

# Ottawa County 2024 General Election Voting Guide

## President & Vice President of the United States of America



Donald Trump & J.D. Vance



Kamala Harris & Tim Walz

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Economic Revival
- Border Security and Immigration
- 'America First' Foreign Policy
- Election Integrity
- Law and Order

**4**  
year term

### 20 CORE PROMISES TO MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

1. Seal the border, and stop the migrant invasion
2. Carry out the largest deportation operation in American history
3. End inflation, and make America affordable again
4. Make America the dominant energy producer in the world, by far!
5. Stop outsourcing, and turn the United States into a manufacturing superpower
6. Large tax cuts for workers, and no tax on tips
7. Defend our Constitution, our Bill of rRights, and our fundamental freedoms, including freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the right to keep and bear arms
8. Prevent World War III, restore peace in Europe and in the Middle East, and build a great iron dome missile defense shield over our entire country -- all made in America
9. End the weaponization of government against the American people
10. Stop the migrant crime epidemic, demolish the foreign drug cartels, crush gang violence, and lock up violent offenders
11. Rebuild our cities, including Washington DC, making them safe, clean, and beautiful again
12. Strengthen and modernize our military, making it, without question, the strongest and most powerful in the world
13. Keep the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency
14. Fight for and protect Social Security and Medicare with no cuts, including no changes to the retirement age
15. Cancel the electric vehicle mandate and cut costly and burdensome regulations
16. Cut federal funding for any school pushing critical race theory, radical gender ideology, and other inappropriate racial, sexual, or political content on our children
17. Keep men out of women's sports
18. Deport pro-hamas radicals and make our college campuses safe and patriotic again
19. Secure our elections, including same day voting, voter identification, paper ballots, and proof of citizenship
20. Unite our country by bringing it to new and record levels of success



"When America is united, confident, and committed to our principles, it will never fail. Today and together, with Love for our Country, Faith in our People, and Trust in God's Good Grace, we will Make America Great Again!"

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Source: <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>



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

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Economic Equity and Job Creation
- Healthcare Access and Affordability
- Climate Action and Clean Energy
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Voting Rights and Democracy Protection

**4**  
year term

Vice President Kamala Harris has devoted her career to advocating for the people, inspired by her early experiences attending civil rights marches with her parents. Her commitment to justice has guided her through roles in county courtrooms, the California Attorney General's office, the U.S. Senate, and now the White House.

Now running for President, Harris aims to continue protecting freedoms, delivering justice, and expanding opportunities so every American can thrive.

As Vice President, Harris has been a crucial ally to President Joe Biden, working to address key issues including standing up against extremists, defending reproductive rights, and tackling high prescription drug costs, including capping insulin prices at \$35 a month for seniors.

Under the Biden-Harris administration, several historic achievements have been made:

- Revitalizing the economy to create nearly 16 million new jobs.
- Investing over \$1 trillion in infrastructure, including road repairs, lead pipe removal, public transit improvements, and expanding high-speed internet access.
- Strengthening the Affordable Care Act and reducing health insurance premiums, saving millions of Americans an average of \$800 annually.
- Expanding health care for veterans exposed to toxins.
- Enacting significant gun safety reforms and reducing violent crime to a near 50-year low.
- Passing the largest-ever climate crisis investment.
- Appointing the first Black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Harris has represented the U.S. in meetings with over 150 world leaders and strengthened alliances against authoritarianism. She is dedicated to protecting fundamental freedoms, including abortion rights and voting rights.

In the Senate, Harris worked on legislation to improve wages and reduce costs for families in areas like housing, health care, and education. She was active on multiple committees, pushing for criminal justice reform, climate action, infrastructure investments, and election security.

As California Attorney General, Harris secured \$20 billion for homeowners during the Great Recession, won a \$1.1 billion settlement for defrauded students and veterans, fought for marriage equality, and tackled transnational crime and discrimination.

A proud graduate of Howard University and the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, Harris married Douglas Emhoff in 2014, and they have a blended family with two children, Ella and Cole, who affectionately call her "Momala."



She always remembers and acts on the words of her mother, Dr. Shyamala Gopalan Harris, a renowned breast cancer researcher: "Kamala, you may be the first to do many things, but make sure you are not the last."

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



## President & Vice President of the United States of America



Jill Stein & Anita Rios

### Core Areas of Concern:

- People
- Planet
- Peace

**4**  
year term

"I'm running for president with the Green Party to offer a choice for the people outside the failed two-party system. We'll put a pro-worker, anti-war, climate action agenda front and center in this election and on the ballot in November."

Jill Stein is a Harvard-educated doctor, a pioneering environmental health advocate, and an organizer for people, planet, and peace. She has helped lead initiatives to fight environmental racism, injustice, and pollution, to promote healthy communities, and to revitalize democracy. She has helped win victories in campaign finance reform, racially-just redistricting, and the clean-up of incinerators, coal plants, and other toxic threats. She was a principal organizer for the Global Climate Convergence for People, Planet, and Peace over Profit.



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### The Green Party

Listed as 'Other-party candidate' on ballot

Source: <https://www.jillstein2024.com>



Chase Oliver & Mike ter Maat

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Balancing Budget to decrease inflation
- Reduce government interference
- Peace, not War
- Restore your privacy rights
- Abolishing the death penalty and ensuring police accountability

**4**  
year term

Chase Oliver's campaign for Georgia's hotly contested U.S. Senate seat attracted national attention, leading Rolling Stone to dub him the "most influential Libertarian in America." Oliver passionately champions the rights of all individuals against the growing power of politicians and bureaucrats, and the big-money cronies who keep them in power. This 39-year-old brings the needed energy to leave the old parties struggling to keep up. His issues resonate with everyday people who see a system that patronizingly throws them crumbs while needlessly making their lives more difficult and cruelly pitting them against each other. Oliver seeks peace at home and around the world. He has consistently gained media attention and support throughout all 50 states throughout his primary run.

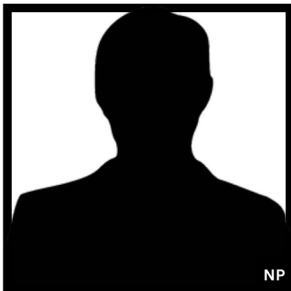


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### The Libertarian Party

Listed as 'Libertarian' on ballot

Source: <https://votechaseoliver.com>



Richard Duncan & Mitchell Preston Bupp

### Non-Partisan

Listed as 'Nonparty candidate' on ballot

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(On the Ohio  
Ballot ONLY)

### WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

A write-in candidate is a person seeking elected office whose name is not printed on the ballot. The candidate must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate not later than 4 p.m. of the 72nd day before the primary or general election. The board may only tally the votes of a write-in candidate who filed a valid declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate. A write-in candidate must meet all of the eligibility requirements of the office. The Secretary of State prescribes the form of the declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate. A write-in candidacy is possible for most, but not all, elections. A board of elections cannot accept a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for nomination for a municipal office if, pursuant to R.C. 3513.02, no primary election is held. - source: [ohiosos.gov](http://ohiosos.gov)

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Peter Sonski & Lauren Onak

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Sanctity of Life
- Social Justice
- Community-Oriented Society
- Centrality of the Family
- Protection of Natural Resources
- Peace & International Solidarity

**4**  
year term

The American Solidarity Party is committed to the betterment of our nation and world through prudent policies guided by Christian Democratic values. Our platform is founded on the belief that all people are created with an equal and inviolable dignity before God. Our shared nature as image-bearers is the source of our rights as individuals; it also demands that we pursue justice together, at whatever level of government or society responds best to the needs of our families and communities. Recognizing that governments derive their just authority from God, we seek laws and policies that put the universal call to love our neighbor into practice by promoting authentic human freedom and flourishing.



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### The American Solidarity Party

Listed as 'Other-party candidate' on ballot

Source: <https://www.petersonski.com>



## U.S. Senator



Sherrod Brown



Bernie Moreno



Don Kissick

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Protect Medicare and Social Security
- Keeping Ohio Communities Safe
- Workers, Trades, & Jobs
- Securing the Border

### Putting Ohio First

Growing up in Mansfield, Ohio, Sherrod saw firsthand how politicians and corporations lobbied for bad trade deals that shipped Ohio jobs overseas. That's why he's always stood up to his own party to oppose trade agreements that put Ohio workers at a disadvantage, like NAFTA. Sherrod opposed President Obama on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, worked with President Trump to renegotiate NAFTA, and worked with former Senator Rob Portman to secure the strongest-ever Buy America protections in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Sherrod is working to make sure foreign countries can't cheat our trade laws and is pushing the Biden Administration to do more to stand up to the Chinese Communist government – which is threatening Ohio jobs in industries from steel to solar manufacturing.

Sherrod works with anybody to put Ohioans first and stands up to anyone who gets in the way. When Wall Street put Ohioans' pensions at risk, most people in Washington wrote off the fight to save them as a lost cause. Sherrod refused to give up and saved the pensions of over 100,000 Ohio workers by passing the Butch Lewis Act.

When Ohio veterans and their families told Sherrod how hard it was to get treatment for severe illnesses like cancer and lung disease tied to their exposure to highly toxic burn pits during their military service, Sherrod went to work, and passed the most comprehensive expansion of health care benefits for veterans who faced toxic exposure in our country's history.

Sherrod also worked with Republicans to pass legislation tackling the fentanyl crisis at its source by imposing more powerful sanctions on illicit supply chains in China and Mexico. His bill was endorsed by law enforcement officers in Ohio and across the country – including the National Fraternal Order of Police president – because it will support their efforts and save lives.

Source: <https://www.brown.senate.gov>

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Secure Borders
- Ban Abortion
- Election Integrity
- Pro Second Amendment

"I am running for the United States Senate because, for too long, the men and women who move Ohio forward, American workers, have been left behind by career politicians like Sherrod Brown and Joe Biden.

All public policy priorities in America should revolve around a simple concept: what is good for American workers and families? All elected officials should strive to create a growing middle class where the American Dream is accessible to anyone, regardless of their background."

### Specifically, these sixteen priorities will do just that:

1. Empower parents to make education choices
2. Secure America's borders, stop amnesty and destroy the Mexican Drug Cartels
3. Restore the integrity of our elections
4. Massively reduce anti-growth regulations, cut government spending, and end inflation
5. Beat Communist China
6. Support our greatest ally, Israel, and fight to put a stop to all forms of antisemitism in the United States, especially on our college campuses
7. Hold Big Tech accountable and break up big media
8. Protect Moms, Protect Families, and Protect Life by supporting a ban on late term abortions
9. Empower local law enforcement to ensure Safe Communities
10. Vigorously defend our constitutional rights, especially the Second Amendment
11. Restore American Energy Independence
12. Allow free markets to work
13. Enact term limits for members of Congress
14. Restoring American Manufacturing
15. End Wokeness and Cancel Culture
16. End Socialism in America

Source: <https://berniemoreno.com>

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Cut spending, lower nation's debt
- Immigration Reform
- End all foreign aid
- Preserving the Second Amendment

I moved to Ohio in 2007 with my first wife, Marcy. While things didn't take shape as we had initially hoped and planned, an opportunity to get my foot in the door (albeit as a temp) with an excellent employer presented itself and I grabbed hold.

That was interrupted by an extended layoff caused by the recession. In the middle of coming to terms with the difficulty this caused and doggedly seeking other work, I felt a drive to reassess government's role in our society and the reliability of the major parties in handling our nation's affairs.

These entrenched political camps, which work together to continually churn-out legislation like cheap sausage and meddle in every aspect of society, create more difficulty than they promise to solve.

During that period in life, Marcy's health began to take a hit. Over the course of joining the Libertarian Party, deciding the run for office for the first time, finally returning to work, getting laid-off again, and then landing a steady call-back, she would begin her valiant two-year fight with leukemia. She would ultimately lose her battle with cancer.

This period in my life would prove to be one of self-reflection, growth, returning to faith, and accepting that the myriad challenges I had been facing served to open my eyes to the truth that the up-and-down process of living can always be met with hope.

Before long, I met Sarah. I moved to Ottawa in 2014 and we married a few months later. With our son, Jeremiah, and my step-daughter, Cameron, we are raising our family and laying our roots here in beautiful northwestern Ohio – where, with joy, I call home.

I am an auto worker, employed by one of Ohio's largest job makers. I served a six-year enlistment in the United States Navy, during which I deployed twice to the Middle East (including operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm). And, I wish to represent you on Capitol Hill.

Source: <https://donkissick.org>

### What does a Senator do?

The Ohio Senate is the upper chamber of the Ohio State Legislature, which is also composed of the Ohio House of Representatives. The state legislature is the law-making branch of state government.

The members of the Ohio Senate represent all 88 counties in Ohio, divided into 33 districts.

The Senate works in coordination with the House of Representatives and the Governor of Ohio to enact, amend or repeal statutes which make up the body of laws by which we are governed.

Members draft, debate and approve bills and resolutions. The legislature also serves as a check upon the executive authority of the Governor and helps ensure that the interests of Ohioans are represented.

The people of Ohio elect members of the Ohio Senate from 33 districts that vary in geographic size, from part of a single city to several counties. Each district represents approximately 350,000 Ohioans and is comprised of three House districts.

Under Ohio law, senators may serve up to two four-year terms or eight consecutive years. Each general election year, about half of the state Senate is on the ballot.

Each senator has staff who specialize in helping you navigate state government. Sometimes it is difficult to know which federal, state or local entity to contact for help. Your senator's office can help point constituents in the right direction or help resolve certain issues with state government agencies.

Contact your state senator for assistance with:

- Issues involving state agencies, such as the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Medicaid or the Ohio Department of Education. A full list of state agencies can be found [here](#).
- Expressing your opinion or concerns about pending legislation.
- Sharing an idea for new legislation.
- Acquiring information about [Senate committees](#) and how to testify on a bill.
- Requesting a commendation for outstanding accomplishments or milestones.
- Scheduling a visit or a tour of the Ohio Statehouse.
- Requesting a visit by or a meeting with your senator.

Source: <https://ohiosenate.gov/about>





## What does a Representative do?

As per the Constitution, the U.S. House of Representatives makes and passes federal laws. The House is one of Congress's two chambers (the other is the U.S. Senate), and part of the federal government's legislative branch. The number of voting representatives in the House is fixed by law at no more than 435, proportionally representing the population of the 50 state

### What is a Representative?

Also referred to as a congressman or congresswoman, each representative is elected to a two-year term serving the people of a specific congressional district. In addition to their duties, representatives introduce bills and resolutions, offer amendments and serve on committees. The number of representatives with full voting rights is 435, a number set by Public Law 62-5 on August 8, 1911, and in effect since 1913. The number of representatives per state is proportionate to population.

Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution provides for both the minimum and maximum sizes for the House of Representatives. Currently, there are five delegates representing the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A resident commissioner represents Puerto Rico. The delegates and resident commissioner possess the same powers as other members of the House, except that they may not vote when the House is meeting as the House of Representatives.

To be elected, a representative must be at least 25 years old, a United States citizen for at least seven years and an inhabitant of the state he or she represents.

### Leadership

House leadership includes the speaker, majority and minority leaders, assistant leaders, whips and a party caucus or conference. The speaker acts as leader of the House and combines several institutional and administrative roles. Majority and minority leaders represent their respective parties on the House floor. Whips assist leadership in managing their party's legislative program on the House floor. A party caucus or conference is the name given to a meeting of or organization of all party members in the House. During these meetings, party members discuss matters of concern. The majority party members and the minority party members meet in separate caucuses to select their leader. Third parties rarely have had enough members to elect their own leadership, and independents will generally join one of the larger party organizations to receive committee assignments.

Source: <https://www.house.gov/the-house-explained>



# Harris-Elmore & Genoa LIBRARIES

## Representative to Congress

9th District



Tom Pruss

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Cut Spending and Slash Budget
- Reduce Government interference
- Individual Choice
- Green Energy

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

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

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

At home, Tom is a devoted family man. He and his wife, Alicia, are proud parents of three children: Jillian, a Purdue University graduate; Joe, currently a junior at Butler University; and Jamison, a sophomore at Northview High School in Sylvania. Whether at work, in the community, or with his family, Tom leads with passion, integrity, and a commitment to making a difference.

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



Derek Merrin

### Core Areas of Concern:

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

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

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

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

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

Source: <https://www.derekmerrin.com/>



Marcy Kaptur

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Strengthening jobs and the economy
- Restoration of the Great Lakes
- Energy & Infrastructure
- Agriculture & Nutrition

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur proudly represents the working people of Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. She is currently the longest serving woman in the history of Congress and ranks among the most senior Members of the 118th Congress.

Congresswoman Kaptur, a native Toledoan, lives in the same modest house where she grew up.

She is a Polish-American with humble, working class roots. Her family operated a small grocery store and her mother later served on the original organizing committee of a trade union at the Champion Spark Plug factory in Toledo.

After graduating from St. Ursula Academy, she became the first member of her family to attend college, earning a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Wisconsin (1968) and later a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan.

After working for 15 years as a city and regional planner, primarily in Toledo and Chicago, she accepted an appointment as a domestic policy advisor to President Jimmy Carter. During his Administration, she helped maneuver 17 housing and neighborhood revitalization bills through Congress.

Source: <https://kaptur.house.gov/>

## View your sample ballot

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



## Where is my polling place?

### Harris 1,3,4

American Legion Post #279  
345 Sherman St.  
Elmore, OH 43416

### Clay 3,4

Clay Township Hall  
21774 Holts East Rd.  
Genoa, OH 43430

### Clay 1,2

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

### Allen 2,3,4

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

## Justice of the Supreme Court

### Term Commencing 1/1/2025

### Term Commencing 1/2/2025

### Term Commencing 12/31/2026



Michael Donnelly

Justice Donnelly was sworn in to serve on the Ohio Supreme Court in January 2019.

During his time on the bench Justice Donnelly's independence, impartiality, insight, and knowledge have earned the respect of his colleagues, the legal community, and the citizens of Ohio.

His thoughtful votes and well-reasoned opinions, including those rendered in the most consequential cases to come before the Court in decades, reflect his unwavering commitment to upholding the Constitution and ensuring that every person receives equal treatment under the law.

Justice Michael P. Donnelly has built a career focused on fairness, transparency, and reform in Ohio's legal system. He made a significant impact on Ohio's Supreme Court, including overturning \$200 million in surcharges for consumers and blocking attempts to keep the Reproductive Freedom amendment off the 2023 ballot. His leadership also includes rejecting gerrymandered districts and defending union rights.

Donnelly's background as a prosecutor and private attorney laid the foundation for his advocacy on behalf of victims and working people. His 14-year tenure as a Cuyahoga County judge, where he led the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court, demonstrated his commitment to compassionate justice.

He has contributed to legal professionalism and education through his work with Ohio's Judicial College, Bar Examiners, and Jury Instruction Committee.

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



Megan Shanahan

Judge Megan Shanahan is an experienced and highly regarded trial court judge known for her transparent, no-nonsense approach. Before becoming a judge, she served as a felony-level criminal prosecutor, successfully trying over 50 jury cases, particularly focusing on child predator cases. One notable case involved her persuading the court to allow a young victim to testify via closed-circuit television, which led to a conviction.

She was elected to the Municipal Court in 2011 and re-elected in 2013, handling thousands of cases. In 2016, after being appointed to the Common Pleas Court, she won 65% of the vote, outperforming well-known candidates on the same ballot. Throughout her career, Judge Shanahan has been recognized for her dedication to public safety, receiving the Peggy Caldwell Award from the Hope in Heels Organization for her work with violent crime victims.

Judge Shanahan was named one of the "Women to Watch" by the \*Enquirer\* in 2012, becoming the youngest of the 14 Hamilton County Municipal Court judges at the time. She is also involved in charitable efforts, supporting organizations like Cincinnati Living Hope, which provides transitional housing for homeless women and children.

Raised in a working-class family, she earned her Bachelor's degree from Kent State University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Cincinnati. She also actively supports community initiatives and lectures at schools and civic groups.

Source: <https://www.shanahanforohio.com/>



Joseph Deters

"As Justice, my chief responsibility is to respect and honor the rule of law and the Supreme Court's role as a co-equal branch of government. I view the role of the Court to interpret our constitution while showing judicial restraint from influencing legislation."

Justice Joseph T. Deters is the 163rd justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, appointed in January 2023 by Governor Mike DeWine. Before joining the Court, he served as Hamilton County's longest-tenured prosecutor, holding the position for over 25 years across two terms. Deters was instrumental in creating Ohio's first drug court, along with several diversion and victim advocacy programs.

In between his prosecutor terms, he was elected Ohio Treasurer for two terms, managing over \$11 billion in assets. Earlier in his career, he served as Hamilton County Clerk of Courts and as an assistant prosecutor. Deters earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Cincinnati.

#### Priorities:

- Honor the constitution by upholding the law
- Center decisions around a strict interpretation of our laws as they are written
- Stand strong for the safety and well-being of Ohio's communities
- Maintain positions as a strict conservative constitutionalist that value the rights of all Ohioans
- Uphold the integrity and honesty of the Ohio Supreme Court

Source: <https://www.joedeters.com>



Melody Stewart

Justice Melody Stewart, the first African American woman elected to the Ohio Supreme Court, has been widely recognized for her contributions to public service and the judiciary.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Stewart initially pursued a career in music. She later shifted to law, earning her J.D. from Cleveland State University as a Patricia Roberts Harris Fellow, and a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University as a Mandel Leadership Fellow. She also holds an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Cleveland State.

Before her election to the Ohio Court of Appeals - Eighth District in 2006, Stewart was deeply involved in legal education. She served as assistant dean at Cleveland State University's College of Law, where she also taught legal research, writing, advocacy, criminal law, and professional ethics. Her teaching career extended to the University of Toledo College of Law and Ursuline College. Earlier in her career, Stewart practiced law as a civil defense litigator.

Justice Stewart is also known for her extensive community service. She has served on the Board of Planning and Zoning for Euclid, worked with certified grievance committees, contributed to a county Community Juvenile Diversion Program, and served on boards such as Catholic Charities Service Corporation and the Ohio Supreme Court's Judicial College. Additionally, she played a role on the Criminal Justice Recodification Committee.

Source: <https://www.stewartforohio.supremecourt.com/>



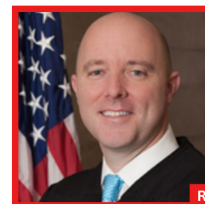
Lisa Forbes

"Our state's highest court should be a firewall that protects individual rights and freedoms. It is quite literally Ohioans' last stop for justice. Today, some powerful partisan interests want to turn the Supreme Court into a rubber stamp for their extreme agenda. My career - first as a litigator arguing complex and nuanced cases, and now as an appellate court judge - has uniquely prepared me to defend the court from these attacks. I have steeped myself in the law and approach each case with an eye toward fairness, facts and faithful application of the law. The Ohio Supreme Court must continue to perform its key function as a check and balance. If elected, I will be an independent and fair jurist, and work every day to keep that firewall in place to protect your rights. I take that role seriously and so should you."

Elected to the bench in 2020, Judge Lisa Forbes has extensive experience in the courts of appeals and trial courts across Ohio, at both the state and federal levels. Her expert approach to handling intricate cases has earned her the highest peer rating by lawyers.

As a business litigator and a partner at the Cleveland office of a national law firm, she helped her clients resolve disputes ranging from complex business litigation, to consumer class actions, to legal malpractice to trust and estate disputes, and so much more.

Source: <https://www.forbesforjustice.com/>



Daniel Hawkins

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University

Law Degree, The Ohio State University College of Law

#### Legal Experience:

- 2013-present: Judge, Franklin County Municipal Court Environmental Division
- 2003-2013: Director, Special Victims Unit, Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
- 2001-2003: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Franklin County Prosecutor's Office

Candidate Statement: (In response to the question, "Please explain why you believe you are qualified for the judicial position for which you are seeking election.") I have a proven record and strong reputation as a fair and accomplished judge, as evidenced by the Columbus Bar Association's poll of attorneys consistently ranking me as one of the highest-rated judges in Municipal Court. It is this record that led a number of attorneys, judges, and community leaders from both political parties to approach me about running for the seat that is currently held by the retiring Judge Charles Schneider.

Prior to taking the bench, I served as Director of the Special Victims Unit for the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office. This prestigious unit is charged with prosecuting crimes of violence against women and children, including homicides, sexual assaults, child abuse, human trafficking and internet child exploitation. I oversaw a staff of six SVU prosecutors and personally conducted over 100 jury trials, including six death penalty cases.

My experience as a Judge and a trial attorney makes me uniquely qualified for the position of Common Pleas Judge.

Source: <https://www.judgethecandidates.org/candidate/hawkins.php>

## State Senator (2nd District)



Theresa Gavarone

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Fighting for Ohio's small business & tax payers
- Defending the unborn
- Standing for the 2nd amendment
- Police funding
- Election Security

Mother, wife, attorney, small business owner, and trusted leader. Theresa Gavarone wears many hats.

Proud to call Northern Ohio home for over 30 years, Theresa and her husband Jim have raised their three children here.

Theresa is an attorney and co-owner of a successful restaurant, Mr. Spots, with her husband.

As State Senator for Ohio's 2nd Senate District, Theresa is building upon the successes of her time as State Representative. She continues to lead the fight for a smaller, more transparent government, security and integrity in our elections, the second amendment, a stronger economy, and a brighter future for Northern Ohio families, citizens, and small businesses.

Senator Gavarone advocates for small businesses by reducing legal and regulatory burdens.

Gavarone is a strong supporter of conservative values, fighting to restrict abortion (Heartbeat and Child Born Alive bills), defending Second Amendment rights, and advocating for law enforcement resources.

She prioritizes election security, having sponsored Ohio's strongest voting audit requirements and voter ID laws.

Representing an agricultural district, she supports farmers through tax relief and water quality initiatives.

<https://www.theresagavarone.com>



Paloma De La Fuente

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Protecting reproductive rights and healthcare
- Clean energy
- Strengthening of public schools & the Ohio education system
- The economy and Labor Rights

"For too long, working families in our part of the state have lost out at the hands of Columbus politicians who can't see past their own personal and political interests.

It's time for a change in leadership.

I promise to bring new ideas, new energy, and a new perspective to the Ohio Senate that will make our district stronger and create a brighter future for all Ohioans.

I'm an activist because I was raised to not be blind to the lives of others and complacent to injustice. It was as early as sixth grade that I first began to observe the social and political turmoil that others were experiencing everyday. Issues and injustices that had once been topics of conversation for adults were suddenly in my classroom and knocking on her front door.

During my freshman year in high school, I experienced a real school lockdown. While students later found out there was no active shooter, the fear of possibly being gun-downed in her classroom isn't something that ever leaves you. Unable to turn a blind eye, I rolled up my sleeves and began my career in activism.

All of these experiences led me to where I am today. As a State Senator, I can direct my energy towards creating a better future for all Ohioans, one where no one is overlooked and no one suffers from the injustices I've fought against for the majority of my life.

<https://www.palomaforohio.com>

## State Representative (44th District)



Dave Blyth

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Voter Rights
- Women's Health Rights & Reproductive Freedom
- Equality for All
- Lake Erie Health & Climate Change
- Gun Violence & Safety

I'm running for Ohio House District 44 because I'm motivated to give back and make a positive difference in people's lives - which, at its best, is what government should do for all, especially those without wealth or influence.

I believe in prioritizing policies, ideals and legislation that are designed to benefit middle- and working-class people. I believe that strong public schools benefit us all. I believe in reproductive freedom. I believe we all have the right to pursue happiness - no matter who you love or how you live.

I will resist any attempt to weaken the power of Organized Labor because I'm grateful for, and want others to enjoy, the same opportunities I had due to strong Union contracts, which ensured my family had access to affordable health care.

Extremism is not healthy for our country or Ohio. We need to elect candidates to every office who see the value in - and want to maintain - checks and balances, the Rule of Law and our Constitution. And in Ohio's 44th, I cannot accept that someone whose values so strongly conflict with mine and my neighbors could be handed another term without a challenge. So here I am, asking for your vote.

<https://www.daveforohio44.com>



Josh Williams

### Core Areas of Concern:

- Lower Income Tax
- Parental Choice in Education
- Protecting Right to Bear Arms
- Border Security

Josh Williams understands the American Dream because Josh Williams has lived the American Dream. Born and raised in inner-city Toledo, Josh dropped out of high school at age 18 as a result of homelessness.

After getting back on his feet and securing a job at a railroad subcontractor, he fell 30 feet and was disabled for six years due to a serious back injury. Instead of giving up, Josh persevered. When the government told him if he went to school, he'd lose his benefits, he fought them, and won.

At the age of 30, Josh enrolled in the University of Toledo and by age 35 he graduated from the University of Toledo Law School and began practicing law.

In 2022, Josh decided to run for State Representative because he experienced first-hand the barriers the government puts up that prevent people from escaping poverty.

In the Ohio Statehouse, Josh has worked to improve the quality of life of Ohioans by attempting to remove these barriers and also protect the most vulnerable among us. In addition to practicing law and serving as State Representative for Ohio's 41st House District, Josh continues to help shape America in the classroom. Josh currently teaches Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, and Criminal Law at Adrian College in their undergraduate criminal justice program.

Josh and his wife, Neaira, currently reside in Sylvania Twp., Ohio.

<https://joshwilliamsforohio.com>

## Judge - Court of Appeals (6th District)



Gene Zmuda  
Full Term Commencing  
2-9-2025

Judge Gene A. Zmuda was elected to the Sixth District Court of Appeals in November, 2018.

Prior to the Court of Appeals, he served as a trial judge in Toledo Municipal Court from 2003-2006, and as a Common Pleas Judge for Lucas County, General Trial Division, from 2006-2018. He served as an at-large City Councilman for the City of Toledo from 1993-2003. Judge Zmuda practiced law for 18 years for various law firms, prior to becoming a judge.

Judge Zmuda has been an adjunct professor at the University of Toledo, in the Honor's College, and the College of Law. He also has presented various continuing legal education programs in Ohio on behalf of the Ohio Judicial College, for which he is also a former Trustee. He currently serves as Chair of the Civil Law Committee for the Ohio Judicial Conference, and is a member of its Executive Committee.

He has spoken nationally on issues concerning Lucas County criminal justice and pretrial reform efforts.

Judge Zmuda received his B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Toledo in 1981, and his J.D. from the University of Toledo, College of Law in 1984.

He is married to his wife Terri, and they have two sons.

<https://co.lucas.oh.us/3297/Judge-Gen-A-Zmuda>

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

## County Treasurer



Anthony Hatmaker

### Duties of the Treasurer

- Tax Collector - Real Estate, Mobile Homes and Inheritance
- Ottawa County Investment Manager
- Collection, Custody and Disbursement of Ottawa County's cash assets
- Depository for County Agencies

### Treasurer's Personal and Professional Background

- Served briefly with the Ohio Auditor of State's Office.
- Served in the Fiscal Office of the Ohio Veterans Home.
- Served as Treasurer for the Genoa Area Local School District, the Huron City School District and the Educational Service Center of Medina County.
- Served as Controller for Magruder Hospital.
- Served as City Treasurer for the City of Port Clinton and the City of North Ridgeville.
- Currently serves as the 37th Treasurer of Ottawa County.

<https://ottawacountytreasurer.org/profile.aspx>



Where  
is my  
polling place?

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## Ottawa County Commissioner

Term beginning 1-2-2025

## Prosecuting Attorney

## Clerk of Courts - Common Pleas

## Ottawa County Recorder



Lori Brikmanis

Mark Stahl

James VanErten

John Klaehn

Nathan Daniels

Curt Fleming

My name is Mrs. Lori Brikmanis. I have been a resident of Northwest Ohio all my life. I'm married and have two young adult children. I am a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner by profession.

I am running for Ottawa County Commissioner. There are three commissioners who run the administrative part of the County which employs about 660 people.

As commissioner:

- I will be an advocate for better health resources including mental health.
- I will promote and protect Lake Erie.
- I am concerned with the commissioners ignoring the devaluation of Davis Bessie Nuclear Power Plant and the adverse effect on our schools, our children and the future. I will fight for School District funding.
- I will be a Fair, Compassionate and the Voice of Reason.

Vote for me November 5. -Submitted Personal Statement

It is an honor to currently serve as your Ottawa County Commissioner. As your commissioner, I have remained committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of life for all Ottawa County residents by partnering with other elected officials and other agencies to manage our resources to meet our demand for services.

I will continue working together to support collaboration across Ottawa County, helping to promote vibrant neighborhoods and a strong economy. I know that "Ottawa County Works Best, When Working Together" and that is why I will continue to deliver leadership and the commitment to make Ottawa County a great place to work, live and raise a family.

Our county is faced with many challenges. I am certain that with honesty, compassion and collaboration we will meet those responsibilities.

Your vote is a precious gift, and I ask for that gift to have the honor to continue to serve as your county commissioner.

### Government Experience

- Elected County Commissioner, Jan 2021-2024
- Elected County Commissioner, Jan 2017-2021
- Appointed County Commissioner, Term Ending January 2017
- Elected County Commissioner 2009- 2013
- Elected Allen Township Trustee 2004 to 2009

### Education

- Graduate of The University of Toledo College of Business Administration
- Dual Bachelor of Business Degree
- Majors: Accounting and Finance
- Graduate of the Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy
- Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs at Miami University and OSU Extension: Office of Community Development
- Graduate of the National Association of Counties - County Leadership Institute

James VanErten is currently seeking his third term as Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney. James has been a practicing attorney in Ottawa County for 16 years and has been the prosecuting attorney for the past eight years. Prior to his election as prosecutor James served as a Magistrate and Court Administrator for the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court. James resides in Danbury Township with his wife and children.

I am seeking my third term as prosecutor so that we can continue to move forward in Ottawa County and ensure that justice is served fairly and impartially.

During my tenure, my staff and I have developed numerous programs to ensure the health and safety of the citizens of Ottawa County. These programs include a Major Crimes Investigations Unit, a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Response Team, a Drug Abuse Response Team, and Mobile Forensics Task Force. A third term will allow us to continue moving in the right direction.

-Submitted Personal Statement

### Boards & Committees

- Ottawa County Land Bank Board Member
- Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. - Board Member
- Ottawa County Improvement Corporation - Past President / Board Member
- Leadership Ottawa County Board Member
- Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments - Past Chair / Current Member
- County Commissioners Association of Ohio
- Jobs, Economic Development, Infrastructure Committee
- Taxation and Finance Committee
- County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) - Board Member
- Ottawa County Board of Revision
- Ottawa County Regional Planning Commission Member
- Portage Resale Center Board Member
- Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Solid Waste District Board Member
- Ottawa County Township Association Member
- Investment Board of Ottawa County Board Member
- Ottawa County Visitors Bureau Member
- Revolving Loan/Tax Incentive Review Board Member
- Shores & Islands Ohio Board Member
- Ottawa County Transportation Improvement District
- ONEOHIO Recovery Foundation Region 17 - Current Vice Chairman/Board Member
- Ohio Task Force on the Volunteer Fire Service Member

John Klaehn currently holds the office of Ottawa County Court Clerk until December 31, 2024. He is seeking re-election and is running unopposed.



## View your sample ballot



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



Nathan Daniels was elected County Recorder in 2020.

He has a record of cutting spending and streamlining services each year as Recorder.

For example, the Recorder's Office is required to scan and index documents back to 1980 before 2025. Most counties used a vendor to do this. Nathan's office decided to utilize his staff and do the project in office, saving the county's taxpayers nearly \$425,000.

This past year, Nathan implemented his Property Fraud Alert program, a free program that scans his computer system every 24 hours to ensure no fraudulent deeds have been recorded.

Nathan is a graduate of the University of Toledo, with a BA in Political Science in 2013, and a Juris Doctor in 2016.

He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association.

-Submitted Personal Statement

### Activities

- Riverview Auxiliary Lifetime Member
- Past Member Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department Association - Past President
- Past Member Allen Clay Joint Fire District - 26 years - Past Battalion Chief
- Member St. John Lutheran Church, Williston, Ohio

### Personal

- Married 37 Years, Wife Julie (Lowe)
- One Daughter, Kallie
- Reside in Allen Township / Williston

-Submitted Personal Statement



## For Member of State Board of Education (1st District)

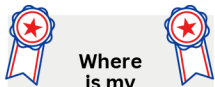


Kristie Reighard

Kristie Reighard is a lifelong resident of Northwest Ohio running for the State Board of Education, District 1. She graduated from Rossford High School and the University of Findlay, earning degrees in Environmental and Hazardous Materials Management, English Journalism, and later, two degrees in education from Bowling Green State University. With over 27 years of experience in Ohio public education, she has worked in various roles, including substitute teacher, science instructor, and high school principal. Currently, she serves as an EdTech Senior Implementation Coordinator.

Kristie has held several educational leadership roles, including Ohio Teacher Leader Liaison and President of the Science Education Council of Ohio. She aims to ensure all Ohio students have access to high-quality education and advocates for several educational policies, including full funding for the Fair School Funding Plan, stopping book bans, decreasing standardized testing, and preserving educators' pensions. Kristie lives in Swanton, Ohio, with her husband.

<https://ballot.ohio.gov/kristie-jynn-reighard-for-ohio-school-board-1/>



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## Ottawa County Commissioner



**Mark Coppeler**  
Full Term Commencing  
1-3-2025

It has been by honor to represent the residents and businesses of Ottawa County the past eight years.

I take the responsibility that the voters have entrusted me with to heart and I have worked to make Ottawa County the best place to live and work. I look forward to continuing that work these next four years and I am asking for your continued trust and support with your vote in this election.

In a third term I will continue working on fiscal responsibility, Lake Erie water quality, economic development and addressing housing concerns in Ottawa County.

The commissioners were conservative with the budget process anticipating a possible downturn in revenue due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fortunately, the county came through this period in good shape and we will continue to manage the county's resources responsibly.

Lake Erie water quality will continue to be a main focus in a third term. I am on water quality and agriculture committees with the CCAO in Columbus and with TMACOG. We need to improve Lake Erie water quality while balancing this with the impact we have on the farming community. I feel that I have been making an impact by positioning myself on both water quality and agriculture committees.

Providing new meaningful job opportunities and retaining existing jobs are central for growth in the county.

Providing assistance to the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation will still play a major role, but Commissioners need to be willing to take a more active part in promoting the county for new opportunities that arise.

I will continue to pursue replacing lost property tax revenue due to the federal government's land acquisition in the county. The federal government has acquired over 5,500 acres with little return through the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act and I am currently working on addressing this issue.

Housing is an issue that must be addressed and vital for economic growth. As we have seen some businesses locate to Ottawa County we need to be sure we can address a growing workforce. Working with the municipalities in the county to be sure they have infrastructure in place will be vital and the Commissioners will have a role to accomplish this goal.

I will continue to look for new opportunities that will benefit the County's residents, businesses and visitors.

*-Submitted Personal Statement*

## County Engineer



**Ronald Lajti**

**Title:** County Engineer, P.E., P.S.

**Education:**  
Ron has been with the Ottawa County Engineer's Office since 2003. He graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1996 and continued his education at the University of Toledo where he earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering. He completed his Surveying Certificate from Owens State Community College and became dual licensed in 2010.

**Responsibilities:**  
Ron's responsibilities at the County include oversight of all construction and maintenance projects as they pertain to County roads, bridges, subdivisions, and drainage. He and his staff routinely assist the Township Trustees with all of their infrastructure projects as well. Ron is also heavily involved with the Ottawa County Soil and Water Conservation District, both in and outside of work.

**Community Involvement:**  
Ron is currently a member of the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation, the Ottawa County Township Trustee and Clerks Association, and the Ottawa County Planning Commission.

<https://ottawawaterhealth.org/directory.aspx?EID=5>

## For Sheriff



**Stephen Levorchick**

I am blessed to work alongside the men and women that make up the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. They are a group of law enforcement professionals that I would put up against any law enforcement agency in our region.

The pride that our deputies have in their community is evident in the way that they perform their duties. My wife, Lori, and I live in Catawba Island Township. Our oldest son, his wife, and our grandson live in Bay Township. Our youngest son is a student at Bowling Green State University, where he is also the National Collegiate Bodybuilding Champion.

Lori and I love our community and with her past history of Ottawa County law enforcement service, we both understand the importance of service over self. As I have said since the day I took office, I will never take one day for granted in this position. I promise that every decision made by myself or my administrative staff will be made with the right intention. We will always try to do what is best for Ottawa County.

<https://ottawacountysheriff.info>

## State Representative 89th District



**D.J. Swearingen**

**Core Areas of Concern:**

- Energy Independence
- Parental Choice in Education
- Support farmers and minimize algal blooms
- American Energy Independence

DJ Swearingen serves as the State Representative for Ohio's 89th district, drawing from his blue-collar roots and strong community ties in Huron, where he lives with his wife, Angie, and their three daughters. A graduate of Bowling Green State University and the University of Dayton School of Law, he has a notable record of advocacy for the environment, particularly Lake Erie, opposing offshore wind projects while supporting H2Ohio funding to combat algal blooms.

Swearingen champions American manufacturing and energy independence, pushing for jobs to return to the U.S. and advocating for small business recovery post-pandemic. He prioritizes parental rights in education, aiming to focus schools on essential skills over ideological teachings. As Vice-Chairman of the Ohio Criminal Justice Committee, he has worked on legislation to reform the cash bail system and enhance community safety.

In addition to his legislative work, DJ is an attorney specializing in business law and co-owns a real estate investment company. He is active in community service, including serving on the board of the Sandusky Children's Museum, and he and his family are dedicated members of their local Catholic Church. In their leisure time, the Swearingens enjoy the beauty of Lake Erie.

<https://www.swearingenforohio.com>



**Alicia Roshong**

**Core Areas of Concern:**

- Women's Reproductive Rights
- Responsible Gun Ownership
- Affordable Housing and Healthcare
- Quality Education and the Protection of Public Funding

Alicia Roshong has lived in Ohio her entire life, with 31 years in Sandusky and Huron. She holds an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Toledo School of Law. After starting her legal career at Murray & Murray, she served as the Chief Prosecuting Attorney and Law Director for the City of Fostoria from 1993 to 2007, where she managed legal operations and helped the city achieve Charter status.

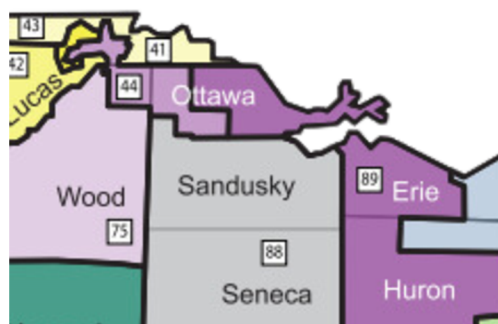
In 1997, she co-founded the Kentris, Roshong & Coleman Law Firm, practicing there until 2008, and now operates a sole proprietorship focusing on plaintiffs' litigation and human rights advocacy.

Married to Russell Roshong, they have four children who graduated from Huron High School.

Roshong believes in the public school system and knows it is imperative to fix the underlying problems that affect the public school system. Roshong also believes in fighting for quality, affordable healthcare coverage for all Ohioans as well as striving for equality on all fronts. Roshong is a strong proponent of public education, quality healthcare, women's reproductive rights, LGBTQ equality, affordable housing, economic improvement, and environmental protection.

<https://roshongforohio.com/home-1>

## View your District Below



<https://ohiohouse.gov/members/district-map>



# OTTAWA COUNTY ISSUES

## **Allen 2 Clay Center, Genoa**

### **Issue 1**

To create an appointed redistricting commission not elected by or subject to removal by the voters of the state

Proposed Constitutional Amendment  
Proposed by Initiative Petition.

To repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Article XI

Repeal sections 1, 2 and 3 of Article XIX  
And enact Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:  
Repeal constitutional protections against gerrymandering approved by nearly three-quarters of Ohio electors participating in the statewide elections of 2015 and 2018, and eliminate the longstanding ability of Ohio citizens to hold their representatives accountable for establishing fair state legislative and congressional districts.

Establish a new taxpayer-funded commission of appointees required to gerrymander the boundaries of state legislative and congressional districts to favor either of the two largest political parties in the state of Ohio, according to a formula based on partisan outcomes as the dominant factor, so that: A. Each district shall contain single-member districts that are geographically contiguous, but state legislative and congressional districts will no longer be required to be compact; and B. Counties, townships and cities throughout Ohio can be split and divided across multiple districts, and preserving communities of interest will be secondary to the formula that is based on partisan political outcomes.

Require that a majority of the partisan commission members belong to the state's two largest political parties.

Prevent a commission member from being removed, except by a vote of their fellow commission members, even for incapacity, willful neglect of duty or gross misconduct.

Prohibit any citizen from filing a lawsuit challenging a redistricting plan in any court, except if the lawsuit challenges the proportionality standard applied by the commission, requirements pertaining to an incumbent elected official's residence, or the expiration of certain senator's terms, and then only before the Ohio Supreme Court.

Create the following process for appointing commission members: Four partisan appointees on the Ohio Ballot Board will choose a panel of 4 partisan retired judges (2 affiliated with the first major political party and 2 affiliated with the second major political party). Provide that the 4 legislative appointees of the Ohio Ballot Board would be responsible for appointing the panel members as follows: the Ballot Board legislative appointees affiliated with the same major political party would select 8 applicants and present those to the Ballot Board legislative appointees affiliated with the other major political party, who would then select 2 persons from the 8 for appointment to the panel, resulting in 4 panel appointees.

## **Allen 2 Clay Center, Genoa (cont.)**

### **Issue 1 Cont.**

The panel would then hire a private professional search firm to help them choose 6 of the 15 individuals on the commission. The panel will choose those 6 individuals by initially creating a pool of 90 individuals (30 from the first major political party, 30 from the second major political party, and 30 from neither the first nor second major political parties). The panel of 4 partisan retired judges will create a portal for public comment on the applicants and will conduct and publicly broadcast interviews with each applicant in the pool.

The panel will then narrow the pool of 90 individuals down to 45 (15 from the first major political party; 15 from the second major political party; and 15 from neither the first nor second major political parties). Randomly, by draw, the 4 partisan retired judges will then blindly select 6 names out of the pool of 45 to be members of the commission (2 from the first major political party; 2 from the second major political party; and 2 from neither the first nor second major political parties). The 6 randomly drawn individuals will then review the applications of the remaining 39 individuals not randomly drawn and select the final 9 individuals to serve with them on the commission, the majority of which shall be from the first and the second major political parties (3 from the first major political party, 3 from the second major political party, and 3 from neither the first nor second major political parties).

- Require the affirmative votes of 9 of 15 members of the appointed commission to create legislative and congressional districts. If the commission is not able to determine a plan by September 19, 2025, or July 15 of every year ending in one, the following impasse procedure will be used: for any plan at an impasse, each commissioner shall have 3 days to submit no more than one proposed redistricting plan to be subject to a commission vote through a ranked-choice selection process, with the goal of having a majority of the commission members rank one of those plans first. If a majority cannot be obtained, the plan with the highest number of points in the ranked-choice process is eliminated, and the process is repeated until a plan receives a majority of first-place rankings. If the ranked-choice process ends in a tie for the highest point total, the tie shall be broken through a random process.
- Limit the right of Ohio citizens to freely express their opinions to members of the commission or to commission staff regarding the redistricting process or proposed redistricting plans, other than through designated meetings, hearings and an online public portal, and would forbid communication with the commission members and staff outside of those contexts.
- Require the commission to immediately create new legislative and congressional districts in 2025 to replace the most recent districts adopted by the citizens of Ohio through their elected representatives.
- Impose new taxpayer-funded costs on the State of Ohio to pay the commission members, the commission staff and appointed special masters, professionals, and private consultants that the commission is required to hire; and an unlimited amount for legal expenses incurred by the commission in any related litigation.

*If approved, the amendment will be effective 30 days after the election*

## **Allen 2 Clay Center, Genoa (cont.)**

### **13 Proposed Tax Levy (Substituting for an Existing Levy) Genoa Area Local School District**

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

Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Genoa Area Local School District for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the sum of \$1,202,244 and a levy of taxes to be made outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require 5.4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts \$189 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for the initial year of the tax, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026 with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list

### **14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library**

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

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris-Elmore Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$269,000 at a rate not exceeding 1.1 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

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

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### **20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County**

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A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026



## Allen 2 Lake

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

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## Questions?

Contact The Ottawa County  
Board of Elections

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

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

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

**Location:**  
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A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

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

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026

## Allen 4

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

*Please see page 9 for further details.*

### 13 Proposed Tax Levy (Substituting for an Existing Levy) Genoa Area Local School District

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

Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Genoa Area Local School District for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the sum of \$1,202,244 and a levy of taxes to be made outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require 5.4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts \$189 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for the initial year of the tax, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026 with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list

### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

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

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris-Elmore Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$269,000 at a rate not exceeding 1.1 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

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

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

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

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026

## Clay 1 Genoa

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

Please see page 9 for further details.

#### 4 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Village of Genoa

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Genoa for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repairs of streets, roads, and bridges that the county auditor estimates will collect \$79,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.8 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$63 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025

#### 13 Proposed Tax Levy (Substituting for an Existing Levy) Genoa Area Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Genoa Area Local School District for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the sum of \$1,202,244 and a levy of taxes to be made outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require 5.4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts \$189 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for the initial year of the tax, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026 with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list

#### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris-Elmore Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$269,000 at a rate not exceeding 1.1 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

#### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

#### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026

## Clay 2 Genoa

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

Please see page 9 for further details.

#### 4 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Village of Genoa

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Genoa for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repairs of streets, roads, and bridges that the county auditor estimates will collect \$79,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.8 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$63 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025

#### 13 Proposed Tax Levy (Substituting for an Existing Levy) Genoa Area Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Genoa Area Local School District for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the sum of \$1,202,244 and a levy of taxes to be made outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require 5.4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts \$189 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for the initial year of the tax, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026 with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list

#### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris-Elmore Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$269,000 at a rate not exceeding 1.1 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

#### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

#### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026

## Clay 3 Genoa Schools

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

Please see page 9 for further details.

#### 7 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) Clay Township (not including the Village of Genoa)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of two existing levies to constitute a tax for the benefit of Clay Township (not including the Village of Genoa), for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$329,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$150 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

#### 13 Proposed Tax Levy (Substituting for an Existing Levy) Genoa Area Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Genoa Area Local School District for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the sum of \$1,202,244 and a levy of taxes to be made outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require 5.4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts \$189 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for the initial year of the tax, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026 with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list

#### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris-Elmore Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$269,000 at a rate not exceeding 1.1 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

#### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

#### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026

## Clay 3 Woodmore

### Issue 1

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Please see page 9 for further details.

### 7 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) Clay Township (not including the Village of Genoa)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of two existing levies to constitute a tax for the benefit of Clay Township (not including the Village of Genoa), for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$329,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$150 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris-Elmore Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$269,000 at a rate not exceeding 1.1 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addition, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026

## Clay 4

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

Please see page 9 for further details.

### 7 Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) Clay Township (not including the Village of Genoa)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of two existing levies to constitute a tax for the benefit of Clay Township (not including the Village of Genoa), for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$329,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$150 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

### 13 Proposed Tax Levy (Substituting for an Existing Levy) Genoa Area Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Genoa Area Local School District for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the sum of \$1,202,244 and a levy of taxes to be made outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require 5.4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts \$189 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for the initial year of the tax, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026 with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list

### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris-Elmore Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$269,000 at a rate not exceeding 1.1 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addition, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026

## Harris 1 Elmore

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

Please see page 9 for further details.

### 2 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) Village of Elmore

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Elmore for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$88,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$105 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 3 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Village of Elmore

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Elmore for the purpose of maintenance and repair of streets and alleys that the county auditor estimates will collect \$68,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$81 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 8 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris Township for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$44,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$16 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris Township for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$44,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$16 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addition, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026



## Harris 3 Woodmore

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

Please see page 7 for further details.

### 8 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris Township for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$44,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$16 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris Township for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$44,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$16 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

## Harris 4 Woodmore

### Issue 1

This is a federal issue, and is on all ballots.

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### 8 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris Township for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$44,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$16 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

### 14 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Harris-Elmore Public Library

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Harris Township for the purpose of current operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$44,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$16 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing the necessary requirements of the County's alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health joint county service district in Ottawa County that the county auditor estimates will collect \$980,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$14 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

### 20 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Ottawa County for the purpose of providing and maintaining senior citizens' services or facilities, including but not limited to home delivered and congregate meals, respite care and Alzheimer's day care, senior center services, home care, senior facilities and ADA compliance that the county auditor estimates will collect \$872,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

## Harris 4 B-C-S

### Issue 1

To require courts to consider factors like public safety when setting the amount of bail

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To amend Section 9 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass

The proposed amendment would:

- Require Ohio courts, when setting the amount of bail, to consider public safety, including the seriousness of the offense, as well as a person's criminal record, the likelihood a person will return to court, and any other factor the Ohio General Assembly may prescribe.
- Remove the requirement that the procedures for establishing the amount and conditions of bail be determined by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.

### Issue 2

To prohibit local government from allowing non-electors to vote

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To amend Section 1 of Article V, Section 3 of Article X, and Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

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

The proposed amendment would:

- Require that only a citizen of the United States, who is at least 18 years of age and who has been a legal resident and registered voter for at least 30 days, can vote at any state or local election held in this state.
- Prohibit local governments from allowing a person to vote in local elections if they are not legally qualified to vote in state elections.

If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately.

### 3 proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District in the sum of \$1,423,500 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 3.3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.33 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

### 6 Proposed Resolution Gas Aggregation Ottawa County

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Ottawa County have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the unincorporated areas of the County, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out of the program?

## Harris 4 B-C-S (cont.)

### 19 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal & Increase) Harris Township

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of 4.5 mills and an increase of 4 mills to constitute a tax for the benefit of Harris Township for the purpose of providing ambulance service, emergency medical service, or both, at a rate not exceeding 8.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.85 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.