

VOTER INFORMATION BULLETIN

Nonpartisan Guide to November 2 General Election for Franklin County Voters

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GOVERNOR, STATE OF OHIO

Questions for Governor:

- 1) Ohio is facing a huge budget deficit for the FYs ending in 2012 and 2013. What specific revenues increases would you support and what cuts would you make to balance the budget?
- 2) What should be done to ensure that all community schools and nonpublic schools that accept state financial support (including vouchers) are accountable to the public?
- 3) What would you propose, if anything, to change Ohio's tax structure?

KASICH, JOHN, 340 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215, Republican Biographical Information <http://www.kasichforohio.com/site/c.hpIJKWOCJqG/b.5280651/k.EB86/Biography.htm>

Question 1: As the chairman of the U.S. House Budget Committee, I led the effort to balance the federal budget for the first time in 30 years. I've written 13 budgets and know how to get the job done. I also know that budgets are not goals in themselves, but that they are a means of achieving goals. Ohio doesn't have a budget problem, it has an economic problem, and by undoing the economic mismanagement that has been imposed on Ohio over the past three years and which has contributed to the loss of almost

400,000 Ohio jobs, we will see immediate benefits to the state's bottom line. Working together we can set our priorities, manage this budget, make ourselves more competitive, and put the state on the path toward prosperity.

Question 2: We must hold Ohio's entire education system accountable to ensure that all of our students are achieving at high levels. We need to set higher standards so our children can compete. We need to get education dollars to the classroom. Ohio is 47th in the nation in getting money to the classroom, and 9th in spending on bureaucracy and overhead. Instead of funding bureaucracy, we should allow funds to follow children to the classroom. We need to empower teachers to be in control of their classrooms and principals to operate their schools efficiently and effectively. All parents and students deserve high-quality education choices, and we need to use technology to engage students in creative ways. Charter schools, scholarships and voucher programs, and online education can serve as incubators for good ideas that can be translated into the public system to drive innovation.

Question 3: Ohio's business environment is flawed, and as a result our economy is suffering. According to 651 CEOs around the country Ohio's business climate ranks 44th. CNBC ranks Ohio 38th in business friendliness. One reason for this is our tax

environment. Ohio ranks 47th in the Tax Foundation's State Business Tax Climate Index. We also have the 7th highest state and local tax burden in the country. The bottom line is our taxes are too high and it is making us uncompetitive in retaining and attracting businesses, growing our economy and creating jobs. I will do everything in my power to reduce the cost of government so that over time we can significantly begin reducing Ohioans' tax burdens and make us more competitive.

MATESZ, KEN, 11965 Monclova Road, Swanton, OH, Libertarian Biographical Information <http://www.mateszforohio.com/meet-ken-matesz.html>

Question 1: The budget deficit must be eliminated by budget CUTS, not by increasing taxes. I propose freezes in public employee hiring, wages, and pensions. I propose eliminating several extraneous state programs and departments and decreasing (then eliminating) the state's role in education in favor of local school control by local school boards, teachers, and parents.

Question 2: The best way to ensure local accountability is simply to give the schools back to the local communities and withdraw the state from intervention in local education. I support letting teachers and parents and local boards be the principle decision-makers when it comes to education.

Question 3: I would like to eliminate personal income and estate taxes immediately and follow in a few years with the elimination of property taxes. The latter may be supported by a small increase in sales tax. Overall, the intention is to greatly diminish tax burden and allow Ohioans to keep more of their hard-earned money.

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Question 1: To fix Ohio's looming budget problem we must focus on three areas: New Tax Revenue, Reduced Tax Expenditures, and Reduced Programmatic Expenditures. We must reinstate the upper bracket personal income tax rate of 7.5%, which would generate \$900 million dollars. We must increase the CAT tax by .08%, which would cover the estimated General Revenue Fund subsidies to schools and local governments and raise over \$400 million dollars. We must reduce tax expenditure loopholes, which cost Ohio over \$7 billion dollars a year. We must also reduce expenditures, which could also save millions over the biennium.

Question 2: All Community schools and nonpublic schools should be held to the same accountability standards as public schools are in the state of Ohio. It's time to crack down on poor quality and failing charter schools. I am all for closing truly failing charter schools.

Question 3: I would restructure the 2005 tax changes that lowered taxes for wealthy taxpayers. The Office of Budget and Management says reversing just one year of the income tax cuts would bring in \$422 million dollars. To help low-income households, raise the amount households can make before owing an income tax. Implement an Ohio Earned Income Tax Credit system like the Federal EITC. Currently, 24 states and the District of Columbia have this credit in place, which would bring low-income families out of poverty. Raise the Commercial Activity Tax: revenues would allow for paying schedule reimbursements as well as add money to the General Revenue Fund. This could raise at least \$50 million for the state. Retain some of the income tax portion of the corporate franchise tax. Retaining at least 1/5 of it's former rate would give the state at least \$200 million per year.

STRICKLAND, TED, 35 N. Fourth Street, Columbus, OH 43215, Democrat Biographical Information http://www.tedstrickland.com/content/pages/about_ted_strickland/

Question 1: First, I'm working to create jobs because a growing economy is the most important factor for long term budget sustainability. Second, I've done what past Ohio leaders have only talked about doing - I have made tough choices to reduce the size of government and cut spending. Third, I'm modernizing state government and finding ways to provide services more efficiently. We're pursuing further efficiencies in the four larger systems that comprise 90% of the state's general revenue fund budget - our k-12 and higher education systems, corrections, and Medicaid. Finally, I'll approach the budget responsibly. I have a record that Ohioans can judge. The past is the best predictor of the future and I have already balanced two state budgets by cutting spending without raising taxes.

Question 2: In 2009, I signed into law an education reform plan that creates a constitutional system of school funding. Included in that package of reforms are strong accountability measures for community schools. These measures require all schools to create spending plans, ensuring that funds reach the students who need them. They also hold community schools to the high standards that traditional schools must meet and move all community schools and their sponsors under the authority of the Ohio Department of Education. My plan also reduces the amount of time that community schools are permitted to operate in 'academic emergency' before being forced to close and prevents operators of community schools with failing track records from creating new community schools. It is vitally important that these public dollars serve our students well.

Question 3: During difficult economic times, and as other states were increasing taxes, Ohio enacted one of the largest tax cuts in modern history. Ohioans now pay \$1.8 billion less in taxes each year. State income taxes are 16.8% lower than in 2004 and during my term, we carried out the elimination of the tangible personal property and corporate franchise taxes. I also expanded eligibility for the homestead exemption tax credit. Nearly 1 in 4 Ohio homeowners, mostly senior citizens, are saving on average

more than \$400 a year on their property taxes. And, as Governor, I signed laws to exempt retirement benefits of Ohio military retirees and benefits paid to surviving military spouses from state income taxes and school district income taxes. Finally, in order to incentivize job growth, I signed legislation eliminating the tangible personal property tax on solar and wind facilities.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, STATE OF OHIO

Questions for Lieutenant Governor:

- 1) What are the strengths you would bring to the office of Lieutenant Governor?
- 2) How would you define "regionalism"? Would you support using that concept of regionalism as a way to make local government in Ohio more efficient?
- 3) What specific functions of state government can be performed better by contracting with the private sector? What specific functions of state government should not be contracted out to the private sector?

MC GEE BROWN, YVETTE, 35 N. Fourth Street, Columbus, OH 43215, Democrat Biographical Information http://www.tedstrickland.com/content/pages/about_yvette/

Question 1: Governor Strickland will have a true partner who brings a wealth of experiences to the table. I am no stranger to making difficult choices, like the ones Governor Strickland and I will continue to make to create jobs, improve education, and expand healthcare for all Ohioans. As a county judge, voters entrusted me with the enormous responsibility of making legal decisions that impacted children's lives and our community. And as the founding President of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, I managed a large budget during tough economic times, while maintaining critical services for the treatment and prevention of child abuse and domestic violence. I will bring these experiences to the job of Lieutenant Governor and be an advocate for children, for families, and for the continued revitalization of Ohio's urban communities.

Question 2: Regionalism is a way to capitalize on the unique economies of our state. Towns and cities that have a shared sense of economic identity can work together to promote economic development and government

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efficiency. The Ohio Hubs of Innovation and Opportunity are a perfect example of this. The Hubs of Innovation provide an opportunity for regions to identify their strengths and to work together to build on these strengths. These hubs use a region's resources and investments to attract clusters of connected businesses, encourage new investments, and ensure a skilled workforce. The hubs also present opportunities for regions to work more efficiently together by sharing services where appropriate. The shared services model, implemented at the state level, provides a strong model for local governments.

Question 3: The decision to contract out government functions is one that should be carefully considered and not taken lightly. Government has a responsibility to maintain a social safety net and to enforce the rule of law. Some states that have attempted to privatize state functions have seen adverse effects. Savings are not always realized and accountability can be diminished. For example, the state of Nevada privatized its workers compensation system and saw rates increase and could no longer maintain group rates. Any consideration of privatizing government functions needs to assess whether or not privatizing will cut costs, have proper accountability measures, and deliver needed services to citizens.

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Question 1: As a Certified Public Accountant with 16-years of private sector experience I have successfully helped businesses grow and create jobs by solving problems impacting their bottom lines. Likewise, as Auditor of State I have helped state and local governments improve their operations and provide better service to taxpayers. As lieutenant governor I will work with John Kasich to apply this experience

to get Ohio back on track by modernizing government and eliminating the barriers of high spending, high taxes, and excessive regulation that currently keep our businesses from thriving and creating jobs.

Question 2: Every organization-business or government-can always improve. As Auditor of State I've used performance audits to help local governments be more efficient and improve the quality of the services they provide to taxpayers. Among the best-practice strategies that local governments often employ to improve their operations is to team up with neighboring governments to collaborate in purchasing, service delivery, and other functions. It is often a good solution to the ever-present need to make tax dollars go as far as possible. These types of solutions and the cooperation they represent are strategies that John Kasich and I would encourage wherever appropriate as state and local governments work together to provide better value to Ohioans.

Question 3: With Ohio expected to face an \$8 billion budget shortfall next year, every program and agency must go under the microscope to be evaluated for possible savings and improvements. Nothing can be spared scrutiny for political reasons. It's premature to discuss specifics of a budget before revenue and spending projections are known, but one area that John Kasich and I have already identified for improvement is the Ohio Department of Development. By liberating the economic development functions from the state's current bureaucratic approach and placing them in a private, not-for-profit corporation, Ohio can more effectively retain existing businesses, pursue new businesses, and help businesses solve problems that currently hinder their ability to thrive and create jobs.

AUDITOR, STATE OF OHIO

Questions for Attorney General:

- 1) What enforcement areas do you view as your priorities?
- 2) Are there additional responsibilities you would want added to the office of the Attorney General? If so, what would they be?
- 3) What would you do to enforce Ohio's sunshine laws and open-records?

CORDRAY, RICHARD, 340 E Fulton Street, Columbus, OH 43215, Democrat
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Question 1: 1. Holding Wall Street accountable to Ohio workers, investors, and retirees for their greed and reckless violations of federal securities laws. Thus far, we have recovered approximately \$2.7 billion from these lawsuits. 2. Increasing consumer protection for individuals, and extending consumer protection services to small businesses and nonprofits for the first time ever. Last year, we received and handled over 30,000 complaints from individuals, and we recovered millions of dollars while also cracking down on many different scams and frauds. 3. Improving law enforcement support services. My office has provided cutting-edge tools so law enforcement officers in the field can identify and apprehend criminals faster than ever before. We have also introduced robotics and made other changes to reduce substantially the number of cases awaiting DNA and forensic analysis. And we have focused on human trafficking, public corruption, and computer crime as priorities for the office.

Question 2: First, we need to continue our work to improve our own services to the public. Second, there is room for someone - it could be the Attorney General's office, given our role as legal counsel to all of state government - to play an ombudsman role to help individuals and small businesses navigate the state bureaucracy more easily. Third, we can do more to increase and improve the use of mediation to resolve the State's legal disputes, with our office providing a leadership role to the agencies and other forums within which those disputes arise. Finally, in my next term I intend to propose a Constitutional Review Commission to establish a blue-ribbon panel that will deliberate and develop recommendations and analysis of possible proposals to update the Ohio Constitution, similar to the body that performed successfully in that role forty years ago.

Question 3: My office currently provides free training for public officials and others interested in open government and open meetings. The office created a model open records policy, which we employ internally, and which local governments can adopt or use as guidance to create their own open records policies. My office has also made greater use of our official Web site to put as many documents as possible online for public review in order to increase transparency. In addition, we have made many changes to improve the navigability

of our Web site and increase the ease of use for the public. Further work to increase our use of the Web to maximize access and convenience to our end-users and increasing the number of trainings offered to local governments are two of our future priorities in this area.

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Question 1: One of my top priorities will be to challenge the Constitutionality of the Obama healthcare law. To help create a business climate in Ohio that encourages the creation and growth of jobs in Ohio, I will join the 20 other state attorneys general in their lawsuit to declare President Obama's healthcare mandates as unconstitutional. Additionally, I will enforce an efficient operation at our state's crime lab, called BCI. Right now, there are unacceptable months-long delays in evidence-testing, which leaves criminals free to roam our streets. I will enforce timely and efficient evidence-testing standards. Similarly, through the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC), which the Attorney General chairs, I will go after corruption whenever and wherever I see it. I will be above politics and when I see corruption, I will go after it.

Question 2: Before we add responsibilities to the Attorney General's office, it is very important that we start with the job already given to the Attorney General. For example, the Attorney General must make sure that our state crime lab is run efficiently. There is something wrong when a rape victim has to wait six, seven, or eight months for DNA in the case to be tested at the state-run crime lab. There is something wrong when the Attorney General waits 14 months after the newspaper first reported on it to investigate corruption in Cuyahoga County government. I will not tolerate delays at BCI, and I will not tolerate corruption. I will call it like I see it.

Question 3: There are many places in Ohio government where more light would clean up some real problems. Incumbent Attorney General Richard Cordray recently advised state pension funds to deny public access to records that would allow Ohioans to evaluate how those agencies operate and the size and scope of benefits paid to state and local government workers. Ohio newspapers had asked the pension funds to release records that would generally show details

about public employees' retirement benefits. Despite Cordray's denial, the purpose of the request -- determining if there's any potential waste or abuse of taxpayer money in Ohio's pension systems -- was laudable. While I would not disclose any individual's personal records, as Attorney General, I'll place a high priority on the right to scrutinize the workings of state and local government. While I won't always agree with reporters about where to draw the line, I'll err on the side of disclosure.

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Question 1: Fight government corruption, protect the people from unconstitutional interference by the Federal Government, promote respect for the law, and promote the safety, security, and freedom of the people of Ohio.

Question 2: I would use the powers of the office to promote open-records policies and transparency.

Question 3: No answer given.

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Question 1: I will focus on enforcement of the Ohio Constitution, especially in relation to government operations. I will defend Ohio families and small businesses against overreaching federal and state bureaucracy and unscrupulous organizations. This includes litigation to protect Ohio families from mandated federal healthcare schemes, protection of Ohio families and Ohio jobs from illegal immigration and ending pay to play politics in the Office of Ohio Attorney General.

Question 2: Government power needs to be reigned in, not expanded. I would seek to perform the functions of the Attorney General's office with a smaller, leaner staff, paying attention to proper fiscal management.

Question 3: I will work with government offices to help them with technical support to abide by Sunshine laws. At the same time, I will bring the full weight of my office against government agencies that refuse to abide by Ohio's sunshine laws in good faith. As I am not tied to the power structure of the two major parties, I have no favorites to protect but instead

will truly be the champion for the people of Ohio.

AUDITOR, STATE OF OHIO

Questions for Auditor:

- 1) What would you do to enforce Ohio's sunshine laws and open-records policy, given increased difficulty in accessing public records?
- 2) What are your priorities for the auditor's office?
- 3) How would you help local and state government agencies deal with the fiscal challenges they are facing today?
- 4) As a member of the Apportionment Board, what approaches would you support to ensure an open, fair and transparent process for redistricting?

HOWARD, MICHAEL, 656 Colony Drive, Westerville, OH 43081, Libertarian
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Question 1: The Auditor of State used to have a unit devoted solely to educating officials about open records requirements, and that function will be continued. Officials should error on the side of transparency and full disclosure with the public's records. The Auditor also can and should monitor and comment on proposed laws and regulations pertaining to open records. The only "enforcement" the Auditor is reporting upon instances of violations of open records laws noted in audits.

Question 2: The highest priority is maintaining and expanding professionalism. The Auditor of State is one of the largest professional auditing groups in the State of Ohio; the taxpayers deserve to have a professional auditor. I would strengthen and expand to the extent possible the fraud audit function, and the advisory groups that actually help local and state governmental agencies, the Local Government Services group and the Performance Audit group. I would attempt to legally change the priority of the Auditor's office from routine financial and compliance audits, which would be more privatized, to performance audits emphasizing investigating governmental efficiency and results, including using comparative data from the private sector. I will be a full-time Auditor for the entire team, not running for some other office or putting political advisors on the State's payroll.

Question 3: The Auditor of State is in the unique position of observing thousands of units of government, some operating efficiently and effectively, and some not. From that, “best practices” can be gleaned and disseminated widely to program and other managers. The Auditor also has a performance audit function that can be used to help specific entities develop more efficient ways of delivering services. However, it needs to expand its “peer” group comparisons to include private sector entities. The Auditor’s Local Government Services group also should be expanded to render more effective and targeted management advice. Of course, routine audit results also may be used to show governments how they are using their resources currently and how they might be able to use them more efficiently.

Question 4: After every decennial federal census, the Ohio Apportionment Board meets to realign Ohio General Assembly Districts. Whichever political party of the state’s duopoly parties controls this board always gerrymanders these districts to arrogate to itself as much political power as possible, regardless of whether that benefits Ohio’s citizens or not. That’s why the districts are so misshapen and fail to meet the criteria I feel are necessary in creating such districts. I will vote for no apportionment plan that fails to meet the “3COM” criteria: compact, competitive, commonality of interests. Compact means no more skinny little misshapen districts drawn to favor one duopoly party or the other. Competitive means that any candidate from any party, including Libertarians and other independents, have a roughly equal chance of representing citizens. Commonality of interest means that persons who share common values and interests are in the same district.

PEPPER, DAVID, 407 Vine Street, PMB 185, Cincinnati, OH 45202, Democrat
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Question 1: Transparency has been a hallmark of my public service. I have pushed to make meetings, public work and spending as accessible as possible. And I was recognized by a local newspaper as the most transparent public official. The Auditor’s office is uniquely situated to champion transparency, including strict adherence to sunshine and open-records laws. The most important step is to ensure that all officials know the details of both sunshine and public records laws, and why strict

adherence to them is so important for open government. At the same time, the Auditor must inform citizens of their rights to open government, and their remedies if those rules are not followed. More broadly, the Auditor’s role as a financial watchdog means that he/she should champion transparency in other ways. I will provide a user-friendly, open window into spending, results/performance, and other government work at all levels.

Question 2: The Auditor can play a key role in ensuring that Ohio competes in this tough 21st century economy. To compete, we need more effective, more efficient, less wasteful government. And we need to prioritize investments that attract and retain companies, jobs and a strong workforce. As Auditor, my priorities will be to serve these ends by: 1. Eliminating waste, fraud and misuse of taxpayer dollars. 2. Working with state and local governments to reduce costs. 3. Making Ohio competitive for job growth by improving efficiency and reforming government. This is exactly the record I have built. I have worked tirelessly to make government efficient, keep costs down, promote ethics and prioritize investments in long-term growth. As a result, we reduced County spending by \$60 million, to the lowest level in more than a decade, while making investments to spur economic growth and create jobs.

Question 3: Ohio’s Auditor is well-positioned to help government at all levels save tax dollars through efficiencies and reforms. I will take the approach we see from other State Auditors in the country: rooting out waste, fraud and abuse while championing performance audits, best practices reviews, cost-saving reforms such as shared services/consolidation, targeting efficiencies and benchmarking performance. In my years in public service, this is the work I’ve done. I have balanced budgets and made the tough choices that Mayors, Commissioners and Councilmembers are facing today. In Hamilton County, I pushed for ways to make government more efficient, share and consolidate services, keep costs down, and prioritize investments in long-term growth. As a result, we have reduced spending in the County by \$60 million, to the lowest level in more than a decade, while making investments to spur economic growth and create jobs.

Question 4: Ohio’s system of elections is broken. The Apportionment Board, which draws the district lines every 10 years, has been used to cynically

gerrymander election districts to create safe legislative seats, immune to the voter’s will. Take the State Senate. In the past two cycles-2006 and 2008-only one of thirty-three races fell within five points. One additional race fell within ten points. Two-thirds were determined by more than 20 points! The result of such “easy win” districts are 1) politicians who don’t face real elections and don’t feel accountable to the voters and 2) government gridlock when politicians from one-sided districts can’t work together. Now, more than ever, Ohio voters deserve elections where their vote can make a difference. So I view the Auditor’s seat on the Apportionment Board as a responsibility to create competitive districts that add accountability and that give voters a real choice in elections.

YOST, DAVE, 832 South Fifth Street, Columbus, OH 43206, Republican
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Question 1: I would like to make public records easier to access online. Also, as State Auditor, I plan to root out corruption where it starts, before government officials have to worry about the public records.

Question 2: As I have done as county prosecutor, I will continue to root out corruption and waste. Clean government is my first priority. I will also comb over every part of the Ohio government looking for ways to save money and improve efficiency. consolidation is important. I’ve also called for performance audits of all state agencies. We are facing a projected \$8 million deficit in our next budget, and I believe the office of Auditor of State should have additional authority to review state agencies for efficiency.

Question 3: I will ask the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation that grants the Auditor of State explicit, statutory authority to initiate performance audits of all state agencies. We are facing a projected \$8 million deficit in our next budget, and I believe the office of Auditor of State should have additional authority to review state agencies for efficiency.

Question 4: I support compactness, maintaining communities of interest and competitiveness, each with equal weight. The goal should not be partisanship. When you approach it with those three principles in mind, it maximizes the voice of the voters.

SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF OHIO

Questions for Secretary of State Candidates:

- 1) What election reforms do you support?
- 2) Do you believe the Secretary of State should avoid involvement in partisan politics and, if so, what steps would you take to accomplish this?
- 3) How will you ensure fair, honest, and impartial election administration in Ohio?
- 4) Who do you believe are disenfranchised voters and how would you ensure their rights to vote?
- 5) As a member of the Apportionment Board what approaches would you support to ensure an open, fair and transparent process for redistricting?

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Question 1: I am a co-sponsor of the election reforms in Senate Bill 8, which passed the Senate and is pending in the Ohio House. I have been actively involved in offering suggestions to bring compromise to the process so that broad-based bipartisan support can be developed to avoid the controversies from out-of-state influences that have undermined confidence in Ohio’s system of elections. Additionally, I support establishing a one-time, bipartisan election advisory commission-made up of Republican and Democrat co-chairs - to gather information and make recommendations to the Secretary of State to provide stability to those on the frontlines of elections operations and ensure our state conducts elections in a manner in which we can all be proud.

Question 2: We must stop using the office of Secretary of State as a tool to gain partisan advantage in elections. This undermines confidence in elections, and if you cannot trust how you elect a government, the people of our state will not trust the manner in which we govern. I will work with local boards of elections and others to provide leadership that builds trust and confidence in Ohio’s system of elections and will create a culture in

the Secretary of State’s office where our goal is always to remember we are there to serve the public.

Question 3: Elections are not and should not be run from Columbus. Elections are run at the local level, and the job of Secretary of State is to provide help and guidance for local elections officials to ensure elections are run smoothly and with integrity. I will avoid using 11th hour directives that have undermined the trust and relationship between the Secretary of State and local boards of elections. I will act as a fair and timely arbiter as disputes arise - casting aside partisanship and utilizing law and rule to resolve ties and disagreements.

Question 4: For too long, many of our voting procedures, failed to recognize the unique logistical challenges faced by military personnel and other overseas voters. I am proud to be a part of an effort to rectify this situation in Ohio. Earlier this year, I introduced a resolution which urged Congress to support legislation that ensures military and overseas voters have the opportunity to register to vote and cast a ballot. Congress came through last fall by passing the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. The legislature quickly took action to ensure Ohio is in compliance with the new provisions of the act. I supported the new law that allows military voters serving overseas to apply and return voter registrations electronically to the Secretary of State. Ensuring military voters have adequate time to receive and send back their ballots, the legislation requires ballots be available 45 days prior to Election Day.

Question 5: I have been a leader in changing the partisan system of redistricting that allows the politicians to pick the voters, rather than allowing the voters to elect their public officials. Redistricting reform will return elections to the accountability system they were intended to be. If we want our public officials to cast aside partisan goals in favor of bipartisan cooperation, we must do more than change the people in public office, we must change the system. By establishing more competitive districts, voters will be given a greater opportunity to voice their support or displeasure with their elected officials at the ballot box. If we want our public officials to cast aside partisan goals in favor of bipartisan cooperation, we must do more than change the people in office, we must change the system.

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Question 1: I support the elections reform package presented in H. B. 260. Legislators are continuing to work out a compromise measure, I and hope that a bill will move forward in order to continue to improve elections processes in Ohio. As Secretary of State, I look forward to working to: continue support of early in-person and by-mail voting; review and simplify vote-by-mail processes, to reduce error; explore and employ cost savings measures, in partnership with boards of elections, like voting centers and purchasing pools; continue to work toward more consistent application of poll worker training; continue to improve processes for poll worker recruitment; explore feasibility of online voter registration; continue to look for ways to securely employ new technologies; work toward better education on voting rights, followed by assured voter registration for high school seniors; simplify confusing voter ID laws; clarify use of and reduce reasons for provisional balloting.

Question 2: Yes, I do. There has been overtly partisan activity in the administrations of former Secretaries of State. I believe that such activities tend to undermine citizens’ trust in elections. I am a Democrat, and bring those values with me to the office. But upon election, the Secretary of State must work for all Ohioans to assure fair and trustworthy elections. As Chief Elections Officer, I will not endorse candidates or ballot issues, and will rely on the partnership, advice and guidance of bipartisan and nonpartisan elections specialists as I ensure that all qualified Ohio electors have access to a fair and trustworthy elections process. There are two important resources: the 88 county bipartisan boards of elections, and the current bipartisan Voting Rights Institute, both of which will bring a balanced point of view to the office. I will employ Republicans and Democrats in the office, to assure a balanced viewpoint.

Question 3: I will continue to build on the reforms put in place in recent years by our current Secretary of State. I will continue to work to enfranchise all qualified Ohio citizens, while taking a strong stand against any instance of voter fraud or suppression. I support doing a comprehensive review of the environment and related facts regarding allegations of voter fraud in Ohio, in order to create strong and effective policies that

will address these issues. I support the use of post election audits to increase voter confidence in election outcomes and processes, and will look for ways to do this cost effectively.

Question 4: Unfortunately they are many and they have many faces. They range from those disaffected by negative campaigning and unresponsive elected officials, to the more generally recognized categories: young Ohioans, the poor, and homeless, the disabled, new Americans. We need to continue to educate Ohioans on the importance of the participation of all qualified electors in the process and give them opportunities to do so that are simple, easy to access, and secure. We need to continue to ensure that polling places and practices are accessible. We need to make sure that the provisional ballot and identification rules aren't used to disenfranchise voters. We also need to work with teachers to ensure that a strong civics education, including the history of the struggle for voting rights, is included in high school curricula, and assure that high school seniors are registered to vote.

Question 5: I was dismayed that a compromise effort to reform the process failed in the Ohio Legislature. In the wake of that failure, we now will elect and seat five Apportionment Board members to decide what the Ohio Legislature will look like for the next ten years, following the current set of rules. We need to commit to delivering on the spirit of the reforms brought forth, and have a process that is fair, and transparent, that includes citizen participation, that uses objective criteria to balance the state so no one political party has an unfair advantage, that results in competitive districts, keeps communities of interest together, strives toward compactness, and protects minority voting rights. There is no prohibition on employing these measures. I have pledged to do so, and as a member of the Board I will work to assure that such procedures will be followed.

TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO

Questions for Treasurer Candidates:

1) What additional safeguards will you put in place to protect public investments? What are your investment strategies that would safely maximize the rate of return?
2) What would be your investment policy-to invest at a higher rate outside Ohio, or to support Ohio

businesses, even though the return might be lower?

3) What criteria would you use to select among equally qualified investment vehicles?

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Question 1: After becoming Treasurer, I made tough choices to protect Ohio's tax dollars while growing our revenue. First, I directed my administration to use private sector best practices that have earned \$300 million in new investment income for Ohio. Second, I created a historic competitive bidding process for banking contracts that saved Ohioans \$19 million. Third, I focused on cost savings, reducing Treasury expenses by 10.6% and taking two voluntary pay cuts myself. Because of this sound financial management, the Ohio Treasury has not lost a single dime to bad investments in the worst economic times since the Great Depression.

Question 2: I invest in Ohio every day as Treasurer, helping to create and retain over 55,000 Ohio jobs. The Ohio Revised Code provides discretion to invest up to 12% of our portfolio in Ohio through linked deposit programs, while the remaining 88% of our portfolio is invested almost exclusively in US government obligations. Using my authority, my GrowNOW staff work with banks across Ohio to help businesses get a better rate on their loans, investing almost \$200 million in less than two years. We've allocated over \$200 million for Ohio family farms through AgLINK, a program that helps farmers with loans for their operating needs. We even empower residential homeowners to go green by making home energy efficiency updates more affordable with EcoLINK.

Question 3: Challenges with toxic assets like Lehman Brothers should serve as a warning for all public servants. The second criteria would be the liquidity of the assets. Finally, we must ensure that, within the bounds of prudent fiscal management, we are maximizing the rate of return for Ohioans. For 12% of our portfolio that may be invested in Ohio via link deposit authority, our foremost criterion remains safety of the public assets. Second, we look for the ability of the farmer, small business or, in the case of EcoLINK, household, to support the creation and retention

of Ohio jobs. Finally, we continue to look for opportunities to grow our link deposit programs to serve even more Ohioans.

CANTRELL, MATTHEW P., 4968 Shady Oak Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026, Libertarian
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Question 1: I will recommend that state pension funds reduce the portion of non-investment grade securities, and mortgage related securities. I will also seek an independent review of all current and proposed hedging strategies to mitigate risk. Finally, I will recommend that our pension fund long term growth assumptions be reduced from the current 8.00% level, as some states have done. This conservative assumption will give Ohio additional flexibility in future decades if long term growth materializes higher than expected. Regarding strategies to safely maximize rate of return, I believe that it is imperative for Ohio to continuously adapt its investments and strategies to changing market conditions. While it is certainly appropriate to have detailed procedures and laws guiding transactions on behalf of the public, we need to review whether these procedures are keeping Ohio from quickly exiting investments when necessary.

Question 2: The vast majority of Treasury assets are currently invested outside of Ohio, and a considerable portion of pension fund assets are invested outside of the United States. The Treasurer of State has a fiduciary and legal responsibility to properly invest taxpayer dollars while mitigating risk. I reject any proposal which compromises this responsibility, including an "invest in Ohio" initiative. Such an initiative will only benefit the politician seeking publicity, not the taxpayer.

Question 3: I do not believe that it is possible for two investments to be "equally qualified." While two bonds may have the same credit rating, or two assets may have the same historical rate of return, this does not make the investments "equally qualified." There are an infinite number of variables and factors to consider when analyzing such a decision. The challenge is being trained to see the big picture, to formulate a strategy, to be firm in the strategy, yet flexible enough to adapt when conditions or facts change. For these reasons, I believe it is crucial for the Treasurer's office

to perform independent modeling and research to compliment any third party analysis or ratings.

MANDEL, JOSH, 2112 Acacia Park Drive, #504, Lyndhurst, OH 44124, Republican
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Question 1: Unlike the current officeholder, I will ensure that my staff is comprised of qualified financial professionals-rather than political cronies and friends-and that investment decisions are based on what is best for Ohioans. The state investment scandals showed us all that we must be vigilant about potential abuses of taxpayer dollars. I was involved with the reconstruction of the BWC Investment Fund in the wake of the scandal involving that fund. Being part of the BWC restructuring gives me the experience necessary to recognize that proper safeguards are in place to protect tax dollars and state funds.

Question 2: The Ohio Treasurer's office has tools to encourage business growth in Ohio that are not being properly utilized by the current officeholder. I plan to do a complete review of existing programs to identify ways to improve them, including an expansion of the linked deposit program in order to make capital more readily available for businesses and job creation. Additionally, I want to be an economic policy leader in creating a more business friendly tax and regulatory environment in Ohio. I will continue to fight for the consolidation of state government agencies, reducing the size of the state workforce, and eliminating unnecessary regulations and bureaucracy.

Question 3: The State Treasurer's ultimate responsibility is to protect Ohio's public dollars. In doing so, the principles of Safety, Liquidity, Yield must be followed, and in that order. Given the current condition of the State's finances, only the safest investments can be made with the state's money, while keeping the portfolio liquid as needed. As State Treasurer, I will identify opportunities to make prudent investments to maximize returns while focusing on protecting public dollars and the ensuring appropriate liquidity is established.

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Questions for Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio:

1) How do you define "judicial independence," and how important is it to our judicial system? What measures ensure an independent judiciary?
2) Would you recuse yourself if a party before you had made a significant judicial campaign expenditure toward your election? Please explain.
3) What do you perceive to be the greatest obstacle to justice in Ohio?

BROWN, ERIC, 1480 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215
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Question 1: The General Assembly writes Ohio's laws and the Governor administers them, however the Supreme Court decides their meaning and how they will be applied to real-world situations. Courts have responsibility to review laws to ensure they comport with the Ohio and United States Constitutions. This power of judicial review gives meaning to our system of checks and balances. Generally, the meaning of laws is unambiguous, but sometimes, given a particular set of facts, the meaning is not clear and must be discerned by various well-established rules of construction. In these cases, courts must provide an interpretation that makes sense, providing appropriate deference to the role of lawmakers and with an eye to providing justice. Courts must be and remain independent of the other branches of government, working cooperatively on administrative and fiscal matters, while vigilantly protecting judicial independence with respect to deciding cases.

Question 2: Disqualification of a judge is governed by the Code of Judicial Conduct, particularly Rule 2.11, by common sense, and by the imperative of providing fair and impartial justice. Comments to the rule specifically provide that public support or campaign contributions within the limits allowed by the rules do not disqualify a judge. Because the code substantially limits the amount of campaign contributions, it is unlikely that a judicial candidate in Ohio will ever be disqualified for reasons of due process, as in Caperton. However unlikely, the issue could arise in connection with independent expenditures, and if so, disclosure

and due process analysis would guide my decision. Importantly, the rules provide for disclosure of information that might lead a judge to disqualify, and for reasons other than personal bias or prejudice, parties may independently waive disqualification. In close cases, I disclose information to best ensure fairness.

Question 3: Courts (and government) serve by consent of the people, which means that to provide justice, courts and judges must have the trust and confidence of the people they serve. Throughout my judicial career, I have worked to ensure that all persons who come to court are treated with respect and courtesy, that all persons have their matters considered fairly and impartially, and that every person leaves the court knowing that they have been heard. Achieving these goals also requires a commitment to diversity and equality, and I am determined to see the Ohio judicial system significantly improve. Throughout my career, I have been motivated primarily by public and community service, and by helping others. I believe that judges and lawyers should be engaged in their communities.

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Question 1: Judicial independence is essential to our legal system and is its very foundation. It is being faithful to the 'rule of law' without respect to persons, politics, or special interest groups. Only the public can ensure independence of the judiciary in an elected system by voting based on knowledge about the candidate, qualifications and record. Groups like the LWV play a crucial role in educating the voters with impartial material. The candidates' websites are also information rich sources.

Question 2: As long as the contribution is under the limits set by rule there is a presumption that there exists no conflict of interest. Because judicial candidates disclose all contributions on a regular basis, by law, by reporting to the Sec. of State there are no hidden contributions and all is available for public scrutiny. I recuse from cases in which I have a conflict by virtue of my previous positions or any other reason.

Question 3: I believe that there needs to be a method to bolster the confidence in the legal system among many of our citizens. It has nothing to do with politics

or geography and has everything to do with the socio-economic factors. Education, involvement and participation are ways to dispel false impressions of the judiciary and ways to encourage more people to become involved not only in the legal system but in government as a whole. There is room for all to participate. Being an educated voter about all races, not just the partisan or top of the ticket races, ensures that the rule of law guides our courts. Judges on all levels should be engaged in appropriate forums to let people know about the job of a judge. Without that "T.V. Judges" will continue to create a false image of our justice system.

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Questions for Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio:

- 1) How do you define "judicial independence," and how important is it to our judicial system? What measures ensure an independent judiciary?
- 2) Would you recuse yourself if a party before you had made a significant judicial campaign expenditure toward your election? Please explain.
- 3) What do you perceive to be the greatest obstacle to justice in Ohio?

LANZINGER, JUDITH ANN, 211 S. Fifth Street, Columbus, OH 43215
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Question 1: Judicial independence, the foundation of the third branch of government, does not mean that judges may decide cases however they wish. It means that judges must adhere to the rule of law no matter how their decisions may be viewed by the public. Supreme Court justices and other judges, although elected by voters, cannot "represent" any particular group or advocate any particular position. We are judges, not legislators or members of the executive branch. Our judicial oath says we must administer cases under the law, "without respect to persons." This means that all parties to a case deserve to be heard and have their arguments considered by unbiased and impartial deciders. Information and education helps citizens understand that an independent judiciary allows courts to be fair and strive to give equal access to justice under law.

Question 2: Under Ohio law, individuals (spouses, individual attorneys, etc) may contribute up to \$3,450 to a Supreme Court candidate while political action committees and law firms

may contribute up to \$6,325. These limits, presumed to be reasonable, are followed, so there is no likelihood that a "significant judicial campaign expenditure" would prevent me from sitting on a case. My record shows that I do not participate in any cases in which my children or son-in-law are counsel of record. I have recused myself from considering discretionary review of cases on which my opponent (an appellate judge) has written an opinion. I do not participate in an appeal if I have been a trial judge on the case. In short, I will recuse, sua sponte, when there is possibility that a reasonable person would believe I could not be impartial.

Question 3: When I taught in Moscow for the National Judicial College, former Soviet Union judges were amazed to be told that American courts have no army to enforce decisions, but because people believe in and respect our courts, they abide by their rulings. Since the rule of law depends on the belief and confidence of the public in an impartial and fair judiciary, I think that the greatest obstacle to justice is misperception and misunderstanding of the third branch of government. For that reason, in a non-political blog, <http://justicejudy.blogspot.com> I am currently writing about law, civics and the judicial system. The more people know about how judges work and how the courts actually function, the more interested they will be. And greater interest should make courts even better.

TRAPP, MARY JANE, 8445 Whispering Pines Drive, Russell Township, OH 44072
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Question 1: The framers of our Constitution developed a system of government that would avoid the centralization of power in any one person or institution. The role of the judiciary is judicial review; to follow the rule of law and check abuses of that law by the executive and legislative branches. This concept is not written in the Constitution. It has been developed over time in the common law tradition through case law. Judges do not legislate. They should not create out of whole cloth laws that have been non-existent in the state. Ultimately though, "judicial independence" means that it is the job of the court to be the chief interpreter and arbiter of the Constitution. To ensure an impartial judiciary not influence by political or special interests we must look at proposals for reform which include consideration of

public financing, wide distribution of League of Women Voters' informational voter guides, a stronger recusal rule, and increased objective qualifications for judges.

Question 2: I would recuse myself when there is a "serious and objective risk of actual bias" that arises when a party "with a personal stake in a particular case had a significant and disproportionate influence in placing the judge on the case by raising funds or directing the judge's election campaign when the case was pending or imminent." This is the standard set by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Massey Coal case.

Question 3: Assuring affordable and equal access to justice. In my travels as state bar President and now as an appellate judge, Ohioans tell me they want to have confidence in their courts. They want a fair and impartial justice system in which to resolve disputes and protect their rights. Ohioans facing barriers to access necessarily lose confidence in the judicial system. Moreover, as the late Chief Justice Moyer explained, "The idea of a multiple-judge court certainly is that the process includes people of different backgrounds, different philosophies, different views on issues, and the perception of an all-Republican court is that we don't have that." We must meet the unmet legal needs of working families. The rule regulating how cases are tried, regulating the lawyers and judges, and regulating court operations must promote confidence in our judicial system, fair and impartial decision-making, and efficient, economical, and transparent operations.

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

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U.S. SENATE

Questions for U.S. Senate Candidates:

- 1) What is the role of the federal government in regulating the private sector?
- 2) How will you address the challenges and opportunities to the United States posed by unauthorized immigrants?
- 3) What specific functions of the federal government can be performed better by contracting with the private sector? What specific functions of the federal

government should not be contracted out to the private sector?

DEATON, ERIC W., 1387 Crawford-Tom's Run Road, New Lebanon, OH 45345, Constitution Party
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Question 1: The federal government initially had limited power and resources to regulate private enterprise in our country. As our nation industrialized the need was found to regulate large companies that controlled the market through monopoly status. During WW2 we had a government that regulated nearly every aspect of our economy through the war powers act, but this control slowly subsided and deregulation prevailed for about 50 years. We now are on the upswing with the government taking control of healthcare and the financial markets to the detriment of free markets and competition that made our nation so great to begin with. Our government's role should be to simply protect the rights of the citizens and states as well as to provide for those things expressly granted to them within the U.S. Constitution. This model served a growing nation well and allowed us to be innovative and competitive in the global marketplace.

Question 2: Our response to undocumented immigrants and to terrorism should be to close the border through fencing and enforcement. The second step of repatriating these people would be to prosecute those hiring them so that when they can't find employment, they'll go home. The last step would be to create a fair and regulated process to bring in migrant workers and allow legal immigrants to come, be documented and followed with some accountability. We've required immigration since our nation's beginning due to our fast growing economy's need for workers. As a nation of immigrants we should have systems in place to reward those following the rules with the opportunities America has to offer. Immigration has made us a diverse and strong nation with many cultural flavors to enjoy and celebrate. I'll work to give us an immigration policy that's fair to Americans and to those called by our "Beacon of Liberty".

Question 3: The U.S. Postal Service is a good example of a government function that can be outsourced to the private sector, which has proven it can be profitable in delivering mail and packages. Other examples include

National Park Services, Social Security processing and FEMA response initiatives. Defense and weapons development have for many years been contracted to private enterprise to develop and maintain equipment and systems successfully. The military's core service personnel should always be government employees. There have been many problems where government contractors that provide security details in war zones have made bad decisions and caused damaging press and troubles in our nation's diplomacy. Combat and security details in a war zone should always be left to our soldiers who are under military command directly. Support operations such as water and fuel hauling, food preparation and equipment repairs can be contracted out when behind the lines in combat zones.

FISHER, LEE, P.O. Box 1418, Columbus, OH 43216, Democrat
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Question 1: Through this economic crisis, we have let Wall Street run out of control. As your Senator I am going to make Main Street - not Wall Street - my priority and will work to ensure that we never fall back into this economic ditch. The government must create an environment for job creation, and I have a plan for creating jobs here in Ohio. I will end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas and create a federal job creation tax credit for companies that create good jobs in America. I will redirect stimulus funds to projects immediately creating jobs. I will create a \$30 billion small business loan fund, and I will double the tax deduction for small business start-up costs. I will also make the clean energy manufacturing tax credit permanent and extend the research and development tax credit to keep and create jobs in Ohio.

Question 2: Our immigration system is broken. Politicians in Washington have let us down and instead of reforming the system they have used the issue to grandstand for political benefit. First, we must secure our borders. Then, we must crack down on corporations that knowingly hire illegal workers. Finally, we must provide a way for those illegally in the country to become legal if they learn English, pay a fine and go to the back of the line behind those who have attempted to become immigrants legally. I also believe that allowing skilled workers to bring their abilities to the U.S. and help American companies thrive is important-we don't want

those skilled workers going to other countries to develop new technologies, new medicines and start new businesses when they can create new jobs and industries here in Ohio.

Question 3: Social security is a contract between our government and hardworking Americans, and I promise to protect social security and fight any risky privatization schemes to gamble social security on the stock market. With respect to the delivery of human services, non-profits are often better providers. I also believe that public-private partnerships are essential to economic growth.

LA BOTZ, DANIEL H., 3503 Middleton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, Socialist Party
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Question 1: Corporations today dominate our economy, society, culture and politics. The irresponsible actions of Massey Energy and BP make clear that we must regulate every aspect of the corporations and their greedy, selfish CEOs and boards. Finances, health and safety, labor relations, production, and products must all be regulated. Corporations have too much power and do too much damage. The oil companies, for example, have controlled our economy, thwarted attempts to create better environmental policies and taken the US into foreign wars for their profits. We must bring corporations under the ownership and control of the American people. We need to transform the corporations into socially-owned and managed firms within the context of a national economic and environmental plan. Why should a corporate board have the power to shutdown and ruin a community as DHL did in Wilmington? We the people together can do better than that.

Question 2: Most of the 12 million undocumented people in the US came because they could not find work in their own countries that paid a living wage. Some U.S. corporations have gone to great lengths to lure workers and their families here, hiring them to work in their plants as factory workers and their offices as janitors. At the same time, the U.S. government has failed to make available enough visas for these workers, so that they must work under false names using false SS numbers. Many of these workers do not know English and do not know their labor rights. These corporate and governmental policies have permitted an inhumane and vicious exploitation of these

workers. We must legalize all of the immigrants here now ASAP and give them residence and rights so that they can join with other workers in union campaigns to improve wages and benefits for all.

Question 3: Contracting out is a shortsighted policy that destroys the integrity and capability of government agencies, weakens actual citizen and government control over agencies, and harms unions and workers, as well as consumers and the general public. Governments and private employers often contract out to non-union companies or companies that pay substandard wages. We see the results in the poor performance of U.S. government agencies weakened and sometimes corrupted by contracting out policies. Consider the consequences of the FDA contracting out food surveillance to private companies: outbreaks of E. coli and other diseases. We can also see the result of contracting out in military's hiring of private mercenaries such as Blackwater which engaged in irresponsible and criminal behavior both in the US and abroad. Contracting out often serves as the first step to privatization of government owned services such as schools and water. Contracting out undermines good government services.

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No survey received.

Questions for Franklin County Commissioner and Auditor

Question 1) What will be your top one or two priorities as Commissioner? (100 word limit)
Question 2) How would you improve your office's efficiency in this time of tight finances? (100 word limit)

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Education: MS, Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University,
Occupation: County Commissioner

Qualifications for Office: Experience, integrity, responsible leadership. Elected Commissioner 2006; 8 years leadership role, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission; executive director for a chamber of commerce; directed diversity programs for civic leaders; led several non-profit organizations; small business owner.

Question 1: A community is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable residents at all stages of life. Providing for increased social service needs is essential. Housing, food, and job training are critically important. We must create and retain jobs in Franklin County. I will continue to advocate for investing in targeted economic development initiatives that improve quality of life for our residents. I will work with other leaders to find a sustainable funding source for arts, culture and other amenities that keep our region vibrant, retain residents, businesses, and attract companies to locate within Franklin County.

Question 2: Managing well during turbulent economic times, Franklin County is fiscally sound. Fiscal health is sound policymaking, spending frugally and investing resources wisely. I will continue to advance efficiency by sharing of services among our departments and programs. Efficiency and effectiveness must be looked at together. My background in organizational development helps me look at county governance to see that when we consider changes, they make sense. As vice chair of Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, I know there are opportunities to share services with other local governments. We must explore these opportunities to save taxpayer dollars.

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Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications for Office: Managing Partner of Hubler & Hubler Law Firm; Small business owner; Represented elderly and children by court appointment; Hearing Officer for the Board of Tax Appeals; Taught Accounting and Business Law

Question 1: My top two priorities are private sector job creation and fiscal responsibility. In the past four years, Franklin County's unemployment rate has almost

doubled and county government spending has increased 15%. I will ensure that the county has the transportation, technology, and financial infrastructure to facilitate job creation and make Franklin County the corporate destination of choice. I will establish public and private partnerships to ensure that all our residents have the skills and training necessary to compete in the global economy. I will rein in wasteful spending by questioning every expense and increasing transparency in county operations.

Question 2: Every county expenditure must be examined, including the ill-advised policy of not always accepting the lowest qualified bid for construction jobs. Franklin County must end its business as usual attitude, do more with less and think outside the box. For example, the county could work with the cities and townships to consolidate duplicative services and lower property taxes. The county could privatize services where it makes sense and restructure agencies to eliminate waste. I pledge to be a hands on, taxpayer focused commissioner who will streamline government while preserving vital county services.

FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

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Education: BA, Communication Studies, Capital University
Occupation: Fiscal Systems Analyst, Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Courts
Qualifications for Office: Born and raised in Central Ohio, fought to keep people in their homes, adjusted property values as a member of the board of revision, a proven record of improving government services and saving the taxpayers money.

Question 1: As Franklin County Auditor, I will ensure that the property values established by my office are in line with the true market values in Franklin County. I have seen the problems that overinflated property values can cause. They not only require people to pay too much in taxes, but confuse buyers and sellers when they are looking to research a property's value. In addition, we will work to employ new technologies to ensure cost savings, increase efficiency, improve customer service, and make the office more accessible to the public.

Question 2: We would begin by making sure that we were employing the best technologies and processes necessary to serve the public. Every process, publication, and action of the office would be meticulously examined to find ways to improve efficiencies and save money for our taxpayers. As a member of the Joint Benefits Committee, I helped to save Franklin County over \$6 million in just two years and look forward to taking that experience with me to the Franklin County Auditor's Office.

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Occupation: Franklin County Auditor (August 2009-Present); Commissioner, Ohio Court of Claims (2007-2009); US Army, Veteran of the Persian Gulf War (1990-1993)

Qualifications for Office: I have: a heart of community service; training and experience as a lawyer and counselor; and demonstrated independent (over word limit)

Question 1: My top priority as Auditor will continue to be providing residents with the best service the office can provide. That includes both working within the office to continue improving office service and continuing the outreach program I began to make sure the public is informed of the services provided by the office and are educated on where their tax dollars are being put to use. It is my mission that all residents pay their fair share and only their fair share for the betterment of Franklin County and all its residents.

Question 2: Office efficiency is currently best improved by the integration of technology to the office systems to improve employee capability, productivity and the free flow of information. We have redesigned the website for the office and the public's benefit and are in the process of releasing advancements to share information quicker and reducing employee workload. Further improvements are being researched to continue improving the appraisal process as well as all other services the office provides.

COURT OF APPEALS

Questions for Judicial (all divisions) Candidates

Question 1) How do you define "judicial independence," and how important is it to our judicial system? What measures ensure an independent judiciary? (100 word limit)
Question 2) Would you recuse yourself if a party before you had made a significant judicial campaign expenditure toward your election? Please explain. (100 word limit)
See our website at www.lwvcols.org for additional questions.

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, 10TH DISTRICT (FTC 01/01/11)

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Occupation: Judge, Court of Appeals
Qualifications for Office: Judge for six years; Lawyer for 22 years. As a lawyer, I successfully defended Ohio laws before the US and Ohio Supreme Courts. I am endorsed by the FOP (Capital City Lodge), AFL-CIO, and Columbus Building Trades.

Question 1: Judicial independence means that the judiciary is separate from and equal to the executive and legislative branches of government. This separation and co-equality is critical to maintaining the checks and balances necessary for an effective and democratic government. Judicial independence also means that an individual judge must remain separate from and unaffected by personal or financial interests or political bias. State law, judicial conduct rules, and a judge's own integrity ensure this independence, which is critical to maintaining the public's confidence in the judicial system.

Question 2: The rules for judicial campaigns limit the contributions an individual or organization can make to a judicial campaign so that no one individual or organization can have a significant financial impact on a candidate or election. That said, I will always recuse myself in any case where my impartiality can reasonably be questioned. As a judge, I am also careful to disclose any possible

conflicts in order to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

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Education: B.A. Otterbein College, 1973; J.D. Howard University, 1979
Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications for Office: 31 years of diverse legal experience in Administrative, civil, criminal, domestic and juvenile law. Served in quasi-judicial capacity for three years as an Attorney Examiner at PUCO.

Question 1: Judicial independence is defined as a process of thinking whereby a judge does not allow influences outside the facts and evidence before him determine his judgment or outcome in a particular manner. Judicial independence includes the ability not to be pressured or influenced by money or lack thereof, race, sex, sexual orientation or the position one may hold in society. To ensure an independent judiciary, judges should have freedom to make their decisions subject to public review and comment, and should not have to worry about how to raise and spend large sums of money to retain and maintain their (over word limit)

Question 2: Yes if I believed the expenditure was so large or of such value that there may be an appearance of financial influence. For the Court of Appeals, the maximum contribution limits have been defined and published and I would not recuse myself if a party before me had made the maximum contribution or expenditure provided by law toward my election.

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, 10TH DISTRICT (COMMENCING 01/02/11)

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Education: B.A., University of Notre Dame; J.D., M.A., Ohio State University
Occupation: Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court
Qualifications for Office: Six years trial judge experience adjudicating over 25,000 cases and 235 trials. Highly Recommended by the Columbus Bar Association for Court of Appeals. Endorsed by Columbus Fire Fighters Local 67 and F.O.P. Lodge 9.

Question 1: The Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.2 requires a judge to “uphold and apply the law, and ***perform all duties of judicial office fairly and impartially.” This best describes judicial independence. Specifically, Rule 2.2 requires judges to “interpret and apply the law without regard to whether the judge approves or disapproves of the law in question.” I am required to interpret and apply the law without regard to my own personal or political philosophy and without regard to outside influences such as public opinion. Judicial independence is critical to our judicial system.

Question 2: The U.S. Supreme Court directs judges to consider four factors in deciding whether to recuse due to a campaign contribution: (1) the contribution’s relative size compared to total contributions; (2) the total amount spent; (3) the apparent effect of contribution on the outcome of the election; and (4) the temporal relationship between the contribution, election and case. The Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct Rules 2.11 and 2.7 outline recusal criteria in general. I have and would recuse myself if ever I determine that I cannot be fair and impartial or to avoid an appearance of impropriety - for whatever the reason.

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Education: B.A., Otterbein College; J.D., University of Georgia
Occupation: Assistant Prosecutor, Appeals Division
Qualifications for Office: I have extensive appellate experience. I’ve handled hundreds of complex felony appeals in the Court of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court. I’m also an Adjunct Professor of Business Law, and I regularly do pro bono work.

Question 1: Judicial independence has two components. First, individual judges must be free from all political, personal, ideological, financial, and other improper outside influences. Second, the judiciary as a whole must maintain its status as a co-equal branch of our government. Just as judges must respect the roles of the other two branches of government to make and enforce the law, the legislative and executive branches must respect the judiciary’s obligation to apply the law. To ensure judicial independence, judges must adhere to their obligation to apply the law-even if the outcome is unpopular.

Question 2: I would recuse myself from any case in which a party’s expenditure toward my campaign-when viewed objectively-had a significant and disproportionate influence on the election. Indeed, the mere appearance of judicial bias, even if there is no actual bias, threatens judicial independence. This approach satisfies the precedent established by the United States Supreme Court and is consistent with the standards of the American Bar Association and the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct.

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, 10TH DISTRICT (COMMENCING 01/03/11)

BROWN, SUSAN, 3455 Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220
Uncontested Race

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, 10TH DISTRICT (COMMENCING 02/09/11)

KLATT, WILLIAM, 345 Walhalla Road, Columbus, OH 43202
Uncontested Race

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS JUDGE, PROBATE DIVISION

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Education: BS Accountancy, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois (1974); JD, Chicago -Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois (1977)
Occupation: Judge, Franklin County Probate Court
Qualifications for Office: 33 years of practice in field; authored articles and books relating to area; adjunct professor at Capital Law School; frequent lecturer to attorneys in this area.

Question 1: I define “judicial independence” as the absence of conflict, bias or partiality, either real or perceived, in the administration of justice. Judicial independence is crucial to our governmental system because it is necessary for citizens to have confidence that judges will administer their offices without prejudice or bias, regardless of the parties or causes before them. We may increase the likelihood of judicial independence by minimizing politics in the endorsement of judges as well as the need for money in judicial campaigns. An appointive system for judges based on merit would make independence more likely.

Question 2: It would be improper for me to state whether I would or would not recuse myself if a party before me had made a significant campaign expenditure toward my election. This is because of the limits placed on contributions for judicial races, my integrity to hear matters fairly and impartially, and the particular facts and circumstances of the situation. However, the reasons to recuse myself must be based on several factors, with significant campaign expenditures by a party being one factor. Realizing that the public must believe that justice cannot be purchased, this question illustrates the importance of judicial independence.

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Education: Diploma, McComb, Ohio H.S.; B.A., Bowling Green State University; Doctor of Law (J.D.), Capital University
Occupation: Franklin County Recorder; Attorney at Law; Farmer
Qualifications for Office: Private business owner who created telecommunications and sales jobs for and employed over 200 people in Ohio and five surrounding states; former title agent; former assistant prosecutor.

Question 1: I define judicial independence as the ethical value that judges are elected by the people to do justice for the people, without regard to passion or prejudice. By being elected every six years, judges in Ohio are beholden to the electorate, and not to any governor or other collection of officials who may appoint them. Judicial independence is exhibited by making decisions on cases based solely on the merits of the case before the judge, and not any outside, undisclosed influences. Fair and open elections, proper regulation of judges by the Ohio Supreme Court, are measures which ensure judicial independence.

Question 2: If a party appearing before me in a contested proceeding had made a “significant judicial campaign expenditure,” on my behalf, I would recuse myself if it was appropriate, if requested to do so by a party. Furthermore, I would remove myself from any case where the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct required me to do so in the interest of professional ethics and the independence of the judiciary. All parties are entitled to have confidence that the judges who they appear before are impartial and independent.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS JUDGE (COMMENCING 1/1/11)

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Education: Marion Franklin High School with distinction, BA from The Ohio State University, JD from Capital University Law School.
Occupation: Judge for the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division.
Qualifications for Office: I was a trial lawyer for 22 years and Judge for six years.

Question 1: Judicial independence is the ability of a Judge to preside over the cases without the fear of reprisal from an outside source. It enables one to decide a matter fairly and completely without the worry of political or economic consequences. Without judicial independence judges would be forced into a position of being puppets to other governmental agencies and the Courts would no longer be for the people but would protect the government.

Question 2: Yes. Judges are required to recuse themselves where the appearance of impropriety exists. If after disclosing the potential problem, anyone (including the judge) feels that the Judge needs to step aside, then the Court does not have a choice. You must issue the Recusal Order

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Education: J.D. The Ohio State University
Occupation: Partner -Plymale & Dingus LLC
Qualifications for Office: Managing partner, The Plymale Partnership, 2 time “Ohio Superlawyer” (top 5%); over 200 civil and criminal jury trials; former Grove City Law Director; admitted to practice before United States Supreme Court; past president Franklin County Trial Lawyers Association

Question 1: Uninfluenced by political considerations, effect on reelection prospects, media or public popularity. It is very important as the public relies on the judiciary to be unbiased and independent. Public access to, and scrutiny of, the decision making process combined with judges who have the backbone to do the right thing rather than yield to

influence is the best insurer of judicial independence.

Question 2: This prospective judge has received no “significant” campaign contributions (more than \$550.00) If I was aware that a litigant or lawyer for a litigant had made a contribution of any size to my campaign, I would disclose that fact to all other litigants and if either party had a concern about my independence I would excuse myself from further action on the case and let it be assigned to another judge.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS JUDGE (COMMENCING 1/2/11)

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Education: Capital University Law & Graduate Center, JD; Capital University, BA; Beechcroft High School, Diploma; Tau Pi Phi -National Business Honor Society; All-American Scholar Award
Occupation: Attorney in private practice
Qualifications for Office: Over 5000 cases served in the US Southern District Court as well as statewide Municipal and Common Pleas courts.

Question 1: This is a principle stipulating that the judiciary should maintain political insulation from other branches of government and from private and partisan interests. The ultimate measure to ensure judicial independence is to grant life tenure to judges. Notwithstanding life tenure, another measure is vet candidates through an open electorate process that currently exists in the State of Ohio. One of the most vital aspects of an independent judiciary is its power of discretion. Whether in accordance to binding principle, constitutional law or legislative statute, judges possess the power to decide cases within a range of legal possibilities. Discretion is also (over word limit)

Question 2: I would recuse myself in accordance with the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 3(E). Fortunately, Ohio law allows for individual contributions up to \$575 dollars for county judicial candidates. With respect to this issue, judicial candidates and incumbent judges are held to the highest standards of ethical conduct. By legal design in Ohio, our laws have sought to ensure

that the impartial duties of a judge remain uninfluenced by electoral politics and political climate, hence judicial independence.

LYNCH, JULIE, 1206 Sanctuary Pl, Gahanna, OH 43230

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Education: Ohio State University, B.A., cum laude
Occupation: Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court
Qualifications for Office: I am an incumbent and have 7 years experience as a judge. I am a previous municipal judge, elected city attorney, and an assistant attorney general.

Question 1: Judicial Independence guarantees rulings are based on facts, legal arguments and the law. Not on special interest groups or inappropriate influences. Judicial independence is so important to the integrity of the court system. It allows all parties to have confidence and faith in the legal process. Several measures ensure independence, our oath of office, campaign finance limits, non-partisan office holders, and the judicial canons.

Questions 2: Yes. But on the common pleas level our maximum contributions are set low enough so as to not influence the bench or appear to influence the court.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS JUDGE (COMMENCING 1/3/11)

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Education: Ohio State University; BA History; BA Political Science (1988); University of Dayton, JD 1991
Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications for Office: Eighteen years legal experience in public and private sectors. I am currently an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and former Assistant Attorney General with litigation experience representing individuals, government agencies, and small businesses.

Question 1: Judicial independence allows a judicial officer to act as an referee for our disputes. Judicial independence requires a judge to apply impartially the facts to the law and render a decision in accordance with the law not the will of any special interest group. This is very important because every person must be treated fairly

regardless of economic status, gender, race, creed or political party. The fact that we require our judges to be come before the voters every six years is one measure the ensures an independent judiciary.

Question 2: A judge is required to take an oath before assuming office which includes adherence to the Code of Judicial Conduct. This sets forth the standards for when a judge must recuse himself or herself. I would follow the standards set forth by the Supreme Court in making any decision on recusal.

SERROTT, MARK, 789 Northwest Blvd. A, Columbus, OH 43212
Email: None given.
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Education: B.A. 1975 J.D. 1979 O.S.U
Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications for Office: 31 years courtroom experience. Received highest rating possible from both bar groups screening committees. Besides active trial practice, I taught law a combined 10 years at both local law schools. Also, part time hearing officer State of Ohio. Am hardworking and a nice person!

Question 1: Judges should be able to make judgments in an unbiased manner applying the law to the facts without regard to the popularity of the decision. The law applies equally to all without regard to a person's station in life and without regard to political influence. This is the essence of judicial independence. Judges must have the courage to make unpopular decisions when the impartial application of the law requires that result. The best way to ensure an independent judiciary is to elect judges with the courage and integrity to the right thing under any circumstances.

Question 2: If a party had given me a significant contribution I would disclose it to all parties and to counsel. If any party had an objection or asked for my recusal I would recuse myself to avoid even the appearance of impropriety or partiality on my part.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS JUDGE
(COMMENCING 1/4/11)**

SHEERAN, PAT, 4101 Longhill Road, Columbus, OH 43220
Uncontested Race

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS JUDGE
(COMMENCING 1/6/11)**

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Education: Vanderbilt University School of Law, JD, 1999; Spelman College B.A. magna cum laude, 1996
Occupation: Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, 2009 -Present
Qualifications for Office: I presided over 21 civil and criminal trials since April 2009. I have previous experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in big and small firms, which allows me (over word limit)

Question 1: Judicial independence is making decisions based on both sides of the issue, regardless of outside pressure or bias, even when that decision may be unpopular. It is essential to our judicial system. The appellate system and the judges themselves ensure an independent judiciary.

Question 2: I would recuse myself if the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct or any other Ohio law required me to do so.

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Education: Toledo, BA; Toledo College of Law, JD
Occupation: Attorney, Franklin County Public Defender
Qualifications for Office: 10 years daily courtroom practice; Lead counsel in 50+ trials, civil matters to murder; Named in Super Lawyers Magazine; Certified to handle capital cases by Ohio Supreme Court; Highly Recommended by Ohio Coalition of Concerned Black Citizens.

Question 1: Judicial independence is the commitment of our judiciary to act fairly and impartially. It is the most important bedrock principle of our system. A non-partisan election along with voters educated on the character and dedication of each candidate ensures that our elected judges are committed to this principle. I have strong beliefs that our judiciary must make decisions based on a strictly constructed view of the law, regardless of any personal or political agendas. As a candidate not endorsed by a political party,

I have the utmost confidence in my ability to maintain the highest standard of judicial independence.

Question 2: Absolutely. Although I am confident in my ability to make impartial decisions regardless of the party before me, a judge has an ethical commitment to prevent even the appearance of impropriety.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS JUDGE
(COMMENCING 1/7/11)**

BENDER, JOHN F., 7156 Asheville Park Drive, Columbus, OH 43235
Uncontested Race

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS JUDGE
(COMMENCING 1/9/11)**

FRYE, RICHARD A., 1669 Roxbury Road, Columbus, OH 43212
Uncontested Race

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS JUDGE
(COMMENCING 7/1/11)**

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Education: J.D., Moritz College of Law; M.A., Sport Management; B.A., Psychology all from OSU
Occupation: Judge
Qualifications for Office: Highly recommended by Judicial Screening Committee, Columbus Bar; Endorsed by FOP Capital City Lodge 9, Central Ohio Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Outlook Media, Franklin County Council of Education Associations; fair; impartial; passionate public servant.

Question 1: Judicial independence is the ability of our justice system to operate as a separate but equal branch of government that operates fairly, impartially and with an uncommitted spirit, so that each case can be decided on its own facts and consistent with the rule of law. The checks and balances created by the various court systems ensure an independent judiciary so that a court's final decisions could be reviewed by a higher court.

Question 2: No, I would not recuse. I have not, and will not ever, allow any decision that I make to be guided by financial considerations. Justice in my courtroom is not for

sale and my fidelity and obligation is to decide cases fairly and impartially and consistent with the law. I am grateful for any support that my campaign receives, but that support will never dictate how any case will be decided. Additionally, constant recusal could have the unintended consequence of delaying the ultimate resolution of cases, which creates a further monetary and emotional expense for all parties involved.

DOUCHER, KIM, 5582 Jennybrook Lane, Hilliard, OH 43026,
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Education: The Ohio State University, B.A., magna cum laude (1993); J.D. (1996)
Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications for Office: More than 13 years active trial experience in both Federal and State courts. Has represented plaintiffs, defendants, companies and individuals. Small business owner. Decorated Air Force veteran. Only candidate with experience representing clients in trial.

Question 1: "Judicial Independence" means judges are free of pressure from the other two government branches. The concept is often extended to any undue external pressure (i.e., from unions, corporate interests, ...) Independence is critical to free society as assurance that none are exempted from the law and no outside force can extort or punish judges for applying the law as written. Independence is fundamental in the Constitution and any law or executive order that challenges it is unenforceable. Campaign finance rules, ex parte restrictions and other proscriptions on involvement of judges in political affairs are designed to protect the Independence.

Question 2: Campaign expenditures are controlled by the same rules as contributions so no one can spend more money toward a campaign than they would publicly donate. I do not believe that contributions per se affect a judge's impartiality though they may suggest a relationship between the donor and the judge that would affect impartiality. I would recuse myself anytime I did not feel that I could be impartial toward any party for any reason. Where there may be a perception that my impartiality is in questions, I would disclose the details to the parties and willingly recuse myself on request.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS JUDGE,
DOMESTIC DIVISION
(COMMENCING 1/5/11)**

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Occupation: Franklin County Domestic Relations & Juvenile Court Judge for 8.5 years; Lead Juvenile Judge for 2.5 years
Qualifications for Office: 20-year County resident; 17-year lawyer, active volunteer in schools, communities, charities throughout Franklin County; married 19 years; (over word limit)

Question 1: As an Adjunct Professor at Ohio Dominican University, I teach a 6-week course in the Legal Environment of Business (Master's Degree). In my class, I deeply analyze with students the US Constitution, the roles/ powers of the 3 branches of government and the notion that overreaching/ undue influence between the branches, or via partisan or special interests, quickly creates a corrupt/ ineffective system of governance. As a sitting judge, I vigorously protect my autonomy as a separate and distinct branch of government and respectfully execute my statutory duty to review the enactments of the other 2 branches upon lawful (over word limit)

Question 2: Yes. My record is clear over the past 8.5 years, and on a number of occasions, I have voluntarily recused myself to avoid even the appearance of impropriety. Actually being fair isn't always enough. At times, judges must take special precautions to ensure that parties to litigation also perceive the process as fair. A judge could theoretically render a decision in case which is 100% compliant with statute, case law and the Code of Judicial Conduct, yet still leave a litigant /attorney feeling that the process was tainted which, in turn, creates needless and unfortunate distrust in the judicial system.

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Occupation: Attorney
Qualifications for Office: Domestic and Juvenile practitioner; Guardian ad Litem; AmeriCorps Domestic Violence Attorney; former prosecutor; established parent -child visitation center; and youth missions leader.

Question 1: Judicial independence is the ability of a judge to make decisions based only on the facts and the law without influence from politics or public opinion. In the absence of independence there would not be civil rights as we know them. The judicial branch is uniquely situated to effect change and promote justice because of its independence. The best measures to ensure this independence is to keep an informed and educated judiciary that is not afraid to be unpopular. It comes down to the integrity of individual judges.

Question 2: A judge must avoid even the semblance of impropriety. I would not automatically recuse myself from a case where a party made a significant contribution. However, in the event that the other party believed that they would not receive fair treatment, I would have no choice but to recuse myself in the interests of justice.

**REPRESENTATIVE TO
CONGRESS**

**Questions for Representative to
Congress (all districts):**

Question 1) What changes, if any, in energy policy and/or regulations would you propose? (100 word limit)

Question 2) What should be done about the growing gap between national income and national expenses? (100 word limit)
See our website at www.lwvcols.org for answers to more questions.

**REPRESENTATIVE
TO CONGRESS,
7TH DISTRICT**

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Qualifications for Office: Career AF Officer, technical intelligence working with CIA and NSA, R&D, war planning, weapons system acquisition management and contracting, automated management systems development. Developer, project management and business process improvement software. Perfect Score, Graduate Record Exam Math Reasoning.

Question 1: The development of alternative energy sources and conservation methods should be a headline program of the federal government much like the Man on the Moon program was in the 1960s. The goal should be complete energy independence in 10 years. Reducing pollution and greenhouse gasses should be a companion effort. Congress and the President should jointly select a blue ribbon panel, to manage this program. It must be immune from all corporate pressures. That panel should issue an initial set of guidance within six months to be acted upon by Congress. It should report yearly thereafter.

Question 2: Repeal both the Bush and Reagan tax breaks for the top 1%. Those tax breaks do not help the economy. That claim is a myth. Simplify the personal income tax code (replacing the 20,000 pages with 100 or less) and eliminate loopholes. Restructure the war on terror as an international police and intelligence operation and enhanced internal security saving hundreds of billions compared to the present conquer and occupy approach and making us safer. Implement enhanced Medicare for All reducing national health costs by half. The reduced health costs of businesses will make them more competitive and improve the economy.

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Occupation: Airforce Contractor Senior Consultant
Qualifications for Office: Longtime Airforce Manager, Federal Govt Manager (retired) Top secret Security Clearance; Managed over billion dollars of taxpayer money saving millions.

Question 1: We need to eliminate all control on the exploration, development, production, refinement and delivery on all forms of energy. Government control and intervention are drastically impeding the ability of the free market to supply affordable

plentiful source of energy driving up the cost of living for the average American.

Question 2: We need a massive reduction in federal spending. We need to freeze and reform entitlement spending ASAP and quit passing more entitlement programs we cannot afford. We need to establish performance metrics for each and every federal agency /program, and cancel / reform them based on the results!

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Occupation: Member of Congress
Qualifications for Office: Small Business -17 yrs., Ohio State Representative -2 yrs, Ohio State Senator -8 yrs, U.S. Congress -1st Ter

Question 1: Our country needs to have an energy policy that makes sense for our nation and creates a clean environment. I opposed the "cap and trade" national energy tax bill passed by Speaker Pelosi which would negatively impact jobs for businesses, including agriculture and manufacturing, and raise energy costs for working families in coal states like Ohio. We need to develop a comprehensive energy policy that uses the domestic resources to produce energy in an environmentally responsible way and have less reliance on foreign oil. We must encourage the development of alternative energy such as wind, solar, nuclear, oil, gas and (over word limit)

Question 2: The most important challenge facing our nation is job creation in the private sector and getting our economy moving again. I fundamentally disagree with the Democrat leadership's solution of growing government into every aspect of our lives is the answer. The massive Washington spending, borrowing and nation debt, which is now over \$13 trillion dollar, has caused much uncertainty in the financial markets and private sector slowing growth. If Congress wants to turn this economy around then we must get serious about less wasteful Washington spending, reducing our national debt and begin targeting our efforts in helping small businesses that (over word limit)

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS, 12TH DISTRICT

BROOKS, PAULA, 4585 Benderton

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Education: BA -Youngtown State University '75; JD -Capital University '83
Occupation: Franklin County Commissioner
Qualifications for Office: My appointed and elected public service includes time at the state, local and federal levels. I have practiced fiscal prudence in each of these roles and have been a champion of central Ohio jobs and families.

Question 1: I have always made energy independence and green innovation a priority. In Congress, I will work to encourage the development of sustainable green energy jobs from innovation to production. We need to ensure that there is available credit for developing small businesses and create tax cuts to continue to spur innovation. Creating a green economy will improve our environment, and bring sustainable jobs to our community - ones that can't be shipped overseas.

Question 2: Throughout my career I have fought to rein in government spending and ensure that we're not burdening the next generation with huge deficits. I've worked to bring both parties together so that we could make the tough choices needed to eliminate looming deficits and balance our budget. I think that's the sort of common sense leadership we need in Washington. I'll work to put a stop to the spending spree in Congress, and I'll fight for a 5% pay cut for every member of Congress until we get the budget balanced.

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Qualifications for Office: 2007 Bexley Mayoral Candidate; Press Office -Capitol Hill Office of Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY); Local Government Services Reporter -Information USA, Inc.; Member -Libertarian Party of Ohio, Libertarian Party

Question 1: We need to stop corporate welfare to big companies that pollute our planet, rather than heaping more regulations on them,

and the Cap and Trade legislation is designed just to benefit Wall Street. If the billions of dollars of subsidies to oil and coal companies were ended, these unsustainable businesses would succumb to the free market and green energy companies would prosper without government funding. Big business's influence upon big government must end. Then citizens like those affected by the BP oil spill can get appropriate reparations in the courts, not through special funds arranged by the government and corporations.

Question 2: The national budget needs to be drastically cut back to levels where it was in 2000, when the government spent around \$2 trillion and generated a surplus. Both the Republicans and the Democrats have turned that budget into the highest deficits and debt in our nation's history. We must cut expenses within all national departments, especially within the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services (Medicaid/ Medicare), Labor, Energy, Agriculture and the Treasury Department. With the budget back to \$2 trillion a year, a potential \$1 trillion surplus could be generated, and the debt could be paid off in 15 years.

TIBERI, PAT, 6830 Mahogany Drive, Galena, OH 43021, Republican
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Education: B.A. from The Ohio State University, Northland High School graduate.
Occupation: Representative to Congress, 12th District
Qualifications for Office: I work across the aisle to achieve results, assist Central Ohioans in cutting through the federal government's red tape, and help to create a brighter future for our children and grandchildren.

Question 1: I believe in an "all of the above" approach to safely produce American-made energy, creating American jobs. Picking winners and losers among energy producers by imposing strict regulations not only drives up the cost of energy but kills jobs as well. Increasing domestic supply, developing alternative energy technology here in this country, and promoting conservation will help bring down energy prices today and put us on the right path toward energy independence in the future.

Question 2: There's not a revenue problem in Washington; it's not that the government's not collecting enough money.

There's a spending problem in Washington. Like my predecessor John Kasich used to say, we must cut spending first. Currently, 43 cents of every dollar this country spends is borrowed, sending our debt soaring to more than \$13 trillion. We can't continue this out of control spending. I've voted to cut billions in federal spending and end government bailouts. We need to set federal priorities and eliminate waste so we won't push the weight of this debt onto the backs of our children.

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS, 15TH DISTRICT

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No survey received.

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Occupation: Member of Congress representing Ohio's 15th District
Qualifications for Office: None given.

Question 1: We need to make critical investments in more efficient, greener technologies to remain globally competitive. We can revitalize our struggling manufacturing base and balance our trade deficits if we are on the cutting edge of new industries. Our economy is too reliant on energy resources that are found outside our borders, most of which are located in volatile regions of the world. We must develop our domestic energy industry and infrastructure in a responsible manner that protects the environment, ensures our national security, and allows for the continued growth of our economy.

Question 2: Restoring our nation's fiscal health requires bold action to reverse the current trade deficit. We need to invest in 21st century jobs and technology here at home to increase our exports and stem the growing number of jobs going overseas by becoming the global leader in developing clean technology, building a better and more efficient electrical grid and fixing our nation's infrastructure. Our nation's fiscal health depends on restoring fiscal discipline. I support reviewing the budget line

-by- line for waste, co-sponsored Pay- As- You- Go budgeting requirements and making government more efficient by eliminating wasteful redundancy and streamlining government procurement.

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Occupation: Software Designer
Qualifications for Office: Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.

Question 1: Oppose any form of Cap and Trade, which will only enrich gamblers on Wall Street. Oppose subsidies for ethanol, wind and solar, which pose their own significant environmental problems. Dependence on oil is a national security issue: I propose an excise tax by the barrel to significantly fund national defense with a concurrent reduction of income taxes; our expensive military is mostly needed to ensure oil supplies are not disrupted and free trade is unimpeded.

Question 2: "Entitlements" such as Social Security need to be gradually phased out over a generation; in the meantime, retirement age for Social Security should be raised to ensure system remains solvent without relying on general revenues. End corporate welfare, such as farm subsidies. Eliminate tax deductions and credits which distort the economy, such as mortgage interest deduction, and lower tax rates or increase the standard deduction for all taxpayers.

STIVERS, STEVE, 372 W Second Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201, Republican
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Education: BA, MBA, The Ohio State University
Occupation: Soldier, Ohio Army National Guard, Former State Senator
Qualifications for Office: I have worked in the private sector, government and the military to serve our country. I served as a State Senator for six years (2003-2008) and am a Lieutenant Colonel in the Ohio Army National Guard. (over word limit)

Question 1: I support an "all of the above" energy policy. We need oil, natural gas, nuclear, wind, solar, geothermal and all other forms of energy together to meet our future energy demands. I also support increased energy efficiency efforts

and smart grid technology. Every bit of energy demand that can be reduced is that much less energy we must produce. Congress should pass a Comprehensive Energy Policy. An American energy policy should not pick winners and losers or outsource American jobs, but it should encourage the development of all forms of energy and help build jobs here at home.

Question 2: Congress is spending money we don't have and borrowing money we can't pay back. I support cutting the size of government and implementing common-sense budget reforms, including: creating a two-year budget cycle -to give Congress time to review each line in the budget; establishing a line item veto -to be an extra check on wasteful spending; implementing performance based budgeting -to ensure funding follows performance; instituting zero based budgeting -to ensure programs don't grow automatically; Moreover, I support efforts to get American's back to work -a job is one of the best drivers of our economy.

BUCKEL, BILL, 1641 Hess Blvd., Columbus, OH 43212, (write-in) **Email:** billbuckel@yahoo.com **Website:** www.billbuckel.com **Education:** 1952 -B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Colorado; 1980 -M.L.S., Library Science, Kent State University **Occupation:** Was employed as a reference librarian at Battelle Memorial Institute until retirement in December 1994 **Qualifications for Office:** I am an ordinary citizen and over 25 years of age.

Question 1: In general, I support our nation's efforts toward energy independence. Beyond that, the U.S. should take the long view and gamble with a funding increase for basic and applied research on low energy nuclear reactions (cold fusion) and hydrogen bond energy in water. Heavy hydrogen fuel for cold-fusion electric power plants can be "mined" from ordinary seawater. Experimental studies on cold fusion are now routinely reporting reproducible results. However, there is still much to be learned about the basic physics and the practical applications of this new technology. (See www.lenr.com)

Question 2: Congress should reform its unified-budget accounting system that conceals the true interest cost of the gross public debt and confuses the long-term picture of Social Security. The debt is now approaching \$14 trillion, and the interest is

approaching \$1/2 trillion per year. This means that about 33% of federal personal income tax goes to paying the interest on the full debt. Because of the federal unified-budget accounting system, "net interest" on the debt is widely reported as 8% or 9% of the budget. Needless to say, 33% is significantly larger than 9%. (see www.billbuckel.com/truth1.htm.)

Questions for Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives Candidates

Question 1: Ohio is facing a huge budget deficit for the fiscal year ending in 2012 and 2013. What specific revenue increases would you support and what cuts would you make to balance the budget (100 word limit)

Question 2: What would you propose, if anything, to change Ohio's tax structure? (100 word limit) See our website at www.lwvcols.org for answers to more questions.

OHIO SENATE

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 3

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Question 1: I'm a fiscal conservative, and I'm a small business owner. I've spent my life working outside of government, so I'm not a career politician tied to any special interests. That means I'm not afraid to make government more efficient and accountable. To be specific, I think there's more Ohio can do to contain Medicaid costs and fight Medicaid fraud and to encourage shared services among local governments. I would also promote wider use of performance audits, and I support the sunset review process to eliminate outdated or duplicative state boards.

Question 2: Ohio recently changed its business tax structure,

so we should wait to see how it performs. The state phased out two corporate taxes and phased in a single, low-rate tax. Ohio gets less revenue now, but the new structure should make us more business-friendly. If elected, part of my job will be to spread the word that Ohio's corporate taxes are low, competitively and comparatively. But we can still do more. I would propose a hiring tax credit to encourage businesses to bring on new employees. This will reward businesses that hire unemployed workers.

YARBROUGH, WILLIAM, 6300 Hilltop Trail Drive, New Albany, OH 43054, Libertarian **Email:** info@YarbroughForOhio.com **Website:** http://YarbroughForOhio.com **Education:** MLHR, Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business; BA, Otterbein College **Occupation:** Performance Improvement Consultant **Qualifications for Office:** Father, spouse, taxpayer, community volunteer, and informed citizen -just as our founders intended for their public servants

Question 1: This can be done without tax increases of any kind. Revisit the 2006 Medicaid study where recommendations for Ohio's largest budget item include expansion of home care for seniors versus nursing home care. Consider privatizing functions like the Ohio Turnpike and Workers Compensation, while maintaining governance over the functions. Ohio must force consolidation of governing jurisdictions as described in the Ohio SCPAs 2009 study, eliminate prevailing wage laws that force overpayment on state projects, and enforce sunset rules of agencies and committees. Lastly, elevate the State Auditor's performance audit group to be the primary purpose of the office.

Question 2: Ohio must reduce the size and scope of state government such that income taxes are no longer needed. Competitiveness and overall quality of living in the state depends upon a plan to eliminate the income tax and a reliance on property taxes. What isn't accomplished through shrinking government can be implemented through use of consumption taxes versus income taxes. This is commonly referred to as a "Fair Tax." The implementation of the CAT for business taxation was a positive step, but needs to be re-designed to eliminate loopholes and ensure transparency, simplicity, and equity in how we tax businesses.

BACON, KEVIN, 5325 Ponderosa Drive, Columbus, OH 43231, Republican **Email:** kevin@baconforstatesenate.com **Website:** None given. **Education:** J.D. Capital Law School 1998; B.A. Miami U. 1994 **Occupation:** Attorney in Worthington and Member of Ohio House of Representatives **Qualifications for Office:** Former Blendon Township Trustee; Two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives; Legislator of the year awards: Ohio Autism Society, Academy of Pediatrics, ARC of Ohio, Ohio Association of County Boards (over word limit)

Question 1: The state of Ohio needs to examine itself and implement cuts were necessary. State agency and board consolidation would lead to significant cuts in state spending. Any increases, if any, can be considered only after a final determination as to the state's shortfall.

Question 2: Allowing the final phase of the income tax reduction to take place. Simplification of the state income structure to be more constituent and business friendly.

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 15

TAVARES, CHARLETA B., 1237 Medford Road, Columbus, OH 43209, Democrat **Email:** citizensfortavares@gmail.com **Website:** www.charletatavares.com **Education:** Eastmoor High School, Spelman College and OSU **Occupation:** Executive Director, Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence; Councilmember **Qualifications for Office:** Committed public /community servant: experienced policy-maker; strong record of accomplishments and; results -oriented. I have received virtually all of the endorsements from labor, advocacy and cultural organizations and; received many faith, health, human services and (over word limit)

Question 1: I have not determined which increases would be most appropriate. I will work with my colleagues to build a consensus on where to increase revenues and how best to make cuts. The revenue increases and projected cuts would be based on what is fair, equitable, just and on previous cuts made to programs, services and/or sectors. The guiding principle would be to: ensure that services are focused on the needs of our residents; job growth potential and; cost /benefit analysis (analysis to include financial, health /welfare and jobs impacts).

Question 2: I would propose a review of existing taxes and identify other models that provide reliable growth, new streams and /or better alignment with local / federal taxes and uses. This would enable us to look at the cuts and/ or increases and their impact on other taxes. As a local elected official, I have experience with what federal /state legislators have done in the last 10 years + to cut taxes, reduce funding to local government and increase their spending. This required local governments to increase taxes, as Columbus did, to maintain services, fill the cuts by state /federal government and (over word limit)

HEALY, ALICIA, 721 Bulen Avenue, Columbus, OH 43205, Republican **Email:** alicia.healy@att.net **Website:** www.VoteAliciaHealy.com **Education:** Dinwiddie High School, Virginia; Barclay School Literacy Tutor; Columbus State, Business Studies **Occupation:** Homemaker; Independent Mary Kay Beauty Consultant **Qualifications for Office:** Mother of four, businesswoman, home owner and homemaker struggling to make ends meet and secure a bright future for my children. I am a common citizen with common sense solutions.

Question 1: I would vote against any tax or fee increases. If we cut tax rates and the number and size of taxes and fees, state revenues will actually increase, as the economy grows and more Ohioans are employed. I would make across the board cuts in all state departments of at least 10 percent, privatize Workmens' Comp, eliminate the Department of Education, and renegotiate civil service union contracts to be more in line with the private sector wage and benefit levels. Downsizing government is the way to balancing the budget and jump-starting our economy.

Question 2: I would eliminate intrusive and obnoxious taxes like the income tax, the estate tax, the capital gains tax, and the property tax. The state could function on a modest and uniform sales tax. This would be more of a usage tax, it would be fair and equally applied, and would minimize government intrusion and paperwork. Taxes designed to redistribute wealth (progressive, graduated rates) are unfair, punish productivity, and should be eliminated.

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 19

HARRIS, MARIAN, 5145 Holbrook Drive, Columbus, OH 43202, Democrat **Email:** marian4ohio@gmail.com **Website:** www.marianforohio.com **Education:** BA Mt. Holyoke College (cum laude) Elem Ed. Ohio Dominican **Occupation:** State Representative **Qualifications for Office:** teacher, advocate, small business owner, worked for Sen. Metzenbaum, Gov. Celeste, Columbus library, Mental Health America, 35 years in the district. 2 years in the House -ready to hit the ground running, ready to face the challenges ahead.

Question 1: We need everything on the table -resources and spending. We must identify areas of wasteful spending in state government that should be cut, while remaining committed to preserving those programs that are essential to providing aid and relief to all Ohioans. We should examine our tax structure, close tax loopholes and collect outstanding taxes. We can consider consolidating Medicaid, currently spread over 5 different departments, into one agency. We need sentencing reform to cut back on costly prison and focus more on community corrections. I will remain committed to education which I believe is fundamental to job creation.

Question 2: During this difficult economic time, it is critical that we support our local governments as much as we can from the state level as they provide vital services, such as fire and police protection, to our constituents. Because this support is imperative, we must ensure that state tax policies are geared towards maintaining such important services, while also incentivizing small business development and job growth, and extending targeted tax relief to working class Ohioans and senior citizens.

JOHNSTON, MICHAEL, 5956 McJessy Drive, Westerville, OH 43081, Libertarian **Email:** Mike@MikeJohnstonForOhio.com **Website:** www.MikeJohnstonForOhio.com **Education:** Masters degrees in Public Administration and Project Management, Bachelors in CIS **Occupation:** IT Professional **Qualifications for Office:** My background and experience gives me insight into workings of

government. My ability to bring people together on issues would allow me to accomplish things while in office. 2010 Sam Adams Award recipient for grassroots organization.

Question 1: I would work to simplify the tax code, revise Ohio's regulatory environment, and eliminate duplication of services between departments. In order to maintain basic services such as Medicare and primary education, I would look at leasing out to private management things such as the Ohio Turnpike and some other functions currently managed by state employees. Streamlined construction laws to allow for simpler projects, lower bids, and fewer lawsuits would be on my agenda alongside reforming prison sentencing guidelines and mandatory penalties that have filled our prisons to overflowing.

Question 2: Ohio's tax structure must be simplified to eliminate loopholes, reduce complexity, increase compliance and collections, while allowing for a more competitive business and residential environment. I would seek a comprehensive review of Ohio's current tax and fee system, including opportunities for income that the state is not currently using, and based on those results propose a streamlined system for state income that is more equitable and fairer than our current system. I will also introduce resolutions to encourage similar reforms at the federal level.

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No survey received.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 20

GARLAND, NANCY, 498 Meadway Drive, New Albany, OH 43054, Democrat
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Website: None given.
Education: B.A. Government -OU; J.D. GMUSL
Occupation: State Representative
Qualifications for Office: I consider myself a public servant, not a politician. I have worked in a bipartisan manner and taken important issues that originated from constituents and addressed them through legislation. My work with the legislature and regulatory agencies has prepared me well.

Question 1: All options need to be on the table to balance the budget. There needs to be bipartisan cooperation to reach a shared solution. No group,

or groups, should be affected disproportionately. However, we must ensure that we do not lose the momentum in education, advanced energy, and businesses created through such initiatives as the Third Frontier.

Question 2: I support the present tax structure as we have lowered state income taxes by 16.8 percent over the past 4 years with the establishment of the CAT tax. However, I do feel that there are aspects of the CAT tax we could look at to assure that entities are being treated equally. Also, we need to determine if government services are being delivered in the most efficient manner possible to ensure that citizens are getting the services they need and want.

BINSKY, LAWRENCE, 75 S Cassingham Road, Columbus, OH 43209, Libertarian
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Education: Attended Bexley High School Class of 1987, and attended The Ohio State University, no degree completed.
Occupation: Self employed, Vending company owner
Qualifications for Office: As a small business owner, I understand the struggles of the average Ohioan better than the career political insider.

Question 1: I wouldn't support any personal or business tax increase to increase revenue, I propose we privatize the Bureau of Workers Compensation saving hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars annually. I also suggest that we put a temporary wage and hiring freeze on all State Agencies.

Question 2: I would propose a major overhaul in the Ohio tax code. I would like to see all state income tax abolished in favor of a 1.5% increase in the state sales tax. Accomplishing this would help include the 48% of Ohioans who do not currently pay state tax contribute to the general fund.

CARLE, MATT, 1366 Havant Drive, New Albany, OH 43054, Republican
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Education: Matt graduated from Westerville North High School, the Ohio State University, and Capital University Law School.
Occupation: Development Director for the Ohio College Access Network and Attorney
Qualifications for Office: Matt is endorsed by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, National Federation of Independent Business, Ohio Society of CPAs and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Question 1: The way to increase revenue in Ohio is to create and attract new jobs. With more jobs, comes more revenue. We can no longer simply postpone our budget problems. Over the past two decades, the growth of government has out-paced revenue and that has left us unprepared for the economic recession we are now in. Every state agency and program must be reviewed and a cost-benefit analysis performed in order to determine whether it is worthy of receiving continued taxpayer support. If the program is not worthwhile, then we must have the courage to eliminate it.

Question 2: Ohio's current tax structure not only hampers our ability to attract and retain jobs, but it continues to hurt Ohio families. Ohio has the 7th highest state and local tax burden in the nation (CNNMoney.com) and the 47th ranked state business tax climate (The Tax Foundation). This is unacceptable for a state struggling with high unemployment and massive job loss. We need pro-growth, pro-business legislators in the Statehouse focused on changing Ohio's tax and regulatory structure in order to make our state more business and family friendly.

THOMPSON, JACQUELYN, 287 Maplewood Ave., Whitehall, OH 43213, write-in
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Education: K-12 Grandview Heights. Attended Ohio State University.

Occupation: Semi-Retired
Qualifications for Office: Mortgage banking and financial management experience. Administered \$1B loan portfolio for State of Ohio. Expertise includes interpretation of laws; compliance; user systems analysis; training. Twelve years in telecommunications. Advocate for government reform and our neighborhoods. Two years on Whitehall City Council.
Question 1: -You cannot solve the budget deficit without tackling State employee wages and benefits. They are outpacing private industry by an ever-widening margin. -Cut government waste. -Someone must have awakened one morning and said, "I think I'll cut taxes." You do not cut taxes before you cut spending. Cut spending first and analyze the results in real savings. Then, and only then, do you cut taxes. Add to that the deep recession we're in and you have a recipe for disaster. The hard truth is we are going to have to raise taxes to get out of the hole we're in.

Question 2: I don't like what I'm learning about Ohio's tax structure. The politicians are being very disingenuous in their ads. I recommend <http://principalsoffice.osu.edu> to read "State Budgeting Matters: "The Week that Was", a summation of a report in the January 9, 2009 issue of State Budgeting Matters by Richard Sheridan, Center for Community Solutions. I do not profess to be an expert on taxes. I will seek the advice of experts to arrive at fair and sensible solutions to a broken tax structure. Ongoing review and oversight of the tax system will be paramount to success.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 21

ROBINSON, DAVID, 195 E. Dublin Granville Road, Worthington, OH 43085, Democrat
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Education: B.S.B.A. (cum laude), The Ohio State University; M.A. Theology, The Chicago Theological Seminary; Ph.D. Theology and Psychology, Emory University.
Occupation: Vice President, Marcy Enterprises, Inc.; business development for local, family-owned manufacturing business engaged in international business.
Qualifications for Office: Ability to listen; real-world experience in job creation; extensive education and professional experience.

Question 1: A Representative's first responsibility is to listen to his/her constituents, and to then advance budget policies that reflect their interests and the measured judgment of the Representative. I've closely listened to voters this year as I've gone door-to-door, and what I've mostly heard is "We need jobs. Now!" So my focus will be on advocating for smart incentives for industries and technologies (energy is a key) with large job creating potential, while eliminating unproductive corporate giveaways; further reforms of educational funding, curriculum, and training; and the continued streamlining of government so public funds are used productively.

Question 2: Our tax structure should encourage investment in emerging technologies that provide significant benefit to the consumer, Ohio's industries, and our positioning in the global economy. For example, we could encourage residential renewable energy generation by allowing homeowners to finance installations over extended periods of time (through property tax

payments) as opposed to one lump sum up front. Energy cost savings can fund the purchase over time. Further, the CAT should be carefully examined to see where it hurts competition and is harmful to small, local businesses. Finally, our tax structure should be fair and reward innovation.

DUFFEY, MIKE, 645 Farrington Drive, Worthington, OH 43085, Republican
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Education: B.A. Political Science, The University of Michigan; one-year of coursework, The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law
Occupation: Director of Media Relations, Hinson Ltd Public Relations
Qualifications for Office: Twice-elected Worthington City Councilman, balance budget for first time in six years without one-time money, 30+ year resident of district.

Question 1: I oppose tax increases that place additional burdens on Ohio families without first considering reductions in spending. The State of Ohio owes it to taxpayers to use its money wisely, just as families do with their own household spending. When elected, I will advocate for performance audits of state agencies, a reduction in political patronage positions, a suspension of expenditures on non-essential state programs, modified zero-base budgeting, a plan to review state agencies at least every ten years and increased use of technology to avoid unnecessary expense.

Question 2: Ohio's overall tax rate is among the highest in the nation when both state and local taxes are considered. We must lower the overall tax burden in order to make Ohio competitive for job growth and economic success. To do this, we must create a fair, stable and broad-based system, while eliminating the state's reliance on the kinds of taxes that make Ohio less competitive for job growth compared to peer states. In general, Ohio needs to eliminate loopholes in order to create a low-tax system that is fair for all.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 22

CARNEY, JOHN PATRICK, 357 E Torrence Road, Columbus, OH 43214, Democrat
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Education: OSU, BA, Criminology (1998), OSU, Law (2001)
Occupation: attorney, state representative

Qualifications for Office: Service is a theme of my life, from caring for a paraplegic neighbor as a child to serving twice as USG President to now. As state representative, I have worked hard to build consensus; my bills have substantial bipartisan support.

Question 1: I believe the only responsible course of action is to consider all options since nobody has a single "magic bullet" solution for the budget deficit. There's no doubt the process is going to be very difficult. It must be bipartisan and there must be a shared commitment to solutions. No one group should be singled out to disproportionately bear the burden of balancing the state budget. Key investments for our future, such as education, should also be protected as much as possible.

Question 2: I believe our overall tax structure is fundamentally sound, with the right mix of sales, business, income and property taxes. Government spending and the rates of these taxes are my main concern; we need to make sure that we are spending money on government services that are efficient and that Ohioans want and are willing to pay for. Doing so will require good faith, bipartisan effort and compromise. This will be a challenge in our current political environment, but I'm committed to continuing the bipartisan consensus building that I began in my first two years as your representative.

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NOBLE, MARK, 723 Springs Drive, Columbus, OH 43214, Libertarian
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Website: <http://voteformark.com>
Education: B.S., The Ohio State University, 2007 in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Occupation: Software Engineer, Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT)
Qualifications for Office: With 15 years of experience in the private sector I've used technology to resolve issues facing businesses in Columbus's key industries. This knowledge can help lead Ohio's economic recovery and restore jobs.

Question 1: The best way out of a budget deficit is not to get into one. Past legislatures mistakenly assumed that Ohio would never need to weather a downturn. This led to unsustainable entitlements limiting the corrective measures current legislators were willing to take. I would not support any

kind of tax hike to compensate for the spending gap - this would only punish the taxpayers for the shortsightedness of the legislature. I'd be inclined to look for savings where expenditures are greatest; Education, Health and Human Services, and General Government. To find the waste we'll need accurate accounting figures from the State.

Question 2: I could support a variety of tax structures that would be improvements over our current system. These include revenue neutral "Fair Tax" and flat tax systems. I see these as interim solutions as Ohio works to rid itself of reliance on Federal funding and eventually protect its citizens from Federal taxation. To achieve sustainability and limit abuse by special interests we need to start thinking about how a voluntary system of State funding might work. Such reforms would allow citizens to opt out of the tax system altogether in favor of alternative market-based methods of funding social services.

RHODES, ANGEL, 7373 Christie Chapel Road, Dublin, OH 43017, Republican
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Education: PhD. From The Ohio State University in Education, School Counseling, Community Counseling.
Occupation: Director of the School Counseling Graduate Program at the University of Dayton with programs offered in Dayton and Capital University
Qualifications for Office: My professional training/experience in education and community counseling and my dedication to fiscal responsibility.

Question 1: Bringing jobs to Ohio will increase revenues. We must reduce the tax burdens and restrictions that are driving businesses out of Ohio. By creating a "business friendly" environment, companies will be able to develop, expand or relocate to our great state. Ohio has the best work-force in America, but the current policies are killing jobs. While in office, my opponent has not met the needs of Ohio's workers and economy. I will bring a new, practical and fiscally responsible approach to my district. As a first step, I will cut irresponsible spending for projects such as the 3-C Train.

Question 2: The people of Ohio are flourishing under the weight of the current taxes. Tax breaks need to be put into place to provide relief to Ohio's families. Ohio is one of the highest taxed states. It is also one of the least prosperous states. We must have taxes to pay for needed

services. But when taxes become excessive, it takes money out of the private sector that is needed to spur the economy forward. That is where Ohio is today. The only way to afford these tax breaks is to increase revenues through jobs and stop wasteful spending in Ohio.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 23

HARP, STEVEN, 3140 Fishinger Road, Columbus, OH 43221, Democrat
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Education: JoAnn Davidson Leadership Institute; National League of Cities Leadership -Bronze Level
Occupation: Full-time legislator
Qualifications for Office: 12 years Grove City Mayor, 2 years Grove City Council President, Lifelong resident of district

Question 1: It has been 52 years since a performance audit was completed for our entire state. It is long overdue to see how we can operate our state in a much more efficient manner. I do not support any tax increase. The people of Ohio cannot afford to be further burdened by additional taxes. I believe that we can increase revenues by creating jobs in Ohio.

Question 2: Small business makes up the major portion of business in Ohio. We must reduce regulations, lower taxes and foster job creation so that we can compete with other states. I have introduced legislation to phase out the death tax and feel that we are discouraging people from remaining in Ohio. We must make Ohio more attractive for companies to stay and grow and additionally create an environment where new businesses are created and flourish.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 24

CELESTE, TED, 1230 Oakland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212, Democrat
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Education: BA, Psychology, College of Wooster, 1967
Occupation: Real Estate Broker/ Developer, Celeste & Associates Real Estate

Qualifications for Office: Teacher, Entrepreneur, Small Businessman, Former OSU Trustee, Board member of SciTech and Tech, Columbus Former President Grandview /Marble Cliff Chamber of Commerce, business advisory committee for Grandview schools, and a resident of district for 30 (over word limit)

Question 1: Having served on the House Finance Committee, during the last budget cycle, I witnessed the many cuts necessary to meet a \$3.2 billion shortfall. I believe the legislature and the executive branch will need to look to both cuts and possible revenue enhancements to meet the shortfall for the next budget. I believe we cannot take anything off the table, and we must strive to find a balance approach that leaves in place the vital safety net of services, provides adequate funding to primary, secondary and higher education, and keeps programs in place which help to bring jobs to Ohio.

Question 2: The last time Ohio revised the basic tax structure, we were still in a vibrant economy. However, the changes that were made, which were intended to help Ohio create jobs, have not had that impact in this deep recession. The state is hoping to become a leader in the advanced energy manufacturing arena, and must consider its present tax structure with that in mind. Ohio must create a win-win environment for Utilities and users, and a predictable taxation policy to attract and expand businesses in the advanced energy manufacturing field.

LARGER, NATHAN, 5578 Bluegrass Way, Hilliard, OH 43026, Republican
No survey received.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 25

STINZIANO, MICHAEL, 1128 Highland Street, Columbus, OH 43201, Democrat
Uncontested Race

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 26

HEARD, TRACY, 1732 Cole Street, Columbus, OH 43205, Democrat
No survey received.

HEALY, JOSEPH, 721 Bulen Avenue, Columbus, OH 43205, Republican
Email: jsphealy@yahoo.com
Website: None given.
Education: St. Christopher Elementary, Rocky River, Ohio;

Rocky River High School; The Ohio State University
Occupation: Independent Contractor, Painting and Home maintenance, remodelling
Qualifications for Office: None given.

Question 1: I would not increase any taxes or fees. On the contrary, I would support across the board tax rate reductions. This will actually result in increased revenues for the state as the economy grows due to alleviated tax and regulatory burdens. I would cut the budget of virtually every department of state government. I would privatize Workmen's Comp and eliminate the department of education. There are literally hundreds of things the state is involved with that it shouldn't be. Less government and more freedom will mean more prosperity.

Question 2: I would prefer just usage taxes, such as sales taxes. These are the least intrusive and obnoxious. Income taxes, property taxes, estate taxes, Capital gains taxes are all oppressive, and prosperity killing. I may also approve a small and equal citizenship tax to cover election costs. It must be the same for everyone. Progressive, graduated taxes are redistributive, that is, socialistic, and have no place in a free America.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 27

WEDDINGTON, W. CARLTON, 75 N Ohio Avenue, Columbus, OH 43203, Democrat
Email: wceddington@hotmail.com
Website: www.wcarltonweddington.com
Education: B.A. Political Science, Hampton University
Occupation: Full-time Legislator
Qualifications for Office: Former Member Columbus Board of Education. Elected to Ohio House in 2008. Endorsed by Franklin County Democratic Party, Ohio AFL-CIO, Columbus Education Association, Ohio Nurses Association, Ohio League of Conservation Voters and a host of other organizations and Elected officials.

Question 1: The budget problems we face are a result of economic collapse in 2008, and Ohio is not alone - 48 other states face budget shortfalls next year. Our priorities must be on education and job creation so we can strengthen our economy now and in the future. We have to have a balanced approach that protects our citizens and supports critical services, while also investing in ways to help grow our economy and strengthen our tax base.

Question 2: Again, we have to continue to find a balance between making Ohio competitive while also protecting those critical services which keep our communities safe and support funding for our schools. The impacts of the current tax reforms have resulted in a significant loss of revenue. Once the recession lifts, we will have to make a determination if the tax reforms helped to grow our economy or if they simply shrunk Ohio's tax base.

CYRUS, MEAGAN, 101 E Lane Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201, Republican
No survey received.

LOCAL BALLOT ISSUES

ISSUE 4: COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY LEVY

Replacement and increase: Replacement of 2.2 mills with an increase of 0.6 mill to constitute a tax of 2.8 mills, \$0.28 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010.

League Explanation

The Columbus Metropolitan Library is requesting that voters approve a 2.2 mill property tax levy to replace its current 2.2 mill levy, plus an additional .6 mill levy, for a total of 2.8 mills. Both levies are for operating money for the library. The proposed levy is not for a term of years, but would be permanent. By Ohio law the existing 2.2 mill levy is now being collected at a .75 mill rate for residential properties and 1.25 mill rate for commercial properties. A homeowner with a home appraised at \$100,000 is currently paying approximately \$22.92 and would pay approximately \$85.75 if the levy were passed.

Arguments Made in Support of Issue 4

- Until recently, libraries received significant funding from the state budget. That funding has been drastically cut back in the last years, and additional funds are now needed to maintain services and to restore services cut last year.
- The last library levy was passed in 2000 and ends in 2010. The library kept its promise not to ask for additional revenues between 2000 and 2010.
- Adapting to the times, the library has added new services

such as a Homework Help Center and Job Help Center, in addition to print, audio, and visual media.

Arguments Made in Opposition to Issue 4

- The library should have requested less money because of the economic recession.
- The library should have requested a levy lasting for 10 years rather than one that will continue permanently.
- Libraries should rely less on property taxes and instead seek a more diverse base of funding (e.g., user fees).

ISSUE 12: COLUMBUS CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

Shall Section 8 of the charter of the city of Columbus be amended to permit council or its committees to convene in the same manner as the general law of Ohio pertaining to open meetings of public bodies when discussing issues such as personnel matters, purchase of property, litigation, collective bargaining and security matters, as recommended by the Charter Review Committee?

League Explanation

Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Columbus currently requires that meetings of the city council and its committees be held in public. The city council wants to amend that provision to permit the city council and its committees to conduct discussions in an executive, or closed, session for the same reasons state boards and commissions go into executive sessions. Those reasons include discussing personnel matters, purchase of property, litigation, collective bargaining, and security matters. Under the City's proposal, all votes must continue to be in a public or open session.

Arguments Made in Support of Issue 12

- The public is better served when certain sensitive issues are discussed in a closed session.
- The practice would be the same as most other municipalities in Franklin County and the State of Ohio.

Arguments Made in Opposition to Issue 12

- The public has a right to hear all discussions at city council meetings and all committee meetings.
- The transparency of discussing all issues in open session outweighs possible adverse consequences.

CERTIFIED ISSUES LIST			
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 2, 2010			
Revised 8/16/10 – 11:30 a.m.			
#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#1	Bexley City School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Current expenses	6.5 mills, \$0.65 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#2	Canal Winchester Joint Recreation District – Proposed Bond Issue Overlaps TO Fairfield County	Extending, enlarging and improving new and existing lands, recreation facilities, fields, and leisure trails; constructing, furnishing, equipping and improving a new indoor all-purpose recreation facility; constructing and paving parking lots serving the recreation district	\$10,000,000; 1.27 mills, \$0.127 per \$100 valuation, for 30 years, commencing in 2010
#3	Canal Winchester Joint Recreation District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional Overlaps TO Fairfield County	Acquiring, maintaining and operating recreational facilities	0.86 mills, \$0.086 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#4	Columbus Metropolitan Library District – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement and Increase Overlaps TO Licking County	Current expenses	Replacement of 2.2 mills with an increase of 0.6 mill to constitute a tax of 2.8 mills, \$0.28 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#5	Gahanna-Jefferson City School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Current expenses	6.8 mills, \$0.68 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#6	Grandview Heights City School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Current operating expenses; General, on-going permanent improvements	A combined tax of 5.9 mills (3.9 mill – Expenses; 2 mills – Improvements), \$0.59 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#7	Groveport Madison Local School District – Proposed Bond Issue	Constructing school facilities, renovating and improving school facilities and locally funded initiatives under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program of the Ohio School Facilities Commission; furnishing and equipping the same; acquiring land and interests in land	\$113,728,904, 6.7 mills, \$0.67 per \$100 valuation, for a period of 38 years, commencing in 2010
#	Madison-Plains Local School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Renewal Overlap FROM Madison County	Current expenses	8 mills, \$0.80 per \$100 valuation, for 3 years, commencing in 2011
	Pickerington Local School District – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement Overlap FROM Fairfield County	Current expenses	8 mills, \$0.80 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#8	Southwest Public Library District – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional Overlaps TO Pickaway County	Current expenses	1 mill, \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, for 10 years, commencing in 2010
#10	City of Bexley – Proposed Tax Levy – Renewal	Current expenses	3.4 mills, \$0.34 per \$100 valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2010
#11A	Bexley 3 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales Hero Investments Inc. 2585-2599 E. Main St., Bexley, OH 43209	

CERTIFIED ISSUES LIST			
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 2, 2010			
Revised 8/16/10 – 11:30 a.m.			
#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#12	City of Columbus – Proposed Charter Amendment Overlaps TO Delaware and Fairfield Counties	To amend Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Columbus to require all meetings of council or its committees be held in public in accordance with the general laws of Ohio.	
#14A	Columbus 4 – A Local Option	Beer ‘A’ Question – Off Premise	
#14B	Columbus 4 – A Local Option	Beer ‘B’ Question – On Premise	
#15A	Columbus 4 – A Local Option	Sale of Intoxicants ‘A’ Question – Wine & Mixed Off Premise	
#15B	Columbus 4 – A Local Option	Sale of Intoxicants ‘B’ Question – Wine & Mixed On Premise	
#15C	Columbus 4 – A Local Option	Sale of Intoxicants ‘C’ Question – Spirituous Liq. On Premise	
#15D	Columbus 4 – A Local Option	Sale of Intoxicants ‘D’ Question – Spirituous Liq. Off Premise	
#16b	Columbus 25 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (11 a.m. – midnight) Hudson Street Market 1843 East Hudson St., Columbus, OH 43211	
#17b	Columbus 30 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (11 a.m. – midnight) ABC Liquor 1571 E. Dublin-Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43229	
#18b	Columbus 38 – B Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Grove Mini Inc. DBA Food Mart I 2086 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, OH 43223	
#19A	Columbus 45 – G Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales Kroger Co. 3588 Gender Rd., Columbus, OH 43110	
#19b	Columbus 45 – G Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Kroger Co. 3588 Gender Rd., Columbus, OH 43110	
#20b	Columbus 49 – G Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Wal Mart Stores East LP dba Store 2666 3579 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43207	
#21b	Columbus 53 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) GNKAZ, L.L.C., DBA Sunderland Food Mart 6243 Sunderland Dr., Columbus, OH 43229	
#22A	Columbus 55 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales E. Broad St. AMPM 825 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205	
#23b	Columbus 68 – A (Portion) Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (11 a.m. – midnight) Easy Stop I, Inc., dba Convenient Plus Food Mart 5435 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232	
#24b	Columbus 69 – I Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Billy Goat Tavern Ltd dba The Goat 5730 Silver Falls St., Columbus, OH 43016	
#25b	Hilliard 4 – G Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Overtime Sports Pub 4337-41 Cosgray Rd., Hilliard, OH 43026	
	City of Pickerington – Proposed Charter Amendments Overlap FROM Fairfield County	To amend the Charter of Pickerington	
#26A	Upper Arlington 1 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales Park Creek Kitchen 2124 Arlington Ave., Upper Arlington, OH 43221	
#26b	Upper Arlington 1 – D Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Park Creek Kitchen 2124 Arlington Ave., Upper Arlington, OH 43221	

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#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#27	City of Westerville – Proposed Charter Amendments Overlaps TO Delaware County	To amend several sections of the Charter of the City of Westerville as recommended by the Charter Review Commission.	
#28A	Westerville 1 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales Cluckers House of Wings 8 E. Main St., Westerville, OH 43081	
#28b	Westerville 1 – A Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (11 a.m. – midnight) Cluckers House of Wings 8 E. Main St., Westerville, OH 43081	
#29A	Westerville 4 – C Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales W. Main St. Duke & Duchess 462 W. Main St., Westerville, OH 43081	
#30	City of Whitehall – Proposed Income Tax Increase	General municipal building and capital improvements bonds, operations, maintenance, new equipment and capital improvements	Increase the current 2% income tax to 2.5% on all earned income; beginning January 1, 2011
#31b	Whitehall 4 – B Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Tailgaters Sports Bar & Grill 4680 E. Main St., Whitehall, OH 43213	
#33	Village of Canal Winchester – Proposed Charter Amendments (Fairfield and Franklin Counties)	To amend several sections of the Charter of the Village of Canal Winchester as recommended by the Village Charter Review Commission.	
#34A	Canal Winchester – D Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales SuperAmerica Beverage, LLC dba Speedway & Beer Cave 290 Bowen Rd., Canal Winchester, OH 43110	
#34b	Canal Winchester – D Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (11 a.m. – midnight) SuperAmerica Beverage, LLC dba Speedway & Beer Cave 290 Bowen Rd., Canal Winchester, OH 43110	
#35	Village of Groveport – Proposed Charter Amendments	To amend several sections of the Charter of the Village of Groveport as recommended by the Charter Review Commission.	
#36A	Groveport – A Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales Los Mariachis of Groveport LLC 296 Main St., Unit A, Groveport, OH 43125	
#36b	Groveport – A Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (11 a.m. – midnight) Los Mariachis of Groveport LLC 296 Main St., Unit A, Groveport, OH 43125	
#37A	Groveport – B Local Option	Particular Location – Weekday Sales Kroger Co. 6011 Groveport Rd., Groveport, OH 43125	
#37b	Groveport – B Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Kroger Co. 6011 Groveport Rd., Groveport, OH 43125	
#38	Village of Minerva Park – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement	Current expenses	1.9 mills, \$0.19 per \$100 valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2010
#39	Village of Riverlea – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement and Increase	Current expenses	Replacement of 4.5 mills with an increase of 0.5 mill to constitute a tax of 5 mills, \$0.50 per \$100 valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2010
#40b	Village of Urbancrest Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Turkey Hill 713 3000 Centerpoint Dr., Urbancrest, OH 43123	
#42	Jefferson Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Current expenses	1 mill, \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2010
#43	Mifflin Township Police District (Unincorporated Area) – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Police Protection	8.8 mills, \$0.88 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010

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#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#44	Mifflin Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Additional	Fire Protection	3.8 mills, \$0.38 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#45	Prairie Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement	Fire Protection	Replacement of 3.9 mills and replacement of 5.5 mills to constitute a combined tax of 9.4 mills, \$0.94 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#46b	Prairie Twp – B Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (10 a.m. – midnight) Galloway Tavern 1954 Galloway Rd., Galloway, OH 43119	
#47	Sharon Township Police District (Unincorporated Area) – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement	Police Protection	Replacement of 4.5 mills and replacement of 3 mills to constitute a combined tax of 7.5 mills, \$0.75 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#48	Sharon Township Police District (Unincorporated Area) – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement	Police Protection	3 mills, \$0.30 per \$100 valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2010
#49b	Truro Twp – B Local Option	Particular Location – Sunday Sales (11 a.m. – midnight) Ammvets Post 2000 5057 Chatterton Rd., Columbus, OH 43232	
#50	Washington Township – Proposed Tax Levy – Replacement and Increase Overlaps TO Delaware and Union Counties	Fire Protection	Replacement of 7.25 mills with an increase of 1 mill to constitute a tax of 8.25 mills, \$0.825 per \$100 valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2010

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. 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.

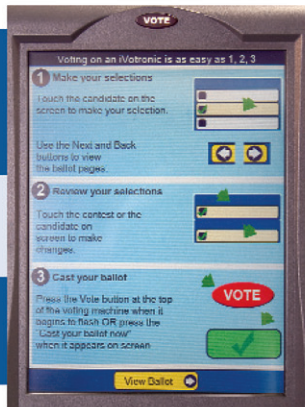
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IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY VOTERS

How to use the voting machine



1. Adjust the side doors of the booth to give you maximum privacy.

2. Review the instructions on the screen.

Press **VIEW BALLOT** to begin voting.



3. To choose a candidate or issue, firmly touch your selection on the screen.



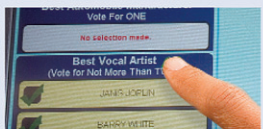
4. To change your vote, firmly touch your selection again. Then make your new selection.



5. Use the **NEXT** and **BACK** buttons to move between screens.



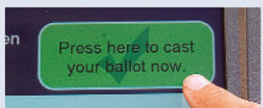
6. On the last page of your ballot, press **REVIEW** to see your voting summary.



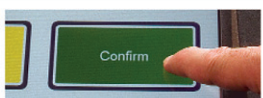
7. From the Review screen you may make changes by touching the contest title on the screen.



WARNING: If the **VOTE** light is flashing, you have not officially cast your ballot.



8. To cast your ballot, firmly touch the green **PRESS HERE TO CAST YOUR BALLOT NOW** button, AND



9. Press the green **CONFIRM** button to confirm your ballot choices.

10. The blue **THANK YOU FOR VOTING** screen means you have cast your ballot.

Vote early

Franklin County voters can enjoy the convenience of an absentee ballot and vote in the privacy of their own home or in person at 280 East Broad Street, in downtown Columbus, from Sept. 28 through Nov. 1. Applications to vote using a mail-in absentee ballot can be picked up at your local library, downloaded from www.vote.FranklinCountyOhio.gov or requested through the Board's automated phone system by calling 462-3100.

Bring identification with you when you vote on Nov. 2

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to vote a regular ballot on Election Day. Acceptable forms of identification are:

- A current and valid photo identification (such as an Ohio driver license card or state ID card). Photo identification must show the voter's name and current address (except that an Ohio driver license or State ID card does not need to show current address if the address in the voting location poll book is current); OR
- A military identification that shows the voter's name (does not need to show address); OR
- A copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document (including from a public college or university) that shows the voter's name and current address.

Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's social security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing a statement affirming the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot. If identification is not provided at the time the provisional ballot is cast, the provisional voter may provide a valid form of identification in person at the board of elections during the 10 days following Election Day.

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