



VOTER'S GUIDE – CANDIDATES & ISSUES

For Portage County, Ohio

MAY 8, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

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All cities, villages, townships	Auditor of State	Supplement
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All cities, villages, townships	Auditor of State	Supplement
All cities, villages, townships	Secretary of State	Supplement
All cities, villages, townships	Treasurer of State	Supplement
All cities, villages, townships	U.S. Senator	Supplement
All cities, villages, townships	Justice of Supreme Court of Ohio (2 positions)	Supplement
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OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 13**Robert Crow**

Party: Dem

1854 5th Ave. Youngstown, OH 44504

Candidate did not respond:

Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 13

**John Luchansky**

Party: Dem

Occupation:

1976 Wendy Lane Boardman, OH 44514

Age: 64

Education: Poland seminary high school; graduate of Wilmington college of ohio

Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer:

for 20 yrs. I have worked tirelessly, without compensation, to uncover the truth concerning the shooting of doug jones, jr., by a Poland village police officer on june 6, 1996. it is my firm belief that the ohio attorney general's office, (BCI), covered-up what really happened that fateful night. I have written republicans gov. john Kasich and attorney general mike dewine who did nothing, as well as former democratic gov. ted strickland, who also did nothing, and democrat Mahoning county prosecutor, paul gains, who refuses to convene a grand jury despite my willingness to testify before the grand jury. in a letter dated 7-8-14 current democratic congressman tim ryan informed me that it is not the role of congress to interfere in local/state legal problems but rather it is the function of local authorities, and yet, rep. ryan helped trumbull county prosecutor, dennis Watkins, extradite accused killer, Claudia hoerig from brazil. it is politically difficult to expose a cover-up!!!!

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer:

I feel the united states should adopt a national/universal health service similar to the health service available in England that would provide "free" health care to all permanent u.s. residents at the point of use and be paid for from general taxation.

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer:

please read again my answer to question 1.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 13**Tim Ryan**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Congressman, 13th District of Ohio

PO Box 189 Niles, OH 44446

Age: 44

Education: Law degree from the University Of New Hampshire School Of Law. Degree in Political Science from Bowling Green State University.

Training & Experience: Serving 7th term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Member of House Appropriations Committee and the House Budget Committee. Serves as co-chairman of the House Manufacturing Caucus, which examines and promotes policies to help American manufacturers.

Website: <http://timryanforcongress.com>

Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer:

The American people are not as interested in party as much as they are interested in solutions. I have never shied away from working with members across the aisle if it will benefit the people of Ohio, and the United States. I have cosponsored dozens of bills with Republicans to support comprehensive addiction treatment and recovery programs, as well as to facilitate the next generation of job and technology training. There's more that unites us than divides us, and that makes up the foundation of my relationships with my colleagues in the Congress.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer:

Universal healthcare coverage must be our goal. I am a supporter of the Affordable Care Act and support lowering the age of Medicare to 55. On a bigger scale, we need to move our system away from being a "disease management" system. Many chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer, and strokes are linked to dietary and lifestyle choices. Unfortunately, according to one study, many physicians feel inadequately trained to provide proper nutrition advice. That is why I introduced the bipartisan Expansion of Nutrition's Role in Curricula and Healthcare (ENRICH) Act, which would create a grant program for U.S. Medical Schools and Osteopathic Colleges to create an integrated nutrition and physical activity curriculum program. Our country needs to take a hard look at the health and wellness of our citizens. We need to increase access to healthcare for all Americans, improve preventative health, and make the necessary investments into research and development on how to combat diseases.

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer:

This is simple: listen. Too often we talk past one another. Everyone could benefit from taking a step back to more purposefully engage in substantive debate. I represent my constituents. Not just those who voted for me or my political party. I will continue to do that.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 13

**Christopher De Pizzo**

Party: Rep

Occupation: Business Counselor/Attorney

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Age: 31

Education: University of Pennsylvania (J.D. 2012; Certificate in Business & Public Policy, Wharton School); Saint Peter's College (B.A. 2009)

Training & Experience: In 2012, I began as a corporate lawyer at Jones Day in Cleveland Ohio. I spent one year at Proskauer Rose LLP and then join Latham & Watkins LLP. I continued my practice at Latham until October of 2017 when I moved home and launched my campaign.

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Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer:

Throughout my career, I have worked to bridge divides and find consensus. My job involved constant negotiation on behalf of my clients and through this, I quickly learned that if I wanted to help my client and deliver a solution listening and problem solving were always more useful than yelling and grandstanding. I am going to take this same mentality to Washington, D.C. In my practice, I never asked someone his or her political affiliation before I worked to help them. Paying client or pro bono, my job was the same, to listen, to work through problems and find solutions. Just like I did for my clients, I will do for every single constituent in this District – individuals and businesses alike – I will listen to them, work with them and doggedly fight for them every single day. This District deserves a fighter and a doer, someone who is going to Washington to get things done, not to just collect a paycheck and jump on cable television.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer:

Obamacare must be replaced with reforms that will actually lower costs, improve the quality of our health care and not be a boon to private insurers. Study after study has shown Obamacare, which was forced through Congress in 2009 – with Tim Ryan's vote - will slow economic growth over the next decade, cost the nation millions jobs, and contribute billions of dollars to the deficit. The American people deserve better. Any replacement for Obamacare must be market driven and must put patients first, allowing them and their doctors to be the ones making healthcare decisions, not the federal government and insurance companies. Further, I will fight to make sure pre-existing health conditions are covered by insurance companies and that insurance companies will allow children to stay on their parents health insurance plans until they turn 26 years old.

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

I believe that transparency and communication foster trust and I believe the residents of this District should be informed about what their Congressman does. When I am elected, I promise transparency and open lines of communication with me and my office. In order to facilitate this, every day my office will publish the legislative votes I have taken and an explanation for each vote on our website and on Facebook; we will hold regular open office hours around the District and in Washington, D.C.; and we will provide an up-to-date calendar of upcoming House of Representatives' actions. I can never promise you will be completely happy with every decision I make or every vote I take, but I can promise to listen and to be transparent, open and honest with you.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 14

**Betsy Rader**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Employment Lawyer

Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer: I have served on entities like the local Zoning Commission and Park Commission to creatively address issues like environmental quality that are important to Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. I think it's important that as candidates and elected officials we hear from and listen to people who are from all walks of life and backgrounds.

I am open and willing to speak to people of all political persuasions and have appeared for Town Halls. Members of our community have been disappointed that Congressman Joyce has refused to hold town halls and listen to voters. He hasn't held a single in-person town hall since he was last elected, even while voters have demanded to talk with him about important legislation in Congress.

While we may not always agree, you can always count on me to show up, listen, and thoughtfully consider your perspective. That's the kind of member of Congress I'll be.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer: Every American should have healthcare that they can reasonably afford, without regard to pre-existing conditions. We must improve on the Affordable Care Act and ensure every hard-working Ohio family has health care.

I worked in the healthcare field and know that costs are too high for a variety of complex reasons. One step in making health care more affordable is to give everyone the option of buying into Medicare. This would give consumers a lower-cost alternative to private insurance and improve the risk pool for Medicare.

Pharmaceutical prices are unaffordable and to begin addressing this, the government should be allowed to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies. Congress should also create a consumer watchdog agency that can levy fines against pharmaceutical companies that inappropriately engage in price gouging.

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer: It's important that voters know that I will be an advocate for them in Congress, not for corporate donors. That's why I took the pledge never to accept a penny from a corporate PAC, and have been endorsed by End Citizens United. Our current government is beholden to corporate special interests, and Congressman Joyce has become part of the problem while he's been in Washington.

People in our district have lost faith in Congressman Joyce, who continually sides with big Washington special interests over his constituents on issues like net neutrality, prescription drugs, and the environment. It's time to say that 'enough is enough' — corporations have been buying our elections for too long. For democracy to work, government must be elected by and responsive to real people, not corporations. When legislation makes sense only when you follow the corporate money, it's time to change how elections are financed and who's elected to Congress.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 14**David P. Joyce**

Party: Rep

Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16

**Mark Dent**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Attorney

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Age: 45

Education: University at Buffalo- Political Science Ohio Northern University- Juris Doctor University of Maryland- Computer ProgrammingTraining & Experience: Jan 2002- Sept 2003 U.S. Army as an Enlisted Soldier Sept 2003- SEPT 2006 U.S. Army JAG Officer Jun 2007- July 2014 Small business owner- On the Mark Tax ServiceWebsite: <http://MarkDentForCongress.com>Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MDent4Congress/>Twitter: twitter.com/MDent4CongressQuestion1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.Answer:

Republicans, Democrats, Progressives, and Conservatives all agree that our political environment has become toxic and divisive. There is good reason the approval rate of Congress is just 14%.

In the halls of Congress, there is plenty talk of bipartisanship but little action. Partisans call on the other party to a show "bipartisanship" by conceding to their every demand.

I refuse to play this game. I won't substitute a public relations stunt for true bipartisanship. I will work across the aisle and talk regularly with those I disagree. I will not demonize nor call in to question the motives of colleagues simply because our views differ. As a Democrat, I will co-sponsor a bill with a Republican colleague at least once a year. Additionally, I will always remember my constituents elected me and I serve all of them, not the Democratic Party.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?Answer:

We pay twice as much for healthcare yet have worse outcomes than any other rich industrialized nation. If a politician says we can't cover everyone, have better healthcare and spend less on healthcare, they should find a new line of work. Germany has done this, the United Kingdom has done this, Canada, and every other wealthy industrialized nation has. Don't tell me we are not able to do what has been done many times over.

The first step to fixing our healthcare system is recognizing that the obstacles are political, not a lack of solutions. To move beyond the obstacles, we must shut out the labels and scare tactic used to paralyze us.

We need an 8-year plan that gives us universal healthcare with better health outcomes at 25% lower cost. This must be demanded of every politician, other countries have done it, so can we. I will join with Bernie Sander and work to improve his Medicare for all plan.

Dent: Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

At 7-years-old I wore glasses that took up my whole face when I started my first business. For 3 years I sold Little Debbie's snacks to classmates coming home from school. I earned money to help feed hungry children a continent away.

I signed up for the military the day before 9/11. I served five years in the Army and deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Every politician will tell you they are trustworthy and honest. I will let many actions speak for me. As your congressman, my door will always be open so I can listen to your ideas, complaints, and concerns. While you may not agree with my every decision, your voice will be heard. I will hold at least two town halls every year and be accessible both locally and in Washington.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16

**Aaron Godfrey**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Physicist

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Age: 31

Education: Masters of Science, Physics, Miami University - 2010 Bachelor of Arts, Physics, Miami University, 2008Training & Experience: My advisor at MU used to say a degree in physics is a degree in critical thinking - I like to agree. Being able to approach and solve difficult problems is baked into that. However, I have been active & engaged in politics since ~2003, just not a candidate myself!Website: <http://www.godfreyforcongress.com>Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/GodfreyForCongress/>Twitter: twitter.com/GodfreyForOH16Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.Answer:

In my race, for the 16th District, the Democratic nominee needs to be someone who can appeal to moderates and Republicans as well as Democrats. Given my family history - coming from nothing, being a first generation college graduate, losing a loved one to a broken healthcare system, feeling the effects of stagnant wages my entire life, and so on and so on (don't hesitate to reach out for elaboration!) - I am the candidate best positioned to reach across the aisle to all voters. Because we need to blur party lines to win: and to do that, we must be able to relate to the voter. I can approach voters and listen to them rather than lecture to them. And then I can tell them, I know your pain - because I have been there too. And I want to do everything I can to prevent your family having to know it again, and other families from ever having to know it. This isn't about Democrat or Republican: it's about Americans. We can and we should do better.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?Answer:

Fixing our broken healthcare system is a deeply personal issue to me. When my dad was diagnosed with diabetes, we couldn't afford his medicine, so he was forced to choose: a roof over our head and food on the table, or his medicine. Now, I'm here, and he isn't. (My mom is still here too - because she was put on Medicare early enough to make the difference.) In my view, we must work towards a Medicare-for-All system that begins by plugging the holes in the Affordable Care Act by allowing a Medicare buy-in, starting with areas where there are no choices in the exchange. This should slowly expand to incorporate more people, allowing health care providers to shift their business models. As far as women's healthcare goes, I support the Affordable Care Act and want to see it fully funded: this includes provisions on affordable contraceptives and preventative treatments. Regarding abortion, I am uncompromisingly in support of a woman's right to choose.

Godfrey: Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

I am all about transparency and accountability. As you can see with my background, this is a field I'm switching in to: I'm not here to lie to anyone or be anyone other than myself. I wouldn't want to win by pretending to be someone else or lying about my beliefs! I want to have the most open and transparent office in the US House. I plan on holding as many town halls across the district as possible, as well as being as immediately (and officially) available on Facebook and Twitter as possible (given staffing limitations). When I disagree with my constituents and vote a way they don't like, I'll do what I can to explain to them why I voted the way I did and what I think the implications are, as well as the drawbacks on both sides of our arguments. I also oppose gerrymandering and would refuse to accept a district redrawn to give me a clear advantage in an election. I want the voters to know who I am, where I stand, and why I cast the votes that I do, and that I am on their side.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16

**Grant Goodrich**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Director, Energy and Economic Development Nonprofits

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Age: 45

Education: BS Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy; USMC Command & Staff School; MPA, Environmental Science and Policy, Columbia University

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Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer:

In my career, I have not yet had the opportunity to work across political differences between political parties, but I have successfully worked across different political agendas between federal agencies. I have also been involved in negotiations ranging from agreements with foreign governments to designing the structure of a merged nonprofit entity. In all cases, I have found the principles to be the same. First, successful negotiations require listening to the other party and understanding their views and needs, while clearly communicating my group's needs and objectives. Additionally, it means identifying those fundamental positions or principles that cannot be bargained away. It means seeking counsel from others who have thoughtfully considered the problem, and advancing views and decisions that will lead to the best result for all involved. Finally, it means doing the hard work of educating others and building consensus when a solution is clear and support is needed.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer:

We need affordable comprehensive healthcare that all Ohioans can access. The fact that our healthcare costs per person are among the highest in the industrial world, and yet some among us can't afford care is simply outrageous. While Obamacare helped expand access to health insurance for those with pre-existing conditions and Medicaid expansion has helped 725,000 Ohioans access life-saving care, especially for those suffering from opioid addictions, much more needs to be done. That's why I believe everyone should have access to affordable comprehensive health insurance. We can do this by allowing for a "Medicare extra" plan to be available to everyone. Regardless of age or state or income, anyone could choose Medicare as their health insurance. In addition, I oppose cuts to traditional Medicare or any attempt to "voucherize" the program that raises costs for our seniors. Medicare should also be allowed to use its negotiating power to lower exorbitant drugs prices for seniors.

Goodrich: Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer:

The 16th Congressional District has been represented by a Member who did not reach out and listen to his constituents and refused to hold town hall meetings. Now that it is an open seat, I am running because we need people in Congress of the highest integrity – people who welcome accountability and debate, respect and value America’s diverse population, and will put the needs of Ohio’s working families first over political partisanship and party. I pledge to hold town halls in every county and to listen to all viewpoints in addressing the concerns of the voters I represent. I believe that honest, open dialogue is the best way to build and foster that trust.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16

**T. J. Mulloy**

Party: Dem

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Twitter: twitter.com/tjmulloyoh

Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer:

I am not a politician, and have not held public office, so am unable to cite any specific work I have had to accomplish across political differences. That said, I have often worked within the construction sector where there has been some sort of friction between the contractors I have worked for and the entity for which we are completing a project. I can say without equivocation, that I have been able to work with all parties in such situations to bring about workplace harmony in order to complete the project at hand in a productive and safe manner. These are workplace politics I suppose, but these skills are what I feel are precisely necessary to bring those with competing agendas to the table in order to coalesce around a common goal. Skills sorely lacking in the partisanship of Washington DC at the moment.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer:

I propose increasing access to affordable healthcare through increased choice and purchase options. The expansion of Medicaid to those making up to 138% of the poverty line was a good start, along with other provisions expanding coverage such as making insurers keep young adults on their parents insurance up to age 26, along with coverage for those with preexisting conditions. These provisions need to be protected and expanded where possible.

I will also be working to create a 'public option' for purchasing affordable healthcare and to keep the private insurance markets honest. An ability for employers to buy into Medicare is something that can be accomplished quickly, will provide quality care at reduced cost, and force private insurers to compete with one of the most efficient systems for the provision of health care in the United States. All by simply increasing access to something we already do. Creating more options and increasing competition is something we can all get behind.

Mulloy: Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer:

My platform will be dictated by the people of the 16th District and the priorities they wish to see addressed. While I have a vision of what we can accomplish, I am above all a public servant, ready to respond to the needs and desires of my constituents.

All of my town halls will be open to all constituents, and I will be available at all times with a willing ear and an open door where constituents can visit with myself or staff, and by making appointments available for when I return from legislative sessions in DC. Trust will begin from the ground up, and that's where my deep roots in the 16th District come into play. I was born and raised in this district, spent the first two decades of my life here, and my family has resided in this district for over 50 years, as I do now. I am the only candidate running with such a deep and lasting history within the 16th. My neighbors know this, and I feel many of my constituents will find my commitment authentic, true, and instilling trust.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16

**Susan Moran Palmer**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Principal Account Manager at Medtronic
30975 Hilliard Blvd. Westlake, OH 44145

Age: 53

Education: Salem Community Hospital School of Radiologic Technology - Radiology Tech | Baldwin Wallace - Business Administration & Management

Training & Experience: Medtronic (2011 - Present) Principal Account Manager, Senior Account Manager | SMPalmer Consulting (2002 - 2011) Consultant | Cardima (1998-2001) Regional Account Manager | Cordis (1990 - 1998) Territory Manager - Cardiovascular

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Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer:

I served on the non-profit Board of Trustees at Providence House, a crisis nursery, for 12 years. Ideological and political differences between different Board members required an open mind and frank discussion to alleviate budget crisis's, make fundamental mission statements and bridge the divide between a more humanistic approach and strict financial constraints. It required creativity and strategic planning to set short and long term goals with finite quality measures to check progress. I also served on the Capital Levy Board for the Westlake Public School System during our 2010 capital campaign, the second largest capital campaign in state history. I was the co-chair of voter outreach and canvassing. We had a strong opposition to the new school levy that required a consistent, constant communication to provide facts, figures and updates. This was a bipartisan effort to convince voters to invest in k-12 education soon after the financial crisis.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer:

I've been a healthcare professional for 30 years. We need to reduce costs to the system, expand access, and pay for quality in care not fee for service.

The Medicaid expansion addressed many of those issues. As our wages have dropped more people have qualified for Medicaid. The Medicaid expansion has become a part of our healthcare fabric and must be protected from repeal at the federal level.

Insurance marketplaces have been less successful in expanding access or reducing costs. The areas of the country with the least competition remain the most expensive. I would add a public option for purchase. As a taxpayer you should have access to the pricing discounts that Medicaid provides.

Palmer:

We must cut the costs of prescription drugs in the United States. I would like to start with opening up Medicaid and Medicare drugs to three year bid contracts. This would save us billions of dollars in healthcare costs.

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer:

I am a big fan of voter access to Congressional Representatives. I think Town Halls and other engagement events with voters should be a priority. I know fundraising is an ever present reality for any politician but it tends to encourage a few voices to be heard instead of many. I think voters would be less inclined to be in divergent camps if they had a birds eye view of the problems at hand.

I'm a big fan of social media to keep voters informed. Social media forces creative and simplified communication. No one wants to hear a dissertation on every issue. Communication also needs to be diversified. A Congressional update or op-ed piece for local newspapers would go a long way to keep voters engaged.

Participation in our Democracy is vital for people to be happy with their representation. The gerrymandering of Ohio's Districts have alienated a lot of voters. I think we are best represented as a country when the the districts are fair and the focus is on getting things done.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16

**John Wilson**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Stay-At-Home Dad

27663 Caroline Cir. A Westlake, OH 44145

Age: 33

Education: Georgetown University (B.A. 2006) Saint Joseph's University (M.A. 2012)

Training & Experience: Judge of Elections (2009)

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Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer:

When we remove opinions and concentrate on facts it becomes easier to find common ground and solve problems. John Adams said, "Facts are stubborn things."

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer:

I think a single payer healthcare system is going to eventually happen. It's the responsibility of any community to take care of its sick.

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer:

I will do town halls and respond to voters' concerns, but I think the real way to foster trust is to provide results. Whether it is fulfilling constituent service requests or passing major legislation, I think the best way to earn the trust of the people of the 16th district is to do a good job for them. The job of a congressman is public service with an emphasis on service.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16**Anthony Gonzalez**

Party: Rep

162 American Blvd. Ste 204 Westlake, OH 44145

Candidate did not respond

Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16

**Michael Grusenmeyer**

Party: Rep

Occupation: Family doctor

2756 Forestview Ave. Rocky River, OH 44116

Age: 66

Education: Bachelor of Science, University of Michigan. M.D., Wayne State University School of Medicine

Training & Experience: Family medicine, U.S. Air Force, 2004-2005 Family medicine, U.S Navy, 2006 Board certified, Family Medicine & Emergency Medicine Chief University Physician, Kent State U, 2009 Cleveland Clinic, family medicine, 2010-2013 University Hospitals, family medicine, 2015-2018

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Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer:

I worked as Emergency Physician at 4 hospitals in Northeast Ohio: Lakewood, Fairview General, Elyria Memorial, and Southwest General. I worked in two government institutions, Metro Health Medical Center and Kent State University, allowing me to see first-hand how our government works. I worked as a family doctor for the two major Cleveland medical centers, University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic, allowing me to see how private health care functions. I served as a civilian consultant in family medicine for the U.S Air Force and the U.S. Navy, allowing me to understand the needs of our military. As a family doctor, I see ALL patients, regardless of religion, race, political party, sexual orientation, gender, age, or ability to pay. I see approximately 100 patients per week, 5,000 per year, and 150,000 over the last 30 years. NO candidate understands better than I do the concerns of the people of northeast Ohio. I will be there after the election, accessible and open as always.

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer:

I worked as Emergency Physician at 4 hospitals in Northeast Ohio: Lakewood, Fairview General, Elyria Memorial, and Southwest General. I worked in two government institutions, Metro Health Medical Center and Kent State University, allowing me to see first-hand how our government works. I worked as a family doctor for the two major Cleveland medical centers, University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic, allowing me to see how private health care functions. I served as a civilian consultant in family medicine for the U.S Air Force and the U.S. Navy, allowing me to understand the needs of our military. As a family doctor, I see ALL patients, regardless of religion, race, political party, sexual orientation, gender, age, or ability to pay. I see approximately 100 patients per week, 5,000 per year, and 150,000 over the last 30 years. NO candidate understands better than I do the concerns of the people of northeast Ohio. I will be there after the election, accessible and open as always.

Grusenmeyer: Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer:

Incredibly, the United States ranks 27th in infant mortality rates among the nations of the world and 30th in life expectancy. Yet we spend more than twice as much on health care as the next most expensive country. My attack is three fold: 1.) Improve pre-natal care to all Americans through education and adequate health insurance. 2.) Address the high number of preventable deaths. We lose over 40,000 Americans annually to traffic accidents, 44,000 to suicide, 17,000 to homicide, and 52,000 to drug overdose. I would address these areas beginning in middle school, giving students the tools to make better choices. Education is key. 3.) Address our two major diseases, cardiovascular disease (heart attack, stroke) and cancer. The \$400 billion from the tobacco companies was not spent on smoking prevention but went to pay other state bills. I support more research into heart disease, cancer and the latest killer, Alzheimer's disease.

OHIO--US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 16

Christina Hagan

Party: Rep

Occupation: State House Representative
1846 Edison St. NW Uniontown, OH 44685

Age: 29

Education: Malone University

Training & Experience: Representative for District 50 in the Ohio State House since 2011

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Question1: Describe what you have done to work across political differences to solve problems.

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question2: What solutions would you propose to address challenges in the healthcare system?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question3: What will you do to foster trust between you as an elected leader and the voters you represent?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN DEMOCRATIC 18TH DISTRICT**Brad Cromes**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Portage County Treasurer
550 E. Riddle Ave. Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Age: 33

Education: B.A. Hiram College; M.A. (Public Policy & Management) and J.D., The Ohio State University; CGFM, Ass'n. of Gov't. Accountants

Training & Experience: I am an elected Democrat, member of the Portage Co. Democratic Party Central Committee, and former Deputy Director of our Board of Elections. I have served the state and national parties in many capacities, as well. More info at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/bradcromes/>.

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Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?

Answer:

At this unique moment in our history, I believe the Democratic Party is going through some productive soul searching about what it means to be a Democrat (and how that should guide our future as an institution and our vision for the future of our nation). To some extent, it is the role of the State Central Committee (and their counterparts at the national and local levels) to help mediate that conversation, and to develop common-sense, compassionate policy positions that present the best alternatives for the working people that form the backbone of our communities. As a member of the State Central Committee, I will do my very best to offer a fair ear to all perspectives on how we can best do that. I also believe it is the Party's role to help identify strong candidates to make that case to voters, and to supply those candidates with the support they need to be successful. That too will be a project of mine as a member of the Committee - and it's one I look forward to very much.

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN DEMOCRATIC 18TH DISTRICT**Kevin Malecek**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Development Officer

2892 Camelot Court Willoughby Hills, OH 44092

Education: B.A. American University M.A. American University

Training & Experience: Lake County Commissioner, 2015-2017 Vice Chair, Lake County Democratic Party, 2006-2010 Secretary, Lake County Democratic Party, 2010-Present Second Vice President, Ohio Young Democrats 2008, 2012, 2016 Delegate, Democratic National Convention 2012 OH Electoral College

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?

Answer:

The State Central Committee members should ensure competent and capable representation for Democratic values within the 18th Senate District and also ensure the Ohio Democratic Party also provides competent and capable leadership for Democrats statewide.

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN DEMOCRATIC 18TH DISTRICT**Christopher J. Mallin**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Attorney

367 N. Cleveland Ave. Mogadore, OH 44260

Age: 67

Education: JD Case Western Reserve University School of Law 1974, BA Michigan State University 1971, Bedford (Ohio) High School 1968.

Training & Experience: Delegate and Standing Committee member, two Democratic National Conventions. Delegate to four State Democratic Conventions, representing Portage and Cuyahoga counties. Member of two Democratic County Central Committees, Portage and Cuyahoga. Attorney 44 years.

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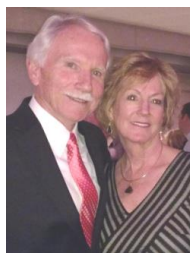
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Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?

Answer:

Ohio Democratic Party should encourage candidates to run for office, in primary elections in which the ODP does not attempt to pre-select winners and does not discourage candidates who disagree with current ODP officials. Ohio Democrats deserve the opportunity to select our candidates by voting in primary elections without ODP management trying to limit voters' choices. ODP should encourage voters to participate fairly in the candidate selection process by engaging in vigorous primary contests, and not expect voters to just show up in November and vote for the Democratic candidates selected by ODP management. The State Central Committeeman and Committeewoman from each District, will select the next Chair and officers of the ODP. That selection may decide whether the future ODP will welcome participation by newly-active Democrats, or try to restrict influence to established party officials. I favor welcoming new Democrats to bring our Party back in touch with Ohio's working people.

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN REPUBLICAN 18TH DISTRICT



Gene Allen

Party: Rep

Occupation: Global Business Consultant

910 Cascades Drive Aurora, OH 44202

Age: 68

Education: BS Accounting, LaSalle University; MBA, Lehigh University; Executive Chemistry, Duke University Leadership At The Peak, Colorado

Training & Experience: CEO, Genemar Global LLC, Aurora, OH; 2002-17 VP of Linde Gases USA; 1999-02 President of ACT Optics; 1995-99 President of Messer Gas NA, 1990-94 VP Gas Technology, AGA Gas Inc. USA; 1988-90 VP Global Marketing AGA Gas, Sweden; 1985-88 VP Marketing AGA Gas, Brasil

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?

Answer:

1. Maintaining an awareness of critical county issues and lending support, both in terms of finances and human resources. 2. Improve fund-raising efforts so that voters understand to whom their contribution is going. Right now voters are bombarded by a variety of candidates and organizations asking for funds. It confuses people and they back away from donating. 3. Continuing to build Ohio's reputation as a great place to invest capital (and create jobs) for both domestic and international investors. A fast growing economy means lower taxes for all of us. This also means careers for our children right here at home. 4. Protecting the unborn and providing financial security and quality healthcare for our children, elderly and disabled. 5. Defending our Constitution and the American way of life. Get the message to our children by restoring the way we used to teach history. 6. Enforce our immigration laws. We need immigration but only through legal visas and naturalization.

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN REPUBLICAN 18TH DISTRICT

Scott Kayser

Party: Rep

13009 Kenyon Dr. Chesterland, OH 44026

Candidate did not respond

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?

Candidate did not respond

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN REPUBLICAN 18TH DISTRICT

**John J. Mancini**

Party: Rep

Occupation: Retired Businessman

884 Lakeview Court Kent, OH 44240

Age: 69

Education: Bachelor of Business Administration BBA -1970 Kent State University

Training & Experience: Elected to Ohio Republican Party State Central Committee. Served May 2014 - May 2016. Business owner, Manufacturers sales representative 35 years, Condominium management 10 years

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?

Answer:

School Children Safety We MUST make sure our schools are completely safe. Many of us have children and grandchildren ,too.

Immigration We want legal freedom loving immigrant neighbors and friends who are law abiding American citizens.

Human Trafficking Another terrible assault on our children. Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center to get help 1-888-373-7888.

Opioid Addictions all of us know someone injured by this heinous epidemic.

Rigged Primary Elections ORP endorses incumbents only.

Uncivilized Behavior. Can we agree on some Shared Values*?:

- honesty is still the best policy
- seek peace with others, avoid violence
- be respectful, show common courtesy, respect life
- be quick to forgive and slow to anger
- treat others how you want to be treated
- be generous helping others, be a good citizen
- practice self restraint
- teach & facilitate basic skills

****The Seven Faith Tribes, George Barna***

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEWOMAN DEMOCRATIC 18TH DISTRICT**Kathleen Clyde**

Party: Dem

646 Ada Street Kent, OH 44240

Candidate did not respond

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEWOMAN DEMOCRATIC 18TH DISTRICT**Melissa M. Long**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Political Consultant

978 Cottage Gate Kent, OH 44240

Education:

Training & Experience: I am qualified to be elected as 18th State Senate District as I have been a councilperson in two counties and mayor. I worked for State of Ohio Attorney General office 3 yr. and have been active in the Democrat party and a delegate to 3 National Conventions.

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?

Answer:

To elect the State Party Chairman and contribute to the vetting of the candidates who are on the ballot.

OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEWOMAN REPUBLICAN 18TH DISTRICT**Cyndra L. Cole**

Party: Rep

315 High Bluff Aurora, OH 44202

Candidate did not respond

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?Answer: Candidate did not respond**OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEWOMAN REPUBLICAN 18TH DISTRICT****Mary E. O'Toole**

Party: Rep

16770 Jennifer Lane Auburn, OH 44023

Candidate did not respond

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?Answer: Candidate did not respond**OHIO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEWOMAN REPUBLICAN 18TH DISTRICT****Kerri Lynch Quay**

Party: Rep

18818 Shaw Rd. Auburn, OH 44023

Candidate did not respond

Question1: What are the most important issues that the State Central Committee must address in the foreseeable future?Answer: Candidate did not respond

OHIO STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 75

**Denise Baba**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Former Exec. Dir. Leadership Portage County
10045 Brushwood Dr. Streetsboro, OH 44241

Age: 54

Education: Bachelor of Science - Northwestern University, Master of Education -Cleveland State University, Cert. of Paralegal Studies - KSU

Training & Experience: 2017 President Ohio School Boards Assc., 2014 President Northeast Region OSBA, Elected 4 consecutive terms to Streetsboro Board of Education, member Portage Foundation Board of Trustees and Grants Committee, former Executive Director Leadership Portage County

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Question1: How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system in Ohio?

Answer:

The Ohio Constitution specifies that the state shall provide a "thorough and efficient system of common schools." On four separate occasions the Ohio Supreme Court has determined the system to be neither "thorough or efficient." In handing down its decision, the court identified multiple concerns regarding school funding in Ohio. These issues should serve as the basis for crafting a new funding formula. Therefore, to implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system I would first recommend that the state identify the key components of a quality education and determine the cost of providing those components. Additionally, the state legislature must eliminate the practice of approving mandates for public schools without providing adequate funding to fulfill those mandates. The over reliance on local property taxes to fund schools must also be addressed. Finally, structural issues within the state funding formula, such as the "phantom revenue" problem must be dealt with.

Question2: What would you do to ensure free and fair access to voting?

Answer:

To ensure free and fair access to voting, I would support efforts to modernizing our voting system. In addition to maintaining the early voting period that begins a month before election day, I would support efforts for automatic voter registration to occur when a driver's license is renewed. Online voter registration should also be an option to provide greater access to the polls.

To ensure fair elections, the issues of 'gerrymandering' and 'big money' in politics must be addressed. I would support a redistricting process that is transparent and provides accountability to voters. Likewise, I would support efforts to reform the campaign finance system to eliminate the excessive influence of special interest groups with 'deep pockets.'

OHIO STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 75

**Randi Clites**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Associate Director of The Northern Ohio Hemophilia Foundation
5411 Fairhill Drive Ravenna, OH 44266

Age: 42

Education: Hiram College, Business Management Degree with a minor in Political Science

Training & Experience: Since 2008, I have served as the advocacy coordinator for a statewide coalition. As the coordinator I must identify the top three advocacy priorities and organize our members to engage on the issues.

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Question1: How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system in Ohio?

Answer:

As State Representative, I would work with school board members and administrators to understand the unique challenges they are facing within the current structure of the school funding sources in Ohio. I believe we owe it to our children to make it a priority to fix the unconstitutional way we fund our schools. The city in which parents choose to live should not dictate their child's access to fair and stable school resources. We should not have such a huge discrepancy in education options available to Ohio's children. We need to develop a funding formula that allows districts to provide programs that are needed within the school district, but provides services that are more consistent across Ohio.

Question2: What would you do to ensure free and fair access to voting?

Answer:

As a State Representative, I would ensure that citizens have access to free and fair voting by protecting the early voting process, supporting online and automatic voter registration, work to secure funding for updating voter equipment and make sure that votes that are cast are counted. We have to work to secure our voting system, so citizens know that their vote is secure and legitimate. We are a better State and Nation when we have input from more of our citizens.

OHIO STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 75

**Alice Freitas**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Student

850 Silver Meadows Blvd Apt 303 Kent, Ohio 44240

Age: 22

Education: I have received about half of my degree in Psychology at Kent State University. I have taken a year to pursue politics.

Training & Experience: I am the former president of Trans*Fusion, Kent States transgender advocacy group. I worked with Kent city council along with other groups to pass a non-discrimination ordinance for LGBTQ people in Kent. I am also Ohio's first transgender candidate.

Twitter: twitter.com/freitasforohio

Question1: How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system in Ohio?

Answer:

The Supreme Court has mandated that funding for education needs to come primarily from the State and not from local property taxes. The Court stated, correctly, that funding schools with local property taxes creates a negative feedback cycle, where a small tax base causes underfunded schools, which lowers property values and shrinks the tax base. I intend to work with other lawmakers to create a statewide funding program that will serve as the primary funding source for schools, while still allowing local residents to raise additional levies to supplement state funding.

Question2: What would you do to ensure free and fair access to voting?

Answer:

To ensure free and fair access to voting Ohio needs to look at automatic voter registration. Using other states that have passed similar legislation, Ohio can fashion its own system. I propose that automatic voter registration be done when citizens interact with state government, such as the DMV, unless the citizen specifically opts out. Using this system removes barriers to voting, which dramatically increases the eligible voter pool. This is a significant step towards ensuring equal access to voting. This also helps remove a financial burden on the state by removing the very expensive provisional ballot process, as well as helping to make clearer voter rolls.

OHIO STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 75

**Jim Lutz**

Party: Rep

Occupation: Information Technology

2394 Martin Rd Mogadore, OH 44260

Age: 40

Education: Associate degree from Stark State College of Technology BBA from Kent State University

Training & Experience: Volunteered for a number of campaigns and petition drives in Portage County since 2009 Appointed to Suffield Zoning board in 2015 as alternate, 2016 - present as primary Associate member of the Portage County Township Association

Website: <http://www.jimlutzforohio.com>

Question1: How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system in Ohio?

Answer:

The Ohio Supreme Court has determined multiple times that using property taxes to fund our schools is unconstitutional. Everyone pays local sales taxes as well as local property taxes, and sales taxes are much harder to dodge. I would begin by opening the door to additional funding to schools via sales tax, then work on reducing funding from property tax via property tax.

Question2: What would you do to ensure free and fair access to voting?

Answer:

In today's society where everyone has access to State photo identification cards, using an invoice or college ID is unacceptable. I'm in favor of using State photo identification for voting, which is a State function after all.

OHIO STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 76

**John P. Kennedy**

Party: Dem

Occupation: Sr. Director of IT

515 E. Acadia Pt. Aurora, Ohio 44202

Age: 51

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Regis University Master of Arts, University of Colorado Denver

Training & Experience: Worked to curb influence of money in elections as intern with Common Cause; Worked as policy analyst for Center for Policy Alternatives, testified as expert on NVRA implementation in the states; Volunteered with Diabetes Partnership of Mahoning Valley and Mobile Meals.

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Question1: How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system in Ohio?

Answer:

Some 20 years after the Ohio Supreme Court found the state's education funding system unconstitutional, we still haven't resolved the core problems brought up in the original complaint. The plaintiffs alleged that the state education funding system, which relied heavily on property taxes, led to huge disparities between the quality of education and resources provided to wealthy districts versus low-income districts. The Court ultimately found these disparities to be unconstitutional. If elected, I will work with state and local leaders to craft a new funding formula that narrows the gap between high and low-income districts and meets constitutional muster. I will also seek to solidify public school funding by fighting to keep public dollars in the public school system, instead of directing these public monies to privately run, for-profit school entities like ECOT. After 20 years of unfair, unequal and unconstitutional school funding, it is time to find a permanent fix.

Question2: What would you do to ensure free and fair access to voting?

Answer:

Our voting rights are under attack from the outside and from within. I will work with citizens and groups like the League of Women Voters and others to look at ways to not only protect existing access to the vote, but to expand the franchise and to increase voter participation in our elections. In the mid-1990s, I worked as a policy analyst for the Center for Policy Alternatives in Washington, DC, a non-partisan think tank that worked to increase citizen participation and voting access. We promoted same-day registration, voting by mail, and looked at other innovative state programs aimed at lowering the barrier to voting and generating greater citizen engagement. As a state representative, I will fight to ensure compliance with existing laws, such as the National Voter Registration Act, and I will push measures and laws that make it easier – not more difficult – to participate, vote, and engage as citizens in our democracy. I will fight any effort aimed at curbing voter participation.

OHIO STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 76**Sarah LaTourette**

Party: Rep

18591 Geauga Lake Rd. Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Candidate did not respond

Question1: How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system in Ohio?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

Question2: What would you do to ensure free and fair access to voting?

Answer: Candidate did not respond

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENCING 1/1/2019



Vicki A. Kline

Party: Dem

Occupation: Portage County Commissioner
1368 Mockingbird Dr. Kent, OH 44240

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Business from KSU

Training & Experience: Vicki is currently serving as President of the Board of County Commissioners, elected in 2014. She is serving on many County Boards. Before being elected Commissioner, Vicki served as Portage County Treasurer.

Website: <http://www.vickikline.us>

Question1: What are the most important challenges facing Portage County and how do you propose addressing them?

Answer:

Our many important challenges in Portage County include the opioid epidemic which has taken a huge toll on so many, i.e. our families, law enforcement agency, probation, children's services and our judicial system. This has added cost to all of these departments, with additional personnel and supplies needed. Adding a new pod to our existing jail will alleviate our overcrowding, especially in our women's section. Being more proactive and working with our many agencies and schools to provide prevention, education, and medical treatment will help all concerned. Incarceration will still be necessary in some cases. We are providing needed renovations to our current jail, built in 1995, for safety concerns.

Our space is not being used most efficiently and that is costing us money that could improve services to our taxpayers. We are evaluating our space utilization and possibly combining some of our departments, maybe eliminating some of our buildings.

Question2: Would you support the hiring of a county administrator?

Answer: Strongly support

Question3: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: county administrator).

Answer: I strongly support under certain conditions. First and foremost, I have to be confident this person can pay for themselves with the efficiencies he/she will provide. This must be an investment and not an expense. If done correctly, this should enable the Commissioners to focus on the long-term vision and economic growth of Portage County. Increasing revenue is as vital as decreasing expense. It is imperative that we do both.

Question4: Would you support the county seeking state, federal or foundation grants to help the county provide energy-saving equipment (such as solar panels, wind turbines, renewable energy furnaces, etc.) to home owners and renters?

Answer: Support

Question5: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: grants).

Answer: I strongly support Portage County seeking state, federal or foundation grants to help our county to provide energy-saving equipment. Our natural resources are not unlimited and with our modern conveniences, changing lifestyles and our increasing population, we have burdened our natural resources. Energy-saving equipment would ensure long-term budget savings and would definitely be an investment for our County. We have an obligation to our future generations to protect our environment.

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENCING 1/1/2019



Ed Dean

Party: Rep

Occupation: Deerfield Township Trustee
103 Johnson Rd. North Benton, OH 44449

Age: 63

Education: Graduate of Southeast High School. Numerous continuing education classes.

Training & Experience: I am currently serving my 5th term as a Deerfield Township Trustee. I have attended many seminars, classes and continuing education classes related to elected official duties.

Website: <http://www.eddeanforcommissioner.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/eddeanforcommissioner/>

Question1: What are the most important challenges facing Portage County and how do you propose addressing them?

Answer:

The Opioid epidemic is at the top of my list of challenges Portage County. I would work closely with local treatment facilities to ensure that necessary funding is secured. I would also ask our elected officials in Ohio as well as the officials at the federal level to crack down on the flow of this drug into our state and country. Furthermore, funding for our court system and sheriffs department is critical as numerous man hours and docket space is used up due to the epidemic and the crime that is associated with it.

Question2: Would you support the hiring of a county administrator?

Answer: Oppose

Question3: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: county administrator).

Answer: Elected Commissioners working together as a team can meet the multiple needs of the county. Many people already employed by the county and can be utilized as more support for the Commissioners. Consultants could be hired on an as needed basis.

Question4: Would you support the county seeking state, federal or foundation grants to help the county provide energy-saving equipment (such as solar panels, wind turbines, renewable energy furnaces, etc.) to home owners and renters?

Answer: Support

Question5: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: grants).

Answer: I support seeking any and all grants for energy saving equipment. If state of the art energy saving equipment could be implemented at a reasonable cost to home owners the benefits would be enormous. By funding and therefore utilizing more renewable energy resources, the impact that more traditional fuel sources have on the environment would be significantly decreased. If property owners spent less on heating and cooling costs they would have more money available to meet other needs of families.

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENCING 1/1/2019



Kristen Morris

Party: Rep

8021 Zupancic Dr Garrettsville, OH 44231

Age: 57

Education: James a Garfield

Question1: What are the most important challenges facing Portage County and how do you propose addressing them?

Answer:

Everyday we face many challenges. Every one is very important like the drug issue, school shootings, building a new jail, road conditions, epa. I could go on and on. As a county commissioner we need to work as a TEAM with the help of portage count residents input how to go about solving many issues. Yes as a commissioner and a team we all need to work together to uplift and build a safe county to live in.

Question2: Would you support the hiring of a county administrator?

Answer: Neither support nor oppose

Question3: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: county administrator).

Answer: I have been researching this issue on other county websites and local news papers. I see good in it and not good. Would this be a high priority in the county right now, depends on the needs of the county.

Question4: Would you support the county seeking state, federal or foundation grants to help the county provide energy-saving equipment (such as solar panels, wind turbines, renewable energy furnaces, etc.) to home owners and renters?

Answer: The candidate chose not to mark a box

Question5: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: grants).

Answer: You need a plan before you apply for any grants as a real good friend of mine advises me. We would need to look into why, where, how, and how many would benefit. This would be a really good question for portage county residents to get involved in. I sure would respect their opion on this.

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING 1/1/21



Mike Kerrigan

Party: Dem

Occupation: Portage County Commissioner

3795 Heron Creek Drive Rootstown, Ohio 44272

Education: M.P.A. Kent State University; B.A. Political Science: Public Policy, The George Washington University; Waterloo High School

Training & Experience: Portage County Commissioner since January 2018. Career public servant working for Reps. Ted Strickland & Betty Sutton, NEOMED & Ohio State University. Current or past member of seven different non-profit and government boards & Leadership Portage County alumnus.

Website: <http://mikekerrigan.us>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/mikekerrigan.us/>

Twitter: twitter.com/mikekerriganjr

Question1: What are the most important challenges facing Portage County and how do you propose addressing them?

Answer:

The greatest challenge that faces the commissioners is allocating a limited pool of financial resources to what is a seemingly endless supply of worthwhile causes. For years, our county leaders have been telling us that our problems are financial, that cuts in the local government fund have made it impossible to provide new or expanded opportunities. While these cuts from Columbus are real, I reject the notion that we have strictly a revenue problem.

As County Commissioner, I do not tolerate wasteful spending by county agencies, and I work tirelessly to see that every dollar spent is a sound investment in our future that generates real results. This means working across departments both inside and outside county government and sharing services with our cities, townships, and villages, as well as our school districts, state universities, and state agencies. I believe that we're all in this together and that all levels of government should be acting as allies, not adversaries.

Question2: Would you support the hiring of a county administrator?

Answer: Strongly support

Question3: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: county administrator).

Answer: As taxpayers, you elect your commissioners to drive policy and formulate the ideas that move our county forward to improve the lives of our citizens. However, in the current structure we are often too busy responding to the issues of the day to find time to focus on any sort of strategic planning. And, since no single commissioner has the authority to direct daily operations, inefficiencies and ineffectiveness abound, making our county less competitive with other counties.

Question4: Would you support the county seeking state, federal or foundation grants to help the county provide energy-saving equipment (such as solar panels, wind turbines, renewable energy furnaces, etc.) to home owners and renters?

Answer: Support

Question5: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: grants).

Answer: Investing in equipment that reduces energy consumption, as well as equipment that generates electricity locally from renewable sources, are sound investments in our future both from a financial standpoint through increased cost savings, but also through reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING 1/1/21



Tony Badalamenti

Party: Rep

Occupation: Chiropractor

45 North Chillicothe Rd Aurora, Ohio 44202

Age: 60

Education: Cathedral Latin High 1974; Tri-C 1986 AS; Logan College 1987 BC; Logan College 1989 Dr. Chiropractic; Portage Cty resident 28yrs.

Training & Experience: USMC Staff Sgt. 1975-1984; Kiwanis : 1990-2013 (Past Pres. and LT Gov.); Aurora Chamber 1990-present. (Past Pres. for 10 yrs.); American Legion: 1998-present. Leadership Portage (1996); Aurora Boy Scouts 2000-2010 (son is an Eagle Scout); UH/Robinson Fdn. 2009-now.

Question1: What are the most important challenges facing Portage County and how do you propose addressing them?

Answer:

1. Economy: There are 2 or 3 pockets of economic development that support the entire portage county community. The county leaders need to use innovative, well-tested economic growth practices such as use of county ability to borrow money and fund "new" businesses. 2. Opioid Epidemic: Portage County is one of the top 3 hardest hit in the state. Encourage county leaders to facilitate collaboration amongst agencies in the county to provide detox, counseling, rehabilitation and housing to achieve positive and lasting outcomes. Leaders need to continue to educate the community about the epidemic and the need for all to work together...it's everyone's problem! 3. Accountability: The Commissioners need to increase awareness of what they do and what they need to do to better support the county.

Question2: Would you support the hiring of a county administrator?

Answer: Oppose

Question3: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: county administrator).

Answer: At this time, a county administrator would duplicate the duties of the County Commissioners. The cost of the Administrator and/or an assistant would place a tremendous financial burden on the county. If this were to be the chosen direction, the Commission would need to be disbanded. Portage County cannot afford both. The County Administrator would need a 5 panel advisory board. I would need more information if this were the choice of leadership.

Question4: Would you support the county seeking state, federal or foundation grants to help the county provide energy-saving equipment (such as solar panels, wind turbines, renewable energy furnaces, etc.) to home owners and renters?

Answer: Oppose

Question5: Please explain your answer to the above question (re: grants).

Answer: Recent history has demonstrated that billions of dollars placed in renewable energy options did not cause an efficient, compelling reason to spend more money for their use. Research tells us that there are demographics which would better suit the use of alternative energy resources such as deserts, areas with large masses of water and flat land without large trees. Gathering money through grants would be better spent in areas identified as challenges in the county: Economic growth+Opioid problem

PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR



Lis Kenneth Regula

Party: Dem

Occupation: Visiting Assistant Professor

1433 Cedar Street Kent, OH 44240

Age: 37

Education: BS Biology Ohio State University, 6/05 BS Psychology Ohio State University, 6/05 PhD Biology Kent State University, 12/13

Training & Experience: University of Akron Biology faculty, 3 years Ohio University Biology faculty Chairman, Kent Environmental Council Co-Founder, Edible Kent Former League of Women Voters Kent Board Former Graduate Student Senate Advocacy Chair Contract herpetologist, EnviroScience Stow

Website: <http://regulaforportageauditor.com/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/LisRegula/>

Question1: What are your top priorities for the next four years and how would you implement them?

Answer:

In three words: modernization, efficiency, responsiveness.

I aim to improve communication within Portage County government. One simple improvement will be to make the website more user-friendly. Better communication will make it easier for Portage County residents to buy and sell land, obtain vendor licenses or receive tax exemptions.

The auditor's job is oversight of the county finances. As auditor, I will extend that oversight to my own office by reducing costs. To do this, I will move toward a nonpartisan county workforce. Fiscal officers must protect county residents' finances, not get distracted by politics.

I plan to help Portage County residents take advantage of the resources available to them, such as tax exemption programs. I would also like to organize public events where people can learn how to start a business.

Finally, I will have an "open door" policy. Government should be responsive and accountable. If your needs aren't being met, I would like to hear from you.

Question2: What in your background will be the most helpful to you in performing the duties of County Auditor?

Answer:

The auditor oversees the county's finances and ensures that taxpayers' money is spent appropriately. The job requires analytical skills, data and budget management, and collaboration with other offices and the public. My professional background requires these same skills.

As a researcher, I have extensive experience with permits, audits, and compliance practices, as well as detailed record keeping and formation of protocols and best practices.

I have run a small business and served on several nonprofit boards. Like a strong county auditor, a successful businessman or board member must budget carefully and keep track of every penny.

I also have experience collaborating with government. Currently, I serve on a Kent climate committee. As a private citizen, I have participated in the local legislative process. I'm used to working on a moderate budget and finding creative ways to meet needs. As auditor, I will use my skills and experience to run the county smoothly and efficiently.

PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR**Janet Esposito**

Party: Rep

Occupation: Portage County Auditor

5329 S. Prospect St. Ravenna, OH 44266

Education: Ravenna Schools, Kent State, Ohio Ethics Law, IT & GIS Development, Debt Mgmt, etc. 6 yrs as Commissioner, 24 yrs as Auditor

Training & Experience: 10 yrs private sector, 15 yrs administration w/ the County Fair, Commissioner, Auditor, Excellence Awards for Financial Audits

Question1: What are your top priorities for the next four years and how would you implement them?

Answer:

While many equipment and software upgrades were initiated and completed these past 4 years, I believe one top priority has to be the finalization of a comprehensive capital plan for the County, using the input and collaboration of all the Elected Officials and the Data Processing Board. As for my office, our top priorities lie with the reasonable and accurate application of property assessments to reflect true Fair Market Values, distributing taxes to provide vital public services, and continuing to be the watchdogs of public funds. One way in which we'll accomplish the latter is with stringent internal policies and our commitment to excellent financial reporting. Worth noting is, out of 88 counties in Ohio, only 2 received a 100% for Financial Health and Portage was one of them. The fiscal well-being of the County will always be of foremost concern to my office.

Question2: What in your background will be the most helpful to you in performing the duties of County Auditor?

Answer:

I grew up in Portage on our family farm, attended Ravenna Schools and Kent State, then went on to marry and raise a family. For 10 years, I helped my parents with their farming and trucking business while working at Pacoe Rubber for 8 yrs. I became the Administrator of the Portage Co. Randolph Fair for 15 yrs and was responsible for financial accounting, reporting, audit, compliance, and organizing volunteers/rentals. Over the past 43 yrs, I've been on many county boards: 4H Advisory, 4H Benefit, Salvation Army, and Habitat for Humanity. I am a proud member of the Agricultural Society, Historical Society, Society of the Blind, Farm Bureau, NAACP, Govt. Finance Officers of America and Portage Co. Trustees Assoc. My time serving on these committees and being an Elected Official have prepared me for the demands and responsibility of public office. However, it is my knowledge of our communities and residents that provide me with the necessary background to serve as Auditor.

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ATWATER A**John B. Kovacich**

Party: Dem

5818 Laubert Rd. Atwater, OH 44201

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ATWATER B**Jamie Klusty**

Party: Dem

7286 Virginia Rd. Atwater, OH 44201

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE AURORA 3-A**Howard Minott**

Party: Dem

515 Club Dr. Aurora, OH 44202

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE AURORA 4-A**Aaron J. Heavner**

Party: Dem

256 Shawnee Trail Aurora, OH 44202

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE AURORA 4-B**John J. Montello**

Party: Dem

526 Eldridge Rd. Aurora, OH 44202

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE AURORA 5-B**Dawn Olsen**

Party: Dem

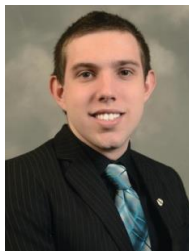
950 Aurora Hudson Rd. Aurora, OH 44202

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE AURORA 6-B**Dixie Ludick**

Party: Dem

250 Birchbark Trl. Aurora, OH 44202

PORTAGE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE BRIMFIELD A



Christopher Clevenger

Party: Dem

Occupation: Consultant

1108 Big Sky Blvd #202 Kent, OH 44240

Age: 26

Education: Kent State University BA | Political Science 2014

Training & Experience: I've actively undergone training through the Ohio Democratic Party through a number of avenues in supporting democratic candidates, increasing voter turnout, and engaging youth voters across the state.

Website:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ChrisEClevenger>

Twitter: twitter.com/ChrisEClevenger

Question1: Why do you want to serve on the County Central Committee?

Answer:

I've spent my adult life supporting Democrats. I managed Ohio Supreme Court Justice William O'Neill's campaign in 2012. I've also managed several local and federal races in the State. I'm actively involved in the Young Democrats, and serve as Ohio YD Communications Director, Portage YD President, and Great Lakes Region Director nationally. I've served by appointment on DNC boards, and on the City of Kent Planning Commission. I hope to continue to support Democrats on the Central Committee.

PORTAGE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE BRIMFIELD A

David Gynn

Party: Dem

Occupation: Retired Educator, Kent Schools; Retired VP, TeleCommunity Credit Union; Retired Business Manager, United Methodist Church of Kent; Retired Volunteer Coordinator, Coleman Professional Services

4210 Lancaster Lane Kent, Ohio 44240

Age: 75

Education: BS Defiance College; MEd Kent State University

Training & Experience: Degrees in vocational business education

Question1: Why do you want to serve on the County Central Committee?

Answer:

I hope to continue to represent voters in Brimfield Precinct A on the Central Committee to support candidates.

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE BRIMFIELD B**Michael A. Marozzi**

Party: Dem
4837 King Meadow Trl. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE BRIMFIELD D**Shelby Seibert**

Party: Dem
3015 Congress Lake Rd. Mogadore, OH 44260

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHARLESTOWN A**James R. Eskridge**

Party: Dem
7506 Newton Falls Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEERFIELD A**Monica M. Kaley**

Party: Dem
10048 Mottown Rd. Deerfield, OH 44411

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEERFIELD B**Ina M. Sayre**

Party: Dem
487 State Route 14 Deerfield, OH 44411

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE EDINBURG A**William F. McCluskey**

Party: Dem
4227 Rock Spring Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE FRANKLIN A**Robert J. Davis**

Party: Dem
7747 Ferguson Rd. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE FRANKLIN B**Leota Reale**

Party: Dem
7387 West Lake Blvd. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE FRANKLIN C**James A. Wyatt, Jr.**

Party: Dem

1813 Merrill Rd. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE FRANKLIN D**Robert M. Howard**

Party: Dem

6318 Lakeview Dr. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE FRANKLIN E**Delores Durbin**

Party: Dem

5490 Powdermill Rd. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE FREEDOM A**Patricia Nelson**

Party: Dem

7024 Hankee Rd. Garrettsville, OH 44231

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE FREEDOM B**Diane Davis**

Party: Dem

9025 Limeridge Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE GARRETTSVILLE VILLAGE A**Richard Brockett**

Party: Dem

8374 Eagle Creek Dr. Garrettsville, OH 44231

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE GARRETTSVILLE VILLAGE B**Thomas Collins**

Party: Dem

8105 South Park Garrettsville, OH 44231

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE HIRAM TWP. A**Patricia J. Smith**

Party: Dem

11943 Alpha Rd. Hiram, OH 44234

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE HIRAM TWP. B**Jeff Jackson**

Party: Dem
12377 Udall Rd. Hiram, OH 44234

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE HIRAM VILLAGE**Michelle Murphy**

Party: Dem
6680 Bancroft St. Apt. S9 Hiram, OH 44234

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 1-A**Melissa M. Long**

Party: Dem
978 Cottage Gate Dr. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 1-B**Lisa Hirt**

Party: Dem
116 N. Prospect St. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 1-D**Fred M. Mendiola**

Party: Dem
485 Carthage Ave. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 2-A**Donna K. Craver-Dean**

Party: Dem
981 W. Main St. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 2-C**Michael DeLuke**

Party: Dem
844 Manchester Ave. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 2-D**Bonny Graham**

Party: Dem
121 S. Pearl St. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 3-A**John D. Thomas**

Party: Dem
1621 Chadwick Rd. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 3-B**Robin G. Turner**

Party: Dem
327 Dodge St. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 3-C**Lis Kenneth Regula**

Party: Dem
1433 Cedar St. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 3-D**Audrey Cielinski Kessler**

Party: Dem
1638 S. Lincoln St. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 4-A**Gayle D. Simon**

Party: Dem
903 Morris Rd. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 4-B**Cathy J. Poling**

Party: Dem
5769 Glad Blvd. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 5-A**Richard Lee Hawksley**

Party: Dem
120 Portage St. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 5-B**Heidi L. Shaffer**

Party: Dem
814 S. Depeyster St. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 6-A**Vivien Sandlund**

Party: Dem
654 Woodside Dr. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 6-B**Dean DePerro**

Party: Dem
503 Overlook Dr. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE KENT 6-D**Patrick D. Lorch**

Party: Dem
122 Frances Dr. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANTUA TWP. A**Tamara Lyons**

Party: Dem
12233 Frost Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANTUA TWP. B**Theresa Nielsen**

Party: Dem
4474 Wayne Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANTUA VILLAGE**Michele A. Stuck**

Party: Dem
4711 Woodford St. Mantua, OH 44255

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE NELSON A**Michael D. Cooper**

Party: Dem
9198 State Route 305 Garrettsville, OH 44231

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE NELSON B**Michael Elias**

Party: Dem
Write-in
9625 Knowlton Rd. Garrettsville, OH 44231

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE PALMYRA A**Carrie Suvada**

Party: Dem

8573 Whippoorwill Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE PALMYRA B**Pamela Goode**

Party: Dem

4352 Jones Rd. Diamond, OH 44412

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE PARIS A**Cindy M. Greene**

Party: Dem

5500 Gilbert Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE PARIS B**Denise L. Smith**

Party: Dem

9682 Minyoung Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RANDOLPH A**Tim Moon**

Party: Dem

3891 Bassett Rd. Rootstown, OH 44272

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RANDOLPH B**Erin Myrla**

Party: Dem

4443 Fairgrounds Rd. PO Box 396 Randolph, OH 44265

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RANDOLPH C**Gary L. Horning**

Party: Dem

189 New Milford Rd. PO Box 340 Randolph, OH 44265

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RANDOLPH D**Ruth E. Stephens**

Party: Dem

2746 Alexander Rd. Atwater, OH 44201

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 1-A**Gloria Haven**

Party: Dem
632 W. Highland Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 1-B**Sharon Spencer**

Party: Dem
131 N. Scranton St. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 2-A**Bruce R. Ribelin**

Party: Dem
162 American Blvd. Ste 204 Westlake, OH 44145

PORTAGE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 2-B**R. Andrew Kluge**

Party: Dem
Occupation: Ravenna City Council At-Large
536 E Highland Avenue Ravenna, OH 44266
Age: 31

Training & Experience: Member, Portage County Young Democrats | Campaign Manager, Tim Ryan for Congress | Campaign Manager, Portage County Mental Health & Recovery Board | Council At-Large, City of Ravenna

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/KlugeforCouncil>

Twitter: twitter.com/AndrewKluge

Question1: Why do you want to serve on the County Central Committee?

Answer:

It is critical that we support our local candidates and make sure we focus not only on this November, but 2020 and beyond. If elected, I would continue my support of our local candidates by volunteering my time & effort to do whatever is needed to make their campaign successful. I have worked hard on behalf of the Democratic Party over the years and it would be a privilege to take on a leadership role as a part of the Central Committee. I would be honored to have your support.

PORTAGE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEMOCRATIC RAVENNA 2-B**Norma Welling**

Party: Dem

507 Greenbriar Dr. Ravenna, OH 44266

Candidate did not respond

Question1: Why do you want to serve on the County Central Committee?Answer: Candidate did not respond**PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 2-C****Rob Kairis**

Party: Dem

771 Woodside Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 3-A**Linda M. Rumsey**

Party: Dem

439 S. Sycamore St. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 3-B**Susan Mascio**

Party: Dem

1049 W. Riddle Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 3-C**Patricia A. Dennison**

Party: Dem

Write-in

818 Collins Pond Dr. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 4-A**Mary A. Langston**

Party: Dem

433 S. Prospect St. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA 4-B**Brad Cromes**

Party: Dem

550 E. Riddle Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA TWP. A**Judith E. Harper**

Party: Dem
7339 Bennington Pike Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA TWP. B**Whitney Franklin Hairston**

Party: Dem
3887 Lovers Ln. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA TWP. D**Glenda Enders**

Party: Dem
3077 Brady Lake Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA TWP. E**Henry T. Gibson**

Party: Dem
3142 Hidden Brook Dr. PO Box 16 Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA TWP. F**Vince Coia**

Party: Dem
3960 Summit Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE RAVENNA TWP. G**Stephanie Rummel**

Party: Dem
4872 Lake Rockwell Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOTSTOWN A**Bonnie Howe**

Party: Dem
3149 Queen Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOTSTOWN B**Thomas E. Bird**

Party: Dem
2855 Old Forge Rd. Kent, OH 44240

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOTSTOWN C**Misty Dulaney**

Party: Dem
4788 Front St. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOTSTOWN D**Deborah Baird**

Party: Dem
4100 Marks Ave. Rootstown, OH 44272

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOTSTOWN E**Victor Viglucci**

Party: Dem
4527 Hattrick Rd. Rootstown, OH 44272

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOTSTOWN F**Thomas Siciliano**

Party: Dem
3762 New Milford Rd. Rootstown, OH 44272

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALERSVILLE C**Rosemary Wilson**

Party: Dem
3467 Work Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALERSVILLE D**Bonnie Pittman**

Party: Dem
3365 Lake Rockwell Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

PORTAGE CO. CENTRAL COMMITTEE STREETSBORO 1-B**Gerald Biggerstaff**

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Issue 1**Proposed Constitutional Amendment Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly**

To amend the version of Section 1 of Article XI that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2021, and to enact Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Article XIX of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to establish a process for congressional redistricting.

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

League explanation of Issue 1

The proposed amendment would end the current partisan process for drawing congressional districts by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly. This amendment requires a map be adopted with significant bipartisan support, with the goals of keeping local communities together and having district boundaries that are more compact. If bipartisan support cannot be obtained, a four-year interim congressional map would be adopted. Such a map must comply with strict criteria to minimize gerrymandering.

Specifically the proposed amendment would create a process for the state to adopt a congressional redistricting plan that would work as follows:

- The General Assembly has an opportunity to draw a map, passage of which requires a three-fifths majority in each chamber, including support of at least half the minority party
- Should the state legislature fail to meet these vote requirements, then the Ohio Redistricting Commission, established via [Issue 1](#) in [2015](#), has the opportunity to pass a 10-year congressional redistricting plan requiring approval of at least four of seven votes, including affirmative votes from two members representing each of the two major parties.
- If the commission also cannot reach the necessary consensus, the legislature can a) pass a map with one-third minority support, or b) pass a map with a simple majority and no minority party support that will only last four years and subject to very strict rules forbidding gerrymandering and limiting division of counties.

If passed, the amendment will immediately become part of the Ohio Constitution and will be implemented after the 2020 census.

PROS

- Issue 1 will establish fair standards for drawing congressional districts through its requirement of bipartisan approval or use of strict anti-gerrymandering criteria.
- It will help keep our communities together by limiting the number of splits of counties, cities, and townships.
- Issue 1 will ensure a transparent process by requiring public hearings and allowing public submission of proposed plans.

CONS

- The current process for drawing new congressional districts is adequate and has served Ohio well for many years.
- The current process is representative of the people's will since any map is passed by legislators and statewide officials, who were themselves elected.
- If Issue 1 passes, there is the potential for having to redraw district lines twice in ten years which is a lengthy, expensive process.

(League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund)

Issue 2 Field Local School District Additional Tax Levy

Amount: 9.85 mills for Current Expenses & 1 mill for Permanent Improvements additional tax levy that would generate approximately \$3.992 million (9.85 mills) and \$405,000 (1 mill) annually for 5 years beginning in 2018.

Explanation: The money generated from the 5 year 9.85 mill operating levy will be used to maintain current offerings. The School District will add new courses, programs and technology as the budget allows. All decisions are based on providing the students with the best possible education. The Field Local Schools have not had a new operating levy since 1991.

The 5 year 1 mill permanent improvement levy will be used for a new main campus parking lot, provided there are no capital repair emergencies.

(Todd Carpenter, Treasurer)

Issue 3 Waterloo Local School District Additional Tax Levy

Amount: 9.75 mills additional tax levy that would generate approximately \$1.642 million annually for a continuing period of time beginning in 2018.

Explanation: Passing the levy will allow Waterloo to maintain excellent educational programs and services. These include maintaining lower class sizes, textbooks and other instructional materials, technology, extracurricular activities, transportation to and from school, school safety and emergency preparedness, building maintenance, meeting new state requirements and music and art programs.

(Todd Carpenter, Treasurer)

Issue 4 Waterloo Local School District Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 5.59 mills renewal tax levy that would generate approximately \$940,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2018.

Explanation: Passing the levy will allow Waterloo to maintain excellent educational programs and services. These include maintaining lower class sizes, textbooks and other instructional materials, technology, extracurricular activities, transportation to and from school, school safety and emergency preparedness, building maintenance, meeting new state requirements and music and art programs.

(Todd Carpenter, Treasurer)

Issue 5 WVFD Joint Fire District Additional Tax Levy

Amount: 2 mills additional tax levy that would generate approximately \$91,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2018.

Explanation: The levy would be used for fire protection and emergency services. WVFD provides services to Windham Township and Windham Village.

(Portage County Board of Elections and Portage County Auditor)

Issue 6 Portage County Health District Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 0.4 mill renewal tax levy that would generate approximately \$1.2 million annually for 5 years beginning in 2018.

Explanation: The levy represents approximately one-third of the yearly budget of the health district. The cost for a house valued at \$100,000 would be \$12.34/year. The local levy funds services and programs that the state and federal funds do not provide for, such as school inspections, nuisance complaints, rabies control, animal bite investigations, adult and child vaccinations, and child fatality review. It would also be used to continue educational and injury prevention programs.

(Debra Stall, Director of Finance)

Issue 7 Hiram Village Income Tax Increase

Amount: 0.25% Income tax increase that would generate an annual revenue of approximately \$40,000 in Year 1, \$57,000 in Year 2, and \$61,855 in Year 3 and beyond beginning in 2018.

Explanation: The additional income tax would be used to pay the costs of constructing, reconstructing, widening, grading, draining, paving, resurfacing, maintaining, repairing, and otherwise improving streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, signalization and related infrastructure and street facility improvements; to pay the costs of acquiring related equipment and other related municipal street operating expenses.

(Susan J. Skrovan, Fiscal Officer)

Issue 8 Rootstown Township Additional Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Services

Amount: 1.5 mills additional tax levy that would generate approximately \$297,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2018.

Explanation: The levy would cost the residents \$52.50 per \$100,000. Funds would be used for updating and maintaining EMS equipment used on the ambulances. It would also be used for EMS staffing and training required by the state of Ohio. This new funding would allow the Township to replace a 26 year old fire truck that was purchased in 1992.

(JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer)

Issue 9 Rootstown Township Zoning Amendment

(By Referendum Petition) A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. On October 10, 2017, the Rootstown Township Trustees passed a zoning amendment which created a conditional use on property zoned L-I (light industrial-business park district) and G-I (general industrial district) for the growing, harvesting, drying, storing, transporting, processing, selling, and reasonable ancillary activities relating to medical marijuana. Shall the zoning amendment as adopted by Rootstown Township be approved?

(Ballot language, Portage County Board of Elections)