, B, E, H, J, L, N, R, S, U, V, W, X, Y)
Renewal, General construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges, 1.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

HUBBARD TOWNSHIP

(Hubbard Twp A, B, D, F)
Renewal, General construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges, 1 mill, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

LIBERTY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Liberty A-N, Excludes part of L, Includes part Girard City 1A, 2A & 4C)
Renewal, Providing for the emergency requirements of the School District in the sum of \$740,680, 3.25 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

LIBERTY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Liberty A-N, Excludes part of L, Includes part Girard City 1A, 2A & 4C)
Additional, Permanent Improvements, 2.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021

MCDONALD VILLAGE

(McDonald Village A, B, C)
Renewal, Current expenses, 1.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021

MECCA TOWNSHIP

(Mecca Twp A, B)
Renewal, Provide and maintain fire & EMS protection, 1.5 mills, Majority Affirmative, 4 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021

NEWTON FALLS JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

(Newton Village 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, Newton Twp A, B, D)
Renewal, Provide and maintain fire protection, 1 mill, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021

★ ★ ★ **QUESTIONS AND ISSUES - Continued** ★ ★ ★

TRUMBULL COUNTY

(All Trumbull County)
 Renewal, Support of children services and the care and placement of children, 2 mills, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

VIENNA TOWNSHIP

(Vienna Twp A, B, C)
 Renewal, Provide and maintain fire and EMS protection, 1 mill, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

VIENNA TOWNSHIP

(Vienna Twp A, B, C)
 Renewal, Provide and maintain police protection, 1 mill, Majority Affirmative, 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022

WARREN CITY

(All Warren City)
ISSUE: Proposed Income Tax Renewal
PURPOSE: Shall the ordinance providing for a renewal of the additional 0.5 per cent levy on income for the purpose of the staffing and operation of the Police and Fire Departments and Road Maintenance Program of the City of Warren, to be effective on and after January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026, be passed?

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **LOCAL OPTIONS** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Local Liquor Option for Particular Location, Warren City Pct 1G, Margarita King, On/off premise sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor on Sunday

Local Liquor Option for Particular Location, Liberty Township Pct E, Liberty Quick Shop, Off premise of wine and mixed beverages on Sunday

Local Liquor Option for Particular Location, Warren City Pct 3G, Pitt Boss BBQ and Gamers Lounge, On/off premise sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor on Sunday

Local Liquor Option for Particular Location, Vienna Township Pct C, Vienna Ale House/Brothers Pizza, On/off premises sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor on Sunday

Local Liquor Option for Particular Location, Brookfield Township Pct B, Standard Market, Off premise sale of wine and mixed beverages on Sunday



Am I old enough to be a poll worker?

In Ohio, 17-year-old seniors in high school can serve as poll workers, even though they cannot vote. This is called the "Youth at the Booth" program. If you are not yet 17 years old, you can still help defend democracy and possibly earn school credit. Please contact the Trumbull County Board of Elections (330-369-4050) for unpaid volunteer opportunities such as line management, cleaning voting machines, or assisting election officials.

Voter Questions:

What Congressional District am I in? What State Representative District am I in? Where do I find out what Precinct I am in? Where is the Trumbull County Board of Elections located? When can I vote? What should I bring with me to vote?

If your Precinct is:

Bazetta Twp.	Lordstown Village
Brookfield Twp.	McDonald Village
Cortland City	Newton Falls Village
Girard City	Newton Twp.
Hartford Twp. (portion of A)	Niles City
Hubbard City	Vienna Twp.
Hubbard Twp.	Weathersfield Twp.
Liberty Twp.	

You are in Congressional District 13 and State Representative District 63

If your Precinct is:

Fowler Twp.
Hartford Twp. (Portion of A-Orangeville)
Vernon Twp.

You are in Congressional District 14 and State Representative District 63

If your Precinct is:

Braceville Twp.	Southington Twp.
Champion Twp.	Warren Twp.
Howland Twp.	Warren City

You are in Congressional District 13 and State Representative District 64

If your Precinct is:

Bloomfield Twp.	Johnston Twp.
Bristol Twp.	Kinsman Twp.
Farmington Twp.	Mecca Twp.
Greene Twp.	Mesopotamia Twp.
Gustavus Twp.	W. Farmington Village

You are in Congressional District 14 and State Representative District 64

NOTE: All Trumbull County Residents are in the 32nd Senate District, 11th District Court of Appeals and 7th District State Board of Education.

What do I need to bring with me to the polls?

Identification Requirements (R.C. 3503.28(A)(1)(6))

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification that shows the voter's name and current address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than this reminder or a voter registration notification, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's social security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.



On Election Day

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

**POLLS OPEN FROM
6:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.**



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All voters must be registered to vote by October 5, 2020 by 9:00 p.m. to vote in the November 3, 2020 General Election. There are 158 precincts in Trumbull County. If you are uncertain as to which precinct you vote in, please go to the Trumbull County Board of Elections website at <https://boe.co.trumbull.oh.gov> or <https://www.vote411.org/> sponsored by the League of Women Voters or to the Secretary of State at <https://www.ohiosos.gov>

Voters may cast an absentee ballot in person at the Trumbull County Board of Elections Office: 2947 Youngstown Rd SE, Warren, Ohio. Regular Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 pm.

*The Board of Elections will observe the following additional hours for in office absentee voting:

8 am to 5 pm – Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – Friday, October 9, 2020
8 am to 5 pm – Monday, October 12, 2020 – Friday, October 16, 2020
8 am to 6 pm – Monday, October 19, 2020 – Friday, October 23, 2020
8 am to 4 pm – Saturday, October 24, 2020
1 pm to 5 pm – Sunday, October 25, 2020
8 am to 7 pm – Monday, October 26, 2020 - Friday, October 30, 2020
8 am to 4 pm – Saturday, October 31, 2020
1 pm to 5 pm – Sunday, November 1, 2020
8 am to 2 pm – Monday, November 2, 2020

The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot to be mailed is 12:00 noon Saturday, October 31, 2020.

In the case of medical emergencies, the absentee ballot request deadline is 3:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020. All voted ballots must be received in the Board of Elections office by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020 to be counted.

***For a registered voter to receive an absentee ballot, you must provide:**

- Your birth date **and** one of the following:
- Your Ohio driver's license number, **or**
- The last four digits of your social security number, **or**
- Copy of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document (other than a voter registration notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address.

