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VOTERS
GUIDE

**Non-Partisan Voting
Information for
LORAIN COUNTY**



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Polls Open 6:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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When you go to vote, remember:

To be safe, bring some identification to the polling place — your driver's license, a paycheck, utility bill or government document that includes your name and street address.

You don't need to panic if you registered to vote but your name is not on the list. Get help from a poll worker to make sure your vote is counted. You may be directed to another polling place or given a provisional ballot. If you are unsure of the correct procedure for casting your ballot, or if you have incorrectly marked or torn a ballot or ballot card, the election officials at your precinct will provide you with instructions.

A voter with a physical or mental disability or who is unable to read or write may be assisted by anyone of the voter's choice, except a candidate whose candidacy is being voted on in that precinct, the voter's employer or the employer's agent, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The voter may be assisted by two poll workers of opposite political parties. No one who assists a voter may disclose any information about how that person voted.

You may be able to avoid crowds by going to the polls between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. or between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Look at the signs at the polling place for directions on how to use the voting machines, a list of your voting rights, and instructions for filing a complaint if your rights have been violated. Do not hesitate to ask for help from a poll worker.

You may vote by absentee ballot if:

- ✓ You will be absent from the county on election day.
- ✓ You are 62 years of age or older.
- ✓ You or a family member will be hospitalized on election day.
- ✓ You have a personal illness or physical disability that prevents you from getting to the polling location.
- ✓ You are an election official or board of elections employee.
- ✓ You cannot vote on election day because of a religious belief.
- ✓ You will be in jail under sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial on a criminal charge.
- ✓ You are a full-time firefighter, peace officer or full-time provider of emergency medical services, and may therefore be prevented from getting to the polling location.
- ✓ You are on active duty in the state with the organized militia, which prevents you from getting to the polling location.

How to apply for an absentee ballot:

Write or go to the board of elections in your county and request an absentee ballot, giving the following information (a form is available from your county board of elections for convenience, but is not required):

- ✓ Your name and voting residence address.
- ✓ The election for which you are requesting a ballot.
- ✓ Your reason for being absent from the polls on election day.
- ✓ The mailing address to which you want your ballot sent.
- ✓ Your signature.

Absentee ballots must be received at the County Board of Elections Office by 7:30 p.m. on election day in order to be counted.

As a voter you:

- ✓ Must be provided with a voting machine that is in working condition.
- ✓ Must be provided with another ballot if you make a mistake.
- ✓ May request up to three ballots due to mistakes you make.
- ✓ Can ask for written or verbal instructions.
- ✓ Can bring an aide or interpreter if you are disabled or have a language barrier.
- ✓ Can receive help in voting if you ask for it.
- ✓ Cannot be prevented from voting for any reason if you are a registered voter.
- ✓ Can vote if you are in line at the correct polling location at the time the polls close.
- ✓ Must be given an explanation and offered a resolution if you are not allowed to vote.

Remember: As a voter, you have the responsibility to ask questions and get them answered if you are confused about the voting process. You also have the responsibility to check your ballot for accuracy before you cast it.

Further Information:

If you have questions about whether you are registered or where you should go to vote, contact:

LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1985 North Ridge Rd., East
Lorain, OH 44055

Phone: (440) 326-5900

Phone: (440) 326-5901

Fax: (440) 326-5931

lorainboe@erienet.net

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Visit our website at www.oberlinvotes.com

Or, you can call:

The Democratic Party at (440) 323-2004

The Republican Party at (440) 233-6298

Lorain County Transit at (440) 324-6955 ext. 24

(Schedule ahead. Some fees may apply)

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www.oberlinvotes.com

www.lwvohio.org

www.dnet.org

www.smartvoter.org

www.sos.state.oh.us/sos

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The candidates in the following section were given a word limit of 75 words for all biographical information combined, and a word limit of 150 words per question asked. Responses that exceeded these limits were cut off, and can be found in their entirety at www.oberlinvotes.com.

President and Vice President of the United States

George W. Bush and Richard Cheney

Extensive information is available on both presidential and vice-presidential candidates. To learn more, visit:

Party: Republican

www.georgebush.com | www.dnet.org | www.johnkerry.com

John F. Kerry and John Edwards

Party: Democrat

U.S Senator

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$158,100

Job Description: To represent the people of Ohio and the U.S. in dealing with matters of national and international importance. The general welfare should be a prime concern

Question: Do you think any changes should be made to environmental policies affecting air and water quality? If so, what?

VOTE FOR ONE

Eric D. Fingerhut

25221 Miles Road, Suite B
Warrensville Hts, OH 44128

Party: Democrat

Education: Bachelor's Degree, Northwestern University; Law Degree, Stanford University

Occupation: State Senator, 25th District

Training and Experience: State Senator, 1991-1992; U.S.

Representative, 1993-1994; State Senator, 1998-present

Response to Question: Absolutely. We must require our power plants and manufacturers to apply the most advanced pollution control technologies to their facilities. Current technology exists to greatly reduce environmental damage to our air

and water. Not only would this benefit our environment and the health of us all, it would also benefit our economy. Right here in Ohio, we have companies that stand to greatly increase their business and create new jobs by producing the newest, most advanced pollution control equipment. As regulations are delayed and/or eliminated, com-

panies like this are severely, adversely affected, to the detriment of our health and our economy. We do not have to choose between a clean environment and jobs – we can and should have both.

George V. Voinovich

580 S. High St., Suite 160
Columbus, OH 43215

Party: Republican

Education: Ohio State University College of Law, J.D. 1961

Occupation: Public Official

Training and Experience: U.S. Senator, 1999-Present; Governor, State of Ohio, 1990-1998; Mayor, City of Cleveland, 1979-1988; Lieutenant Governor, State of Ohio, 1979; Commis-

sioner, Cuyahoga County, 1977-1978; Auditor, Cuyahoga County, 1971-1976; Member, Ohio House of Representatives, 1967-1971

Response to Question: I have made improving the quality of Ohio's environment one of my top priorities throughout my career and continued that commitment by successfully passing legislation in 2003 that banned

oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes. I look forward to continuing that commitment by working to fund the Great Lakes Legacy Act – a program that provides \$50 million annually for the clean up of contaminated sites throughout the Great Lakes. Additionally, I will continue to push legislation I introduced to help local officials fix their antiquated sewer systems to meet federal requirements and improve wa-

ter quality. To make our air cleaner, I will fight to enact the Clear Skies Act, which will reduce air emissions by 70 percent and provide the first-ever limits on mercury. I will also push for reforms to New Source Review so energy-efficient technologies can be better utilized, which will ultimately reduce air pollution.

Representative, U.S. Congress (13th Congressional District)

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$158,100

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

Question: How would you address the federal deficit?

VOTE FOR ONE

Sherrod Brown

2625 E. Erie Ave.
Lorain, OH 44052

Party: Democrat

Age: 51

Education: BA Yale University and two master's degrees from

Ohio State University

Occupation: Congressman

Training and Experience: 30 years of public service as a State Representative, Secretary of State and Congressman.

Answer to Question: Reform-

ing the Bush tax policies is the best place to start restoring federal discipline to Washington. The Bush tax plan, which favors corporations and wealthy individuals over working families, will cut heavier Revenue by

\$241 billion in 2004. I would also work to eliminate wasteful spending while protecting essential services.

Robert R. Lucas

78 Alfaretta Ave.
Akron, OH 44310

Party: Republican

Age: 29

Education: Mountain High School, 1993, US Army, 1997,

Hamrick Truck Driving School, 1999, University of Phoenix, Junior

Occupation: Quality Assurance, Infocision Management, Inc.

Training and Experience:

Husband, father, taxpayer

Answer to Question: Follow the recommendations of the Grace commission, and cut as many bureaucracies as possible. For example, a new bu-

reaucracy was created with the National Do Not Call List. Since the Direct Marketing Association already ran one, we did not need a federal one. Cut this costly, unnecessary bureaucracy.

Representative, U.S. Congress (9th Congressional District)

Position information and question is identical to that of Representative, U.S. Congress (13th Congressional District).

Marcy Kaptur
1 Maritime Plaza, 6th Floor
Toledo, OH 43604

Party: Democrat
Age: 58
Education: B.A., History; M.A., Urban Planning

Occupation: Member of Congress
Training and Experience: I have had the privilege to serve 11 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Response to Question: In less

than four years, the Bush Administration has presided over a massive increase in the federal budget deficit. The surplus is gone. America's fiscal position has worsened dramatically due to poor economic growth and reckless tax policy. We

need an economic and trade policy that will stimulate growth, benefiting both American workers and businesses. We need a fairer tax policy that does not unduly reward the richest Americans, but also helps the middle class.

Larry Kaczala
709 Madison Ave, Suite 217
Toledo, OH 43624

Party: Republican
Education: B.A., University of Toledo, 1979; J.D., University of Toledo, 1983
Occupation: County Auditor for Lucas County

Training and Experience: I was raised and educated in Toledo and have a full understanding of the concerns of the constituents. I was elected to the City Council of Toledo and have been elected three times as County Auditor. Additionally I have been an attorney since

1983.
Response to Question: My first step would be to identify and eliminate waste and duplicate programs. As I have done in the county Auditor's office, I would modernize systems and share systems with other branches.

Working with my fellow members of Congress, we would commit to balancing an out of control budget. By example, my office would work every day to save and reduce our spending and we would continue this practice to all federal agencies.

Ohio districts:

Ohio 9th Congressional District for Lorain County

Village of Amherst	44001	Village of LaGrange	44050
Amherst Twp	44001	LaGrange Twp	44050
Brighton Twp	44089	New Russia Twp	44074
Brownhelm Twp	44089	City of Oberlin	44074
Camden Twp	44049	Penfield Twp	44090
Carlisle Twp (part)	44074	Pittsfield Twp	44090
Village of Grafton	44044	Village of Rochester	44090
Grafton Twp	44044	Village of South Amherst	44001
Henrietta Twp	44889	Village of Wellington	44090
Huntington Twp	44880	Wellington Twp	44090
Village of Kipton	44049		

Ohio 13th Congressional District for Lorain County

Avon	44011	Lorain	44052
Avon Lake	44012		44053
Columbia Twp	44028		44055
Eaton Twp (part)	44044	North Ridgeville	44054
Elyria	44035	Sheffield Lake	44054
	44036	Sheffield Twp	44054

57th Ohio House District for Lorain County

Avon	44011		44036
Avon Lake	44012		44039
Carlisle Twp.	44050	North Ridgeville	44039
Columbia Twp.	44028	Sheffield	44054
Eaton Twp.	44044		
Elyria	44035		

56th Ohio House District for Lorain County

Amherst Twp.	44053
Casrlisle Twp.	44038
Elyria City	44035
(Wards 6 + 5)	
Elyria Twp.	44035
(All except an island in Ward 2)	
Lorain	44052
New Russia Twp.	44074
Oberlin	44074
Sheffield Lake	44054
Sheffield Twp.	44054
South Amherst	44001

58th Ohio House District for Lorain County

Vermilion	44089
Amherst City	44001
Brownhelm Twp	44001
Henrietta Twp	44889
Kipton	44049
Camden Twp	44049
Brighton Twp	44090
Rochester City	44090
Rochester Twp	44090
Pittsfield Twp	44090
Wellington City	44090
Wellingotn Twp	44090
Huntington Twp	44880
LaGrange City	44050
LaGrange Twp	44050

State Representative, 56th House District

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$54,942.01

Job Description: To represent the people of the district and the State of Ohio in dealing with matters not allocated to the federal government.

Question 1: What are your suggestions for reconciling state revenue shortfalls with increasing costs for state services?

VOTE FOR ONE

Joseph F. Koziura
5308 Gargas Dr.
Lorain, OH 44053

Party: Democrat
Age: N/A

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Daniel Jack Williamson
435 W. Lorain st.
Oberlin, OH 44074

Party: Republican
Age: 39
Education: B.A. in International Relations from the Ohio State University
Occupation: Substitute teacher

Training and Experience: Volunteer Intern in Governor Voinovich's office in spring 1992.

Response to Question 1: I propose a complete restructuring of state and local taxes to relieve some of the tax burden that weighs so heavily on fixed-income households. The cost central issue in this campaign is jobs. I have a plan to create jobs that particularly targets our local area, but that will be of benefit to the state as well. Grow-

ing our economy in this fashion will increase government revenues. When cutting spending, I abhor across-the-board cuts, because some programs are more important than others. We must prioritize programs and cut the lowest priorities first while preserving the highest priorities.

State Representative, 57th House District

Position information and question identical to that of State Representative, 56th House District.

Deanna L. Hill
33114 Eagles Glen Ct.
N. Ridgeville, OH 44039

Party: Democrat
Age: 60
Education: B.S. in Education.

M.B.A.
Occupation: Board of Revisions- Lorain County Auditor

Training and Experience: Teacher for twenty-six years;

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State Representative, 57th House District, continued

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District Director for Congressman Sherrod Brown; Mayor City of North Ridgeville; State Chair-

person- Ohio Public Works Commission

Answer to Question 1: We

must review the effectiveness and efficiency of each state agency then make required changes as determined by the

reviews. After those changes and citizen input, if additional funds are needed, that should be up to the voters to decide.

Earl J. Martin
32290 Lake Rd.
Avon Lake, OH 44012

Party: Republican
Age: N/A

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Party: Independent
Age: N/A

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Kenneth C. Prechtel
9839 West Ridge Rd.
Elyria, OH 44035

State Representative, 58th House District

Position information and question identical to that of State Representative, 56th House District.

Matthew Barret
354 Golden Russett Blvd.
Amherst, OH 44001

Party: Democrat
Age: 37

Education: B.A. Aeronautical Studies, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Assoc. in Insurance Claims, Insurance Institute of America; J.D. Cleve-

land Marshall College of Law.
Occupation: Attorney
Training and Experience: Adjutor for State Farm Mutual Automobile Association. Past preschool board mentor, Director of Amherst Boys Instructional Soccer League and soccer coach.

Response to Question 1:

First, close loopholes. Ohio has \$9.4 billion in tax expenditures on the budget. Second, review our state spending and apply "proficiency exams" to the programs. Let's fund those that work and change or eliminate those that don't. Third, level the tax playing field so that it is fair for everyone, especially small businesses, then jobs will be

created and our revenues will rise while our wasteful spending falls.

Kathleen Walcher
394 Cleveland Rd. #11-G
Norwalk, OH 44957

Party: Republican
Age: N/A

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Lorain County Commissioner

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$69,808

Job Description: To exercise financial control of County expenditures, to authorize public works, to purchase land and buildings, to let contracts, to plan and administer welfare. The Board of County Commissioners appoints other officials to operate various departments.

Question 1: What are three things you would do as commissioner to stimulate the economic development of Lorain County?

VOTE FOR ONE

Eric A. Flynn
11369 Baumhart Rd.
Amherst, OH 44001

Party: Republican
Age: 51
Education: Associate Degree in Arts: Myers University
Occupation: Department Coordinator, BOP maintenance. My responsibilities cover safety, environmental, budgets, long range planning, continuous improvement.
Training and Experience:

Baldwin Wallace College-Project Managemt. Case Western Reserve University-Leading Edge Leadership. Case Western Reserve University- Influencing Without Authority. Case Western Reserve University- Information System Project mgr. Cleveland State University- Management Development.

Response to Question 1: We should upgrade our infrastructure. The one service

that government provides which private enterprise cannot is support for community infrastructure. Without well-maintained roads and utilities, commerce cannot thrive. Government must make it easier, not harder, to succeed in business. We can do that by keeping our infrastructure in excellent condition. County government must quit competing with the private sector. The solution to all economic problems is NOT to

grow county government bigger. We can't afford the higher taxes that this "empire building" will cost us. We must help the private sector to grow. Finally, quit studying Lorain County to death. Another study is not going to help us find our way. Let's look at what we have already done and really listen to what our community has been trying to tell us and implement a plan to move forward.

Lori Kokoski
5801 Oak Point Rd.
Lorain, OH 44053

Party: Democrat
Age: 39
Education: Graduated from Marion L. Steele in Amherst. Attended the Joint Vocational School in Administrative Secretary. Also attended LCCC to obtain my real estate license.

Occupation: Serving my 3rd consecutive term as Lorain's 8th ward council representative. Also work for the Lorain County Auditor in the sales review program.

Training and Experience: I have experience in the legislative process, budgetary issues, roads, utilities, working with people to get things

accomplished. I have a secretarial & a real estate background.

Response to Question 1: A task force needs to be created to go to our current businesses to find out what their needs are in order to keep them in our area but more importantly to help them expand. I am currently

working on an economic development plan which includes looking at other Ohio counties that have been hit hard by the recession to see what they have done to recover. I also believe we need to do a better job of promoting the county in order to attract new businesses into our area.

Lorain County Commissioner

Position information and questions identical to that of Lorain County Commissioner.

Rita T. Canfield
461 Stallion Ct.
Lagrange, OH 44050

Party: Republican
Age: 48
Education: 1983 New York

Stock Exchange, Series 7 Registered investment Advisor License. 1982 Institute of Financial Education, Consumer Counselor Training. 1978 Bowling Green State University, B.S. in Elementary Education.

1974 Graduate Keystone High School

Occupation: 1998 – Current Trustee LaGrange Township
Training & Experience: My involvement in numerous countywide endeavors; Lorain

County Community College Board of Trustees, The Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County, has given me the ability and

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Lorain County Commissioner, continued

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experience working with financial planning and diverse and complex constituencies.

Response to Question 1: 1) Continue support for Team NEO, while developing a more collaborative approach to economic development, within

the county. Effective communication between the Chamber of Commerce, and various development related authorities, could have a positive impact when attracting new business. Streamline the process business must go through when seeking assistance, or looking to relocate to the county. 2) Improve

communications between existing businesses and local/county agencies to reveal and resolve problems. Encourage companies to use LCCC to retrain and improve the level of their workforce and for consultation purposes. 3) Encourage the re-development of the downtown business areas, as well as seeking funding for

improvements to empty business locations. Discussion for the lake front improvements in Lorain is vital to generating economic growth for the county. Improvement in that area will symbolize a change in attitude, as well as appearance, for the county as a whole.

Ted Kalo

6223 Oak Point Rd.
Lorain, OH 44053

Party: Democrat

Age: N/A

Education: Graduate of Admiral King High School. Attended Lorain County Community College. Attended

Cleveland State University.

Occupation: President, Ted's Floorcoverings, 668 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052
Training & Experience: Local 860 Laborer from 1980-1982. General Manager Budget Carpet 1983-1996. Many course in Floorcovering from manufacturers.

Response to Question 1: I would establish a business development team consisting of private business representatives to foster a relationship with the economic development entities in the county to help spur development. Establish an

asset inventory report so we would be aware of all the available infrastructure to fill business needs. Meet with all of the municipalities, villages, townships to establish what their vision for growth is in their communities.

Lorain County Prosecutor

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$104,930

Job Description: To serve as chief legal officer of the County and as a member of the County Budget Commission. To investigate and prosecute crimes committed in the county. To advise county officers and boards, township officers, and county school district officers and boards.

Question 1: What guidelines would you use to determine whether a defendant younger than age 18 should be tried as a juvenile or as an adult?

VOTE FOR ONE

Gary Bennett

337 Denison Ave.
Elyria, OH 44035

Party: Republican

Age: 52

Education: Elyria High School 1970. Wittenberg University BA 1974. Notre Dame Law School JD 1977.

Occupation: Attorney at Law. Currently serving as Lorain County Prosecutor, appointed March, 2004.

Training & Experience: Private Law Practice (27 years).

Acting Judge Elyria Municipal Court 1999-2004. Assistant Lorain County Prosecutor. Elyria Board of Education 1986-2004. Solicitor and Prosecutor Village of LaGrange (22 years). Lorain County Children Services Board 1980-1991. Lorain County Mental Retardation and Disabilities Board. Lorain County Joint Vocation School Board.

Response to Question 1: The decision to bind over a child to adult court or to seek serious

youthful offender status is made by the Juvenile Court and is governed by certain statutory considerations. (Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2152) These Same factors should guide the Prosecutor's decision to seek adult or blended treatment of a juvenile offender. Broadly summarized, the statutory considerations involve weighing the severity of the crime in relation to the age and maturity of the offender. More serious crimes committed by older children, with significant criminal histo-

ries, often merit adult treatment. In addition, consideration is given to the child's history in the juvenile justice system and whether traditional juvenile sanctions have been attempted. Other relevant factors include circumstances related to the crime itself, such as use of a gun, gang involvement, the nature and extent of the relationship between the offender and the extent of harm suffered by the victim.

Dennis P. Will

5213 Parkhurst Drive
Sheffield, OH 44054

Party: Democrat

Age: 51

Education: Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1986. Heidelberg College, Bachelor of Science, 1981. Lorain County Community College, Associate of Arts, 1978. Elyria Catholic High School, Class of 1970

Occupation: Attorney/ Prosecutor for Village of

Sheffield

Training & Experience: Assistant Lorain County Prosecutor- 11 years. Elyria Police Officer, earned rank of Captain- 25 years. Licensed Practicing Attorney/ 17 years experience. United States Marine, Vietnam Era - 4 years.

Response to Question 1: Certain bindovers of juvenile defendants for trial as an adult are mandatory as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

Mandatory bindovers of a juvenile defendant is determined by age, category of offense committed, whether a firearm was used in committing the offense, and the defendant's prior history with the court. In mandatory cases it would be my duty as county prosecutor to follow the Ohio Revised Code. In all other cases the treatment of juvenile offenders as an adult falls into the discretionary consideration. The court must determine the defendant's

amenability to juvenile rehabilitation. The factors, which need to be considered, are as follows: 1. Family history, is there a support system for rehabilitation 2. Defendant's history with court and prior record 3. Results of an impartial psychological evaluation 4. Defendant's school behavior, attitude towards authority, past discipline problems 5. Balance rights of victim and need to protect community with above factors.

Clerk of Courts

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$61,917

Job Description: Responsible to the appellate and common pleas courts, entering judgements and collecting court costs. Also issues and transfers automobile and water craft certificates of title.

Question: What suggestions do you have for improving efficiency in the courts?

VOTE FOR ONE

Clerk of Courts, continued

John A. Howard Jr.
759 Washington Ave.
Elyria, OH 44035

Party: Republican
Age: N/A

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED

Ronald Nabakowski
46885 Middle Ridge Rd.
Amherst, OH 44001

Party: Democrat
Age: 62
Education: A.A. (Honors) from

Lorain Community; Attended: John Carroll, Baldwin-Wallace, OSU School of Banking; Ford Marketing Institute; Ohio Executive Institute.

Occupation: Incumbent Clerk of Courts

Training & Experience: Former Lorain City Auditor: 1972 —'76; 13th District State Senator: 1977 —'82; County Commissioner: 1983 —'84; Director, Ohio Lottery: 1985—'90; Consultant to several U.S. and international lotteries:

1991—'99; Appointed Clerk of Courts in 1999 and elected in 2000.

Response to Question: This year we will improve the efficiency of our office by the installation of new case-management software, using state of the art data base technology. The system we are replacing was installed in 1987. We have moved many of our services to the internet to provide 24-7 service, and will

continue to move more over the next three years. Just as importantly, all of our employees have received customer service training and are enthusiastically practicing what they've learned. For the future, we hope to leverage the full power of our new data-base technology to provide valuable information to attorneys, judges, the Ohio Legislature and the public to improve the overall administration of justice in Ohio.

Lorain County Sheriff

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$76,331

Job Description: To serve as chief law enforcement officer of the county and as custodian of the county jail and its inmates. To apprehend criminals and persons alleged to have violated state laws. To receive and execute any writs from the appellate, common pleas and probate courts. To have auctions of property taken for nonpayment of taxes.

Question: What do you see as the major challenges facing your office?

VOTE FOR ONE

Phil R. Stammitti
3836 Temple Ave.
Lorain, OH 44053

Party: Democrat
Age: 54
Education: Graduated Lorain High School in 1968. Received Associates degree in Police Science from LCCC in 1977. Attended numerous police training schools and seminars to enhance law enforcement knowledge.
Occupation: Law Enforcement Officer over 31 years, served as

Lorain County Sheriff for last 4 years.

Training & Experience: Lorain Police Officer for 13 years, Sheriff's Office for 18 years. Worked as a Narcotics Detective, regular Detective Bureau, Jail Administrator, Law Enforcement Director. A graduate of National Sheriff's Institute in 2002.

Response to Question: Balancing the running of the Lorain County Jail and maintaining

proper Law Enforcement Protection throughout the (18) townships of Lorain County 24 hours, 7 days a week. This is while remaining fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars. The jail is a small city in itself. We can maintain 422 inmates, as correction officers guard the inmates. We operate an around the clock record room, we have maintenance personnel, nursing, and medical personnel, we contract with a Doctor, Physicians Assistant, Dentist, and a Psychologist.

The County Jail annual budget in 2004 will be approximately 10.1 million dollars. The Law Enforcement Division consists of road patrol deputies, community policing officers, a DARE officer, a School Resource Officer, detectives, an evidence officer, communication officers, and command staff. The law enforcement division patrolled over 1 million miles of Lorain County roads in 2003 and their annual budget will be approximately 5.8 million in 2004.

Lorain County Recorder

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$59,185

Job Description: Record deeds, mortgages, plats, leases, powers of attorney, and proceedings of annexation and municipal incorporation. Serves as a member of the County Records Commission, which is responsible for disposing of outdated county records.

Question: What recourses are available to you in disputed cases concerning property?

VOTE FOR ONE

Judith M. Nedwick
470 Augdon Dr.
Elyria, OH 44035

Party: Democrat
Age: 61
Education: Graduate of Elyria Catholic High School, Class of 1961. LCCC Real Estate

Classes, Tax Law Seminars.

Occupation: Lorain County Recorder 2003 - Present

Training & Experience: I worked in the Lorain County Auditor's Office from 1984 — 2003. During those 19 years I worked very closely with the

Recorder's Office, the Engineer's Tax Map Office as well as helped the County Auditor and Engineer setting the Land Standards for Lorain County, as well as represented the Auditor for the Lorain...**exceeded word limit.**

Response to Question: If there are any disputes about the legalities of property, we submit a copy to our Prosecutor's office for a ruling. That Prosecutor's Opinion is what we adhere to.

Barbara J. Tate
4256 Toledo Rd.
Lorain, OH 44055

Party: Republican
Age: 56
Education: Attended Kent State and Ohio State Universities. The Land Title Institute.
Occupation: Zoning Assistance
Training & Experience: Worked for a local Title Company. Executive Director of

Ohio Military Museum, where I had three supervisors working for me. Member of Lorain County Planning Commission, Lorain County Subdivision Review Board, Access Management Committee, and Voices for Children. Associate member of the Ohio Township Trustees and Clerks and Medal of Honor Society.

Response to Question: There

are many reasons for properties to be disputed and a number of ways to clear up the disputes. A couple of examples are #1 Boundary disputes: these can be cleared up by calling a surveyor and having a complete survey done of your property. #2 Ownership disputes: The public real property records are a system of records maintained by the County Recorder, that are readily available for inspection

by the general public and that contain matters effecting title to real estate situated in that particular county. In theory, one should be able to go to these records and, after a careful search, be able to determine who is in title and what liens and encumbrances affect title to any specific parcel of real estate. Always remember that the recorder is not an attorney, so you may need to seek legal advise.

Lorain County Treasurer

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$61,917

Job Description: Collects taxes in the county and its subdivisions, including certain state taxes. Invests and distributes tax monies to the state or governmental subdivision for which they were collected. Serves as a member of the County Budget Commission and the Board of Revision.

Question: What is your investment strategy for the county funds collected by your office?

VOTE FOR ONE

Daniel J. Talarek

213 Hilliard Rd.
Elyria, OH 44035

Party: Democrat

Age: 56

Education: St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. BA Political Science 1970. Elyria Catholic High School, Elyria, Ohio 1966. Holy Cross Elementary, Elyria, Ohio 1962.

Occupation: Lorain County Treasurer

Training & Experience: Lorain

County Treasurer, September 1989 to present. Elected 1988; Re-elected 1992, 1996, and 2000. Lorain County Chief Deputy Treasurer, February 1975 through April 1989. Lorain County Personal Property Tax Collector, August 1971 through February 1975.

Response to Question: Safety of principal is the most important objective of the County Treasurer's office. The investment of County funds shall be

conducted in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital. Such priorities and guidelines are based upon Chapter 135.35 O.R.C. and prudent money management. The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid. Minimum liquidity levels may be established in order to meet all current obligations of the County so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs. Whenever possible, and consistent with risk limitations and prudent invest-

ment management, the County shall seek to augment returns above the market average rate of return through the implementation of active portfolio management strategies. Certificates of Deposit, Federal Agency Securities and eligible Money Market funds shall comply with 135.01 O.R.C. regarding limitations and restrictions. To energize the County's economy, we have traditionally tried to keep our investments in local banks.

Lorain County Engineer

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$89,971

Job Description: To plan and contract for the construction, maintenance and repair of bridges, roads, and other public improvement, except buildings constructed under the authority of any board in and for the county.

Question: What are your priorities for addressing needed repairs or new construction during the upcoming term?

VOTE FOR ONE

Kenneth P. Carney

45244 Quail Hollow Ct.
Amherst, OH 44001

Party: Democrat

Age: 55

Education: Lorain High – 1966; Lorain Community College – 1969; Associate with post graduate studies.

Occupation: Lorain County Engineer —Full time since 1988

Training & Experience: District 9- Ohio Public Works Chairman – last 15 yrs. Over 35 years

of public Engineering experience in all aspects of public work. Past President of County Engineer's Assoc.' – N.E. Ohio. Past President of American Society of Highway Engineers. Received the National Assoc. of Counties Highway Safety Award.

Response to Question: I have helped secure over \$100 million of State & Federal funding, resulting in more than \$200 mil-

lion in infrastructure improvements. By developing partnerships with Federal authorities & planning organizations, my staff & I have more than doubled Federal funding, returning millions of tax dollars to Lorain County each year. We have maximized & capitalized on every opportunity. During the last 12 years, work done by the Engineer's Office employees has more than doubled & work orders completed have in-

creased 4-fold. The Engineer's Office has been aggressive and successful in its efforts in receiving federal dollars. I am in the process of establishing a 0% interest bank loan to be used by cities to complete their engineering for federal assisted road projects. This will help return federal dollars to the cities that most need them. This is an example of the Lorain County Engineer's office helping Lorain County cities.

Thomas Hesmond

2887 Creekview Lane
Avon, OH 44011

Party: Independent

Age: 55

Education: Brookside High School, Graduated 1967. Indiana Institute of Technology, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Graduated 1971 BS Civil Engineering. Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio. Graduated 1978 MS Civil Engineering.

Occupation: Civil Engineer
Training & Experience: Tom Hesmond is a seasoned veteran in heavy construction industry with twenty-nin plus years with National Engineering and Contracting Co. Tom Hesmond served on National's Board of Directors from 1995 until the purchase of National Engineering by Balfour Beatty in August 2001.

Response to Question: As the Lorain County Engineer, Tom Hesmond would work closely with the townships, cities, other governmental agencies and the private sector in improving the infrastructure of Lorain County to promote economic development. Tom Hesmond will review the operation of the Engineer's Office to determine where savings could be implemented and aggressively seek outside fund-

ing for needed improvements. The engineer's office needs to maximize the limited available resources for the greatest benefit of the residents of Lorain County. Tom Hesmond recognizes that the way those resources are used will impact the quality of life, the economy and the future of every Lorain County resident. "Return Professionalism to the Lorain County Engineer's Office".

Lorain County Coroner

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$104,930

Job Description: To determine the cause of death of every person who dies by criminal or violent means, by casualty, suicide, or unusual manner.

Question: Just what purpose does a county coroner serve?

VOTE FOR ONE

Paul M. Matus

90 Fairway Dr.
Oberlin, OH 44074

Party: Republican

Age: 54

Education: Oberlin College

1972 BA. University of Cincinnati College of Medicine 1976 MD. Grant Medical Center

Residency 1979.

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Lorain County Coroner, continued

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Occupation: Physician/Coroner
Training & Experience: In practice 25 years.

Response to Question: His duty is to speak for the dead. In Ohio, coroners are required to be

physicians and to be available twenty-four hours a day to conduct death investigations. Ohio Law requires that coroners investigate deaths due to violence, accident, homicide, or suicide; deaths which occurred in a suspicious or unusual manner while in custody, and deaths which

happened unexpectedly when the decedent was in apparently good health. As a result of the complexities of modern day society and pitfalls of litigation, the coroner cannot afford to overlook any detail. He must utilize many new forensic technologies and death investigation techniques to

assure valid conclusions concerning the circumstances and cause of a death. Today, the citizens and the legal system to not want to know just the cause and manner of death but also who, what, where, when and why, which frequently can only be determined by the coroner.

All final elections for judicial candidates are non-partisan. Consequently, no party affiliations appear in the Voters Guide for these candidates, nor will they appear on the official ballot. The judicial candidates were given a word limit of 75 words for all biographical information combined, and a word limit of 500 words per question asked. Responses that exceeded these limits were cut off, and can be found in their entirety at www.oberlinvotes.com.

Judge, Court of Common Pleas

Term: 6 years
Salary: \$110,050

Job Description: To preside at trials of both civil and criminal cases; to supervise the jury commission, grand jury, and other departments of the court.

Question: How do you plan to manage your docket effectively?

VOTE FOR ONE

James V. Barilla
 297 Greenbriar Dr.
 Avon Lake, OH 44012

Age: 38

Education: 1984 Avon Lake High School. 1989 University of Akron, *Magna Cum Laude*, Political Science/Criminal Justice. 1992 Case Western Reserve University, School of Law.

Occupation: April 1997 to Present: Lorain County Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court Magistrate. September 1993 to April 1997: Associate Counsel, Smith and Smith Attorneys, Avon Lake.

Training and Experience: 50+ hours of Drug Court Training. 50+ hours of Judicial College Training. Seven continuous years as Common Pleas Magistrate.

Response to Question: Managing a docket effectively is not something new for me. For more than seven years I have

effectively managed a Common Pleas docket of more than 500 cases per year. As a Magistrate I have done so by eliminating needless delays in Court proceedings, by keeping attorneys and litigants on task and accountable to the Court, and by following the Ohio Supreme Court Guidelines*. In addition, if elected Judge, I would seek State and Federal grant money to begin a Drug Court for non-violent, low-level felony, drug-related offenders. The goal of such a program would be to divert such drug-related offenders from the traditional Court docket and to use a community or team approach to immediately address the drug-related offender's chemical addiction. Such cases traditionally clog the Court's docket with numerous pretrial hearings and trials. I have successfully run a similar drug court in the juvenile division for more than four years and have found that when a commu-

nity has a drug court, everyone wins. The State of Ohio is satisfied because the drug-related offender is made accountable for his criminal behavior and the victim(s) are made whole. The drug-related offender is satisfied because he is given a chance to avoid incarceration and an opportunity to put an addiction-driven criminal history behind him. Society is better off because money is not wasted on housing the drug-related offender, and the drug-related offender is restored to a productive, tax-paying member of society. The Courts are benefited by streamlining drug-related cases and getting them off their dockets quickly and efficiently. Lastly, in an effort to assist in the management of pretrial civil matters, I would convert the Judge's Staff Attorney to a Magistrate position. Such a maneuver would not cost the Court any additional money but would provide assistance to the Court in

addressing case management issues, discovery issues and other related pretrial matters immediately, without the need to involve the Judge. By freeing up the Judge from such time-consuming procedural matters, the Judge's time can be better utilized actually presiding over trials and resolving cases. Such a system has been in place in the Domestic Relations Division for many years and is very successful in moving civil cases through the system quickly and efficiently. *The Ohio Supreme Court requires the Court to complete cases within certain time limits and to report the status of all pending cases on a monthly basis to the Supreme Court. As a result, the court currently utilizes a computer program that tracks all pending cases and generates a monthly report for each Judge to confirm time-limit compliance.

Christopher R. Rothgery
 129 Alexander Dr.
 Elyria, OH 44035

Age: 44

Education: Elyria Catholic High School, 1978. Bowling Green State University, 1983. B.S. Criminal Justice. Cleveland Marshall College of Law,

1988, J.D.

Occupation: Attorney in the private practice of law since 1988.

Training and Experience: Former steel worker. Former counselor, Genesis Battered Women's Shelter and Junction Runaway Shelter. Acting Judge, Elyria Municipal Court, 1994-

2003. Chairman, Elyria Board of Zoning Appeals. Member, Lorain County Bar Association Executive Committee.

Response to Question: The large docket of cases in the Common Pleas court is the most difficult issue facing the next Judge. There is no "silver bul-

let" to alleviate this problem. It can only be attended to by the new Judge's willingness to sit down every day and examine any case that might be handled in a more expeditious manner. I stand ready and willing to accept this challenge.

Judge, Court of Common Pleas

Position information and questions identical to that of Judge, Court of Common Pleas

Mark A. Betleski
 5114 Mills Creek Ln.
 N. Ridgeville, OH 44039

Age: N/A

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Judge, Domestic Relations Division

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$110,050

Job Description: To handle cases of divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, separation, and child custody matters.

Question: What do you see as the most urgent issues that need to be addressed by the Domestic Relations court?

VOTE FOR ONE

Debra L. Boros

251 Ashland Ave.
Elyria, OH 44035

Age: N/A

Education: Cleveland Marshall College of Law-Juris Doctorate (1987); Ohio State University Bachelor of Arts (1982); Graduate-Midview High School Grafton, Ohio (1978)

Occupation: Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division

Training and Experience: Judge, Lorain County Domestic Relations Court (term 1999-

2005); Lorain County Prosecutor's Office: Chief Counsel of the Domestic Relations Division (1994-1998), Assistant prosecuting Attorney Criminal Division (1988-1991); Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office (1992-1993)

Response to Question: Lorain County Domestic Relations Court has both domestic and juvenile jurisdiction. In both courts the most urgent issue to be addressed is the safety and

well being of children and families in Lorain County. This includes accountability and services for delinquent juveniles as well as services and protection for abused, neglected, and dependent children and children in the middle of divorces and domestic violence situations. This issue is constantly addressed through the development of programs with the assistance and corroboration of the community. Some of these programs include Family and Juvenile Drug Court, Truancy Court, Parenting Semi-

nars, Visitation Mediation, Family Divorce Services, Intensive Probation Programs, and Specialized Services to deal with mental health issues and academic deficiencies. Usually when children and adults come into the Domestic or Juvenile Court they are experiencing situations that are negatively impacting them and their family. As a Court we need to continuously explore programs and opportunities to effectively and positively address these situations.

Chief Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$136,800

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

VOTE FOR ONE

C. Ellen Connally

550 E. Walnut St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Education: B.S. Bowling Green State University; J.D. Cleveland State University; M.A. Cleveland State University; PhD Candidate University of Akron. Admitted to bar May, 1971.

Occupation: Judge/Retired

Training and Experience: Upon graduation from law school, I was employed as a law

clerk in Ohio's 8th District Court of Appeals. Subsequently, I was employed as a Magistrate in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division. In November 1979 I was elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court, Where I served from 1980 to 2003.

Candidate Statement: I served as Municipal Judge for 24 years where I conducted thousands of trials and dealt with the admin-

istration of a high volume court. The Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers endorses my candidacy along with unions representing the working people of Ohio and the Ohio Democratic party. I am a 25 year breast cancer survivor and was a single adoptive parent. My son is currently in the United States Marine Corp., deployed in Iraq. In addition to many civic and community organizations, I served nine years on the Board of Trustees of

Bowling Green State University, where I also served as president of the board. After 18 years of the same leadership at the Ohio Supreme Court, it is time to take Ohio's judicial system in a new direction. Ohioans are entitled to a court system where justice is delivered in a timely and uniform manner by judges working as long, efficiently and as hard as the working people of Ohio. It is time for the voters of Ohio to hire a new Chief Justice.

Thomas J. Moyer

100 E. Broad St., #2330
Columbus, OH 43215

Education: Ohio State University College of Law - L.L.M. - Honorary Doctor of Laws; Ohio State University - Bachelor of Arts - Political Science / English. Admitted to bar: 1964.

Occupation: Chief Justice - Ohio Supreme Court

Training and Experience: PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Chief Justice, Ohio Supreme Court (1986 - Present); Judge, Tenth District Court of Appeals (1979 - 1986); Presiding Judge (1986); Administrative Judge (1985); Executive Assistant to Governor James A. Rhodes, (1975 - 1979); Private practice of law with firm of Crabbe, Brown, Jones, Potts & Schmidt (1972-1975); Deputy Assistant to the Governor (1969 - 1971); Private practice of law (1966-1969); Probate Court Referee for Commitments to

Columbus State Hospital (1968); Assistant Attorney General (1964-1966) (Taxation and Workers' Compensation Sections)

Candidate Statement: ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROFESSION: Member, Ohio State / Columbus Bar Association; Member, Board of Trustees, National Conference of Chief Justices; Former Member, Committee of the Institute of Judicial; Former Co-chair, American Bar Association Task Force; Former Member, Federal-State Jurisdiction Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference. PAST ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROFESSION: President, National Conference of Chief Justices; Former Chairman, Committee of National Conference of Chief Justices and National Conference of State Court Administrators that conducted a national multi-disciplinary conference on impact of drug abuse on state courts; Former Chairman, Pro-

gram and Planning Committee of the National Conference of Chief Justices; Former Member, Executive Committee and Council of Delegates of Ohio State Bar Association; President, Columbus Bar Association; Barristers Club, President; Member, Lawyers Club; Participated in ABA Symposium on Civil Justice Improvements. AWARDS: Award of Merit - Ohio Legal Center Institute; Outstanding Young Man of Columbus for 1969 - Columbus Jaycees; Listed in Outstanding Young Men of America; Recognized as one of 40 outstanding alumni of the Ohio State University; Received the American Judicature Society Herbert Harley Award for improving the administration of justice in Ohio; Received Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees: Akron University; The Defiance College; Miami University; The Ohio State University; Ohio Northern University; Received the Ohio Bar Medal

from Ohio State Bar Association; Received the Ritter Award from Ohio State Bar Foundation; Presented with Distinguished Service Award by the National Center for State Courts; Received the Liberty Bell Award from Columbus Bar Association; Received the Innovative Program Award from Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, and was honored by the Phillis Wheatley Association for "Open the Doors to Diversity and Success"

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Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$128,400

Job Description: (Identical to that of Chief Justice, Ohio Supreme court).

VOTE FOR ONE

Nancy A. Fuerst

2800 Euclid Ave., Suite 300
Cleveland, OH 44115

Education: B.A. Economics, Cleveland State University; J.D. Cleveland Marshall College of Law; Attended Ursuline College.

Admitted to bar: 1988.

Occupation: Judge, State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County

Training and Experience: Judge, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, General Division; Practicing Attorney; Trial and Appellate Level Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio; Clerk Extern, Eighth District Court of Appeals; Arbitrator/Mediator. Member: Ohio Judicial Conference; Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association; Ohio, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio State Women's Bar Asso-

ciations; Cleveland Marshall College of Law Visiting Committee; Trustee/Life Member, Cleveland Marshall Law Alumni; Various State and Local Committees dealing with Jury, Probation and Mental Health; Lecturer Continuing Legal Education Seminars, School Audiences, Civic Groups.

Candidate Statement: I seek election to the open seat on the Ohio Supreme Court, eager to serve all Ohioans with strong legal credentials, well-rounded life experiences, strong work ethic, maturity, common sense and proven ability to remain independent and open minded about issues brought before the Court. As a Judge with more than 9,500 resolved cases, as a practicing attorney handling

civil and criminal cases at the trial and appellate level, as a former law clerk in United States District Court, as an arbitrator and mediator, I know the work of the Courts and how it affects everyday citizens. I extensively lecture in schools, at legal seminars, to civic organizations and to Judges, and remain committed to finding ways to make the Courts work better for everyone and to maintaining a level playing field for all. With a unique perspective from the private and public sector, I bring years of work experience in retail business, in ownership and operation of my own business venture and in work as a budget analyst for the County Auditor. I keenly understand the issues facing working families, business own-

ers and government as they balance the need for stability and infrastructure with limited resources. Born in 1951, the eldest of seven children, daughter of retired Judge Norman and Mary Fuerst, I am proud to be part of a long tradition of public service which extends back to 1940. As a wife, mother of 6 children, stepmother of 4 and grandmother, I appreciate diversity, value the individual protections we enjoy as citizens and know what is important to people in their daily lives. To date, I am honored and pleased to have been widely endorsed by more than 25 organizations which represent teachers, social workers, working men and women, lawyers, safety forces and small business.

Judith Ann Lanzinger

10 W. Broad St., Suite 900
Columbus, OH 43215

Education: Bachelor of Education, magna cum laude, University of Toledo; Doctor of Jurisprudence, cum laude, University of Toledo College of Law; valedictorian; Master of Judicial Studies, National Judicial College and University of Nevada-Reno. Admitted to bar: 1978

Occupation: Appellate Court Judge, State of Ohio

Training and Experience: 1978-1981: Attorney, The Toledo Edison Company. Specialized in environmental law. 1981-1985: Attorney, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick. Federal practice, ERISA, environmental law and litigation. 1985-1988: Judge, Toledo Municipal Court. Elected

in 1985 and 1987. Established Housing Court in 1988. 1988-2003: Judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas. Elected in 1988, 1994 and 2000. Administrative Judge, 1996. 2003-Present: Judge, Sixth District Court of Appeals. Elected, winning all eight counties.

Candidate Statement: This is my 27th year as a lawyer and 19th as a judge. In 1985, I was elected to the Toledo Municipal Court and served there until being elected to the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas in 1988. I currently sit on the 6th District Court of Appeals, covering eight counties in northwest Ohio. Serving on the municipal, common pleas and appellate benches has given me a broad range of knowledge about the

judicial system from cases ranging from minor traffic violations to those involving the death penalty. I've heard over 15,000 cases, written over 1,000 opinions, including 150 published opinions, and handled more than 250 jury trials. My judicial philosophy is one of restraint. I believe in the separation of powers, always giving proper deference to the legislature. Judges should interpret the law and not use the bench for a launching pad for political activism. My record shows that I try to be open-minded and even-handed. While I can't promise future case results, I can promise that all parties before me will be listened to and their arguments will be fully considered. I'll make as unbiased and impartial a decision as I can in every case. To

date, my campaign for Ohio Supreme Court is endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, Toledo Firefighters Local 92, NFIB/Ohio, Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Toledo Police Patrolman's Association, Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, Toledo Police Command Officers' Association, Ohio Ophthalmological Society, Ohio Manufacturers' Association and Friends of Ohio Hospitals. My husband, Robert, and I live in Toledo. We have two grown children, both attorneys. Our son, Josh, served in the US Army, including eight months in Iraq. Mara, our daughter, and her husband also live in Toledo with their three children.

Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Position information and questions identical to that of Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Terrence O'Donnell

10 W. Broad St. Suite 900
Columbus, OH 43215

Education: B.A., Kent State; J.D., Cleveland State. **Admitted to bar:** 1971

Occupation: Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Training and Experience: I began my public service career as a member of the State Judiciary in 1980: 14 years as a Common Pleas judge, 8 years on the Ohio Court of Appeals, and now more than a year as a Justice of the Ohio Supreme

Court. I have instructed courses in law at both Cleveland State and Dyke College, practiced law with the firm of Marshman, Snyder & Corrigan and got early training as a law clerk from Justice J.J. Corrigan, Judge John M. Manos and Judge John V. Corrigan.

Candidate Statement:

It is a privilege to serve as a member of the Ohio Supreme Court. Ours is a collegial court, handling matters of great public interest which affect the lives of 11 million Ohioans. There are no issues in judicial campaigns,

because judges are not representatives of viewpoints or interested groups, but rather take an oath to support the Constitution and to uphold the laws of our state. I recognize that it is the role of the legislative branch of government to make law, the role of the executive to enforce law and the role of the judiciary to interpret law. My interest in law and my common sense approach to decision making originates with family values learned from my father, a Cleveland Police Sergeant, who served for 33 years. Industry, integrity and

a desire to be open-minded and impartial are hallmarks of my 24-year judicial career. I serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Our Lady of the Wayside, where my brother, John, resides in a group home and receives excellent services. I have also served as Executive Director of the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. My wife, Mary Beth, a registered nurse, works for Northcoast Community Homes, an organization involved with housing for mentally retarded

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and mentally ill individuals. We have 4 adult children: Terrence, a Notre Dame Law School graduate who is an attorney in Columbus with the firm of

Bricker & Eckler; Michael, a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Cleveland State Law School and who will begin working at Browse McDowell law firm in Akron; Colleen, who has now

completed 1 year of law school at Case Western Reserve University; and Nora, a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, who is earning her M.A. in Education at the University of

Dayton and who is teaching sophomore English at Dayton Chaminade-Julienne High School.

William O'Neill

5 South Franklin St.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Education: Graduate, Bachelor of Science, Journalism, Ohio Univ.; Graduate, Cleveland Marshall College of Law, JD; Graduate, Huron School of Nursing, RN. Admitted to bar: 1980

Occupation: Judge, 11th District Court of Appeals

Training and Experience: Judge O'Neill has served as lead counsel in over 100 jury trials. He was in private practice and served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio. He has sat on the Supreme Court of Ohio by appoint

and was certified as a Military Judge.

Candidate Statement: I am running for the Supreme Court of Ohio because I believe I can make a difference. I have represented private citizens in the criminal arena charged with crimes from shoplifting to murder, and in every case, a common thread runs throughout the proceeding. All litigants are looking for fairness, and nothing more. We want our Judges to be fair, impartial, and unbiased. However, the current method of electing Judges in Ohio is inherently unfair. Judges are required to raise large sums of money to "get their message out"...and I

contend this is the wrong message. Money and Judges Do Not Mix. Never Have and Never Will. That is why I have limited individual contributions to \$10.00. Political consultants have been quoted in the newspapers as saying my campaign limitations are the equivalent to "political suicide." My response is, so be it. I genuinely believe we have to stop selling seats on the Ohio Supreme Court like you would sell a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. Two years ago, \$12-million was spent on two Supreme Court seats, and I say that is wrong. I intend to prove you can win a seat on the Ohio Supreme Court

without buying it. I have represented teenagers wrongfully accused of a crime; small businessmen cheated out of their profits; and widows demanding to be paid for the asbestosis death of their husbands. I have done this from the municipal court to the Supreme Court and everywhere in between. I am a trial lawyer who became a Judge. And now I want to be a Supreme Court Justice. One thing you learn as a lawyer and a Judge is to say what you mean, and mean what you say. I believe our Supreme Court needs more members who say what they mean, in plain English. Thank you.

Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Position information and questions identical to that of Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Paul E. Pfeifer

211 South Fifth St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Education: The Ohio State University; Juris Doctor, 1966; Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Political Science & History, 1963. Admitted to bar: 1967

Occupation: Associate Justice Supreme Court of Ohio

Training and Experience: The Supreme Court of Ohio – Associate Justice, elected 1992, 1998. Cory, Brown & Pfeifer – Partner, 1973-1992. Crawford Co. Prosecuting Attorney – Asst.

Crawford Co. Prosecuting Attorney, 1973-1976. Ohio Attorney General William B. Saxbe—Asst. Ohio Attorney General, 1967-1970.

Candidate Statement: In 1992 I was elected to the Supreme

Court of Ohio after serving for eighteen years in the Ohio Legislature. I am now nearing the end of my second term as an associate justice at the Court and I face reelecting this November.

Judge, 9th District Court of Appeals

Term: 6 years

Salary: \$119,700

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

VOTE FOR ONE

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Eve Belfance

590 Merriman Rd.
Akron, OH 44303

Age: 42

Edna J. Boyle

135 Quaker Ridge Dr.
Akron, OH 44313

Age: 38

Donna J. Carr

743 Diandrea Dr.
Akron, OH 44333

Age: 44

Deborah S. Matz

2435 Call Rd.
Stow, OH 44224

Age: 41

Carla D. Moore

1048 Rolling Meadows Rd.
Akron, OH 44333

Age: 52

William Wellemeyer

743 Upper Merriman Dr.
Akron, OH 44303

Age: 46

Beth Whitmore

3346 S. Smith Rd.
Fairlawn, OH 44333

Age: 59

Consult your city, township, or village officials for information on local issues that will be on your ballot. Some local issues may be levies or charter amendments.

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Charter Amendments (Oberlin City)

Charter Amendment is a proposed change to a municipality's governing document. Every ten years a Charter Review Committee studies the charter and then makes recommendations for changes that must be voted on by the electorate in order to take effect.