

2018 LORAIN COUNTY VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

Ohio accepts a wide variety of documents for voter ID purposes:

A driver's license or state ID card with your name and photo, issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The card must be current (not expired), but it can have an old address.

A U.S. Military ID with your name and photo (address not required).

A government ID with your name, current address, and photo. Note that neither a student ID nor a passport is accepted.

An original or copy of one of the following current documents that shows your name and current address: utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, pay stub, government check, or other government document. The document must have a date within one year of Election Day to be accepted as current.

If you do not have any of the above, you may use the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. You will

have to vote a provisional ballot, but it will be counted so long as the number matches your voter registration. Be sure to complete all fields on the provisional ballot form.

Don't wait until Election Day. Plan ahead to make sure you have an acceptable form of ID to vote.

Voter Registration Deadline

October 9 - 8am to 9pm

In-Person Absentee Voting Hours

10/10 – 10/12 8am to 5pm
10/15 – 10/19 8am to 5pm
10/22 – 10/26 8am to 5pm
Saturday 10/27 8am to 4pm
10/29 – 11/2 8am to 5pm
Saturday 11/3 8am to 4pm
Sunday 11/4 1 to 5pm
11/5 8am to 2pm

Call 440-326-5900

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In-Person Absentee Voting takes place at the Lorain County Board of Elections
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GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR

RICHARD CORDRAY/BETTY SUTTON (D)

Education Grove City High School (1977) Michigan State University, BA in Legal & Political Theory (1981) Oxford University, MA in Economics on Marshall Scholarship (1983) The University of Chicago Law School, JD (1986)

Training and Experience Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (2011 – 2017) Ohio Attorney General (elected in 2008 - 2010) Ohio Treasurer (elected in 2006 – 2008) Franklin County Treasurer (elected in 2002 and 2004 – 2006) Solicitor General (appointed 1993 – 1994)

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MIKE DEWINE/JON HUSTED (R)

No response received

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No response received

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No response received

QUESTION 1. *What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?*

CORDRAY/SUTTON: Republicans have failed to respond effectively to this epidemic that is ravaging our families and our communities; it now kills about 14 Ohioans every day and costs taxpayers as much as \$8.8 billion each year. My running mate, Betty Sutton, and I have proposed a comprehensive plan to address this crisis, the details of which are described at CordrayforOhio.com. We will start by taking the following steps: 1) immediately declare a “state of emergency” requiring the strategic coordination of federal, state, and local government resources and community-based efforts; 2) protect Ohio’s Medicaid expansion, which supports treatment, and increases capacity for local enforcement and first responders; 3) expand access and funding for prevention and treatment; 4) provide support and resources for families and improve foster and adoptive services; and 5) replace economic despair with broader economic opportunity.

QUESTION 2. *Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to support or to restrain local governments?*

CORDRAY/SUTTON: As I campaign across the state, I see many heads nod from the rural areas and small and mid-sized towns around Ohio when I detail the relentless war on local governments that the Republican State Legislature has been waging for years now. This must change. It’s wrong, and it will not be our approach to governing. We must support the devoted local public servants I know all over Ohio. I am running for Governor in part because I believe that our local governments deserve more. Having served at the local level, I know firsthand the resources required to address the issues our cities and towns are facing. Issues like decent jobs, a strong public education system, and broadband access for all Ohioans. As Governor, I would support restoration of local funds to the state budget. Betty and I will end the war on local government.

QUESTION 3. *What is the role of the governor's office and executive agencies in overseeing online and brick-and-mortar community schools? How will you ensure adequate funding for k-12 public schools?*

CORDRAY/SUTTON: We will hold charter schools accountable for their performance and for the effective use of public funds—including moving to close failing charters. We believe that charter schools should have to meet the same civil rights, health and safety, and teacher quality standards as traditional public schools. The online “Electronic Classroom Of Tomorrow” (ECOT) is a grotesque scandal, which plundered our public schools and left too many children without the education they deserve. Because of the shameful influence of moneyed interests, ECOT wasted as much as a billion tax dollars and still owes the taxpayers at least an \$80 million refund for its fraudulent use of taxpayer money. Vast resources were siphoned away from our schools and our kids and funneled to cronies and special interests protected by the Ohio Legislature, Ohio Auditor, and Ohio Attorney General. This scandal demands accountability.

QUESTION 4. *What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?*

CORDRAY/SUTTON: Betty and I have proposed a comprehensive plan to ensure accessible and affordable health care for all Ohioans. Our plan has six key elements: 1) protect the Medicaid expansion to keep our health care, which is crucial in providing coverage for families, reducing infant mortality, and battling opiate addiction; 2) improve the exchanges to provide more choice, reduce

costs, and ensure access across the state—this will help limit closures of local hospitals and clinics that create community health care vacuums; 3) expand children’s health insurance coverage; 4) tackle our opiate addiction crisis, which is ravaging our communities; 5) focus resources for women and children, after the State Legislature has pursued a narrow ideological agenda that has hurt women’s health programs and undermined children’s health; and 6) invest in Ohio’s health care industry, which is one of our strongest areas of job growth.

QUESTION 5. *What strategies will you pursue to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural and human health? How will you achieve both economic growth and environmental protection in Ohio?*

CORDRAY/SUTTON: Ohio is tragically missing out on the clean energy revolution. We could be creating more good-paying jobs, revitalizing rural communities, reducing energy bills, and improving our air and water quality. Instead, we rank #38 in renewable energy production and #31 for energy efficiency. This is simply unacceptable. In order to make Ohio a leader on clean energy, we need to strengthen Ohio’s renewable portfolio standard. As governor, I will double our renewable energy and energy efficiency targets by 2025. We also need to stop over-regulation that has halted Ohio’s wind energy development. Finally, we need to invest in solar power to create more local jobs. These initiatives will encourage other businesses from elsewhere to locate in Ohio, both as a matter of corporate preference and because they want reliable and predictable energy bills from power sources that are based on free energy creation, such as from the sun and the wind.

QUESTION 6. *Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.*

CORDRAY/SUTTON: We must take common sense steps to address the senseless killings that we see in our communities and in our schools. Law-abiding citizens should continue to be able to exercise their constitutional rights, but criminals, domestic abusers, and anyone who is at high risk of using a gun to commit a crime should not be able to obtain assault weapons or any gun period. Betty and I will bring everyone together, including law enforcement, community leaders, faith leaders, gun owners, and crime victims to put all options on the table and find solutions that will work in Ohio. We will expand background checks to cover all gun sales in Ohio, and will make sure they are fully funded and effective in keeping guns out of the wrong

hands. We will ban modifications like bump stocks that illegally convert firearms into fully-automatic weapons. We will increase support for school safety, including identifying early warning signs and putting school resource officers on campuses.

QUESTION 7. *Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.*

CORDRAY/SUTTON: Having strong allies as governor and Lt. governor has never been more important for Ohio's women after seven years of assaults by Republicans in the statehouse. Time after time, the General Assembly has attempted to pass unconstitutional legislation that would take away the ability of women in Ohio to make basic personal health decisions. We saw that clearly in 2016, when Gov. Kasich and Republicans in Columbus defunded Planned Parenthood in Ohio, putting critical health care for countless Ohioans at risk.

As your next governor and Lt. governor, Betty and I will put a stop to this and will stand strong for women in Ohio. I will veto anti-choice legislation, and together with Betty, I'll work to restore funding for women's health programs. And we'll block backdoor attempts to drive abortion providers out of Ohio.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

STEVE DETTELBACH (D)

Education Dartmouth College, Harvard Law School
Training and Experience 2009-2016: U.S. Attorney - Northern District of Ohio 2008-2009: Commissioner - Ohio Ethics Commission 2006-2009; 2016-Present: Partner - Baker Hostetler, LLP 2003-2006: Prosecutor - U.S. Attorney's Office, Organized Crime and Corruption Strike Force

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DAVE YOST (R)

Education B.A. OSU 1984; JD Capital Law 1991
Training and Experience Former Prosecuting Attorney, lawyer, newspaper reporter
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QUESTION 1. *What are the most important functions of the state attorney general and why?*

DETTTELBACH: The Attorney General's job is to ensure that no one is above the law, no one is below the law, and no one is beyond its reach. Fundamentally, that means

protecting people – from violent crime, corrupt politicians, and a broken political system that allows powerful special interests to play by a different set of the rules than everyone else.

YOST: The attorney general's job is to protect Ohio and its people--from prosecuting crime, to protecting the environment and consumers, I will fight for the best interest of all Ohioans. As attorney general, I will take an oath to uphold the rule of law, defend the Ohio Constitution and fight for all Ohioans. I will apply the law with an even hand, and make Ohio a safer and more predictable place to work and live.

QUESTION 2. *What divisions (e.g. consumer protection, environment, civil rights, immigration) would you prioritize and why?*

DETTTELBACH: The job of the Attorney General is to enforce the Rule of Law and to protect Ohio's citizens. Right now, our political system is broken. We have corrupt politicians -- both Democrats and Republicans -- who are allowed to play by a different set of rules than everyone else. That is wrong.

As AG, on day one, I will conduct a top-to-bottom review of Ohio's corruption laws to put a stop to the pay-to-play culture running rampant in our Statehouse. It's time to put Ohioans first, and stop letting special interest donors call the shots in our government.

YOST: I will prioritize the rule of law and pound this message: The client is the State of Ohio and its people, not the politicians or the bureaucrats.

QUESTION 3. *During a time of shrinking budgets for state government agencies, how would you focus resources allocated to the Attorney General's office to make it more efficient and cost effective?*

DETTTELBACH: As United States Attorney, I managed the office through one of the most challenging budget periods of all time. Despite sequester, shut down, and shrinking budgets, I am proud that the office continued to maintain high levels of productivity and efficiency during my tenure. The Attorney General's office can improve efficiency and cost savings by investing in new technologies that save resources in the long run. The office should look to partner with county and local governments, law enforcement agencies, and community-based organizations to end duplication of efforts and make sure that the best agent is delivering the critical services

Ohioans need. Furthermore, I would end our current AG's policy of wasting money on blatantly political cases and investigations, like those that attack a woman's constitutional right to make her own healthcare decisions.

YOST: While serving as Ohio's Auditor of State for the past eight years, I specialized in finding savings. My office's studies identified more than \$260 million in taxpayer savings for state and local governments. I will bring this same eye for efficiency to the attorney general's office, and make sure your hard-earned tax dollars are spent wisely and effectively.

QUESTION 4. *What is the role of the attorney general's office in addressing the opioid crisis in Ohio? What measures would you pursue in office?*

DETTTELBACH: If we want to really combat the problem, we need a comprehensive approach -- what I call a 'three-legged stool' approach -- of enforcement, prevention, and treatment.

As U.S. Attorney of the Northern District of Ohio, I was on the front lines of the crisis; this is a fight I know well. I've prosecuted drug traffickers that flooded the streets with opioids, including a case that resulted in one of the largest heroin seizures in Ohio history. I've aggressively gone after corrupt doctors and drug companies who pushed pills into our communities. I also established an award-winning task force, the Northeast Ohio Heroin and Opioid Task Force, to prevent and treat addiction, which has become a national model used in other U.S. cities.

As AG, I will continue this fight. I will make pharmaceutical companies pay for treatment, and aggressively take on those who perpetuate a crisis that has plagued our communities for far too long.

YOST: The attorney general has to lead on many fronts--through the courts, through law enforcement, through collaboration and education. We need to get tougher on dealers that are flooding our streets with drugs and poisoning our communities, while investing in results-driven treatment, and rethinking how we address prevention.

QUESTION 5. *How will you execute your authority as Attorney General to hold accountable online and brick-and-mortar community schools?*

DETTTELBACH: The fact that ECOT executives were allowed to defraud the State of Ohio to the tune of nearly

\$200 million is both inexcusable and a case study of the corruption that has become characteristic in Ohio. This all happened under the watch of our current Statehouse leadership, including my opponent, who was supposed to be auditing them. Make no mistake -- the attempts of politicians to cover their political tracks on ECOT now is not fooling anyone. They failed Ohio children, families, and taxpayers, and continue to do so. As AG, I will work to hold each and every person or entity accountable. I will fight for transparency and accountability throughout state government and without regard for who might be a powerful political donor.

YOST: As Auditor of State, I have long been an advocate for stronger charter school accountability and increased transparency to guarantee our kids receive the quality education they deserve, and our tax dollars are used responsibly. I was a proponent of House Bill 2, which brought increased accountability to Ohio's charter school system. I also led efforts to prevent systemic over-payments to charter schools by working to close loopholes in Ohio law. As attorney general, I will continue my oversight, and hold bad actors accountable, while rewarding the quality schools that support our kids.

QUESTION 6. *Under what circumstances should the AG pursue legal action against federal policies?*

DETTELBACH: When considering whether to intervene in federal policy on behalf of Ohioans, I will implement a two-part test. First, I will consider if the policy violates the protections and requirements of the Constitution. If it does, I will then consider whether the policy is in the best interests of Ohioans. If the policy is unconstitutional and harmful to Ohioans, I will use my authority as Attorney General to intervene.

YOST: As attorney general, I will take an oath to uphold the Ohio Constitution, bills passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the governor, and the rule of law. My client will be the people of Ohio, and frivolous political lawsuits have no place in the attorney general's office.

To that end, I have a test for determining whether I will join a multi-state lawsuit as attorney general. I will ask three questions of each case that comes before me prior to signing Ohio's name to a multi-state suit: 1. Was there a clear violation of process, the Constitution or the Ohio Revised Code? 2. Was harm done to Ohioans/is there anything to be gained from adding Ohio's name to the suit? 3. What does the evidence show? Is the case winnable? To

create stability and predictability—and avoid entanglements in drawn-out lawsuits that drain resources—each case must pass through this test.

AUDITOR OF STATE

ROBERT C. COOGAN (L)

Education Princeton University – 1969 to 1973 – Bachelor's degree; Xavier University – 1973 to 1978 – Master of Business Administration

Training and Experience CPA-Ohio, Certified Internal Auditor (inactive), Retired from Cincinnati Bell - served as VP-Accounting at Cincinnati Bell Telephone and VP-Internal Audit at Cincinnati Bell Inc, Retired from The Health Collaborative - Director-Grant Accounting

KEITH FABER (R)

No response received

ZACK SPACE (D)

Education Kenyon College, B.A. Political Science; Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D.

Training and Experience Practicing attorney, private practice and public defense, 1986-2006; Law Director, City of Dover, OH, 2001-2006; United States Congressman, Ohio's 18th District, 2007-2011

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QUESTION 1. *What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the auditor's office?*

COOGAN: My non-partisan approach as the Auditor of State will bring independence and objectivity to the analysis of risks to Ohio taxpayer dollars and the prioritization of audit resources. Decisions regarding entities/areas to audit will be free of conflicts of interest.

Financial Audits – I will focus resources on the entities that are most in need of help from the expertise of the audit staff. I will ensure that the most cost effective and efficient use is being made of Independent Auditor firms in the financial audit process.

Performance Audits – I will continue the practice of performance audit engagements. I will continuously evaluate the areas of focus for these audits in order provide the most operational improvement savings for taxpayers.

I will ensure that the auditing software in place is the most appropriate and current for cybersecurity, financial and performance audits.

SPACE: I intend to sufficiently fulfill all traditional responsibilities of the Auditor's office. The Auditor's office can focus on materiality and risk-based audits, conducting basic audits and agreed upon procedures where appropriate. I will also recruit a diverse and qualified staff, who represents all of Ohio and understands our local communities, to help accomplish these goals.

I believe I can add tremendous value to the Auditor's office by making it far more dynamic. Performance audits, for instance, allow the Auditor to make holistic observations about public entities and make thorough recommendations for improvement.

QUESTION 2. *What would you do to ensure that public funds are not misused by government officials and those in a position of public trust?*

COOGAN: The assurance of appropriate expenditures of public funds by individuals will be incorporated into all audits, as is done in audits of private companies. All audits will include an internal controls assessment, which includes assuring proper authorization and recording of expenditures, documentation of the appropriateness of the expenditure for the individual and position, and the review and disclosure of any external funding sources or gifts. A comparison of expenditures to the detail of an approved budget will highlight unusual, extraordinary or unplanned items. An analysis of these exception items is a means to uncover fraud and the misuse of funds. Scrutiny of non-healthcare benefits and perks can also reveal abuses and fraud by officials in charge of public funds.

SPACE: I commend Auditor Yost for creating the Public Integrity Assurance Team ("PIAT"). The PIAT is well known for investigating theft of public dollars. Just as important, if not more so, are PIAT's trainings for local government officials on fraud prevention and combating cybercrime. I will continue to investigate those suspected of stealing public money and expand the training program, so our local governments have the tools they need to avoid becoming victims of crime.

QUESTION 3. *What is the auditor's role in the oversight of online and brick-and-mortar community schools?*

COOGAN: The Auditor of State has a critical role in the oversight of community schools. This monitoring of the granting of public funds for a specific purpose (education) parallels the close examination by government and other funding organizations of the use of their funds. All grants

that I have managed have required that the recipient of the funds allow complete and open access to auditing how the funds are used. The Auditor's office must review and evaluate all aspects from the procedures to ensure fair admissions, validating the tracking and reporting results, confirming the achievement of performance criteria per statutes and contracts (e.g., attendance, instruction time), and examining the billing/documentation for accurate and proper invoicing/requests for funds expenditures.

SPACE: The Auditor of State has the authority to audit any entity that uses public monies, including educational institutions. The Auditor must hold online schools and traditional community schools to the same standards. This oversight responsibility has lapsed significantly in recent years, as for-profit online charter schools such as the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow have scammed taxpayers out of hundreds of millions of dollars by tampering with attendance records.

I find it wholly unacceptable that the management firms who operate such for-profit schools could receive millions of dollars that would otherwise have gone to public education, without any transparency or oversight whatsoever. As these firms are taking public monies, they could -- and would -- be declared "unauditable" under my administration, and public funding would then stop.

Any entity that receives public money must justify its actions and verify that it is not being wasteful. This is especially true for schools.

QUESTION 4. *How will you faithfully execute redistricting reforms overwhelmingly passed by voters for statehouse and congressional map making?*

COOGAN: My non-partisan approach as the Auditor of State will bring independence and objectivity to redistricting process for Congressional and State legislative districts. I will apply the criteria defined in the constitutional amendment to achieve community-centric voting districts that are not based on historic partisan voting results and tendencies. Population and location information will be used to develop the district maps. Voting results data (e.g., precinct level results by party designation) will not be a criterion for determining the district boundaries, in order to eliminate gerrymandering and its impact on future election results. Legislators must not select their voters. The voters should select their legislators

SPACE: If elected Auditor, I will serve on the Redistricting Commission. I have pledged to wield that

power not on behalf of the Democratic or Republican Party, but on behalf of ordinary Ohioans, who have been shut out of that partisan process for over a generation. Members of the Redistricting Commission have a duty to the people of Ohio to only approve legislative (and possibly Congressional) districts that are fair and competitive. In furtherance of this goal, I pledge that I will ensure the Redistricting Commission complies with the Open Meetings Act, bringing a new level of transparency to proceedings.

Robust public debate on the best way to combat gerrymandering is still underway, and given the Supreme Court's expected landmark ruling on gerrymandering cases this summer it may be too soon to declare explicit tools (such as the efficiency gap) that will be useful in preventing gerrymandering.

I believe that drawing competitive districts should be the Commission's top priority.

SECRETARY OF STATE

KATHLEEN CLYDE (D)

Education BA from Wesleyan University JD from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Training and Experience Currently serving fourth term in the Ohio House of Representatives. Served as an election official with the Franklin County Board of Elections. Served as a law clerk for the Ohio Secretary of State and the Ohio Senate.

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FRANK LAROSE (R)

No response received

DUSTIN R. NANNA (L)

Education Graduate of Rutherford B. Hayes High Sch
Training and Experience I have spearheaded multiple petition drives here in Ohio and am well versed and familiar with the Ohio Revised Code, specifically when it has to do with the electoral process.

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QUESTION 1. *How would you promote equitable, ample ballot access and registration for all eligible voters?*

CLYDE: Ensuring access to the ballot box is critical to the health of our democracy. The best way to do this is by modernizing our outdated registration process. That's why I introduced Automatic Voter Registration, a plan to automatically register and update the info of every eligible

Ohio voter when they do the things they already do every day, like renew a driver's license or apply for benefits. In fact, more than half of Americans live in states with AVR. It's efficient, saves money and has actually proven to increase turnout.

NANNA: Part of my platform is an automatic voter registration system. I would like to see the State automatically register you to vote/update your voting information anytime you give the State enough information to do so. I believe this will add tens if not hundreds of thousands of new eligible voters to the rolls.

QUESTION 2. *How will you champion voter roll maintenance procedures that proactively include vulnerable and historically underrepresented populations?*

CLYDE: While it's important to keep our voter rolls up-to-date, it's also imperative that we do what we can to ensure our vulnerable, underrepresented and less politically active populations have the tools they need to exercise their most fundamental right. I'll continue removing voters ineligible under Ohio law, but act to reverse Ohio's aggressive supplemental purge process that cancels the rights of eligible Ohio voters. With automatic registration, we'll be able to update our rolls in real time, saving money on costly, inefficient mailings and, most importantly, keeping eligible Ohioans up-to-date and on the rolls.

NANNA: As mentioned I want automatic voter registration in Ohio. I believe a system like this can keep the rolls clean without having to purge them of potential future voters. Voting is a right for any taxpaying citizen of Ohio and we should be doing our best to add folks to the rolls, not find ways to disqualify them that disproportionately affect minorities.

QUESTION 3. *What would you do to improve voter turnout in primary and general elections in Ohio?*

CLYDE: Voters come to the polls when they feel something real is at stake. In a system where rigged districts silence the voice of the people, many voters feel their voice no longer matters. Bringing fair districts back to Ohio will go a long way to energizing voters to get out to the polls. In addition to unrigging the system, we also need to modernize it to make it more accessible—that begins with getting more people registered. My Automatic Voter Registration and Future Voter Act will make this process easier for eligible Ohioans, and, in turn, increase voter turnout.

NANNA: The best way to increase voter turnout is by making sure that everyone is aware of the location of their polls and is given ample time to vote. One method to increase numbers in elections is having polls set up on the Sunday before election night. I have found that from discussions with leaders of urban communities, a lot of folks would vote on this day if it were allowed statewide and as SoS I will work to make it a reality. We should be giving Ohioans more opportunities to vote, not less.

QUESTION 4. *How will you support local Boards of Elections with the training, guidance, and resources necessary to ensure that elections are secure, reliable, fair, and accessible?*

CLYDE: I have a comprehensive plan to ensure our elections are fair, secure, transparent and accessible. That begins with modernizing the office. Many of our systems are operating with technology from more than a decade ago. Data sharing under my Automatic Voter Registration plan would cut down on paperwork and make our Boards of Elections run more efficiently. Finally, I introduced a comprehensive cybersecurity plan which would increase security in all 88 counties and prepare our state for the next wave of cyber threats. It's all about modernizing the office so it works better for you, the voter.

NANNA: This is an area that I think the Secretary of State's office has done well in recently. I would like to continue this success, but I am also always searching for ways to make these trainings and resources better. In fact, if there are any Board of Elections officials that are reading this right now and you have any suggestions about this, I would love to hear from you at Dustin.Nanna@lpo.org.

QUESTION 5. *How will you faithfully execute redistricting reforms overwhelmingly passed by voters for statehouse and congressional map making?*

CLYDE: Better representation begins with fair districts. I've been pushing for redistricting reform throughout my time in office, working with the League and other advocates behind the scenes and publicly in recent years to fight for fair districts. I'll continue that important work as Secretary of State. Ohio is a diverse state, and our districts should reflect that. It's critically important that we keep the process open to the public so that they have a voice in their representation. In the end, we need a process that, for the first time in a long time, truly puts Ohioans before partisanship.

NANNA: Gerrymandering is a serious issue in Ohio. All one has to do is look at the district maps to see that. Since the Secretary of State sits on the newly created Redistricting Commission, should the legislature fail to provide a suitable District map, I would work tirelessly to make sure that any map recommended by the Committee was fair, and balanced. I have no dog in the Republican vs Democrat fight and I will be a strong independent voice in Columbus.

TREASURER OF STATE

ROB RICHARDSON (D)

Education Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati Juris Doctor, UC Law

Training and Experience I believe my most relevant experience is my nine years on the University of Cincinnati's Board of Trustees, where I capped my tenure as Chair. Over that time we experienced record financial growth and enrollment.

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ROBERT SPRAGUE (R)

Education Duke University, BSA Mechanical Engineering, MBA University of North Carolina, emphasis in finance

Training and Experience State Representative - appointed 2011, elected 2012, 2014 and 2016 Auditor, City of Findlay - elected 2008 Treasurer, City of Findlay - elected 2004 Principal, Vasa Capital, Findlay Ohio 2005 Owner, Talus Technology, Atlanta GA 1998 Ernst and Young

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QUESTION 1. *What are the most important functions of the state treasurer and why?*

RICHARDSON: The state treasurer is essentially the state's banker, responsible for overseeing all financial transactions of the state government. In 2017 the Treasurer's office managed more than \$224 billion in financial assets, including more than \$21.5 billion in state investments. This has tremendous influence on the economy and overall health of Ohio, and it affects everyone regardless of political affiliation. These are essential, baseline functions the treasurer must perform to maintain stability, but I believe the state treasurer can do more than just the bare minimum. As treasurer, I plan to enact policies that hold the powerful accountable and expand opportunities for all Ohioans.

SPRAGUE: The Treasurer's power to issue debt is extremely important because it is the intersection between private capital markets and the government. I have a plan to unlock creativity in the private market to help fight the opiate epidemic, infant mortality and other societal ills through the standardization of Social Impact Bonds (SIBs). SIBs foster partnerships between the public and private sectors, where the private market develops new programs, but the public sector only pays if the new programs can be proven to deliver results. This innovative financial tool will bring the private sector to the table in a meaningful way and introduce a new funding stream to the effort to tackle Ohio's most pressing problems. I encourage readers to visit SpragueForOhio.com/vision to find a more detailed overview of how I plan to use the Treasurer's office to make a positive and meaningful difference in the lives of Ohioans.

QUESTION 2. *What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the treasurer's office?*

RICHARDSON: Given the importance of the treasurer's role to our state's economic well-being, it's crucial to maintain an office that runs as efficiently as possible. While I don't necessarily foresee any major overhauls to the office's operations, I want to stress that I will only hire staff of the highest caliber who have gone through a strict vetting process. If any area of the office is performing in a substandard manner I will immediately work to see that the issue is corrected.

SPRAGUE: As an international business consultant for Ernst & Young, I was trained to evaluate companies' operations, find efficiencies and improve their internal processes. Once I am elected, I plan to use this experience to do an in-depth evaluation of the office and the programs the Treasurer manages to ensure we are achieving the highest quality outcomes at the most effective cost for taxpayers. Ohio's Online Checkbook and STABLE Account Program are two areas where I believe we can achieve greater fiscal efficiencies and drive down administrative costs by actively working to expand participation in the programs to individuals and entities both in and out of state. As Treasurer, I will also use the knowledge gained in both the private sector and as a member of the Ohio House Finance Committee to keep our office operating costs in-check through regular internal budget evaluations.

QUESTION 3. *How can the treasurer's office influence state fiscal policy?*

RICHARDSON: Contrary to popular belief, the treasurer does not create or control the state's budget. As treasurer, I wouldn't have discretion over state spending and couldn't affect taxes. However, I would administer the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), an investment fund that allows government subdivisions—from municipalities to school districts—to invest funds in a highly rated public investment pool. STAR Ohio has a AAA S&P rating and a record of high returns, and if elected I will encourage counties, schools, municipalities, et. al. to invest. As treasurer, I would also appoint members to Ohio's public pension boards. Anyone I appoint to a pension board will share my values of responsible investment, push for investing in entities that bring more jobs to Ohio, and work to divest from companies that actively harm Ohioans—e.g. private, for-profit prisons.

SPRAGUE: As a member of the House Finance Committee during the last three state budget negotiations, I have a keen understanding of state fiscal policy and the often difficult financial decisions we face. As Treasurer, I believe that I can have an impact by promoting innovative financial tools designed to deliver cost savings. For example, applying the Social Impact Bonds model described above to the heroin epidemic would mean investments in programs that produce better recovery rates than the programs the state is currently funding. Increasing our recovery rates means healthier Ohioans and could in turn help reduce spending for Medicaid, Child & Protective Services and Corrections, all areas that have been put under increasing pressure as a result of this crisis. By forming strategic partnerships with the private sector, we can improve government efficiency from the outside in and have a lasting, positive effect on how we approach state fiscal policy.

QUESTION 4. *How will you ensure transparency and accountability in state finances?*

RICHARDSON: While I'm not a fan of current Treasurer Josh Mandel, I do think his Checkbook has potential for reigning in excessive or questionable spending by state and local governments. That being said, I believe we need to focus less on how school districts spend their money and more on how much we as a state invest in entities like private prisons and large drug corporations. Months ago I wrote a letter to Treasurer Mandel, asking him to conduct a fiscal impact study on the criminal justice system. I've not

received a response of any kind, but if I'm elected to the treasurer's office I promise to do so. My plan is to expand the Checkbook into a Taxpayer's Right to Know Report Card—that way taxpayers will have a clear view of where their money is going.

SPRAGUE: I believe increased transparency leads to greater accountability, which is why I created an annual financial report as Auditor of Findlay to help people better understand the City finances. I applaud Treasurer Josh Mandel for taking the first step in giving the public access to how their tax dollars are spent through the creation of Ohio's Online Checkbook. I plan to take this tool to the next level by further expanding the scope and capabilities of the program - creating a SMART Online Checkbook. Drawing upon my private sector experience as a business and financial consultant, I'll empower taxpayers to use the data to benchmark spending, make comparisons across agencies and better identify government efficiencies (or inefficiencies). Furthermore, I will work to increase participation in the program so that all Ohioans have a window into spending at every level of government.

QUESTION 5. *How will you ensure that the office is run in an ethical manner?*

RICHARDSON: I believe in leading with one's values, and if elected treasurer I will hold that same standard to anyone working in the office. As mentioned, I believe the treasurer's office can do more for everyday Ohioans than the simple, baseline requirements of the job. As a public servant, my commitment to the public comes before all else. This means I won't do business with or invest in companies whose practices harm the people of Ohio, such as private prisons or for-profit charter schools. I expect my employees to share my values and act with integrity at all times. Anything less will not be tolerated.

SPRAGUE: I am committed to executing my responsibilities as Treasurer of State with integrity and will expect the same of my staff and all those who interact with the office. I believe that having a leader at the helm with financial experience further helps to ensure the office is run in an ethical manner. As Treasurer, you're overseeing billions of taxpayer dollars. This is an incredible responsibility and that's why it's critical that the individual filling this role has a firm understanding of not only the duties of the Treasurer but of those who work in and with the office as well. I earned my MBA with an emphasis in finance, worked in the private sector advising companies worldwide on complex financial matters and gained

valuable public sector finance experience as City Auditor, Treasurer, and State Representative. I will bring to the Treasurer's Office an unparalleled level of professional competence born in part from these experiences and will serve with the integrity Ohioans deserve.

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QUESTION 1. *What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?*

BROWN: Ohioans are working harder and harder with less and less to show for their hard work. I want to restore the value of work to everyone working hard but struggling -- whether you earn a salary, punch a timesheet or make tips. Everyone deserves the opportunity to get ahead. That is why I have unveiled a plan to make work pay off again. We can do so by raising the minimum wage, giving workers the ability to earn paid sick days and family leave, and expanding overtime pay.

QUESTION 2. *What would you do to enact a fair and equitable immigration policy in Congress?*

BROWN: Earlier this year, I supported a pair of bipartisan bills that would have provided certainty to Dreamers while boosting security on our borders. Unfortunately those efforts failed, but I will continue to work with my Republican and Democratic colleagues until we reach a bipartisan solution to fix our broken immigration system that protects those brought here as children who are working and contributing to their communities.

QUESTION 3. *Explain your position on gun safety, sales, and ownership.*

BROWN: We cannot say we are doing what it takes to keep Americans safe until we are finally willing to pass

commonsense laws to protect people from gun violence. I have always respected the rights of hunters, collectors, and other law-abiding gun owners, and no one intends to take their guns away. But when our children are not safe in their schools, it's clear something has to be done to protect Ohioans against gun violence.

That's why I am proud of my record of supporting: true comprehensive background check legislation, closing loopholes that allow suspected terrorists to buy guns, funding research into the causes of gun violence, and banning deadly assault rifles that belong on the battlefields and not on our streets.

QUESTION 4. *How do tariffs on international goods affect working people regardless of their job? What policy do you recommend, going forward?*

BROWN: I grew up in Mansfield, Ohio and I've seen first-hand what America's disastrous trade policy has done to Ohio workers. Whether it's cheating through currency manipulation, illegal dumping, or Republican tax breaks that reward companies for moving to Wuhan, China or Reynosa, Mexico, U.S. trade and domestic policy must take aggressive steps going forward to combat these factors that have cost Ohio too many jobs.

Three days after the election, I wrote President-Elect Trump a letter, where I asked him not to play off agriculture against industry, farmers against steel workers. I support the President's tariffs -- but they need to be focused on the serial cheaters and not our friends and allies.

QUESTION 5. *What are your legislative priorities to effectively respond to our changing climate and related challenges for environmental, agricultural, and human health?*

BROWN: From the Great Lakes to small ponds, I have been a leader in defending Ohio's lakes and waterways. I partnered with senators throughout the region to champion the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, to clean up and revitalize these vital water resources, and, together with Senator Portman, vocally opposed the Trump Administration's efforts to drastically reduce support for the project.

The health of our environment has a direct impact on the health of Ohioans. I worked to protect our drinking water and am a strong proponent of increasing funding to prevent, monitor, and eliminate lead poisoning. I also worked with Senator Portman to protect our water from microcystin, the byproduct of the algal blooms that created the 2014 water crisis in the Toledo area. Furthermore, I've

spoken out against dangerous cuts to the federal budget that would make it nearly impossible to enforce clean air and water laws.

QUESTION 6. *In your role in the confirmation process of federal judicial nominees, what will you do to ensure the independence and impartiality of the judiciary?*

BROWN: More and more often these days, the only thing standing between Ohioans and their healthcare, the freedom to marry whoever they love, or the right to organize, is the Supreme Court. That's why it's more important than ever that we have fair and independent judges at all levels of the federal court system. That's why I opposed Justice Gorsuch and that's why I will oppose Brett Kavanaugh.

Judge Kavanaugh would be a vote for big corporations and special interests, not Ohio's workers, consumers, and the five million Ohioans with pre-existing conditions. The White House already looks like a retreat for Wall Street and pharmaceutical companies. We don't need the Supreme Court to look that way too.

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 4

JANET GARRETT

Current Position Retired Teacher of 35 Years; Former Teachers Union President; Former Peace Corps Volunteer
Education Master's Degree in Education from Kent State University

Training and Experience I have been a Progressive activist and a proud member of the middle class my entire life. What we need in DC are people with common sense and those who will fight for the needs of the people.

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JIM JORDAN

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QUESTION 1. *What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?*

GARRETT: The most urgent problem is the opioid epidemic. Its urgency stems from the fact that people are dying -14 a day in Ohio - and the numbers are rising. The Congress has allocated money for rehabilitation however, we need a representative who will fight for our share of that money. We don't have that now.

The next problem is income inequality, which I believe feeds into the opioid crisis. People turn to drugs because they are desperate. Part of that desperation comes from an economy that is rigged in favor of the rich. The middle class is collapsing due to the lack of opportunity for jobs that pay a decent living wage. The tax bill recently passed was a huge give away to the rich and a huge blow to American society. The Republican leadership has stated that they will go after Social Security and Medicare to pay for it but we can't let that happen. The tax giveaways to the rich must be repealed so that we can fund programs for people who actually need help and preserve SS and Medicare.

JORDAN: America is built on an idea--that all people are free and ought to govern themselves. Wanting to preserve fundamental liberties through self-government informs the pillars of my public service. Since I first ran for congress, I've dedicated myself fighting for lower taxes, a smaller more responsive government, a strong defense, a secure homeland, and a country that honors hard work and responsible behavior. I am excited about our country's future, but I know we cannot keep borrowing and spending taxpayer dollars like there's no tomorrow.

QUESTION 2. *What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?*

GARRETT: My ultimate goal is universal healthcare for all Americans. Expansion of Medicare could provide millions of Ohioans with the excellent and popular care that people 65 and older are receiving. Moreover, adding a new choice for Ohioans would help expand the limited competition in the counties where only one or two insurers are present. A combination of a public option and a Medicare extension would help improve Obamacare: the public option would compete in the Obamacare marketplaces for those under the age of 55, while the Medicare expansion would be available to 55-64 year-olds. This controlled rollout would alleviate some of the complications of expanding Medicare, while incorporating

the advantages of its low cost model. I understand that healthcare reform is complicated, but I will go to Washington with the knowledge that the system today needs fixing and with a determination to support the millions of Ohioans who rely on healthcare plans every year.

JORDAN: ObamaCare continues to drive-up costs and reduce options for Ohioans. The status quo is not sustainable for consumers' pocketbooks or government budgets. It's time for market-based solutions that provide more options for better coverage at a lower cost.

QUESTION 3. *What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?*

GARRETT: Trust has been eroded by politicians because of lying, evading questions, and blatant self-interest. I will speak directly, answer questions directly, meet with constituents regularly and work for the betterment of my district and the American people in general and NOT for the enrichment of myself or any other individual or entity. We must get all this money out of our politics. Money+politics=corruption.

Take the National Rifle Association (NRA) for example. It's clear that their dark money has blocked these commonsense measures from coming to fruition. We need to enact comprehensive campaign finance reform so that organizations like the NRA are not able to buy seats in Congress and have undue influence over our politics. What is bad for the bottom line of the gun industry cannot have more weight than the safety of our children and fellow citizens. Getting this money out of politics is crucial for trust to be restored, and that will be one of my highest priorities when in Congress.

JORDAN: I say this often--as elected officials, we make this job far too complicated. It's simple really. Our job is to do what we told the voters we were going to do. Every day, when I show up to vote in Washington, I work to follow through on the policies and positions I campaigned on when talking to Ohioans back home in the 4th Congressional district. I think that's how you foster trust--by keeping your word.

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 7

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QUESTION 1. *What would you do to enact a fair and equitable immigration policy in Congress?*

HARBAUGH: Our immigration system is broken. I believe America needs immigration policy that is tough, fair, and practical. From its start, our nation was built on a promise to immigrants: Lay down your burdens, work, live, and dream here. Amid our country's discussion of immigration reform, we should not lose sight of that promise. I support common-sense immigration reform that both secures our borders and secures America's place as a land of opportunity. This policy must include changes to the current policy of family separation. We are a nation founded on both laws and values. Courage. Integrity. Humanity. These are the values of the nation I risked my life to defend. I agree with Laura Bush: we must find "a kinder, more compassionate and more moral answer to this current crisis."

QUESTION 2. *Explain your position on gun safety, sales, and ownership.*

HARBAUGH: I am a hunter, a gun owner, and a veteran of the United States military. I am also a husband, a father, and a neighbor. I fought to defend the Constitution, and I know we can limit gun violence while respecting the 2nd Amendment. As a hunter and veteran, I do not need a bump stock to defend my family or hunt a deer. And if a 19-year-old boy is not old enough to buy a beer in the state of Florida, then we should come together as a nation and say that he is not old enough to buy a rifle either. At the same time, we must prevent potential terrorists and people on no-fly lists from obtaining firearms. Each of these policy

prescriptions has overwhelming bipartisan support. It's time we start working together to fix these problems.

QUESTION 3. *How do tariffs on international goods affect working people regardless of their job? What policy do you recommend, going forward?*

HARBAUGH: We have the world's greatest workforce right here in Ohio. And they've been getting the short end of the stick for far too long. It's time we work to level the playing field. We need to apply rules and practices that give our workers a fair shot. Sometimes, tariffs can be a part of a part of that solution. However, recent tariffs have often been created without our workers' best interests at heart. Tariffs have made life harder for farmers and have had disastrous impacts on our national debt. It's time to have tariff policies that are fair and deliberate. When considering trade legislation, I won't consider what's best for party bosses or corporations -- I don't take money from corporate PACs. Instead, I'll ask one question -- what's best for Ohio's workers? I'll value country over party.

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 9

MARCY KAPTUR (D)
Education BA History, University of Wisconsin; MA Urban Planning, University of Michigan; completed coursework toward PhD Urban Planning, MIT
Qualifications I practiced as a city and regional planner for fifteen years and served as urban policy advisor to the President in the Carter Administration before beginning my service as a Member of Congress.

STEVEN KRAUSS (R)
No response received

QUESTION 1. *What is the most pressing problem facing the federal government in 2018? What solutions will you offer?*

KAPTUR: There are many issues facing us as a nation. We have a crisis of faith in our government that we must overcome. To do so, we must reach across the aisle on shared interests, put the American people ahead of special interests, and ensure economic, retirement, education and health security for all. We must also work toward a future of environmental sustainability. Whether it is pension and

retirement security, peace and stability throughout the world, or **fighting** for a fair playing field in which working people have a chance at a leg up and achieve the American Dream, our work continues.

I have spent my time in Congress pursuing legislation to address the economic needs of our citizens. I am a strong proponent of fair trade, of a solid manufacturing base and sustainable technologies. I have authored legislation to address our nation's pension crisis in order to secure the retirement promised to thousands of workers. I support the shoring up of traditional Medicare and Social Security to ensure retirement security for all Americans. As Ranking Member of the Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee, I am deeply committed to saving our Great Lakes and have sponsored efforts such as the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to solve current problems and enhance the Lakes' future.

I also believe we must address the critical issue of **elections security**. **To that end, I have cosponsored legislations to address possible threats to our elections systems.** I am supportive of LWV efforts to end gerrymandering and create fair districts. Fair districts ensure that elected officials will be responsible to all constituents.

QUESTION 2. *What is your position on gun control and the second Amendment and what are your recommendations for improved school security*

KAPTUR: Though the ban on military-style automatic assault weapons and high-capacity magazines has now expired, I fully support its renewal. As well, strengthening commonsense background checks **is a measure I feel to be long overdue.**

It is safe to conclude that our current gun policy is broken. No child should have to be concerned about their safety when they should be focusing on academic excellence and achievement. I have worked over many years on the issue of improving screening for mental illness and insuring **the suitability of the applicant to purchase guns. Today, less than half** of children and adults with diagnosable mental health problems receive the treatment they need. While not all mental illness leads to gun violence, recent events show that we need to ensure that those in need of mental health services receive them. Ensuring that our mental health system is adequately funded and accessible can help to prevent dangerous situations from happening in the first place. We must find appropriate means to protect both the safety and the rights assured to all Americans under the Constitution.

QUESTION 3. *What is your stand on US immigration policy?*

KAPTUR: I support a path to legal citizenship. How can we deny to others the gift of freedom bequeathed to us? I support robust efforts to make America safe and secure. A workable solution should ensure America's safety without destroying our heritage as an immigrant nation dedicated to liberty and justice for all.

QUESTION 4. *What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?*

KAPTUR: I support the Affordable Care Act. It has provided insurance and thus health care for millions of Americans. Yet, we can do better, strengthening existing law to ensure coverage is truly affordable for all and all parts of the country have access to quality health care. We must also address the issue of high prescription costs. I have focused my efforts in this regard, and commissioned a study on the costs of the most frequently prescribed pharmaceuticals. I also support legislation to require negotiated pricing of prescription drugs.

STATE SENATOR – 13TH DISTRICT

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QUESTION 1. *Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.*

SWEDA: As a Mom's Demand Action Gun-Sense Candidate, I want to say two things on this issue: first, I believe in our right as Americans to own a gun; second, our right to own a gun does not supersede our right to safety. And more importantly, the idea that somehow more guns lead to more safety is a myth that is contradicted by all available data.

Here is what I believe. First, we need to adopt universal background checks and close gun-show loopholes: it isn't too much to ask people to buy a gun through a licensed vendor. Second, we need to restrict gun sales from people with violent records: those folks should not be able to have access to guns. Third, we need to both regulate assault weapons and ensure that we are regulating access to assault-grade firepower.

TAFT: I support the 2nd Amendment, which protects both the right to own and carry guns. I do not support attempts to ban semi-automatic weapons. I am open to reasonable background checks for all sales except within families, to prohibiting gun possession by those proved to be unfit to use guns, and to enacting "red flag" laws including temporary emergency relief, so long as there is full due process hearing for the targeted individual, and other "well regulated" provisions not inconsistent with ownership and carry. While I might consider increasing rights to own and carry guns over time, I would not support total prohibition of adults under 21 owning weapons, or even those under 18 with adult permissions and limitations.

QUESTION 2. *What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels?*

SWEDA: As an endorsed candidate of the Northeast Ohio Sierra Club, I believe Ohio's economy is stronger when we focus on clean-energy solutions, as opposed to a reliance on fossil fuels. We need to empower our communities and businesses to find creative solutions to our energy problems: the city of Oberlin is a great example, as roughly 90% of their energy is renewable.

However, it's worth noting we have local push back on this issue, due to the actions of our current State Senator and state legislature, who'll be introducing bills that push the

monetary interests of big business for wind energy, instead of the energy concerns of local communities. We must ensure that we continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of our citizens, even as we push forward to a more energy-efficient future.

TAFT: Get the government out of the business of picking winners and losers. I would not subsidize coal, oil, gas, wind, solar or anything else. The market has done far more to reduce CO2 emissions than government. I would repeal extreme regulation set backs on wind farms and work to build infrastructure such as diverse and micro-grid power distribution and energy efficiency to reduce demand. To the extent any further action were appropriate, I would first assure that we collect user fees to fully pay for our infrastructure needs (such as roads, bridges, water treatment and delivery, sanitary systems), which could include higher hydrocarbon taxes. I would consider temporary, but not long term, relief for the current life of nuclear plants as carbon neutral and full recovery of pollution costs

QUESTION 3. *Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.*

SWEDA: As an endorsed candidate of EMILY's List, PPAO and NARAL, I want to make two points: first, this is an issue that many people—regardless of ideological views—feel strongly about; second, a woman's healthcare choices are exceedingly intimate, and we shouldn't allow others into that decision-making process. All women have a right to bodily autonomy. That said, we can do more to reduce unwanted pregnancies without being invasive. These preventative measures include: • Covering FDA-approved contraceptive methods under health insurance, like those available in the Health Insurance Marketplace. • Ensuring all women have access to reproductive healthcare providers, regardless of economic circumstances. • Teaching comprehensive sex education, as opposed to abstinence-only sex education.

TAFT: I have always supported a woman's right to choose whether to become or sustain a pregnancy at all times until the child is viable, which is settled American law. I also believe abortion is often the wrong choice and would encourage rational consideration of all options. Beyond viability of a child, restrictions on abortion except to preserve the life or physical health of the woman or in cases of involuntary impregnation can be considered. In the final two months of pregnancy when a premature child would normally survive, prohibiting abortions except to

protect the life or physical health of the mother are appropriate. Abortion should not be subsidized with government funds excepting only for necessary health care. I favor open access to contraceptives and the "morning after" pill.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 55TH DISTRICT

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KELLY KRAUS MENCKE (D)

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GAYLE L MANNING (R)

No response received

QUESTION 1. *What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system?*

FICHTEL: Ranked choice voting is the most positive change we could possibly make. By doing so, we eliminate the need for citizens to cast their votes against something, and instead allow them to vote FOR something.

MENCKE: OH HB25 - Adopt agreement to elect President by popular vote was introduced in the 132nd General Assembly to amend sections of the Revised Code to adopt the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. What that means is that a bill to allow popular vote of Ohioans to be used in electing a president was introduced. The bill has not moved. I support popular vote elections for all levels of government from municipal, state, and federal. I also support the redistricting of Ohio to allow for more competitive elections.

QUESTION 2. *Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.*

FICHTEL: The 2nd Amendment is clear, the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Safety courses and familiarity so that a citizen understands the power and responsibility of firearm use are the best course of action.

MENCKE: Many of the people in the 55th district are divided on this issue. In hearing concerns, I have found agreement to work toward making sure our children are safe in schools and that Stand Your Ground laws make sense for the safety of Ohioans. I see opportunity to set standards for materials and technology in school buildings, especially when rebuilding.

QUESTION 3. *What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels?*

FICHTEL: The market should decide when clean energy is the right choice. Green and alternative energy is amazing, and a choice I make personally when possible, but it has to come naturally. When the government picks winners and losers, we get unintended and sometimes devastating consequences.

MENCKE: With the interest of voters in the 55th district in mind, I will support policy that helps entrepreneurs to start up or owners to build small businesses focused on clean energy. I would also work with our energy companies to grow programs for business and residents opting to use green energy, like solar panels on a roof, or a geothermal farm replacing an old crop farm. Career technical education and college degrees in Ohio would benefit the growth of our green energy industry.

QUESTION 4. *Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.*

FICHTEL: In terms of abortion, while I don't personally support it when not a medical necessity, it is not something that should be legislated. Women's reproductive choices are between her, her doctor, and whatever god she may believe in. Safe and easy access to birth control as well as education are the best methods to decrease abortion rates. When a desired good or service is outlawed, it only creates a black market, and that isn't good for anyone.

MENCKE: In speaking with the women in the 55th district, there is a strong collective voice to protect their rights for access and services in Ohio that support their

reproductive choices. I will represent them to protect access to care, to make sure that no one goes without care, especially, when considering Ohio's high rate of maternal and infant mortality.

QUESTION 5. *What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air.*

FICHTEL: One of the core tenets of libertarianism is to cause no harm. When government protects corporations and organized interests, the damage to the environment is harm to all. This again comes down to not picking winners and losers, and ensuring that negative actions have negative consequences.

MENCKE: There is growing concern with the health of Lake Erie in the 55th district. There is also concern for the health of our rivers from leaders and members of our communities. The concern is clear in abandoned manufacturing sites and caution alerts for water conditions. Not only is the enjoyment of our waterways affected, but our health is too. I will draw more attention the need for clean energy sources that protect our water ways and air. The health of our environment and ourselves is risked. I will support the growth of clean energy to protect our natural resources and the health of Ohioans.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 56TH DISTRICT

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QUESTION 1. *Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.*

MILLER: Due to the violence and mayhem brought upon communities by gun violence, a common sense gun plan needs to be in place. We need to protect gun ownership by law abiding citizens while at the same time restricting guns that are causing mass casualties by people not fit to own guns.

WEBER: I am a pro-Second Amendment candidate. I have been a Life Member of the NRA since 1975. I served 9 years of active duty in the U.S. Army, including having attended and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I was raised as a youth around firearms, shooting, hunting and outdoors sportsmen activities. I was raised and taught the responsible and safe use of guns for sporting activities and self defense. I was taught to respect firearms. So, I would emphasize firearms safety education and training. I believe that parents need to teach their children the proper use of and respect for firearms. I am concerned about the video game culture in general and, in particular, to the "shooting" games that desensitize our youth to violence and the consequences associated with guns

QUESTION 2. *What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels?*

MILLER: These two issues go hand in hand as Lorain County is poised to be the leader in transitioning from fossil fuel burning generators to wind and solar which will continue to protect our precious clean air and water while creating the jobs of tomorrow.

WEBER: As an environmental engineer, I am supportive of so-called environmental issues. I am a supporter of clean energy producers such as wind farms, solar power stations, and continuing our nuclear energy sources (as opposed to shutting the nuclear power plants down). I support offering incentives (to both the producer and the end user) to participants of clean energy. I also support our continuing stricter regulation of carbon emissions. As far as new job opportunities, I do not understand why Ohio has not invested in a larger stake in the wind power industry. Having traveled in Ontario, Canada from Detroit to

Toronto, which is directly across Lake Erie from Ohio, I am amazed at the voluminous amount of windmills. I do not understand why Ohio has not invested in this viable clean energy.

QUESTION 3. *Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.*

MILLER: A women's right to plan or respond to issues of reproduction is a basic human right and should be protected. However, great responsibility comes with the power to create or destroy a human life. We should continue to fund planned parenthood and birth control as well as assist in early detection and decision making in the hopes we reduce the culture of death of midterm abortions.

WEBER: I am in favor of appropriate sexual education at the appropriate school levels. I am in favor of educating all students (whether young women or young men) regarding reproductive health care choices (including the topics of monogamy, waiting until marriage for sexual relations, sexually transmitted diseases, safe sex practices, and other topics). I am a pro-life candidate. Under the current abortion laws (i.e., Roe v. Wade), I do not support the governmental funding of organizations such as Planned Parenthood. I also do not support laws that allow a legal minor (i.e., a young woman under the age of 18) to be able to obtain an abortion without parental notification and consent.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 57TH DISTRICT

JAMES JOHNSON (D)

Education Bachelor's degree in Marketing Management from Youngstown State University

Training and Experience 30 years retail experience including 25 years of management. I have also coached several of my children's sports teams.

Facebook Page Johnson for State rep

DICK STEIN (R)

No response received

QUESTION 1. *What changes, if any, should be made to Ohio's electoral system?*

JOHNSON: We need to make sure every effort is made to allow everyone the opportunity to vote. I have been amazed

at the number of people who do not want to register to vote because they think they will get called for jury duty. We need to make sure people are educated as to the importance of voting, regardless of party affiliation. I would like to see public transportation set up to help get people to voter facilities. We set up programs for people to not drive on New Year's Eve; but nothing to help them make their voices heard.

QUESTION 2. *Explain your position on regulation of gun safety, sales, and ownership.*

JOHNSON: I am an avid hunter who owns guns. I do not think taking them away from people is the answer. We need to be smarter and use common sense when we make changes. We can raise the age limits on the purchase of guns. We also need to develop an appropriate wait time for the purchase of firearms. I understand this can create some hardship, but it can also help to make sure there is a calming down period of time that could eliminate a tragedy from happening.

QUESTION 3. *What will you do to ensure that Ohio is at the forefront of the clean energy industry, increasing job opportunities that both safeguard our environment and reduce reliance on fossil fuels?*

JOHNSON: I am a strong supporter of looking at opportunities that will make our state better. We clearly need to look at opportunities to make us less reliant on fossil fuels.

QUESTION 4. *Explain your position on reproductive health care choices for women.*

JOHNSON: I do not personally believe in abortion. I also do not believe that the government has any business mandating or dictating what a woman should or should not do with their own bodies. People only want to focus on the abortion topic when it comes to groups like Planned Parenthood and not all the programs that are available. My wife relied on these options even after we got married because it was less expensive to go there than it was to go to another doctor.

QUESTION 5. *What are your legislative priorities for the Ohio environment? Discuss climate change, renewable energy, water resources, and clean air.*

JOHNSON: I am a firm believer that we all need to protect what we have. We have great natural resources in this state and we need to make sure they are preserved for generations to come. This will include strict regulations on polluting our waterways. We need to make sure we continue to limit air pollution as well. I am in favor of exploring options for renewable energy programs. I would also like to see us employ different programs in different parts of the state before they are implemented across the entire state.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

JOHN CIARRONE (R)

Education M.A. Communicative Disorders, University of Akron; B.A. Communication, Baldwin-Wallace College
Training and Experience Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist by the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology; 10 years working with individuals with developmental disabilities, 20 years working with preschool and school-age children in the public schools.
Age 59

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MATT LUNDY (D)

Education B.S. Human Resource Mgmt. Friends University, Wichita, KS / Associate Degree LCCC Elyria, OH
Training and Experience First Term County Commissioner, Former State Representative, Former Media Consultant, Former Investigative Reporter/Anchor
Age 58

Facebook Page mattlundy

JASON K. ZAPISEK

Education The Ohio State University, BS Psychology Kent State University, Master of Public Administration
Training and Experience Masters of Public Administration with an emphasis on local/regional government.
Age 40
Campaign Address 11678 White Tail Run, Columbia Station 44028

QUESTION 1. *Given the failures of levies for public transit, what new ideas do you have for improving or*

promoting public transit in the underserved and rural areas of Lorain County?

CIARRONE: Public transit in Lorain County can be an integral part of economic development for our area. As Commissioner, I would continue to seek to partner and collaborate with others in the county (Mobility and Opportunity for a Vibrant Economy (MOVE), Office on Aging, private vendors, and others, to create a coordinated transportation plan to expand transit in the county. As for funding, I would not seek additional tax money from voters, but seek private sources and grants. We can also seek to collaborate with other counties where public transit is used successfully.

It is disappointing that the current Commissioners were going to earmark money from the imposed sales tax levy in 2016 for public transit, but changed course after the sales tax was enacted.

LUNDY: We have just conducted a transit study through a grant from NOACA. We will study the results and look at best options. I always welcome community thoughts and feedback on the issue. For transit to succeed, there must be a designated revenue stream to pay for it. The community to date has been unwilling to help in the funding of transit. We'll keep trying to work with the community to earn support for this important economic development issue and social justice issue.

ZAPISEK: I think you have to respect the majority of Lorain County voters and their reluctance to pass recent levies for public transit, and explore new and innovative ways to improve transit. I would explore both private and non-profit alternatives to improve underserved and rural areas, such as "ridesharing". I would approach "real-time" and "peer-to-peer" ridesharing, like Uber and Lyft, to discuss ways their technology and data could assist Lorain County with affordable and accessible transit solutions. I would approach regional institutions of higher learning for their opinion on innovative and effective ways to improve transit. I would also encourage the development of local non-profit organizations interested in improving and promoting affordable and accessible transit.

QUESTION 2. *How would you encourage communities to work together on different kinds of infrastructure within the county?*

CIARRONE: Hold collaborative "Town Hall" meetings and inviting all the stakeholders to participate. Perhaps assemble a task force to come up with realistic options for

expanding public transit. As Commissioner, I would be involved in the discussions. As one who actually rode the LCT this summer, I had the opportunity to ask both riders and drivers about their experiences with public transit. They both, of course, would like to see expanded routes.

LUNDY: We are already working with communities concerning sewers (recent project in LaGrange) and storm water. The Storm Water Advisory Committee meets with our county leadership team to review, select and fund projects in need to correct storm water issues in the county's townships. We have also worked closely with our county Engineer and the communities of Avon and North Ridgeville. This partnership made possible \$250,000 in funding for the the new roundabout through our Transportation Improvement District funding. We also provide an important leadership role through NOACA for the future planning and implementation of Federal Transportation Projects for our county's communities. We continue to look for new ways to improve our county's infrastructure through partnerships.

ZAPISEK: You first have to determine if this collaboration is beneficial for the majority of the stakeholders. To determine that, I would rely on community leaders, representatives, and citizens to express their opinions, ideas, and feasibility of collaboration. I would also research similar counties that explored and implemented collaborative efforts with regards to infrastructure. I would work with our communities to analyze the data to determine the best outcome for the majority of the stakeholders. I would present our findings and let the communities decide what, if any, actions to take.

QUESTION 3. *What is your position on how the state government either should support or restrain local government rule?*

CIARRONE: I am actually for a charter form of government in Lorain county (such as in Cuyahoga and Summit Counties), which I believe would give our county more flexibility in and allow for better representation throughout the entire county.

LUNDY: As a former state representative and now as a county commissioner, I strongly support home rule in communities. Local officials are directly accountable to their voters and should be allowed to make decisions that directly impact their residents of which they must serve. The state should not be telling communities how to run

their local communities. The state has crippled local government by cutting in half local government funds to help support the Republican-controlled Legislature's tax breaks for wealthy Ohioans. This forces local communities to go to the ballot with local tax issues. The legislature directing dollars to charter schools has also greatly hurt our students in public education and made public education harder to fund in Ohio. Local Government funds must be restored.

ZAPISEK: The state government is responsible for adhering and upholding Article X of the Ohio Constitution when it comes to local government rule.

COUNTY AUDITOR

MIKE DORAN (L)

Age 34

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CRAIG SNODGRASS (D)

Education Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Walsh College

Training and Experience Certified Public Accountant, Certified Government Financial Manager
Deputy Auditor July 1994 - December 2012; Auditor
January 2013 - present

Age 52

Campaign Address 6323 Oak Point Estates, Lorain, 44053

QUESTION 1. *What would you do to ensure that public funds are not misused by county government officials?*

DORAN: My goal is to make all financial documents easily accessible to the public. The State has an online checkbook, the county should have a similar system. I believe making these documents easily accessible is crucial in keeping all of the county officials accountable, not only to each other but also to the people. It is the peoples money after all.

SNODGRASS: I have implemented numerous internal control procedures and checklists in our review processes of County expenditures. The State Auditor's office considers these controls when rendering their opinion on the County's financial statements, which the County has received clean audit opinions. On occasion, I may consult with the County Prosecutor's office or State Auditor's office regarding transactions to ensure they are within legal guidelines. Usually it's a matter of requesting further

documentation or clarifications by the various departments to ensure the expenditures are for a proper public purpose.

QUESTION 2. *What do you see as the main duty of the auditor as it relates to county government?*

DORAN: The Main Duty on the County Auditor is to audit spending and performance of the county government. Ultimately, I would not only plan to do these reviews, but since we have all of this technology nowadays, why not make it accessible to the people. Our government is supposed to be for the people, they have the right to see all of it, and as government, we have the responsibility to provide it to them without hassle.

SNODGRASS: There are many facets to the Auditor's office that carry a high level of importance. I along with my staff, strive to seek fairness, accuracy and consistency in all areas of the office. I am entrusted with hundreds of millions of dollars to ensure they are properly accounted for and distributed to the various political subdivisions. As auditor, I am a resource to serve and assist other governmental entities whether it be from a financial inquiry or real estate concern. Likewise, I am entrusted to handle millions of dollars of real estate transactions and valuations. Ultimately, as auditor, I am here to provide the public with information, both from a fiscal standpoint and from a real estate perspective.

QUESTION 3. *What recommendations do you have to improve operations in the auditor's office?*

DORAN: Getting all of the departments in the county on a single accounting system would greatly increase efficiency in the auditor's office. Also having one system would reduce input and transfer errors when switching between systems. Another operation that could use improvement is, when the new home property tax values are released We should send out an estimated tax change to the home owners. Right now so many people are bothered by their increased value, and they don't know that their 20% increase in value is not also a 20% increase in taxes.

SNODGRASS: My team and I are constantly assessing processes and procedures in this office seeking ways to improve on our delivery of information and programs. Whether it is from a customer service perspective, to improving and leveraging our technology to enhance services to the end users of the information and the public. I have increased our presence at various events throughout Lorain County that I, my public information officer and

staff attend to inform the public of programs available to them and to answer questions in general about Lorain County. I have continued to add features on the auditor's website and created a social media presence to easily disseminate information to the public and business community to access at no cost.

MEMBER STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – 2ND DISTRICT

JEANINE P. DONALDSON

Occupation CEO Elyria/Lorain YWCA

Education 1971 Graduate Sandusky High School, 1975 Oberlin College; BMus. Education

Qualifications for Office Former public school teacher, YWCA chief executive for over 30 years, 12 years Lorain Board of Education, Five years Ohio Civil Rights Commission; appointed by Gov. Taft, Consultant Ray and Associates Educational Search Firm

CHARLES FROEHLICH

Occupation Retired

Education BS Chemical Engineering Northeastern Univ, EMBA Kent State Univ.

Qualifications for Office 16 years Avon Lake City Schools Board of Education (12 years as president), 4 years Lorain County JVS Board of Education. 44 years of Manufacturing Experience.

KIRSTEN HILL

No response received

W. ROGER KNIGHT

Occupation Retired educator

Education BS, M.Ed., Bowling Green State University, 1968, 1974

Qualifications for Office Over forty years serving public schools in Huron, Erie, Lorain, Crawford, and Richland counties. Experiences include teaching in high schools for five years, elementary and middle schools for ten years; school administrator for twenty-six years.

SUE LARIMER

Occupation School Board member

Education B.S. Elementary Science Education, M. Ed. Teaching and Curriculum, Middle School Social Studies Credential

Qualifications for Office Worked in Education profession since 1979, won Spirit of Education award from Lourdes in

2012, second term School Board member, love to listen to and research hot topics in education.

VICKI DONOVAN LYLE

Occupation Small business owner, Lyle & Associates Education B.S., Elementary Education. Bowling Green State University.

Qualifications for Office Sylvania Board of Education, 2004-present; Assistant Coach Southview Mock Trial; endorsed by Ohio Education Association; Member of Collaborative Education Committee in Sylvania, comprised of teacher/Board/administrators. 2017 Presenter at OSBA Capitol Conference and Ohio Education Association Conference. (53)

ANNEETTE DUDEK SHINE

No response received

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JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT – TERM STARTS 1/1/2019

CRAIG BALDWIN

Education J.D. Capital University Law School. B.A. Ohio University.

Training and Experience Judge, Fifth District Court of Appeals, 2013 to present. Judge, Licking County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 2005-2013. Director, Licking County Child Support Enforcement Agency, 2001-2005. Partner in the Law Firm of Jones, Norpell, List Miller and Howarth. 1997-2001. Associate Attorney at the Law Firm of Swank and Wilson. 1992-1997.

Age 54

Judicial Experience Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals, 2013 to present. Licking County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 2005-2013.

MICHAEL DONNELLY

Education J.D., Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; B.A., John Carroll University; St. Ignatius High School

Training and Experience Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, 1992-1997; Attorney in Private Practice, 1997-2004

Age 51

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT – TERM STARTS 1/2/2019

MARY DEGENARO

Education 1986 JD Cleveland State University; 1983 BA Youngstown State University

Training and Experience January, 2018-date Justice Supreme Court of Ohio; 2001-January, 2018 Judge 7th District Court of Appeals; 1986-2001 Appellate/General Practice Attorney Youngstown Ohio; 2011-2013 Adjunct Faculty Youngstown State University Political Science Department

Age 57

Facebook Page JudgeMary4Ohio

MELODY J. STEWART

Education Beaumont High School; B.Mus. ~ College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati; J.D. ~ Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University; Ph.D. ~ Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University; Honorary Doctor of Laws ~ Cleveland State University

Training and Experience Ohio Court of Appeals Judge; Supreme Court of Ohio sitting judge by assignment of the Chief Justice; University of Toledo College of Law ~ law professor; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law ~ law professor, assistant dean, lecturer; Case Western Reserve School of Law ~ director; Ursuline College ~ Adjunct Instructor; City of Euclid ~ Board of Planning and Zoning chair & vice-chair; City of Cleveland and City of East Cleveland ~ Assistant Director of Law; Annashae Corporation ~ Office Manager.

Age 56

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JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS – 9TH DISTRICT

DIANA COLAVECCHIO

Education JD: University of Akron (1989); BA: English, University of Akron (1986)

Training and Experience Private legal practice (2002 – 2015); UAW-LSP staff attorney (1991-2002); Current Occupation Clerk of Courts – Stow Municipal Court
Facebook Page colavecchioforjudge

JENNIFER HENSAI

Education J.D. University of Toledo; B.A. University of Akron

Training and Experience Appellate Judge, Ohio Court of Appeals, Ninth Judicial District; Visiting Judge, Ohio Supreme Court; Prosecutor, City of Wadsworth and City of Medina; Assistant Director of Law, City of Wadsworth, Village of Seville and Village of Lodi; Private practice of law, counseled corporate, public, and individual clients in state and federal litigation both in and out of the State of Ohio; Court appointed guardian.

Facebook Page Judge Jennifer Hensai on Facebook
Campaign Address

JUDGE CT. OF COMMON PLEAS - TERM STARTS 1/2/2019

JENIFER BERKI MERRILL

No response received

JOHN MIRALDI

Education J.D. from University of Toledo College of Law
Training and Experience 25 years private practice as civil trial attorney. Last 6 years as Judge; Lorain County Court of Common Pleas

Questions concerning judicial races and responses from candidates for judgeships are available at JUDICIALVOTESCOUNT.com.

STATE ISSUE

BALLOT ISSUE 1: SENTENCING REFORM

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass. Ballot language was not available at the time of printing.

If adopted, the amendment would:

Require sentence reductions of incarcerated individuals, except individuals incarcerated for murder, rape, or child molestation, by up to 25% if the individual participates in rehabilitative, work, or educational programming.

Mandate that criminal offenses of obtaining, possessing, or using any drug such as fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD, and other controlled substances cannot be classified as a felony, but only a misdemeanor. Prohibit jail time as a sentence for obtaining, possessing, or using such drugs until an individual's third offense within 24 months.

Allow an individual convicted of obtaining, possessing, or using any such drug prior to the effective date of the amendment to ask a court to reduce the conviction to a misdemeanor, regardless of whether the individual has completed the sentence. Require any available funding, based on projected savings, to be applied to state-administered rehabilitation programs and crime victim funds. Require a graduated series of responses, such as community service, drug treatment, or jail time, for minor, non-criminal probation violations.

LORAIN COUNTY ISSUES

BALLOT ISSUE 8: JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL LEVY

Additional .75 mills for general permanent improvements. Continuing. Ballot language was not available at the time of printing.

Additional Information supplied by the League of Women Voters

If approved by voters, the 0.75-mill permanent improvement levy would generate about \$4.5 million a year. The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay about \$26 a year. The money would be used to upgrade the fire alarm system and curriculum labs, repair the bus garages, add nine zones for the sprinkler system, improve the parking lots and driveways and upgrade the electrical system. Permanent improvement levies cannot be used for operations or salaries. The revenue can only be used for improvements that will last longer than five years, such as buses and building upgrades

BALLOT ISSUE 14: RECOVERY ONE LEVY

A Majority Affirmative Vote Is Necessary For Passage.

Five-year, 0.30-mill
Will raise \$2 million annually
Levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$10.50 annually. Ballot language was not available at the time of printing.

Additional Information supplied by the League of Women Voters

The levy would help fund Recovery One, which is a one-stop recovery and rehabilitation facility. The County Board of Commissioners is partnering with the Nord Family Foundation, The LCADA Way, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County and the Lorain County Board of Mental Health to open the facility at the former Golden Acres retirement home site.

OBERLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUE

ISSUE 11: OBERLIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ISSUE 2018

Bond 4.8 Mills for School Improvements
37 Years. Ballot language was not available at the time of printing.

Additional Information supplied by the League of Women Voters

If approved by voters, the 4.8-mill bond issue would generate \$17.8 million, over 37 years, and would be used to construct a pre-kindergarten through grade 5 elementary school; the first phase of a consolidated facilities master plan which has been approved by the Ohio Facilities Construction Committee. The 132,370-square foot building would be constructed on a 40-acre site next to Oberlin High School. To lessen the financial impact of the bond issue, the district plans to not collect one mill of the current improvement property tax money effective January 2019. As a result, the additional property tax, at 3.8 mills per \$100,000 in property value, is about \$133 per year. If approved, construction would begin on the elementary school in November 2019