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1. All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to five issue-specific questions. Candidates were qualified if they met the following criteria: 1) the candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President; 2) the candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes; and 3) the candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website as of August 8, 2008.
2. Responses were limited to 50 words and truncated after the 50th word.

JOHN MCCAIN

Website: www.johnmccain.com
Biography: John McCain graduated from the Naval Academy and served for 22 years as a naval aviator. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1982 and the Senate in 1986. He has served as chairman of the Commerce Committee and ranking member of the Armed Services Committee.

Global Climate Change: *What, if anything, do you believe the federal government should do to control global climate change?* I support developing a cap-and-trade system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 60% by 2050, providing tax credits for alternative energy, promoting zero-carbon nuclear power, reducing the federal government's carbon footprint, funding research into clean-coal technology, and offering incentives for America's automobile industry to develop electric cars.

Cost of Health Care: *What should be done at the federal level, if anything, to combat the high cost of health care?* Under my plan, American families will receive \$5,000 tax credits to purchase insurance, either through employers or the private market--insurance that can follow them if they change jobs or leave the workforce. I will work for reforms to lower costs and provide coverage to Americans with pre-existing conditions.

Economic Disparity: *What, if anything, should the federal government do about the growing economic disparity between the middle class and the well-to-do?* We must spur growth, create jobs, improve educational attainment, and enhance financial security. My plan will keep income and payroll taxes low, reduce the price of gas, double the dependent exemption, bring down health-care costs, give deserving homeowners new fixed mortgages, slash our high business taxes, and expand trade.

Education: *What, if anything, should the federal government do to create the world's best educational system for all children in America?* Our education system must focus on standards,

accountability, and choice. My plan calls for recruiting highly qualified teachers in the neediest communities, empowering parents to choose the best schools for their children, expanding online educational opportunities, providing low-income families with access to tutors, and funding professional development for teachers.

U.S. Strategy – Rising Global Powers: *What should the U.S. strategy be towards rising global powers like Russia and China?* As President, I will work to establish good relations with other nations. At the same time, I will stand up for democratic values and human rights, and I will oppose aggression and international lawlessness that threaten our security.

RALPH NADER

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Biography: Attorney, author, and consumer advocate, named by Time Magazine one of the "100 Most Influential Americans in the 20th Century." Over 4 decades of public service. Helped establish the OSHA, EPA, Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Safe Drinking Water Act, Motor Vehicle Safety Act, and Freedom of Information Act.

Global Climate Change: *What, if anything, do you believe the federal government should do to control global climate change?* The government should stop subsidizing fossil fuels: oil, electric and coal mining interests. Invest in renewable energy that is efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly: wind and solar power. Encourage more efficient automobiles, homes and businesses. Ratify the Kyoto Protocol. Create an independent Oceanic

Protection Agency. Adopt a carbon pollution tax.
Cost of Health Care: *What should be done at the federal level, if anything, to combat the high cost of health care?* Adopt a private delivery, free choice of hospital and doctor, single payer public health insurance system. This would save \$350 billion annually by eliminating exorbitant executive pay, advertising, computerized billing fraud and abuse, and apply those savings to comprehensively cover everyone without increasing taxpayer costs. Lower costs through bulk purchasing.

Economic Disparity: *What, if anything, should the federal government do about the growing economic disparity between the middle class and the well-to-do?* Unfair legislation allows the middle class to suffer while the rich entrench their status. To correct this we should enact a living \$10 wage, adopt a fair tax, and provide equal pay for women. We must end corporate subsidies and bailouts. Repeal NAFTA and the anti-union Taft/Hartley Law.

Education: *What, if anything, should the federal government do to create the world's best educational system for all children in America?* Increase civic education and decrease standardized testing. Repeal "No Child Left Behind" Act. Do not tie test performance to school funding. Provide full funding for pre-school and nutrition programs. Get product marketing out of the schools. Ensure that the nation's crumbling schools are repaired within 3 years.

U.S. Strategy – Rising Global Powers: *What should the U.S. strategy be towards rising global powers like Russia and China?* The US should be a humanitarian superpower. Our foreign policy must redefine global security, peace, arms control, an end to nuclear weapons and expand the many assets of our country to assist with major initiatives against global infectious diseases. Stop support of foreign dictators. Human rights come before trade, profit.

BARACK OBAMA

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Biography: Obama began his career as a community organizer on Chicago's South Side and headed a voter registration drive. Obama practiced civil rights law and taught constitutional law. He served eight years in the State Senate before his election to the U.S. Senate. He graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law.

Global Climate Change: *What, if anything, do you believe the federal government should do to control global climate change?* I believe the federal government should pursue multiple paths to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the threat of global climate change, including implementing aggressive cap and trade requirements to reduce U.S. emissions by 80% from 1990 levels and investing heavily in clean energy and advanced vehicle technologies.

Cost of Health Care: *What should be done at the federal level, if anything, to combat the high cost of health care?* My healthcare plan will make aggressive investments in cost-cutting technologies and will place more focus on prevention and chronic care management. The net result will be to bring down the costs of healthcare spending by \$2,500 for a typical family, annually, and lower the expense of Medicare's services.

Economic Disparity: *What, if anything, should the federal government do about the growing economic disparity between the middle class and the well-to-do?* I will cut taxes for the middle class and roll back some of the Bush tax cuts for those making over \$250,000 to restore fairness to the tax code. I will make long term public investments in R&D, clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing to create millions of good-paying jobs.

Education: *What, if anything, should the federal government do to create the world's best educational system for all children in America?* I will strengthen public schools by expanding early childhood education, reforming and funding No Child Left Behind, recruiting and rewarding high-quality teachers, and expanding afterschool and summer learning opportunities. I will create a \$4,000 American Opportunity Tax Credit and expand financial aid to make higher education affordable for all.

U.S. Strategy – Rising Global Powers: *What should the U.S. strategy be towards rising global powers like Russia and China?* We must enhance our abilities both to collaborate and compete with China, while being vigilant about China's military modernization and respect for human rights. As we seek a future of clear-eyed engagement with Russia, we must ensure Russia acts as a force for progress, not regression to past conflicts.

UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

Questions for Representative to Congress

- 1) Given the rising cost of energy, what changes in energy policy would you propose? (100 word limit)
- 2) What do you feel should be done to improve the economy? (100 word limit)

7TH DISTRICT

(vote for no more than one)

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- Each response would be printed exactly as received and each candidate would be responsible for the content of the replies.
- All responses were given a word limit, and once the response exceeded the word limit then the remainder of the response was cut off.

Information and answers from the candidates have not been evaluated in any way. The League of Women Voters, in presenting this material, neither endorses nor rejects the views of any candidate quoted and does not and cannot assume responsibility for the contents of any candidate's reply or motive.

Considering all that our country has been through in recent times, it is more important than ever that our citizens be informed about the candidates and issues before them. The mission of the League of Women Voters is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

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Question 1: Our country must achieve energy independence. More drilling will not lower gas prices in the short term, and it will never free us from foreign oil. Since we can't drill our way to energy independence, I will fight for aggressive investments in alternative energy research and development, push for drilling to occur on the 68 million acres currently available to oil companies instead of opening up more land, and I'll work to provide strong incentives for oil companies to invest their windfall profits in new sources of domestic energy like wind and solar power.

Question 2: Working on both federal and state levels, we can create new and good paying jobs that will grow the economy. I will work with Governor Strickland to do that. I will fight for federal research and development funds for our district so that we can invest in green technologies and green jobs. I will oppose trade agreements that ship good American jobs overseas. We must support trade agreements that provide a level playing field for Ohio's companies and bring businesses back to Ohio. I'll use my business experience to work with both employees and employers to increase Ohio's competitiveness.

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Question 1: We must use all the resources this country has to offer. We should encourage domestic drilling for oil and natural gas. While this will not solve all our problems; it will decrease our dependency on foreign oil. We need to also encourage the development of nuclear, bio-fuels, wind, solar, bio-mass, clean coal technology and other sources that have yet to be identified. We should also encourage conservation through education the next generation of energy consumers.

Question 2: The number one way to improve the economy is to increase the number of available good paying jobs. I am proud of my endorsements from the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the United States Chamber of Commerce. I am also proud of my record of promoting a job creation environment during my tenure in the Statehouse. I have reduce the burden on small businesses to allow them to hire more employees. We can also use our quest to becoming energy independent as a vehicle to job creation in a new sector of the economy.

12TH DISTRICT

(vote for no more than one)

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Occupation: Vice President, Marcy Enterprises, a local family-owned manufacturing firm

Qualifications for Office: I am a successful small businessman and an entrepreneur. I have the experience, the initiative, and the desire to reform the business of government.

Question 1: We need to set an ambitious goal of achieving complete energy independence by 2030. We will localize our energy production and open the market for consumers, and provide sufficient funding for alternative energy sources to achieve scale of cost. We must raise vehicle mileage standards today, and fully fund efforts to find the innovations and bold solutions for tomorrow.

To prepare ourselves, we need an educated workforce, one that is skilled in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, one that is ready to accept the challenges of a clean-energy economy.

Question 2: Ohio has lost 200,000 manufacturing jobs this decade. We have a proud history of manufacturing in this state, and I believe that instead of transitioning into different areas, we must embrace that tradition.

We can become the leaders of next-generation manufacturing, but there are steps we must take to get there. We need a substantial investment in our national infrastructure, especially our roads, rails, and ports. Additionally, we must renegotiate our trade pacts so that we can protect American jobs and achieve fair trade, not just free trade. Finally, we must reduce barriers to small businesses by cutting red tape.

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Qualifications for Office: I have a proven record of working to solve problems for Central Ohioans. I will continue to work to keep taxes low and rein in excess government spending and waste, making our government more accountable to constituents.

Question 1: I would like to see us attack our energy problem in a balanced manner, on as broad of a front as possible. I believe in an 'all of the above' approach, including increasing our domestic energy production and energy efficiency. We must end the current bans on exploration for oil and natural gas. We must work to develop renewable energy including nuclear, wind, solar

and biofuels. I have voted to do this and for energy efficiency measures, such as increasing automobile fuel efficiency standards. There is no "silver bullet" solution - 'all of the above' is the right approach.

Question 2: It is essential that we keep taxes low and rein in excess spending. These actions will help create a pro-growth environment where businesses of all types, including the small businesses and entrepreneurs, can thrive. We should also simplify the tax code so it better reflects our values and restores fairness to all businesses. These steps will make help to grow our economy by making our businesses more competitive at home and abroad.

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Question 1: I say that the reliance on the government to devise a policy is a fallacy. I would advocate that the free market take care of that. The government shouldn't be directing research and development because they are bound and determined to always misdirect money to political cronies. The government ends up subsidizing things like the corn industry to develop ethanol and it turns out that it's not economically feasible. So, my answer is to let the market work. Let supply and demand make the decision. Let prices make the decision. That is completely different than the bureaucratic and cronyism approach.

Question 2: I believe in lower taxes, constitutionally limited government, personal freedom and a belief in sound money. 1. Taxes: Reduce the tax burden and eliminate taxes that punish investment and savings. 2. Spending: Eliminate wasteful spending. Reduce overseas commitments. Freeze all non-defense, non-entitlement spending at current levels. 3. Monetary Policy: Expand openness at the Federal Reserve and require the Fed to televise its meetings. Return value to our money by adopting a gold standard. 4. Regulatory Reform: Repeal regulations that push companies to seek capital outside of US markets. Stop restricting community banks from fostering local economic growth.

15TH DISTRICT

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Qualifications for Office: I have served the people of Franklin County for nearly 16 years, first as a Columbus City School Board member, and then as a Franklin County Commissioner, where I have served since 2001. I have a proven record of (over word limit)

Question 1: First, I think we need to drill more. Oil companies already hold leases on 68 million acres of federal land and should use these leases or lose them. But, we also need bold action to solve the energy crisis, like setting a goal that by 2020 every automobile built in America will use alternative fuel and investing in the electric grid to harness the power of the sun and wind. We can use tax credits to help businesses and homeowners "go green." It is only through innovation and conservation that we will solve our energy crisis.

Question 2: We need to invest in America. From rebuilding roads, bridges and rail, to new industries like solar panels, wind turbines, fuel cells and biomass. We need to invest in our research universities. We need a tax policy that encourages companies to stay here instead of rewarding those who move offshore. We need a world class education system and assistance to help pay for college tuition, investing in America's greatest asset, our people.

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Occupation: Ohio State Senator, 16th District

Qualifications for Office: Served as State Senator for 16th District since 2003; 10 years private sector experience; 23 years in Ohio Army National Guard, current rank of Lieutenant Colonel

Question 1: I've released a plan that would provide not only short term energy solutions, but also offer long term energy independence. I have called for increased domestic drilling, and using the profits from the sale of the mineral rights to fund a \$100 billion/10 year investment in advanced energy research. The sale of mineral rights would provide the revenue to pay for this investment without raising taxes. Also, I have called for raising the MPG standards for all automobiles, closing the "foreign markets loophole" to punish speculators, and creating a national gas formulation standard to reduce strains on refining capacity.

Question 2: Creating good jobs and improving the economy is the top issue for voters this year. My plan focuses on five points: Reforming Government to make it more efficient, and repairing our transportation

infrastructure; Focusing on Innovation by doubling the R&D tax credit and creating public-private business incubators; Streamlining Workforce Development programs to teach workers the skills they need in our current economy; Enhancing Worker Security by providing tax cuts, offering incentives to middle-class families for savings, and providing for health insurance between jobs; and Creating Energy Independence to end our dependence on foreign oil and develop clean, renewable energies.

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Qualifications for Office: Honest, analytical, concerned about people. I believe government should not be "For Sale" by politicians who give favors and receive lobbyists' campaign contributions.

Question 1: America must become independent of foreign oil. This is an economic, environmental, and national security issue. Achieving energy independence should draw on the nation's best scientific research for clean energy technologies. Energy policy should utilize the free market, with safeguards against pollution and political payoffs. Environmentally safe drilling could be expanded. We should use available resources sensibly. Coal is one of America's most abundant resources, and advances have been made in nuclear technology. Conservation and recycling should be practiced. Alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar, should be encouraged. I drive a hybrid and see potential in electric cars.

Question 2: Our nation is in debt. To make sound economic decisions, we must fix our broken political system. Congress is floundering. Sadly, government has become "of the lobbyists, by the politicians, for the money." Lobbyists give politicians campaign contributions; politicians return favors at our expense. I will bring 30 years of budgeting experience to Congress to balance the federal budget without raising taxes. To reverse our trade deficit, we must require other countries to have equivalent product quality and environmental standards. High-priced corporate executives send jobs overseas without concern for American families. Such greed should have no place in America.

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Qualifications for Office: Engineering background prepares me to evaluate of complex topics and anticipate consequences to arrive at economically sound solutions.

Question 1: The suitability of forms of energy will always be tied to the natural forces of supply and demand. The government should have a role in protecting consumers from force and fraud by energy producers. As energy costs increase, consumers need the freedom to drive innovation by purchasing alternatives they prefer.

Question 2: The economy can best be improved by resisting temptation to meddle in markets when it sends us signals we dislike. Artificially low interest rates facilitated predatory lending leading to the current housing crisis. Balance the \$53 trillion in un-funded Government liabilities looming over our children and return to sound money.

COURT OF APPEALS

Questions for Court of Appeals

- 1) What is your judicial philosophy? (100 word limit)
- 2) Four out of five Ohio voters believe that campaign contributions influence judges and candidates, according to a 2002 League of Women Voters of Ohio survey. What do you recommend that Ohio do to reduce this perceived threat to judicial independence? (100 word limit)

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Question 1: Guarantee that everyone is treated equally and fairly in my court so that when the case is terminated or finished both sides will walk away with the feeling that their case was fully, intelligently, impartially and expeditiously handled by the court and the court's personnel, whether it be the judge, the staff attorney, the bailiff or the secretary.
Question 2: Public financing of judicial campaigns is one answer, although that is not currently feasible.

True merit selection if you can take the politics out of it would be another solution. Judges are aware of this perception and we need to do all within our power to avoid even the appearance of favoritism and partiality. We also need to go out in public as much as possible and let people know who we are and explain what the court is about whenever we are given the opportunity.

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Qualifications for Office: Former Federal Judicial Clerk, Assistant Attorney General, with trial experience, judicial perspective. I have also written the laws as a Senator that are reviewed by this court.

Question 1: I intend to take the experiences I have accumulated from my service in the three branches of our government and apply them towards developing a record of excellence on the bench. I intend to serve the law and the people of Ohio by being an effective judge without bias or prejudice. I will also continue to serve the public interest with integrity in order to promote a strong, fair and impartial judiciary, as well as respect for the office.

Question 2: Perception is very important even if it is not the reality. The better educated the general public is as to the roll of the Judiciary, the less they will be misguided into believing that Judges are influenced by more than just the facts before them and the applicable law. The general public enjoys holding Judges directly accountable to them through the election process. I honor that. I will therefore protect our right to vote and spend a lot of personal time talking publicly about the important part judges play in our democratic society.

Full Term Commencing 7-1-09
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Qualifications for Office: 26 years Trial and Appellate Experience; "Highly Recommended", Columbus Bar Association, Judicial Screening Committee; Endorsed by Franklin County Democratic Party
Question 1: I believe all who appear before the Franklin County Court of Appeals are entitled to quality justice, fairness and impartiality from the bench. I will decide cases based

on the facts in the record before the court, applying those facts to the relevant law. An individual will have an opportunity equal to a corporate or business entity to convince me of the propriety of a legal position. Cases should be judged, not prejudged, and results should not be pre-ordained. To the extent there is discretion available, I will exercise that discretion in a balanced, reasonable, and objective manner.

Question 2: While debate rages between proponents of election of judges versus appointment (merit selection) of judges, most studies show little difference in the effort, skill, or independence of elected versus appointed judges. To reduce this "threat" to judicial independence, which is more perception than reality, voters need to be educated about the fact that the election system used in Ohio for the most part produces judges of integrity and ability. The Ohio Constitution requires the election of judges. A Constitutional amendment would be required to change the current system. Voter education through local bar associations is critical to reduce misapprehension.

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Question 1: My judicial philosophy stems from the notion that all parties -individuals and large groups, small businesses and multinational corporations, those who have attorneys and those who represent themselves -must have an equal opportunity to be heard, and must be treated with fairness and respect. Additionally, I adhere to the principle of the separation of powers, and believe that the judiciary does not exist to make law or determine what policy will be. Rather, my function as a judge is to interpret and apply the applicable law fairly and impartially, given the unique facts of each case.

Question 2: In my experience, contributors large and small support a judge or judicial candidate because they appreciate that person's experience, temperament, and philosophy; not because they expect to win every case or influence judicial decisions. One way that Ohio can dispel perceptions to the contrary is to better educate citizens about the fact that judges are bound by laws as written, facts as presented, and long-standing judicial principles. And, when there are genuinely disputed facts, the jury -the heart of the system

-is the ultimate arbiter of the truth. The independence of the judiciary must never be compromised.

OHIO SENATE

Questions for Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives:

- 1) What do you feel should be done to improve Ohio's economy? (100 word limit)
- 2) If elected, what will be your top 3 priorities while in office? (100 word limit)

16TH DISTRICT

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Qualifications for Office: As an attorney handling complex litigation, I feel I am uniquely qualified to work as a Senator to fix the complex problems with the economy, education and healthcare here in Ohio. My time as (over word limit)
Question 1: To improve Ohio's economy we need to focus on not just retaining the job set today but also bring in the jobs of the future to the state, most notably jobs in the new alternative energy field. Ohio has the resources and the ingenuity to become a leader in this field. This in turn will help grow our economy and bring high paying jobs to Ohio.
Question 2: When elected, my three priorities for office will be to turn around Ohio's economy, to create a system of high quality, life long education in Ohio and to make quality health care accessible to all Ohioans.

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Question 1: In recent years, we've cut taxes for individuals and businesses, froze college tuition rates to keep higher education within the reach of Ohio families, and made targeted investments in growing sectors of our economy -a move which is expected to yield 57,000 new jobs. This is a good start, but we must do even more to nurture Ohio's economic climate

in the years to come. With every vote we cast, we need to ask ourselves: Is this good for jobs? That means being fiscally responsible, keeping higher education costs down, taxes low and reducing government red tape.

Question 2: Jobs: Work to remove all barriers to job creation in Ohio -continuing investments in our workforce and industries with hi-growth potential in Columbus (logistics, biomedical & advanced energy); eliminating regulatory burdens, and keeping taxes, energy prices and business costs in-check. Education: Good schools are critical for ensuring the success of our children and the quality of life in our communities. Public Safety: As a former prosecutor, I'll continue my strong support for law enforcement. In light of recent incidents in Franklin County, I'm working on legislation to keep convicted sex predators behind bars and away from children.

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Questions for Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives:

- 1) What do you feel should be done to improve Ohio's economy? (100 word limit)
- 2) If elected, what will be your top 3 priorities while in office? (100 word limit)

19TH DISTRICT

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Occupation: Consultant
Qualifications for Office: 30 years of experience in and out of state & federal govt as an advocate for those who need a voice.
Question 1: Jobs will drive Ohio's recovery from the national economic slowdown. The bipartisan Building Ohio Jobs stimulus package targets investment in industries ready to grow now. This proposal projects 57,000 new jobs in short order, and more with investments in internships and co-ops for Ohio college students. I am confident this program will create jobs, but more needs done. Ohio needs a highly-educated workforce to perform the jobs of the future, and greater accessibility and affordability so more people can pursue higher education. We need a State Representative who will work across the aisle to see this vision realized.
Question 2: Economy, Education, Healthcare; The economy will be my top priority, but I believe strong, affordable, and accessible systems of education and healthcare are essential to Ohio's economic success. I believe, Governor Strickland's "Conversations

on Education” will lead to real solutions to address school financing and curriculum, which will be a major challenge to implement, but the first of many we will tackle in the next General Assembly. Affordable health insurance available to every Ohioan, regardless of pre-existing conditions and focused on preventive care, will create healthier citizens, while saving Ohians billions and enhancing productivity, an underlying pillar of economic success.

BRAD LEWIS, REPUBLICAN

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Occupation: Self-employed, Board Certified Family Physician, 1989-present; Franklin County Coroner, 2000-present

Qualifications for Office: 4 years as Groveport Village Councilman, 8 years as Franklin County Coroner, and 19 years caring for patients and helping them navigate our health care system

Question 1: To improve our economy, Ohio needs to provide employers with a competitive tax environment and an educated workforce and eliminate overly complex regulations. The legislature needs to overhaul our expensive, burdensome health care system to ensure a healthy workforce and to minimize the cost of healthcare to our citizens and our employers. Our tax structure must encourage both our business and our young people to invest in Ohio, stay in Ohio, and grow in Ohio. And we must maintain our infrastructures –water, sewer, roads, electricity, gas, parks, and recreational facilities –to ensure an affordable, high quality life for our citizens.

Question 2: I will work tirelessly to reform Ohio’s healthcare system. Ohioans deserve a universal, affordable, private sector health care system, free from excessive interference by the insurance industry or government in the doctor- patient relationship. I will work to ensure that Ohio’s children get an affordable, quality education and that their parents have a say as to the form that education takes. And I will work to revitalize Ohio’s economy by making Ohio a place where business is eager to locate and expand and where workers are just as eager to make their homes and raise their families

MICHAEL JOHNSTON, LIBERTARIAN

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Occupation: IT Professional
Qualifications for Office: My educational background gives

me insight into the workings of government. My ability to bring people together on issues would allow me to accomplish things while in office. Award of Excellence from and endorsed by www.LPO.org.

Question 1: Small businesses provide most of the job growth and employment in Ohio. I would work to eliminate or reduce regulations that hamper business productivity, cut jobs, and create barriers to business start-ups. Ohioans should be able to start their own business and provide for their families without the threat of excessive and intrusive government regulations. As State Representative, I will: Work to eliminate or reduce damaging regulation; Work to eliminate state income tax; As a Libertarian, I will Not vote to increase taxes or create debt that our children and grandchildren will have to pay off.

Question 2: If elected, my top priorities will be fixing Ohio’s economy by reducing the tax and regulatory burden, spurring energy independence for Ohio by promoting policies that foster locally generated renewable energy sources, and fixing the current school funding system in a way that improves the quality of education and puts education decisions in the hands of the people who know best, parents. My decisions will be bound by the Constitutions of the United State and Ohio. I will Never cast a vote to violate the basic rights protected by those documents.

20TH DISTRICT

NANCY GARLAND, DEMOCRAT

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Occupation: CEO of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association; Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University School of Allied Medical Professions
Qualifications for Office: Legislative Assistant on Capitol Hill; Advocate for the American Optometric Association

Question 1: As our economy continues to change, I feel that Ohio needs to evolve with it. Drawing in new business and industry to Ohio is critical. I would improve Ohio’s economy by focusing on reaching out to new companies. In addition to bringing in jobs that offer growth to our economy, I feel that it is also important to improve our existing economic structure. Employers need to take advantage of new technologies. By providing tax incentives, workforce development partnerships, and access to basic business resources, small businesses would have the potential for future success and growth.

Question 2: Health care has been the focus of my career for over two decades. Our current healthcare system is broken and I believe that my

experience would allow me to grant all Ohioans access to high quality, affordable healthcare. As a mother, I also understand the importance of building up Ohio’s economy. I want my son and all in our young generation to feel comfortable staying in their home state through and post college. To ensure this, we need better schools. As a legislator, mother, and Ohioan, education will be among my highest priorities.

JIM MCGREGOR, REPUBLICAN

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Occupation: Legislator
Qualifications for Office: Army National Guard; Department /Natural Resources-12 years – Naturalist to Chief. Mayor- Gahanna, 1982-2001; Ohio House- 2002-present; Distinguished Community Service/ Leadership- Columbus Jewish Federation 2002; Legislator of the year- National Wildlife Federation 2004; Community Building Award- Martin Luther (over word limit)

Question 1: Ohio’s Alternative Energy Bill, SB221, is the foundation to our manufacturing recovery. Ohio is strong in agriculture. Thousands of farms can now capture methane, burn it in turbines and fuel cells and produce electricity. Ohio is rich in continuous, robust, Lake Erie wind; over 3,000 wind turbines can produce an abundance of electricity. Ohio has a sufficiency of sunlight; thousands of acres of solar cells will grow atop our roofs. Ohio has abundant cellulose and coal; they can be cleanly digested into diesel and jet fuel. Ohio is a national leader in manufacturing; energy industry and jobs will greatly increase.

Question 2: Ohio must aggressively expand upon the energy bill, SB221, to create the greatest job growth, security and prosperity since WWII. Ohioans need a basic health care payment system. Dr. Savrin of KePro has studied systems world wide. He has determined that Singapore’s Universal Health Care Savings Account System is effective and well liked. We can preserve present health insurance options while adapting a Singapore like program as Ohio’s default system. Ohio is rich in natural resources. We need to protect, wisely utilize and expand this beauty. Ohio must develop an adequate funding stream for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

21ST DISTRICT

JAY G. PEREZ, DEMOCRAT

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Question 1: 1) Ohio’s Economy. The key to a strong economy lies in job creation and economic development. As part of our economic success I believe that we must cut taxes for Ohioans and work to make Ohio more competitive. The future lies in advancement of technology by providing incentives for businesses and higher education. We must produce and maintain a qualified workforce right here in Ohio. We must also work to curtail lawsuit abuse if we want to have a healthy economy.
Question 2: 2) Top Three Priorities. Job creation and economic development; Education. A more equitable system and one that won’t put further strain on property owners, especially seniors. Health Care. We must expand access and affordability. Most notably, our small businesses should be able to pool their workforces to have access to more competitive rates.

JEREMIAH ARN, LIBERTARIAN

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22ND DISTRICT

JOHN PATRICK CARNEY, DEMOCRAT

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Occupation: Health Care Attorney, Porter Wright
Qualifications for Office: I have a proven leadership record, including founding the Computer Outreach Program in Columbus Schools. As a Health Care Attorney, I have the expertise needed to help tackle one of the toughest issues facing Ohio.

Question 1: Ohio needs to develop and attract the 21st century jobs that will grow our economy. To do so, we must make college more affordable and improve job training for Ohio’s workers to give them the skills they need for success. We must retain and attract talent to our state by reducing the tax burden on working Ohio families. We must work to control health care costs for small businesses so they can afford to hire more workers. Finally, we must stimulate investment in new technologies, such as renewable energy, that will make Ohio a leader in the new economy.
Question 2: I am running for the Ohio House because, like many of the families I have met in the 22nd District, I want to help build a better Ohio where my daughter’s

opportunities will surpass my own. I intend to focus on the three issues that really matter to the middle-class families of the 22nd District: the economy, health care, and education. I will work to create good-paying jobs, promote preventive health care and lower health care costs for individuals and businesses, and ensure that each Ohioan has access to a world-class education.

MICHAEL H. KEENAN, REPUBLICAN

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Question 1: The Governor, House and Senate must all work together to create the most positive environment possible to entice businesses to come to Ohio. We can generate increased economic development growth by creating clear and appropriate incentives to the business community. Workers compensation rates need to be actuarially developed. The estate tax needs to be eliminated. Health insurance costs must be stabilized. “Ease of doing business” should be reflected in every policy decision. Everyone in state government should be involved in selling Ohio as the best place for creating new jobs as well as retaining and expanding existing ones.
Question 2: Job creation is the number one priority as it provides employment and self esteem for our citizens, tax revenue for our infrastructure and services and health care opportunities for our families. We need to sell Ohio as the best place to work and to raise a family. Education of our children will always be an important issue for families in our state. As a father of three, I know the importance of a quality education. We must fight to make sure our schools receive their fair share of the state budget, while taking the burden off of local taxpayers. Health (over word limit)

23RD DISTRICT

KEITH GOLDHARDT, DEMOCRAT

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Zoning Appeals; 3 years Franklin County Emergency Management Agency

Question 1: These are challenging economic times for Ohio and there is no quick fix. There are however, immediate and long-term strategies that can move Ohio forward to a stronger and stable economic future. Ohio is 3rd among the 50 states in manufacturing, 5th in Fortune 500 rankings with 28 companies, and 7th in production of bio-resources. We must leverage these positions to be competitive globally, utilizing local excellence. Education is the ultimate solution; improved job training, accessible continuing education and a reduced tax burden are necessary to create a realistic living wage that supports the quality of life we all deserve.

Question 2: Collaborative and bi-partisan real time solutions. Recognizing that solutions come from looking at the whole picture; better well-care creates better education, which creates better jobs, that create a better economy, and a better Ohio. By being receptive to alternative approaches and exploring all the options, we can maximize public benefit with minimal intrusion. Working together we can implement quality healthcare, education and job opportunities while being fiscally responsible to the future of Ohio. Responsive and responsible government today will create a better Ohio for our next generation of leaders, teachers, entrepreneurs, artisans, professionals and engaged workforce... Proud to call Ohio (over word limit)

CHERYL L. GROSSMAN, REPUBLICAN

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Question 1: Ohio's economy is the foundation for our future. Some of the tax re-structuring recently enacted has been helpful, but more needs to be done. I am a strong proponent of eliminating the estate tax. Ohioans have worked hard all of their lives to save money and I don't believe it is fair to prohibit them from choosing what they do with their estates. Ohio is the fourth highest taxed state in the nation and it makes it extremely difficult to attract and retain businesses. We must encourage businesses to locate and grow in Ohio to reduce the tax burden.
Question 2: My top three priorities will be to turn our economy around so that Ohio will be an excellent

place to live and work. It will take all members of the House to work together to accomplish this important goal. My second priority is to find ways to improve education, including looking at alternatives for funding and promoting competition. My third priority will be to better support cancer research in Ohio. Ohio has some of the most renowned cancer hospitals in the nation yet we remain among the very lowest in the nation in funding research.

24TH DISTRICT

TED CELESTE, DEMOCRAT

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Qualifications for Office: Presently represent the 24th District. Have had a real estate business in the district for 25 years. Former board member and Chair of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees; Present board member of Tech Columbus and Scitech.

Question 1: Governor Strickland and the legislature have put forward a 1.5 billion dollar job stimulus program that is a significant first step. We have a unique opportunity in central Ohio to leverage our significant research base and well-trained workforce to focus on establishing an alternative energy manufacturing base. I have been working with the Edison Welding Institute to create a Center for Alternative Energy Manufacturing. Also, we must further the efforts to improve higher education and keep it affordable so that we have a well-educated workforce ready for the knowledge based jobs of the future.

Question 2: 1. Put Ohio back to work. In addition to the jobs stimulus package, we must keep our talented young people here in Ohio. Investing in retraining programs and life-long learning is key to workforce development efforts. 2. Creating and properly funding a world class education system in Ohio. We must be competitive with countries around the globe, while maintaining a fair funding system here at home. 3. Providing health care insurance to those who are uncovered and stopping the runaway increases in health care costs. Our health care system needs re-orientation toward diagnosis and prevention, with an emphasis on early (over word limit)

TIM RANKIN, REPUBLICAN

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Rankin & Boggs Co., LPA
Qualifications for Office: U.A. City Council (2000-2008); Community Volunteer; Husband and father of four (4) children; Born and raised in Ohio's 24th District

Question 1: All levels of state government must be streamlined with elimination of unnecessary beauracacy. Ohio's tax code must be further revamped to eliminate oppressive business taxes, further reduce income tax on our hard working families and reduce/ eliminate Ohio's estate tax. Ohio must reduce burdensome and unnecessary governmental regulations on businesses and professionals. In conjunction with these steps, Ohio must continue to invest in education at all levels, from early childhood to post-graduate.

Question 2: To tackle the tough issues that continue to plague our State's perpetually struggling economy and education system. I will tackle these tough issues starting on day 1 and will bring the leadership needed in the 24th District.

25TH DISTRICT

DAN STEWART, DEMOCRAT

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Education: Columbus West, Ohio State
Occupation: Legislator
Qualifications for Office: As a current representative I know how to get things done. I helped pass anti-predatory lending legislation, worked with Governor Strickland to cut property taxes for seniors, provide more state funding for schools, and freeze college tuition. I've held over 30 Town Hall meetings.

Question 1: During the Taft administration, Ohio took a deep downturn. We need to support Governor Strickland's Turn Around Ohio plan, as I did as a member of the Finance Committee. We passed the largest property tax cut, froze college tuition, more dollars for fixing roads and highways, and passed an important economic stimulus package. We need more job training programs such as the skilled trade apprentice program I just secured state funding for here in Columbus. We need to invest and improve schools from elementary, tech schools, to universities, and help them train Ohioans now for the jobs of the future.

Question 2: Jobs/Economy. We must attract and create new high tech better paying jobs. Build on Ohio's strengths and location while investing in our people and infrastructure. Education, is a key to improving the economy and we need to address the fair and adequate funding question. We need strong public schools as well as higher education to train Ohioans to be a workforce that attracts the higher wage jobs. Health Care, we must make it more accessible and affordable for the middle class. While

a national issue, it's a major cause of bankruptcies; doing more at state level will help our economy.

DARYL P. HENNESSY, REPUBLICAN

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Qualifications for Office: Successful career as a small business owner creating private sector jobs. Consensus building community leader with twenty years of volunteer service. Twenty years of military and public sector experience.

Question 1: Ohio ranks 47th in the country in new job creation and 50th in small business ownership rates. To reverse these rankings and improve Ohio's economy we must encourage entrepreneurship and support the creation /expansion of small businesses (i.e. the economic engines of job creation). To begin, we should (1) waive the state business tax for small business startups, (2) provide tax credits for entrepreneurs who start hiring workers, (3) invest in industry certified training that results in marketable credentials for workers, (4) expand distance learning options for adults, and (5) redirect business incentive grants toward infrastructure improvements.

Question 2: I will focus on (1) improving the economy and creating jobs, (2) finding affordable health care solutions, and (3) insisting that government policies are designed to meet the needs of its customers (you) and not the interests of politicians and governmental institutions. To prove it, I commit to paying the full cost of my public health insurance policy until comparable, market-based plans are made available to every individual and employer in Ohio. The rising cost of health care poses a threat to the economic competitiveness of Ohio's businesses and customer-focused leadership is needed to find a real solution.

26TH DISTRICT

TRACY HEARD, DEMOCRAT

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Occupation: Full-time Legislator
Qualifications for Office: Current office holder. Past community development work. Staff legislative experience in Senate.

Question 1: We should move from tax abatements as incentives to attract (keep) business to partnerships between education, work force development and business /industry, thereby building a stable and growing

economic development system where business is informing our education and workforce development systems what the jobs of the present and future are /will be and what education and skills will be required to fulfill them. This affords a maximum return on our investment in education and encourages business' interest and willingness to invest in education as it is an investment in their business. Also focus on areas of alternative energy and green (over word limit)
Question 2: Continue the work I have been doing as a member of the Education Committee, in conjunction with the Governor's Office and as Co Chair of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Education Committee to finalize and present with the Governor a plan to not only fix education funding, but reassess our entire education process. Economic development is my second priority and as I see it is tied directly to education (see above); Establish Ohio's first Environmental Justice Commission to ensure human life and our quality of life remain the number one consideration in regulating how industries impact the environment.

JOSEPH A. HEALY, REPUBLICAN

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Occupation: Self-employed as home improvement contractor since 1990.
Qualifications for Office: Married, have four children, reside in Driving Park area; active in community. Member Franklin County Republican Central Committee; active in politics since 1980.

Question 1: Ohio suffers from a pincer strategy to decimate our productivity! From within, crushing taxes, crippling regulations and lawsuits burden our industries. From without, Federal policies permit foreign goods and workers to flood into our country unimpeded, and entice American interests to desert our country for the less hostile business climate of foreign soil. Those that stay often shut down, putting Ohioans out of good-paying jobs. We must cut business taxes, reduce regulations, eliminate frivolous lawsuits, enforce our immigration laws, and demand that Congress correct our errant trade policies, beginning with repealing NAFTA. Job production through industrial growth will follow.

Question 2: If elected, I will pursue the following priorities: 1. Introduce legislation reforming the way we tax Ohioans, permitting businesses and industries to function virtually tax-free in Ohio. 2. Find ways to reduce the size and cost of government by eliminating or substantially shrinking government bureaucracies, while attempting to revamp our regulatory policies in Ohio to encourage both the use of Ohio coal and nuclear power and the rebuilding of our

vital manufacturing industries. 3. Introduce into the Ohio General Assembly a Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to repeal NAFTA and significantly curtail our trade with Communist China.

27TH DISTRICT

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No survey received.

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STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Term Beginning January 2009

RICHARD CORDRAY, DEMOCRAT

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Question & Answer

1) What specific actions should the Attorney General take to protect consumers in Ohio?

"Ohio's Attorney General should use all the powers of the office against anyone who tries to scam Ohioans or use 'gotcha' tactics to take their hard-earned dollars. As Attorney General, I would carry on the work begun in the State Treasurer's office to educate consumers about predatory practices and making informed financial decisions. Financial education helps, but the rule of law is the critical tool to protect the financial security of

Ohioans. Specifically, we will continue our work on foreclosure prevention (taking on predatory lenders, appraisers, flippers, and foreclosure "prevention" scammers); stand up for fair consumer practices by credit card companies (including marketing to students on campus); initiate a Senior Strike Force to prevent consumer fraud against seniors; and battle every kind of unfair financial practice that takes money out of our pockets or jobs from our hometowns."

2) What changes would you propose in the authority of the Attorney General?

"As the only candidate who has actually worked in the Attorney General's office as Ohio's first State Solicitor, I understand the expansive powers of the office and do not plan initially to seek broader powers. Instead, I intend to exercise my authority to uphold the standards of professionalism and restore public trust in the office. I also will protect the financial interests of Ohioans and be a strong partner to local law enforcement. I will reconstitute the Criminal Law Project to help local prosecutors arguing in the Ohio Supreme Court to keep criminals behind bars, establish commissions to assist on budgetary issues for local law enforcement, and work closely with small businesses to provide an early warning system and dispute mediation to reduce costs. If the structure or functions of the office prove inadequate, I will work with both sides of the aisle in the General Assembly to address that."

MIKE CRITES, REPUBLICAN

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Question & Answer

1) What specific actions should the Attorney General take to protect consumers in Ohio?

"As Attorney General I will make the protection of Ohio consumers one of my top priorities. I am a career prosecutor, not a career politician. I have 21 years of prosecutorial experience, more than the last seven Attorneys General combined. As United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio I prosecuted every type of criminal from members of the Mafia, to dangerous drug dealers to tax evaders. I pledge to use that experience to uphold the consumer laws of Ohio and to go after criminals, both individuals and businesses, who illegally prey on Ohioans."

2) What changes would you propose in the authority of the Attorney General?

"I believe the Ohio Revised Code statutes that refer to the Office of Attorney General currently in place

are well thought out and give the office an appropriate amount of authority. We have arrived at this special election not because of a failing in the authority of the office of Attorney General, but rather because of the personal failings of the last Attorney General. The office has worked very well under the last several Attorneys General and therefore I do not believe that sweeping new authority is needed.

However, I have offered several policy proposals as to how I would improve the office, including the creation of an Ad hoc committee to streamline the various ongoing investigations into the office, the creation of new fellowships to reward professionalism and improve morale, and a Public Corruption Commission to ensure that these types of scandals never again taint the office."

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Question & Answer

1) What specific actions should the Attorney General take to protect consumers in Ohio?

"Protecting consumers starts by sacredly guarding their tax dollars, eliminating the "corruption tax," which by some accounts has been as much as \$2,000 per family. This means changing the system that awards no-bid contracts to large campaign contributors representing special interests. It also means eliminating the current "slush funds" that are created by monies collected by the attorney general's office through settlement and litigation. Those funds should be returned to the people's treasury.

As attorney general, I will work to reduce regulation on small business (often falsely marketed as "consumer protection"), while increasing focus on prosecuting fraudulent business practices.

Finally, consumer protection means fighting crime. I will work to expand capabilities for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) forensic lab in order to better support law enforcement across Ohio. I will also work to expand education to communities and law enforcement regarding citizen rights to self defense."

2) What changes would you propose in the authority of the Attorney General?

"The attorney general should not have the authority to unilaterally distribute hundreds of millions of dollars in no-bid contracts. I am the only candidate to propose, from the beginning of the race, that every contract be subject to a full, open competitive bid process.

All financial transactions of the attorney general's office should be readily available (i.e. online), open to public and media scrutiny. The only way to restore integrity to the office of attorney general is through independent oversight and full transparency. I am the only candidate to sign the Buckeye Institute's "Transparency in Government" pledge.

Let there be no more blind trust in politicians. The system itself must be changed. As an independent, I alone have the ability to make these changes without concern from party politics and big money special interest pressure."

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Term Beginning January 2009

MAUREEN O'CONNOR, REPUBLICAN

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Question & Answer

1) What is your response to research indicating that judicial decisions tend to favor large campaign contributors?

"I do not agree that objective research indicates that decisions of the courts favor campaign contributors. Contributions follow the philosophy of a justice, not the other way around. There are limits on the dollar amount for contributions. These amounts are deemed reasonable and as long as Ohio maintains an elected selection process for our judiciary and the contributors follow the law on campaign limits and there is open disclosure, the system should work as it is intended."

2) Do you believe that all Ohioans have adequate access to legal help and the legal system? If not, what can be done to provide wider and better access?

"Ohio has a good system of representation for those who are unable to afford legal representation. Our members of the bar are generous in their efforts to provide services. Having said that I believe that any system can be improved upon and ours is no exception. The bar in Ohio is encouraged to participate in rendering pro bono services. I believe that an expansion of the program to start in law school will assist in creating and expanding a culture of pro bono representation among the new lawyers."

JOSEPH RUSSO, DEMOCRAT

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Question & Answer

1) What is your response to research indicating that judicial decisions tend to favor large campaign contributors?

"I am very concerned by public surveys that find that 83% of voters believe campaign contributions influence the decisions of the Ohio Supreme Court. Numerous newspaper articles have pointed to a correlation between campaign contributions and the votes of members of our Court. The New York Times in the article "Campaign Cash Mirrors a High Court's Rulings" points to a correlation between campaign contributions and individual Ohio Supreme Court Justice's votes in judicial decisions in Ohio. In that article, the Times states that Ohio Supreme Court Justices "routinely sat on cases after receiving campaign contributions from the parties involved" and "on average . . . voted in favor of contributors 70 percent of the time." My opponent votes in favor of her contributors 74% of the time. I have proposed a rule that would force Justices to disqualify themselves from cases involving their largest contributors. My opponent opposes this rule."

2) Do you believe that all Ohioans have adequate access to legal help and the legal system? If not, what can be done to provide wider and better access?

"Ohioans do not have adequate access to legal help. There are several ways to provide wider and better access. First, for simple cases, we must make forms and instruction available to the general public, as they have in Maricopa County, Arizona, where they have thrown open the doors of the courthouse to the general public with help from court staff and law school students to enable the general public to access the legal system and settle their simple disputes often without the help of a lawyer. In addition, I believe that we must properly fund our legal clinics throughout the state so that the public has access to attorneys to handle more intricate legal matters. Finally, a rule requiring every attorney in the State, as part of their Continuing Legal Education requirements, to provide pro bono services to the public should be considered."

Term Beginning January 2009

PETER SIKORA, DEMOCRAT

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Biographical Information

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 About.html

Question & Answer

1) *What is your response to research indicating that judicial decisions tend to favor large campaign contributors?*

“The strength of our judiciary rests in the confidence Ohioans have in the fairness and impartiality of the court. The legitimacy of the court is undermined when studies show people believe contributions influence decisions. There is a serious need to restore confidence in the court, based on the fact that Supreme Court Justices routinely sit on cases after receiving campaign contributions from the parties involved or from groups that filed supporting briefs. On average, they voted in favor of the contributors 70% of the time. This emphasizes the need for balance on the court – so that every citizen can be assured that all perspectives will be considered before decisions are made.”

4) *Do you believe that all Ohioans have adequate access to legal help and the legal system? If not, what can be done to provide wider and better access?*

“As a society we need to ensure that people have access to affordable quality legal assistance. It is incumbent upon all of us – as well as those in the legal profession – to come forward and assist those who can not afford representation. Specifically, this includes an increase in pro-bono efforts in the legal community.”

EVERLYN STRATTON, REPUBLICAN

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Question & Answer

1) *What is your response to research indicating that judicial decisions tend to favor large campaign contributors?*

“I believe this portrays an inaccurate perception of the judiciary that is fueled by the media, not by reality. A New York Times article, published two years ago, reported that I had voted in favor of my contributors in 55% of the cases in which I participated through March 2006. This was the lowest percentage attributed to any justice identified. However, this also indicated that in 45% of those cases I had voted against those who had contributed to my campaign. The vast majority of the contributions to my last campaign were \$100 or less. In addition, there are now campaign limits of \$3000 per

person and \$5500 per political action committee. These limits greatly reduce the ability of a contributor to use the size of a contribution to influence a judge’s decision.”

5) *Do you believe that all Ohioans have adequate access to legal help and the legal system? If not, what can be done to provide wider and better access?*

“No. The availability of legal resources for those unable to afford an attorney is a problem in Ohio. In an effort to help persons gain access to the courts, the Supreme Court of Ohio supports the Legal Aid Society and provides financial assistance to the group. The Court is in the process of developing legal forms to assist persons in legal matters which should result in better access to the courts. I also have supported efforts to recruit and train attorneys to provide pro bono services to qualified homeowners in foreclosure cases. Attorneys should be encouraged to assist those who cannot afford an attorney in all areas of the law. I will also focus efforts on pro bono services for Ohio’s military veterans and reserve troops in my work on mental health court reforms.”

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISTRICT 6

Term Beginning January 2009

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Question & Answer

1) *What recommendations should the State Board of Education propose to ensure that community schools and voucher programs are accountable to the public?*

“Accountability of Charter Schools is a major issue that I support. In the 127th Generally Assembly, in which I was a member, we passed House Bill 119 that added new accountability standards to charter schools. Under the new standards a charter school can lose its funding if their books are un-auditable. Also under the new standards, the state will close the school if it is in Academic Emergency for three years. As a member of the State School Board I would work with the Governor, Department of Education and the Generally Assembly to support any additional changes to the law to ensure that our tax dollars are used wisely in the education of our children.”

2) *Do you believe creationism (intelligent design) should be taught in the public schools?*

“I do not believe that creationism should be taught in schools, but I believe there should be critical analysis of the theory of Evolution.”

STATE BALLOT ISSUES

ISSUE 1: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR EARLIER FILING DEADLINES FOR STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUES

(Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)

To amend Sections 1a, 1b, 1c, and 1g of Article II of the Ohio Constitution

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, this proposed amendment will be effective immediately.

League Explanation of Issue 1:

• This proposed constitutional amendment seeks to make the petition filing deadlines earlier for statewide ballot issues. Currently, the deadlines are 90 days before the election for statewide initiative petitions (laws and constitutional amendments proposed by citizens) and 60 days for statewide referendums (citizen-initiated votes to repeal new laws). The amendment would change these deadlines to 125 days for both.

- The proposal adds deadlines for public officials to act on the petitions. It requires the secretary of state to determine whether there are enough valid signatures on a petition by the 105th day before the election. Challenges must be filed in the Ohio Supreme Court not later than 95 days prior to the election. The Ohio Supreme Court must make its decision not later than 85 days prior to the election. If necessary, 10 additional days shall be allowed for the filing of additional signatures. The secretary of state shall check the additional signatures not later than 65 days before the election. Any challenges must be filed in the Ohio Supreme Court not later than 55 days before the election, and the court must rule on any challenges not later than 45 days before the election. If no ruling is made, the petition and signatures shall be presumed to be sufficient.
- The proposed amendment would give the Ohio Supreme Court sole authority to consider these cases. Currently lower courts may hear these challenges.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. The earlier deadlines will allow more time to determine the validity of the petition and the signatures. This should reduce the number of invalid issues that appear on ballots and reduce voter confusion.
2. If deadlines are met, absentee voters and election-day voters will know which issues were supported by sufficient valid petitions.
3. The process should be more efficient because the amendment provides for specific deadlines for each step of the process.
4. Having the Ohio Supreme Court as the sole arbiter of challenges expedites the process.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. The revised deadlines may still not allow time to print correct ballots.
2. The revised deadlines decrease the time for each step of the review and may be difficult to meet.
3. The earlier deadlines for referenda may result in long delays for voter consideration of challenged laws because laws challenged by the referendum process are suspended until approved by voters. Challengers have 90 days after a law is passed to file a referendum petition. Because this may not be completed before the filing deadline for ballot issues, a vote on the challenged law may be postponed until the following general election.
4. As sole arbiter of challenges, the Ohio Supreme Court will not have the benefit of a record from lower courts.

ISSUE 2: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TO ISSUE BONDS TO CONTINUE THE CLEAN OHIO PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL, REVITALIZATION AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES

(Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)

To adopt Section 2q of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, this proposed amendment shall take effect immediately.

League Explanation of Issue 2: This ballot issue proposes a constitutional amendment that would add to funding for The Clean Ohio Program. The amendment is identical to the bond issue passed by the voters in 2000 and will provide the state with the authority to issue an additional \$400 million of bonds. These bonds

could be used for the benefit of both governmental and non-governmental entities.

- Conservation: Up to \$200 million in bonds could be issued for conservation purposes such as preservation of natural areas and farmlands, provision of recreation facilities, and natural resource management projects. Repayment of these bonds would be a general obligation of the state backed by the taxing power of the state.
- Revitalization: Up to \$200 million in bonds could be issued for revitalization purposes such as environmental cleanup of publicly or privately owned lands. Repayment of these bonds would be secured by specific state revenues such as receipts from liquor taxes.
- Limitations: The proposed amendment limits the amount that could be borrowed in any one fiscal year for either conservation or revitalization purposes to no more than \$50 million. In addition, the state can borrow amounts which were authorized but not issued in prior fiscal years.
- Reissuance: After a bond is repaid, another can be issued as long as the total amount outstanding does not exceed \$200 million for that type of bond.
- Debt Service Expense: The Legislative Services Commission estimates that issuing \$400 million of obligations could increase the state’s annual debt service expense by up to \$40 million. The Ohio Office of Budget and Management calculated that principle and interest payable in 2008 for all of the bonds already issued by Ohio is \$1,231,640,023.
- This bonding authority must be approved by the voters because the Ohio constitution does not permit an appropriation being made for a period longer than two years.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. Bond monies could be used to improve drinking water, help keep rivers and streams clean.
2. Preserve and protect wildlife and farmland, and expand outdoor recreational opportunities for Ohioans.
3. Bond monies could be used to reduce the number of polluted industrial sites and clean up brown fields
4. Revitalization of public and private lands could stimulate economic development in urban areas and increase private investment in Ohio.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

1. Tax monies will be diverted to paying principle and interest, and this may limit the availability of state revenue for other state programs.
2. This authority is not time-limited and permits new bonds to be reissued after the retirement of the original bonds without further vote of the people.

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3. Proceeds from the sale of the publicly funded bonds may be used to benefit private entities.

ISSUE 3: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IN GROUND WATER, LAKES AND OTHER WATERCOURSES

(Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio)

To adopt Section 19b of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, this amendment shall take effect December 1, 2008.

League Explanation of Issue 3:

This proposed amendment resulted from the Ohio legislature's passage of the Great Lakes Water Compact this past spring. Some lawmakers feared final approval of the Compact might limit private water rights. The constitutional amendment is intended to recognize that:

- Property owners have a protected right to the "reasonable use" of the ground water flowing under their property, and of the water in a lake or watercourse that is on or flows through their property.
- An owner has the right to give or sell these interests to a governmental body.
- The public welfare supersedes individual property owners' rights. The state and political subdivisions may regulate such waters to the extent state law allows.
- The proposed amendment would not affect public use of Lake Erie and the state's other navigable waters.
- The rights confirmed by this amendment may not be limited by sections of the Ohio Constitution addressing home rule, public debt and public works, conservation of natural resources, and the prohibition of the use of "initiative" and "referendum" on property taxes.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

- This amendment, if approved, is intended to reaffirm the rights and expectations of Ohio landowners to have reasonable use of the water on or under their properties.
- The proposed amendment does not establish absolute private ownership of water.
- It reiterates the state's right to regulate water use and water quality.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

- The amendment is unnecessary because current Ohio case law already recognizes property owners' interests in the reasonable use of surface and groundwater.
- The Ohio Constitution should be a body of fundamental principles, and should not be amended unless there is a compelling reason.
- The amendment could cause unexpected consequences and unintended changes in current law.

ISSUE 5: REFERENDUM ON LEGISLATION MAKING CHANGES TO PAYDAY LENDING PRACTICES

As of September 23, 2008, this issue had not been certified to be on the Nov. 4, 2008, ballot.

(A referendum on Section 3, House Bill 545)

A YES vote will cap the annual interest rate on payday loans at 28% and allow only the new regulations to apply to payday lenders.

A NO vote may allow payday lenders to charge up to 391% annual interest on a loan. Specifically, a NO vote may create a situation in which both the old and new laws coexist—thereby allowing payday lenders to choose to operate under either law.

A majority YES vote will allow only the new regulations affecting payday lenders to be in effect.

If approved, changes regulating payday lenders would go into effect immediately.

League Explanation of Issue 5: Voters are being asked if they want to uphold the legislature's repeal of lenders' authority to charge interest that could be as high as 391%. If the referendum is approved (the "yes" votes prevail), all short-term lenders, including payday lenders, would be subject to the following limitations:

- Cap the interest that payday lenders can charge consumers at 28%.
- Limit the amount consumers may borrow from payday lenders to 25% of their monthly income, up to \$500 per loan.
- Limit consumers to four short-term loans per year.
- Provide for a minimum of at least 30 days for a borrower to repay a loan.

Proponents of the referendum argue that:

- The new regulations would cap the interest for payday loans at 28%, which effectively ends lenders' ability to charge up to 391% interest.
- Limiting the number of loans customers can take out annually would help break the cycle of debt in which many customers find themselves trapped. Data show that 99% of payday loans go to repeat borrowers—who typically take out

12 or more loans a year.

- Passage of Issue 5 would give borrowers more time to repay a loan—and by limiting the amount a consumer can borrow, would help insure that customers do not borrow more than they can afford to repay.

Opponents of the referendum argue that:

- The 28% ceiling on interest rates will not allow lenders to make enough profit to stay in business; lenders will be forced to close locations convenient for borrowers and jobs will be lost.
- The loans provide emergency assistance to cash-strapped borrowers who have no other credit options—and the loans are more affordable, if repaid promptly, than bank overdraft fees and credit card late fees.
- A borrower's choice is limited if the number of loans available in a year and the amount of each loan are curtailed. Each borrower should have the right to make their own financial decisions without government restrictions.

Websites

In support of placing new restrictions on payday lenders: PROTECT HB 545 Committee (<http://www.yesonissue5.com/>)

In opposition to placing new restrictions on payday lenders: The Committee to Reject H.B. 545 (www.ohioans4financialfreedom.com)

ISSUE 6: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE A CASINO IN CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO

(Proposed by Initiative Petition) As of September 23, 2008, this issue had not been certified to be on the Nov. 4, 2008, ballot.

To add a new Section 6a to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution

A YES vote means approval of the amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect 30 days after the election.

League Explanation of Issue 6: This amendment would authorize a privately-owned casino in Clinton County.

- The operator would be required to pay a tax of up to 30% annually on gross casino receipts. "Gross casino receipts" excludes payments to winners. The tax would be allocated in the following ways:
 - The Ohio General Assembly would have the authority to determine a reasonable amount

to be used to fund a Gaming Regulatory Commission, and receipts will be used to pay the expenses of administering the tax.

- Up to 1% of the tax collected would be used to fund prevention and treatment programs for gambling addicts.
 - Following those expenditures, 10% percent of any remaining casino tax receipts would be distributed to Clinton County, and the remaining receipts distributed among all 88 Ohio counties on a per capita basis, to be used as each county sees fit.
- If another casino were permitted in Ohio, the tax on the Clinton County casino would drop to 25% of the gross casino receipts or the rate paid by the additional casino, whichever is less.
 - The casino operator must make a minimum initial investment of \$600 million for the development of a destination resort that would include the casino, a hotel and other related amenities.
 - The state may establish an initial license fee not to exceed \$15 million, which will be credited against the first \$15 million of taxes on gross casino receipts. There can be no further licensing fees for the Clinton County casino.
 - The state may not limit the amounts of the wagers or the hours of operation. The casino may conduct any type of card or table games, slot machines or electronic gaming devices permitted by the state of Nevada and states adjacent to Ohio, except bets on races or sporting events.
 - Persons must be 21 years old to place wagers at the casino.

Proponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

- Thirty-eight states—including Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania—have casino gambling. By authorizing a casino in Ohio, the profits could benefit our state rather than other states.
- All counties in Ohio may receive tax revenue generated by the casino, and each county can decide how to best spend its money.
- The casino will also be required to pay all other applicable taxes.
- The casino will create jobs in Clinton County.
- The casino will stimulate the economy by adding restaurants, hotels and ancillary businesses.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that:

- The Ohio general revenue fund, which supports basic services for Ohioans, will get \$0 from the gross casino receipts tax.
- If an additional casino were an Indian casino, which is exempt from taxes, the Clinton County casino might not pay any taxes, either, on the gross casino receipts.
- Ohioans may spend money at the casino they would have spent at other existing Ohio businesses such as restaurants, movies, or sports

events, adversely impacting those businesses.

- Ohio lottery profits, currently dedicated to education, may decrease because people will gamble at the casino instead of playing the lottery.
- The number of gambling addicts in Ohio would increase, and the tax receipts dedicated to providing treatment for addicts (0.3% of gross casino receipts) could be insufficient.

Websites

In support of the proposed amendment: My Ohio Now (<http://www.yesonissue6.com/>)

In opposition to the proposed amendment:

Vote No Casinos (www.votencasinos.com)

FRANKLIN COUNTY CANDIDATES

Questions for Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Judges (General Division & Probate Division)

- What is your judicial philosophy? (100 word limit)
- Four out of five Ohio voters believe that campaign contributions influence judges and candidates, according to a 2002 League of Women Voters of Ohio survey. What do you recommend that Ohio do to reduce this perceived threat to judicial independence? (100 word limit)

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION

Full Term Commencing 1/1/09

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Uncontested race.

Full Term Commencing 2/9/09

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Full Term Commencing 7/1/09

SHAWN DINGUS

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Occupation: Attorney

Qualifications for Office: During my legal career, I have worked as a prosecutor, civil litigator and criminal defense attorney, which has provided me with a broad and diverse level of experience that I will bring with me (over word limit)

Question 1: Although I am not a proponent of labels, if I had to describe my "judicial philosophy," I would describe myself as someone who has beliefs similar to those of our founding fathers, who advocated

for the creation of an independent judiciary. As Alexander Hamilton stated in Federalist Paper #78, "The complete independence of the courts... is peculiarly essential [to our] Constitution." By independence our forefathers intended for the judiciary to be separate and apart from the other two branches of government, and to exercise impartial and steady judgment. I believe that such independence is necessary for the continuation of our (over word limit) **Question 2:** In my opinion, the most effective way to change the public's perception on this issue is to publicly fund all judicial campaigns. Until that can occur, I believe that the Ohio Supreme Court has taken a prudent approach to this issue by limiting a judicial candidate's ability to solicit or collect campaign contributions, and by limiting the maximum amount of contributions that a judicial candidate's committee can accept from individuals and organizations.

RICHARD S. SHEWARD

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Qualifications for Office: Judge for 22 years. Attorney for 34 years (prosecutor, private practitioner, and judge). Endorsed by AFL-CIO, Building Trades, Firefighters, Coalition of Concerned Citizens, Operating Engineers.

Question 1: My philosophy is one of strict construction. A judge's function is to interpret and enforce the law as written; not to change the law or legislate.

Question 2: Judges should be required to be voted into office initially by the voters in a traditional election. After first being elected by the voters, however, judges should face retention elections only. This would ensure that judges remain accountable to the voters, and it would take money out of the process at least after the first election.

Full Term Commencing 7/2/2009

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Uncontested Race.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, DOMESTIC DIVISION

Full Term Commencing 1/2/09

DANA SUZANNE PREISSE

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Uncontested Race.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PROBATE DIVISION

Full Term Commencing 2/9/09

ERIC BROWN, DEMOCRAT

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Occupation: Judge

Qualifications for Office: Judge and lawyer for nearly 30 years. One of the first lawyers in Ohio to serve the legal needs of the elderly and their families. Substantial probate law experience. Dedicated public servant: 18 years as an elected official. Devoted husband of 35 years, father and grandfather.

Question 1: The Probate Court decides matters that affect all of us at important times in our lives: creating permanent families through adoption, providing guardians for children or adults unable to care for themselves, marriage licenses, name changes, and oversight of trusts and wills after a loved one dies. The court also deals with mental health issues and end-of-life health care decision-making. "I know the law, and more importantly, I understand the impact that probate court decisions have on families. I will work to make probate unnecessary for many and quicker, easier and less expensive for all of us."

Question 2: We must reform campaign finance rules for judges. Campaigns should be financed publicly providing a level playing field for serious candidates and adequate resources for those candidates to communicate with voters. We must do much better to educate our youth and our voters about the judicial system and about our judges and judicial candidates. I do not believe we should take away the right of the people to elect their judges. There is no select or elite group of people, however chosen, that I would trust to select our judges, and the system would remain political. I trust the people.

LAWRENCE A. BELSKIS, REPUBLICAN

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Occupation: Probate Judge 18 years; Probate attorney 15 years

Qualifications for Office: Elected by peers as President of both Ohio Association of Probate Judges and National College of Probate Judges. Selected as "the Outstanding Special Court Judge in the Nation" by American Bar Association Judicial Division in 2001.

Question 1: As Probate Judge, I serve not only in a judicial capacity, but also as the Clerk of the Probate Court. In performing my judicial duties, I endeavor to provide prompt and just resolution to legal issues for all who appear before the Court and for all whom the Court has a duty to protect. In performing my duties as Clerk of Court, I strive to accurately maintain our records and provide timely access to public records. In all my duties, my philosophy is to efficiently and effectively fulfill my responsibilities

as established by Ohio law while maintaining the public confidence.

Question 2: The question raised is a legislative issue. As a judge, I do not agree with the survey results because of contribution limits and full disclosure requirements of all contributions and expenditures as mandated by the Ohio Supreme Court and the Ohio legislature. I believe judicial independence exists today in Ohio. To alleviate the perception of a threat to judicial independence, the Ohio legislature would have to change the system in selecting judges from public voting to a merit selection system in which a bipartisan panel interviews and nominates candidates, then an individual, such as the governor, appoints the judge.

Questions for Franklin County Offices:

- 1) What will be your three priorities as an elected official?
- 2) What would you do to encourage cooperation among municipalities within the county?

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Full Term Commencing 1/2/09

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Occupation: Franklin County Commissioner & Attorney

Qualifications for Office: A strong record in creating jobs and growing our local economy, concern for our environment, helping children & youth achieve their potential, fiscal and homeland security. Paula kept her promise to bring common sense to government and (over word limit)

Question 1: In a second term I wish to continue, improve or expand upon: Growing our local economy –in cooperation with Columbus, suburbs, and the private sector, we created and retained more than 15,000 jobs since 2005; Protecting our community and assuring fiscal responsibility. Franklin County was rated #1 in homeland security interoperability in 2006, and we enjoy a sound triple AAA credit rating –one of the highest in the nation. Making sure our young people succeed –by setting a strategic vision for early learning that leverages public and private spending, we can build our workforce for tomorrow.

Question 2: We are All Franklin County. Working with all... Columbus, the suburbs and townships, as well as the private sector, has been my promise since taking office. The Scioto Mile, the Big Darby Accord, and the Huntington Park are examples of progress. Projects in Gahanna, Hilliard and the Lincoln Theatre district prove that cooperation yield results. Retention of major employers like DSCC and Netjets are the products of negotiations and cooperation between

all levels of local government and the state.

ANGEL RHODES, REPUBLICAN

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No survey received.

Full Term Commencing 1/3/09

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Education: Ohio Dominican University –B.A. in Business Management (2008)

Occupation: Franklin County Clerk of Courts

Qualifications for Office: Franklin County Clerk of Courts (8 years), former small business owner, former administrator for State Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow (9 years), record of fiscal responsibility as clerk, endorsed by all current County Commissioners and Mayor Michael Coleman

Question 1: We must engage our community in our government in order to make Franklin County a desirable place to work and live. As Commissioner, I will reach out to all parties for input and assistance in sustaining our quality of life in Central Ohio. As Commissioner, I will work to promote green jobs, develop the infrastructure of the 21st century, and invest in our families and the future of Central Ohio. I will continue to fight foreclosures that undermine job creation and threaten development. As Commissioner, I will work with all interests to bring housing, healthcare, and jobs to Franklin County.

Question 2: I am a proud Democrat, but I know that our problems do not recognize party affiliation. That's why I've built my public service around developing effective partnerships with Republicans and Democrats. Our growth as a region depends on this proven ability to put people over party. It sounds simple, but real progress for Franklin County starts with being able to work full-time with the mayors, council members, businesses and unions throughout Franklin County. Some people talk about working together, but over the last 8 years as Clerk of Courts I have demonstrated the ability to do it.

JEFFERY J. MILLER, REPUBLICAN

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Education: Associate Degree University of Akron; B.A. Ohio Dominican

Occupation: Retire Police Sergeant

Qualifications for Office: Former Mayor of Canal Winchester. Brought over 1000 jobs to our town in 4 years. Finish all projects ahead of time and under budget. 27 yr decorated Veteran of Law Enforcement. Hostage negotiator. Elected chair of Central Ohio Municipal (over word limit)

Question 1: Jobs, We need to keep the jobs we have in Franklin

County, encourage expansion of industries, and seek new employment opportunities from a global perspective; Safety, We need to make our streets and neighborhoods safer. Without increasing taxes we can implement proven crime deterrent strategies that will impact crime and make our communities more secure. (Thereby impacting priority number one); Experience, I have the executive experience as a mayor of a first ring community of Columbus to know how to implement the policy change necessary to impact our region in a positive way. No community lives in a vacuum. True (over word limit)

Question 2: I helped create the joint economic development agreement between Canal Winchester and Lancaster and all the communities between in an effort to manage a land use plan that would benefit the entire region. Much like the "Technology Corridor" of S.R. 315 between Columbus and Worthington, the "Rt. 33 Alliance" will prove to be a model for regional economic development. I was selected as a leader among leaders and served as chair of the Central Ohio Municipal Council.

FRANKLIN COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

RON O'BRIEN, REPUBLICAN

543 N Yaronia Drive, Columbus, 43214

Uncontested race.

FRANKLIN COUNTY CLERK OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

MARYELLEN O'SHAUGHNESSY, DEMOCRAT

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Education: B.A. Journalism, The Ohio State University

Occupation: Funeral Director; Special Assistant for Policy and Legislation, Ohio AFL-CIO

Qualifications for Office: Ten years of service as member of Columbus City Council; work in family's small business; work as community volunteer

Question 1: I will work hard to provide the leadership necessary to offer outstanding customer service to those who need access to Court documents. The Franklin County Clerk's office, the busiest in Ohio, must: 1. Continue improving its use of online technology to offer online access to court documents and online filing; 2. Continue to assure fiscal accountability to the public, and 3. Work hard to become the county title agency of choice for auto dealers.

Question 2: Please see the answer to Question #1. Also, I will look for ways to make sure that the Clerk's office and its duties are seen as relevant in the lives of Franklin County people. There is an opportunity, as Clerk, to conduct an educational outreach to schools and community groups to raise awareness of the function of the

Clerk and the Court system. There is also an opportunity to use data collection to monitor trends in filings and cases in the county. In addition, the Auto Title division offers a perfect opportunity to educate people on responsible driving.

CLARENCE MINGO, REPUBLICAN

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Education: B.A. Political Science and Law Degree (Ohio State University).
Occupation: Attorney (Family Law) and Child Advocate. Victims of Crime Commissioner (Ohio Court of Claims).

Qualifications for Office: 9 years as a practicing attorney, judicial experience as a Commissioner (Appointed by Supreme Court); over 1500 days spent working in the Franklin County Court System; assisted (over word limit)

Question 1: (1) Improved Customer Service to enable individuals with and without legal representation to effectively use our Clerk's Office; and priority service to files/cases involving domestic violence, abuse, neglect, and related issues. (2) Improved Technology to allow secure access to files via the internet from convenient locations such as a home or office. The office will also explore a paperless filing system wherein pleadings can be accessed and filed electronically. (3) Improved Security to protect sensitive files involving families and children.

Question 2: In addition to improved customer service, technology, and security, my administration will encourage the use of the Clerk's 250 employees as a volunteer base to partner with community organizations and as a source by which the needs of children in our Juvenile Justice system can be met. There are a high number of teens in our county's juvenile detention facility, and Clerk's staff represents an outstanding resource from which these teens can be tutored, mentored, and otherwise aided as they convalesce in our justice system.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF

JIM KARNES

8336 Alkire Rd, Galloway, 43119
 Uncontested race.

FRANKLIN COUNTY RECORDER

ROBERT G. MONTGOMERY

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 Uncontested race.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TREASURER

EDWARD LEONARD, DEMOCRAT

3030 Gleska Drive, Columbus, 43219
Email: None given.
Website: None given.
Education: B.S., Business

Administration, Youngstown State University; J.D., Cleveland- Marshall College of Law

Occupation: County Treasurer
Qualifications for Office: Service as County Treasurer since January 2007 and 4 years of service in the Treasurer's Office prior to becoming Treasurer; Over 10 years of experience in senior county administrative posts and four years of military experience.

Question 1: Continue to improve customer service and office efficiency; Expanding foreclosure intervention and prevention efforts; Protecting taxpayer dollars by continuing to ensure that proper security measures are followed and that money is securely invested in sound, safe investments

Question 2: I have begun improving service by creating a new tax bill format that makes it easier for taxpayers to understand how their taxes are calculated and where their tax dollars go. The new bill is easier for taxpayer to handle (than the old self mailer bill). The increased efficiency of processing tax payments allows my staff to spend more time serving customers and less time processing payments. Continue expanding the use of direct debit payment plans to help homeowners budget their taxes while earning a credit on their tax bill. Continue expanding foreclosure efforts to help people keep their homes.

STEPHANIE McCLOUD, REPUBLICAN

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Education: Ohio U.- BSJ; Capital Law- J.D.

Occupation: Corporate Counsel
Qualifications for Office: I have eleven years experience in state government administration. I am able to streamline operations in public government settings. I have a long history of reducing operational costs while increasing services and responsiveness.

Question 1: 1. Streamlining the operations of the office. I want to reduce operating costs and increase productivity. 2. Protecting and maximizing investments. Investment decisions should be made with these priorities: 1. Safety 2. Liquidity and 3. Return; 3. Reviewing collection efforts

Question 2: Review our lack of internal expertise on investments. While I am not opposed to outsourcing this function as is currently done, I am opposed to the internal void of expertise to properly oversee those investments.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER

DEAN C. RINGLE

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 Uncontested race.

FRANKLIN COUNTY CORONER

JAN M. GORNIAC, DEMOCRAT

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Education: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine; Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine; Forensic Pathology Fellowship Training; Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office; Anatomic Pathology Residency; University Hospitals of Cleveland, OH
Occupation: Deputy Coroner, Forensic Pathologist; Hamilton County Coroner's Office
Qualifications for Office: Experienced Board-Certified Forensic Pathologist; Have worked in Coroners' Offices of three largest Ohio cities

Question 1: As the second largest county in the state, Franklin County deserves a full-time board-certified forensic pathologist coroner that understands the function of the coroners office. I will elevate the level of professionalism in the office by ensuring proper and adequate training. I will bring with me the education, training, and expertise that I've gained working in other large county coroner's offices. In the "CSI" world we live in, Franklin County citizens expect and deserve more, which I will ensure by making the citizens of Franklin County my number one priority.

Question 2: Currently, families sometimes wait up to six months for a death certificate from the coroner's office. I will make death investigation more thorough and expedient, so this will not happen. Also, I want to develop school programs to educate students, parents, and teachers about the preventable deaths we see, such as suicide, drug overdoses, and vehicle accidents. By educating the public, I have the opportunity to save lives. Finally, I will be the liaison for families affected by death. I will utilize county resources, such as victims' services, to help families during their difficult time.

ELAINE M. LEWIS, REPUBLICAN

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Education: B.A. Chemistry and Biology; Youngstown State University 1984; M.D. Ohio State University College of Medicine 1988

Occupation: Board Certified Internist
Qualifications for Office: 17 years administrative and private practice experience as a self-employed physician; 17 years experience with personnel, budgets, and contract negotiations; 17 years as a compassionate physician to thousands of patients

Question 1: I would ensure that the citizens of Franklin County would continue to receive top-notch service during a terrible time in their lives by: Requiring efficient, compassionate death investigation by a highly trained professional staff; Continuing to run a budget-conscious office named "One

of the best run offices in the country" by the National Association of Medical Examiners; Educating the population of Franklin County regarding End-of-Life and Healthcare issues that affect each one of us

Question 2: As evidenced by being one of the few coroners' offices in Ohio to earn the distinction of accreditation by the National Association of Medical Examiners, the Franklin County Coroner's office does an outstanding job in the investigation and determination of cause and manner of death. I would expand upon this foundation by establishing community education programs in the areas of suicide prevention, end-of-life issues, drug abuse, and safe infant and child care. I would continue to improve the current programs of educating medical students, nurses, pathology assistants, and high school students.

LOCAL BALLOT ISSUES: LEAGUE EXPLANATION, PROS, AND CONS

Note: Because of the number of bond and levy issues on the Franklin County ballot, the League chose to focus only on Columbus issues. Following are the language that will appear on the ballot, simple explanations for each bond and levy issue, as well as pro and con arguments. Because the six Columbus bond issues are so similar, the same pro and con arguments apply to each. Separate pro and con arguments are supplied for the school levy/bond.

Definitions

Municipal bond: Cities and other local governments can issue bonds to build or buy things that last more than three years. These so-called capital projects generally have a high initial cost that cannot be funded with current revenues. Bonds incur debt for the city but help to spread the cost of construction or large purchases across several years, thereby making such projects affordable. Investors purchase these bonds because of their unique tax advantages in return for a promise by the government to repay the purchase price plus interest when the bond matures. Columbus currently has a AAA bond rating, the highest rating awarded, and is the only major city among the top 25 in the nation with such a rating. In 2007, 21% of total revenues were paid on the city's debts.

Levy: A levy is a tax on property owners, measured in mills.

Mill: A mill is one-tenth of a penny, so a mill produces \$1 in tax revenue for every \$1,000 of the taxable value of the property. Taxable value is 35% of the market value of the property. The explanations show how much the owner of a \$100,000 home would pay annually. Look up the assessed value of your property at <http://209.51.193.83> (Franklin County Auditor's Office).

#14 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE CITY OF COLUMBUS (Safety and Health)

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the City of Columbus for the purpose of ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING FACILITIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE, THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION, REMODELING, ENLARGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES, THE ACQUISITION OF FURNISHINGS, APPARATUS, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, LANDSCAPING AND MAKING SITE IMPROVEMENTS, AND REFUNDING BONDS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE IN the principal amount of \$86,170,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 14 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 0.56 mill for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$0.056 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay the debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

League Explanation of Issue 14: Safety and Health

Funds generated by this bond issue -- \$86,170,000 -- will improve facilities for the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health. While the capital projects will be completed within five years, the bonds will be repaid over 14 years. The bonds are backed by a millage rate of 0.56 (\$17 for a \$100,000 home), although the tax is not expected to be levied.

#15 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE CITY OF COLUMBUS (Streets and Highways)

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the City of Columbus for the purpose of WIDENING, OPENING, EXTENDING, CONSTRUCTING, PAVING, REPAVING, IMPROVING AND CHANGING THE LINE OF EXPRESSWAYS, FREEWAYS, ROADS, HIGHWAYS, BIKEWAYS, STREETS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, VIADUCTS, BIOSWALES, OVERPASSES, UNDERPASSES, GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATIONS, SERVICE AND ACCESS ROADS, AND SIDEWALKS, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF OFFSTREET PARKING FACILITIES, THE ACQUISITION

AND INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS, TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT AND SIGNS, THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND LANDSCAPING AND MAKING SITE IMPROVEMENTS, AND REFUNDING BONDS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE in the principal amount of \$345,630,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 16 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 2.03 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$0.203 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay the debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

League Explanation of Issue 15: Streets and Highways

Funds generated by this bond issue -- \$345,630,000 -- will improve streets, sidewalks, bridges, and parking meters/facilities (funds will not be spent on streetcars). While the capital projects will be completed within five years, the bonds will be repaid over 16 years. The bonds are backed by a millage rate of 2.03 (\$62 for a \$100,000 home), although the tax is not expected to be levied.

#16 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE CITY OF COLUMBUS (Water)

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the City of Columbus for the purpose of ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE, LANDSCAPING AND MAKING SITE IMPROVEMENTS, IMPROVING EXISTING WATER PLANTS AND ACQUIRING AND IMPROVING INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS, HYDROELECTRIC FACILITIES, RAW WATER CONDUITS, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES, BOOSTER STATIONS, TANKS, LAGOONS AND LEVEES, AND REFUNDING BONDS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE in the principal amount of \$524,700,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 25 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 2.3 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$0.23 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay the debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

League Explanation of Issue 16: Water

Funds generated by this bond issue -- \$524,700,000 -- will improve water plants, hydroelectric facilities, and water lines. While the capital projects will be completed within five years, the bonds will be repaid over 25 years. The bonds are backed by a millage rate of 2.3 (\$70 for a \$100,000 home), although the tax is not expected to be levied.

#17 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE CITY OF COLUMBUS (Refuse Collection)

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the City of Columbus for the purpose of ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING FACILITIES FOR THE DIVISION OF REFUSE COLLECTION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SANITATION TRUCKS, CONTAINERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, LANDSCAPING AND MAKING SITE IMPROVEMENTS ON REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY FOR SUCH PURPOSES, AND REFUNDING BONDS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE in the principal amount of \$32,205,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 5 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 0.48 mill for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$0.048 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay the debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

League Explanation of Issue 17: Refuse Collection

Funds generated by this bond issue -- \$32,205,000 -- will purchase sanitation trucks and related equipment. The capital projects will be completed within five years, and the bonds will be repaid over five years. The bonds are backed by a millage rate of .48 (\$15 for a \$100,000 home), although the tax is not expected to be levied.

#18 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE CITY OF COLUMBUS (Sanitary Sewers)

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the City of Columbus for the purpose of ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE, LANDSCAPING AND MAKING SITE IMPROVEMENTS, EXPANDING AND IMPROVING EXISTING WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTING NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, ACQUIRING AND

IMPROVING INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS, SEWER LINES, PUMPING STATIONS, LAGOONS AND LEVEES, CONSTRUCTING STORM AND SANITARY SEWER SEPTATIONS, WETLANDS, BIOSWALES, RAIN GARDENS AND VEGETATED ROOFS, AND ACQUIRING RELATED MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES, AND REFUNDING BONDS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE in the principal amount of \$551,970,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 25 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 2.42 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$0.242 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay the debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

League Explanation of Issue 18: Sanitary Sewers

Funds generated by this bond issue -- \$551,970,000 -- will improve wastewater treatment facilities, sewer lines, and pumping stations. While the capital projects will be completed within five years, the bonds will be repaid over 25 years. The bonds are backed by a millage rate of 2.42 (\$74 for a \$100,000 home), although the tax is not expected to be levied.

#19 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE CITY OF COLUMBUS (Recreation and Parks)

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the City of Columbus for the purpose of ACQUIRING, RENOVATING AND IMPROVING MUNICIPAL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION FACILITIES INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE, THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION, REMODELING, ENLARGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES, THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF FURNISHINGS, APPARATUS, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, LANDSCAPING AND MAKING SITE IMPROVEMENTS, AND REFUNDING BONDS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE in the principal amount of \$124,215,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 17 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 0.7 mill for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$0.07 for each one

hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2008, first due in calendar year 2009, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay the debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

League Explanation of Issue 19: Recreation and Parks

Funds generated by this bond issue -- \$124,215,000 -- will improve public parks, playgrounds, and recreation facilities. While the capital projects will be completed within five years, the bonds will be repaid over 17 years. The bonds are backed by a millage rate of .7 (\$21 for a \$100,000 home), although the tax is not expected to be levied.

Pro Arguments (for all six bond issues)

- 1) Property owners will see no increase in taxes because the bonds are repaid with other revenues, fees, or income tax set-asides.
- 2) Bond projects are estimated to retain 8,000 local jobs and create 10,000 new jobs.
- 3) By getting voter approval, the city can purchase bonds at a lower rate, saving \$28 million.

Con Arguments (for all six bond issues)

- 1) While bond measures have not resulted in tax increases for 50 years, property taxes could be raised if other methods of repaying the bonds fall short.
- 2) With today's depressed economic conditions, now is not the time for the city to be incurring debt.
- 3) Money spent to service these bonds is money that is not available to hire city employees, or rehire recently laid-off employees, to provide important services.

#75 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

Shall the Columbus City School District be authorized to do the following:

1. Issue bonds for the purpose of acquiring buses, books and certain technology improvements; constructing, furnishing and equipping new classrooms to permit smaller class sizes; general improvements to increase school safety; paying a portion of the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Accelerated Urban Assistance Program and other school improvements, including constructing, furnishing and equipping new school buildings with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; reconstructing, improving, renovating, furnishing and equipping existing school buildings with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto, including renovation and refurbishing of existing school cafeterias, auditoriums and gymnasiums; upgrading, renovating

and reconstructing school district athletic facilities with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; and acquiring land and interests in land in the principal amount of \$164,000,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 24 years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the bond repayment period 1.13 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$0.113 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

2. Levy an additional property tax to pay current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 7.85 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$0.785 for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, for a continuing period of time.

League Explanation of Issue 75: Columbus City Schools (Levy and Bond)

Funds generated by the bond portion -- \$164,000,000 -- will construct new schools and improve technology, books, and buses. The bonds will be repaid over 24 years. The bonds are backed by a millage rate of 1.13 (\$35 for a \$100,000 home), replacing an expiring bond. Funds generated by the levy portion -- \$77,000,000 -- will support current operating expenses, including improving science and technology, reducing class size, and returning the school day to its previous length. This is a new, permanent levy at a millage rate of 7.85 (\$240 for a \$100,000 home).

Pro Arguments

- 1) The district has honored its promise of not coming back to voters for a new levy until this year.
- 2) By combining the levy and the bond, the school district will be able to improve operations and infrastructure at the same time, for example, by replacing decade-old computers while building computer labs, and adding science teachers while updating obsolete lab space.
- 3) The bond program, which has been very well administered in Columbus, replaces a previous bond that is expiring.

Con Arguments

- 1) The levy portion will increase property taxes.
- 2) The district's budget continues to increase even though enrollment in Columbus City Schools has decreased.
- 3) The district may not be efficiently and effectively reorganizing the resources that it already has.

ISSUES LIST • GENERAL ELECTION

#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#1	State Issue – Proposed Constitutional Amendment	To provide for earlier filing deadlines for statewide ballot issues	
#2	State Issue – Proposed Constitutional Amendment	To authorize the State to issue bonds to continue the Clean Ohio program for environmental revitalization and conservation	
#3	State Issue – Proposed Constitutional Amendment	To amend the constitution to protect rights in ground water, lakes and other watercourses	
#14	City of Columbus – Proposed Bond Issue	Safety and Health	\$86,170,000, 5.6 mills, \$0.56 per \$100 valuation, for 14 years, commencing in 2008
#15	City of Columbus – Proposed Bond Issue	Streets and Highways	\$345,630,000, 2.03 mills, \$0.203 per \$100 valuation, for 16 years, commencing in 2008
#16	City of Columbus – Proposed Bond Issue	Water	\$524,700,000, 2.3 mills, \$0.23 per \$100 valuation, for 25 years, commencing in 2008
#17	City of Columbus – Proposed Bond Issue	Refuse Collection	\$32,205,000, 0.48 mill, \$0.048 per \$100 valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2008
#18	City of Columbus – Proposed Bond Issue	Sanitary Sewers	\$551,970,000, 2.42 mills, \$0.242 per \$100 valuation, for 25 years, commencing in 2008
#19	City of Columbus – Proposed Bond Issue	Recreation and Parks	\$124,215,000, 0.7 mill, \$0.07 per \$100 valuation, for 17 years, commencing in 2008
#21b	Columbus 18 – B Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (1 p.m. – midnight) Bushmills, Inc. dba O'Reilly's Pub 2822 N. High St. Cols, OH 43202	
#22A	Columbus 19 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – Clintonville Bistro, LLC 4214 N. High St., Cols, OH 43214	
#22b	Columbus 19 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (1 p.m. – midnight) Clintonville Bistro, LLC 4214 N. High St., Cols, OH 43214	
#23A	Columbus 20 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – Kroger Co, dba Kroger #971 3417 N. High St., Cols, OH 43214	
#23b	Columbus 20 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Kroger Co, dba Kroger #971 3417 N. High St., Cols, OH 43214	
#24b	Columbus 21 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Bobs Bar LLC dba Bobs Bar 4961 N. High St., Cols, OH 43214	
#25A	Columbus 21 – F Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – City Café Clintonville 4041, LLC 4041 N. High St., Cols, OH 43214	
#25b	Columbus 21 – F Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (1 p.m. – midnight) City Café Clintonville 4041, LLC 4041 N. High St., Cols, OH 43214	
#26A	Columbus 21 – F Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – Northstar Café LLC, 4239-43 N. High St. & Patio, Cols, OH 43214	
#26b	Columbus 21 – F Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (1 p.m. – midnight) Northstar Café LLC 4239-43 N. High St & Patio, Cols, OH 43214	
#27A	Columbus 22 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – City Café Clintonville 4400, LLC NE corner of N High St and E Henderson Rd, Cols, OH 43214	
#27b	Columbus 22 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (1 p.m. – midnight) City Café Clintonville 4400, LLC; NE corner of N High St and E Henderson Rd, Cols, OH 43214	
#28A	Columbus 22 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – City Café Clintonville 4400, LLC; SE corner of N High St and E Schreyer Pl, Cols, OH 43214	
#28b	Columbus 22 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (1 p.m. – midnight) City Café Clintonville 4400, LLC; SE corner of N High St and E Schreyer Pl, Cols, OH 43214	
#29b	Columbus 25 – F Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (one p.m. – midnight) Hudson and Joyce Carry Out 1820 E. Hudson St., Cols, OH 43211	
#30b	Columbus 30 – E Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (one p.m. – midnight) Nghiem Tran Corporation dba ABC Liquor 1571 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., Cols, OH 43229	
#32A	Columbus 45 – H Local Option	Sale of Intoxicants 'A' Question – Wine & Mixed Off Premise	
#32B	Columbus 45 – H Local Option	Sale of Intoxicants 'B' Question – Wine & Mixed On Premise	
#32C	Columbus 45 – H Local Option	Sale of Intoxicants 'C' Question – Spirituous Liquor On Premise	
#32D	Columbus 45 – H Local Option	Sale of Intoxicants 'D' Question – Spirituous Liquor Off Premise	
#33a	Columbus 45 – H Local Option	Sunday Sales 'A' Question – On Premise – 10 a.m. – midnight	
#33b	Columbus 45 – H Local Option	Sunday Sales 'B' Question – On Premise – Restricted 50%	
#33c	Columbus 45 – H Local Option	Sunday Sales 'C' Question – Off Premise	
#34A	Columbus 47 – F Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – Smooth Nite, Inc. doing business as Club Oasis 3369 E. Main St., 1 st floor, Cols, OH 43213	
#35b	Columbus 48 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) AL Bexley Post No. 430, Inc., dba AL Post 430 Bexley 3227 E. Livingston Ave. (North Rm.), Cols, OH 43227	
#36A	Columbus 48 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – Maghneb Inc., dba Hallmart Food Store 1448 Courtright Rd., Cols, OH 43227	
#36b	Columbus 48 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Maghneb Inc., dba Hallmart Food Store 1448 Courtright Rd, Cols, OH 43227	

#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#38b	Columbus 63 – H Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Ma Pop LLC DBA Front Row Sports Bar 2170 W. Henderson Rd., Cols, OH 43220	
#39b	Columbus 64 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) GMRI, Inc. dba Red Lobster near the NW corner of Krier Dr. and Sawmill Rd., Cols, OH 43017	
#40b	Columbus 78 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) P Worley LLC dba Mugsy's Pub & Patio 1040 Rome Hilliard Rd & Patio, Cols, OH 43228	
#41A	Columbus 82 – G Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – NS Market Ventures, LLC 5525-5527 New Albany Rd. West, Cols, OH 43054	
#41b	Columbus 82 – G Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) NS Market Ventures, LLC 5525-5527 New Albany Rd. West, Cols, OH 43054	
#42A	Columbus 82 – G Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – NS Market Ventures, LLC 5481 New Albany Rd. West, Cols, OH 43054	
#42b	Columbus 82 – G Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) NS Market Ventures, LLC 5481 New Albany Rd. West, Cols, OH 43054	
#43b	Columbus 83 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (1 p.m. – midnight) Harry and David, dba Harry and David 4030 The Strand E, Cols, OH 43219	
#44b	Columbus 85 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Tamarkin Co. dba Hamilton & 33 Getgo 3537 3765 S. Hamilton Rd, Cols, OH 43125	
#45b	Columbus 87 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Caballeros, Ltd. dba Tres Potrillos 964-968 Galloway Rd., Cols, OH 43119	
#46b	Dublin 2 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) ARC Business Development, Inc. 5685-91 Woerner Temple Rd., Dublin, OH 43017	
#47	City of Gahanna	Proposed Charter Amendment – To amend Article XIII, Section 3 (Classified and Unclassified Service)	
#48b	Gahanna 2 – H Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) CH, Inc. 1356 N. Hamilton Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230	
#49b	Gahanna 2 – H Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Taverna Sanniti, LLC dba Milano's Italian Experience 1330 N. Hamilton Rd. & Patio, Gahanna, OH 43230	
#50	City of Grandview Heights	Proposed Charter Amendment – Clarify language; Group and renumber like Charter sections; clarify time when Council selects President; clarify purpose and authority of Board of Control; remove 1 year appointment of Finance Director and City Attorney; increase the Planning Commission from 5 to 8 members;	
#51	City of Upper Arlington	Referendum on Rezoning at 3371 and 3381 Tremont Road – Rezone from R1 District (residential) to O District (commercial office)	
#52	City of Upper Arlington	Initiative Petition – Solid Waste Disposal System	
#53A	Upper Arlington 3 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – City Café Arlington, LLC 1750 W. Lane Ave., Upper Arlington, OH 43221	
#53b	Upper Arlington 3 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales – City Café Arlington, LLC 1750 W. Lane Ave., Upper Arlington, OH 43221	
#54	City of Westerville – Proposed Municipal Income Tax Ordinance	General Municipal operations and services, street maintenance, the capital improvements and related costs	A tax of ¼ of 1% on earnings and income subject to the municipal income tax, effective January 1, 2009
#55A	Westerville 1 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – Vino Meza, LLC dba MEZA 48 N. State St., Westerville, OH 43081	
#55b	Westerville 1 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Vino Meza, LLC dba MEZA 48 N. State St., Westerville, OH 43081	
#56b	Westerville 3 – E Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (1 p.m. – midnight) Enken Inc., dba Sunbury Rd Duchess 900 S. Sunbury Rd., Westerville, OH 43081	
#57	City of Whitehall	Proposed Charter Amendment – To amend Section 3 (d): Election and Qualifications of President of Council, to set up four year staggered terms	
#58	City of Whitehall	Proposed Charter Amendment – To amend Section 6 (a): Meetings, to conform council meeting times with Council Rules of Procedure	
#59	City of Whitehall	Proposed Charter Amendment – To amend Section 7 (c): Expulsions and Vacancies, resignations of council be submitted in writing	
#60	City of Whitehall	Proposed Charter Amendment – To amend Sections 10 and 12: Legislative Procedure and Emergency Measures (respectively), regulations regarding procedures for sale of city property	
#61	City of Whitehall	Proposed Charter Amendment – To amend Section 53: Referral of Zoning Ordinances to Planning Commission, clarify adoption procedures for ordinances report to council from Commission	
#63A	Canal Winchester – B Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales – Kroger Co., dba Kroger 6095 Gender Rd., Canal Winchester, OH 43110	
#63b	Canal Winchester – B Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Kroger Co., dba Kroger 6095 Gender Rd., Canal Winchester, OH 43110	
#64	Village of Obetz – Proposed Charter Commission	Shall a Commission be chosen to frame a charter?	

THINGS TO REMEMBER ON ELECTION DAY

#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#66	Clinton Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement with Decrease	Fire protection	Replacement of 4 mills with a decrease of 1.4 mills to constitute a tax of 2.6 mills, \$0.26 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#67	Clinton Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement	Police protection	1.9 mills, \$0.19 per \$100 valuation, for continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#68	Franklin Township Fire District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Fire protection	3.89 mills, \$0.389 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#69	Mifflin Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement	Fire Protection	3.0 mills, \$0.30 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#70	Mifflin Township Road District (Unincorporated Area) – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Streets, roads and bridges	4.0 mills, \$0.40 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#71	Plain Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Fire protection	2.5 mills, \$0.25 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#74	Canal Winchester Local School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Current operating expenses	8.9 mills, \$0.89 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#75	Columbus City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy – Additional	Bonds – Acquiring buses, books and certain technology improvements; constructing, furnishing and equipping new classrooms to permit smaller class sizes; general improvements to increase school safety; paying a portion of the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Accelerated Urban Assistance Program, constructing new schools Levy – Current operating expenses	Bonds - \$164,000,000, 1.13 mills, \$0.113 per \$100 valuation, for 24 years, commencing in 2008 Levy – 7.85 mills, \$0.785 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#76	Dublin City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy – Additional	Bonds – Expanding, renovating and improving Davis Middle School, Karrer Middle School, and Coffman High School; repairing, improving, and maintaining existing schools and facilities, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school, purchasing new school buses Levy – Current operating expenses	Bonds – \$50,000,000, 1.46 mills, \$0.146 per \$100 valuation, for 17 years, commencing in 2008 Levy – 7.9 mills, \$0.79 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2009
#77	Groveport Madison Local School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Renewal of Emergency Levy with an Increase	Providing for the emergency requirements of the school district	Renewing \$4,508,652 with increase of \$1,891,348 to constitute \$6,400,000, 8.06 mills, \$0.806 per \$100 valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2008
#78	Hilliard City School District – Proposed Tax Levy	Current expenses	6.9 mills, \$0.69 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#79	New Albany-Plain Local School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Current expenses	24.4 mills, \$2.44 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2009
#80	Reynoldsburg City School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Current operating expenses	6.9 mills, \$0.69 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#81	Southwestern City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy – Additional	Bonds – Constructing new school facilities; renovating, repairing, constructing additions to existing school facilities, buildings and infrastructure, under the Ohio School Facilities Commission Classroom Facilities Assistance Program; curriculum implementation district-wide, including textbooks and technology; acquiring land and interests in land Levy – Current operating expenses	Bonds – \$261,806,939, 6.33 mills, \$0.633 per \$100 valuation, for 28 years, commencing in 2008 Levy – 6 mills, \$0.60 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008
#82	Whitehall City School District – Proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy – Additional	Bonds – Constructing a school facility and related facilities under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program of the Ohio School Facilities Commission; renovating and improving existing school facilities; furnishing and equipping the same Levy – Permanent improvements	Bonds – \$30,500,000, 6.37 mills, \$0.637 per \$100 valuation, for 29 years, commencing in 2008 Levy – 0.5 mills, \$0.05 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2008

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

All voters must have identification with them when they vote. Acceptable forms of ID include one of the following:

- Current and valid photo identification (Ohio driver's license, state ID card, government ID) showing your name and address (current address not required for driver's license or state ID card);
- Military identification showing your name (address not required); or
- A copy of a current utility bill, cell phone bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document showing your name and current address.

If you do not provide one of these documents at the polling place, you will still be able to vote a provisional ballot (see below). You will then be expected to provide identification to the Board of Elections within the 10 days following Election Day. If you do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a Social Security number, you will still be able to vote a provisional ballot by signing an affirmation statement swearing to your identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

VOTING MACHINES

If you are not familiar with the type of voting machine used where you vote, the League of Women Voters recommends that you review the process of using the machine before Election Day. Learn more about voting machines used in your county, or check out the League's Ultimate Interactive Ohio Civics Lesson for instructional videos.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

If your eligibility to vote is in question on Election Day, you can use a provisional ballot to cast your vote. No one should be turned away from a polling place without being given the opportunity to vote by provisional ballot. Once election officials can verify your eligibility, the provisional ballot is counted just like any other ballot.

A provisional ballot may be issued if:

- You recently changed your address or your name and did not update your voter registration.
- Your name does not appear on the official poll list.
- You cannot or do not provide proof of identity (a current, valid photo identification card; military identification; or copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or government document showing your name and current address).
- The poll list or signature book indicates that you requested an absentee ballot.
- The poll list or signature book indicates that mailings have been returned undeliverable.
- Your signature does not match the signature on your registration form.
- Your eligibility to cast a ballot has been challenged by the precinct officers.

If your eligibility is questioned, the League of Women Voters recommends that you cast a provisional ballot rather than leaving the polling place without casting a regular ballot. However, be sure that you are in the correct precinct polling place; if you vote in the wrong one, your vote will not be counted. Read more about provisional ballots and how to follow up on your vote.

HOW CAN I CHECK MY VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS?

Ohio voters can verify current voter registration status by going to the Ohio Secretary of State's website and supplying four items of information: Last Name, Street Name, Zip Code, County. After clicking on the Search button, you should see a list of all registered voters with the specified last name on the specified street. Click on the + sign to the left of a name to expand the listing to show Voter Address, Voter History, Precinct Name, and Polling Location Name and Address.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHERE TO GO VOTE?

After you register to vote, you should receive a card in the mail from the Board of Elections telling you where your polling location is. You can also call the Board of Elections office in your county or visit the board's website.

If you live in Franklin County, you can also call the League of Women Voters office at (614) 837-1089.

On the day of each general election, the League of Women Voters staffs a Phone Bank at WBNS-10TV to answer voters' questions, including questions about where to vote.

Franklin County voters may vote an absent voter ballot in person before Election Day at **Franklin County Veterans Memorial**:

- **Address:** 300 West Broad Street (across from COSI)
- **Weekday hours:** Monday through Friday, 8 am - 7 pm, beginning Sept. 30 and ending Nov. 3
- **Saturday hours:** 8 am - 5 pm on Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1
- **Sunday hours:** 1-5 pm on Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26 and Nov. 2

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