



## VOTERS' GUIDE – CANDIDATES & ISSUES

### For Portage County, Ohio

### MAY 5, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

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#### **Candidates**

**US Senator, US Representative to Congress, Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Auditor of State, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, State Senator, State Representative, Ohio Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, State Central Committee**—Candidates were invited to participate in the voter guide on VOTE411 by the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund.

**Portage County** races—Candidates who filed their intent to run for office with the Board of Elections were sent questions relating to the office they were seeking by the LWV of Kent, as well as instructions on how to complete the candidate questionnaire.

**County Central Committee (Democratic)**—candidates with opposition were invited to participate in the voter guide. Only the precincts with candidates are listed in this publication.

The candidates invited by the LWV of Kent were asked to enter their responses on the VOTE411 website in accordance with the following guidelines.

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Visit [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) to view a side-by-side comparison of the candidates' biographical information and all of the questions and answers.

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<https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/portage/ballotlist.aspx>

Select Election Date: 5/5/2026 Primary Election

Select District Type: Cities, Villages, or Townships e.g. *Cities*

Select District Name: e.g. *Streetsboro City*

Click the Find Ballots box.

Find your precinct and click the View Ballot box. The sample ballot should appear.

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## Key Dates

April 6, 2026 Voter Registration Deadline

April 7, 2026 Early Voting Begins

April 7, 2026 Absentee Ballots Mailed Out

April 28, 2026 Deadline to Request Absentee Ballots

May 5, 2026 Election Day, 6:30 am – 7:30 pm

May 5, 2026 Deadline for Receipt by the Board of Elections of  
Absentee Ballots Returned by US Mail

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## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Go to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) for additional questions/answers and responses after the deadline.

### GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Democratic

**Amy Acton and David Pepper**

Candidate has not responded.

### OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Democratic

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Candidate has not yet responded.

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

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

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

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

**WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND WHY?**

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

**WHAT DIVISIONS (E.G. CONSUMER PROTECTION, ENVIRONMENT, CIVIL RIGHTS, IMMIGRATION, ELECTIONS, ETC) WILL YOU PRIORITIZE, AND WHY?**

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

**WHEN IS IT APPROPRIATE TO BRING CASES ON BEHALF OF OHIO TO FEDERAL COURT?**

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

## AUDITOR OF STATE

Democratic

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Candidate has not yet responded.

## OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

As a leukemia physician, I rebuilt a struggling program. I built a team of nurses, nurse practitioners, and physicians who were dedicated to great patient care. Our program has revenue exceeding 250 million/year with more than 500 employees, and leading this For years, Ohio's Secretary of State has made it harder for Ohioans to vote. I am running for Secretary of State because our democracy is under attack. Trump and Ohio's MAGA super majority gerrymander and suppress voters, and trick people with dishonest ballot language. The first step to promoting voter participation is to stop actively harming Ohio's voters.

**WHAT WILL YOU DO TO PROMOTE VOTER PARTICIPATION?**

Once the damage of voter suppression and partisan gerrymandering have been overcome, we can focus on proactive ways to increase voter participation. This includes civic engagement for high school students and college students who can vote, making it easier to vote absentee or by mail and eliminating the burdensome restrictions on in-person early voting hours and drop boxes.

**WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU MAKE TO ELECTION SECURITY?**

Ohio's elections are secure, but there are areas where we can improve. As Secretary of State, I will work with the Ohio Board of Voting Systems Examiners to evaluate each county and ensure that our office invests in the most secure voting technology. Beyond updating our technology, I will also increase the number of audits and tests we conduct of our voting technology county by county, to guarantee the safest and most secure election possible.

**WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU MAKE TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE POLICY?**

We are significantly handcuffed by the Citizens United decision. However, even as a candidate, there are things I can control. I am running for Ohio Secretary of State to end gerrymandering, protect the vote, and run fair elections. I cannot do that if I am owned by the pharmaceutical industry or energy companies, or a couple of wealthy families. That is why I have not—and will not—accept donations from big businesses or their political action committees, shell corporations, or other dark money schemes.

The Secretary of State also has the ability to administer and enforce campaign finance rules and conduct initial investigations into campaign finance violations. I will use this authority to rein in dark money in politics.

Democratic

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EDUCATION

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

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

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

**WHAT WILL YOU DO TO PROMOTE VOTER PARTICIPATION?**

I believe increasing voter participation and voter education should be key duties of the office. Ensuring that Ohioans are informed about how, when, and where to vote is essential to a strong democracy. This work relies on building partnerships with key communities, including school districts, universities, nonpartisan organizations focused on voting, faith communities, and local governments. These partners play a critical role in helping reach voters in their communities and encouraging civic participation. In addition, we should focus on making voting information more accessible. That includes reimagining the technologies voters use to access election information and register to vote. By improving the platforms voters rely on, we can ensure accurate information is readily available.

**WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU MAKE TO ELECTION SECURITY?**

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

**WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU MAKE TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE POLICY?**

The Secretary of State carries out campaign finance laws, but does not have the power to set new policy without legislative action. However, the Secretary of State still has regulatory oversight into this process. Last year, the Ohio Legislature dissolved the Ohio Elections Commission and shifted the investigation for violations of campaign finance laws to the Secretary of State's office. Appeal of decisions goes to the Ohio Elections Integrity Commission,

whose chairperson is also appointed by the Secretary of State. The Ohio Secretary of State has enormous discretion to investigate campaigns for any potential campaign finance infractions. Because of this new and relatively unchecked power, it is more important than ever that Ohio elects a Secretary of State who is fair and transparent.

## OHIO TREASURER

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EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Xavier University

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

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

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

**WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE TREASURER, AND WHY?**

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

**WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR IMPROVING THE FUNCTION OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE?**

As Treasurer of Ohio, I will ensure the office operates with integrity and our focus is on investing in all of our communities so Ohioans can thrive. Programs like the LinkedDeposits program, the 529 College Advantage and social impact bonding are the type of programs that the Treasurer's office should continue to implement to maximize and optimize how Ohio reinvests its money in our people.

**HOW CAN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE INFLUENCE STATE FISCAL POLICY?**

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

# JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT - TERM COMMENCING 01/01/2027

Democratic

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Ohio Court of Appeals Judge since 2016 • Attorney nearly 20 years • Provided legal education and training to attorneys, including prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, and civil litigators • Alum of the FBI Citizens Academy • Procter & Gamble IT Manager

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Creator and program manager for “Educating Tomorrow’s Leaders” student program • U.C. College of Law Dean’s Advisory Board • Past Board member of Beech Acres Parenting Center • Past Board member of Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio

**WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS SPECIFIC COURT SEAT?**

I am running for our Ohio Supreme Court because our highest court must be a beacon of integrity and impartiality—free from politics and guided by the Constitution, law, and facts that protect all Ohioans. After nearly a decade on the Court of Appeals and appointments by the Chief Justice to the Supreme Court, I’ve built a record of fair, ethical decisions that earn trust across party lines. As a political outsider who has represented Ohioans from all walks of life, I understand how the law affects families. Seven justices decide cases we all must follow and set ethical standards for attorneys. Different perspectives lead to better solutions. As confidence in our courts declines, I will leave politics at the door and deliver common-sense rulings that uphold public safety and accountability.

**WHAT MAJOR CHALLENGES DO COURTS FACE TO DAY? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THEM?**

Courts today face a critical challenge: restoring public trust. Politics have no place in the courtroom and should never influence judicial decisions. Cases must be decided based on the Constitution, the law, and the facts. The Ohio Supreme Court is uniquely positioned to help address this challenge. It has the authority to expand specialized dockets—such as those for mental health, veterans, human trafficking survivors, drug recovery, and complex commercial disputes—which provide accountable, problem-solving alternatives that help break cycles of crime. The Court also sets ethical standards for Ohio’s judges and attorneys and must ensure integrity and consistency in its decisions. By emphasizing fairness, transparency, and practical solutions, we can strengthen confidence in our courts.

# JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT - TERM COMMENCING 01/02/2027

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

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

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

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS SPECIFIC COURT SEAT?

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's 2016 book, *In My Own Words*, inspired me to understand just how focused she was on improving the lives of women and on equality, even before she was an attorney, judge or U.S. Supreme Court Justice. She also understood that collegiality among her colleagues was essential to forging a path to accomplish her goals. As the only Democrat on the Ohio Supreme Court, I understand that and have worked to develop relationships that help me to contribute to Ohio law so that rule of law may stay strong and justice for all be more than an idea.

WHAT MAJOR CHALLENGES DO COURTS FACE TO DAY? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THEM?

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

## U.S. SENATE

Democratic

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EDUCATION

BA in Economics, University of Kentucky (health-economics capstone); continued studies in econometrics at Ohio State.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

For more than 30 years, I worked as an IT consultant and small-business owner helping Ohio companies solve technology and operational challenges, including consulting engagements in health care and health insurance. I've also spent decades advocating for families of children with autism, helping establish Medicaid waiver services that expanded access to care in Ohio. Today, I continue to serve by coaching Special Olympics athletes and supporting autism initiatives in our community.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Special Olympics; Dr. Mary Trust for Autism

**HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?**

The cost of living is squeezing working families. My American Dividend Plan puts money back in people's pockets with a guaranteed monthly payment to working-class Americans.

We also need to stop making life more expensive through bad policy, including politically driven tariffs that raise prices and hit farmers hard.

Affordability means building a system where people aren't punished by rising costs they can't control, and my plan delivers that.

**STATE YOUR POSITION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY.**

America must lead the world by example — defending democracy, human rights, and the rule of law at home and abroad.

Our alliances, especially NATO, are strongest when America is steady and principled.

Leadership also means using diplomacy, humanitarian aid, and international cooperation before force.

And in a world shaped by AI, cyber threats, and economic coercion, we must protect our digital infrastructure and strengthen our economic resilience. Leading by example keeps our country safe and our values intact.

**WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO IMMIGRATION POLICY?**

America has always been strengthened by immigrants, and our policy should reflect that we welcome those who want to build a life here. At the same time, the system must be orderly and functional.

We need secure borders, modern technology, and significantly faster immigration hearings so people receive timely decisions instead of waiting years. Legal worker programs should be expanded and simplified so employers, including Ohio farmers who rely on seasonal labor, can hire lawfully.

Law enforcement should focus on serious criminals such as traffickers and gang leaders, not on sweeping actions that divide communities.

Smart immigration policy means combining humane values, efficient legal pathways, and strong but targeted enforcement.

Democratic

### **Sherrod Brown**

Candidate has not yet responded.

## **U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 13**

Democratic

### **Emilia Sikes**

Candidate has not yet responded.

## **U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 14**

Democratic

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EDUCATION

BA, University of Notre Dame; MA, John Carroll University; JD, Cleveland State University  
College of Law

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Director of Arts and Medicine at Cleveland Clinic, 2008-2025. Councilwoman, City of Euclid, 2020-2023.

**HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?**

There are immediate, short-term, and long-term things that can be done to address the rising cost of living.

Immediate actions that can be taken are to end the war in Iran, prevent the president from continuing the illogical and illegal tariff policies, stop arresting hard-working immigrants, and rein in health insurance and pharmaceutical companies – all things that are contributing to the current rise in prices. Further, I would restore and expand SNAP and Medicaid benefits that were recently cut.

Short-term actions that could be taken are to pass federal legislation to do things like:

- Increase the minimum wage.
- Invest in America again, similar to the bipartisan infrastructure bill passed during the Biden administration, as well as investments in environment and sustainability.

**STATE YOUR POSITION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY.**

I believe in diplomacy, soft power, foreign and humanitarian aid, international institutions, multilateralism, and economic cooperation. The use of military force should only be as a last resort. The United States should participate in international organizations, commit to our alliances and partnerships, and work to promote peace and human rights.

We should be helping Ukraine defend itself against Russia. We should be pursuing a just peace in Palestine. We should not be engaged militarily in Iran. We should be working closely with our

allies to mitigate threats from China, Russia, and North Korea.

I believe in vigorously protecting our country from all threats, including foreign, domestic, cyber-attacks, terrorism, and natural disasters.

#### **WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO IMMIGRATION POLICY?**

First of all, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) needs to be reined in, retrained, and restructured. ICE is violating the Constitutional rights of citizens and noncitizens every day and this needs to be stopped. Building mass detention centers should also be stopped.

I support a pathway to citizenship for immigrants who live, work, and contribute to our communities, especially for those who have lived in this country for years and have American children. Good people who are not bothering anyone should be given an opportunity to remain in the country and become citizens. Immigrants are the backbone of our society, have revitalized whole cities and towns, and are overwhelmingly a positive asset for our country.

Reform of our immigration laws is necessary and long overdue.

Democratic

**Bill O'Neill**

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Graduate, Ohio University, BS Journalism; Cleveland State Law School, JD; Huron Road School of Nursing, RN

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Ten years, Assistant Attorney General; 10 years, Court of Appeals Judge; Five years Supreme Court Justice; twelve years pediatric emergency room nurse, Hillcrest and Lake Hospital systems

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 12067; Eucharistic Minister, St Joan of Arc, Chagrin Falls

#### **HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?**

Some of the biggest ways to help manage the cost of living crisis is by increasing taxes on high-earners, lowering defense spending by ending the Iranian War, boosting the economy through sustainable job creation, and by keeping the interest rates low to incentivize private-sector investment. Another great way to improve the affordability of life for Americans is by improving our trade agreements by removing the tariffs that have been placed on our biggest economic partners over the last few years.

#### **STATE YOUR POSITION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY.**

The biggest thing all Americans need to be aware of and consider regarding military intervention is that there is a constitutional process to declare war and to allow our own citizens to be put in a position of risk in the name of war. This process must

absolutely be adhered to, regardless of who is in the current administration. This process protects our people, our resources, and ensures that we are putting American lives above all other concerns. When our congress determines that involving ourselves in conflict is pertinent, we will know that it was a bipartisan juncture that was reached through a diplomatic and democratic process.

#### **WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO IMMIGRATION POLICY?**

While having secure borders and policies and procedures to immigration is pertinent to any successful and secure nation, there is one change that I would make to current immigration policy. The change that I would make to immigration policy would ensure that the process is clear, equitable and streamlined, to ensure that an immigrant who is impoverished is just as

likely to obtain their citizenship as an individual who is wealthy, privileged, or highly skilled. American citizenship is not something that should be able to be bought by the highest bidder by paying a well-known immigration lawyer or given only to individuals who have received an already extensive education.

Democratic

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Carl Setzer has twenty years experience building businesses, brands and technologies across borders and cultures long a focus of American foreign policy and trade. His career spans Information Security, Metal Fabrication, Beer and Beverage Production and International Spirits Acquisitions.

**HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?**

Healthcare in America is tied to employment, which means millions of working people are one layoff or illness away from losing coverage. Medicare for the Working Class fixes that. If you pay into the system with your labor, you should be able to buy into Medicare just like seniors do today. It builds on a program that already works, lowers costs by cutting out middlemen, and gives workers stability no matter where they work. The goal isn't to disrupt what works, but to extend the security Medicare provides seniors to the people who are paying into the system every day. That's what Medicare for the Working Class is about.

More at [setzerforcongress.com/issues/f/vote-411](http://setzerforcongress.com/issues/f/vote-411)

**STATE YOUR POSITION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY.**

I spent twenty years as an immigrant in other places. I know exactly how important a robust diplomatic corps and strong naval and forward deployed military forces are to our economic strength and world peace. Our current policy approach and culture that is coming out of a complete control of all three branches of our federal system is a clumsy, non-strategic and inefficient use of the infrastructure that we spent decades building. Our constitution is being ignored and my children's birthright of a stable and strong democratic approach to international relations is being squandered by short sighted and belligerent sycophants.

More at [setzerforcongress.com/issues/f/vote-411](http://setzerforcongress.com/issues/f/vote-411)

**WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO IMMIGRATION POLICY?**

We need to realize that we have a labor shortage in critical industries. We have an opportunity to not only facilitate legal pathways to citizenship for those that desire it, but we also have a responsibility to establish an overseas contract worker program that lets people come to America, work in designated areas that have high demands and shrinking labor pools, and then go back to their home if they don't desire to stay and become naturalized citizens. There is honor in hard work and there is humanity in giving people a legal pathway to work for the benefit of our communities

More at [setzerforcongress.com/issues/f/vote-411](http://setzerforcongress.com/issues/f/vote-411)

## OHIO SENATE DISTRICT 27

Democratic

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EDUCATION

Education Specialist (Ed.S.); Masters in Administration (MA): Secondary Education; Bachelor of Science (B.S.): Comprehensive Science

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

34 years in education: 15 years as a Biology, Chemistry, & Environmental Science Teacher & the remainder as a high school principal, district Curriculum Director, and Superintendent

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Currently serving on the Portage Foundation Grant & Scholarship Committees, Past member of Aurora Rotary, Kent State Trustees Board (Twinsburg), and Portage Foundation Moore Scholarship Committee,

**WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO VOTING AND ELECTIONS POLICY?**

Elections in Ohio over the years have shown to be secure, efficient, and accurate so I do not believe there needs to be radical changes to the election process or policies. As a representative we must work to limit barriers to participation in the democratic process. I support ending gerrymandering, expanding mail-in voting grace periods, and lifting other restrictions that interfere with people's right to vote. Bills such as SB293 which eliminates the ability to count absentee ballots that are postmarked before the election but arrive after the election and SB153 which is Ohio's version of the SAVE Act that, in many ways acts as a poll tax and can potentially undermine women who changed their name after marriage ability to vote must be eliminated.

**WHAT TYPE OF TAX REFORM, IF ANY, WOULD BEST SERVE OHIO?**

Property taxes need to be revisited beyond the "shell game" of moving local money around being played by the State House. High property taxes are a symptom of a bigger problem which is a lack of support from the State over the years and particularly from the current Majority Party. Property taxes have shifted from 46% being generated by local residents and agriculture to nearly 70% today. This trend needs to be reversed. Also, a flat 2.75% state income tax that is projected to bring in \$1 Billion LESS without lowering taxes for the working class who are making less than \$100,000 per year needs to change. I would support smaller increases in sales or income tax with targeted lowering of property tax, such as increasing the homestead exemption to provide relief to seniors and veterans.

**HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?**

A strong economy is tied to a strong working and middle class, so it is important that State laws reflect protections and opportunities for working families. Strong workers rights help to maintain a balance between workers and administrators that keep a system healthy and strong. I am an advocate of policies that strengthen the middle class such as raising the minimum wage, oppose "right to work" policies, and promote strong collective bargaining rights which lead to a strong workforce. I also support work force development programs, especially tax credit programs and state investment to help alleviate the cost and burden of childcare. Too many parents are removed from the labor force because the cost of daycare is too high, which is something I want to address as a State Senator.

## OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 35

Democratic

**Samantha Salamon**

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EDUCATION

Bachelors from Cleveland State University in Social Work and Middle Eastern Studies, Juris Doctorate from Cleveland State University College of Law

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Samantha started her career in Dubai, as a corporate attorney. In 2017, she moved back to Ohio and now is the Chief Counsel of a nonprofit. Specializing in victimization, Samantha focuses on solving systematic issues statewide. Working on legislation, policies, and initiatives with leaders throughout Ohio, Samantha's strengths are understanding legislation, talking with local experts about their opinions on the legislation/issues, and utilizing that expertise on developing effective legislation.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Samantha is on her township's zoning commission, on Nordonia School's Finance committee, the Board of Family Promise - Summit, the Chair of the Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, and Founder of the OH Victim Services Bar Assoc.

**WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO VOTING AND ELECTIONS POLICY?**

The first issue is the egregious gerrymandering that has occurred in our state. When the lines are so skewed in one direction or the next, it is the citizens that are impacted and their voices are continuously being redirected. This is expanding the gap between the voters and legislators causing a distrust from constituents. Legislators have continuously failed to address the gerrymandering within Ohio; therefore, I will advocate to have citizens districting commission back on the ballot. Next, people can only vote for issues they actually understand, which is why we need to have comprehensible language on the ballots themselves. Lastly, there shouldn't be any additional barriers for any individual eligible to vote, so I will stand strong in making voting accessible for everyone.

**WHAT TYPE OF TAX REFORM, IF ANY, WOULD BEST SERVE OHIO?**

The largest tax burden on Ohioans is property taxes. But we cannot speak on the issue of property taxes without identifying the use of those property taxes, and that is towards public education. In order to reduce the overdependence local communities, have on property taxes, we need to make sure public education is fully funded using the formula developed in the Fair School Funding Program. Once the schools are fully funded in accordance with the Fair School Funding formula, schools will not be heavily reliant on such taxes. Secondly, I feel there are other forms of taxation that can be implemented to help offset the need for schools to rely on its community's property tax, including a potential sales tax implemented through the county and the funds go directly to the schools.

**HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?**

First priority would be to determine the underlying cause of Ohioans struggles with costs. Inflation and general rising costs of products have impacted everyone, but there are also considerable debt issues Ohioans are dealing with, especially for educational loans, medical expenses, and an individual's average wage not increasing at the rate of inflation. Higher housing costs due to lack of housing options are encouraging increases in selling prices. I would help develop options to incentive contractors to continue building homes to bring down the

demand. We also need to develop homeowner assistant programs, in addition to what already exists, to help people purchase and maintain the housing prices.

Democratic

## **Molly Kudley Schneider**

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Ph.D., Curriculum and Instruction, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio M.A., American History and Government, Ashland University, M.A., Education, John Carroll University, B.A., History, John Carroll University

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

I am an elected member of the Aurora City Schools Board of Education, a civics teacher with nearly 20 years of experience in Geauga County, and I recently completed my Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction focused on youth civic engagement. My background in education and public service has given me direct experience with policy, budgets, accountability, and representing the interests of students, families, and the broader community.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

My community service has focused on education, civic engagement, and local organizations, including support for civics education, advisory councils, and involvement with groups such as the Aurora Historical Society.

**WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO VOTING AND ELECTIONS POLICY?**

I would support policies that make voting in Ohio more accessible, transparent, and secure. That means protecting early voting and no-excuse absentee voting, making it easier for eligible citizens to register and update their information, and reducing unnecessary barriers that make voting harder. I also believe local boards of elections need reliable funding, clear rules, and well-trained poll workers so elections are administered fairly and efficiently. Our goal should be to strengthen public confidence while encouraging participation, because democracy works best when more eligible people are able to take part.

**WHAT TYPE OF TAX REFORM, IF ANY, WOULD BEST SERVE OHIO?**

Ohio's tax system should do more to support working families, protect homeowners, and fairly fund public education. I support tax reform that provides real property tax relief, especially for seniors and disabled veterans, by expanding eligibility for the Homestead Exemption so more Ohioans can qualify and remain in their homes. At the same time, we must address the overreliance on local property taxes to fund public schools. Fully and fairly funding public education at the state level would reduce pressure on local taxpayers and create a more equitable system for students and communities. Tax policy should be targeted, responsible, and focused on the people who need relief most.

**HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?**

I would address rising costs by focusing on the expenses families feel most every day: housing, health care, child care, groceries, utilities, and prescription drugs. That means supporting policies that lower prescription drug costs, expand access to affordable child care, protect workers' wages, and provide real property tax relief for homeowners, especially seniors and disabled veterans. I also believe we need stronger investment in public education and other essential services so families are not forced to absorb those costs on their own. State government should focus on practical solutions that help people afford the basics, stay in their homes, and build greater financial stability.

**OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 72**

Democratic

**Jeff Clapper**

Candidate has not yet responded.

**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, MAN**

Democratic

**Christopher E. Clevenger**

**Kirk Noden**

**Russ Balthis**

**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WOMAN**

Democratic

**Elizabeth Walters**

**JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS - 11TH DISTRICT - FULL TERM  
COMMENCING 2/9/2027**

Democratic

No valid petition filed.

**JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS - 11TH DISTRICT - FULL TERM  
COMMENCING 2/10/2027**

Democratic

No valid petition filed.

**PORTAGE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GENERAL  
DIVISION**

Democratic

No valid petition filed.

**PORTAGE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS -  
JUVENILE/PROBATE DIVISIONS**

Democratic

**Patricia J. Smith**

Candidate has not responded.

## PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERM COMM. 1-1-2027

Democratic

### **Jenny D. Adams**

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Education: Crestwood Schools, Kent State graduate

Training & Experience: Daycare center director, Kindercare Hudson; Regional Director of Expansion, Kindercare; Inside Sales Manager, Aironet; Product Manager, Cisco Systems; Business owner, Looking Glass Learning Centers

Volunteer & Community Service: Director, CASA of Portage County Associate Board. Volunteer, Shepherds House, Ravenna Ohio. Board member, Celebrate Portage.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER IN THE OPERATIONS OF PORTAGE COUNTY?

County commissioners make up the general administrative body for county government. They are the county government taxing, budgeting, appropriating, and purchasing authority. They hold title to county property. Commissioners responsibilities include hearing and ruling on annexations, approving drainage improvements, establishing water and sewer districts and making improvements, and providing for solid waste disposal. Commissioners appoint department heads of offices for which they have responsibility and also appoint members to a variety of boards and commissions. They serve on some boards such as the board of revision, the county records commission, and the planning commission. Commissioners must work with all other county elected officials and with judges to assure that they are properly funded to to perform their statutory duties. County commissioners must take a broad view of actions necessary to make the county a better place to live work and play

## PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR

Democratic

No valid petition filed.

The **Portage County Democratic Central Committee** consists of one member from each election precinct in the county elected at the primary in even-numbered years for a term of 4 years. The term begins 5/18/2026.

The following are the contested races. Vote for not more than one.

### **Portage Co. Central Committee Brimfield C-Democratic**

#### **Sara E. Ashley-Cook**

Candidate has not responded.

#### **Gene Brown**

Education: He is a graduate of The University of Akron with a degree in Sales and Merchandising Technology, bringing a strong foundation in strategic planning, communication, and organizational leadership.

Training & Experience: Gene Brown is a lifelong public servant with more than 22 years of experience on Ravenna City Council, where he has focused on strengthening neighborhoods, improving city services, and expanding opportunities for families across the community.

Volunteer & Community Service: Brown has dedicated himself to volunteer service. Including work with youth empowerment initiatives, minority health programs, and local civic organizations

**WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST ADDRESS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE?**

The most important issues for the Portage County Central Committee include strengthening voter engagement, improving transparency in local government, and supporting policies that promote economic stability for families. The Committee also plays a key role in addressing community concerns such as public safety, access to quality education, and fair representation across all townships and municipalities. With Portage County's diverse communities, the Committee must focus on building trust in new leadership, expanding civic participation, and ensuring that every resident has a voice in shaping the county's future.

**Portage Co. Central Committee Kent 3-B-Democratic (Vote for not more than 1)**

**Audrey Cielinski Kessler**

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Education: Bachelor of Journalism, The University of Texas at Austin

Training & Experience: self-employed writer/editor and owner of The Write Hand of Ohio

Volunteer & Community Service: current Central Committee member; Portage County Mental Health & Recovery Board; Board of Building Appeals; Society of Professional Journalists; LWV-Kent; Kent Historical Society

**WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST ADDRESS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE?**

Advocate for free and fair elections at all levels of government; work against voter disenfranchisement and for increased voting accessibility, breaking down barriers to voting rather than constructing roadblocks; stress to voters at the precinct level the importance of voting as a tool to affect change beneficial to the community and to democracy; stress to precinct voters that voting matters; staying home is not an option when democracy and the rule of law continue to be threatened at both the state and national levels; stress the importance of speaking up and speaking out in favor of inclusion rather than exclusion; making our collective democratic voices heard and remaining united and never silenced. Precinct-level organizing can be an effective way to address these issues. One individual, when part of a group, can make a positive difference through active engagement in the political process. As individuals rally together, speak out and vote, positive change can happen.

**Robin G. Turner**

Candidate has not responded.

**Portage Co. Central Committee Ravenna Twp E-Democratic**

**Randi Clites**

Candidate has not responded.

**Hank T. Gibson-Lampley**

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Political Science/ Criminal Justice from the University of Akron

Training & Experience: Over 33 years work experience in the public sector as Probation officer, Human Resource Officer with the Portage Co. Engineer, member of Ravenna School District School Board, Trustee of Ravenna Township.

Volunteer & Community Service: Past member of the Lion's Club, youth football, baseball and basketball coach, Ohio High School Association softball and basketball official.

WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST ADDRESS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE?

The committee must attract GenZ and Millennials to compliment the aging committee. The committee must welcome and embrace the fresh ideas offered by the GenZ and Millennials because they are the future of the party. The aforementioned generation will bring energy, knowledge, and the technical skills sorely needed and necessary to reach the population that is profoundly needed in the Portage County Democratic electorate. The current state of the Portage County Democratic Central Committee is waning in membership, and it needs an energetic, strong, and resilient leader to revitalize the party and attract quality candidates to compete at the local and state level. It is critical that the Central Committee membership work tirelessly to fill large number of vacant seats on the Democratic Central Committee. With the soon departure of the current leadership and finding the appropriate person to guide the party over the next 4 to 8 years and resurrect the dominance the local party once held.

The following are the uncontested races.

**Portage Co. Central Committee Aurora 2-B-Democratic**

Kelly Clary

**Portage Co. Central Committee Aurora 4-A-Democratic**

John Fellenstein

**Portage Co. Central Committee Aurora 4-B-Democratic**

Molly Kudley Schneider

**Portage Co. Central Committee Brimfield B-Democratic**

Monica M. Kaley

**Portage Co. Central Committee Deerfield B-Democratic**

Logan Harrah

**Portage Co. Central Committee Franklin B-Democratic**

Leota Reale

**Portage Co. Central Committee Franklin D-Democratic**

Robert M. Howard

**Portage Co. Central Committee Franklin E-Democratic**

John Avouris

**Portage Co. Central Committee Freedom B-Democratic**

Diane Davis

**Portage Co. Central Committee Kent 1-D-Democratic**

Jennifer D. Adams

**Portage Co. Central Committee Kent 2-B-Democratic**

Christopher E. Clevenger

**Portage Co. Central Committee Kent 2-D-Democratic**

Heidi L. Weisel (Write-in Candidate)

**Portage Co. Central Committee Kent 3-C-Democratic**

Michael Alan DeLuke

**Portage Co. Central Committee Kent 5-B-Democratic**

Jon Barber

**Portage Co. Central Committee Mantua Twp A-Democratic**

Tamara Lyons

**Portage Co. Central Committee Mantua Twp B-Democratic**

Theresa Nielsen

**Portage Co. Central Committee Mantua Village-Democratic**  
Roseanne Maloney

**Portage Co. Central Committee Palmyra B-Democratic**  
William Lane

**Portage Co. Central Committee Paris A-Democratic**  
Holly Ann Weckerly Brunswick

**Portage Co. Central Committee Paris B-Democratic**  
Denise L. Smith

**Portage Co. Central Committee Randolph B-Democratic**  
Erin Myrla

**Portage Co. Central Committee Randolph C-Democratic**  
Gary L. Horning

**Portage Co. Central Committee Randolph D-Democratic**  
Ruth E. Stephens

**Portage Co. Central Committee Ravenna 1B - Democratic**  
Mark A. Hairston

**Portage Co. Central Committee Ravenna 2A-Democratic**  
Bruce R. Ribelin

**Portage Co. Central Committee Ravenna 2B-Democratic**  
Tiffany D. Welling

**Portage Co. Central Committee Ravenna 3B-Democratic**  
Carmen Lisa Laudato

**Portage Co. Central Committee Ravenna Twp B-Democratic**  
Whitney Franklin Hairston

**Portage Co. Central Committee Rootstown A-Democratic**  
Bonnie M. Howe

**Portage Co. Central Committee Rootstown C-Democratic**  
Misty Dulaney

**Portage Co. Central Committee Shalersville B-Democratic**  
James M. Tighe

**Portage Co. Central Committee Streetsboro 3-B-Democratic**  
Marvin Woods

**Portage Co. Central Committee Suffield A-Democratic**  
Christopher J. Mallin

**Portage Co. Central Committee Windham Village B-Democratic**  
Norma K. Thomas

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Go to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) for additional questions/answers and responses after the deadline.

### GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Republican

**Heather Hill and Stuart Moats**

**Casey Putsch and Kimberly C. Georgetown**

**Vivek Ramaswamy and Robert A. McCoffey**

Candidates have not yet responded.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Republican

**Keith Faber**

Candidate has not yet responded.

### AUDITOR OF STATE

Republican

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EDUCATION

Ohio State University

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

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

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

**WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, AND WHY?**

The most important functions of the Auditor of State are ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in government; protecting taxpayers from fraud, waste, and abuse; and giving the public confidence that their tax dollars are being managed responsibly. The office plays a critical role by auditing state and local entities, identifying weaknesses in financial controls, investigating misuse of public money, and helping public agencies operate more effectively. Those responsibilities matter because taxpayers deserve honest government, and public officials should be held to the highest standards when they are entrusted with public resources. The office also performs performance audits aimed at improving economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in public operations.

**WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR IMPROVING THE FUNCTION OF THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE?**

My goal is to strengthen the Auditor's office as an independent watchdog that is focused not only on finding problems, but also on helping government work better. That means continuing to prioritize transparency, efficiency, and accountability; using audits and performance reviews to identify ways agencies and local governments can improve operations; expanding efforts to

detect fraud, waste, and abuse early; and making sure audit findings are clear, timely, and useful to the public and to the entities being audited. I also believe the Auditor's office should be a constructive partner to local governments by helping them improve internal controls and deliver the services their constituents depend on, and strengthening trust in government.

**WHAT WILL YOU DO TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC FUNDS ARE NOT MISUSED?**

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

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Republican

**Marcell Strbich**

**Robert Sprague**

Candidates have not yet responded.

**OHIO TREASURER**

Republican

**Jay Edwards**

Candidate has not yet responded.

Republican

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EDUCATION

MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of Business, BSME in Mechanical Engineering from Tufts University

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

State Senator serving Ohio's 27th district

**WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE TREASURER, AND WHY?**

The Ohio Treasurer of State collects the state's taxes and fees, safeguards those funds and manages the investments. The Treasurer serves as the state's chief investment officer and financial steward, responsible for safeguarding and managing billions in public funds. The Treasurer is custodian of Ohio's pension systems and manages STAR Ohio, allowing municipalities to pool funds for higher yields with full liquidity. The office also oversees programs serving Ohioans, including STABLE Accounts, OhioCheckbook.com, ResultsOHIO, and AgLink, promoting financial stability, transparency, and responsible management of taxpayer dollars.

**WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR IMPROVING THE FUNCTION OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE?**

As Treasurer of State, my goals for improving the function of the Treasurer's office include strengthening oversight to safeguard taxpayer funds, modernizing cybersecurity to protect state financial systems, and increasing transparency so Ohioans can easily see how their tax dollars are spent. With legislation currently pending in the Ohio General Assembly to move unclaimed funds to the Treasurer's office; I would streamline the process to more quickly reunite citizens with their money. I would also expand tools like OhioCheckbook to include more local entities, and improve efficiency in processing payments and distributions. Finally, the Treasurer should pursue strong but conservative investment strategies that maximize returns while maintaining safety and liquidity for public funds.

#### HOW CAN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE INFLUENCE STATE FISCAL POLICY?

The Treasurer of State can, through wise investing, maximize returns on investments which can then be used to help reduce the property and/or income tax burden on all Ohioans. As the Treasurer's office also manages bond issuances, which directly impacts borrowing costs, the Treasurer's office also plays an important role in the capital budget and overall fiscal planning. I will also leverage the office of Treasurer to make suggestions to my colleagues in the Governor's office and the General Assembly on ways to positively influence fiscal policy through cost savings, government efficiency, and tax reduction. The Treasurer's office can both directly help strengthen Ohio's fiscal position and provide informed support to the state budget process.

### **JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT - TERM COMMENCING 01/01/2027**

Republican

**Daniel R. Hawkins**

Candidate has not yet responded.

### **JUSTICE OF THE OHIO SUPREME COURT - TERM COMMENCING 01/02/2027**

Republican

**Andrew King**

Candidate has not yet responded.

Republican

**Jill Lanzinger**

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EDUCATION

Heidelberg University majoring in Political Science and Psychology, University of Akron School of Law (Law Review)

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Judge Jill has been an Ohio judge for over ten years. Additionally, she has served at all three levels of the judiciary, the municipal court, common pleas court, and now the appellate court.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Judge Jill served on two non-profit boards, the Polar Bear Club and the Portage Lakes Advisory Council

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS SPECIFIC COURT SEAT? I am running for the Ohio Supreme Court because I'm committed to upholding the rule of law, protecting the rights of all Ohioans, and ensuring our justice system is fair and transparent. With over ten years of experience as an Ohio judge, I've developed a deep understanding of Ohio law. I'm prepared to serve on the Ohio Supreme Court.

WHAT MAJOR CHALLENGES DO COURTS FACE TO DAY? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THEM?

In 2025, I was a victim of stalking by a former criminal defendant in my court. I experienced the justice system as a victim. The Ohio judiciary must ensure that victims have access to justice. Additionally, I would like to advocate for a state-wide court filing system with uniform rules.

Republican

**Ronald Lewis**

Candidate has not yet responded.

Republican

**Colleen O'Donnell**

Candidate has not yet responded.

## U.S. SENATE

Republican

**Jon Husted**

Candidate has not yet responded.

## U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 13

Republican

**Margaret Elizabeth Briem**

**Carey Coleman**

**Sanjin Drakovac**

**Neil Patel**

**Kevin Siembida**

Candidates have not yet responded.

## U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 14

Republican

**Niki Frenchko**

**David P. Joyce**

Candidates have not yet responded.

## OHIO SENATE DISTRICT 27

Republican

**Steve Demetriou**

Candidate has not yet responded.

## OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 35

Republican

**Vik Sandhu**

Candidate has not yet responded.

## OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 72

Republican

**Heidi Workman**

Candidate has not yet responded.

## STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, MAN

Republican

**Mike Berger**

## STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WOMAN

Republican

**Amanda Suffecool**

## JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS - 11TH DISTRICT - FULL TERM COMMENCING 2/9/2027

Republican

**Marisa L. Cornachio**

Candidate has not yet responded.

Republican

**David Engler**

WEBSITE

[Ajudicialturningpoint.manus.space](http://ajudicialturningpoint.manus.space)

EDUCATION

J.D. Case Western Reserve University 1985 B.A. CWRU 1983

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

40 years trial attorney practicing at high levels in many appellate courts, US Supreme Court

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

22 years County School Board; 2 terms Mahoning County Commissioner; 2 terms City Councilman

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS SPECIFIC COURT SEAT?

I'm running for this specific seat because I've been asked by many of my Christian conservative friends to fill the seat of the Hon Matt Lynch, who has aged out. I have seen decisions from the

11th District Court of Appeals, where the judges act more like legislators and make decisions that do not reflect what I believe to be the correct constitutionally conservative review of the law. WHAT MAJOR CHALLENGES DO COURTS FACE TO DAY? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THEM?

I believe one of the greatest challenges the Court faces today is how AI has already affected the practice of law and the requirements of a judge. I have started two successful technology companies in my career and am proficient with matters of large language, modeling. The entire scope of what we do as judges and lawyers is going to change in the next three years in a dramatic basis, It is important to have someone who understands the issues.

**JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS - 11TH DISTRICT - FULL TERM  
COMMENCING 2/10/2027**

Republican

**Robert J. Patton**

Candidate has not yet responded.

**PORTAGE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - GENERAL  
DIVISION**

Republican

**Becky L. Doherty**

Education: B.A. University of Akron, Law Degree University of Akron

Work Experience: Assistant Summit County Prosecutor, Chief Criminal Prosecutor  
Mahoning County, Common Pleas Judge since 2015

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THIS PARTICULAR COURT SEAT?

I am seeking re-election to the Common Pleas bench. I have served the county as effectively and efficiently as possible during the past 12 years, and hope to continue doing so. I established HOPE Drug Court in 2017 and it has been awarded and recognized as a leader in specialized dockets throughout the state of Ohio.

**PORTAGE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS -  
JUVENILE/PROBATE DIVISIONS**

Republican

No valid petition filed.

**PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERM COMM. 1-1-2027**

Republican

**Mike Tinlin**

Candidate has not responded.

## PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR

Republican

### **Matt Kelly**

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Education: Walsh University - B.A. Business Administration (2000-2002), Akron University - A.A. Fire Protection (1995-1999), Community College of the Air Force - A.A. Fire Science (1995-2004)

Training & Experience: Portage County Auditor since 2023, Mogadore Village Councilman 14 years, U.S. Air Force Veteran

Volunteer & Community Service: Walk a Mile for the 22, Raven Packs, Wreaths Across America, Portage County Veterans events, numerous other community events

**WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE OPERATIONS OF PORTAGE COUNTY?**

As the County's Chief Fiscal Officer and Tax Assessor, the Auditor manages all financial operations and property tax administration.

**Core Responsibilities:**

**Fiscal Oversight:** No contract or obligation is valid without the Auditor's certification that funds are available. The office acts as the central disbursing agent, paying all creditors and managing payroll for all County agencies.

**Tax Administration:** The Auditor establishes tax rates for real estate, personal property, and manufactured homes, later distributing collected funds to local government entities.

**Statutory Leadership:** The Auditor serves as Secretary for the Board of Revision and the County Budget Commission, and acts as the Administrator for the Data Processing Board.

In essence, the Auditor ensures the legal and transparent flow of money between the County, its taxpayers, and local political subdivisions.

## LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES

Go to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) for additional questions/answers and responses after the deadline.

### GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Libertarian

**Donald C Kissick and James L. Mills**

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TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Military Background

Questions asked of candidate for Governor:

**WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO VOTING AND ELECTIONS POLICY?**

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

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

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

**WHAT TYPE OF TAX REFORM, IF ANY, WOULD BEST SERVE OHIO?**

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

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

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

In the case of outflows- we have a lot of money going to corporate subsidies, international donations, and the school system- in particular with the school system if you remove teaching towards the test and compliance based programs you can significantly reduce the budget because those systems are costly to manage.

It's about balancing the budget

**HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?**

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

small business owner has essentially been constricting them out of business.

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

Libertarian

**Travis Jon Vought and Christy Jo Orr (write-in)**

## **AUDITOR OF STATE**

Libertarian

**Aidan Michael Jeffery (write-in)**

## **OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE**

Libertarian

**Tom Pruss**

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EDUCATION

University of Toledo (attended)

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Owner, Northcoast Print Mail Marketing

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Vice President-Northwest Ohio Polish Cultural Center Advisory Board

### **WHAT WILL YOU DO TO PROMOTE VOTER PARTICIPATION?**

First, eliminate unnecessary barriers to voting. I support same-day registration tied to routine interactions like driver's license renewals, while keeping ballots clear, simple, and auditable. Second, protect election integrity with common-sense voter ID—the same kind Ohioans already use for banking or travel—while ensuring free state IDs are available for anyone who needs one.

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

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

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

### **WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU MAKE TO ELECTION SECURITY?**

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

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

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

#### WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU MAKE TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE POLICY?

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

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

## U.S. SENATE

Libertarian

**Jeffery M Kanter**

(Invalidated)

Libertarian

**William B Redpath**

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EDUCATION

BA, Indiana University; MBA, The University of Chicago

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

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

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Co-Editor, Ballot Access News and [ballot-access.org](http://ballot-access.org). National Ballot Access Coordinator, Libertarian Party. Treasurer, Libertarian National Committee & Libertarian Party of Ohio. Former Chair, Libertarian National Committee.

#### HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?

Reduce Federal government spending. If not, we might have a debt crisis, the easiest response to which might be tolerating higher inflation.

End the Federal Reserve's "dual mandate": maximum employment and stable prices. Focus on an inflation rate no higher than 2% every year.

Repeal not just Trump's tariffs, but all tariffs. I support a policy of unilateral free trade, which is a pro-consumer trade policy. We're all consumers. It will also promote international peace.

President Trump just suspended the Jones Act, which is a protectionist maritime policy, for 60 days due to high oil prices. It should be totally repealed.

End product price support programs, like the sugar support system, which causes sugar to cost double the world average.

Terminate all corporate welfare and farm subsidies.

#### STATE YOUR POSITION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY.

The United States now frequently behaves as a rogue nation, with its military attacks on several nations and threats to longtime allies, such as Canada and Denmark. This will make US citizens less safe over the long run.

I support a non-interventionist foreign policy, and only when the US homeland or territories are threatened, with very rare exceptions. That would allow us to cut the Defense budget.

We need to regain the moral high ground, with a renewed emphasis on human rights.

The Founders correctly made war declaration a committee decision. Congress must reassert its war powers.

The US should treat the Middle East with benign neglect. The "special relationship" with the government of Israel only leads the US into problems. We should treat Israel as we would any other allied nation.

#### WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO IMMIGRATION POLICY?

I agree with Alex Nowrasteh of the Cato Institute:

“All immigration should be allowed except for a handful of people who fall into the categories of criminals, terrorists, the seriously ill, or others who would harm the life, liberty, and property of people here. Libertarian and classical liberal values, American Enlightenment values, our support of free market capitalism, and support for meritocracy all compel us to support free immigration.”

Open immigration would be the greatest anti-poverty program in history. Economist Michael Clemens has estimated that free immigration would increase the amount of global economic production, Gross World Product, by 50-150% – that’s \$50-\$150 trillion of extra production a year. The United States will benefit from a more open immigration system.

## OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 72

Libertarian

**Michael Fricke**

EDUCATION

Chemistry Ph.D.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sensible Kent

#### WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY, TO VOTING AND ELECTIONS POLICY?

End gerrymandering in Ohio. Reverse the recent ban on ranked choice voting. Impose term limits on all elected offices.

#### WHAT TYPE OF TAX REFORM, IF ANY, WOULD BEST SERVE OHIO?

Eliminate property taxes.

#### HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?

Stop spending \$1 billion a day in Iran.

## STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than 2.

Libertarian

**Michael Fricke**

**Keith Castillo**

**1 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Kent City School District** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of the Kent City School District for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$8,522,335 annually, at a rate not exceeding 9.8 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$343 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027. The county auditor has certified that the amount by which the carry over balance in the district's general operating budget from the preceding fiscal year exceeds the district's general fund expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year is \$0, which is 0% of those expenditures.

**2 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Streetsboro City School District** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of the Streetsboro City School District for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$5,452,878 annually, at a rate not exceeding 7 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$245 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027. The county auditor has certified that the amount by which the carry over balance in the district's general operating budget from the preceding fiscal year exceeds the district's general fund expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year is \$0, which is 0% of those expenditures.

**3 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Tallmadge City School District Summit and Portage Counties** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of the Tallmadge City School District for the purpose of current expenses that the county fiscal officer estimates will collect \$3,663,964 annually, at a rate not exceeding 5.6 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$196 for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's market value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027. The county fiscal officer has certified that the amount by which the carry-over balance in the district's general operating budget from the preceding fiscal year exceeds the district's general fund expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year is \$0, which is 0% of those expenditures.

**4 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Reed Memorial Library** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Reed Memorial Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$489,542 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$28 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

**5 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Community Emergency Medical Services District** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of the Community Emergency Medical Services District for the purpose of providing ambulance service, emergency medical service, or both that the county auditor estimates will collect \$416,309 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$53 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

**6 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Portage County** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of Portage County for the purpose of providing public assistance, human or social services, including children and adult services, and relief that the county auditor estimates will collect \$2,451,896 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.4 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

**7 Proposed Income Tax Ravenna City** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the Ordinance providing for an additional 0.25% levy on income for 30 years, commencing July 1, 2026, for planning and constructing, furnishing, equipping, and improving building facilities for fire station, police station, and city hall purposes, including all necessary appurtenances thereto for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, community members, visitors, and employees in Ravenna City be passed?

**8 Local Liquor Option For Particular Location (By Petition) (Sunday Sales) Deerfield Township A** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by MJEJ Enterprises LLC an applicant for a D6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a drive thru carry out at 1594 State Route 14, Deerfield, OH 44411 in this precinct?

**9 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Palmyra Township** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Palmyra Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings, and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm communications, for the payment of fire fighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$117,649 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$36 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

**10 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Palmyra Township** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Palmyra Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings, and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm communications, for the payment of fire fighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$118,698 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

**11 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Randolph Township** A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Randolph Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings, and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm communications, for the payment of fire fighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$662,410 annually, at a rate not exceeding 5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$111 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.