

League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area

VOTER GUIDE

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**General Election
November 3, 2026**

**Polls Open:
6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.**

This publication is issued by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area, a national nonpartisan organization, to provide a forum to all political candidates within the jurisdiction of our organization that includes the City of Tiffin, Clinton, Hopewell, and Eden Townships, and Tiffin City, Hopewell-Loudon, and Mohawk School Districts.

***Celebrating 106 years of the
League of Women Voters and
56 years of the Tiffin Area League***

Information about candidates was assembled in the following manner: Candidates were asked to provide their biographical information and their answers to the League questions. Candidates are solely responsible for the contents of their reply.

The League does not alter, edit, or correct the candidates' responses to the question(s) asked.

This Voter Guide was prepared for the 2026 General Election. Candidates for national office were contacted by the League of Women Voters of the US, and candidates for state offices were contacted by the League of Women Voters of Ohio. All candidates who filed for Seneca County and local offices with the Board of Elections were contacted by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area and asked to submit biographical information and to answer questions approved by the League Board of Directors. Those who did not respond are listed with the statement — “the candidate has not yet responded.” Candidate responses were not edited for content, spelling, or grammar, and were copied exactly as received. There are several ballot issues for this election.



Early Voting Hours November 3, 2026

General Election Information

Dates	Times
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 – Friday, October 9, 2026	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, October 12, 2026 – Friday, October 16, 2026	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, October 19, 2026 – Friday, October 23, 2026	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, October 24, 2026	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday, October 26, 2026	7:30 am to 7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	7:30 am to 8:30 pm
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – Friday, October 30, 2026	7:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 31, 2026	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 1, 2026	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

In Person Early Voting Hours

2026 General/Special Election | November 3, 2026

Military and Overseas Absentee Voting: Begins September 18

Deadline to Register to Vote: October 5 (boards of elections and the Ohio Secretary of State's office are open until 9 p.m.)

Early In-Person Voting: Begins October 6 and includes the two Saturdays and the Sunday before Election Day.

Absentee Voting By Mail: Begins October 6

Election Day: November 3 (polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by your board of elections by 7:30PM.

Important Dates:

September 18: Military and Overseas Absentee Voting begins

October 5: Deadline to Register to Vote. Boards of elections and the Ohio Secretary of State's office are open until 9 p.m.

October 6: Absentee Voting by Mail begins

October 6: Early In-Person Voting begins

October 27: Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.

November 3: General/Special Election Day: Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

November 3: Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by your board of elections by 7:30PM.

November 7: UOCAVA (The Uniformed And Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) absentee ballots must be received (by mail) by boards of elections by this date to be counted.

Absentee Ballots must be received to the Board of Elections office by 7:30pm on Election Day

To vote, voters must show a valid form of photo identification (ID) that has the voter's name and photograph, and the identification must not be expired.

Acceptable Forms of Identification

Acceptable forms of photo ID under Ohio law are:

- Ohio driver license, State of Ohio ID card, or interim ID form issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).
- A United States (U.S.) passport or U.S. passport card.
- A U.S. military ID card, U.S. military dependent ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID card.

Unacceptable Types of Identification

Ohio law prohibits acceptance of the following as forms of ID:

- Utility bill;
- Bank statement;
- Government check;
- Paycheck;
- Other government document (other than acceptable forms listed above), such as a Social Security card or birth certificate;
- Driver license or photo identification card issued by a state other than Ohio;
- Ohio NON RENEWABLE/NON TRANSFERABLE ID;
- Driver license or photo identification that contains a "NONCITIZEN" identifier may be used only in conjunction with additional proof of citizenship.
- Ohio Mobile ID;
- Insurance card; or
- Any registration acknowledgment notice from the county board of elections.

Proof of Citizenship

"Proof of citizenship" means verifying that a voter is a U.S. citizen.

Acceptable forms of proof include:

- A current Ohio driver license or state ID that doesn't indicate noncitizen status.
- Birth certificate, report of birth certification, or consular report of birth abroad.
- A current U.S. passport, passport card, or copies of their identification pages.
- Certificate of naturalization or citizenship, or a copy thereof.
- I-797 Notice of Action for Form N-565, showing an approved application to replace a naturalization document.

Other Identification Considerations

Change of Name

If the voter changed their name and:

- provides proof of the legal name change and
- completes and signs Form 10-L and
- is registered within the precinct, the voter's name as it appears on the photo ID may or may not be the voter's reported change of name.

They are eligible for a regular ballot.

If the voter does not have proof of the legal name change, they must vote a provisional ballot.

No Photo Identification

If a voter is unable to provide photo identification, they must be provided with a provisional ballot. In order for the provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted, the voter must present one of the acceptable forms of identification to the board office within four days after Election Day.

Religious Objection

If a voter does not have a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed, give the voter an Affidavit of Religious Objection (Form 12-O). This may occur either when the voter casts the provisional ballot or at the office of the board by the fourth day after Election Day. PEOs must attach the affidavit to the provisional ballot affirmation.

Voting when you have a disability: what provisions does Ohio law provide? *(from LWVOH.org)*

Participating in elections is the right of every eligible Ohioan. All Ohio voters should be able to make their voices heard privately, independently, and with confidence through online voter registration, accessible in-person voting, or absentee voting. Keep reading for some of the ways elections in Ohio are accessible to voters with disabilities.

Support Returning Absentee Ballot

Voters with a disability can deliver their absentee ballot themselves by mailing it or dropping it into the drop box at their county Board of Elections.

Alternatively, a voter with a disability may choose any person who is not their employer or officer in their union to deliver their ballot to their county Board of Elections. Ballots, whether they are mailed or dropped off, must be received by the voter's county Board of Elections by the close of polls on Election Day. The person delivering the ballot for a family member or disabled voter must complete an attestation form ([Form 12-P](#)) at their county Board of Elections.

- To find contact information for your county Board of Elections, go [here](#).

Curbside Voting

Voters with a disability who are physically unable to enter an early voting location during the early vote period or a polling location on Election Day can vote curbside. With curbside voting, two poll workers (one Republican and one Democratic) administer the ballot to you from your vehicle.

To vote curbside, call your Board of Elections to make prior arrangements. You may also send someone inside the polling location to inform poll workers of your desire to vote curbside.

- To find contact information for your county Board of Elections, go [here](#).

Voters who are confined with a physical disability, illness, or infirmity

If you are a voter with a disability, or are confined to your home, a nursing home, jail, or workhouse and cannot vote at your polling location on Election Day or in person at your county Board of Election office due to personal illness, physical disability, infirmity, or confinement, you may vote by an absentee ballot.

- Complete Form 11-F: Application for Absent Voter's Ballot by Confined Voter or a Voter With a Personal Illness, Physical Disability, or Infirmity
- Form [here](#).

Accessible Absentee Voting

Voters with a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) can use a remote ballot marking tool to vote. In this system, a ballot is sent to the voter electronically and the voter can use an accessibility device to mark the ballot on a computer. The completed ballot is then printed and mailed back to the voter's local Board of Elections.

- Complete [Form 11-G](#): Application for Absent Voter's Ballot by a Voter With a Disability & Request to Use Remote Ballot Marking System.
- Form [here](#).

Unforeseeable Hospitalization

If you or your minor child is confined to a hospital due to an unforeseen medical emergency in the week before Election Day, you can use a Form 11-B to vote from the hospital.

- [Complete Form 11-B: Absentee Ballot Application -- Hospitalization Due to an Accident or Unforeseeable Medical Emergency That Occurred After the Close of Business on the Seventh Day before Election Day and Before 3 p.m. on Election Day](#)
- Form [here](#).

To learn more about options for Ohio voters with disabilities, visit the Ohio Secretary of State site [here](#).

Seneca County (OH) Board of Elections Web site:
<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/seneca/>

***The list of candidates for offices on the
Fall 2026 General Election Ballot begins below***

Information for candidates for State of Ohio candidates was requested by the League of Women Voters of Ohio.

OHIO GOVERNOR

Note: The Governor and Lieutenant Governor run as a single ticket but appear separately here to allow for different questions.

No. to be elected: 1 | Term: 4 years

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

They represent you as the chief executive of the State of Ohio, where they:

Set state policy by approving, vetoing, & giving feedback on proposed laws & overseeing their execution.

Propose & sign the state budget that decides funding for education, health & Medicaid services, state prisons, developmental services, State parks, state agencies, & much more.

Appoint state department officials who lead agencies that carry out laws & create policies impacted by state budget. These departments include Transportation, Insurance, Veteran Services, Rehabilitation & Corrections, Taxation, Commerce, & many more.

Serve on the Ohio Redistricting Commission to redraw Ohio's state & congressional districts.

Manage emergencies such as natural disasters & command the Ohio National Guard.

Vivek Ramaswamy (R) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Amy Acton (D)

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EDUCATION

Northeast Ohio Medical University BS/MD; The Ohio State University MPH

What changes would you make, if any. To voting and elections policy?

Both Republican and Democratic officials attest to the security of Ohio elections; however, I oppose the recent and repeated efforts to cast doubt on the integrity of our elections, which erode public trust in the foundation of our democracy. I reject efforts by some to use unfounded claims of widespread voter fraud as justification for restrictive voting measures that make it harder for eligible Ohioans to participate in the electoral process under current law.

What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?

Ohioans are working harder than ever, but they just can't make ends meet. My ActOn Costs Agenda will lower costs, help Ohioans keep more of their money by cutting taxes, and put money back in people's pockets.

My Working Families Tax Cut includes an Earned Income Credit that will support up to 775,000 working families and a child tax credit of \$1,000 a year for children aged 0-6 and \$500 for children aged 7-18 for families making up to \$85,000 in annual income. As governor, I will expand the Homestead Exemption so more of Ohio's seniors are eligible for property tax relief, introduce a property tax spike rebate, and crack down on predatory collection practices. I will also fully implement the Fair School Funding Plan, which will decrease the local property tax burden.

How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?

As a doctor, I've seen how important it is that Ohioans can both access and afford the care they need – and right now, that simply isn't the case for so many people in our state. As governor, I will fight to lower healthcare costs by protecting against attacks on Medicaid and Medicare, launch an online platform to leverage Ohio's purchasing power on prescription drugs, and forgive medical debt. I will work to lower healthcare premiums through transparency, and crack down on surprise billing and predatory collection practices.

Our energy bills are too high, and as governor, I will fight to lower your bills through an energy strategy that enhances production, incorporates the lowest-cost and cleanest sources of energy, and expands access to cost-saving programs.

What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?

First, I will fully and constitutionally fund our public schools, allowing us to prioritize students, educators, and schools to reduce the pressure on local property taxes.

Second, Ohio's private school voucher program is sending billions of hardworking Ohioans' tax dollars to fund private schools with no accountability. I will tackle the out-of-control private school voucher system and push for desperately needed transparency regarding where those billions are being spent.

Third, I will use those savings to invest in best practices that will bring Ohio's schools into the 21st century, with cutting-edge literacy and math programs that help kids prepare for the workforce. I will invest in new approaches to math and literacy programs to make sure they're tied to real-world demands.

How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

Everywhere I go, Ohioans share their stories and exhaustion at the chaos, hate, and vitriol in our politics. People are longing for public servants who solve problems instead of creating them – leaders who address the issues that all of us want to be solved: costs, affordable childcare, lowering property taxes, providing dignity while aging in place, safety, and good-paying jobs that provide a high quality of life. I am not a politician; I am a doctor and a public servant who has worked with both Republicans and Democrats. Ohio needs a leader who will bring people to the table and work through the hard issues. As governor, I am committed to having leadership in my cabinet from both parties because my top priority is solving problems and delivering real results for Ohioans.

How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?

Ohioans have spoken loud and clear that they want to end gerrymandering in Ohio. They've figured out that gerrymandering is a key reason Ohio has been going in the wrong direction for so long, and why extremists and special interests run Ohio. And they're right. Despite the voters' mandate and the clear requirements of Ohio's constitution, politicians in Columbus have abused the process, broken the law, and defied multiple court rulings to continue to gerrymander Ohio's districts. As governor, I will have a seat at the table in the 2030-31 map-drawing process. In that role, I will fight for fair and constitutional districts that put the people back in charge of their

government. I will oppose any rigged map, and I will veto any bill that tries to gerrymander Ohio once again.

Donald C Kissick (Libertarian)

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Military Background

What changes would you make, if any. To voting and elections policy?

Especially when it comes to the Save America Act; we're finding that it's incredibly problematic because it's targeting people who are typically democratic voters so the overreach from an act like that is something we speak ardently against.

Overall though, we've found that the current system has disenfranchised challenger parties like ours because it favors simplistic duopolistic voting. Rank Choice or STAR Voting, something more like a survey model where I can say- my first choice is X, my second choice is Y, and my third choice is Z is much more favorable to challenger parties because it sees more of the grey complexity that is how people view and think,

Given the fact that 49% of Ohio identify themselves as politically homeless- it makes alot of sense to change the way we're voting

What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?

As it pertains to abolishing property tax- we are in favor of it but you first have to address a few key strings:

1. Investors in residential real estate
2. How we're addressing education

It's a case of a balance sheet- inflows, we can replace our property tax revenue with local consumption based taxes especially on luxury goods and you can also look at the sin taxes like marijuana, cigarettes, gambling (especially the lottery), and alcohol.

In the case of outflows- we have a lot of money going to corporate subsidies, international donations, and the school system- in particular with

the school system if you remove teaching towards the test and compliance based programs you can significantly reduce the budget because those systems are costly to manage.

It's about balancing the budget

How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?

This is a tough one because rising costs are being caused by a number of things outside of our control- the war and tariffs which both will cause supply chain issues. We've talked a lot about deregulation for the small business because the amount of taxes and regulations impacting the small business owner has essentially been constricting them out of business.

On top of that if we can create a more collaborative environment for resources in the given locales like opener and more collaborative coalitions for mental health nonprofits, housing, small business incubators- you can drive jobs back to the smaller communities which will in theory drive more business back to the mom and pop shops- especially if you eliminate the subsidies that have gone to mainly large scale corporations

What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?

As mentioned, we'd focus on ending compliance based testing programs which are costly to manage and create additional bureaucracy in administrators.

Similar to business, where my boss trusts me to do the work- and in theory my boss is supposed to be either more educated, more certified, or more experience than me- we should move towards a model where because this teacher has indicated they have a mastery over math or a mastery over English, I should trust them that they're teaching their students mastery. We can use testing for diagnostic purposes, you could also have more portfolio based modeling for students; but at the end of the day, if that teacher is a master of the topic and the department head or admin over them has said they're doing an adequate job- who am I to say otherwise?

How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

The first step in loving thy neighbor is to step outside to meet them. We've become so engrained in our own echo chambers that if you're left or right, that's your sole identity. I want to have people recognize that we're all people and the bulk of us are wanting what's best for the community we're

just disagreeing about how to do that. The way to break echo chambers is to be curious, not judgmental. Ask questions first, clarify why someone believes something, and be open to dialogue. We win when we win together.

We've already started doing this- we've hosted townhall events across the state where we've invited democrats, republicans, libertarians, and independents to just talk about the issues and how to solve them. And we do it in a way where we're trying to listen more than we talk.

How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?

I will make this clear- what's gone on in Ohio with the constant redrawing of legislative district lines has shown just how toxic our institution is. It wasn't perfect but something like what was proposed in 2024 with issue 1 where you have a nonpartisan committee that takes into account all recognized parties in the state is something I'd love to come back up on the ballot. Candidly it was short sighted when the GOP shot it down because they don't recognize that when the Dems come into power, the power struggle to remove them will be just the same as the power struggle the Dems are facing in unhousing the GOP.

Make it equitable (which issue 1 was attempting to do) and give the people the chance to actually vote for what they want. Make politicians stand on their own merit.

Timothy Grady (Write-in) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Heather Hill (Write-in) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Renea Turner (Write-in) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Ron Ula (Write-in) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

OHIO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Note: The Governor and Lieutenant Governor run as a single ticket but appear separately here to allow for different questions.

Number to be elected: 1 | Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Succeeds governor in the event of death, conviction by impeachment, or disability of the governor.

They represent you as the deputy chief executive of the State of Ohio, where they:

Succeed the Governor in the event of death, conviction by impeachment, or disability of the governor.

Serve as a member of the governor's cabinet & oversees meetings in the governor's absence.

Can be appointed as the leader of an administrative department.

Serve as the governor's representative on any board, agency, committee, or commission on which the governor is a member.

Has appointment authority to any nonelective body in the executive department or other area the governor considers in the interest of the state.

David Pepper (D) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Robert A. McColley (R) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

James Mills (Libertarian)

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EDUCATION

MBA from Xavier, Econ and political science degree from UC

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

10 years in finance with various professional designations like retirement planning counselor, and securities and insurance evaluations

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Run a clothing drive where we distribute coats to the homeless

What are the most important functions of the lieutenant governor, and why?

The ability to preside over the state senate. One of the most prominent facets of LT. Governor is to help implement the legislative agenda so when Don and I talk about bolstering an environment to overturn citizens united and get rid of money in politics, to focus on deregulating the small business owner, or even some of the influences we've seen with local law enforcement working with ICE- as a Lt. Governor having the ability to influence legislative agenda, these are all things I can imbue the state senate to start working on.

What are the top two policy priorities for the next four years?

First rebuild Ohio's economic engine by expanding access for small businesses and workers: cutting barriers, opening up capital and contracts, and creating real pathways to growth. Second, restore trust in government through transparency and accountability- making sure every dollar is trackable, every decision is open, and the system works for people, not insiders."

Are you interested in leading a state agency? Which agency, and why?

I'd take an active role in strengthening ethics oversight and transparency across state agencies, while leading workforce and economic development efforts that actually connect Ohioans to real opportunity. That means cleaner government, open access to contracts, and building pathways for workers and small businesses to grow.

How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

The first step in loving thy neighbor is to step outside to meet them. We've become so engrained in our own echo chambers that if you're left or right, that's your sole identity. I want to have people recognize that we're all people and the bulk of us are wanting what's best for the community we're just disagreeing about how to do that. The way to break echo chambers is to be curious, not judgmental. Ask questions first, clarify why someone believes something, and be open to dialogue. We win when we win together. We've already started doing this- we've hosted townhall events across the state where we've invited democrats, republicans, libertarians, and independents to just talk about the issues and how to solve them. And we do it in a way where we're trying to listen more than we talk.

How will you represent the diverse interests of all Ohioans?

I grew up in a lower-middle-class Ohio family, worked across finance, construction, and nonprofit service, and I'm raising my kids here- so I've lived a lot of the realities Ohioans face. Representing diverse perspectives isn't about checking boxes: it's about building systems where everyone has a voice and a fair shot. I'll stay grounded by being present in communities across the state, listening first, and making sure our policies actually reflect the people they impact- not just the people in the room

Andrea Neutzling (Write-in) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Michael Lehnerd (Write-in) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Patrick Manley (Write-in) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Jalen Turner (Write-in) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

No. to be elected: 1 | Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Represents the state in all legal cases in which the state is a party or has a significant interest.

They represent you as the Chief Legal Officer of the State of Ohio, where they:

Represent Ohio in all court cases where Ohio has a significant interest & provide legal counsel to all elected state officials, state departments, commissions, & the General Assembly. Coordinate with local law enforcement at their request & provides criminal justice support services, & approve summaries for proposed citizen ballot initiatives.

Lead Ohio enforcement authority for Ohio law, including Ohio's laws in consumer protection, antitrust actions, human trafficking, organized crime, & nursing home patient abuse & neglect. Decide which issues & cases to prioritize & pursue.

Keith Faber (R) *Candidate has not responded to LWVOhio*

John J. Kulewicz (D)

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EDUCATION

B.A. History at Ohio State, J.D. at Yale Law School

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Partner at at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, 1987-2024; Associate attorney, 1981-1987

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

I have previously served as board president of the Columbus Zoo, Catholic Social Services, and Federal Bar Association (Columbus); and as a member of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission and Ohio Historical Society Board.

What are the most important functions of the attorney general and why?

The Attorney General is the chief law officer of the State of Ohio. They are responsible for police officer training and certification, consumer protection, anti-trust enforcement, and rooting out corruption in our state and local governments.

What divisions (e. g. consumer protection. environment, civil rights, immigration, elections, etc.) will you prioritize, and why?

Right now, times are tough. I would prioritize the section of the office that handle consumer protection, anti-trust, and anti-corruption efforts to ensure that Ohioans are being given a fair shake in the economy. These are not the most glamorous cases to bring, but they make a real difference for working people all across the state.

When is it appropriate to bring cases on behalf of Ohio to federal court?

It is appropriate only when the rights of Ohio and the rights of The People of Ohio are directly under attack.

How will you represent the diverse interests of all Ohioans?

Everyone is equal under the law. I am campaigning the same way I will govern. That means going everywhere across the state and listening to the needs of The People of Ohio. The Ohio Attorney General is The People's Lawyer, meaning your job is only accountable to The People, not the political whims of the Governor or the General Assembly or anyone else.

What changes would you make, if any, regarding transparency in government?

I have already filed multiple complaints with the Ohio Inspector General looking into the resignation of former Ohio State President Ted Carter and JobsOhio's involvement in that and the lobbying practice of the Chairman of their Board. I have called upon the General Assembly to significantly rollback the privacy shield afforded JobsOhio, as we all have a right to see how our public money is used.

OHIO STATE AUDITOR

Number to be elected: 1 | Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Audits all financial records of public offices in Ohio. Maintains deed records of state.

They represent you as the Chief Accounting Officer of the State of Ohio, where they:

Audit all Ohio public offices, including local governments, public schools, public libraries & state universities, & state government departments, agencies, & commissions.

Serve as watchdog for public fraud by preventing, identifying, & investigating fraud in public agencies.

Serve on the Ohio Redistricting Commission to redraw Ohio's state & congressional districts.

Provide financial services & oversight to local governments, promote transparency in government, & decide where to direct public financial reviews.

Annette Blackwell (D)

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EDUCATION;

Ursuline College, B.A., Public Relations & Corporate Communications; Cleveland State University, Certified Public Manager (OCPM); Indiana Wesleyan University, ASB; St. Joseph High School, Cleveland, High School Diploma

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE;

Mayor of Maple Heights, 2016-present; Deloitte, Senior Property Tax Analyst, 1999-2016; University Hospitals Cleveland, Administrative Coordinator, 1987-1999

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE;

Black Women's Political Action Committee; Cuyahoga County's Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity; Cuyahoga County's Land Reutilization Corporation Board of Directors; Cuyahoga County Mayors & City Managers, Executive Board Member

What are the most important functions of the state auditor and why?

The Auditor's main function is to protect taxpayer dollars against fraud, misuse and corruption. I further believe that the auditor's office should work to support government entities in improving financial practices to not just comply with regulations, but to stretch hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

What are your goals for improving the auditor's office?

As Ohio's Auditor, my top priority is to transform the office from a purely punitive watchdog into a proactive partner for Ohio's communities. Too many local governments, school districts, and small public entities lack access to the financial expertise they need to manage their systems well. My office will close that resource gap. I will expand the Auditor's role as a trusted consultant and coach to provide hands-on technical assistance, training and fiscal guidance so communities can build stronger financial systems before a crisis occurs. That said, accountability is non-negotiable. I will investigate all cases of corruption and fiscal mismanagement and hold bad actors accountable, regardless of political affiliation.

What will you do to ensure that public funds are not misused?

As Mayor of Maple Heights, I inherited a city in fiscal emergency and turned it around. I balanced budgets, restored honest accounting, and earned four consecutive Clean Audit Awards from the very office I'm now

running to lead. As State Auditor, I'll bring that same discipline statewide: proactive audits that catch problems early, transparent public reporting so Ohioans can see exactly how their money is spent, and accountability that applies to all public entities. Every dollar protected is a dollar that stays in our schools, roads, and communities.

What is the auditor's role in investigating non-public schools?

When a private institution accepts public dollars, it must accept all public accountability obligations. While state spending on private school tuition has increased, the oversight has not done so. We need mandatory regular audits of any schools receiving EdChoice and other voucher program dollars. We also must require regular, consistent financial, enrollment and attendance reports from these schools. And, we must hold all schools accountable for not complying with basic reporting requirements.

How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?

As a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, I'll fight for fair representation. Ohioans have made clear, again and again, that they want districts drawn fairly, and I'll hold that line, even when it's politically inconvenient. Fair maps mean real competition, real accountability, and a legislature that actually reflects the people it represents.

Frank LaRose (R)

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EDUCATION

Ohio State University

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Ohio Secretary of State (2018-Present), Ohio Senator (2010-2018)

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member of the U.S. Army in the Ohio National Guard

What are the most important functions of the state auditor and why?

The most important functions of the Auditor of State are ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in government; protecting taxpayers from fraud, waste, and abuse; and giving the public confidence that their tax dollars are being managed responsibly. The office plays a critical role by auditing state and local entities, identifying weaknesses in

financial controls, investigating misuse of public money, and helping public agencies operate more effectively. Those responsibilities matter because taxpayers deserve honest government, and public officials should be held to the highest standards when they are entrusted with public resources. The office also performs performance audits aimed at improving economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in public operations.

What are your goals for improving the auditor's office?

My goal is to strengthen the Auditor's office as an independent watchdog that is focused not only on finding problems, but also on helping government work better. That means continuing to prioritize transparency, efficiency, and accountability; using audits and performance reviews to identify ways agencies and local governments can improve operations; expanding efforts to detect fraud, waste, and abuse early; and making sure audit findings are clear, timely, and useful to the public and to the entities being audited. I also believe the Auditor's office should be a constructive partner to local governments by helping them improve internal controls and deliver the services their constituents depend on, and strengthening trust in government.

What will you do to ensure that public funds are not misused?

I will insist on strong, independent oversight, aggressive investigation of fraud, waste, and abuse, and clear accountability when public funds are misused. That includes supporting thorough financial and compliance audits, strengthening internal controls, encouraging timely reporting of suspicious activity, and using the office's investigative tools to pursue wrongdoing wherever it occurs. Just as importantly, I believe prevention matters: training, transparency, and strong financial practices can stop problems before they become scandals. Taxpayers deserve confidence that every public dollar is being handled responsibly and that anyone who abuses the public trust will be held accountable. I will also support practical safeguards that help deter misuse before it starts across government.

What is the auditor's role in investigating non-public schools?

The Auditor's role is to follow the public money. When non-public schools receive public funds or participate in publicly funded programs, the Auditor has a responsibility to ensure those dollars are used lawfully, properly, and in accordance with applicable requirements. The office's role is not to interfere with the mission or beliefs of a non-public school, but to provide oversight wherever taxpayer funds are involved and to investigate credible

allegations of misuse. That is the same standard that should apply across the board: if public dollars are being spent, the public has a right to expect accountability. The Auditor's core authority is tied to public money and legal compliance, and to ensuring public funds are used for their intended purpose, with transparency and accountability.

How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?

I would approach redistricting with seriousness, transparency, and respect for both the Ohio Constitution and the people of our state. Ohioans may not always agree on the outcome, but they should be able to expect a process that is open, constitutional, and understandable to the public. The goal should be constitutional maps that provide clear representation, preserve communities where possible, and are drawn through a process the public can understand and trust. Because the Auditor serves on the seven-member Ohio Redistricting Commission, that responsibility requires independence, careful attention to legal standards, and a commitment to conducting the process openly and responsibly.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

No. to be elected: 1 | Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Represents the state in all legal cases in which the state is a party or has a significant interest.

They represent you as the Chief Legal Officer of the State of Ohio, where they:

Represent Ohio in all court cases where Ohio has a significant interest & provide legal counsel to all elected state officials, state departments, commissions, & the General Assembly. Coordinate with local law enforcement at their request & provides criminal justice support services, & approve summaries for proposed citizen ballot initiatives.

Lead Ohio enforcement authority for Ohio law, including Ohio's laws in consumer protection, antitrust actions, human trafficking, organized crime, & nursing home patient abuse & neglect. Decide which issues & cases to prioritize & pursue.

Keith Faber (R) *Candidate has not responded to LWVOhio*

John J. Kulewicz (D)**FACEBOOK** www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6158027479**WEBSITE** www.john4ohioag.com**TWITTER/X** [@JohnKulewicz](https://twitter.com/JohnKulewicz)**EDUCATION**

B.A. History at Ohio State, J.D. at Yale Law School

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, 1987-2024; Associate attorney, 1981-1987

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

I have previously served as board president of the Columbus Zoo, Catholic Social Services, and Federal Bar Association (Columbus); and as a member of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission and Ohio Historical Society Board.

What are the most important functions of the attorney general and why?

The Attorney General is the chief law officer of the State of Ohio. They are responsible for police officer training and certification, consumer protection, anti-trust enforcement, and rooting out corruption in our state and local governments.

What divisions (e. g. consumer protection, environment, civil rights, immigration, elections, etc.) will you prioritize, and why?

Right now, times are tough. I would prioritize the section of the office that handle consumer protection, anti-trust, and anti-corruption efforts to ensure that Ohioans are being given a fair shake in the economy. These are not the most glamorous cases to bring, but they make a real difference for working people all across the state.

When is it appropriate to bring cases on behalf of Ohio to federal court?

It is appropriate only when the rights of Ohio and the rights of The People of Ohio are directly under attack.

How will you represent the diverse interests of all Ohioans?

Everyone is equal under the law. I am campaigning the same way I will govern. That means going everywhere across the state and listening to the needs of The People of Ohio. The Ohio Attorney General is The People's

Lawyer, meaning your job is only accountable to The People, not the political whims of the Governor or the General Assembly or anyone else.

What changes would you make, if any, regarding transparency in government?

I have already filed multiple complaints with the Ohio Inspector General looking into the resignation of former Ohio State President Ted Carter and JobsOhio's involvement in that and the lobbying practice of the Chairman of their Board. I have called upon the General Assembly to significantly rollback the privacy shield afforded JobsOhio, as we all have a right to see how our public money is used.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE

Number to be elected: 1 | Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Oversees the election process in each of Ohio's 88 counties. Maintains records of corporations.

They represent you as the Chief Election Officer of Ohio, where they: Oversee Ohio elections to ensure compliance with state & federal laws, appoint & train election officials in all 88 counties.

Chair the Ohio Ballot Board, which writes & approves ballot language for statewide issues.

Serve on the Ohio Redistricting Commission to redraw Ohio's state & congressional districts.

Oversee the Ohio Election Integrity Commission, which investigates possible cases of voter suppression and election fraud.

Serve as state record keeper, provides public access to state government records & registers businesses in Ohio.

Tom Pruse (Libertarian)

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EDUCATION

University of Toledo (attended)

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Owner, Northcoast Print Mail Marketing

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Vice President-Northwest Ohio Polish Cultural Center Advisory Board

What will you do to promote voter participation?

First, eliminate unnecessary barriers to voting. I support same-day registration tied to routine interactions like driver's license renewals, while keeping ballots clear, simple, and auditable.

Second, protect election integrity with common-sense voter ID—the same kind Ohioans already use for banking or travel—while ensuring free state IDs are available for anyone who needs one.

Third, break the two-party stranglehold. I support fair ballot access, open primaries, and voting reforms like ranked-choice or approval voting so voters have real choices.

Finally, increase transparency. Election data should be open, systems secure, and the Secretary of State must act as a neutral referee—not a partisan tool.

More participation happens when voters have access, trust, and real choices.

What changes, if any, would you make to election security?

Election security should focus on transparency, verifiability, and public trust. Ohio already has strong safeguards, but we can improve confidence by expanding risk-limiting audits, ensuring every vote has a verifiable paper trail, and making election data more transparent to the public.

Security measures must protect the integrity of elections without making it harder for eligible voters to participate. That means clear procedures, secure voter ID with free state IDs available to anyone who needs one, and consistent statewide standards for equipment and auditing.

The goal is simple: secure elections that are easy to vote in and hard to cheat in.

What changes, if any, would you promote for the Ohio Ballot Board?

The Ohio Ballot Board should focus on clarity, fairness, and transparency. Ballot language must accurately reflect the proposal without confusing wording or partisan influence. I would push for clearer, plain-language summaries so voters can easily understand what they are voting on.

I also support greater transparency in how ballot language is drafted and

approved, including public input and review. Ohio voters deserve summaries that explain issues honestly—not language designed to persuade or mislead.

What changes, if any, would you make to campaign finance policy?

Ohio's campaign finance system should emphasize transparency and fairness. Voters deserve to know who is funding political campaigns, so I support stronger disclosure requirements and faster reporting of major contributions so the public can see who is trying to influence elections in real time.

At the same time, regulations should not be so complex that they discourage everyday citizens from running for office or participating in the political process. I support simplifying compliance rules for smaller campaigns while ensuring large donors and political action committees remain fully transparent.

How will you represent the diverse interests of all Ohio voters?

The Secretary of State's role is not to represent one party or ideology—it's to serve every voter in Ohio. I will run the office as a neutral referee, ensuring that election laws are applied fairly and consistently no matter who you vote for or where you live.

That means protecting equal access to the ballot, maintaining transparent and secure election systems, and making sure every eligible voter can participate without unnecessary barriers. I will also work with local election officials, community groups, and voters across the state to ensure their voices are heard.

How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?

Ohio voters have made it clear they want fair maps, not partisan gerrymandering. My approach is simple: the goal of redistricting should be to represent voters—not to protect politicians or political parties.

I support transparent map-drawing processes with public input and clear standards that prioritize compact districts, respect for communities, and competitiveness wherever possible. Ohioans should be able to see how maps are drawn and have meaningful opportunities to comment before they are finalized.

Most importantly, the rules must be applied fairly and consistently, regardless of which party benefits. Voters deserve districts where their voices actually matter and where elections are competitive, not predetermined.

Allison Russo (D)

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EDUCATION

Allison Russo holds a doctoral degree in health policy from The George Washington University and a master's degree in public health epidemiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Allison spent more than 20 years working to solve problems in health care — advising federal agencies and health systems on how to improve care for seniors, veterans, military families, and vulnerable communities. She then entered the state legislature in 2019, where she was later elected House Minority Leader. In that time she helped build a coalition to defeat the August 2023 Issue 1 "60% power grab" and then enshrine reproductive rights into Ohio's constitution.

What changes, if any, would you make to election security?

One change I would make is increasing and stabilizing funding for our local Boards of Elections. Currently, funding for county Boards of Elections comes from a mix of state and county resources. As a result, some counties are well funded, while others only have enough resources to do the minimum required to carry out elections with limited staffing. When resources vary significantly by county, it can create gaps that make it harder for some jurisdictions to maintain the highest standards of security and efficiency. My knowledge and experience navigating the state budget process will be important in advocating for adequate funding for our Boards of Elections. Ensuring these offices have the staffing, technology, and training they need will help maintain secure, reliable elections.

What changes, if any, would you promote for the Ohio Ballot Board?

While Section 1 of Article XVI of the Ohio Constitution dictates the composition of the Ohio Ballot Board, the Secretary of State serves as the

Chair of the Ballot Board and can dictate the tone and tenor of the Board's activities. I believe the Ohio Ballot Board should function as an unbiased Board that prescribes and certifies the ballot language for proposed Constitutional amendments, initiatives, and referenda and oversees efforts to inform voters of ballot issues. Personal and partisan perspectives on a specific issue should not dictate the work of the Board. Regarding ballot language specifically, the change I would promote would be to simplify the official ballot language so that it can be easily read and understood by the average voter, is fair, and is as unbiased as possible.

What changes, if any, would you make to campaign finance policy?

The Secretary of State carries out campaign finance laws, but does not have the power to set new policy without legislative action. However, the Secretary of State still has regulatory oversight into this process. Last year, the Ohio Legislature dissolved the Ohio Elections Commission and shifted the investigation for violations of campaign finance laws to the Secretary of State's office. Appeal of decisions goes to the Ohio Elections Integrity Commission, whose chairperson is also appointed by the Secretary of State. The Ohio Secretary of State has enormous discretion to investigate campaigns for any potential campaign finance infractions. Because of this new and relatively unchecked power, it is more important than ever that Ohio elects a Secretary of State who is fair and transparent.

How will you represent the diverse interests of all Ohio voters?

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How will you approach re-drawing legislative district lines?

First, I believe Ohio's redistricting process should NOT include any politician, including the Secretary of State. The current process is fundamentally broken because it relies on politicians to make unbiased

decisions to fairly draw our gerrymandered districts, and it includes no enforcement power for the Ohio Supreme Court when bipartisan agreement cannot be reached. The Ohio Redistricting Commission will not meet to redraw district lines until after our next census in 2031, meaning that the Secretary of State that we elect this year will not sit on that commission unless reelected in 2030. However, I believe the role of the next Secretary of State is to give any future citizen-led ballot initiative that may reform our current redistricting process a fair shot with unbiased language.

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EDUCATION

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Treasurer, City of Findlay (2004-2007); Auditor, City of Findlay (2008-2011); State Representative, 83rd House District (2011-2018); State Treasurer (2019-Present)

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OHIO TREASURER

Number to be elected: 1 | Term: 4 years

Responsibilities: Collect taxes in the county & its subdivisions, disburse expenditures, & invest the county's funds.

They represent you as the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Ohio, where they:

Collect, invest, & protect state funds, including most state taxes & fees.

Track & maintain Ohio's unclaimed property database.

Act as state banker by issuing bonds for voter-authorized infrastructure improvement programs & school facilities construction.

Jay Edwards (R) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

Seth Walsh (D)

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EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Xavier University

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Seth is an accomplished nonprofit leader, securing \$85 million in economic development funding as Executive Director of the College Hill Urban Redevelopment Corporation. First appointed to Cincinnati City Council in December 2022, he has championed millions of dollars in direct economic support to grow Cincinnati's small businesses and neighborhoods. Seth is a member of the Cincinnati Retirement System Board of Trustees. A native of St. Joseph, Michigan, Seth graduated from Xavier University, w

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Seth has served as President of the Friends of Taft Legacy Foundation, and was Chairman of the Cincinnati Elections Commission. He founded the Cincy Soccer League in 2017, and for years was a member of the WCPO-TV Community Advisory Board.

What are the important functions of the state treasurer and why?

The Treasurer of Ohio has two top priorities: securing the state's investments and stewarding our public pension funds. As Treasurer, I will ensure the state's investments, pension funds, and revenue are managed with integrity and are used to strengthen our communities so all Ohioans thrive.

What are your goals for improving the function of the treasurer's office?

The Treasurer of Ohio has two top priorities: securing the state's investments and stewarding our public pension funds. As Treasurer, I will ensure the state's investments, pension funds, and revenue are managed with integrity and are used to strengthen our communities so all Ohioans thrive.

How can the treasurer's office influence state fiscal policy?

If the State of Ohio, and its \$280 billion investment portfolio, were a person, it would be the second-wealthiest person on Earth. That means with the right strategy, we can use Ohio's revenue and investment dollars to drive increased returns and reinvest those dollars back in our communities.

How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finance?

There is no greater or more solemn responsibility to Ohioans than to maintain transparency and accountability in the Office of Treasurer of Ohio. As Treasurer of Ohio, I will ensure the state's investments, pension funds, and revenue are managed with integrity

How will you use your position to improve fiscal literacy among Ohioans?

As Treasurer of Ohio, I will use my ability to convene and maximize the opportunity we have with banks, credit unions and other financial institutions who are providing fiscal literacy in our public schools and to adults throughout Ohio.

JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT FULL TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 2, 2027

Number to be elected: 1 | Term: 6 years

Responsibilities: Interpret and apply Ohio laws, which must be in compliance with the Ohio & United States Constitutions. Justices represent the Ohio Supreme Court as a co-equal branch of government that provides a check & balance on Ohio's legislative & executive branches

They serve you as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, where they:

Interpret Ohio laws by reviewing & ruling on state laws for compliance with Ohio & US Constitutions, impacting constitutional rights, healthcare, housing, criminal sentencing laws, drug policies, energy practices, election laws, corporate regulation, district maps for the Ohio Statehouse & U.S. Congress, & more.

Decide appeals on cases tried in an Ohio lower court involving constitutional questions, death penalty sentences, and other cases of statewide importance.

Oversee lower Ohio Courts & lawyers by setting policy & budgets for lower courts. Establishes & oversees ethical guidelines for Ohio lawyers & judges.

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EDUCATION

Miami University 1975-1978 B.S. Sociology-Gerontology, Cum Laude;
Capital University Law School 1979-1982 J.D. Law (1983), Order of the Curia; University of York, UK, PhD, Sociology (remote study) expected 2027

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, elected 2020; Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, 2014 – 2021; Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, 2000 – 2005; Secretary of State of Ohio, January 2007 – 2011; private law practice, 3/1987 – 12/2000, 9/2005 - 1/2007, 1/2011 - 12/2014.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Past Board Member, Center for Community Solutions, Cleveland (2013 to 2019); Past Board Chair/Member, Legacy Fund of Central Ohio (2012 to 2021); OxFam America, Ambassador (2014-2021); various local and state government boards (1991-2021).

List your judicial experience (courts and years).

Supreme Court of Ohio, Justice (2021-Present); Ohio Appellate Judge - 10th District Court of Appeals (2014-2020), Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Court (2000-2005), founder of Treatment is Essential to Success (TIES) felony drug court in 2004, still in operation; International Governance and Rule of Law Experience to National Center for State Courts for Serbian Ministry of Justice and misdemeanor judges (2012-2013); conducted training onsite for Sri Lanka Bar Association (2015); USAID observer of 3 elections in Egypt, working with judges who supervised elections (2014-2015); remote volunteer for American Bar Association (ABA) for NGOs in Kazakhstan, producing video training for civil society advocacy, and onsite consultant to Benin Human Rights Commission for ABA (2022).

What non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

As Ohio's first woman Secretary of State (2007-2011), I served as the state's chief election officer and supervised the state's 88 bipartisan county boards of elections; promulgated rules and issued directives and instructions for the fair conduct of elections in Ohio. I oversaw a staff of 200 and was personally involved in settling litigation issues on election administration regarding the 2008 Obama election. I received the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, the nation's most prestigious award for elected public servants, for what Caroline Kennedy called, "dauntless commitment to the enfranchisement of every Ohio voter."

Why are you running for this specific court seat?

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's 2016 book, *In My Own Words*, inspired me to understand just how focused she was on improving the lives of women and

on equality, even before she was an attorney, judge or U.S. Supreme Court Justice. She also understood that collegiality among her colleagues was essential to forging a path to accomplish her goals. As the only Democrat on the Ohio Supreme Court, I understand that and have worked to develop relationships that help me to contribute to Ohio law so that rule of law may stay strong and justice for all be more than an idea.

What major challenges do courts face today? How would you address them?

My judicial philosophy is based in fairness, equality and respect. The rule of law exists to provide fairness in human endeavors, which allows individuals to live peaceably among one another with predictability, safety and a springboard for their individual pursuit of happiness. In a democracy bound to the rule of law, it is inherently recognized by members of such a society that there is something greater than themselves in the law to help all people govern their own affairs. When the keepers of the rule of law of that society remember that they work in service to the people, the law works to the good of the people and their freedoms.

What do you perceive as the greatest obstacle to justice, if any?

I believe that we must continue to improve access to justice through legal reform initiatives. That is why I have advocated for the use of technology to improve court efficiency and accessibility.

Commitment to diversity and inclusion within the judiciary also requires vigilance in making sure our courts reflect the diversity in our state.

Finally, I believe that public confidence in the independence of our courts is imperative. Justice requires fairness, access and rule of law in decision making. It is neither red nor blue. It is and should be above the fray of politics.

Colleen O'Donnell (R) – *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT FULL TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2027

Ohio Supreme Court Justices

No. to be elected: 2 | Term: 6 years

Responsibilities: Interpret and apply Ohio laws, which must be in compliance with the Ohio & United States Constitutions. Justices represent the Ohio Supreme Court as a co-equal branch of government that provides a check & balance on Ohio's legislative & executive branches

They serve you as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, where they:

Interpret Ohio laws by reviewing & ruling on state laws for compliance with Ohio & US Constitutions, impacting constitutional rights, healthcare, housing, criminal sentencing laws, drug policies, energy practices, election laws, corporate regulation, district maps for the Ohio Statehouse & U.S. Congress, & more.

Decide appeals on cases tried in an Ohio lower court involving constitutional questions, death penalty sentences, and other cases of statewide importance.

Oversee lower Ohio Courts & lawyers by setting policy & budgets for lower courts. Establishes & oversees ethical guidelines for Ohio lawyers & judges.

Daniel R Hawkins I *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

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EDUCATION

J.D. University of Cincinnati College of Law • CCNY Bachelor's in Computer Science

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Served several times at the Ohio Supreme Court to replace a recused justice by selection of the Ohio Chief Justice • Ohio Court of Appeals Judge since 2016; Decided over 2000 appeal cases across Ohio • Attorney nearly 20 years • Provided legal education and training to attorneys, including prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, and civil litigators • Alum of the FBI Citizens Academy • Procter & Gamble IT Manager

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Creator & program director of the Educating Tomorrow's Leaders student program • U.C. College of Law Dean's Advisory Board • Past Board member Beech Acres Parenting Center • Partnered with law enforcement for years helping crime victims

List your judicial experience (courts and years).

Ohio First District Court of Appeals Judge, 2016–present; decided 2,000+ appeal cases across Ohio. Last year, selected three times in 40 days by the Chief Justice (associated with a different political party) to replace a recused justice on our Ohio Supreme Court, an unprecedented honor. Additionally, previously appointed to the Supreme Court and the Second, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth District Courts of Appeals.

What non-judicial experience qualifies you to be a judge?

My non-judicial experience is shaped by my personal journey & nearly 20 years as an attorney. I grew up in a neighborhood devastated by drugs and crime and was raised by a mother with a seventh-grade education who worked as a factory seamstress. She taught me hard work, perseverance, & integrity. I earned a degree in computer science and worked as an IT manager at Procter & Gamble, developing strong analytical and problem-solving skills. I used my savings to attend law school, then represented individuals, families, and businesses in complex legal matters. My police officer brother was nearly killed by a drunk driver in the line of duty. These experiences showed me how the law affects real people and strengthened my commitment to fair, independent courts, rule of law and safe communities.

Why are you running for this specific court seat?

I am running because Ohio's highest court must be a beacon of integrity, impartiality, & independence, deciding cases based on the Constitution, law, & facts. People are losing faith in our courts because of politics. Our

Ohio Supreme Court will decide cases involving data centers, what energy companies can charge us, & government overreach. I have accepted \$0 from corporate interests: energy, banking, and insurance companies. After nearly a decade and 2,000+ appeals, plus multiple selections by the Chief Justice (she's from a different political party) to sit on the Supreme Court, I have built a record of fair, principled decisions, earning trust across the political spectrum. Ohio ranks 9th in overdose deaths. I will expand Veterans, Mental Health, & Drug Courts to improve public safety.

What major challenges do courts face today? How would you address them?

The greatest challenges facing Ohio courts are restoring public trust in an independent judiciary & maintaining stability in the law. Yet our Ohio Supreme Court has increasingly departed from well-established precedent. In April 2026, its decision in Disciplinary Counsel v. Rudduck departed from federal precedent & allowed judges to endorse politicians, raising concerns about the integrity of our courts. I will never endorse a political candidate because everyone deserves confidence that the courtroom is a place of impartial justice. In July 2026, the Court reversed its own 1987 precedent in State v. King. Changes to settled law should be rare, principled, & carefully explained. I will remain faithful to the rule of law. Trust is earned through integrity, independence, & equal justice.

What do you perceive as the greatest obstacle to justice, if any?

The greatest obstacle to justice is unequal resources: wealth provides advantages that hard-working Americans often lack. This can affect cases from the outset. Public defenders face heavy caseloads with limited support. In civil matters, such as custody and family disputes, many cannot afford attorneys, preventing them from pursuing cases or forcing them to represent themselves at a major disadvantage. Even small fines or fees can lead to escalating barriers. This challenges our ideal of equal treatment under the law. I believe that practical, bipartisan initiatives, such as better funding for legal aid, greater access to information about court proceedings, and streamlined processes, can level the playing field while maintaining public safety and accountability for all.

JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS – 3RD DISTRICT

TERM COMMENCING 2/9/2027

No. to be elected: 4-12 from 12 districts | Term: 6 years

They serve you as a Judge of the Court of Appeals for the State of Ohio, where they:

Review decisions made by lower courts & rules on where the law was applied & the case was decided fairly.

Decisions made by a Court of Appeals are final except in cases involving constitutional questions, death penalty sentences, & other select exceptions.

Mark C. Miller (R) *Candidate did not respond to LWVOhio*

U.S. SENATOR

Number to be elected: 1 | Term: Unexpired term ending 1-3-29

Responsibilities: Represents the people of Ohio & the U.S. in dealing with national & international matters in the U.S. Senate in Congress.

They represent you in the U.S. Senate, where they:

Propose & pass federal laws on taxes, Medicaid/Medicare, parks & land use, food & drug standards, veteran services, Social Security, education, & more.

Decide the U.S. Budget on Social Security, Medicaid/Medicare, military, veterans' benefits, National Parks, science & technology research, education, veteran services, & more.

Approve U.S. Supreme Court, Federal Judges, & Federal

Prosecutors, who make choices about the constitutionality of federal laws about issues like personal freedoms (such as speech & religion), public safety, government power, & more.

Confirm Executive appointments including cabinet-level positions, directors of agencies, & ambassadors.

Sherrod Brown (D) *Candidate has not responded to LWVOhio*

Stephan Faris (Write-in) *Candidate has not responded to LWVOhio*

Anthony Holliman (Write-in) *Candidate has not responded to LWVOhio*

Jon Husted (R) *Candidate has not responded to LWVOhio*

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EDUCATION

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Certified Public Accountant, Ohio & Illinois. Chartered Financial Analyst-Retired. Accredited Senior Appraiser, Business Valuation, American Society of Appraisers-Retired. Work Experience: Auditor or Accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co, Cincinnati; WISH-TV, Indianapolis; ABC & NBC, New York. Total: 5 years. Business Appraiser, specializing in Media & Telecommunications, with BIA Advisory Services, Washington, and Summit Ridge Group, New York & Chicago. Total: 38 years.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Co-Editor, Ballot Access News and ballot-access.org. National Ballot Access Coordinator, Libertarian Party. Treasurer, Libertarian National Committee & Libertarian Party of Ohio. Former Chair, Libertarian National Committee.

Timothy Telymonde (Write-in)

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EDUCATION

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Electronics, engineering, construction, carpentry, concrete, optics, software, geology, herbal, astrophysics

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Past Otway covered bridge volunteer.

What changes, if any, would you make to voting and elections policy?

Paper ballots, paper recipes, with a website whereas every voter can verify that their vote was recorded correctly. I would require exit polling at every location with real time verification of exit polling to election tallies, if the numbers are off by an any degree it should trigger a real time red audit flag. I would eliminate all central voting electronic storage servers. All local Results only called in by a living person while simultaneously confirmed in writing. All results auditable by public receipts and required exit polling.

Mail in ballots should require the sender send in a dated current news paper clipping with a signature block and a photo of they're identification card or drivers license along with a photograph of they're identification signature block.

How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?

Audit the pentagon

Audit the federal reserve

Audit all charities especially international

Audit the complete circle of all foreign aid

Drastically reduced all foreign aid

Subsidize family farmers.

End all geo engineering subsidies

Invest in natural health education programs

Encourage local business to business investment

How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

Encourage all to walk away from the third party that pits party against party or man against man through awareness.

I would remind all that no man takes his riches to the afterlife and therefore no man should put personal gain ahead of community

State your opinion on foreign policy and national security.

I would encourage independent sovereign nation state policy.

I would remove all super power veto rights

I would remove nuclear weapons

I would release zero point free energy to all

I would eliminate the need for fossil fuels

What changes would you make, if any, to immigration policy?

Again I would encourage independent sovereign nation states and encourage reverse immigration that has largely been caused by engineered wars. I would provide subsidies to reverse immigration caused by foreign wars and or destabilizing acts caused by our intelligence agencies and others

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS
U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 5**

Number to be elected: 1 | Term: 2 years

Responsibilities: To represent the people of Ohio, their district, & the U.S. in dealing national & international matters in the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress.

They represent you in the U.S. House, where they:

Propose & pass federal laws on Social Security, Medicaid/Medicare, taxes, parks & land use, food & drug standards, agriculture, veteran services, national & international interests & more.

Decide the U.S. Budget for Social Security, Medicaid/Medicare, military, veterans' benefits, National Parks, science & technology research, education, veteran services, & more.

Robert Latta (R) *Candidate has not responded to LWVOhio*

Michael Veloff (Libertarian)

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EDUCATION

Bachelor Degree in Chick Lit

What changes would you make, if any, to voting and election policy?

Publicly funded elections, term limits, open primaries, paper ballots, ranked choice elections, limited campaign activity, and automatic voting registration.

How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?

Progressive taxation of owners of multiple properties, asset seizure of idle properties and businesses, price freezes, and bulking up social programs.

How would you reduce the hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

Outlaw political parties. All people are required to attend free mandatory civics education.

State your position on foreign policy and national security.

Stop bombing other countries, close all of our military bases overseas, end all wars, audit the CIA and FBI, eliminate ICE and TSA, end all military equipment giveaways to police stations, stop training and arming insurgents, stop treating all nations as enemies and seek equitable cooperation with all countries.

What changes would you make, if any, to immigration policy?

Having an ACTUAL pathway to citizenship would go a long way towards improving immigration, especially if we remove all the racist policies that our government has implemented any time we invade a sovereign nation that causes mass immigration.

Brian A. Shaver (D)

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EDUCATION

Bluffton College, BA in History and Secondary Education, minor in Sociology focus on Political Science ; Bowling Green State University, MA in Educational Leadership

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Council-at-large, City of Fostoria, 2013-present ; President, Fostoria Education Association (teachers' union), 2019-present ; Social Studies teacher at Fostoria Junior/Senior High School

What changes would you make, if any, to voting and election policy?

Ohio already verifies citizenship at voter registration, so non-citizens aren't casting ballots here, and anyone with a question about their eligibility can still vote provisionally while their status is checked. Because of that system, I'm confident our state handles voter registration and ballot validity responsibly. I do have personal opinions about how states should manage voting rights, but I believe it would be inappropriate for me to weigh in as a federal officeholder. The Constitution makes it clear that these matters belong to the states, and I take that boundary seriously.

How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?

I've felt the squeeze of rising costs myself, from grocery shopping to gas to housing, and it's clear that everyday life has become less affordable for families like mine. I believe Congress can help by supporting farmers, strengthening the food supply, and investing in modest, affordable housing in rural communities. We also need to bring down the cost of essentials like medication and other staples that people rely on. To make the system fairer, I think the wealthiest Americans should pay the same tax rate as everyone else, without loopholes that let income be hidden. At the end of the day, people deserve an economy that works for them — not just for those at the top.

How would you reduce the hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

If elected to Congress, I seek to restore the meaning of "We the People" in our federal government. I advocate for reforms such as campaign finance limits, term limits, stronger checks and balances, transparency in legislation, and clear guardrails to prevent elected officials from profiting from their positions.

Above all, I believe representatives must put people before party and stay present and accountable to their communities.

State your position on foreign policy and national security.

I believe we have the best-trained, most dedicated military in the world, and our safety is built on the sacrifices of those who serve. Because of that, I think we owe them deep respect and should be very cautious about how we use the military, especially when it comes to reclassifying service members or deploying troops for routine policing at home. I'm troubled by recent actions that raise constitutional concerns, invite criticism from international bodies, or blur the line between military and civilian roles. Our

leaders need a clear reason for entering any conflict, along with a real plan for resolving it and ultimately making peace. Congress should reassert its authority, especially when it comes to whether offensive or preemptive military action is even justified.

What changes would you make, if any, to immigration policy?

I've always believed the American Dream is rooted in feeling secure — secure in yourself, your finances, and your ability to work and build a life. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity by the government as they pursue that dream. Our immigration system should reflect those values by being fair, humane, and focused on helping people contribute safely and legally. When we honor those principles, we strengthen both our communities and our country.

OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 88

No. to be elected: 1 | Term: 2 years

They represent you in the Ohio House of Representatives, where they:

Propose & pass Ohio laws on taxes, education funding & curriculum, election rules, healthcare, corporate & environmental regulation, district maps for the Ohio Statehouse & U.S. Congress, public utilities & energy, healthcare, & more.

Decide Ohio state budget, which impacts taxes for citizens, local communities, & corporations & funding for public education, public health, transit, drinking water, prisons, libraries, higher education, childcare programs, state employee wages & benefits, natural resources, & more.

Gary Click (R) *i*

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Education

Bachelors of Religious Education.

Training and Experience

State Representative for Six years.

Republican State Central Committee for 4 years

I have been a pastor for over 35 years and served as a law enforcement and hospice chaplain.

1. What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?

I am a cosponsor on HB 233 which requires citizenship verification to vote. I also support HB 577, which requires a photo ID for absentee voting by mail. I continue to support the use of paper ballots. I was a cosponsor of HB 472 (134th GA), most of which was amended into the budget. I voted for SB 63 to prohibit Rank Choice Voting. I voted for SB 293 to require absentee ballots to be returned to the board of elections by election day.

2. What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?

Eliminate the Income Tax. When I began in the legislature there were six income tax brackets with the lowest being 2.85% for those earning over \$22,150 or more and the highest being 4.79%. Today, there are two. Those making less than \$26,500 pay no income tax. Those earning above that amount pay 2.75%. I have also voted to turn back the clock on property tax spikes, giving \$3 billion in property tax relief. I have introduced legislation (HB 420) to eliminate continuous levies. I have introduced legislation (HB 613) to guarantee timely due process in tax disputes. I will continue working to advance tax reform so that Ohioans can keep more of their hard earned money.

3. How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?

Only a strong economy can address the rising cost of living. The first step is to allow working families to keep more of their hard-earned money, which has been my focus for the last six years through tax reform. In addition, we need to ensure that Ohio is the place to do business. More businesses mean more jobs, which in turn means stronger household incomes. The good news is that Ohio has ranked in the top five states to do business, and both Seneca and Sandusky Counties have ranked in the top five micropolitan communities. Ohio's housing shortage has to be addressed, and we are in the process of doing just that through the \$91 million allocated to Welcome Home Ohio in our most recent budget. In

short, lower taxes, better jobs, and more housing are essential to a strong economy in Ohio. Strong and economically viable communities are the result of collaboration. They are the product not only of the state legislature but also of state and local economic development entities, county commissioners, local mayors, and city councils. Over the last six years, I have developed strong working relationships with both local and state partners. These efforts are recognized by major manufacturers like Whirlpool, which recently announced a \$60 million investment in NW Ohio. My personal conversations with the management team highlighted their appreciation not only for Ohio but also for their choice to remain right there in the 88th district. While we have accomplished much, it is way to early to declare "Mission Accomplished." I look forward to continuing the fight for affordability right here in Ohio's 88th House Distrct.

4. What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?

My mantra has been and always will be that I want every student to succeed everywhere. That is why I continue to advocate for fully funding our public schools and recently voted for over \$700 million in new spending for them. I was an original cosponsor and voted for HB 455 which eliminates much of the beaurocratic red tape that our educators are required to sort through every day. I also believe that parents are primarily responsible for their children's education and should be free to direct their tax dollars to what they believe the be the best opporunities for their children. It is a false dichotomy to suggest that one has to either be for school choice or for public schools. They can and should peacefully and successfully coexist. One size does not fit all. That is why I am also a strong advocate for school choice, voted for vouchers, and believe that the tax dollars should follow the child. Parents should not be penalized or have to pay twice (taxes and tuition) to send their children to quality schools like Calvert. Just because there are public and private schools does not mean that there are public and private children. Families should be free to direct their tax dollars towards the educational envirnoment that they believe is best for their children. The government does not own our children and should not have a monopoly on their education. There is no evidence to demonstrate that this harms students or schools but rather to the contrary.

5. How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

There is a certain sense of irony in this question since I am unquestionably the largest recipient of hyperpartisan attacks in our area. Despite the gross exaggerations of my character and positions by hyperpartisan blogs and

social media posts, I have a track record of civility within the district and in Columbus. During my tenure, Tiffin has had a Republican mayor, a Democratic mayor, and an Independent mayor. I have had productive working relationships with all three. When my Democratic opponent, Dianne Selvy, had her yard vandalized during the last election, not only did I speak out against it publicly, but I also quietly donated to her to help cover the expenses. When she called to concede, she thanked me for not joining in or magnifying the negative comments made about her during the campaign. (It has been my practice to deal with the facts, policies, and real differences rather than mockery or character assassination during campaigns.) As a commonsense conservative, there are times when my bills find common ground with Democrats and times when they do not. I ran a bill focused on eliminating the benefits cliff with Representative Dontaius Jarrells (D), which made it into the budget. I passed a bill with Rep. Jessica Miranda (D), titled "Testing Your Faith." I have jointly sponsored a bill to create Eating Disorders Awareness Month with Rep. Bride Rose Sweeny (D). I have recently passed two bipartisan bills with Reps. Darnell Brewer (D) and Latysa Hemphrey to assist incarcerated individuals in reintegrating into society upon release. I am currently running a bill to allow a moment of silence in schools with Rep Eric Synenberg (D). Keith's Law and My Child My Chart both enjoyed bipartisan support. However, not all of my bills are bipartisan. No Democrat has supported the Charlie Kirk American Heritage Act, the SAFE Act, Save Women's Sports, the America First Act, or other commonsense conservative legislation that I have run. Those bills tend to garner much more attention than my bipartisan efforts. **My goal is neither partisanship nor bipartisanship but rather to represent the commonsense conservative values of Ohio's 88th House District. If others can join me, that's great. If I have to stand alone, I can do that too!** Sometimes we agree, and at other times we do not. But that does not make us disagreeable. Most of the hyperpartisanship is "clickbait," pun intended, created on social media, alternative news sources, or sometimes the mainstream media. In Columbus, the only thing that makes the news is our public debates, which can be lively. However, the public does not see when we sit down together for a cup of coffee or a meal. They don't see Republicans and Democrats buying each other a meal or sharing updates on our families and showing the latest pictures of our children. While there are real differences between conservatives and liberals, there is still more civility between us than the average person realizes. I will continue to advance commonsense conservative legislation and welcome anyone to join me, regardless of which party they belong to. \

To LWV of the Tiffin Area:

1. How do you propose to fairly fund public education?

I intend to continue advancing the historic progress Ohio has made toward fairly funding education. Since I took office, annual state foundation funding for public schools has increased from roughly \$8.4 billion to \$10.2 billion—about 22%, or approximately 24% per pupil.

But “fair” means more than spending more. It also means giving parents greater opportunity to choose the education that best meets their child’s needs. While substantially increasing public-school funding, we have invested more than \$1 billion annually in educational choice and parental participation. This advancement has helped some of the poorest families in some of Ohio’s poorest communities advance their educational opportunities. Contrary to some talking points, since 2021 we have increased annual public-school funding by nearly \$1.9 billion. That increase alone is substantially greater than what Ohio currently spends annually on all five private-school scholarship programs combined. Together, these investments represent the greatest state commitment to K–12 education in Ohio history and provide **both** stronger public schools **and** greater opportunities for families. Those who would sow division by trying to pit one against the other fail to recognize that we have accomplished both greater investments and greater opportunities across the board.

2. Should Data Centers be a local choice? What regulations, if any, should be mandated?

Yes. I have consistently championed local control, demonstrated by my cosponsorship of SB 52, which gave local communities greater authority over the siting of wind and solar projects, and SB 147, which I shepherded through the House Community Revitalization Committee to strengthen local control of solid waste districts, particularly regarding landfill regulation.

More specifically, I authored HB 646 to ensure local communities have the information necessary to make informed decisions about data centers. The bill passed the Ohio House unanimously and reflected the intent to establish a bipartisan study commission to gather input from citizens and stakeholders and develop best practices. The primary goal was not to dictate a one-size-fits-all solution from Columbus, but to equip local

communities with reliable information and allow them to determine what is in their own best interest.

If data centers are to be a local choice, state legislators will have less say regarding regulations. However, ratepayers should NOT bear the burden of increased infrastructure or higher demand for electricity. If and when data centers are sited in a community, they must pay their own way and be a net benefit rather than a drain on that community. Brownfields should be incentivized over repurposing valuable agricultural land, and safeguards should be in place to protect our water and other natural resources.

Aaron Jones (D)

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EDUCATION

Clyde High School, Class of 1991

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Production Supervisor, Toledo Molding & Die (2003-present); Tiffin City Councilman, 1st Ward (2024-present); U.S. Army, Airborne Infantryman, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment - The Old Guard (1991-1995)

What changes would you make, if any, to voting and elections policy?

Every eligible voter should be able to cast a ballot without jumping through hoops. Working people shouldn't have to choose between a shift and their vote. I support expanded early voting, accessible drop boxes, and adequately staffed polling places. I also believe in transparent, auditable elections — both parties should be able to trust the process. What I won't support is making it harder for working families to participate. When more people vote, elected officials have to be more accountable. That's good for everyone.

What type of tax reform, if any, would best serve Ohio?

Ohio's tax system puts too much of the burden on working families and small businesses while large corporations collect breaks they don't need. I'd focus on property tax relief for homeowners and renters squeezed by rising assessments. I'd oppose giveaways to out-of-state corporations that don't create good local jobs. And I'd push to close loopholes that let profitable companies pay next to nothing while my neighbors struggle to keep up.

How would you address concerns about the rising cost of living?

I see it every day — people working harder than ever and still falling behind. We need to focus on what actually moves the needle: bringing down healthcare costs, protecting good-paying jobs, and making sure wages keep up with prices. I'll push to strengthen Ohio's manufacturing workforce, where I've spent 20 years, and oppose policies that ship jobs out of state. Relief has to be real and felt at the kitchen table, not just on paper.

What are your priorities for K-12 and higher education?

Every kid in Ohio deserves a fully funded public school — whether they live in a wealthy suburb or a small rural town. Too many districts are being starved of resources. I'll fight for fair, adequate public school funding. I also believe in expanding vocational and technical training — not every path runs through a four-year degree, and we need to stop treating it like it does. Skilled trades built this state and they still can.

How would you reduce hyperpartisanship and promote civility?

I've spent over 20 years on a factory floor alongside Republicans, Democrats, and everyone in between. We don't always agree, but we show up, do the work, and treat each other with respect. That's the model I'll bring to Columbus. I'll listen before I vote. I'll return calls regardless of party. And I won't take my cues from outside groups or party bosses — I'll take them from the people of District 88.

To LWV of the Tiffin Area:

1. How do you propose to fairly fund public education?

Ohio needs to keep its commitment to the Fair School Funding Plan and update the formula so it reflects what it actually costs to educate a child

today. We rely too heavily on local property taxpayers to make up the difference when the state falls short, putting both homeowners and school districts in an impossible position.

I support a stable, needs-based funding system that gives every public school the resources to provide a quality education, whether a student lives in Tiffin, Fremont or a rural township. We should also expand career and technical education and require real accountability for public dollars sent outside our public school system.

Strong public schools are an investment in our kids, our workforce and the future of our communities.

2. Should Data Centers be a local choice? What regulations, if any, should be mandated?

Yes. A project that can consume enormous amounts of electricity, water and land should not be forced on a community by Columbus or by a large corporation. Local residents and local governments deserve a meaningful say in whether a data center is built in their community and under what conditions.

At the state level, I support clear protections to make sure existing residents and small businesses are not stuck paying for the additional power lines, substations or other infrastructure these facilities require. Data centers should pay the costs they create.

Ohio should also require transparency about electricity and water use, protect taxpayers from open-ended subsidies, safeguard farmland and neighboring property owners, and make sure local emergency services and infrastructure can handle the impact before a project moves forward.

Economic development should benefit the community hosting it — not leave that community with the bill.

The following information on Seneca County candidates was collected by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area. Each candidate was emailed the same questions developed for that office. Responses were directly copied from their emailed responses and are exactly as written by the candidate. No corrections were made on their responses.

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE/JUVENILE DIVISION
Full Term Commencing February 9, 2027**

Term: 6 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$180,581

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

Name: Judge Jay A. Meyer

Education:

1989 Tiffin Columbian High School Graduate

1993 Ohio Northern University - B.A. in Business Administration

1996 Ohio Northern University College of Law - Juris Doctor

Occupation: Judge - Seneca County Juvenile and Probate Court

Training and Experience: After graduating from law school, Judge Meyer served as an Assistant Seneca County Prosecutor from 1996-1998. He then entered private law practice as an Associate for Shuff Law Offices until becoming a Partner in 1999. In addition to his private practice, Judge Meyer served as an Acting Judge in Tiffin Municipal Court from 2003-2008. Judge Meyer has served as the Seneca County Juvenile and Probate Judge since 2008.

1. What improvements in the Court system do you see in the future during your tenure as a judge in Probate and Juvenile Courts.

The Seneca County Juvenile and Probate Court continues to evaluate Court programs and processes to ensure efficiency and accessibility to

those we serve. We consistently seek grant dollars to support Court improvements. For instance, in 2024, the Supreme Court of Ohio awarded the Court \$105,522.00 for much-needed technology upgrades such as an e-filing system, electronic signature capabilities, easier and more secure access to documents, and enhanced communication tools, all of which have increased and simplified public access to the Court and increased operational efficiencies. Additionally, the Court received over \$140,000.00 in capital appropriation reimbursement dollars from the Department of Youth Services for improvements to the Seneca County Youth Center which are currently underway. If re-elected to a fourth term, I will work to strengthen the impact of the Juvenile and Probate Court by continuing to foster strong community partnerships, seeking additional grant funding to support necessary improvements and enhanced services, and developing additional programs to better serve the constantly changing needs of our community.

2. What is your assessment on the progress of the Seneca County Youth Center, and what do you see as ideas for continued improvement?

Our Seneca County Youth Center remains a strong resource to rehabilitate our community's youth and is therefore a major source of pride for our Court. One of the most successful and impactful Youth Center programs continues to be Time To Invest ("TTI"), an extended day treatment program designed to address the criminogenic needs of our youth by efficiently and significantly improving their educational, vocational, therapeutic, and socialization deficiencies, all the while keeping families involved so that long term positive changes can be made. TTI comes on the heels of several studies indicating that academic support, coupled with counseling, workforce development, case management, mentoring, and family interventions are more successful in preventing recidivism and developing a path to success for youth than incarceration. As such, TTI participants receive individualized behavioral health services, cognitive behavioral therapy concentrating on changing the criminogenic thinking of youthful offenders, vocational training, and opportunities for workforce development and independent living. Youth are also required to participate in service-learning community service programs. Importantly, TTI participants often leave the program further ahead in their studies than their peers when they return to school following the personalized and one-on-one attention they receive in TTI. Additionally, through its strong partnership with the North Central Behavioral Health Board, the Youth Center provides much needed

mental health services for detained youth. The Court will continue to evaluate current and potentially new Youth Center programs and services to meet the continuously changing needs of the youth and families we serve.

3. What are the latest trends you have seen in Seneca County?

As Judge, I am happy to report that I have seen several positive trends in Seneca County. First, there has been a very positive increase in engagement by local schools to promote student attendance and prevent school truancy. We have also seen a decrease in the stigma historically associated with youth seeking often much-needed mental health services.

SENECA COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Full Term Commencing on January 1, 2027

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$81,150

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

Name: Bill Frankart

Education:

Occupation:

Training and Experience:

1. How is Seneca County dealing with waste issues now that we are no longer in the OSS consortium, and what effect has this had on the County budget?

First, I want to clear up one thing. We are not completely out of OSS yet. We are still operating under OSS while we go through the required transition, which should be completed in late 2027.

We have established the Seneca County Solid Waste Management District and appointed the policy committee that will help put our local plan together. Right now, we do not have paid district staff. The main cost

so far has been the work needed to develop the plan, so the effect on the County's General Fund has been limited.

I have always believed that money generated in Seneca County should be put to work for Seneca County. Once the transition is complete, the County-controlled portion of the disposal fees collected here can support recycling, enforcement, public-health oversight, and efforts to address the effects of landfill operations on our residents.

I do not want to create another layer of government just for the sake of creating one. I want the new district to stay lean, do its job, and be accountable to the public for how the money is spent.

2. What are the plans for a loss of income if property taxes were to be curtailed in the future?

Property taxes are a real concern for homeowners, especially farmers, seniors, and people living on fixed incomes. I understand why residents want relief. At the same time, the County has to continue providing law enforcement, courts, emergency services, children's services, and the other basic services people depend on.

Recent state-level property tax reforms have already begun limiting how much certain County property-tax revenue can grow following a reappraisal or update, and further changes may be coming. We are working closely with our elected officials in Columbus to understand exactly what this will mean for Seneca County.

The good news is that the County's General Fund receives considerably more from sales tax than from property tax. That gives us a more balanced revenue picture, but it does not mean we can ignore the issue.

When I was a township trustee, I learned that you cannot promise a service unless you know how you are going to keep paying for it. If County revenue is reduced, we will have to look at our priorities, control discretionary spending, find efficiencies, and work with other governments where sharing services makes sense. We also need to keep adequate reserves for difficult years.

I would not support using one-time grant money to cover bills that come due every year. I also would not jump straight to asking taxpayers for more money. We should first make sure we are using the money we already have as carefully as possible.

3. What are the latest issues you see for long-range financial planning for the County?

A few issues that concern me the most.

The first is the cost of services that the County is required to provide. Child-placement costs are a good example. This year, we had to approve an additional \$700,000 for foster-care placements. These are children who need safe and appropriate care, so this is more than just a budget line. But the cost is growing, and the County cannot solve that problem alone. We need to keep working with our regional partners and pushing the state to carry its fair share.

The second issue is our workforce. It is becoming harder to recruit and keep deputies, corrections officers, EMS personnel, and other qualified employees. It takes good people to provide good service. We have to be competitive, but we also have to be realistic about what taxpayers can afford over the long term.

The third issue is taking care of what we own. Anyone who has operated a farm knows that buying a piece of equipment or putting up a building is only the beginning. You have to maintain it, repair it, and eventually replace it. County facilities, EMS stations, vehicles, and technology are no different. Every major investment needs a long-term plan, not just enough money to get it built or purchased.

I want Seneca County to keep moving forward. But I also want to make sure we can pay our bills five, ten, and twenty years from now. That means saving during good years, avoiding ongoing deficits, and making careful decisions with the taxpayers' money.

Name: David Ziegler

Education: 1987 Mohawk High School graduate

Occupation: Employed at Schilling Propane as a Delivery Driver, Service Technician and Sales Associate

Training and Experience: Eden Township Trustee for the past 9+ years.

1. Do you see a resolution to the issues regarding WIN Waste and the landfill?

As I understand it, a lot of the issues involving WIN Waste come down to compliance, oversight, and sometimes differences over how the current law is interpreted. The Seneca County Board of Health and the Ohio EPA have an important job to do in making sure the laws and regulations are followed.

As Commissioner, I would support our Board of Health in doing its job to monitor the landfill and enforce the laws that are in place. I think the county also needs to keep listening to the residents who are affected by these issues. At the end of the day, my job as Commissioner would be to look out for the people of Seneca County and make sure the agencies responsible for protecting them have the support they need to do their jobs.

2. What are the plans if property taxes are curtailed in the future?

The first rule is pretty simple: we can't spend more money than we have. Fortunately, only about 10 percent of the Commissioners' direct revenue comes from property taxes, with much of the county's revenue coming from sales tax.

My bigger concern would be the effect on our schools, parks, libraries, mental health services, developmental disabilities services, rural fire departments, EMS, and other local services that depend much more heavily on property taxes. If those revenues are significantly reduced, there is going to be pressure on local governments to find ways to keep important services operating.

We don't know yet exactly what changes the Ohio Legislature may make, so I don't think it makes sense to get ahead of ourselves. If changes do happen, my approach would be to sit down with the people affected, understand the numbers, look at what options the state gives us, and find the most responsible way forward. We have to protect taxpayers, but we

also have to make sure the services people depend on are still there when they need them.

3. What are the latest issues for long-range financial planning in the county?

The first thing I would do is get a full understanding of where the county stands today. I would like to sit down with our other elected officials and department heads and look at our current budget, facilities, liabilities, reserve funds, equipment, technology, and what major expenses we know are coming down the road.

As a Township Trustee, I've learned that planning ahead saves money. If you know a truck, building, computer system, or other major expense is going to need replaced, you shouldn't wait until it breaks to figure out how you're going to pay for it.

I would support developing and maintaining at least a five-year plan for major county needs like facilities, technology, equipment, and reserves. That doesn't mean the plan can't change. It means we should be looking ahead instead of always reacting. To me, being responsible with taxpayer money means taking care of what we have, planning for what we know is coming, and making sure Seneca County is in a strong position for the future.

SENECA COUNTY AUDITOR

Term: 4 years

Number to be elected: 1

Salary: \$101,152

Responsibilities: Chief Fiscal Officer, Property Assessor, County Paymaster, responsible for administering tax reduction programs

Name: Julie A. Adkins

Education:

Occupation:

Training and Experience:

I am a graduate of Tiffin University and New Riegel High School, and I have proudly served as Seneca County Auditor since 2008. Prior to my appointment, I worked in the Auditor's Office for nearly 20 years, gaining hands-on experience in all aspects of the office. I strongly believe in continuing education and have completed numerous training sessions and workshops to stay current with changing laws and best practices.

Throughout my career, I have remained actively involved in professional and community organizations. I have served as President of the County Auditors' Association of Ohio and the Northwest District Auditors' Association, and I currently serve on the Education Committee for the Ohio Government Finance Officers Association. Locally, I am an active member and past president of the Tiffin Kiwanis Club, have served as President of the Kiwanis Club of Tiffin Foundation, and remain involved in several other community organizations.

My husband, Richard (Rusty), and I have been married for over 38 years. We have a daughter, Erica, who is married to Michael Lasky, and we are proud grandparents of two granddaughters. We are members of All Saints Parish in New Riegel, and our family has deep roots in the community we are proud to serve.

1. What improvements have you made in the Auditor's Office during your tenure as Auditor?

Since becoming Auditor in 2008, I have focused on modernizing the Auditor's Office, improving efficiency, strengthening financial controls, and providing better service to the taxpayers of Seneca County.

One of the most significant areas of improvement has been technology. We transitioned from our older fiscal software system to the VIP system in 2015, which significantly improved our financial and payroll capabilities. More recently, we completed the migration of our fiscal system to the cloud, giving the County a more modern and secure platform while also improving accessibility and long-term reliability.

We have also continued to modernize our property valuation and assessment processes. The Auditor's Office has incorporated additional technology and data resources into the appraisal process, including GIS, CAMA, new construction tracking, and electronic data submissions to the

Ohio Department of Taxation. These tools allow us to manage a very large amount of property information more efficiently and accurately.

Internally, I have placed a strong emphasis on developing procedures and controls so that the office is not dependent on one individual knowing how something is done. We have worked to document processes, establish consistent procedures, improve cross-training, and strengthen our financial and payroll controls.

Our office also handles a tremendous volume of work. We process payroll for approximately 550 county employees, make payments to more than 300 vendors each week, administer the County's property tax system, and perform a number of other statutory responsibilities. Finding ways to handle that workload efficiently has been a priority.

Most importantly, I believe the Auditor's Office has become more proactive rather than simply reacting to issues as they arise. We continually look at our procedures, technology, and expenses and ask whether there is a better, more efficient way to accomplish the same task.

My goal has always been to make the office a good steward of taxpayer dollars while providing accurate, timely, and professional service to the public.

2. What long-term plans do you have for keeping the Auditor's Office efficient?

I believe maintaining an efficient Auditor's Office requires continually evaluating what we do rather than assuming that because a process has always been done a certain way, it is still the best way to do it.

My long-term plan is to continue investing in technology where it provides a measurable benefit, while being careful not to spend taxpayer dollars simply because something is new. We need to look at the cost, the benefit, the security, and the long-term sustainability of every system we use.

I also want to continue improving our internal procedures and cross-training employees. A strong office should have systems and documented procedures that allow it to continue operating effectively when an employee is absent, retires, or moves into another position. Preserving institutional

knowledge is particularly important in an office with so many statutory responsibilities.

Data security and continuity of operations will also remain priorities. As more of our financial and property information becomes electronic and cloud-based, we have to make sure that our systems are secure and that we have appropriate backup and recovery procedures.

I also intend to continue looking for opportunities to work with other county offices and regional organizations. Government does not have to operate in silos. If another office, county, or regional organization has found a more efficient way to accomplish something, we should be willing to learn from it. Ultimately, my long-term goal is simple: keep the Auditor's Office accurate, efficient, financially responsible, and prepared for the future without losing sight of the fact that every dollar we spend is a taxpayer dollar.

3. How does Seneca County's Auditor's Office compare to other county auditors' offices?

Having worked with auditors from across Ohio for many years, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand how other county auditors' offices operate. Every county is different because of its size, staffing, technology, financial resources, and local needs.

I believe Seneca County's Auditor's Office compares very favorably with those in other counties. We operate with a relatively small staff while handling a significant volume of financial, payroll, property valuation, tax administration, and other statutory responsibilities.

One of the things I am particularly proud of is that we have continued to modernize without losing our focus on fiscal responsibility. We have implemented new technology and improved processes when there has been a clear benefit, but we have also been careful about the cost to taxpayers.

My involvement with the County Auditors' Association of Ohio and other professional organizations has also allowed me to see what is working in other counties and bring those ideas back to Seneca County. At the same time, I have seen that some of the best ideas come from smaller counties that have had to find creative ways to accomplish a great deal with limited resources.

I would not say that Seneca County is better than every other county because there are things we can learn from everyone. But I am confident that our office is professional, progressive, and fiscally responsible and that we are doing a very good job of providing the services required of a county auditor's office.

Ultimately, I measure our success not by whether we are bigger or have more technology than another county, but by whether we are providing accurate information, protecting the County's finances, serving our taxpayers, and accomplishing our responsibilities as efficiently as possible.

OHIO ISSUE 3:

TO REQUIRE VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION IN ORDER TO VOTE

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly To enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is required for the adoption of Section 5. This proposed amendment would:

- Require voters to present an approved form of government-issued photo identification in order to vote.
- Allow state law to provide for an alternative method of verifying a voter's identity for a voter who has a sincere religious objection to being photographed and, therefore, does not possess an approved form of government-issued photo identification.
- Require that voters who do not vote in person provide an approved form of government-issued photo identification, unless the law authorizes those persons to vote by providing a signature and at least one other specified unique identifier.
- Define approved forms of government-issued photo identification as an unexpired Ohio driver license or state identification card; a United States passport or passport card; or a United States military identification card,

Ohio National Guard identification card, or United States Department of Veterans Affairs identification card.

If approved, the amendment shall take effect immediately.

A "YES" vote means approval of the amendment. A "NO" vote means disapproval of the amendment.

Explanation:

A "yes" vote supports amending the Ohio Constitution to:

- Enshrine into the Ohio Constitution the state's current voter ID law for those voting in person at the Early Voting Location or on Election Day.
- Constitutionally require specific documents to count as voter ID including: a driver's license or state ID card issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles or its successor agency or a temporary document issued by that agency for an applicant to use while waiting to receive the license or card that contains all the same information; a U.S. passport or passport card; a U.S. military ID card; an Ohio National Guard ID card; or an ID card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.
- Allow the Ohio General Assembly to continue to choose whether to require photo ID to vote by mail.

A "no" vote opposes amending the Ohio Constitution to enshrine Ohio's existing photo ID requirements. If this does not pass, Ohio's current photo ID law remains in effect, and the General Assembly would continue to have the authority to pass voter ID legislation.

PROS: Argument for voting YES

- Enshrining Ohio's current voter ID law into the state Constitution may strengthen election integrity.
- By embedding the current voter ID requirements into the Ohio Constitution, this measure would prevent the Ohio General Assembly

from changing those requirements unless voters approve a future constitutional amendment.

- Though Ohio is widely regarded as a national leader for its election security, this amendment may improve public trust in elections.
- Currently, Ohio residents 17 and older can get a free State ID from Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, if they do not have a valid Ohio driver's license.
- This proposal grants the Ohio General Assembly the power to approve additional types of photo ID beyond those listed, maintaining election security as technological standards evolve.

CONS: Argument for voting NO

- The amendment is redundant and wasteful, because Ohio election law already requires this exact list of photo IDs.
 - Ohio's Constitution ought to be reserved for foundational rights and principles, rather than policies that can be enacted and modified through regular Ohio legislation. Details of election law are better updated through the legislative process as technology and security needs change.
 - By calling for physical documents and cards when the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs only offers digital ID, the language of this proposed Constitutional Amendment is already outdated.
 - Obtaining the prescribed forms of acceptable ID and underlying documents required to get the prescribed IDs can be costly, may not be readily available, and could be ruled to be a form of poll tax. While Ohio currently offers free state IDs from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, that law could be revoked at any time. The proposed amendment would disproportionately affect seniors, people with disabilities, students, married women, and rural Ohioans.
 - By only covering ID requirements for in-person voting and not including voting by mail, this proposed Constitutional Amendment doesn't treat all forms of voting equally.
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PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties and/or its intended successor North Central Behavioral Health Board

PROPERTY TAX (RENEWAL - 0.7 mill, 10 YEARS, COMMENCING 2026, FIRST DUE 2027) providing for the operation of community addiction service providers and community mental health service providers and the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of alcohol and drug addiction facilities and mental health facilities in Seneca County

Overview of the Levy

- **Type:** Renewal
- **Rate & Duration:** 0.7-mill, 10-year property tax levy
- **Purpose:** Continues funding for local mental health and addiction recovery programs, including in-school counseling, crisis intervention training, housing assistance, and emergency services.
- **Tax Impact:** As a renewal, it creates no new taxes for residents.

Board Operations & Context

- **Governance:** The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board operates across Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot counties.
- **Recent Merger:** The board, alongside the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board, combined operations to establish a five-county district known as the North Central Behavioral Health Board. This consolidation aims to lower administrative overhead, share resources, and enhance regional services while ensuring funds raised in individual counties remain local.

Key Reasons for the Levy Renewal

- **Core Funding:** The 10-year renewal provides ongoing operational support for the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties.
 - **Local Services:** Funds collected are used to contract with local agencies that deliver critical programs, including in-school counseling, crisis intervention training, and housing assistance.
 - **Estimated Revenue:** The 0.7-mill tax rate is estimated to raise approximately \$1,043,000 annually, costing taxpayers roughly \$18 per \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value.
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PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

Fostoria City

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Fostoria City for the current expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,047,593 annually, at a rate not exceeding 6 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$140 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years commencing in 2027, first due calendar year 2028.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

Bettsville Village

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Bettsville Public Library for the purpose of current expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$10,828 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.4 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$10 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.

LOCAL LIQUOR OPTION For Particular Location By Petition (Sunday Sales)

Bettsville Village

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Kamb, LLC dba The Quarry Campground an applicant for a C-1, C-2, and D-6 liquor permit authorizing off-premise sales who is engaged in the business of operating a campground and food and beverage carryout at 7800 N. Township Rd 70, Tiffin, OH 44883 in this precinct?

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

Old Fort Local School District (Bettsville Village, Liberty A, Liberty B, Pleasant 043 1)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Old Fort Local School District for the purpose of current operating expenses and general permanent improvements, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$528,626 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.30 mills for current operating expenses and at a rate not exceeding 2.00 mills for general permanent improvements at a collective rate not exceeding 6.3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$111 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028. The county auditor has certified that the amount by which the carry-over balance in the district's general operating budget from the preceding fiscal year exceeds the district's general fund expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year is \$0, which is 0% of those expenditures.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)

Green Springs Village

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Green Springs Village for the purpose of fire protection that the county auditor estimates will collect \$69,080 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$105 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

Voting Precinct Locations

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
001 FOSTORIA 1-A	UAW HALL	1675 UNION ST FOSTORIA, OHIO, 44830
002 FOSTORIA 1-B	FOSTORIA LEARNING CENTER	342 PERRY ST. FOSTORIA OH, 44830
003 FOSTORIA 3-A	FOSTORIA LEARNING CENTER	342 PERRY ST. FOSTORIA OH, 44830
004 FOSTORIA 3-B	FOSTORIA LEARNING CENTER	342 PERRY ST. FOSTORIA OH, 44830
005 FOSTORIA 4-A	FOSTORIA LEARNING CENTER	342 PERRY ST. FOSTORIA OH, 44830
006 FOSTORIA 4-B	GOOD SHEPHERD HOME - PROMEDICA	751 COLUMBUS AVE FOSTORIA OH, 44830
007 TIFFIN 1-A	TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	131 E PERRY ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
008 TIFFIN 1-B	TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	131 E PERRY ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
009 TIFFIN 1-C	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
010 TIFFIN 2-A	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
011 TIFFIN 2-B	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
012 TIFFIN 2-C	TIFFIN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	600 N RIVER RD TIFFIN OH, 44883
013 TIFFIN 3-A	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
014 TIFFIN 3-B	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST AV TIFFIN OH, 44883
015 TIFFIN 3-C	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	101 MIAMI ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
016 TIFFIN 3-D	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST AV TIFFIN OH, 44883

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
017 TIFFIN 4-A	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
018 TIFFIN 4-B	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
019 TIFFIN 4-C	FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	300 MELMORE ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
020 TIFFIN 4-D	TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	131 E PERRY ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
021 GREEN SPRINGS VILLAGE	ADAMS TWP RODGER YOUNG VFW HALL	5912 CR 44 GREEN SPRINGS OH, 44836
022 ADAMS TOWNSHIP	ADAMS TWP RODGER YOUNG VFW HALL	5912 CR 44 GREEN SPRINGS OH, 44836
023 NEW RIEGEL VILLAGE	NR JR HIGH GYM	44 N PERRY ST NEW RIEGEL OH, 44853
024 BIG SPRING TOWNSHIP	NR JR HIGH GYM	44 N PERRY ST NEW RIEGEL OH, 44853
025 BLOOMVILLE VILLAGE	BLOOMVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER	10 BEEGHLY AVE BLOOMVILLE OH, 44818
026 BLOOM TOWNSHIP	BLOOMVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER	10 BEEGHLY AVE BLOOMVILLE OH, 44818
027 CLINTON A	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
028 CLINTON B	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
029 CLINTON C	SENECA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES	900 E CR 20 TIFFIN OH, 44883
030 CLINTON D	CLINTON TWP FIRE STATION	837 N SR 101 TIFFIN OH, 44883
031 CLINTON E	SENECA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES	900 E CR 20 TIFFIN OH, 44883

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
032 EDEN NORTH	SENECA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES	900 E CR 20 TIFFIN OH, 44883
033 EDEN SOUTH	SENECA COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES	900 E CR 20 TIFFIN OH, 44883
034 HOPEWELL A	NCOESC	928 W MARKET ST TIFFIN OH, 44883
035 HOPEWELL B	OLD HOPEWELL-LOUDON HIGH SCHOOL	290 S CR 7 TIFFIN OH, 44883
036 HOPEWELL C	OLD HOPEWELL-LOUDON HIGH SCHOOL	290 S CR 7 TIFFIN OH, 44883
037 JACKSON TOWNSHIP	UAW HALL	1675 N UNION ST FOSTORIA OH, 44830
038 BETTSVILLE VILLAGE	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH, 44815
039 LIBERTY A	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH 44815
040 LIBERTY B	BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION	100 STATE ST BETTSVILLE OH 44815
041 LOUDON NORTH	OLD HOPEWELL-LOUDON HIGH SCHOOL	290 S CR 7 TIFFIN OH, 44883
042 LOUDON SOUTH	OLD HOPEWELL-LOUDON HIGH SCHOOL	290 S CR 7 TIFFIN OH, 44883
043 PLEASANT TOWNSHIP	PLEASANT TWP HOUSE	850 TR 15 OLD FORT OH, 44861
044 REED TOWNSHIP	ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS – SOCIAL HALL	15127 E TR 12 ATTICA, OH 44807
045 REPUBLIC VILL	SCIPIO TOWNSHIP ANNEX BUILDING	309 S MADISON ST REPUBLIC OH, 44867
046 SCIPIO TOWNSHIP	SCIPIO TOWNSHIP ANNEX BUILDING	309 S MADISON ST REPUBLIC OH, 44867
047 SENECA A	MOHAWK FIRE DEPARTMENT	4460 TR 1072 MCCUTCHEENVILLE OH, 44844

Precinct	Poll Location	Address
048 SENECA B	MOHAWK FIRE DEPARTMENT	4460 TR 1072 MCCUTCHENVILLE OH, 44844
049 THOMPSON TOWNSHIP	EBENEZER COMMUNITY CHURCH	7500 N CR 29 FLAT ROCK, OH 44828
050 ATTICA VILLAGE	ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS – SOCIAL HALL	15127 E TR 12 ATTICA, OH 44807
051 VENICE TOWNSHIP	ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS – SOCIAL HALL	15127 E TR 12 ATTICA, OH 44807

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In 1920, just six months before the U.S. Constitution was amended to give women the right to vote, the National American Woman Suffrage Association's President, Carrie Chapman Catt, proposed the creation of the League of Women Voters. The League's first purpose was to teach

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The Tiffin League was established in 1970 after a group of women who had been members in other communities moved to town and realized there was no League.

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The first 2 years were spent learning about our community and the political process at the city, county, state, and national levels.

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