

Ottawa County 2026 General Election Voting Guide

Governor and Lieutenant Governor



Vivek Ramaswamy & Robert A. McColley

The Vision: Revive the American Dream in Ohio

The Mission: Make Ohio the Most Affordable, Opportunity-Rich State in America

The Plan: Put More Money in Your Pocket and Give Your Kids a World-Class Education

4
year term

Lower Taxes So Families Can Build Their Future in Our State

- Slash property taxes immediately to protect families, seniors, and homeowners from being priced out of their communities.
- Phase out the state income tax—starting with eliminating capital gains taxes—so every Ohioan keeps more of what they earn.

Reduce Electric Bills To Advance Energy Independence

- Expand natural gas and deploy innovative energy technologies to strengthen Ohio's energy supply and reduce electric bills for every family.
- Streamline energy project permits and remove unnecessary regulations so projects get built on time and on budget.

Create an Economy Built on Opportunity

- Cut government bloat so our government lives within its means—not yours.
- Slash red tape that drives up costs and stalls business growth.
- Attract the industries of the future with low-cost, dependable energy.
- Create more paths to homeownership and entrepreneurship by lowering the cost of living and reducing barriers to growth.

Educational Achievement

- Raise academic standards with a focus on 3rd-grade literacy, 8th-grade numeracy, and 12th-grade civics.
- Empower parents with transparency and meaningful choices over where and how their children learn.
- Pay our best teachers more by rewarding excellence and attracting top talent into the profession.
- Promote healthy meals and daily physical education so kids can learn with strong minds and strong bodies.
- Expand career-technical education and apprenticeships to create real pathways to good-paying jobs.

Crush Crime

- Enforce stricter bail and sentencing for repeat violent offenders.
- Back the blue by empowering local police and sheriffs to arrest violent criminals quickly and decisively.
- Address severe psychiatric illness so officers can focus on fighting crime.
- Strengthen public safety across the state so families feel secure in their neighborhoods.



Learn More

As Governor, Vivek will bring people together around shared values, not partisan divides. He will restore a political culture where we can respectfully disagree, while still seeing each other as neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens. To Vivek, this isn't about right vs. left. It's about up vs. down. It's about common sense. And he's fighting to lift all Ohioans.

Source: <https://vivekforohio.com/>



Amy Acton & David Pepper

Mother. Doctor. Fighter.

Growing up in Youngstown, in a family who'd worked in the steel mills, Amy Acton faced a difficult childhood. She overcame periods of abuse, hunger, and neglect, and even wound up living in a tent in the middle of winter. That challenging upbringing molded the values and determination that have shaped a career dedicated to lifting others.

4
year term

From working as a waitress to delivering newspapers, Amy worked her way out of poverty and put herself through college and medical school to become a doctor. She experienced firsthand what so many Ohio families face today—working harder than ever and still feeling like they're falling behind.

PRIORITIES:

Reducing Cost for Ohio Families

- As governor, my number one priority will be to secure a tax cut for Ohio's working families to put money back in their pockets, lift families out of poverty, and make sure Ohioans see their hard work pay off. This state has put special interests and wealthy elites before working families in this state for far too long.

Cleaning Up Corruption

- When I am governor, hard-working Ohioans will stop footing the bill for the cost of corruption in our state. It is time to put the needs of working families over the wants of billionaires, corporations and special interests. As governor, I will crack down on the corruption that raises our costs — requiring transparency, fighting to end pay-to-play schemes, and shining a light on bidding, contracting, and appointment processes to ensure decisions are made on behalf of our taxpayers. Ohioans deserve a governor who will put them first, not corporations and special interests.

Improving Ohio's Education

- As Governor, I will put working families first by restoring public school funding to a constitutional level and implement the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan. I will bring reform to our corrupt school voucher system, which funnels billions of hardworking Ohio taxpayer dollars to private schools with no transparency or accountability. Public money should be for public schools. My number one priority is making sure that Ohio's kids are getting the world class education they deserve. We will invest in new, 21st century approaches to math and literacy and create workforce training programs that give our kids the tools they need to thrive.

Read more about Amy's Priorities below by scanning the QR code.



Learn More

- Lowering the Cost of Healthcare
- Growing Ohio Jobs and Businesses
- Standing Up for Workers
- Building Safer Communities
- Ensuring Reproductive Freedom
- Aging in Place
- Putting Ohio Consumers First

Source: <https://actonforgovernor.com/>



Governor and Lieutenant Governor CONTINUED



Don Kissick & James L. Mills

Our Mission:

We see the same reality in Ohio you do: too many of our institutions have become toxic, corrupt, financially self-serving, and far too comfortable with expanding their power without representing Ohioans. We grew tired of being told to pick our poison, so we decided to work toward becoming the antidote.

More than 70% of Ohioans say they want more political choices, and more than 40% identify as politically homeless. We want to give those Ohioans somewhere to belong. We want you to find a political home with us.

Liberty, kindness, justice, common sense, and integrity guide how we approach every issue. Every bill, movement, policy, and political leader should be measured against those principles. Anything that asks us to sacrifice them is something we cannot support.

On the Issues:

Data Centers: Data centers are not just warehouses for computers they are becoming part of a growing surveillance infrastructure that concentrates unprecedented amounts of personal data and power in the hands of government agencies and large corporations. These facilities consume massive amounts of electricity and water, contribute to environmental concerns through energy use and electronic waste, and are increasingly being built on productive farmland that should remain available for food production and local communities. Too often, developers receive special tax incentives while residents face higher utility costs, strained infrastructure, and reduced local control.

Flock Cameras: Ohioans should not have their movements routinely tracked, photographed, and stored simply for driving on public roads. While technology can assist law enforcement, public safety should never come at the expense of privacy, due process, and protection from warrantless surveillance. As Governor, Don would work with the General Assembly to restrict or prohibit government use of automated license-plate surveillance systems, establish strong limits on the collection and sharing of vehicle-location data, and prevent state resources from funding mass-surveillance networks.

Property Tax: We are in favor of the end property tax amendment. We prefer to see local consumption based funding. We can balance the budget and eliminate corporate welfare for the larger institutions saving a ton of money for Ohioans.

Economic Affordability: We want to create and foster a more collaborative small business ecosystem with incubators, venture capital studios, chambers of commerce, and other entrepreneurship hubs.



Learn More

Simplify licensing and regulation for small business especially for gig workers, tradespeople, small business, in home childcare, and other types of local entrepreneurs.



Source: <https://donkissick.com/>

Judge - Court of Appeals 6th District

The Sixth District Court of Appeals has its principal seat in Toledo located in Lucas County. The Sixth District is comprised of Erie, Fulton, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams and Wood counties.



Michael Goulding



Learn more by visiting
Michael's website.

JUDGE MICHAEL R. GOULDING serves as Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Lucas County, General Division, where he has presided since 2013. He was unanimously designated by his colleagues to serve as a Commercial Docket Judge in 2019 and is tasked with handling cases involving complex business litigation.

Judge Goulding is one of only 8 such judges designated in the state of Ohio. In 2023, Judge Goulding was elected as the court's Administrative Judge for a two-year term and was re-elected to the position for a second consecutive term. Judge Goulding took the lead in restoring jury trials safely following the Covid-19 shutdowns.

Prior to his service on the common pleas court bench, Judge Goulding presided as Judge of the Toledo Municipal Court, where he was appointed, and then elected, in 2007. He served as the court's Presiding and Administrative Judge for two terms. While serving the municipal court, he was elected as an officer of the Association of Municipal and County Judges of Ohio.

Before his appointment to the bench, Judge Goulding was a partner in the Toledo-based firm Shindler Neff, LLP, where he practiced in the areas of commercial litigation, employment, real estate, and probate law. He has been admitted to practice before the bars of Ohio, Florida, and the U.S. District Court. He received his J.D. from the University of Toledo's College of Law, and his B.A. from the Ohio State University.

Judge Goulding served as President of the Northwest Ohio Municipal and County Judges' Association. He has served in various leadership roles in the Ohio State Bar Association, Toledo Bar Association, Lucas County Bar Association, Toledo Women's Bar Association, and St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Toledo. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Foundation and Toledo Bar Association Foundation, and has served for years as an instructor with the Ohio Judicial College.

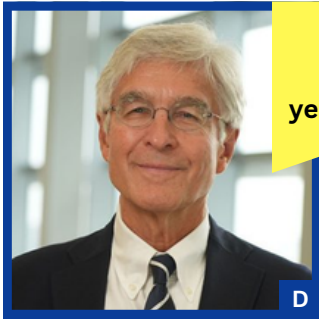
Chief Justice O'Connor appointed Judge Goulding to serve on the Task Force on Funding Ohio Courts and the Task Force to Examine Improvements to the Ohio Grand Jury System. The Supreme Court of Ohio also appointed him to serve two terms on the Commission on the Rules of Superintendence, as well as the Commercial Docket Advisory Group. He has been appointed by the Court as a Mentor to new judges and has testified before the General Assembly on matters of importance to the judiciary and advocated legislation of benefit to victims of crime.

Judge Goulding plays drums and bass guitar for Jingle Balls, a group of lawyers, judges, and others affiliated with the law to raise money for charitable legal causes. He has served on the board of directors of the Mildred Bayer Clinic for the Homeless, the Toledo Law Association, and the Diocese of Toledo Catholic Charities Advisory Board. He is married with four children.

6
year term



Attorney General



4
year term

John J. Kulewicz



Keith Faber

John J. Kulewicz grew up in Columbus, Ohio. He learned the values of hard work and independent judgment from his parents and grandparents, who came from Martins Ferry and Cincinnati, and saw firsthand the importance of good jobs and union membership to the economy of Ohio. John has spent his law career challenging conventional wisdom and taking on uphill battles. As a 44-year member of the Columbus-based law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, he successfully argued and won cases against the odds in the Supreme Court of the United States and courts throughout Ohio.

"In 2025, before I decided to run for Attorney General, I wanted to visit all 88 counties and see the state.

I found the same thing everywhere: Ohioans are working hard, but no one listens to them anymore. I hear you loud and clear.

Politicians in Columbus are busy playing politics. They've forgotten who pays their salary.

You deserve an independent-minded Attorney General who will go to work for you every day and do the right thing.

It's time to get back to the basic issues that Ohioans care about. That means taking on corrupt politicians and restoring transparency and accountability to our government.

It means taking on price-fixing monopolies, scam artists and robocallers, Medicaid provider and nursing home fraudsters, and anyone else trying to rip us off.

I have the experience to get the job done."

I'm a lawyer, not a politician.



Learn more by
visiting John's
website.

<https://john4ohioag.com>

Keith Faber has built his life and career around the values reflected in Ohio's motto, "With God All Things Are Possible."

Keith and his wife Andrea live in Celina, Ohio, where they are raising their two children with a strong foundation of faith, integrity, and service. Guided by these principles, Keith is committed to creating a safer and more prosperous future for every Ohio family.

DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION

Keith will stand up for constitutional rights and protect religious liberty.

Working alongside President Trump, Keith will fight against federal policies that undermine state authority, dismantle unnecessary bureaucracy, and secure the southern border to stop the flow of drugs and illegal immigration into Ohio.

COMBAT THE DRUG EPIDEMIC

Keith will take on Ohio's drug epidemic by reducing demand through addiction treatment services, prosecuting suppliers, cutting off supply chains at the border, and supporting recovery efforts for victims.

He will address the impact of illegal immigration and cartel activity on Ohio communities by supporting President Trump's strict border security policies. Keith is committed to protecting Ohio neighborhoods from rising crime and the economic challenges caused by unchecked migration.

CHAMPION CONSUMER PROTECTION

Keith will be a strong advocate for Ohio consumers by protecting them from fraud, scams, and unfair business practices. He will increase enforcement against predatory companies and cybercriminals that target vulnerable Ohioans, especially seniors who face financial exploitation. He will hold businesses accountable for deceptive practices, promote transparency, enforce strict penalties on bad actors, and educate the public about their rights. His vision will create a fair and safe marketplace where families and small businesses can thrive.



Learn more by
visiting Keith's
website.

<https://www.keithfaber.org>

Auditor of State



4
year term

Annette Blackwell



Frank LaRose

Proven fiscal reformer, community leader, and public servant.

Born in Selma, Alabama, Annette came to Ohio as a young child when her father sought better opportunities and she's been building on that foundation ever since.

Her career bridges public service and the private sector, with roles at KeyBank, University Hospitals, and 16 years specializing in property tax at Deloitte and Ryan.

When she became Mayor of Maple Heights, the city was in fiscal emergency.

She personally developed the recovery plan that restored financial stability, earning multiple Clean Audit Awards and financial credibility back.

With a career defined by integrity, experience, and accountability, Annette Blackwell has spent a lifetime serving the public with honesty, sound judgment, and a commitment to doing what's right.

"As Auditor, I'll take the same determination and fiscal discipline I applied to my private sector career and public service to the Ohio Auditor's office because with costs rising the last thing we need is our tax dollars being wasted. But I can't do it alone."

Annette Blackwell's Priorities

✓ Root out the corruption plaguing Ohio's government

✓ Safeguard taxpayer dollars

✓ Stand against the endless raid of local government funds by Statehouse politicians

✓ As a member of the redistricting commission, fight for fair representation



Learn more by
visiting Annette's
website.

<https://www.blackwellforohio.com/>

TRANSPARENCY. EFFICIENCY. ACCOUNTABILITY.

Those are the standards I've upheld as Ohio's 51st Secretary of State, and together we've made Ohio a national leader in election administration and economic development. Now I have a plan to put those same priorities to work as our next Auditor of State. I'll help state and local government offices across Ohio more openly and efficiently manage our tax dollars and hold them accountable when they don't.

Frank grew up working on a family-owned farm and stocking warehouses. He joined the Boy Scouts and developed a love for serving others after being inspired by his Scout leader, a WWII veteran and concentration camp liberator. That's why, after graduating from Copley High School, Frank enlisted in the United States Army.

He deployed to the U.S. southern border, fighting the flow of illegal drugs into the country. He later led a NATO peacekeeping mission in Kosovo and, nearing the end of his enlistment, joined the Army National Guard. He became one of the top 20 percent of recruits selected to complete Special Forces training, and, in 2003, he earned the prestigious Army Green Beret.

He served on the frontlines of combat and in other critical posts around the world, earning numerous commendations and medals including four Army Achievement Medals and two Army Commendation Medals during his years of active service. For his exemplary service in Iraq, he earned the Bronze Star. After seeing the cost of freedom abroad, Frank returned to Ohio to protect our liberties here at home.

He became a conservative champion in the state senate, earning support from the Ohio Farm Bureau to the Fraternal Order of Police. In 2018, Frank became our Secretary of State and won re-election with more votes than anyone in the history of the office. He's made Ohio the national leader in election integrity and helped open record numbers of new businesses. He is the only incumbent Secretary of State endorsed by President Trump.



Learn more by
visiting Frank's
website.

<https://www.franklarose.com>

Treasure of State



Seth Walsh

Seth Walsh believes that through strategic community investment in Ohio's farmers, public sector employees, and small business entrepreneurs, we can inspire a resurgence in our neighborhoods and foster positive growth across all communities. As Treasurer of the State of Ohio, Seth will serve as an independent steward of taxpayer dollars, pensions, and savings, uplifting neighborhoods throughout the state.

Walsh often says he sees the Treasurer's office as an opportunity to oversee Ohio's \$280 billion budget with real transparency and to invest in communities that have been left behind.

Consumer Rights and Business Development

Walsh has vocally opposed the Ohio legislature's use of unclaimed funds for sports stadiums. He believes the state treasurer's office has a fiduciary responsibility to join the current lawsuit against using unclaimed funds to finance Cleveland Browns proposed new stadium.

Voting Rights

Walsh's campaign is deliberately spending time in small towns rather than major metro areas, reflecting a genuine understanding of where disengaged voters live.

Environment

As a Cincinnati City Councilmember, Walsh serves on the Climate, City Services & Infrastructure Committee. The committee is responsible for addressing a wide range of sustainability issues such as carbon emissions and promoting sustainable practices.

Anti Corruption

As Treasurer, Walsh would be committed to transparency in the way Ohio manages its money. He will protect public pensions while making smart investments and developing partnerships that strengthen the long-term stability of our state.



Learn more by visiting Seth's website.

SOURCE:
<https://ohiocitizen.org/team/seth-walsh/>



Jay Edwards

Jay Edwards is a disciplined leader, focused on protecting taxpayer dollars and keeping Ohio's money working in Ohio communities.

Jay Edwards is a native son of Southeast Ohio, born and raised in Nelsonville.

Jay first ran for public office in 2016 at the age of 27, becoming a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, representing Athens, Meigs, Washington, Vinton and Morgan counties.

During his time in the legislature, Jay served as Chairman of the House Finance Committee, where he wrote and sponsored the state's operating and capital budgets. As Finance Chair, Jay successfully fought for a billion dollar increase in public education funding and helped secure nearly \$400 million for higher education capital projects across Ohio.

Government Spending Transparency

Taxpayers deserve to know exactly how their money is being spent. Jay will expand the Ohio Checkbook Program, giving Ohionans even greater access to searchable, real-time data on state and local government spending.

Keeping Ohio's Money in Ohio

Jay will prioritize keeping Ohio's public funds working for Ohio - supporting Ohio jobs, institutions, and economy.

Investing in Community Banks & Credit Unions

Jay will work to direct more of the state's deposits and linked-deposit programs towards Ohio's community banks and credit unions.

Protecting Tax Dollars

Jay will put returns for Ohio families above politics. Ohio's investments should be determined by the values of their returns, not by political ideology.

Eliminating Fraud, Waste & Abuse

Every dollar lost to fraud, waste, or bureaucratic bloat is a dollar taken from Ohio families. Working alongside the Auditor of State, Attorney General, and other state partners, Jay will serve as a watchdog for taxpayer dollars.



Learn more by visiting Jay's website.

SOURCE:
<https://www.edwardsforohio.com/>

County Auditor



Katherine Adams

Ottawa County is where I was born and raised, and after spending time living in several other states, I chose to come home. Today, my husband and I live on a farm here, and I have built both my career and my life around serving the community I am proud to call home.

Public service has always been important to my family. My parents taught me that being part of a community means being willing to serve it, and their example inspired my own commitment to giving back.

I hold a degree in Business Management and a certificate in Marketing from Terra State Community College, as well as a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in Homeland Security from Tiffin University. My professional background includes nonprofit work, small-business ownership, education, economic development, budgeting, project management, and building partnerships between public and private organizations.

I currently serve as Director of Workforce Innovation for the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation, where I oversee the Ottawa County Workforce Hub and Business Advisory Council initiatives. One of the projects I am most proud of has been leading the collaborative effort to transform the former Riverview school building into a modern workforce training facility. That experience has required careful financial planning, accountability, problem-solving, and the ability to bring many organizations together toward a common goal.

I believe public service comes with a responsibility to be accountable to the people we serve. As a fiscal conservative, I believe in responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, transparency in government, and making decisions that serve the long-term interests of our community.

If elected, my priorities will include:

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Modernization and Transparency
- Collaboration and Solutions
- Accessible Government

I understand that the Auditor's Office plays an important role in our county's financial health and that the decisions made today affect our communities for years to come. I would approach that responsibility with the same commitment to fiscal accountability, collaboration, and public service that has guided my professional career. I am asking for the opportunity to serve as your next Ottawa County Auditor.

Submitted Statement



Michelle Kreager

OPEN, FAIR, TRANSPARENT

Michelle will make sure the Auditor's office is transparent, open to everyone, and fair to every property owner.

About Michelle

- Master's degree in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Toledo
- Bachelor's degree in Hospitality and Tourism Business Management
- Dedicated to public service
- Married, mother of two
- Fair treatment on every estate matter

"Every voice gets a choice, and as the Auditor, I will make it heard."



View your sample ballot



<https://boe.ottawa.oh.gov/sample-ballots/>



**All information has been pulled from the Ottawa County BOE, official campaign sites (including campaign Facebook pages), and statements given directly from the candidate. Online sources have been documented.

U.S Senator

(Unexpired term ending 1/3/2029)



2
year term

Jon Husted

Senator Jon Husted Leads with Conservative Principles

Family. Faith. Freedom. Senator Husted has spent his entire career creating a strong economy, a thriving community, and a pro-business environment Ohioans can rely on.

- Helped bring in the largest economic development deal in state history with Intel's chip manufacturing facility in Licking County
- Pioneered job training through business-driven programs like TechCred and Industry Sector Partnerships

Senator Jon Husted Delivers Real, Meaningful Solutions

As Lt. Governor, Jon was a leader in meaningful regulatory reform to implement technology, eliminate fraud and waste, and save millions of taxpayer dollars.

- Founded InnovateOhio to reduce costs and eliminate government waste
- Cut the need for people to visit government offices by implementing Online Driver's License Renewal, Online Title Transfer, and other digital services

Senator Jon Husted Stands Up for Our Values

Throughout his time in office, Jon has been a proven conservative champion for the values Ohio families care about the most.

- Champion for life whose own started in foster care before being adopted by his parents, Jim and Judy Husted
- Proud supporter of our police who worked to secure millions in funding for law enforcement agencies

Senator Jon Husted Works for Everyday Ohioans

He has done all of this in just one term as Ohio's Lt. Governor, but his long record of conservative leadership is clear.

- As Ohio's Secretary of State, he made Ohio the least costly state in the Midwest to start and maintain a business
- As Speaker of the House, he led the passage of the most fiscally conservative budget in 40 years while delivering, what was at the time, the largest income tax cut in Ohio's history



Learn more by
visiting Jon's
website.

<https://www.jonhustedforsenate.com/>



Sherrod Brown

Sherrod Brown has always been a relentless fighter for the people of Ohio.

Born and raised in Mansfield, Sherrod saw firsthand how corporations lobbied for tax breaks and bad trade agreements that shipped Ohio jobs overseas. That's why he's always opposed unfair trade deals that hurt Ohio workers.

A tireless advocate in standing up for the dignity of work, Sherrod has never stopped fighting for Ohio families and workers across the country—and time and again he's delivered results.

When Wall Street banks gambled away workers' hard-earned pensions, Sherrod led the charge to make sure over 100,000 Ohioans got the retirement they were owed.

When the drug companies jacked up prices, Brown successfully fought to cap the cost of insulin and reduce the price of other prescription drugs for Ohio seniors.

When millions of veterans returning from war who were exposed to highly toxic burn pits were being turned away by the VA as they suffered from severe illnesses like cancer and lung disease, Sherrod worked with Republicans to get them the care they deserved.

And because of Sherrod Brown, over 2 million former teachers, bus drivers, police officers, firefighters, and other workers are now receiving their full Social Security payments that previously were withheld by the federal government.

Called "a champion for workers and the middle class" who "has advocated for Ohio and for ordinary people" Sherrod Brown "has fought for affordable health care, fair wages, worker pensions and consumer protections."

Sherrod believes too many people think of politics as left or right, but to him it's all about whose side you're on, and who you are fighting for.

With all the craziness coming out of Washington, including giving massive tax breaks to corporations and billionaires at the expense of hardworking Ohioans, Sherrod knows he has the ability to do something about it, and that's why he's running for Senate.



Learn more by
visiting Sherrod's
website.

<https://www.sherrodbrown.com/>



2
year term

Greg Levy

Greg Levy is a community organizer, singer, veteran, mover, husband, father, and a Socialist. Born in the Joy Park housing projects and raised in Akron, Ohio, he was the third of six boys. His father was a union electrician at Ford for 30 years and his mother was a nurse.

Growing up, he and his brothers always loved making music. Raised in the church with their father serving as the minister of music, the Levy boys performed frequently throughout their childhood.

These roots in music, combined with a firm sense of justice, led Greg to establish the Paul Robeson Revolutionary Choir. The choir tours church and community venues to spread a message of revolutionary love through music, honoring and keeping Paul Robeson's legacy alive.

His connection to working-class Akron and the lived experience of struggle led him to join the fight for socialism in Ohio. His story mirrors those of thousands of Ohioans, where the issues facing working-class people are deeply felt, especially during harsh economic times. As a young man, he joined the military, hoping to secure college funding after his service. Like so many working-class young adults, with few opportunities to support himself, he found himself part of the "poverty draft."

His son was born during his military service, and becoming a father profoundly shaped Greg's perspective. The desire to protect his child and ensure his safety fueled Greg's later commitment to fighting police brutality in Ohio, recognizing it as a critical threat to the well-being of his family and his community. He worked hard to give his family a fighting chance at a decent life, including working long hours as a mover—a physically demanding, working-class job he continues to do today. Yet this "American dream" was fraught with a lack of healthcare, housing instability, unreliable transportation, and periods of poverty.

He came to understand that inadequate wages and underemployment are not personal failings, but an integral mechanism of a system that raises profits for a handful of billionaires at the expense of the overwhelming majority. His campaign is about showing there is an alternative to the chaos and instability caused by corporate CEOs and the bought-and-paid-for politicians who stand by as people struggle. Greg's fight is rooted in the care of his class and the desire for a dignified life for all.



Learn more by
visiting Greg's
website.

<https://www.greg4senate.com/>



William Redpath

I'm Bill Redpath, Libertarian, running in the special election for the U.S. Senate in Ohio for 2026. My platform combines conservative stances on economic issues and generally liberal positions on social issues.

My core philosophy: people should be able to live their own lives as they choose, without interference, as long as they do not harm other people or their property. To that end, my campaign calls for reduced government spending, lower taxes and real respect for civil liberties.

That is the philosophy behind the positions I take on the issues of this election.

REPEAL NOT JUST TRUMP'S TARIFFS, REPEAL ALL TARIFFS

I support a policy of unilateral free trade. The United States should end all tariffs on imported goods and services, regardless of the policies of other nations. US tariffs are mostly paid by the American people. They are a tax on all Americans and make us poorer. Unilateral free trade is a pro-consumer trade policy, and we are all consumers. This is the policy that is fairest overall and will generate the greatest prosperity for the American people, and it will help the cause of international peace.

REDUCE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Aside from badly needed changes to entitlement programs, I call for the elimination of the Departments of Education and Housing & Urban Development, as well as an end to all corporate welfare and farm subsidies. I favor an immediate end to such welfare and subsidies, but at the very least, they should be phased out over no more than ten years.

Victimless Crime

Repeal all Federal laws regarding consensual crimes. As with the end of alcohol prohibition, the Federal government should end its drug prohibition and allow the states to address this issue. Also, the Federal government should repeal its prohibition of online gambling and allow Americans the freedom to gamble, if they so choose, from the privacy of their own homes.



Learn more by
visiting Williams's
website.

<https://billredpath.com/>

Justice of the Supreme Court

Full Term Commencing 1/2/2027



Colleen O'Donnell



Jennifer Brunner

Colleen O'Donnell is a constitutional conservative with extensive judicial experience at every level of government. She is running for the Ohio Supreme Court to uphold the rule of law, protect public safety, and preserve a conservative majority on the Court.

Most recently, Colleen served as a U.S. Immigration Judge in Laredo, Texas, where she handled illegal entry and asylum cases during the height of the border crisis. She enforced the law as written, never once granted asylum, and consistently ordered the removal of illegal aliens from our country. Before that, she spent nearly a decade on the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, overseeing serious civil and criminal cases and holding violent offenders accountable.

Colleen also served at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, worked as an Assistant Attorney General, clerked in federal court, and represented manufacturers and business clients in private practice. The proud daughter of retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell, Colleen has built her own record of conservative leadership through experience and results.



Learn more by
visiting Colleen's
website.

<https://www.odonnellprohio.com/>

Justice Jennifer Brunner has served at all three levels of Ohio's judiciary. Before her election to the Ohio Supreme Court in 2020, she was a judge of Ohio's Tenth District Court of Appeals for 6 years. She also was a judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court for the state's most populous county, for nearly 5 years. While a trial judge in Franklin County, she became concerned about the high percent of people in the criminal justice system who were addicted to drugs and experienced mental illness. She founded in 2004 the county's adult felony drug court, still operating today. This special court docket helps people move from crime and addiction to clean and healthy lives and give back to their families and communities.

One of the Few Public Officials in History to Earn the JFK Profile in Courage Award.

Justice Brunner values public service. She was recognized in 2008 by the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston when it awarded her the Profile in Courage Award for her work as Ohio Secretary of State. This international award has been called the most prestigious award for elected public officials. Others who have received this award include Kofi Annan, Former UN Secretary-General and Nobel Laureate, U.S. Presidents Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush and Barack Obama, Congressman John Lewis, and the Public Servants of September 11.

A Global Leader for Democracy and Human Rights — Strengthening the Rule of Law from Ohio to the World.

Justice Brunner has served USAID and the U.S. State Department to help governments in Serbia, Egypt and Benin with anti-corruption, election integrity and human rights. She has also taught classes on the rule of law to lawyers in Sri Lanka and to civil society groups in Kazakhstan. Justice Brunner understands how judges can promote and strengthen the rule of law to promote peace and democracy at home and around the world. Justice Brunner is now studying remotely at the University of York in the UK for a Ph.D. in Sociology. Her research centers on the return of artefacts looted during colonial occupations and why this is important.

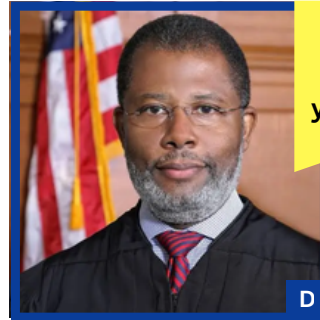


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<https://justicebrunner.com/>

Judge of the Court of Appeals

6th District - Full Term Commencing 2/10/2027



Myron C. Duhart

Judge Myron C. Duhart is a native of Toledo, Ohio. He is the proud father of three and has been married to wife Nicole for 29 years.

Myron grew up in the central city. He graduated from St. Francis De Sales High School and after graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was later commissioned as a lieutenant in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG).

While serving his country he earned a B.A. in Political Science from Wright State University Dayton, Ohio and went on to receive his J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law. Judge Duhart received a L.L.M. in judicial studies from Duke University School of Law and he attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Throughout his legal career, he litigated a number of high profile criminal cases all over northwest Ohio and was one of a select cadre of attorneys certified by the State of Ohio to handle death penalty cases. He has been admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

In January 2011, Judge Duhart was appointed by former Governor Ted Strickland to replace Judge Charles Doneghy as one of ten (10) judges who serve on the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas bench.

In 2020, Judge Duhart was elected to the Court of Appeals where he served as Presiding judge.

Judge Duhart is the past president of the Toledo Bar Association, University of Toledo College of Law Board of Governors, Thurgood Marshall Law Association, and is a member of the Lucas County Bar Association, and the Ohio State Bar Association where he serves on the Ohio Bar Council of Delegates for District 4 (Lucas, Ottawa and Sandusky counties).

As an attorney he worked tirelessly to protect the rights afforded to citizens both rich and poor. As a volunteer, he has unselfishly devoted his time and talent to a wide variety of causes. As a judge on the 6th District Court of Appeals he will continue to act with fairness and integrity.



Learn more by
visiting Myron's
website.

<https://judgeduhart.com/>



CJ Kamm

Judge CJ Kamm has served on the Erie County Municipal Court since 2020, when he became the first new judge to preside over that court in a quarter century.

He presides in Milan and hears cases from the areas of Erie County outside the county's three municipal courts. Before taking the bench, he served as Mayor of Berlin Heights.

Kamm won the Republican nomination for the Sixth District Court of Appeals in May 2026 and faces the incumbent in November. The Sixth District, based in Toledo, hears appeals from Erie, Fulton, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood counties.



Learn more by
visiting CJ's
Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/JudgeCJKamm/about>
<https://eriecountygo.com/candidates/cj-kamm>

Sixth District Court of Appeals



The Sixth District Court of Appeals has its principal seat in Lucas County. The Sixth District is comprised of Erie, Fulton, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams and Wood counties. The court hears appeals from cases arising in the Courts of Common Pleas, County District Courts, and Municipal Courts within the district.

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Clerk of the Court of Common Appeals

(Unexpired Term ending 12/31/2028)



4
year term

Christopher Enoch



Jenni Meyers

YOUR DEMOCRATIC CHOICE

Jenni believes her unique life experiences have given her the ability to understand and empathize with many different perspectives.

ABOUT JENNI

- Full-time Clerk - no outside law practice
- 13-year resident of Oak Harbor
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering
- Master of Theological Studies
- Master of Library and Information Science
- Mom of four children
- Spouse is a first responder and emergency nurse.

"To make change, you need to have a choice. That is why I'm happy to be your Democrat choice for Clerk of Courts."

(89th District)

Includes all of Ottawa County except Genoa, Clay Center, and Curtice.

State Representative

(89th District)



4
year term

Caleb Stidham

Caleb Stidham has served as Erie County Treasurer for the past five years. Since his first day in office, protecting taxpayers has been his top priority – and he's delivered on that mission.

Caleb has worked to make the government live within its means while helping residents keep more of their hard-earned money. He voluntarily cut his own office's budget and successfully pushed for more than \$30 million in property tax cuts and suspensions, providing meaningful relief for Erie County property owners. No other county in Ohio has done more to reduce the tax burden on its citizens.

When Caleb took office, Erie County tax dollars were invested in foreign-based entities. He put a stop to that, overhauling the county's investment policy so that our money stays here in America. His work to prioritize safety, adequate liquidity, and return on investment has paid off – Erie County's investment income has gone from under \$700,000 per year to more than \$5 million annually in just a few short years.

Through the Erie County Land Bank, Caleb has led efforts to invest tens of millions into our communities for much needed projects. Before he took office, the land bank was on the brink of financial collapse. Caleb saved the land bank by locating a sustainable funding source – without raising taxes. Since that time, the land bank has received significant state funding for projects throughout Erie County.

Caleb has also worked to make his office more accessible to the public by expanding office hours, making more information available online, and traveling to outlying rural communities so that residents have a convenient option to pay their taxes.

With a real record of results in local government, Caleb Stidham is now running for State Representative to bring the same taxpayer-first approach to Columbus and keep delivering for families throughout Erie, Huron, and Ottawa Counties.



Easton M. Retzke

A Fresh Voice. A Fairer Future.

I am a lifelong Sandusky resident, small business advocate, and proud member of a new generation of leaders fighting for working families across Ohio's 89th District.

I'm running for State Representative because Erie, Ottawa, and Huron counties deserve a voice in Columbus who understands our communities and works for a stronger future.

My family has deep roots in Sandusky, including operating a local grocery store that brought neighbors together. Generations of my family have worked in unions, manufacturing, public service, and local government, teaching me the value of hard work, collective action, and looking out for one another.

At Ohio State University, I studied Political Science, focusing on political leadership and reform. These experiences strengthened my commitment to listening, serving, and representing others.

Today, I work alongside residents, small businesses, labor organizations, and community advocates to advance better jobs, affordable housing, strong public schools, and reliable infrastructure. I believe government should work for everyone, not just those with the deepest pockets.

I'm running for Ohio House District 89 to create opportunities for the next generation, protect our communities, and ensure every family has the chance to succeed. Together, we can build a fairer future for Erie, Ottawa, and Huron counties.

Important Issues

- Tax Reform
- Local Jobs. Local Growth. Local Results
- A Home for Every Family
- Govt. That Puts People First
- Farming for Our Future
- Clean Air, Clean Water
- Affordable Healthcare

Fighting for working families, strong middle class, Middle American communities, public safety, and accountable local government in Ottawa County and beyond.

Experience

- YOUR Clerk of Courts
- 10+ Years as an Attorney
- Former Prosecutor and Private Practice Attorney

Modernize the Office

- Grant-Funded Modernization
- eDisposition Underway
- Smarter Customer Service

Protect Taxpayer Dollars

- Accountability
- Efficiency
- Responsible Stewardship

Access to Justice

- Clearer Information
- Easier Access
- A Court System That Works for We the People - Not Just for the Professionals



Learn more by visiting Christopher's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/christopher.enoch.77/>

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**



Learn more by visiting Caleb's website.

<https://www.calebstidham.com/>



Learn more by visiting Easton's website.

<https://www.retzkeforrepresentative.com/>

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Secretary of State



4
year term

Tom Pruss

Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, Tom Pruss has dedicated his life to both his community and his profession. With a career in the printing industry that began in 1985, Tom has built a reputation for excellence and expertise. Since 2017, he has owned and operated NorthCoast Print Mail Marketing, where his leadership continues to drive innovation and growth.

Beyond his business endeavors, Tom is a passionate advocate for his Polish heritage. He serves as the Vice President of the Northwest Ohio Polish Cultural Center, working to celebrate and preserve the rich cultural traditions of the Polish-American community. He also previously held the role of President for the Polish American Community of Toledo (PACT), demonstrating his longstanding commitment to cultural and civic engagement.

Tom's sense of service extends into the political arena as well, with previous candidacies for both the Toledo School Board and the Lucas County Clerk of Courts. His dedication to public service reflects his deep ties to the Toledo community and his desire to contribute to its betterment.

Protecting Your Vote. Protecting Your Rights. Protecting Your Business.

Ohioans deserve a Secretary of State who believes in:

- Fair Ballot Access
- Equal Treatment For All Candidates
- Transparent Elections
- Secure Voting Systems
- Free Open Markets

For too long, the Secretary of State's office has been used as a gatekeeper for the two major parties. It's time to restore neutrality, integrity, and equal access to the ballot.

NOT LEFT. NOT RIGHT.
FORWARD — WITH LIBERTY.

Ohio deserves a Secretary of State who:

- ✓ Treats all candidates equally
- ✓ Protects voter choice
- ✓ Respects constitutional rights
- ✓ Supports free enterprise



Learn more by
visiting Tom's
website.

<https://votepruss.com/>



4
year term

Robert Sprague

From jumping into action during a 100-year crisis flood in his hometown of Findlay, to managing Ohio taxpayer dollars, Robert gets the job done:

- Balanced budgets
- Cut billions in waste
- Eliminated the death tax
- Protected every dollar like it was his own

About Robert

2004-2007: Treasurer, City of Findlay. Professionally managed the revenue and expenditures of the City of Findlay's budget.

2007-2011: City Auditor, City of Findlay. Managed finances for a city in crisis and helped the City of Findlay, Ohio recover after historic flooding.

2011-2019: Ohio State Representative Turned an \$8 billion budget deficit into a \$2 billion surplus by working with Republican leadership.

2019-PRESENT: Ohio Treasurer Launched the Ohio Homebuyer Plus program to help first-time buyers save for down payments.

Personal

- Father of five Cole, Davis, Graham, Tate, and Mary Hannah—and husband to Amanda Sprague, a successful small business owner, marathon runner, cyclist, and devoted mom.
- Active member of Gateway Church in Findlay, Ohio, reflecting a strong foundation in faith and community.
- Founded a small business consulting firm, serving clients across the U.S. and internationally in Mexico City and London.
- Graduated cum laude from Duke University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in mechanical engineering.
- Worked with Ernst & Young on major projects in Atlanta, New York, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Houston—gaining global experience and sharpening leadership and analytical skills.
- Led employee training in Singapore for the world's largest plastics plant, implementing SAP ERP systems and driving operational excellence.



Learn more by
visiting Robert's
website.

<https://www.spragueforohio.com/>



Allison Russo

I'm Allison Russo, and I'm running for Ohio Secretary of State because every voice matters and every vote counts. At a time when politicians in Columbus and Washington are working to hold onto power, it's time to put power back where it belongs: with the people of Ohio.

The Secretary of State's job is about protecting your voice, safeguarding your vote, and ensuring our elections remain fair, secure, and accessible. Ohioans deserve a Chief Elections Officer who believes that voters should choose their politicians, not the other way around.

For years, I've fought against politicians who rig the system to protect their own power instead of addressing the challenges Ohio families face every day. I've worked to ensure government is accountable to the people so voters can demand action on affordability, rising costs, and the issues that matter most.

I'm running to restore trust in our elections, protect your personal data, and make sure government is accountable to the people it serves. I'll be ready on DAY ONE to defend democracy and fight for every Ohio voter.

Representative Allison Russo has served four terms in, and is the former Minority Leader of, the Ohio House of Representatives, protecting one person one vote, advocating for reproductive rights, and fighting for labor protections.

Since entering the legislature in 2019, she has authored or co-sponsored dozens of bills signed into law, steered bipartisan reforms through a Republican super-majority, and helped build grassroots coalitions that:

- Defeated the August 2023 Issue 1 "60%" power-grab, preserving citizen-led direct democracy.
- Enshrined reproductive freedom in the Ohio Constitution—the largest single-issue victory for voters in state history.
- Expanded mental-health-parity protections, veteran services, the historic Fair School Funding Plan, and access to child care services for working families.



Learn more by
visiting Allison's
website.

<https://allisonrusso.com/>

Judge - Court of Common Pleas

Probate/Juvenile Division
(Full term commencing
2/9/2027)



Frederick Hany II

4
year term

Frederick C. Hany II is the Judge of the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, having been elected to this position in November of 2020. In February of 1991, at the age of 31, Judge Hany was appointed to the Ottawa County (then known as the Port Clinton) Municipal Court bench by the Governor of Ohio. He was elected five times to that Court.

While Judge Hany's first priority is service to the citizens of Ottawa County, he has also helped to improve the legal system of the State of Ohio by serving on boards and committees which have recommended ways to modernize areas of law enforcement and court administration. By appointment of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, Judge Hany served as a member of the Ohio Sentencing Commission, the Ohio Rules of Practice and Procedure Commission, and for many years, was the Chairman of the Ohio Traffic Rules Commission. In addition, he has been a frequent instructor for the Ohio Judicial College. Judge Hany has also been involved with several local community and civic organizations, including the Port Clinton Community Band, the first president of the Ottawa County Visitor's Bureau, past President of the Oak Harbor Lions Club, and a past member of the Board of Trustees of Magruder Hospital.

Judge Hany received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan (The Michigan Band 1977-1979) and his Juris Doctor from the University of Toledo College of Law. He and his wife Susan (Loeffler) have two adult children.

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State Representative

44th District



4
year term

Lyndsey Stough

Feeling stretched thin, worried about the future, and frustrated by the government that is supposed to represent you? Same here. The typical all-or-nothing party approach (where you're expected to agree 100% or be the enemy) is driving good people apart.

I believe Sylvania, the 44th District, and Northwest Ohio need an independent voice for real progress in Columbus. As a third-generation architect in a small family business and Sylvania City Council member, I've spent my life building our community, not a political career.

I have seen incredible results when political game-playing and ego are set aside to find solutions, and I want to do the same at the statehouse. The two parties are stuck grasping for power while major issues affecting families go unaddressed and get worse.

As an independent who answers directly to the district, I can help break the stalemate and get things done. I am a candidate to give District 44 an independent voice for better government in Ohio, through practical solutions rather than partisan gridlock.

I Believe:

- We are more alike than we are different, and we can achieve results on common ground.
- Political power grabs, partisan gridlock, and big money are undermining District 44's best interests.
- People are stretched thin and need the cost of essentials like groceries, healthcare, and utilities to be lower.
- Keeping Ohio a good place for business, creating new jobs, and growing Ohio's economy benefits us all.
- Public education is valuable and important, and needs to be properly funded.
- A direct highway from Northwest Ohio to Columbus unlocks economic opportunities.
- We need to work hard to return tax dollars to the 44th District for local government capital improvement projects.
- Follow "Live and Let Live" rather than letting culture wars distract us from addressing shared issues.
- The Local Government Fund needs to be restored and tax dollars shared.
- Reduce government spending and uphold fiscal responsibility for long-term quality of life.



Learn more by
visiting Lyndsey's
website.

<https://www.votestough.org/>



4
year term

Edward Schimmel

Dedicated to Ohio's 44th, Ed champions community, leadership, and positive change.

Tested - An experienced elected official for 19 years.

Trusted - He has always stood on his conservative principals and done what was best for his community.

Tempered - Ed won't be pushed around in Columbus, as he will put the 44th District first.

Ed Schimmel is currently Mayor of the City of Northwood, a position he has held since 2016. He previously served on Northwood city council from 2007 to 2015, and has been a long-standing member of the Wood County Republican Party Central Committee (former Vice-Chair) and Executive Committee. In addition to elected office, he is the Past-Chairman of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) now known as Lake Erie West Regional Council of Governments, and past president of the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce. Ed has also served on the local Planning Commission for more than 10 years.

Ed is an attorney with his office in Oregon, Ohio, practicing in the areas of bankruptcy, probate, estate planning, and taxation for the past 23 years. He is also a grain farmer in Wood and Ottawa Counties, where he farms 350 acres of soybeans, corn, wheat and hay on the family's 127-year-old farm.

"Having lived most of my life either in Toledo or Northwood, I have always had a mixture of city and rural life," said Schimmel. "It's my hope that I can bring the perspective of a rural farmer, the business sense of an attorney, and the experience of a small-town mayor to the 44th District, because that's what the district looks like, and that's what we need in Columbus."

Ed received his education from Northwood High School (1995), The University of Toledo (B.A. in Political Science - 1999), and University of Toledo School of Law (2003).



Learn more by
visiting Ed's
website.

<https://edschimmelforohio.com/>



David Fournier

Dave Fournier is running for Ohio House District 44 to lower costs, strengthen public schools, and bring practical, people-first leadership back to Columbus.

A neighbor, attorney, and father of three. I'm a Northwest Ohio attorney, husband, father of three, and lifelong resident of this community.

In my legal practice, I help the trustees of workers' health and retirement plans manage that money responsibly, avoid conflicts of interest, and put the people they serve first.

Focused on What Matters.

Corrupt politicians in Columbus have been putting the squeeze on us for years. Dave is running to change that—and to put Ohio's working families first.

Affordability

Real property-tax relief for homeowners—not more breaks for corporations and developers. Lower costs on gas, groceries, utilities, and other essentials.

Cleaning Up Columbus

No more sweetheart deals for utility companies or diverting our tax dollars to unaccountable private programs, schools, and special interests.

Healthcare

Taxpayer funds should lower premiums and prescription costs—not finance corporate bailouts and sports stadiums. Protect rural hospitals and access to care.

On Data Centers:

1. No Tax Breaks

Absolutely no tax breaks or tax incentives. Companies building data centers must make significant payments to local tax funds that benefit our schools, libraries, parks, and emergency services.

2. Responsible Utilities

Data centers must produce their own power off the grid so they do not increase local electric costs. They must also use closed-loop cooling systems that use minimal water.

3. The Company Pays Its Own Way

All infrastructure costs must be paid by the company building the data center—not by local taxpayers.

4. Third-Party Environmental Monitoring

Ongoing, independent environmental monitoring must ensure continued compliance with these standards.



Learn more by
visiting Dave's
website.

www.fournierforohio.com

Representative to Congress 9th District



Marcy Kaptur



Learn more by visiting
Marcy's website.

Core Areas of Concern:

- Making NW Ohio more Affordable
- Strengthening Ohio Jobs and the Economy
- Keep Northwest Ohio Safe and Secure
- Restoration of the Great Lakes
- Energy & the Environment
- Clenaing up Political Corruption
- Healthcare

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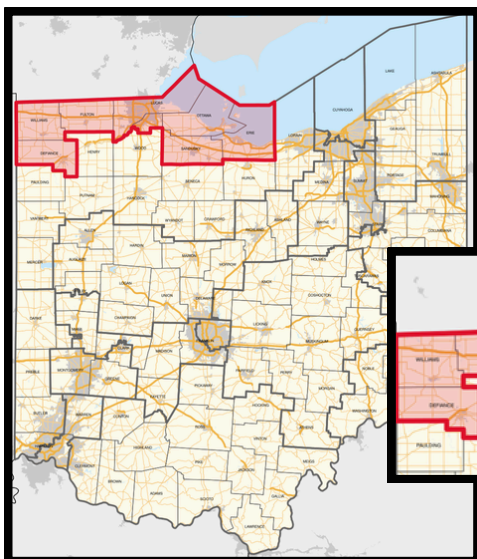
year term

Marcy has dedicated her career in public service to fighting for all Ohioans to have a fair playing field as they seek economic and health security. A true daughter of Northwest Ohio, she still lives in her childhood home.

Marcy has fought on the frontlines against unfair trade deals such as NAFTA, CAFTA, and China PNTR – standing up to her own party and special interests to do what is right. Marcy believes that government should be for and by the people, not corporate interests that have hollowed out our heartland.

Marcy Kaptur is a fighter for high-wage jobs, growing a workforce to meet the needs of the 21st century, and protecting our region's most vital natural resource, the Great Lakes. She's worked with both parties to secure investments in our communities and has been a true friend of veterans, seniors, first responders and working people. She's a voice for us all in the People's House.

"Fighting for all Ohioans to have a fair playing field as they seek economic and health security."



Derek Merrin



Learn more by visiting
Derek's website.

Core Areas of Concern:

- Balancing the Budget
- Securing the Border
- Lake Erie
- Term Limits for Congress

2

year term

Derek Merrin is a conservative state representative from Lucas County, currently serving his fourth term in the Ohio legislature and leading the Ohio House Republican Caucus. He has focused on tax cuts, reducing regulations, and expanding school choice, contributing to significant legislation like the Heartbeat Bill and the Constitutional Carry Bill.

During his tenure, Merrin has achieved around 20 legislative victories, including the repeal of the sales tax on prescription eyewear and the Financial Institution Tax on small businesses. He has also supported healthcare reforms and transparency measures, such as requiring tax disclosure on fuel pumps.

Merrin has promoted educational initiatives like the Anthony Dia Act, which assists families of fallen service members, and measures to ease the financial burden on theft victims. His recent accomplishments include establishing permanent vehicle registration for non-commercial trailers and implementing policies to block property tax increases on subdivided lots.

He holds degrees from the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University and has a background in local government, having served as a Waterville council member and mayor. Merrin resides in Monclova Township and is a Bengals fan and real estate investor.

"For the last 8 years, I have led the fight for conservative values at the Ohio Statehouse. Now, I'm ready to take the fight to Washington - defending our constitutional rights, demanding fiscal responsibility, and bolstering Northwest Ohio's economy."

The 9th District

This 9th district is located in the northwestern part of the state, bordering Michigan, Indiana, and Ontario, Canada (via Lake Erie). This district includes all of Defiance, Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Erie counties, as well as a portion of northern Wood County.

County Commissioner

Full Term Commencing 1/1/2027



Learn more by visiting
Susan's Facebook Page.

Susan Mulligan

A DIFFERENT VOICE. A PROACTIVE COUNTY. ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP.

Ottawa County deserves county government that looks ahead - not one that waits for problems to arrive.

Susan Mulligan is running to bring energy, transparency, fiscal discipline, and an independent point of view to the Board of County Commissioners.

WHAT SUSAN WILL BRING

PROACTIVE PLANNING

Anticipate growth, infrastructure needs, economic changes, and future challenges before they become emergencies.

TRANSPARENCY

Make county decisions understandable and accessible, with taxpayers able to see how and why their money is being spent.

FISCAL CONSERVATISM

Prepare now for the possibility that Ohio will eliminate or sharply curtail property taxes - and protect essential county services without assuming taxpayers can always pay more.

SMART GROWTH

Susan has yet to meet a proposed data center she would support. Major developments should benefit Ottawa County residents, protect local resources, and make sense for the community.

AN INDEPENDENT VOICE

A board works best when members challenge assumptions, ask hard questions, and consider more than one point of view - including when other county offices come asking for taxpayer dollars.

EXPERIENCE BEYOND POLITICS

Susan lives in Elmore with her family. Her life and career have taken her from hard physical work to the classroom, business ownership, nonprofit leadership, and community service.

- Bachelor's degree in education
- Former Clyde Middle School teacher
- Former instructor at Owens Community College
- Former Vice President of Partnership Development, Big Brothers Big Sisters in Toledo
- Small business owner, including a local tavern and an eight-unit apartment complex
- Board service with Christy's Corner Cafe in Elmore, supporting training and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities
- Recognized by the Ohio House of Representatives and Rep. Elgin Rogers as a 2025 Difference Maker for making a difference in the lives of people from diverse populations
- At age 18, supported herself in Florida picking oranges - one chapter in a lifetime of varied work and real-world experience

WHY A DIFFERENT VOICE MATTERS

County government should not be an echo chamber. Susan will question comfortable assumptions, scrutinize budgets, insist on planning for the future, and bring a perspective that is currently missing from the Board. She is not running to preserve business as usual. She is running to make county government work better.

ENERGY • TRANSPARENCY • PLANNING • FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Submitted Statement



Learn more by visiting
Donald's Facebook Page.

Donald Douglas

EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP, PROVEN RESULTS

ENDORSED BY SHERIFF STEVEN LEVORCHICK
"Effective dialogue is imperative with elected officials.
Don is a great partner to our entire department"

Strong Leadership. Stronger Ottawa County.

LOCAL RACES HAVE A REAL IMPACT!

You already know what matters most to you—affordable living, safe streets, good schools, and fair taxes. Voting is how those priorities get weighed. Your plan to vote is your plan to be heard. I am your candidate who listens to all of you.

- ✓ Lifelong Resident of Ottawa County
- ✓ 35+ years of Extensive Business experience
- ✓ 20 years of Government Experience
- ✓ 28 years of Community Service
- ✓ Passion for Ottawa County

Government Experience

- Elected County Commissioner - Term Beginning January 1, 2019
- Mayor Village of Oak Harbor, August 2018 through December 2018
- Council Member Village of Oak Harbor, 2008 to 2018
- Council President Village of Oak Harbor, 2015, 2016, 2018
- Finance Chairman Village of Oak Harbor, 2010 to 2017
- Treasurer Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce, 2011 to 2015

Boards & Committees

- GLCAP Board, Beginning 2025
- CCAO General Government & Operations, Beginning 2019
- CCAO Human Services Committee, Beginning 2019
- Family & Children First Council, Beginning 2019
- Investment Board, Beginning 2019
- Land Bank, Beginning 2019
- O-S-S Solid Waste District Board, Beginning 2019
- OSU Advisory Board, Beginning 2019
- Oak Harbor Development Group Member, 2014 to 2018
- Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce Board Member, 2008 - 2025
- Mid-County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board Member, 2008 to 2018
- Oak Harbor Finance Committee, 2008 to 2018
- Oak Harbor Utilities Committee, 2010 to 2018
- Oak Harbor Parks Committee, 2008 to 2018

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Justice of the Supreme Court

Full Term Commencing 1/1/2027



Learn more by visiting
Daniel's website.

Daniel Hawkins

Justice Dan Hawkins was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. He is a proud graduate of St. Francis DeSales High School and earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University. After completing his undergraduate studies, Justice Hawkins returned to his hometown to pursue his legal education at The Ohio State University, where he earned his law degree.

Upon passing the bar, Justice Hawkins began his legal career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office. Over 13 years, he distinguished himself as a trial prosecutor, including a decade as Director of the office's highly regarded Special Victims Unit. This unit focuses on prosecuting violent crimes against women and children, such as murders, sexual assaults, child abuse, human trafficking, and cases involving internet predators. Justice Hawkins has an impressive record, having taken more than 100 cases to trial.

In July 2013, Justice Hawkins was appointed to the Environmental Division of the Franklin County Municipal Court to fill a vacancy. He was later elected to complete the term. During his time on the Environmental Court, he tackled issues related to nuisance properties throughout Franklin County, including abandoned buildings and drug houses that attracted criminal activity.

Justice Hawkins introduced innovative solutions, such as a neighborhood clean-up program that engaged individuals with court-ordered community service hours to help beautify the community.

In November 2018, Justice Hawkins was elected to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. During his time there, he earned high ratings from the Columbus Bar Association and recognition from law enforcement agencies and community organizations alike.

Dan Hawkins' career in the courtroom led him to run for the Ohio Supreme Court in 2024. Justice Hawkins achieved an historic victory in that election winning by a margin of over 540,000 votes, earning the trust of nearly three million voters to serve all Ohioans.

Outside the courtroom, Justice Hawkins and his wife, Amy, have been married since 2006. They reside on the north side of Columbus with their three children. Amy works with her family's business in Plain City, Ohio. The Hawkins family are long-time members of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville, Ohio, where they remain active in their faith community.

6
year term



Learn more by visiting
Marilyn's website.

Marilyn Zayas

FAIR. IMPARTIAL. COMMON SENSE.

"Now is the time to stand up for Ohio. We need accountability, not party politics."

I grew up in a tough neighborhood once known as 'Crack City USA.' My mother, who never finished eighth grade, migrated from Puerto Rico and taught us that hard work, education, and integrity were the path to the American Dream. I commuted four hours a day to finish college. My oldest brother had a distinguished career in law enforcement until he was injured in the line of duty. My other two brothers went into education. More than 30 years ago, when I first crossed into Ohio and saw the skyline, I knew this was home. I began my career as an IT manager at Procter & Gamble, and later used my savings to attend law school at the University of Cincinnati so I could serve people during their hardest moments.

As an attorney, I practiced in both the private and public sectors before building my own firm, representing clients from all walks of life. In 2016, as a true political outsider, I ran for the Court of Appeals committed to applying the law, facts, and Constitution—and nothing else. In 2022, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association awarded me its highest judicial rating of 'excellent.' I have also led initiatives to reduce costs and expand access to the courts.

I pledge to bring common sense, leave politics at the door, ensure fair access, and rule based solely on the law and facts. At a time when confidence in our judiciary is eroding, independence is essential. I believe that the Ohio Supreme Court should be a beacon of integrity. I enter this race as a judge whose record has earned trust across political lines.

Judicial Independence and Impartiality

Judge Zayas has served nearly nine years on Ohio's First District Court of Appeals, earning widespread respect for her ethical decision-making and commitment to fair, impartial justice that prioritizes the law over politics—earning support from those who value accountability and balance in the judiciary.

Extraordinary Vote of Confidence

In 2025, Ohio's Chief Justice appointed her three times in just 40 days to sit on the Supreme Court, a rare honor reflecting her expertise and unbiased approach, demonstrating trust from the highest levels of the state's legal system.

Stands up for all Ohioans

Judge Zayas believes that Ohio Supreme Court should be a beacon of integrity and accountability, free from outside influence. Her judicial record has earned trust across political lines.

Political Outsider with Proven Integrity

Ran for the Court of Appeals in 2016 as a true outsider, committed solely to applying the law, facts, and Constitution; earned the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association highest excellent rating in 2022 for her outstanding performance.

Expanded Access to Justice

Judge Zayas led initiatives to reduce court costs and broaden access, ensuring the legal system works for everyday Ohioans regardless of background—aligning with bipartisan goals of efficiency, fairness, and inclusivity in government.

Dedication to Education and Perseverance

Commuting four hours a day to complete college, then used her savings to attend the University of Cincinnati College of Law, driven by a desire to serve others during their hardest moments.

Diverse Professional Experience

Began her career as an IT manager at Procter & Gamble, practiced law in both private and public sectors, and built her own firm representing clients from all walks of life, bringing real-world perspective to the bench.

6
year term



County Coroner (Unexpired term ending 12-31-2028)



Matthew Widmer

Dr. Matthew N. Widmer, DO completed his undergraduate degree in bioengineering at the University of Toledo and his medical education at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pennsylvania. He served his family medicine residency at Firelands Regional Medical Center, where he was Chief Resident and pursued a sports medicine fellowship at ProMedica Primary Care in Toledo.

Dr. Widmer is a board-certified family medicine and sports medicine physician with Firelands Physician Group in the Sandusky area. He is also a Major in the Ohio National Guard. Dr. Widmer and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Graytown with their 6 kids ranging in age from 20-11.

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345 Sherman St.
Elmore, OH 43416

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21774 Holts East Rd.
Genoa, OH 43430

Clay 1,2

Genoa Fire Station
101 E. 6th St.
Genoa, OH 43430

Allen 2,3,4

St. John Lutheran Church
21140 W. Toledo St.
Williston, OH 43468



County Engineer (Unexpired term ending 12-31-2028)



Daniel Toris Jr.



What does a County Engineer do?
Learn more by scanning the QR code.

4
year term

Education

Dan became the Ottawa County Engineer in December 2024. He is a lifelong resident of Ottawa County and graduated from Port Clinton High School in 1998. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Toledo and his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surveying Technology from Owens Community College.

Dan is a registered Professional Engineer and Professional Surveyor, licensed to practice in the state of Ohio.

Responsibilities

Dan's responsibilities at the County include oversight of all construction and maintenance projects as they pertain to County roads, bridges, subdivisions, and drainage. He and his staff routinely assist the Township Trustees with all of their infrastructure projects as well.

Professional Experience

Dan began his career shortly after high school in the private sector as a Rodman on a survey crew for a local private engineering and surveying firm. He moved on to become a Survey Crew Chief to a Surveying/Engineering Technician to a Design Engineer to a Project Engineer/Manager.

Dan shifted his career to public service in 2019 joining the Ottawa County Engineer's Office as Deputy Drainage Engineer and was appointed County Engineer in 2024.

<https://ottawahealth.org/m/directory/employee?eid=5>



Judge of Common Pleas (Full term commencing 2/9/2027)



Bruce Winters

Judge Bruce Winters was elected Judge of the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court in November of 2008 and began his term February 9, 2009.

Judge Winters is a life-long Ottawa County resident and graduate of the University of Toledo College Of Law. He has served many roles in the justice system, including a police officer, probation officer, assistant prosecutor, practicing attorney, and Magistrate of the Court.

During his tenure with the Common Pleas Court, Judge Winters has prioritized community safety and health, and has been responsible for several innovations in the Court to improve the community. These innovations include the development of a pre-trial supervision/bond release program, the creation of an Intensive Supervision Probation Program, and the introduction of Specialized Dockets Programs, including the DATA Program the Mental Health Court, and the Veteran's Court. He is also responsible for the development of an in-house foreclosure mediation program. Judge Winters has also worked to improve the safety, accessibility, and effectiveness of the courthouse by reforming and expanding court security, instituting video arraignments, and launching new software for court records and public information requests.

<https://www.ottawacocpcourt.com/judge/>

OTTAWA COUNTY ISSUES

ISSUE 3 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: To require voters to present photo identification in order to vote

**All precincts will see this issue on
their ballots.**

This proposed amendment would:

- Require voters to present an approved form of government-issued photo identification in order to vote.
- Allow state law to provide for an alternative method of verifying a voter's identity for a voter who has a sincere religious objection to being photographed and, therefore, does not possess an approved form of government-issued photo identification.
- Require that voters who do not vote in person provide an approved form of government-issued photo identification, unless the law authorizes those persons to vote by providing a signature and at least one other specified unique identifier.
- Define approved forms of government-issued photo identification as an unexpired Ohio driver license or state identification card; a United States passport or passport card; or a United States military identification card, Ohio National Guard identification card, or United States Department of Veterans Affairs identification card.

16 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Clay Township

***A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage***

**Precincts that will see this levy on
their ballots: Clay 1 Genoa Vill., Clay
2 Genoa Vill., Clay 3 Genoa Schools,
Clay 4, Clay 3 Woodmore**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Clay Township for the purpose of maintaining and operating cemeteries that the county auditor estimates will collect \$47,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$10 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.

4 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Genoa Area Local School Dist.

***A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage***

**Precincts that will see this levy on
their ballots: Clay 1 Genoa Vill., Clay
2 Genoa Vill., Clay 3 Genoa Schools,
Clay 4, Allen 2 Genoa, Allen 2 Clay
Center, Allen 3 Allen 4**

Shall a fixed-sum levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Genoa Area Local School District for the purpose of paying the current operating expenses of the district in the sum of \$1,300,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 4.75mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$166 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028? The county auditor has certified that the amount by which the carry-over balance in the district's general operating budget from the preceding fiscal year exceeds the district's general fund expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year is \$0, which is 0% of those expenditures.

13 Local Liquor Option for Particular Use at Business Location (By Petition) Precinct Allen 2

***A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage***

**Precinct(s) that will see this levy on
their ballots: Allen 2 Genoa, Allen 2
Clay Center**

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Chippewa Operations L.L.C., dba Chippewa Country Club an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a golf club at 23550 State Route 579, Curtice



9 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Village of Genoa

***A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage***

**Precincts that will see this levy on
their ballots: Clay 1 Genoa Vill., Clay
2 Genoa Vill.**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Village of Genoa for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and improving Veterans Memorial Park that the county auditor estimates will collect \$46,397 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$28 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.



****All information has been pulled from the Ottawa County BOE, official campaign sites (including campaign Facebook pages), and statements given directly from the candidate. Online sources have been documented.**



17 Local Liquor Option for Particular Use at Business Location (By Petition) *Precinct Clay 2*

*A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage*

**Precinct that will see this levy on
their ballots: Clay 2 Genoa Vill.**

Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed
beverages, and spirituous liquor be
permitted for sale on Sunday by
Santoro Genoa LLC, dba Cocina de
Carlos an applicant for a D-6 liquor
permit who is engaged in the business
of a full service restaurant at 22060 W
State Route 51, Clay Township, Genoa,
OH 43430

7 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Ottawa County

*A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage*

**All Precincts will see this levy on
their ballots**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of
Ottawa County for the purpose of
providing necessary requirements of
the County's alcohol, drug addiction,
and mental health joint county service
district, that the county auditor
estimates will collect \$1,482,063
annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.7mill
for each \$1 of taxable value, which
amounts to \$25 for each \$100,000 of
the county auditor's market value, for
10 years, commencing in 2027, first due
in calendar year 2028.

8 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Village of Elmore

*A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage*

**Precinct that will see this levy on
their ballots: Harris 1 Elmore**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of
Village of Elmore for the purpose of
general construction, reconstruction,
resurfacing, and repair of the streets,
roads, and bridges that the county
auditor estimates will collect \$57,607
annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.5
mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which
amounts to \$55 for each \$100,000 of
the county auditor's market value, for
5years, commencing in 2027, first due in
calendar year 2028.

5 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) Genoa Area Local School Dist.

*A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage*

**Precincts that will see this levy on
their ballots: Clay 1 Genoa Vill., Clay
2 Genoa Vill., Clay 3 Genoa Schools,
Clay 4, Allen 2 Genoa, Allen 2 Clay
Center, Allen 3 Allen 4**

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of
Genoa Area Local School District for the
purpose of education technology, that
the county auditor estimates will collect
\$112,841 annually, at a rate not
exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable
value, which amounts to \$13 for each
\$100,000 of the county auditor's
market value, for 5years, commencing in
2027, first due in calendar year 2028.

Questions?

**Contact The Ottawa County
Board of Elections**

Business Hours:
Normal Business Hours –
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Mailing Address:
8444 W. St. Rt. 163, Ste. 101
Oak Harbor, OH 43449-8885

Contact phone numbers:
Office: 419.898.3071 or 800.697.9807
(toll free within county on land line)
FAX: 419.898.3146

Location:
Ottawa County Veterans Memorial Building
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View your sample ballot

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