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# VOTERS' GUIDE 2020

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# PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

**Responsibilities:** The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress.

**Term:** Four years. Limit of two terms.

**Base Salary:** \$400,000 per year

**Note:** All candidates who will appear on your state’s ballot are listed below but only those that meet the following criteria were invited to respond to the League’s questions in this guide.

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President.
2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Elections Commission website.
3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.

Joe Biden (D)	Donald J. Trump (R)
<b>Campaign Information</b>	
	
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<b><i>What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?</i></b>	
<p><b>Joe Biden:</b> It’s a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they’re linked. On Day One, I’ll implement the COVID strategy I’ve laid out since March – surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators,</p>	<p><b>Donald J. Trump:</b> The candidate has been asked to answer our questions and has not answered at this time. Please contact this candidate and ask them to answer our questions.</p>

<p>cops, and firefighters on the job. I'll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I'll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I'll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving – easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.</p>	
<p align="center"><b><i>What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Joe Biden:</b> Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We're facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I'll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we're never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I'll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I'll build our economy back better, and make racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I'll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll work as hard for those who don't support me as for those who do. That's a president's job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.</p>	<p><b>Donald J. Trump:</b> The candidate has been asked to answer our questions and has not answered at this time. Please contact this candidate and ask them to answer our questions.</p>
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<p><b>Joe Biden:</b> America is at an inflection point. It's past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation's promise to too many for too long. I'll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I'll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I'll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.</p>	<p><b>Donald J. Trump:</b> The candidate has been asked to answer our questions and has not answered at this time. Please contact this candidate and ask them to answer our questions.</p>
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<p><b>Joe Biden:</b> My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It's past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers' arms. I'll act</p>	<p><b>Donald J. Trump:</b> The candidate has been asked to answer our questions and has not answered at this time. Please contact this candidate and ask them to answer our questions.</p>

<p>immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that's humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.</p>	
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<b><i>What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all</i></b>	
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<p><b>Joe Biden:</b> This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That's why I'll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I'll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I'll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.</p>	<p><b>Donald J. Trump:</b> The candidate has been asked to answer our questions and has not answered at this time. Please contact this candidate and ask them to answer our questions.</p>
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<b>Jo Jorgensen (Lib)</b>	<b>Howie Hawkins (Grn)</b>
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# US CONGRESS

## Ohio District 5 Representative

**Responsibilities:** To represent the people of Ohio, their district, and the United States in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

Term Commencing January 3, 2021

Term of Office: 2 years

Salary: \$174,000

going to the grocery store, a relatively low-risk activity. It's important that social distancing measures are enforced, but millions of Americans are going to be able to cast their ballots in person this November.

At the same time, it's critical that those that want to submit absentee ballots can do so as well. I led a letter to the United States Postal Service asking for them to implement procedures to protect Ohioans' ability to vote in the election and have led the charge to ensure ballots are sent through sorting facilities in Columbus and Cleveland instead of the error-prone facility in Pontiac, Michigan.

mail ballots. I would also encourage state's Secretary of State to provide pre-paid postage vote by mail ballots to every registered voter, and allow county Board of Elections to set up additional ballot drop boxes so individuals can safely and securely express their right to vote. The passage of the HEROES Act would provide an additional \$3.6 billion in funding for the "planning, preparation, and resilience of elections," that would be distributed to states to account for these costs.

***What solutions do you propose to address challenges, especially inequities, in the healthcare system?***

**Bob Latta:** I've long-advocated for patient-centered health care that increases choice for Ohio families, lowers costs, and improves quality. We can accomplish this while ensuring those with pre-existing conditions are covered.

I've been a leader on expanding telehealth, which would address both cost and access issues in the long-term. More broadband and provider reimbursements will make this a reality.

I support legislation that would reduce drug prices without harming innovation by capping out-of-pocket costs under Medicare Part D, increasing transparency, and stopping drug manufacturers from gaming the generic drug system.

Seniors must be taken care of and that means Medicare should be protected and kept solvent. I've opposed Democrat-led cuts to the popular Medicare Advantage program that millions of Americans utilize.

I oppose single-payer proposals that will kick 150 million people off of their private health insurance, increase taxes, and devastate many of our rural hospitals.

**Nick Rubando:** Healthcare is a right and not a privilege. If this current pandemic has taught us anything, it is that our country is only as strong as the health of our most vulnerable citizen. The Affordable Care Act improved the lives of my family and millions of Americans, but we can't stop there. No one in this country should go bankrupt because they can't afford basic care. Medicare for All will allow us to offer full vision, dental, and mental health benefits to every American. We can ensure that we are investing in preventative care without having the burden of skyrocketing co-pays, premiums, and deductibles. It is time we join almost every other developed nation in the world, and value patients over profits.

***How would you address immigration policy?***

**Bob Latta:** Our current immigration system is broken. In order to truly address our immigration problems, we need to have an accurate view of who is coming into our country. That means first, securing our border. Without a secure border, any other changes to the immigration system don't work. We also need an improved visa tracking system, so that we know who is overstaying their visas, and we can address it. We also need to have e-verify in place for businesses to ensure that jobs are

**Nick Rubando:** "If we ever close the door to new Americans, our leadership role in the world will soon be lost." Ronald Reagan said those words, and they ring true today more than ever. We need to re-establish the Dream Act, have a clear path to citizenship, and protect the rights of families to remain together. We need to invest in our immigration court system, reform the Immigration and Custom Enforcement Agency, and treat all people with dignity and respect, regardless of citizenship.

going to citizens and legal residents of the United States. With those changes in place, we can ensure that we have a legal immigration system in place that works. America is the greatest country in the world, and it's not surprising that people from all over want to come here. Unfortunately, the current system rewards lawbreakers while making it difficult for those that want to come here legally.

***How would you address climate change?***

**Bob Latta:** Protecting the environment and growing our economy do not have to be mutually exclusive ideas. We've seen how advancements in technology alone can reduce pollution. For instance, emissions have fallen by more than 20% on a per capita basis since 2005 – the largest decrease in the world – thanks to the advancement of hydraulic fracturing and the emergence of American-produced natural gas. Smart Nuclear technology presents an opportunity to produce clean, reliable, energy and it's why I've been a leader in that space in Congress. I recently introduced legislation to ensure that we have a Strategic Uranium Reserve to support nuclear energy production in the U.S. We should support other technology-based policies that can reduce emissions, without the side effects of raising costs on consumers, killing jobs, and harming our economy. For example, there is potential in both energy storage and carbon capture technology, and we should look at policies that advance their development.

**Nick Rubando:** The Climate Crisis is real. This is a global issue that will affect millions of people world-wide, and we need to ensure that we are leading the charge for environmental justice. The United States must transition to a carbon-free, 100% renewable energy system. This will not only help to save the planet, but it will offer outstanding economic opportunities for OH-05 and the nation. While some politicians have spent their careers denying the existence of Climate Change, I will spend my time in Congress taking a proactive approach and support legislation that will create high-paying green jobs and help protect the planet for generations to come.

# Ohio District 9 Representative

**Responsibilities:** To represent the people of Ohio, their district, and the United States in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern.

Term Commencing: January 3, 2021

Term of Office: 2 years

Salary: \$174,000

<b>Marcy Kaptur (Dem)</b>	<b>McKenzie Levindofski "Write In"</b>	<b>Ron Weber (Rep)</b>
 <p>U.S. Representative</p>	 <p>Self-Employed</p>	 <p>Lawyer</p>
<p><b>Education:</b> BA History, University of Wisconsin; MA Urban Planning, University of Michigan; completed coursework toward PhD Urban Planning, MIT</p> <p><b>Current Employer:</b> the people of Ohio's 9th District</p> <p><b>Residence municipality:</b> Toledo, OH</p> <p><b>Campaign HQ Address:</b> <a href="#">2 Maritime Plz #100, Toledo, OH 43604</a></p> <p><b>Campaign Phone:</b> (419) 693-0078</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://marcykaptur.com">http://marcykaptur.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://@MarcyKapturForCongress">http://@MarcyKapturForCongress</a></p> <p><b>Twitter:</b> <a href="http://@Marcy_Kaptur">@Marcy_Kaptur</a></p>	<p><b>Education:</b> BA, University of Buffalo Residence municipality Lakewood</p> <p><b>Campaign HQ Address:</b> <a href="#">14811 Hilliard Road Lakewood, OH 44107</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.mckenzieforcongress.com">http://www.mckenzieforcongress.com</a></p>	<p><b>Education:</b> U.S. Military Academy at West Point, B.S., Environmental Engineering; Univ. of Louisville, M.B.A.; Ohio State Univ. Moritz College of Law, J.D.</p> <p><b>Current Employer:</b> Self-Employed Residence municipality Henrietta Township</p> <p><b>Campaign HQ Address:</b> <a href="#">P.O. Box 140082, Toledo, Ohio 43614</a></p> <p><b>Campaign Phone:</b> (330) 701-2962</p> <p><b>Website:</b><a href="http://RobWeberForCongress.com">http://RobWeberForCongress.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://RobWeberForCongress">http://RobWeberForCongress</a></p> <p><b>Twitter:</b> <a href="http://@WestPointWeber">@WestPointWeber</a></p>
<p><b><i>Given our experience with Covid-19, what precautions would you put in place to allow for safe, secure elections whereby voters are not choosing between their health and their right to vote, especially in November? Include how you would fund any necessary precautions and changes.</i></b></p>		
<p><b>Marcy Kaptur:</b> No voter should have to choose between casting their vote and protecting their health. Beyond the existing protections put in place by health orders in the state of Ohio, I urge continued vigilance on the part of the citizenry in deciding how to cast their vote. Early voting centers, vote at home options, the use of large publicly</p>	<p><b>McKenzie Levindofski:</b> When visiting in person voting locations, voters should be free to use the same precautions they use for trips to the grocery store. Voters should also be free to request an absentee ballot if they fear going into public.</p>	<p><b>Rob Weber:</b> The Board of Elections (for early in-person voting) and each election location (for traditional in-person Election Day voting) should utilize Social Distancing for line formation (including extending outdoors if necessary), require mask wearing, and sanitize every voting machine between uses.</p>

<p>controlled sites for safe and distanced voting, and safely distanced Election Day voting are all viable options for voters at this time.</p> <p>In May I joined my colleagues to pass the HEROES Act which would have provided \$3.6 billion for state and local governments to make their election systems safe for voters and poll workers under pandemic conditions. My Republican colleagues refused to support the bill and the Senate did not take the HEROES Act up for consideration. Our avenues to bring federal help to the states are limited with such obstruction.</p>		
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***What policies would you support in facing the public health, economic, and equity challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic?***

<p><b>Marcy Kaptur:</b> The health and economic crisis ongoing in our nation requires forward thinking policies, funding support, and sound leadership. We need trusted, responsible leaders to address the challenges presented by COVID-19. I support policies that increase access to affordable, quality health care and investing in our public health departments to protect the health and safety of people in their communities that also assure expanded testing capacities and accessibility. The public health concern here is imminent, and directly connected to the economic impact Americans are experiencing who have lost their jobs, been furloughed or are struggling to get to work safely. The loss of income for individuals, and of revenue for small businesses and non-profits is shattering livelihoods and decimating our economy. Caring for those needing unemployment assistance, housing relief, food bank help or other services requires the full attention of Congress and not political gamesmanship.</p>	<p><b>McKenzie Levindofski:</b> I will protect the citizen's rights from infringements based on medical directives from individuals and organizations who have proven themselves to be contradictory and untrustworthy. I will protect citizen's rights to opt out of vaccination, quarantine, tracing, and lock down programs. I will support the policy that no citizen can be forced to accept any food, drug, or medical treatment against their objection. I support private and government led investigations into the actual cause, symptoms, transmission methods, preventative measures, and cures for the current coronavirus and future pop-up diseases. I support an investigation into the CDC, WHO, government officials, and global business leaders that are participating in the lockstep pandemic response in an effort to reset our societies and trap us into a one world government system.</p>	<p><b>Rob Weber:</b> I support transparent reporting of the data associated with Covid-19 infection numbers, hospitalizations, and deaths. While Covid-19 is a real and serious health issue, it clearly has been politicized by many different actors with their own agendas. I do believe that the economic affect of the Covid-19 pandemic has been largely marginalized and de-emphasized by our government actors and media. While ensuring safe precautions, the need to open our industry and economy back up is essential. We cannot allow the "cure to be worse than the disease." Individual workers and employers alike are suffering crippling economic losses - many of whom may not be able to ever recover. We need to allow businesses to open back up in full capacity should they so desire and allow consumers to make a personal choice for themselves about whether they feel comfortable to engage with in-person commercial activities.</p>
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***Do you have proposals to improve the accessibility and affordability of our current healthcare system?***

**Marcy Kaptur:** I support the Affordable Care Act. It has provided insurance and thus health care for millions of Americans. Even in spite of the attempts to weaken the law, it is saving lives and families. Yet, we can do better, strengthening existing law to ensure coverage is truly affordable for everyone and all parts of the country have access to quality health care. We must also address the issue of high prescription costs. I have focused my efforts in this regard and passed legislation to require HHS to report back to Congress on the true costs of federal expenditures for medications for Medicare, Medicaid and VA. I also support legislation to require the negotiated pricing of prescription drugs. The assault on the health of women and children causes regression in the health and welfare of our most vulnerable citizens. U.S. life expectancy, infant mortality, and other social determinants of health continue a downward spiral and must be addressed.

**McKenzie Levindofski:** I propose to increase access to government healthcare by making inexpensive plans available for individuals above the qualifying income for government health insurance. I propose offering incentives to businesses who provide healthcare for employees and creating mandates for corporations to provide healthcare for all employees. I also propose private and government led investigations into the healthcare industry as pricing for procedures, medications, and treatments often seems inconsistent with reality.

**Rob Weber:** I support transparency regarding the cost of medical services. Under our current system, the actual costs of healthcare services is hidden behind various insurance coverage plans. The cost of any medical service should be the same regardless of the patient or the method of payment for the patient. I support bringing our medical supply chain industry back from overseas (particularly from China). China controls our medical device and pharmaceutical production industries. Bringing these back to the U.S., will lower healthcare costs. I support the recent Executive Order (EO) signed by the President that will lower pharmaceutical prices drastically.

***Are reforms needed to reduce the influence of money on legislation and governance?  
If so, what reforms would you support?***

**Marcy Kaptur:** The Citizens United v. FEC decision opened the floodgates of dark money and corporate influence on our political process. The 2018 Congressional elections cost \$5.7 billion, while the 2016 Presidential election cost \$2.39 billion. That doesn't account for the hundreds of millions in untraceable dollars spent by groups. These interests win out while hardworking Americans and their needs are drowned out by big money and corruption. Congress must take action to restore the integrity of our democracy. As a member of

**McKenzie Levindofski:** For years I have advocated for changes that would ensure fair access to the election process and ballot for candidates outside the two major parties. Independent candidates outside the control mechanisms of the two party system are currently subject to extreme requirements in order to be placed on the ballot. I propose the removal of signature requirements for candidates seeking any office. I also propose restricting donations

**Rob Weber:** Reforms to our election system are absolutely needed and are long overdue. I support legislation that would, in effect, reverse or overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) case. I also support term limits. Eliminating the career or professional politician will help reduce the influence of lobbying money. While there are numerous proposals to the specifics regarding term limits, I suggest that limiting U.S. Senators to

<p>the Congressional Task Force on Election Reform, I support the Disclose Act to put additional disclosure requirements on corporations, labor organizations, and other entities; the Close the Floodgates Act; and amendments to the Constitution to limit campaign contributions and expenditures. My bipartisan campaign finance bill, the Repelling Encroachment by Foreigners into US Elections (REFUSE) Act, will prevent foreign actors from exploiting campaign finance loopholes.</p>	<p>candidates can receive from outside of the area they are running to represent. I also propose implementing methods for reducing the influence media and social media companies have on elections and ensuring fairness in their coverage of candidates.</p>	<p>three 6-year terms (18 years total) and U.S. Congressmen/women to 12 total years is appropriate (there are numerous arguments regarding the optimal length of a Congressional term - without addressing the merits of these various arguments, I will simply state that 12 total years is the appropriate maximum duration).</p>
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***Where do you stand on efforts to protect our area's water, air, and land, and to address climate change?***

<p><b>Marcy Kaptur:</b> Protecting our clean air, water and land of our nation is an urgent national priority. Since the historic passage of the Clean Water Act and creation of the EPA, we have made critical national strides. Unfortunately, our nation has taken a precipitous turn under the Trump administration. We need a clear national strategy to end rollbacks of the EPA, to aggressively confront climate change and to invest in the next generation clean energy economy. Our nation and world must reduce the global carbon footprint by advancing energy efficiency, increasing clean energy investments, and improving conservation practices. We must also update our nation's infrastructure to promote resilience to growing threats such as hurricanes, drought, wildfires, rising sea levels, and changing lake levels. Addressing climate action is about averting a global national security calamity. The stakes couldn't be higher for Lake Erie, the emerald jewel of the Great Lakes.</p>	<p><b>McKenzie Levindofski:</b> I advocate for the protection of our air, water, and land. I am opposed to the various geoengineering programs that are being used to manipulate the weather, sky, air, and climate. I am looking for ways to decrease consumer and commercial garbage, decrease reliance on plastic in packaging, and utilizing sustainable materials for packaging, building, and energy production. I support litter and trash cleanup efforts and would like to see my district, lake, cities, state, and country clean of all litter. I will protect my community from the impositions and deceptions of the climate change agenda. I will support clean energy and products without restricting citizens freedoms to travel, own property and businesses, and have access to resources.</p>	<p><b>Rob Weber:</b> I am an Environmental Engineer and have been an advocate for protecting our environment my entire life. Preserving our environment while ensuring that the United States is energy independent can be done at the same time. In Ohio, we have multiple sources of clean energy: nuclear, natural gas, and clean coal. These are all viable and environmentally-friendly energy sources. Additionally, I am against windmills/turbines being used on Lake Erie. First, wind turbines are a net loser as an energy source without major gov't. subsidies (i.e., they cost more money to build, operate, and maintain than they produce in electricity). Further, they are an environmental disaster for Lake Erie and Ohio. They are deadly and will kill many migratory birds and our thriving bald eagle population. They create noise pollution, which is harmful to both humans and wildlife alike. They will have a negative effect on Lake Erie's fishery. They will cause significant sight pollution on the shoreline.</p>
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# STATE LEGISLATURE

**Responsibilities:** To represent the people of the district and the state of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.

State representatives listen to the concerns of their constituents and speak for them. They develop solutions to the needs of their districts through legislative action. State representatives work together, balancing the best interests of each state district.

House members attend many meetings of their local, civic, religious and business groups. Through these contacts and suggestions from individual citizens, state representatives gauge public opinion and develop proposals for changes in the state law. These proposals are prepared in the form of a bill and are then formally considered by the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Governor before becoming law.

## Ohio State Senator District 2

Term Commencing January 1, 2021

Term of Office: 4 years

Base Salary: \$60,584

**Theresa Gavarone (R)**



**Joel O'Dorisio (D)**



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- \*State Senator for Ohio's 2nd Senate District
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- \*Previous member of BG City Council
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***In what ways would you change our election system in order to be prepared for crises that impair the right to vote?***

**Theresa Gavarone:** Ohio is one of the leading states in the country when it comes to voting accessibility. We allow nearly an entire month of early in-person voting and voters could have requested an absentee ballot for November's election dating all the way back to January 1. If you are a registered voter in Ohio, you have plenty of time and options to cast your ballot.

However, I've taken the lead on fixing an elections problem that became glaring due to the COVID-19 pandemic—requesting an absentee ballot online. I sponsored Senate Bill 191 to modernize the absentee ballot request process. This bipartisan bill would allow Ohioans to request their ballot through a secure, online system instead of the outdated and confusing process in current law.

That work led to me receiving the 'Legislator of the Year' award by the bipartisan Ohio Association of Elections Officials.

**Joel O'Dorisio:** 5 states are all vote by mail right now. Vote by mail would ensure that everyone has an opportunity to make an informed decision and will not miss work in order to exercise the right to vote. Further, I would like to make registration automatic at the age of 18.

***What will you do to combat gerrymandering and ensure that voter-approved redistricting reforms are implemented?***

**Theresa Gavarone:** It's important that the voices of all Ohioans are heard in elections. Gerrymandering defeats that purpose and I vehemently oppose it.

The district I represent is an example of one that is not gerrymandered. It contains some or all of Erie, Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa and Wood Counties and I pride myself on how diverse it is. In fact, Barack Obama won my district in 2008 and 2012 by thousands of votes. Taking into account the differing viewpoints of many tens of thousands of constituents has made me a better legislator and is one of the reasons I won by 18 and 24 points respectively in my elections for the Ohio House in a swing county (Wood) with a diverse electorate.

But I don't just talk about how I dislike gerrymandering, I act on it. In 2018, when I was a member of the House, I co-sponsored Senate Joint Resolution 5, which was legislation to create a bipartisan process for drawing Ohio's congressional lines. That was sent to the voters for approval and it passed nearly 75-25.

**Joel O'Dorisio:** I support the "American Promise." I will encourage the passage of a constitutional amendment that restricts unlimited corporate money, and dark money. I would like to ban foreign corporate money from domestic elections. I will further support legislation to have neutral, non-partisan redistricting processes that fairly represent voters rather than incumbent politicians.

***How would you implement a constitutionally compliant school funding system?***

**Theresa Gavarone:** I'm a parent of three children who attended BG City Schools and I spent a lot of my time volunteering in the classroom. So it's probably not a surprise when I say that education and school funding is a priority for me as a member of the Ohio Senate. However, the system is not perfect, so I'm always interested in hearing from constituents about ways we can ensure our children are receiving the best education possible.

Since joining the legislature in 2016, funding for schools has continually increased. In fact, I have voted on budgets that have resulted in hundreds of millions of additional money being sent to school districts in the 2nd Senate District and across Ohio.

I serve on the Education Committee and my support for school funding and other education-related issues, like my Senate Bill 134 which would protect students getting on and off school buses, has earned me important endorsements from groups like the largest teacher group in the state, the Ohio Education Association.

**Joel O'Dorisio:** I support the Cupp -Paterson bill which changes the school funding formula to bring it in compliance with court directives.

***Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the state to restrain or check local government?***

**Theresa Gavarone:** Prior to serving as a member of the Ohio Senate, I served on Bowling Green City Council, so I am very aware of the tug-of-war that can happen between the state and local governments. However, what people may not notice is that these disputes are rare.

I am a strong proponent of local control, but as with anything, I believe there are limits. There are times when ease of commerce throughout the state can encourage economic development by creating a business-friendly environment, and creating a strong economy is one of my top priorities.

I always encourage local government officials to contact me with their thoughts, concerns and questions, and I have proven in the past that I am someone who will listen and seriously consider what comes from those conversations.

**Joel O'Dorisio:** In general, localities should be allowed to set policy at their own discretion. The limit on this power is in cases where the state has set minimum standards for protecting the rights or safety of individual citizens. In no case should a locality be allowed to abridge rights or privileges protected by the state or federal government.

# Representative to Ohio House

Base Salary: \$60,584

Term: 2 Years

## Representative District 44

Robert McMahon (R)	Paula Hicks-Hudson (D)
	
Biographical Information	
<b>Robert McMahon:</b> Candidate has not yet responded.	<b>Paula Hicks-Hudson:</b> Education JD The University of Iowa MA Colorado State University BA Spelman College Experience Currently, Ohio House Rep District 44; Ohio Democratic House Caucus Minority Whip; Former Mayor of City of Toledo; President of Toledo City Council, Campaign Phone (419) 329-4383 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://phh44Toledo">http://phh44Toledo</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/phh4Toledo">@phh4Toledo</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://phh44toledo">http://phh44toledo</a>
<i>In what ways would you change our election system in order to be prepared for crises that impair the right to vote?</i>	
<b>Robert McMahon:</b> Candidate has not yet responded.	<b>Paula Hicks-Hudson:</b> The way to ensure that our system is prepared for an election regardless of whether it is a pandemic, a disaster or a politically motivated crisis is to upgrade our system of voting and improve the education of voters. As having seen the continued roll back and confusion that is connected with most recent elections, it is important that voters know their rights regarding voting. The issue of removing voters from the rolls needs to be addressed in such a way that voters should not worry about whether they are registered to vote. Additionally, I have always question how is it that any person with a credit/debit card is able to access his/her bank account, anywhere in the world, yet that same registered voter has to either request a mail in ballot, show up for early voting or appear on election day. The technology exist. I intend to introduce legislation to examine how to use technology to make it easier for people to vote.

***Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air, and land?  
Include how you would address climate change.***

**Robert McMahon:** Candidate has not yet responded.

**Paula Hicks-Hudson:** One of reason I choose to run for the Ohio House was due to the limitations that local government actually has to address the causes. I saw first hand, the lack of attention from the state and federal governments. I believe that we must use a number of strategies for all parties to address them. I serve on the Agricultural Committee because I wanted to understand and support strategies that will help farmers deal with the waste and fertilizer on their property. I do not support any energy strategy that doesn't include reducing our carbon footprint. I currently am a member of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus which works on issues affecting the Great Lakes with legislators from Canada and Great Lakes.

***Where do you stand on women's reproductive rights and health?***

**Robert McMahon:** Candidate has not yet responded.

**Paula Hicks-Hudson:** I stand in continued support of Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to have control and choice over her body. I believe very strongly that a woman's health is tied to reproductive rights and must be protected. Lucas County has one of the highest rates of minority maternal death. There is such a need to remove this right of privacy from the political spectrum to the healthcare spectrum. I will continue to work on ways to accent the need for health and well being within the confines of reproductive rights.

***Given the risk that COVID-19 poses to nursing homes, is there something additional that the Legislature should do to better safeguard the patients and staff?***

**Robert McMahon:** Candidate has not yet responded.

**Paula Hicks-Hudson:** Yes. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the brokenness of the regulation and oversight for nursing homes. While much focus is at the federal level, the state must examine the gaps that exist and fill the ones that we have the power to work on. There is a need to provide adequate funding, training and antigen testing for staff and residents. Further, as we prepare for the flu season, there needs to be more focus placed on ways that people are tested to reduce further exposure. While the focus is on the status of COVID-19 in general, the Ohio Dept of Health and local health departments must continue to educate our citizens. The legislature has a number of bills introduced by my colleagues which have not been set for committee hearings. As we return to session, we will continue to ask for hearings on them.

# Ohio House District 45

<b>Shane Logan (R)</b>	<b>Lisa A. Sobecki (D)</b>
	

## Biographical Information

<p><b>Education:</b> University of Toledo ( August 2015 - Present) Whitmer High school ( August 2011 - May 2015)</p> <p><b>Experience:</b> Entreprenuer ( January 2019 - Present) Kroger Deli Clerk ( September 2016 - April 2017)</p> <p><b>Campaign Phone:</b> (419) 574-8716</p> <p><b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ShaneLoganforO1">@ShaneLoganforO1</a></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/loganforohio">http://www.facebook.com/loganforohio</a></p>	<p><b>Experience:</b> Ohio House of Representative District 45 2018 - present</p> <p><b>Campaign Phone</b> (419) 345-4116</p> <p><b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ForSobecki">@ForSobecki</a></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://Rep.Lisa Sobecki,Ohio House District 45">http://Rep.Lisa Sobecki,Ohio House District 45</a></p>
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## *In what ways would you change our election system in order to be prepared for crises that impair the right to vote?*

<p><b>Shane Logan:</b> I believe that voting in elections is a very sacred honor and privilege that many Americans take for granted. The right to vote is something that we should never overlook. Covid 19 has cause for concern and impaired the right to vote for at risk Americans. I would encourage people to vote either in person with a mask on or request an absentee ballot and mail it in. Overlooking our election system in Ohio it is safe to say that it is incredibly fair and as of now I see no need for it to change. Having said that I am open to all peoples opinions on this matter and would listen to see if we could make improvements if needed.</p>	<p><b>Lisa Sobecki:</b> We should have multiple ways that voters can exercise their right to vote. We should be mailing every voter a postage paid ballot and have various drop off sites through-out our county. We can place drop boxes at schools, libraries and fire stations through out the county, they are all safe and secure sites. Voters should be able to request a ballot from their County Board of Elections through technology that currently is available. We should have multiple early voting centers throughout the county.</p>
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## *Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you would address climate change.*

<p><b>Shane Logan:</b> We only have one Earth and we need to treat it in a way so that it is better for the future of our grand children and great grand children. I believe it is an important duty to improve our land and ensure that our air and water are clean for everyone. I want to protect our water, air, and land by preserving important habitat and making sure we best utilize</p>	<p><b>Lisa Sobecki:</b> We need to address climate change right now. As we can see with the increased fires out west and the increased storms in the south our time is running out. When the world was sheltering in place during COVID 19 we saw pictures of how clean our air was due to the lack of humans on the move and factories not running at full speed. We need to address our</p>
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<p>our land. Promoting urban gardening, and utilizing our natural resources in a beneficial way that doesn't harm the earth will be the best way to accomplish both goals of economic and environmental justice. In the district there is many building and spaces that aren't being properly utilized. I would address climate change by working with the private and public sector to help incentivize/promote initiatives to lower carbon emissions and tackle methane gas.</p>	<p>Great Lakes and the algae blooms from the run off of waste. The conversation need to go from conversations to action immediately.</p>
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***Where do you stand on women's reproductive rights and health?***

<p><b>Shane Logan:</b> When it comes to women's reproductive rights we need to protect the health of every individual. Every life is precious and deserves the same rights and protections no matter how old, income level and gender. When it comes to the health of women we need to make sure that we have a healthy and happy society. Women make up most of the workforce and make 2/3rds of the financial decisions in most households. The health of women is very important and I would work with them to make sure that the women of Ohio are heard and better off. If elected I will fight for everyone in the statehouse.</p>	<p><b>Lisa Sobecki:</b> My position regarding women's reproductive rights and health is easy. I stand with women. We should have the right to make our own choices regarding decisions about our bodies. We should not have government telling us what we can and can't do with our body.</p>
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***Given the risk that COVID-19 poses to nursing homes, is there something additional that the Legislature should do to better safeguard the patients and staff?***

<p><b>Shane Logan:</b> Given the risk that COVID-19 poses to nursing homes and enclosed spaces elected officials in the statehouse need to take it serious and do everything they can within the constitutional rights granted to keep people safe.</p>	<p><b>Lisa Sobecki:</b> This legislature should provide enough PPE to nursing homes to insure patients and staff are protected. We should be able to provide them with the testing and results in a timely manner. The real question should be what do nursing homes need?</p>
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# Ohio House District 46

Steven R. Salander (R)	Michael P. Sheehy (D)
<b>Biographical Information</b>	
<p><b>Steven R. Salander:</b> Candidate has not yet responded.</p>	<p><b>Education:</b> B.A. in Political Science, University of Toledo; U.S. Army Officer Adjutant General School Graduate,; Conductor Training Program CSX Graduate, Cardinal Stritch High School</p> <p><b>Experience:</b> Conductor , Instructor Conductor Training Program, US Army Office Manager as Lieutenant</p> <p><b>Campaign Phone:</b> (419) 698-3095</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://ElectMichaelSheehy.com">http://ElectMichaelSheehy.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://Representative Michael Sheehy">http://Representative Michael Sheehy</a></p>
<b><i>In what ways would you change our election system in order to be prepared for crises that impair the right to vote?</i></b>	
<p><b>Steven R. Salander:</b> Candidate has not yet responded.</p>	<p><b>Michael P. Sheehy:</b> Mail in voting has been successful in several states. That option should remain available and a combination of early vote and in-person voting of election day kept as options. This assumes voting machines available so that no one waits more than 10 minutes to vote.</p>
<b><i>Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you would address climate change.</i></b>	
<p><b>Steven R. Salander:</b> Candidate has not yet responded.</p>	<p><b>Michael P. Sheehy:</b> Passionate about our fresh water supply here in Northwest Ohio. Cities of Toledo and Oregon have invested millions of dollars in waste water treatment plants. Rate payers throughout the region pay to keep within the U.S EPA regulations under the Federal Clean Water Act. Agriculture runoff from a very limited number of farm operations upriver carries excessive nutrients into Lake Erie resulting in algae blooms and possible poison micro-systems. We have mostly eliminated coal burning power by using natural gas burning power. An improved air quality has resulted, but this fossil fuel has air emissions as well. Nuclear power has provided safe reliable (carbon free) electric power for the region for decades. Spent nuclear material like radioactive waste from fracking operations are the challenges of both industries. Both industries are needed until we can provide energy sources like wind and solar, both of which are now unable to meet electric demands of northern Ohio. I fight for you.</p>

***Where do you stand on women's reproductive rights and health?***

**Steven R. Salander:**  
Candidate has not yet responded.

**Michael P. Sheehy:** Women should have control of their own bodies and have the final say about their own reproductive rights. Legislation which tries to limit their access to safe abortions (even pregnancies resulting from rape or incest) is wrong. Access to good healthcare and family planning services should be a basic right in our society. Women's reproductive rights are a result of the evolution of women being seen as equal citizens under the law. Even in western democracies, women were once considered the property of their fathers and then their husbands after marriage, In many cultures this evil still exists today. I support women as equal members of society.

***Given the risk that COVID-19 poses to nursing homes, is there something additional that the Legislature should do to better safeguard the patients and staff?***

**Steven R. Salander:**  
Candidate has not yet responded.

**Michael P. Sheehy:** Unaware of anything more that can be done, and I invite any ideas that would provide better safeguards.

## Ohio House District 47

**Derek Merrin (R)**

**Nancy Larson (D)**



### Biographical Information

**Derek Merrin:** <http://facebook.com/derekmerrinforohio/>

**Education:** BA - Psychology/Theater MSW (Masters Social Work)  
**Experience:** I've been a Clinical/Medical Social Worker for 40 years in a variety of settings. I counseled convicted felons at the Lucas County Probation Dept (12 yrs,) worked with Dialysis pts (8 yrs), did hospice social work, and had my own private practice.  
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**Instagram:** <http://www.instagram.com/nancyforohio/>

***In what ways would you change our election system in order to be prepared for crises that impair the right to vote?***

**Derek Merrin:** Candidate has not yet responded.

**Nancy Larson:** I would push Ohio to convert to a mail-in ballot system, like some other states have done. We need automatic voter registration, tied to things like a driver's license/state ID/SS/Medicaid. If ballots were mailed out automatically to those registered to vote, that eliminates the need for photo IDs. If people wanted to vote in person at a polling place, early voting should still be available at a few locations. In addition, I would recommend prosecuting attempts to suppress participation in our democracy. I want elections to be publicly funded, and Citizens United overturned. On a federal level, I want the money allocated to combat foreign interference in our elections to be used for that purpose.

***Where do you stand on efforts to protect our water, air, and land? Include how you would address climate change.***

**Derek Merrin:** Candidate has not yet responded.

**Nancy Larson:** I recognize the advanced state of climate chaos. Our "leaders" have been kicking the can down the road, so we have little time left to act. LEBOR (Lake Erie Bill of Rights) was an attempt to address the fact that regulatory agencies have failed to do their jobs. I support the concept of the rights of nature. I would judge legislation based on the impact those laws would have on the natural world. Specifically, I would call for a moratorium on any more factory farms being approved in Ohio, and move to require the ones already operating to install waste water treatment plants on their premises. We need to pursue wind and solar energy again, and reduce/eliminate our reliance on nuclear energy. Amending current wind-turbine set-back laws is one thing that would help with this. Electric vehicles should not be taxed more rigorously than gas burners. Organic farming support should be widely available, as we encourage family farmers to convert to sustainable methods of producing our food.

***Where do you stand on women's reproductive rights and health?***

**Derek Merrin:** Candidate has not yet responded.

**Nancy Larson:** Women's bodily autonomy should be a given at this point in time. Constant attempts to relitigate this issue is a waste of time and energy that would best be spent on addressing the current crop of issues that demand our attention. The majority of people want Roe v. Wade to stand, so trying to overturn it by draconian state legislation is anti-democratic. Trying to pass bills that require doctors to perform nonexistent medical procedures is beneath what I expect of

elected officials. People should have access to birth control, safe abortions, and medically sound information about reproduction/sexuality. Planned Parenthood should be fully funded, as it serves a vital function in our present (broken) health care system. In Ohio, we have an unacceptable rate of Black infant mortality. This needs to be addressed as a clear manifestation of systemic racism. I think health care is a human right, and all women will suffer poorer outcomes until universal health care is achieved in Ohio.

***Given the risk that COVID-19 poses to nursing homes, is there something additional that the Legislature should do to better safeguard the patients and staff?***

**Derek Merrin:** Candidate has not yet responded.

**Nancy Larson:** I have a family member in assisted living and they have been on lockdown for the last 6 months. The facility has followed the requirements of the health department very strictly with good results - no deaths or major illness for either staff or patients. I believe it is possible to protect our seniors by these methods. They have set up limited hours to visit, outside while socially distanced, and with all parties masked. They have been taking staff and resident's temps daily, and test family's temps prior to visitation.. They monitor symptoms and require a 14-day quarantine for anyone leaving/returning to the building from anything other than a doctor's appointment. If these standards are met, I believe that is sufficient to protect seniors. Some facilities may need additional staffing to cover when others are off sick/quarantined, and perhaps the state needs to play a role in providing unemployment benefits or securing PPE for some nursing homes.

# LUCAS COUNTY

## - Lucas County Commissioner - Full term commencing 1-2-2021

**Responsibilities:** To exercise financial control of County expenditures; to authorize public works; to purchase land and buildings; to vet contracts; to plan and administer welfare. The Board of County Commissioners also appoints other officials to operate various departments.

Term 4 Years

<b>Pete Gerken (Dem)</b>	<b>Ron Murphy (Rep)</b>
	
<b>Biographical Information</b>	
<p><b>Education:</b> Central Catholic High School The University of Detroit Mercy and The University of Toledo, bachelor's in Organizational Behavior</p> <p><b>Experience:</b> Pete was elected to Toledo City Council at large in 1996 and served on Toledo City Council for 8 years. Pete was elected as a Lucas County Commissioner in 2005.</p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/electpetegerken">http://www.facebook.com/electpetegerken</a></p>	<p><b>Education</b> Whitmer Graduate</p> <p><b>Experience</b> Manager of a small business for 5 years, Turnover Specialist Supervisor for a nonprofit that is associated with mental health and homelessness for 15 years</p> <p><b>Campaign Phone</b> (419) 464-5807</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://murphyforlucascounty.com">http://murphyforlucascounty.com</a></p> <p><b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/murphy4lcc">@murphy4lcc</a></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://@MurphyForLucas">http://@MurphyForLucas</a></p>
<b>What challenges do you see impacting Lucas County with the COVID-19 pandemic?</b>	
<p><b>Pete Gerken:</b> The pandemic changed everything, The Board of Commissioners had to quickly restructure most all of our service operations. Our restructuring had to allow for a continuation of required services in what had become a virtual world. At the same time we were tasked with setting up a county wide emergency operations center (EOC), in conjunction with the Toledo Lucas County Health Department. A major challenge of operating the EOC was our capacity to effectively</p>	<p><b>Ron Murphy:</b> The Covid-19 virus has created many challenges in Lucas County. Here are a few: Businesses are struggling, some have downsized or closed due to Covid-19. Suicide and mental health issues are on the rise and services are still not running at full speed. Tax dollars are in decline creating shortfalls. Evictions have been put on hold, but when lifted, we could see a major increase in our homeless population. In order to overcome all of our challenges people need to feel safe. I have</p>

<p>and quickly communicate changing information to our residents. Together these two challenges required creativity and commitment. Our goal was to establish community trust related to community-wide safety and the ongoing operations of the county. More challenges await us in the future that will require flexibility and experienced leadership.</p>	<p>always said that educating the public about Covid-19 and how to protect yourself from it, should be a major priority.</p>
<p><b><i>How do you see the associated financial challenges caused by COVID-19, how do you prioritize and preserve county services?</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Pete Gerken:</b> Immediate associated financial challenge is the potential loss of sales tax revenue that funds our service operations. This includes everything from managing social and environmental services, and -- to the criminal justice operations. To meet this challenge we immediately engaged in cooperative determined budget cuts with all our partners. This budget process was painful and has resulted in significant sacrifices by our workforce. Many county employees have shouldered unpaid time off and yet still have been able to deliver services at a high level, through their diligence and commitment. An ongoing challenge is to find ways to spend the limited Covid relief funds received from the State in compliance with the many restrictions imposed. We continue to look for creative solutions.</p>	<p><b>Ron Murphy:</b> The effect Covid-19 has had on tax dollar revenue is devastating. Before Covid-19, our economy was running on all cylinders. We were looking at the strongest economy we've seen in many years. But now, because of the uncertainty of the economy, we must prioritize our expenditures. All efforts should be made to sustain public confidence. Essential services must be prioritized, people must be able to depend on basic services. Safety is also necessary, we must keep law and order a priority. We must also get our economy running by financially helping small businesses and loosening burdensome regulations.</p>
<p><b><i>What should be done to protect incarcerated persons from contracting COVID-19, and what steps should be taken to ensure the health of incarcerated people that have already contracted COVID-19?</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Pete Gerken:</b> The Board of Commissioners support Lucas County jail operations and the safety of CCNO detainees by ensuring they have the policies and resources in place to follow public health guidelines immediately for the protection of the incarcerated persons. This has included immediate testing in the jail and at CCNO to determine the extent of the virus in those institutions. We acted quickly and as a result have not seen wide spread infections in either case. As a matter of policy we now quarantine incoming persons for 7 days before being put into larger groups. We have the ability to continually test persons and have required masks on both detainees and staff. Additionally, we have worked in concert with judges to release people that do not need to be held as quickly as possible, and as a result our jail populations remain low but effective.</p>	<p><b>Ron Murphy:</b> I would first ask to seek the suggestions of medical professionals. But, in my observation, many simple measures have been taken by businesses to ensure the health and safety of their employees. These same simple measures like taking temperatures daily and washing hands should be mandatory for incarcerated persons. If a individual has symptoms, then measures should be taken to sanitize wherever that individual has been. That person should be monitored and isolated if possible. Inmates should use social distancing when possible. Basic hygiene skills must be taken more seriously. Anyone who is showing signs of illness should get medical attention.</p>

***The pandemic along with the death of George Floyd has thrown the country's and our Lucas County residents into a tailspin creating a chaos that has put an added burden on our Sheriff Department. What support would you propose to alleviate this burden?***

**Pete Gerken:** The responsibility of the Commissioners is to support Sheriff Tharp's operations during this changing social period. We have put in place a quick response system to make sure that he has funding for any new operational changes. We are using the majority of the Covid response money that has come to the county for the Sheriff and first responders to alleviate this burden.

**Ron Murphy:** I would support our Sheriff's department by fully funding them. We shouldn't expect more from them with less. I would expect them to respect the process of law and order. I would listen to their expert opinions and do my best to accommodate their needs. I would encourage the Sheriff department to have a zero tolerance policy for individuals committing violent crimes. I would also use that fully funded Sheriff department to do more community outreach. We must do a better job teaching people how to interact with law enforcement.

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## **Lucas County Commissioner**

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### **Full term commencing 1-3-2021**

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**Tina Skeldon Wozniak (Dem)**



#### **Biographical Information**

**Education:** The Ohio State University- Masters Social Worker MSW LISW

**Experience:** Licensed Independent Social Worker

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***What challenges do you see impacting Lucas County with the COVID-19 pandemic?***

The Board of Lucas County Commissioners has a statutory requirement to provide an Emergency Operation Center to coordinate and manage the COVID pandemic. We have provided leadership, materials, and coordination throughout the county since March 12. Currently, the return to work in a strategic manner is a difficult practice to a community that is used to a pattern of work,

school, and recreation. Full reassurance is needed to lead a return to a quality of life. Guidance from the Governor's office is key and often complicated by a poor federal government who is not on the same page thwarts our transition from stay at home to return to community living. Science shows that wearing masks, staying home, getting medical attention if sick, social distancing, and respect for others is the best approach to getting our lives back to normal. There is nothing more important than getting our community back to normal; which is why I am working on this issue full time.

***How do you see the associated financial challenges caused by COVID-19, how do you prioritize and preserve county services?***

Lucas County originally projected a 20% reduction of our budget for 2020; we now see a slightly better projection. With the help of a strong rainy day fund and cooperation from all of the other elected officials, we will need to cut \$8 million dollars from this year's budget and \$19 million from 2021. However, we are experienced financially. We were dealt a blow in 2009, for several years of a recession, which was seen as difficult for our times. We experienced a loss of county funds, which led to a significant reduction of available budgetary dollars, and eliminated hundreds of positions in order to keep the county in safe financial footing. Currently, we have implemented furloughs, reduced spending, and implemented layoffs—along with other reductions—in order to weather the financial storm brought on by the pandemic. We will manage because we know how to make tough decisions while maximizing key programmatic services that are essential to residents in the county.

***What should be done to protect incarcerated persons from contracting COVID-19, and what steps should be taken to ensure the health of incarcerated people that have already contracted COVID-19?***

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has worked with both the jail and the courts to provide guidance and PPE minimize the exposure to COVID-19. The Sheriff, along with other law enforcement offices in the county, are in weekly communication with the EOC to get briefed on the current situation and any changes in guidance from the state and local health departments. In an effort to protect as many people as possible, only those who have been alleged to have committed serious crimes were booked into the county jail, the rest were issued summonses to appear in court. This has resulted in a significant drop in our jail population. Also, the Courts have found creative ways, through video technology and other new approaches that limit the need for groups of people to gather in person. Per the current CDC guidance, to limit employees from bringing COVID into the jail, daily temperature checks, and a series of questions are asked of employees before they start their shift.

***The pandemic along with the death of George Floyd has thrown the country's and our Lucas County residents into a tailspin creating a chaos that has put an added burden on our Sheriff Department. What support would you propose to alleviate this burden?***

For too long persons of color have been treated differently in criminal justice experiences compared to others who live in the same community. We know this to be true by looking at the disproportionality in jail. People across the county, including those in Lucas County, are advocating for change to practices and policies that disproportionately affect people of color. We need to allow the voices and peaceful protests point out these disparities. The county government is creating a Diversity and Inclusion department to have both internal reviews and assess our own culture and practices. I have also been working to assist police on a social work program to help with community needs rather than always using law enforcement. Lastly, other mental health services and programs in our community can help people be treated outside of jail and into treatment facilities. I am hopeful for fewer days or no days in jail for nonviolent offenders while they wait for the criminal process to play out.

# Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney

**Responsibilities:** To investigate and prosecute crimes committed within the county, to defend the county in court, and to give legal advice to county agencies and townships.

4-Year Term

**Julia Bates (D)**

## Biographical Information

**Education:** B.A. Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio; JD. University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

**Experience:** 20 years as an Assistant Lucas county Prosecutor; 24 years as Lucas County Prosecutor

***Given your years of experience as Prosecuting Attorney, has the role changed and what challenges do you see for the future?***

Racial and gender equality and fairness have always been an issue , but now, more people are examining the way we do business and making appropriate changes in the results we seek. We have more violence, more guns, more drugs, less help for the mentally ill and overcrowded jails and prisons. The death penalty is fraught with difficult issues and may never be implemented again. On a positive note more help is available for drug addicted people and Drug Court is one solution that is helping many so situated people. Technology has made human contact less frequent, perhaps a good thing in a pandemic.

***Is the bail system the fairest way to assure people return for trial? If yes, why? If no, why not and what alternatives would you propose?***

Risk assessment tools that look at the individual as opposed to the offense to determine release or custody. Bail is one tool, but electronic monitoring and house arrest are others that are being employed today.

***Given the recent attention to racial inequality in our legal system, what do you think is important for a Prosecutor to do to ensure everyone in the community is treated fairly?***

Listen to the voices in the community, talk to the citizen groups, continuing education for police and prosecutors to employ the best practices for best results. Be available, be willing to change if necessary....be open and employ as much diversity as possible to resemble the makeup of the greater community at large.

# Lucas County Clerk for the Courts of Common Pleas

**Responsibilities:** To enter judgments and collect court costs for appellate and common pleas courts, and also to issue and transfer automobile and watercraft certificates of title. 4-Year Term

Donald Grames Jr. (R)	Bernie Quilter (D)
<b>Biographical Information</b>	
<b>Donald Grames Jr.:</b> Candidate has not yet responded.	<b>Education:</b> University of Toledo BA Political Science Major <b>Campaign Phone:</b> (419) 450-0174
<b><i>What experiences have you had that will enable you to fulfill this office's responsibilities?</i></b>	
<b>Donald Grames Jr.:</b> Candidate has not yet responded.	<b>Bernie Quilter:</b> I have held the office of Lucas County Clerk of Courts since April of 1999. I have made many important changes to the office since becoming Clerk. The clerk's office offers "On line Portals" for making payment on court cost and court ordered restitution. We have instituted E-filing for the filing of court documents. There is an "On Line Dockets" module for searching of court cases. I'm past President of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association which represents all 88 Ohio Counties and past President of the Ohio Council of County Officials which represents all County offices in the 88 Counties. I also was appointed by Chief Justice, Thomas Moyer to the Ohio Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence in 2004. I worked with the Lucas county Sheriff in establishing an "After Hours Bail Program" to reduce the overcrowding of the Jail. I enjoy my position as an elected Clerk of Courts of the Common Pleas and look forward to continuing to represent all the citizens in Lucas County.
<b><i>What are your highest priorities when you are elected, and how will you accomplish them?</i></b>	
<b>Donald Grames Jr.:</b> Candidate has not yet responded.	<b>Bernie Quilter:</b> The single most important priority for the next four years is the purchase and implementation of a Case management System that will be shared by all the courts, including the General Trial Division, Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Court. Currently, each court has its own separate system. By incorporating all the courts into one system, information can be acquired and shared by all and in real time. This will also save significantly on maintenance contracts providing Lucas County with cost savings. The Clerk of Courts will continue to operate four Auto Title locations providing citizens with convenience and ease of obtaining auto titles and Passports.

# Lucas County Sheriff

**Responsibilities:** To provide services to the courts, to oversee the county jail, and to act as chief law enforcement officer for the county. 4 Year Term

Earl D. Mack Jr. (Ind)	Mike Navarre (D)
	

## Biographical Information

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## *What are your unique qualifications and experiences that will make you the best candidate for this office?*

<p><b>Earl D. Mack Jr:</b> First, I have an extensive educational experience and leadership background as a law enforcement "Peace Officer" practitioner and in community engagement initiatives. I believe we all are accountable for our community and are stakeholders having a vested interest in community outcomes, which includes behaviors, management that affects the private and public sectors of a community, which also includes our educational systems, political and criminal justice community and those entities controlling our value of life. As Sheriff, the top law enforcement peace officer of the county, I believe in coalitions that will drive collaborative partnerships to address what I expressed above. Any entity that represent people, must allow those citizens to have genuine input in what affects them and their community. I am one that have the ability to bring people and collective resources together to resolve any issues that are common concerns of us all, to includes community police relations.</p>	<p><b>Mike Navarre:</b> My entire adult life has been devoted to the Law Enforcement profession. I have been a Chief of Police for 22 years. This includes 13 years with Toledo (the largest city in the county) and 9 with Oregon (a medium sized suburb). I am very familiar with the problems faced by residents of Lucas County. I am a strong advocate for Police Reform and was appointed by the Governor in 2014 to a state-wide committee tasked with improving Police/Community relations. I currently serve on many local Boards and Commissions including the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), the Re-Entry Committee for Northwest Ohio, the Metro Toledo Criminal Justice Administrators (MTCJA), Advisory Boards for both the University of Toledo and Owens Community College Criminal Justice Programs, Lucas County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Legislative Review Committee, and for 6 years on the Governor's Task Force/Ohio Collaborative.</p>
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***The pandemic along with the death of George Floyd has thrown the country's and our Lucas County residents into a tailspin creating a chaos that has put an added burden on our Sheriff Department. What support would you propose to alleviate this burden?***

**Earl D. Mack Jr:** As expressed above, we must be accountable as stakeholders to address any matter that affects us as Americans together. I always say, we have more in common than not. The problem that affects us the most when dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, the death of George Floyd or any issue that have a negative affect on us all is "trust." Based on the actions of a leader or leaders will determine one's ability to act on what we are told. To alleviate the burden on the Sheriff's Office, I would first ensue that I gain the respect and trust of the people I represent. As expressed, I believe in coalitions. Therefore, we will work together to solve those issues related to both. Knowing we have freedoms in this country, were it related to the coronavirus I will ensure citizens have the best and latest health information and work on volunteer compliance to recommendations. As it relates to police conduct, I will ensure honesty and transparency with fair and thorough investigations.

**Mike Navarre:** The year 2020 has undoubtedly been like none other. The key to dealing with the pandemic is preparation. In Oregon, we developed contingency plans for scheduling and service delivery that could be implemented at a moment's notice. This worked quite well for us and would also work in the Lucas County Sheriff's Office. Operating a pre-trial detention facility presents unique challenges. The key is preparation. The death of George Floyd has resulted in a demand from residents across the country for law enforcement to re-think the manner in which laws are enforced and communities are kept safe. In 2014, many high profile incidents in this country resulted in a similar outcry; however, not much had changed in the subsequent 6 years. 2020 is different. The Oregon Police Division is taking a serious look at more than a dozen police reforms. If I am elected Sheriff, I would promote these reforms county wide. Training is essential and requires a strong commitment at all levels.

***What should be done to protect incarcerated persons from contracting COVID-19 and what steps should be taken to ensure the health of incarcerated people that have already contracted COVID-19?***

**Earl D. Mack Jr:** I would first provide in-depth training and updated information on COVID-19 to all employees and to the coalition I will develop specifically for the Sheriff's Office, to know 100% of what to do and how to perform duties related to this condition and how to keep the facility clean and sanitized and keep employees their families and inmates safe. I support the criminal justice reform initiative, which will assist in alleviating unnecessary incarceration. There will be testing of any person prior to incarceration. Lastly, we will ensure families of employees receive training and information about the COVID-19 so they can provide the very best care for their house whole.

**Mike Navarre:** A detention facility requires the same attention as any other organization. First, an effort must be made to minimize the inmate population until this crisis is over. Social distancing should be utilized whenever practical. The use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be mandated. This includes gloves, masks, and gowns. Careful monitoring of the population becomes essential as those who test positive and/or exhibit symptoms must be segregated. Inmates who are infected should be provided the same level of medical care as those who are not incarcerated. This presents an enormous challenge when the inmate is awaiting trial for a violent crime and may require 24-hour guard utilization in a hospital. Both the inmate and worker populations should be divided into groups and kept separate to prevent cross contamination of the entire population should one member of a group exhibit symptoms. Quarantining an entire group may then become necessary to keep the infection contained.

## Lucas County Sheriff (continued)

**Brett Warner (R)**



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### *What are your unique qualifications and experiences that will make you the best candidate for this office?*

**Brett Warner:** As a 23 year military veteran with a focus on security and law enforcement, and 28 years of Law Enforcement experience - I have developed unique and essential leadership traits that are required of a Sheriff. In addition, I have served as an elected official as a Township Trustee and have a well rounded view of local government procedures. Most importantly, I am the only candidate currently working as a full time Sheriff's Deputy and the only one with direct experience in the Office which I seek. I am the only candidate that can hit the ground running Day 1 in a job where I am already familiar with the Office its and personnel. Lets promote from within and get started working for the community immediately. I hope the voters agree!

### *The pandemic along with the death of George Floyd has thrown the country's and our Lucas County residents into a tailspin creating a chaos that has put an added burden on our Sheriff Department.*

#### *What support would you propose to alleviate this burden?*

**Brett Warner:** I see the primary "burden" as being the stereotype placed on all Law Enforcement Officers based on that situation. That stereotype has placed distrust among some citizens, placed self doubt among some officers, created friction within communities and hardships when attempting to recruit and retain good officers. The answer to alleviate it is through community engagement and education by means of venues designed to share both viewpoints. Citizens Police Academy's have always provided insight into the job of LE officers and should be enhanced and offered on a larger scale .A co-worker suggested another idea, citizens academy put on for officers to see things from citizen perspectives. These are the type of discussions we should be having. Everyone knows that peaceful communication is the answer, the challenge is having people commit to doing it. As Sheriff I will promote opportunities to collaborate with community organizations to work toward peaceful resolve, trust, and understanding.

**What should be done to protect incarcerated persons from contracting COVID-19 and what steps should be taken to ensure the health of incarcerated people that have already contracted COVID-19?**

**Brett Warner:** I actually believe that Lucas County has done an excellent job meeting or exceeding the local, state, and federal guidelines. I commend all county employees involved in the process. The numbers in the Lucas County Corrections Facility are among some of the best and the procedures and effort that have been put into the process are nothing short of amazing and impressive. I use this as a great example of the importance of knowing the inter-workings of the Office. This is a process that has been well managed and like many other things only needs to continue.

## Lucas County Recorder

**Responsibilities:** To record deeds, mortgages, plats, liens, and other written instruments.

4 Year Term

**Phil D. Copeland (D)**



**Pam Haynam (R)**



**Biographical Information**

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**What experiences have you had that will enable you to fulfill this office's responsibilities?**

**Phil D. Copeland:** I learned right away the office union workers are all well-versed Deputy Recorder's. I had the obligation to attend the Ohio Recorder's Association (ORA) Conference at the beginning of the year (in my first term) for New Recorder's Orientation and Training. I continued to attend each ORA conference held which are scheduled 3-4 times a year. Each conference allows me to stay up to date with Ohio Legislation Laws

**Pam Haynam:** For 25 years I operated my own business offering high level computer based litigation support for Fortune 500 companies and others, and earlier worked with computers as a systems analyst for large insurance companies. I earned my bachelors degree in Systems Analysis for computers and then earned a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Toledo. I served 12 years on the Sylvania School Board and since have been actively involved in the Ohio Council of Community Schools where I have served as Chairman of the OCCS

board for the past six years, promoting Charter School opportunities that provide quality alternative learning environments for kids from lower socioeconomic- backgrounds.

***What are your highest priorities when you are elected, and how will you accomplish them?***

**Phil D. Copeland:** My continuity for office policies and procedures, not only for the staff but my constituents. Continued Outreach Programs throughout the Lucas County communities. Remaining up to date on Recorder software and equipment.

**Pam Haynam:** For most of us, our homes are our most important investment and we need good records to protect that investment. As Recorder, I have the skills and the capability to make sure that the Lucas County Recorder office's computer systems are up to date. I will make sure that those systems report accurate information, are user friendly, and cost effective. I will do this by retaining knowledgeable personnel, closely monitoring the office's budget, and implementing best practices from the state Recorder's Association.

## Lucas County Treasurer

**Responsibilities:** To collect taxes in the county and its subdivisions, disburse expenditures, and invest the county's funds.

Term: 4 years

**John W. Rozic (Rep)**



**Lindsay M. Webb (Dem)**



### Biographical Information

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***What experiences have you had that will enable you to fulfill this office's responsibilities?***

**John W. Rozic:** My background, education in law and accounting, and years of experience in the private and public sectors make me extremely well-qualified to serve as Lucas County Treasurer. As an attorney in private practice for over 35 years, I often review financial statements and transactions for our clients. Currently, I serve as the managing partner for my law firm. As a member of Waterville City Council since 2014 and a past member of the Anthony Wayne Board of Education from 2000 to through 2008, I have analyzed numerous budgets and financial reports for current operations as well as for major projects, planning for growth, and meeting the needs of a growing city and school district. I also have many years of participation in local service organizations. I have invaluable experience in revenue collection, oversight, and management and investment of taxpayer dollars. I look forward to bringing my expertise and my competence, dedication, honesty, and integrity, to work for Lucas County.

**Lindsay M. Webb:** I have been the Treasurer of Lucas County since 2018. Just like other businesses and service providers during the Covid-19 pandemic, we have had to determine how to provide essential services, and keep our staff and the public safe. This past spring, as a member of the County Treasurers' Association, I worked to address pressing legal and practical questions facing County Treasurers across the State of Ohio. I just led Lucas County through the toughest tax collection since The Great Recession. I have developed a continuity of operations plan for my office, started the certification process in Incident Command Systems (ICS), and presented on disaster preparedness and planning. Why? Because in my time in public services, I have seen the Toledo Water Crisis, the Polar Vortex, the Downtown Power Outage and the Covid-19 Global Pandemic. Leaders plan and they lead by example. I want to make sure that I continue to be an elected leader who can help our community in times of crisis.

***What are your highest priorities when you are elected, and how will you accomplish them?***

**John W. Rozic:** The Treasurer's office is an administrative service to Lucas County. The Treasurer is primarily responsible for collecting monies owed to the county, depositing the funds to the county's accounts, and managing the funds on hand for the benefit of all citizens. Over \$600 million of taxpayer money passes through the Treasurer's office annually. My priorities are: To oversee the county's revenue and account for every dollar so that the citizens can be assured that their taxes are accurately collected and safeguarded; To provide a friendly and efficient taxpayer-oriented service while making sure that everyone and every entity pays the taxes owed; To review and improve, where possible, all procedures of the Treasurer's office; To represent all of our citizens with a more balanced approach in county leadership; To provide as much transparency to the Treasurer's office as possible. I am a public servant, not a politician. I am committed to serving with the highest standards possible.

**Lindsay M. Webb:** Tax collection takes on a whole new importance now, because local schools and other cash-strapped public entities need the revenues we collect to provide essential services and keep people safe. However, there are some businesses and homeowners that have been incredibly hard hit by the stay-at-home orders and the economy. We have developed policies that allow us to work with these local businesses and homeowners, while collecting what we can. We are using data driven decision-making and will adjust our policies as the economic conditions in the county change. Additionally, I am charged with investing the County's 300 Million dollars, safely and prudently. I have taken steps to expand our holdings in local banks and to support local economic development. I am interested helping drive local investment to see our community grow!

***Are there programs or reforms that you recommend that will assist both taxpayers and community entities that rely on tax revenues for support?***

**John W. Rozic:** Historically, most elected offices in Lucas County have been held by Democrats. Currently our non-judicial county government offices - Commissioner, Recorder, Treasurer, and the rest, 11 in all - are all held by Democrats. Achieving balance in Lucas County leadership, where none exists now, will benefit all taxpayers and the county in general. Citizens deserve to be able to trust that their elected officials will be accountable for their decisions and will properly manage our budgets and investments. Electing dedicated, public-service-minded, leaders who possess the necessary qualifications and have a commitment to transparency will help taxpayers feel more engaged. Many citizens do not realize how the operation of the Treasurer's office affects them beyond the collection of their own taxes. Improving communication of financial reports and of services performed by the Treasurer's office will give taxpayers greater understanding of this important function of county government.

**Lindsay M. Webb:** In general, I am sincerely interested in making data driven decisions and using technology to further what we do. I systemically track nearly every aspect of our work at the Treasurer's office, so I can see trends around tax delinquency in our community. I use this information to test different communications methods and strategies for tax collection and as result, we have seen improvement in our efforts. Additionally, I updated our investment policy to reflect the changes in Ohio law, so that we can help support economic development in our community and we are seeing positive returns. As the chair of the Lucas County Land Bank, I am engaging directly neighborhood development work. There is a lot of energy around neighborhood level investment, both in terms of the built environment and resource development. I want to continue to bring best practices to our community.

## Lucas County Engineer

**Responsibilities:** To oversee the construction, maintenance, and repair of all bridges in the county, and of county roads and other public improvements except buildings in the county. 4-Year Term

### Mike Pniewski



### Biographical Information

**Education:** BS Civil Engineering Univ. of Michigan; MS Civil Engineering Univ. of Michigan; BS Land Surveying Michigan Tech Univ.; MBA Bowling Green State Univ.; Ohio Licensed Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor

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***What experiences have you had that enable you to fulfill this office's responsibilities?***

With over 20 years of experience leading civil engineering and land surveying projects in the public and private sectors, I believe I have much to offer the people of Lucas County. My experience brings a varied background in water resources from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers here in Northwest Ohio, large land development projects in Arizona, and in designing and implementing other private and public infrastructure projects in Michigan, around the Midwest, and across the globe. In addition, I have been honored to develop the next generation of engineers by teaching at civil engineer schools around the country and currently at the University of Toledo. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated the ability to deliver results and at the same time develop lasting and productive relationships with varying governmental agencies, businesses, community leaders, developers, industries, and our citizens. I am motivated to serve the citizens of Lucas County every day.

***What do you see as the most successful engineering projects or efforts of the county?***

Our region, and our office, has been very successful in obtaining outside funding for projects that enhance the safety of the public while improving traffic flow. The office was a key partner in the expansion of I-475 in Western Lucas County including the development of two new interchanges at Dorr Street and US 20A. These interchanges will improve traffic conditions in Western Lucas County as well as provide two new corridors for future economic development when they are completed in 2023. In the past, the office was also instrumental in the construction of the Railroad Bridge over McCord Rd near Springfield High School. For the past 10 years, our office has also improved traffic safety and capacity with modern roundabout intersections. These intersections largely eliminate the potential for deadly or serious injury accidents while improving traffic flow. We look forward to continuing our success in bringing outside funds to our area and improving safety and our quality of life.

***What do you see as the most pressing engineering problems of the county and what plans are there to solve them?***

While our region has seen significant investment in the transportation infrastructure of Lucas County, we are still challenged in obtaining the resources we need to adequately maintain the infrastructure we have and to develop the infrastructure we need to continue to make Lucas County a great place to work, live and prosper. Our office operates on the revenues provided by the state through gas user and license plate fees, as well as with outside grants from Federal and state sources. While our office has a successful track record in obtaining competitive grants for projects to enhance the safety and capacity of our roadways, our dedicated funding to maintain these investments becomes more challenging each year. Each year, we develop a six year plan to allocate these revenues based on the needs of our system. Continued cooperation among governments in the region is needed to ensure our transportation system serves our businesses and citizens and supports regional growth.

# Lucas County Coroner

**Responsibilities:** To determine the cause of death of persons dying in a violent or suspicious manner and to issue death certificates. 4-Year Term

<b>Diane Scala-Barnett</b>
<b>Biographical Information</b>
Candidate has not yet responded
<b><i>What experiences have you had that enable you to fulfill this office's responsibilities?</i></b>
Candidate has not yet responded
<b><i>What are your highest priorities when you are elected, and how will you accomplish them?</i></b>
Candidate has not yet responded

## JUDICIAL RACES —Supreme Court—

### For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Term Beginning 1/2/2021

Responsibilities: Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions. The Supreme Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S Constitution, statutes, or treaties.

Salary: \$175,214

Term Limit: 6 years

<b>Jennifer Brunner</b>	<b>Judi French</b>
<b><i>Biographical Information</i></b>	
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**Work Experience** Court of Appeals Judge since 2014; (read more at [judicialvotescount.org](http://judicialvotescount.org))  
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**Affiliations:** 2008 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award Recipient for work as Ohio's 52nd Secretary of State – <https://www.jfklibrary.org/events-and-awards/prof>

***List your judicial experience (court and years)***

**Jennifer Brunner:** Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals, elected 2014, reelected without opposition 2016 • Serve as one of eight judges in jurisdiction of 1.2 million people reviewing cases filed as of right from lower courts at county and municipal level (civil and felony and misdemeanor cases, probate, family law and administrative law), state court of claims cases, administrative law decisions and holding original jurisdiction in government-related cases. • Participate in three-judge panels that hear oral arguments on cases fully briefed and prepared for review. • Manage team of staff attorneys and paralegal in review of records and drafting and review of decisions. • Confer with other appellate judges on cases presented for oral argument and written decisions following oral arguments. • Sit as visiting judge on the Ohio Supreme Court and in other courts of appeals. • Participate in state appellate judge training and information exchange. • Research and draft decisions on appeals. • Serve on court Personnel Committee. • Central Ohio Association for Justice George E. Tyack Judicial Excellence Award for performance as appellate judge, May 2016. • Judge, Franklin County Common Pleas Court, elected 2000, reelected 2002 • Managed regular docket of at least 500 civil cases and 125 criminal cases at any time pending. • Eliminated docket backlog from 991 cases to 713 cases in one year. • Conducted trials including three judge panel death penalty trial, criminal trials for aggravated murder, rape, felonious assault, complicity to felonious assault, robbery, burglary, and theft, and civil trials including age discrimination, premises liability (slip and fall), auto accident and medical malpractice. • Implemented procedures for jurors to ask questions in trials; affirmed by Ohio Supreme Court with statewide procedures modeled after those challenged and affirmed. • Working within court and with community mental health and substance abuse service providers, established and presided over the TIES (Treatment is Essential to Success) Program, a felony drug court specialized docket,

**Judi French:**  
 – Justice, Ohio Supreme Court 2013 – present  
 – Appointed January 2013; elected November 2014  
 – Serve on seven-member court with statewide jurisdiction over all legal matters, including discretionary and non-discretionary appeals, original actions, death-penalty appeals, and disciplinary matters.  
 – Serve as frequent presenter before high school, college, law school, legal professional, and general public audiences on matters of access to justice, civic education, law, and campaign policy.  
 – Appointed by United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts to serve on the Federal Appellate Rules Committee. Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals 2004 – 2012  
 – Appointed October 2004; elected November 2004; re-elected November 2010.  
 – Served on eight-member court with jurisdiction over civil, criminal, and administrative appeals; authored 800 opinions. – Served as administrative judge (2007 and 2008) and as presiding judge (2009).

providing for intensive probation of persons whose substance abuse or substance abuse co-occurring with mental illness has contributed to their commission of nonviolent felonies; this specialized docket is still in operation today. • Supervised 45 probationers in TIES program and supervised activities of TIES Program coordinator, while maintaining regular docket. • Collaborated with TIES program service providers across disciplines, including assisting with cross-training for better cooperation; advocate of collaboration for best planning, execution and results, including acceptance by affected populations. • Presided over cases involving administrative appeals of state agency decisions, including appeals of ballot issue challenges. • Served on following court committees: Court Personnel Committee, Court Technology Committee, New Judges Committee, Grants Review Committee, Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defendants Committee. • Taught probation officers of the court and lawyers involved with the Ohio State Bar Foundation curriculum on poverty and working with people in poverty to help them succeed. • Adjunct professor for graduate law enforcement program for Tiffin University, a private Ohio University, teaching law and ethics for law enforcement officers and for undergraduate law enforcement program, constitutional law for law enforcement

***What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?***

**Jennifer Brunner:** My 17 years private practice experience with people from all walks of life has helped me better understand how the law affects people, in a wide variety of life situations. To be a lawyer is a calling to serve society and to uphold and protect the rule of law. I have worked for clients ranging from economically disadvantaged single mothers to one who was running for president (Jerry Brown in 1992). My private law practice experience includes trial and appellate work for clients in common pleas courts in Franklin, Cuyahoga, Licking, Fairfield, Carroll, Mahoning and Hamilton Counties; in appellate courts in the Tenth, Third, Eighth, Fifth, First, Second and Sixth District Courts of Appeals; the Ohio Supreme Court; United States District Courts (Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio); Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; and am admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. I have represented clients in administrative proceedings before

**Judi French:** For more than two decades, I have dedicated my career to public service. Before becoming a judge, I had served as chief legal counsel to the governor, an assistant attorney general, and a state government lawyer. Those years in public service are critical to my understanding of state laws, my adherence to constitutional limitations, and my commitment to careful and efficient decision making on behalf of all Ohioans. I also have legal experience in the private sector, having worked in a law firm and a large manufacturing corporation. That private experience helps me understand the practical impact of our decisions and appreciate the impact of our judicial rules and procedures. Finally, as the daughter of a schoolteacher, I appreciate my Ohio roots and education, and I am committed to using my voice as a Justice to be a part of civic education in Ohio. I speak frequently to students, educators, and civic organizations. Since taking office, I

numerous state and local boards, served as a special prosecutor for election fraud and as a hearing officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

In 2011, I drafted a statewide referendum petition for a coalition of voting rights activists, labor organizations, state and local political party organizations and faith-based and other nonprofit organizations who gathered more than 400,000 petition signatures to place voting rights referendum on statewide ballot; in 2012-2013 I developed a multi-state and federal executive agency government affairs practice focused on matters before the FCC and state public utilities commissions relating to low income telephone government programs.

I started my own law firm from the corner of my bedroom when our children were 7, 4 and 2, growing it to 32 people after ten years. Other experience includes serving as general counsel for a computer firm and a trade association, serving as campaign finance counsel for numerous state and local labor unions, corporations, national and state associations, candidates, caucuses and political action committees on state and federal election law, and representing neighborhood groups and developers on zoning, referendum and initiative election issues. Past experience also includes representing judges and judicial candidates before the Supreme Court concerning compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct. Hold experience in drafting state legislation and administrative rules in areas of election law, local option elections, campaign finance, and ethics laws. Served as administrative partner of law firm.

have traveled to all 88 counties (I am on my fifth time around), and I have met with individuals, organizations, businesses, and local leaders, all in an effort to serve them better. If reelected, I will continue that level and method of service.

***Why are you running for this particular court seat?***

**Jennifer Brunner:** I love the law, I love Ohio and I enjoy helping people. I am privileged, having traveled to every county in this state when I served as Secretary of State, to have worked with Ohio's 88 county boards of elections as we together served Ohioans.

I chose to run for the Ohio Supreme Court for three reasons: First, I want to be a part of a court that ensures that the first decision interpreting the state constitution's new provisions for fair districts for Congress and the Ohio General Assembly, when challenged — and they will be — is fair and according to state constitutional requirements. As Secretary of State, my office sponsored a public contest to draw districts to show we could end gerrymandering. We used a formula that served as a basis

**Judi French:** I first aspired to be a justice because it offers interesting, challenging, and meaningful work that serves the public interest. I aspire to be reelected to the office because I want to continue that work, both on and off the bench. As a justice, I am able not only to bring attention to needs within the legal profession, the judiciary, and the public as a whole, but also to advocate for change to meet those needs.

In particular, during my next term, I intend to continue the court's work to improve our efficiency and that of all Ohio courts. I also intend to continue my work with the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation and local legal aid organizations to bring more attention, resources, and innovation to the needs of undeserved Ohioans.

for developing the state constitution's formula for fair districts. We proved it could be done. Nothing is more basic to the health of Ohio's democracy than fair districts, and I want to participate in any review of that process occurring after the 2020 census. I want to use my experience to the benefit of the court and the people of the State of Ohio.

Second, there are important issues such as when a police officer can make an individual get out of their car, under what circumstances criminal records can be expunged, when someone's home can be taken through foreclosure or when it is appropriate for legislative caps on damages (such as rape of a child by a trusted pastor) to be overcome. These issues are just a few that affect everyday people in Ohio, though many citizens often don't realize how much they are affected by just the words of the state's highest court.

Third, I have found that when there is a political balance on an appellate court, there is less a tendency to "group think." Better decisions are likely to emerge when they involve the give-and-take of views and the softening of others through reasoned and respectful discussion and decision making. Currently, the political balance of the state's high court is a state of unbalance with 5 Republicans and 2 Democrats. A 4-3 balance would, in my view, create some of the best decisions possible from the court. I hope to help provide that balance with my election law, local option elections, campaign finance, and ethics laws. Served as administrative partner of law firm.

# For Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Term Beginning 1/1/2021

**Responsibilities:** Hears all cases involving questions arising under the Ohio Constitution or statutes; hears appeals from Courts of Appeals decisions. The Supreme Court's decisions are final except in cases involving the U.S Constitution, statutes, or treaties.

Salary: \$175,214

Term Limit: 6 years

Sharon L. Kennedy	John O'Donnell
<b>Biographical Information</b>	
<p><b>Current Position:</b> Ohio Supreme Court Justice  <b>Age:</b> 58  <b>Residence:</b> Hamilton  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.kennedyforohio.com/">http://www.kennedyforohio.com/</a>  <b>Social Media:</b>            Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/KennedyforOhio/">https://www.facebook.com/KennedyforOhio/</a>            Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/kennedyforohio">https://twitter.com/kennedyforohio</a>  <b>Education</b> Juris Doctor, University of Cincinnati, College of Law 1991; Bachelor Degree of Social Work, University of Cincinnati, School of Social Work, 1984  <b>Work Experience</b> Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 2012-Present. (read more at <a href="http://judicialvotescount.org">judicialvotescount.org</a>)  <b>Affiliations</b> Present: Lean Forward: Advancing Veterans Treatment Courts Across Ohio (read more at <a href="http://judicialvotescount.org">judicialvotescount.org</a>)</p>	<p><b>Current Position:</b> Judge, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas  <b>Age:</b> 55  <b>Residence:</b> Lakewood  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://odonnellforjustice.com">http://odonnellforjustice.com</a>  <b>Social Media:</b> @JudgeJackOD;  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/JudgeJohnODonnell">https://www.facebook.com/JudgeJohnODonnell</a>  <b>Education:</b> Cleveland St. Joseph High School, Miami (O.) University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law  <b>Work Experience:</b> Civil trial attorney 1993-2002 and 2005-2007; Judge, 2002-2005 and 2007-present  <b>Family:</b> Married with five children  <b>Affiliations:</b> Roman Catholic; St. Malachi Center Bd. of Trustees; (read more at <a href="http://judicialvotescount.org">judicialvotescount.org</a>)</p>
<b>List your judicial experience (court and years)</b>	
<p><b>Sharon L. Kennedy:</b> Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, 2012-Present; Administrative Judge/Judge, Butler County Court of Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, 1999-2012</p>	<p><b>John O'Donnell:</b> I have been a judge for over 16 years. I have presided over hundreds of jury trials, both criminal and civil, and scores of bench trials. I have handled death penalty cases. I was selected by the Chief Justice of The Ohio Supreme Court to be one of only eight judges in Ohio to preside over a commercial docket dedicated to the swift and just resolution of business disputes. I have presided over a criminal mental health docket specializing in the issues arising in the adjudication and disposition of cases where a defendant has a serious mental illness with a psychotic feature. I have a reputation for political independence, a necessity for any good judge.</p>
<b>What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?</b>	
<p><b>Sharon L. Kennedy:</b> My non-judicial experience informs my judicial experience and I draw upon that experience everyday as a justice at the Supreme Court of Ohio.</p>	<p><b>John O'Donnell:</b> I was a civil trial attorney who was in court almost every working day for approximately 10 years.</p>

I began my career in the justice system as a police officer in the City of Hamilton enforcing the law and keeping the peace. I left law enforcement to attend law school and served as a law clerk in the Court of Common Pleas, General Division for Judge Matthew J. Crehan drafting memos and opinions for motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.

Serving as a solo practitioner, I practiced law in a wide-array of areas including, but not limited to, criminal, domestic relations, probate, and juvenile in both the trial courts of Butler County and the Twelfth District Court of Appeals. During that time I also served as Special Counsel for Attorney General, Betty D. Montgomery and a part-time Magistrate in the Butler County Area Courts hearing civil cases.

In 2019 the docket of the Ohio Supreme Court of Ohio included the following case types: 48.8% criminal; 21.8% miscellaneous; 17.5% civil; 7% practice of law; 4.9% domestic relations, juvenile, and probate.

***Why are you running for this particular court seat?***

**Sharon L. Kennedy:** I am seeking re-election to the Ohio Supreme Court to continue my service to the people of Ohio – applying the law equally – in a fair and impartial manner providing a definitive statement of law in a clear and concise decision.

In addition, I seek to continue my work beyond the bench, including but not limited to, my Lean Forward initiative which advances substance abuse and mental health treatment of justice-involved veterans, civic education about the importance of our tripartite system of government and the role of the judicial branch in that government and the availability of employment opportunities for women and minorities in the law, continuing to write and present legal education programs on important issues like professionalism and cultural consciousness, and my work to expand the reach of problem solving courts by incorporating programs like Bridges Out of Poverty and growing holistic re-entry programs.

**John O'Donnell:** The Ohio Supreme Court decides issues affecting everyone on a wide variety of subjects: constitutional law; education; collective bargaining; employer/employee rights; civil rights; utility rates; criminal law; commerce; legislative districting and others. I want to bring to these issues an independent perspective, informed by practical experience and the law, to decide these cases for the common good of all Ohioans.

# - Ohio Judge of Court of Appeals District 6 -

**Responsibilities:** The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts. Decisions are final except in cases involving constitutional questions, cases of felony, cases in which it has original jurisdiction, and cases of public or great general interest.

Term of Office: 6 years

Salary: \$152,850

## Appeals Court District 6 Term commencing 02/09/21

### Thomas J. Osowik

#### Biographical Information

**Age:** 64

**Residence:** Toledo

**Email:** [tosowik@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:tosowik@co.lucas.oh.us)

**Occupation:** Judge, Sixth District Court of Appeals, State of Ohio

**Education:** The University of Toledo, B.A., J.D.

**Work Experience:**

Private Practice, 1982-1991; Assistant Attorney General, State of Ohio, 1985-1991; Judge, Toledo Municipal Court, 1991-2005; Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, 2005-2006; Judge, Court of Appeals, Sixth District, 2006-present

**Family:** Married, Rosemarie Osowik, M.D., Four children

**Affiliations:** Member, Christ the King Catholic Church, Toledo, Ohio

**Endorsements:** Democratic Party.

**Bar Association Ratings:** Many organizations have not yet begun their endorsement process

#### *List your judicial experience (courts and years)*

Judge, Toledo Municipal Court, 1991-2005; Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, 2005- December, 2006; Judge, Court of Appeals, Sixth District, December, 2006-present

#### *What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?*

I have the demonstrated experience, judicial temperament and intellectual skills best suited for the appellate court.

#### *Why are you running for this particular court seat?*

I have the demonstrated experience, judicial temperament and intellectual skills best suited for the appellate court.

# Appeals Court District 6

## Term commencing 02/10/21

<b>Myron C. Duhart</b>	<b>Charles Sulek</b>
	
<b>Biographical Information</b>	
<p><b>Age</b> 50  <b>Residence</b> Sylvania  <b>Campaign Email</b> <a href="mailto:judgetuhart@gmail.com">judgetuhart@gmail.com</a>  <b>-- Education --</b> LLM Duke University School of Law, JD University of Toledo College of Law, BA Wright State University, Harvard Kennedy School of Government Executive Education  <b>-- Work Experience --</b> Lucas County Common Pleas Court General Division – Commercial Docket  <b>Family</b> Married – 3 children  <b>Affiliations</b> Mercy Health North Board of Directors</p>	<p><b>Age</b> 31  <b>Residence</b> Toledo  <b>Campaign Email</b> <a href="mailto:sulekforjudge@gmail.com">sulekforjudge@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.sulekforjudge.com/">http://www.sulekforjudge.com/</a>  <b>Social Media</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sulekforjudge/">https://www.facebook.com/sulekforjudge/</a>  <b>-- Education --</b> J.D. from Capital University Law School; B.A. in Political Science from The Ohio State University  <b>-- Work Experience --</b> Civil litigation attorney; Judicial Attorney at the Ohio Supreme Court; Attorney Rules Analyst for the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review  <b>Family</b> Married with 3 children</p>
<b>List your judicial experience (courts and years)</b>	
<b>Myron C. Duhart:</b> Lucas County Common Pleas Court–9 years	<b>Charles Sulek:</b> None
<b>What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?</b>	
<p><b>Myron C. Duhart:</b> Prior to judicial service, I clerked for the Honorable Robert W. Penn and was in private practice for many years in the areas of business litigation, criminal law and personal injury. Throughout my legal career, I have 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. I have 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.</p>	<p><b>Charles Sulek:</b> I received an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and earned my law degree from Capital University School of Law. I am a litigation attorney at the law firm of Eastman &amp; Smith, Ltd. in Toledo, Ohio, where I advocate on behalf of clients in trial and appellate courts throughout Ohio. I also worked as a Judicial Attorney at the Ohio Supreme Court for retired Justice Terrence O’Donnell. This position allowed me to gain in-depth knowledge of the appellate process. Additionally, I worked as an Attorney Rules Analyst for the Ohio General Assembly’s Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), which is responsible for reviewing proposed rules from over 100 state agencies.</p>

***Why are you running for this particular court seat?***

**Myron C. Duhart:** As a member of our armed forces, I have served this country with distinction. As an attorney I have worked tirelessly to protect the rights afforded to citizens both rich and poor. As a volunteer I unselfishly devoted my time and talent to a wide variety of causes. As a judge on the 6th District Court of Appeals I will uphold the rule of law.

**Charles Sulek:** I believe that we all have a duty to do good in our communities. Serving as a judge on the Sixth District Court of Appeals is one way that I can serve my community. I also have the experience, integrity, and temperament to be a judge. If elected, I will always seek to protect and preserve the rights of individuals and businesses and make decisions based on the law, not my personal or political beliefs.

**– Judge of the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas –**

The Lucas County Court of Common Pleas is the trial court of general jurisdiction. This means that it hears felony cases as well as civil disputes where the amount of money in controversy exceeds \$500 and also has exclusive jurisdiction over civil cases exceeding \$10,000.

Salary 140,550

Term 6 years

**Common Pleas Court, General – Full Term Beginning 2/9/2021**

**Ian English**

Candidate has not yet responded.

**Common Pleas Court, General – Unexpired Term Ending 1/3/2023**

**Alfonso J. Gonzalez**

**Lori Olender**



**Biographical Information**

**Age** 51

**Residence** Maumee

**Education** B.S. in Criminal Justice from B.G.S.U., M.P.A. from B.G.S.U., and J.D. from University of Toledo, College of Law

**Social Media General** Retain Judge Alfonso “Jess” Gonzalez – Facebook

**Age** 50

**Residence** Toledo

**Education** J.D. University of Toledo

**Twitter** [@olenderforjudge](https://twitter.com/olenderforjudge)

**Instagram** <http://www.instagram.com/olenderforjudge/>

**Social Media General** Facebook: Lori Olender for Judge

<p><b>Work Experience</b> Planner for 2 years, Attorney for 15 years, Magistrate for 4 years, Judge since March 18, 2019</p> <p><b>Family</b> Married with 1 child</p> <p><b>Affiliations</b> Member of O.S.B.A., T.B.A., Lucas County Bar Assn, Judicial Conference, Association of Common Pleas Judges, Knight of Columbus</p> <p><b>Endorsements</b> Local 50, Building &amp; Trades PAC</p>	<p><b>Work Experience</b> Prosecutor since January 1998, 1994-1997 Public Defender's Office</p> <p><b>Family</b> Single</p> <p><b>Affiliations</b> Congregational</p> <p><b>Endorsements</b> Toledo Police Patrolman's Association, others pending</p> <p><b>Bar Association Ratings</b> Not yet completed</p>
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***List your judicial experience (courts and years)***

<p><b>Alfonso J. Gonzalez:</b> Lucas County Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Magistrate -- 4 years Lucas County Common Pleas, General Division -- Since March 18, 2019</p>	<p><b>Lori Olender:</b> None</p>
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***What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?***

<p><b>Alfonso J. Gonzalez:</b> I was a private attorney for approximately 15 years practicing in general civil litigation and criminal misdemeanor cases. I handled many areas of civil litigation which constitutes a majority of a judge's docket. The judge's caseloads are around sixty percent civil litigation. I also had substantial experience doing guardian ad litem work for the courts in domestic relations and juvenile cases. It gave me the opportunity to interact with litigants and their families in a closer fashion. This gave me an increased perspective few attorneys get in representing their clients. I also clerked for a judge for three years which gave me the ins and outs of court administration which served me well starting as a magistrate. I believe my private practice experience coupled with the 5 years of judicial experience has prepared me well for the position as a judge in Common Pleas Court.</p>	<p><b>Lori Olender:</b> I started in Toledo Municipal Court as a Public Defender Intern during law school. After I passed the bar (May 1997) I was hired as a staff attorney for the Public Defender's Office in Lucas County Juvenile Court. In January of 1998 I was hired by the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office. I began in the Court of Common Pleas General Division as the Child Victim Prosecutor. In that role, I handled all cases of felony abuse on children. I handled every case from investigation to Grand Jury, and finally all the way to trial. I practiced in all 10 courtrooms of the General Division and tried close to 70 jury trials. In 2007 I was promoted to Deputy Chief in charge of the Juvenile Division of the Prosecutor's Office. I have been in that role ever since. As Deputy Chief, I am in charge of training new prosecutors on the law and trial skills so that they may be promoted to the General Trial Division. I also take on a full caseload of my own. I have charged and successfully certified to the adult division many juveniles charged with Murder, Felonious Assault, Aggravated Robbery, and Rape.</p>
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***Why are you running for this particular court seat?***

<p><b>Alfonso J. Gonzalez:</b> In short, I absolutely love this job! I was appointed on March 18, 2019 to the seat I am running for. In the nearly one year as a judge, I have learned the intricacies of the criminal felony docket. I have also been introduced to complex areas of civil law that I had not practiced in. Being a judge in Common Pleas Court is truly a busy and, at times, stressful occupation. However, I thoroughly enjoy the dynamic</p>	<p><b>Lori Olender:</b> I have spent my career protecting the public. First in Adult Court and now in Juvenile. I want to continue that work from the bench. My career has taught me that protecting the public does not just come from a sentence of incarceration. Treatment and other alternatives are at times the best way to keep a person from future recidivism. I have handled thousands of criminal cases in my career. I am well versed in the rules of</p>
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nature and educational process the position brings. Being a judge also presents the unique opportunity to make a difference in the community. As a magistrate I was exposed to the serious issues of opiate addiction and mental health in the legal system. It impacts the ability of attorneys to adequately represent their clients, and the courts in the administration of justice. I am particularly concerned with how mental health has taken a backseat to the publicity of the opiate epidemic. I personally feel that mental health is as big of an issue if not larger. I hope to join forces with Judge Navarre in the creation of a specialty court for mental health. It is sorely needed as the community lacks the resources and wherewithal to address the issue comprehensively.

evidence and current case law. Although I have not worked in the Civil arena, I do my best to keep up with the case law in that area as well. As someone who has been in front of most of the bench in Lucas County I will be able to bring the best from every Judge that I have practiced in front of as well as try to avoid the pitfalls of those that came before me. Finally, I believe I have the temperament to fairly and impartially judge each case on its specific merits. At the same time, I will be respectful to everyone that comes in front of me and run the most efficient docket that I can.

## Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Full Term Beginning 1/1/2021

**Lisa D. McGowan**



### Biographical Information

**Age:** 52

**Residence:** Toledo

**Education:** Juris Doctor, University of Toledo College of Law, OH; Bachelor of Arts–Management/Accounting, Hartwick College, NY

**Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/McGowanforJudgeCmte/>

**Work Experience:** Judge, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court; Magistrate, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court

**Family:** I live in Sylvania Township with my husband, Chris, and our two children.

***List your judicial experience (courts and years)***

Judge, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court, January, 2015 to Present.

***What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?***

Prior to being elected judge, I was appointed magistrate in the Domestic Relations Court from January, 2012 through December, 2014 and staff attorney for Judge David Lewandowski, Lucas County Domestic Relations Court from December, 1999 to December, 2011.

***Why are you running for this particular court seat?***

I ran a successful campaign and won the November 2014 judicial election for a seat on the bench in the Domestic Relations Court. My reasons for running then have not changed in this re-election year. I initially decided to run for DR judge after being promoted to magistrate. I knew that I could do so much more for our court and the families that we serve. I am committed to resolving cases fairly, expeditiously and within the law for the remainder of this term and the next six years to come.

**Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division –  
Full Term Beginning 2/9/2021**

**Denise Navarre Cubbon**

Candidate has not yet responded.

**Common Pleas Court, Probate –  
Full Term Beginning 2/9/2021**

**Jack R. Puffenberger**

Candidate has not yet responded.

# CITY OF TOLEDO

## City Council At-Large

Toledo City Council is the legislative branch of City Government and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Toledo, first adopted by the voters in 1914 and amended by the voters from time to time.

Legislative authority in the City is vested in a twelve-member Council. Six members of the Council are elected at-large and six from districts; all for four-year terms.

Tony Dia	Katie Moline
	
Biographical Information	
<p><b>Education:</b> Some College  <b>Campaign Phone:</b> (419) 356-2002  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://DIAFORTOLEDO.COM">http://DIAFORTOLEDO.COM</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/diafortoledo/">http://www.facebook.com/diafortoledo/</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/DIAFORTOLEDO">@DIAFORTOLEDO</a></p>	<p><b>Education:</b> High School diploma from Central Catholic High School, Bachelor of Arts with honors from Miami University, International Masters Degree from European University at St. Petersburg, Russia, Ohio Licensed Certified Public Accountant  <b>Campaign Phone:</b> (419) 376-3790  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.electkatiemoline.com">http://www.electkatiemoline.com</a>  <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://electkatiemoline">http://electkatiemoline</a>  <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/votekatiemoline">@votekatiemoline</a>  <b>Instagram:</b> <a href="http://electkatiemoline">http://electkatiemoline</a></p>

***What experiences have you had that will enable you to fulfill this office's responsibilities?***

**Tony Dia:** I have been self employed my whole adult life. I believe with dialogue we can accomplish anything. I have been in Toledo my whole life and the success of this diamond in a rough is my number one priority.

**Katie Moline:** My experience and training as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and my previous public service make me uniquely qualified to be on Council. I have experience auditing major businesses and public institutions, that I utilize on council to provide financial oversight of taxpayer dollars for the citizens of Toledo. The impacts COVID-19 have amplified our existing strained budget issues. Through my work on Council I have focused my expertise on improving the city finances. The leadership example set by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur in helping working families in my community was an excellent experience. She showed me the importance of listening to the community and using legislation to improve the lives of Ohioans. That experience influences how I work with constituents of Toledo. Since the start of my term, I have helped Toledoans on issues from water bills to wheelchair ramps. If re-elected I will continue to serve all Toledoans.

***What are your highest priorities when you are elected, and how will you accomplish them?***

**Tony Dia:** National average says a city should have 3.5 officers per 1000 citizens, Toledo is at 2.2 average and I want to work to bring it up at least to the minimum average of 3.5. I believe City Road projects shouldn't be started with cones being placed out unless they are ready to complete the job immediately. I will remove any unnecessary red tape that hinders small businesses in Toledo. We need to light up the streets and neighborhoods beginning with areas with the highest crime. Citizens will feel safer and criminals don't like committing crime in a well lit area. I will accomplish all of the above with cutting unnecessary fat starting on the first floor of the government center and working my way up to the last floor of the government center.

**Katie Moline:** My goal is to maintain good levels of public safety service, demand accurate and transparent financial information for the tax-payers and continue to be the watchdog of taxpayer dollars, and increase ethical standards for elected officials through structural campaign finance reform. I will continue to look at the budget to ensure we fund police and fire classes adequately, similar to what I accomplished earlier this year when I found money and sponsored legislation to help fund the 2020 police class. I will continue to provide oversight and be the watchdog of taxpayer dollars. I will continue to ask hard questions and analyze if the money is right in order to legislate and vote in the best interest of the citizens of Toledo. I will continue to work toward substantive change to address ethical issues on City Council. Ultimately, my goal is to continue demonstrating a track record for action and working toward a more accountable and transparent City Government.

# ISSUES

## **Issue 1: City of Sylvania, Charter Amendment**

Charter amendment eliminating primary election date and nominating procedures.

## **Issue 2: City of Sylvania, Charter Amendment**

Charter amendment changing executive powers and general organization

## **Issue 03: City of Toledo, Income Tax 3/4%**

Continuation of the temporary income tax of 3/4%. Commencing January 1st, 2021 and continuing for 4 years. 1/4th to General Fund for Safety Services, 1/4th to General Fund, and 1/4th to the Capital Improvement Fund.

## **Issue 04: City of Toledo, Income Tax 1/4%**

Additional temporary income tax of 1/4%. Commencing January 1st, 2021 and continuing for 4 years. All money to be deposited in a separate Road Improvement Fund.

## **Issue 5: City of Waterville, Property Tax 3.25 Mills**

Continuing property levy of 3.25 mills first due in 2021. For Fire and Emergency Services equipment and personnel

## **Issue 6: Village of Holland, Charter Amendment**

Lowering residency requirement for Councilmembers and Mayor. Eliminating residency requirement for employees. Eliminating Primary Election.

## **Issue 7: Village of Whitehouse, Property Tax 3.25 Mills**

Continuing property levy of 3.25 mills first due in 2021. For Fire and Emergency Services equipment and personnel

## **Issue 8: Harding Township, Property Tax 2.00 Mills**

5 year property levy 1.75Mills Renewal .25Mills Increase.For Fire and Emergency Services equipment and personnel

## **Issue 9: Jerusalem Township, Property Tax .75 Mill**

5 year property tax renewal of .75 Mill for Parks and Recreation Purposes

**Issue 10: Jerusalem Township, Property Tax 1 Mill**

5 year property tax renewal of 1 Mill for general construction and repair of roads and bridges

**Issue 11: Richfield Township, Property Tax 3 Mills**

Continuing property tax additional of 3 Mills. For Fire and Emergency Services equipment and personnel

**Issue 12: Sylvania Township, Property Tax .42 Mill**

5 year property tax renewal of .42 Mill. For general operations of a Senior Center

**Issue 13: Sylvania Township, Property Tax 1.9 Mills**

Continuing property tax additional 1.9 Mills For Fire and Emergency Services equipment and personnel

**Issue 14: Waterville Township Property Tax 3.25 Mills**

Continuing property tax levy of 3.25 mills first due in 2021. For Fire and Emergency Services equipment and personnel

**Issue 15: Ottawa Hills Local Schools, Bond Issue 2.68 Mills**

30 Year bond with a principal 8,500,000 at a rate of 2.68 mills. For renovation and creation of school facilities.

**Issue 16: Ottawa Hills Local Schools, Property Tax 4.9 Mills**

Continuing additional property tax levy of 4.9 Mills. Additional tax is for current operating expenses of the Ottawa Hills Local School District.

**Issue 17: Metropolitan Park District of Toledo, Property Tax 2 Mills**

10 year additional property tax for developing and maintaining and operating the park district, conservation and acquisition of park land.

**Issue 18: County of Lucas, Property Tax 1.8 Mills**

5 year renewal property tax of 1.8 Mills. For the support and operations of Lucas County Children's Services.