



2017 LUCAS COUNTY VOTERS' GUIDE

CITY OF TOLEDO

Toledo City Mayor

Term of Office: 4 years

To be elected: 1

Q1. In the position you seek, what do you consider are the most important issues to be addressed, and what would you do about them?

Q2. What do you bring to the position that another candidate cannot?

Paula Hicks-Hudson

Education: Spelman College- B.A., Colorado State University- M.A., University of Iowa- Juris Doctorate

Current occupation: City of Toledo Mayor

Website: www.phh4toledo.com

Qualifications: Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, as the Reginald Heber Smith Legal Services Fellow, worked as a community organizing attorney for the Toledo Legal Aid Society in 1982. She held assistant positions as a prosecutor, public defender and Ohio state attorney general managing the Toledo Region office. The Mayor taught at Ohio Northern University's Claude Petit College of Law. Later, she was Legislative Director for Toledo City Council drafting legislation, researching, assisting and advising council. She was the Assistant Director and Director of the Lucas County Board of Elections. In 2007, Mayor Hicks-Hudson served as Chief Legal Counsel for the Ohio Office of Budget and Management under Governor Ted Strickland in Columbus, Ohio.

She maintained a private law practice working primarily in Juvenile Court upon returning to Toledo. In 2011, Mayor Hicks-Hudson was appointed and then elected to Toledo City Council-District 4. Later, she was elected by her peers to serve as Toledo City Council President. After the tragic death of Mayor D. Michael Collins in 2015, Paula became Mayor and was later elected to fulfill the remaining two years of Mayor Collins' term. Under the Hicks-Hudson Administration, Toledo is experiencing unprecedented growth and transformation in job growth and economic development. The drinking water is safe to drink and she is working with community partners to strengthen and revitalize our neighborhoods.

Questions:

1) The most important issues needing to be addressed are:

1. We must sustain economic growth we've seen during my tenure. We can accomplish this by bringing partners in business, labor and community organizations together to create and retain living wage jobs.
2. We must continue to protect our drinking water while working toward a long-term sustainability plan to save our lake and the Maumee River. We will continue to work to create a regional water authority.
3. We must continue to maintain safe, livable neighborhoods where families can grow and prosper. We will take the same model and energy that has revitalized our downtown to each neighborhood.

2) My 2 ½ years serving as Mayor, plus my many years of working at all levels of government. Additionally, my legal skills allow me to be a true problem solver. I believe in fostering partnerships that will tackle complex problems and move our city forward.

Wade Kapszukiewicz

Education: Graduate of St. Francis de Sales High School, Marquette University and a Masters Degree from University of Michigan

Current occupation: Currently employed as the Lucas County Treasurer. Have been so employed for 12 years.

Website: Electwade.com

Questions:

1) The most important issues to be addressed are the city's budget, eliminating redundant city and county departments, clean, safe & affordable drinking water, vitality of our neighborhoods and maintaining our safety forces at appropriate levels.

2) As we look at Toledo today we see so much hope, so many positive steps being taken by the private sector and in some of our neighborhoods. It is only our government that seems stuck in the past and unable to change to deal with the new challenges facing our community. We know what the status quo looks like. We know what doing the same old thing and making the same old decisions will produce: more of the same. I'm not a member of City Council. I'm not the Mayor. If you are happy with the status quo, I am not your candidate. If you think Toledo government is headed in the right direction, I am not your candidate. If you think the answers to Toledo's problems reside within city government, I am not your candidate. But if you think we need fresh ideas, new energy, and an outsider's perspective, I will be your voice. If you think we need to shake up the status quo, move in a new direction, and maybe try some things we haven't tried before, this is your campaign. Why should voters think that I'll be able to bring the new leadership and proven results they so desperately need? Because I've done it before. In my public life I've always looked for ways to move the community forward through innovation and reform.