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- Women and men of all ages from Allen County interested in the issues affecting our community.
- Providers of voter education guides at every election to educate and inform on Local and National issues.
- Host to local meetings with speakers and programs on current issues.
- Distributors of educational materials for high school and middle school students to increase awareness of government functions.
- Facilitators engaging political candidates in public forums and debates to increase voter awareness.
- Advocates for voter registration and greater citizen participation in the governmental process.
- Members of the State and National League of Women Voters network.

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IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ:

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification, a military identification that shows the voter's name and current address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address. A reminder or a voter registration notification from the Board of Elections is insufficient. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's social security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

For information regarding where to vote, contact the Allen County Board of Elections at 419-223-8530.

VOTE

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Polls Open 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

GOVERNOR

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR GOVERNOR CANDIDATES:

Ohio is facing a huge budget deficit for the FYs ending in 2012 and 2013. What specific revenues increases would you support and what cuts would you make to balance the budget?

JOHN KASICH
Republican
Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: <http://www.kasichforohio.com/site/c.hpIJKWOCJqG/b.5280651/k.EB86/Biography.htm>

ANSWER: As the chairman of the U.S. House Budget Committee, I led the effort to balance the federal budget for the first time in 30 years. I've written 13 budgets and know how to get the job done. I also know that budgets are not goals in themselves, but that they are a means of achieving goals. Ohio doesn't have a budget problem, it has an economic problem, and by undoing the economic mismanagement that has been imposed on Ohio over the past three years and which has contributed to the loss of almost 400,000 Ohio jobs, we will see immediate benefits to the state's bottom line. Working together we can set our priorities, manage this budget, make ourselves more competitive, and put the state on the path toward prosperity.

KEN MATESZ
Libertarian
Swanton, OH

WEBSITE: <http://www.mateszforohio.com/meet-ken-matesz.html>

ANSWER: The budget deficit must be eliminated by budget CUTS, not by increasing taxes. I propose freezes in public employee hiring, wages, and pensions. I propose eliminating several extraneous state programs and departments and decreasing (then eliminating) the state's role in education in favor of local school control by local school boards, teachers, and parents.

DENNIS S. SPISAK
Green Party of Ohio
Struthers, OH 44471

WEBSITE: http://www.votesmart.org/bio.php?can_id=110717

ANSWER: To fix Ohio's looming budget problem we must focus on three areas: New Tax Revenue, Reduced Tax Expenditures, and Reduced Programmatic Expenditures. We must reinstate the upper bracket personal income tax rate of 7.5%, which would generate \$900 million dollars.

We must increase the CAT tax by .08%, which would cover the estimated General Revenue Fund subsidies to schools and local governments and raise over \$400 million dollars. We must reduce tax expenditure loopholes, which cost Ohio over \$7 billion dollars a year. We must also reduce expenditures, which could also save millions over the biennium.

TED STRICKLAND
Democrat
Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: http://www.tedstrickland.com/content/pages/about_ted_strickland/

ANSWER: First, I'm working to create jobs because a growing economy is the most important factor for long term budget sustainability. Second, I've done what past Ohio leaders have only talked about doing – I have made tough choices to reduce the size of government and cut spending. Third, I'm modernizing state government and finding ways to provide services more efficiently. We're pursuing further efficiencies in the four larger systems that comprise 90% of the state's general revenue fund budget – our k-12 and higher education systems, corrections, and Medicaid. Finally, I'll approach the budget responsibly. I have a record that Ohioans can judge. The past is the best predictor of the future and I have already balanced two state budgets by cutting spending without raising taxes.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES:

What specific functions of state government can be performed better by contracting with the private sector? What specific functions of state government should not be contracted out to the private sector?

YVETTE MCGEE BROWN
Democrat
Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: http://www.tedstrickland.com/content/pages/about_yvette/

ANSWER: The decision to contract out government functions is one that should be carefully considered and not taken lightly. Government has a responsibility to maintain a social safety net and to enforce the rule of law. Some states that have attempted to privatize state functions have seen adverse effects. Savings are not always realized and accountability can be diminished. For example, the state of Nevada privatized its workers compensation system and saw rates increase and could no longer maintain group rates. Any consideration of privatizing government functions needs to assess whether or not privatizing will cut costs, have proper accountability measures, and deliver needed services to citizens.

ANN LEECH
Libertarian Party
Swanton, Ohio 43558

*Candidate Response was not received by publication deadline.

ANITA ROSS
Green Party
Strothers, Ohio 44471

*Candidate Response was not received by publication deadline.

MARY TAYLOR
Republican
Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: http://www.kasichforohio.com/site/c.hpIJKWOCJqG/b.5718669/k.6B62/Mary_Taylors_Biography.htm

ANSWER: With Ohio expected to face an \$8 billion budget shortfall next year, every program and agency must go under the microscope to be evaluated for possible savings and improvements. Nothing can be spared scrutiny for political reasons. It's premature to discuss specifics of a budget before revenue and spending projections are known, but one area that John Kasich and I have already identified for improvement is the Ohio Department of Development. By liberating the economic development functions from the state's current bureaucratic approach and placing them in a private, not-for-profit corporation, Ohio can more effectively retain existing businesses, pursue new businesses, and help businesses solve problems that currently hinder their ability to thrive and create jobs.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATES:

What enforcement areas do you view as your priorities?

RICHARD CORDRAY
Democrat
Columbus, Ohio 43215

WEBSITE: <http://www.cordrayforohio.com/about/>

ANSWER: Holding Wall Street accountable to Ohio workers, investors, and retirees for their greed and reckless violations of federal securities laws. Thus far, we have recovered approximately \$2.7 billion from these lawsuits. Increasing consumer protection for individuals, and extending consumer protection services to small businesses and nonprofits for the first time ever. Last year, we received and handled over 30,000 complaints from individuals, and we recovered millions of dollars while also cracking down on many different scams and frauds. Improving law enforcement support services. My office has provided cutting-edge tools so law enforcement officers in the field can identify and apprehend criminals faster than ever before. We have also introduced robotics and made other changes to reduce substantially the number of cases awaiting DNA and forensic analysis. And we have focused on human trafficking, public corruption, and computer crime as priorities for the office.

MIKE DEWINE
Republican
Cedarville, Ohio 43514

WEBSITE: <http://mikedewine.com/biography>

ANSWER: One of my top priorities will be to challenge the Constitutionality of the Obama healthcare law. To help create a business climate in Ohio that encourages the creation and growth of jobs in Ohio, I will join the 20 other state attorneys general in their lawsuit to declare President Obama's healthcare mandates as unconstitutional. Additionally, I will enforce an efficient operation at our state's crime lab, called BCI. Right now, there are unacceptable months-long delays in evidence-testing, which leaves criminals free to roam our streets. I will enforce timely and efficient evidence-testing standards. Similarly, through the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC), which the Attorney General chairs, I will go after corruption whenever and wherever I see it. I will be above politics and when I see corruption, I will go after it.

MARC ALLAN FELDMAN
Libertarian Party
Beachwood, OH 44122

WEBSITE: <http://www.feldmanforohio.com/Default.aspx?pageId=697317>

ANSWER: Fight government corruption, protect the people from unconstitutional interference by the Federal Government, promote respect for the law, and promote the safety, security, and freedom of the people of Ohio.

ROBERT OWENS
Constitution Party
Delaware, OH 43015

WEBSITE: <http://owensforohio.com/about>

ANSWER: I will focus on enforcement of the Ohio Constitution, especially in relation to government operations. I will defend Ohio families and small businesses against overreaching federal and state bureaucracy and unscrupulous organizations. This includes litigation to protect Ohio families from mandated federal healthcare schemes, protection of Ohio families and Ohio jobs from illegal immigration and ending pay to play politics in the Office of Ohio Attorney General.

AUDITOR

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR AUDITOR CANDIDATES:

As a member of the Apportionment Board, what approaches would you support to ensure an open, fair and transparent process for redistricting?

MICHAEL HOWARD
Libertarian Party
Westerville, OH 43081

WEBSITE: <http://howardforauditor.com/meet-mike.html>

ANSWER: After every decennial federal census, the Ohio Apportionment Board meets to realign Ohio General Assembly Districts. Whichever political party of the state's duopoly parties controls this board always gerrymanders these districts to arrogate to itself as much political power as possible, regardless of whether that benefits Ohio's citizens or not. That's why the districts are so misshapen and fail to meet the criteria I feel are necessary in creating such districts. I will vote for no apportionment plan that fails to meet the 3COM criteria:

- COMpact
- COMpetitive
- COMmonality of interests

Compact means no more skinny little misshapen districts drawn to favor one duopoly party or the other. Competitive means that any candidate from any party, including Libertarians and other independents, have a roughly equal chance of representing citizens. Commonality of interest means that persons who share common values and interests are in the same district.

DAVID PEPPER
Democrat
Cincinnati, OH 45202

WEBSITE: <http://www.davidpepper.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1001>

ANSWER: Ohio's system of elections is broken. The Apportionment Board, which draws the district lines every 10 years, has been used to cynically gerrymander election districts to create safe legislative seats, immune to the voter's will. Take the State Senate. In the past two cycles—2006 and 2008—only one of thirty-three races fell within five points. One additional race fell within ten points. Two-thirds were determined by more than 20 points!

The result of such "easy win" districts are 1) politicians who don't face real elections and don't feel accountable to the voters and 2) government gridlock when politicians from one-sided districts can't work together. Now, more than ever, Ohio voters deserve elections where their vote can make a difference. So I view the Auditor's seat on the Apportionment Board as a responsibility to create competitive districts that add accountability and that give voters a real choice in elections.

DAVE YOST
Republican
Columbus, OH 43206

WEBSITE: <http://daveyost.com/about>

ANSWER: I support compactness, maintaining communities of interest and competitiveness, each with equal weight. The goal should not be partisanship. When you approach it with those three principles in mind, it maximizes the voice of the voters.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR SECRETARY OF STATE CANDIDATES:

What election reforms do you support?

CHARLES EARL
Libertarian Party
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

WEBSITE: <http://www.earlforohio.com/>

***Candidate Response was not received by publication deadline.**

JON HUSTED
Republican
Kettering, OH 45429

WEBSITE: <http://www.hustedforohio.com/biography>

ANSWER: I am a co-sponsor of the election reforms in Senate Bill 8, which passed the Senate and is pending in the Ohio House. I have been actively involved in offering suggestions to bring compromise to the process so that broad-based bipartisan support can be developed to avoid the controversies from out-of-state influences that have undermined confidence in Ohio's system of elections. Additionally, I support establishing a one-time, bipartisan election advisory commission—made up of Republican and Democrat co-chairs—to gather information and make recommendations to the Secretary of State to provide stability to those on the frontlines of elections operations and ensure our state conducts elections in a manner in which we can all be proud.

MARYELLEN O'SHAUGHNESSY
Democrat
Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: http://maryellenforohio.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10&Itemid=5

ANSWER: I support the elections reform package presented in H. B. 260. Legislators are continuing to work out a compromise measure, I and hope that a bill will move forward in order to continue to improve elections processes in Ohio. As Secretary of State, I look forward to working to: continue support of early in-person and by-mail voting; review and simplify vote-by-mail processes, to reduce error; explore and employ cost savings measures, in partnership with boards of elections, like voting centers and purchasing pools; continue to work toward more consistent application of poll worker training; continue to improve processes for poll worker recruitment; explore feasibility of online voter registration; continue to look for ways to securely employ new technologies; work toward better education on voting rights, followed by assured voter registration for high school seniors; simplify confusing voter ID laws; clarify use of and reduce reasons for provisional balloting.

TREASURER

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR TREASURER CANDIDATES:

What additional safeguards will you put in place to protect public investments? What are your investment strategies that would safely maximize the rate of return?

KEVIN L. BOYCE
Democrat
Columbus, OH 43219

WEBSITE: http://kevinboyce.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=53

ANSWER: After becoming Treasurer, I made tough choices to protect Ohio's tax dollars while growing our revenue. First, I directed my administration to use private sector best practices that have earned \$300 million in new investment income for Ohio. Second, I created a historic competitive bidding process for banking contracts that saved Ohioans \$19 million. Third, I focused on cost savings, reducing Treasury expenses by 10.6% and taking two voluntary pay cuts myself. Because of this sound financial management, the Ohio Treasury has not lost a single dime to bad investments in the worst economic times since the Great Depression.

MATTHEW P. CANTRELL
Libertarian Party
Hilliard, OH 43026

WEBSITE: <http://cantrellforohio.squarespace.com/about-me/>

ANSWER: I will recommend that state pension funds reduce the portion of non-

investment grade securities, and mortgage related securities. I will also seek an independent review of all current and proposed hedging strategies to mitigate risk. Finally, I will recommend that our pension fund long term growth assumptions be reduced from the current 8.00% level, as some states have done. This conservative assumption will give Ohio additional flexibility in future decades if long term growth materializes higher than expected. Regarding strategies to safely maximize rate of return, I believe that it is imperative for Ohio to continuously adapt its investments and strategies to changing market conditions. While it is certainly appropriate to have detailed procedures and laws guiding transactions on behalf of the public, we need to review whether these procedures are keeping Ohio from quickly exiting investments when necessary.

JOSH MANDEL
Republican Party
Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124

WEBSITE: <http://www.joshmandel.com/page/about-josh>

ANSWER: Unlike the current officeholder, I will ensure that my staff is comprised of qualified financial professionals—rather than political cronies and friends—and that investment decisions are based on what is best for Ohioans. The state investment scandals showed us all that we must be vigilant about potential abuses of taxpayer dollars. I was involved with the reconstruction of the BWC Investment Fund in the wake of the scandal involving that fund. Being part of the BWC restructuring gives me the experience necessary to recognize that proper safeguards are in place to protect tax dollars and state funds.

CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE CANDIDATES:

How do you define “judicial independence,” and how important is it to our judicial system? What measures ensure an independent judiciary?

ERIC BROWN
Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: <http://brownforohio.com/about>

ANSWER: The General Assembly writes Ohio’s laws and the Governor administers them, however the Supreme Court decides their meaning and how they will be applied to real-world situations. Courts have responsibility to review laws to ensure they comport with the Ohio and United States Constitutions. This power of judicial review gives meaning to our system of checks and balances. Generally, the meaning of laws is unambiguous, but sometimes, given a particular set of facts, the meaning is not clear and must be discerned by various well-established rules of construction. In these cases, courts must provide an interpretation that makes sense, providing appropriate deference to the role of lawmakers and with an eye to providing justice. Courts must be and remain independent of the other branches of government, working cooperatively on administrative and fiscal matters, while vigilantly protecting judicial independence with respect to deciding cases.

MAUREEN O’CONNOR
Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: <http://www.oconnorforchiefjustice.com/bio.php>

ANSWER: Judicial independence is essential to our legal system and is its very foundation. It is being faithful to the “rule of law” without respect to persons, politics, or special interest groups. Only the public can ensure independence of the judiciary in an elected system by voting based on knowledge about the candidate, qualifications and record. Groups like the LWV play a crucial role in educating the voters with impartial material. The candidates’ websites are also information rich sources.

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CANDIDATES:

What do you perceive to be the greatest obstacle to justice in Ohio?

JUDITH ANN LANZINGER
Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: <http://jjudy.com/biography>

ANSWER: When I taught in Moscow for the National Judicial College, former Soviet Union judges were amazed to be told that American courts have no army to enforce decisions, but because people believe in and respect our courts, they abide by their rulings. Since the rule of law depends on the belief and confidence of the public in an impartial and fair judiciary, I think that the greatest obstacle to justice is misperception

and misunderstanding of the third branch of government. For that reason, in a non-political blog, <http://justicejudy.blogspot.com> I am currently writing about law, civics and the judicial system. The more people know about how judges work and how the courts actually function, the more interested they will be. And greater interest should make courts even better.

MARY JANE TRAPP
Russell Township, OH 44072

WEBSITE: <http://maryjanetrapp.com/about>

ANSWER: Assuring affordable and equal access to justice. In my travels as state bar President and now as an appellate judge, Ohioans tell me they want to have confidence in their courts. They want a fair and impartial justice system in which to resolve disputes and protect their rights. Ohioans facing barriers to access necessarily lose confidence in the judicial system. Moreover, as the late Chief Justice Moyer explained, “The idea of a multiple-judge court certainly is that the process includes people of different backgrounds, different philosophies, different views on issues, and the perception of an all-Republican court is that we don’t have that. We must meet the unmet legal needs of working families. The rule regulating how cases are tried, regulating the lawyers and judges, and regulating court operations must promote confidence in our judicial system, fair and impartial decision-making, and efficient, economical, and transparent operations.”

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Term Beginning January 2011

PAUL PFEIFER
Columbus, Ohio 43215
No Contest

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U.S. SENATE

Term Beginning January 2011

QUESTION FOR U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES:

How will you address the challenges and opportunities to the United States posed by unauthorized immigrants?

ERIC W. DEATON
Constitution Party
New Lebanon, OH 45345

WEBSITE: <http://www.deatonforsenate.com/about.html>

ANSWER: Our response to undocumented immigrants and to terrorism should be to close the border through fencing and enforcement. The second step of repatriating these people would be to prosecute those hiring them so that when they can’t find employment, they’ll go home. The last step would be to create a fair and regulated process to bring in migrant workers and allow legal immigrants to come, be documented and followed with some accountability. We’ve required immigration since our nation’s beginning due to our fast growing economy’s need for workers. As a nation of immigrants we should have systems in place to reward those following the rules with the opportunities America has to offer. Immigration has made us a diverse and strong nation with many cultural flavors to enjoy and celebrate. I’ll work to give us an immigration policy that’s fair to Americans and to those called by our “Beacon of Liberty”.

LEE FISHER
Democrat
Columbus, OH 43216

WEBSITE: http://www.fisherforohio.com/about_lee

ANSWER: Our immigration system is broken. Politicians in Washington have let us down and instead of reforming the system they have used the issue to grandstand for political benefit. First, we must secure our borders. Then, we must crack down on corporations that knowingly hire illegal workers. Finally, we must provide a way for those illegally in the country to become legal if they learn English, pay a fine and go to the back of the line behind those who have attempted to become immigrants legally. I also believe that allowing skilled workers to bring their abilities to the U.S. and help American companies thrive is important—we don’t want those skilled workers going to other countries to develop new technologies, new medicines and start new businesses when they can create new jobs and industries here in Ohio.

DANIEL H. LA BOTZ
Socialist
Cincinnati, OH

WEBSITE: <http://danlabotz.com/about/biography/>

ANSWER: Most of the 12 million undocumented people in the US came because they could not find work in their own countries that paid a living wage. Some U.S. corporations have gone to great lengths to lure workers and their families here, hiring them to work in their plants as factory workers and their offices as janitors. At the same time, the U.S. government has failed to make available enough visas for these workers, so that they must work under false names using false SS numbers. Many of these workers do not know English and do not know their labor rights. These corporate and governmental policies have permitted an inhumane and vicious exploitation of these workers. We must legalize all of the immigrants here now ASAP and give them residence and rights so that they can join with other workers in union campaigns to improve wages and benefits for all.

ROB PORTMAN
Republican
Terrace Park, Ohio 45174

WEBSITE: <http://www.robportman.com/about-rob/>

ANSWER: The first priority of our immigration policy must be to enforce our immigration laws at the border and in the interior. This means adequate resources for border enforcement, but also doing more inside our own borders to ensure that those in our country illegally are not filling jobs that should be available to Americans. We must create a precise database for the mandatory verification of authorized workers and impose tougher sanctions on employers who break the rules. But we must never forget that the United States owes its solid foundation to the hard work of generations of immigrants. We are strengthened by being a nation of immigrants. This means that we should keep the doors of America open to those who come legally and enrich our society and contribute to our economic prosperity while doing a better job enforcing our laws.

MICHAEL PRYCE
Independent Party
Hudson, OH 44236

WEBSITE: <http://www.salzburgglobal.org/2009/includes/FacultyPopUp.cfm?IDSPECIALEVENT=2598&IDRecords=135696>

***Candidate Response was not received by publication deadline.**

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

The 4th Congressional District
Term of Office: 4 years

QUESTION FOR REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES:

Economic development is a primary concern for residents of the Lima area. Discuss the strategies you would implement to stimulate economic development.

DONALD CHARLES KISSICK
Libertarian
Lima, Ohio 45805

No Reply

DOUG LITT
Democrat
Mansfield, Ohio 44905

No Reply

JIM JORDAN
Republican
Urbana, Ohio 43078

No Reply



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The 4th House District
Term of Office: 4 years

QUESTION FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES:

Economic development is a primary concern for residents of the Lima area. Discuss the strategies you would implement to stimulate economic development.

MATT HUFFMAN
Republican
Lima, Ohio 45805

OCCUPATION: Attorney/State Representative

EDUCATION: B.A. Government, University of Notre Dame, 1982; J.D. Law, University of Cincinnati, 1985

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: 2007-Present, State Representative, 4th House District, 1998-2006, Lima City Council President, 1992-1998, Lima City Council, 4th Ward, 1985-Present, Attorney

WEBSITE: www.matthuffman.org

ANSWER: Small businesses, not big government, are the real job creators of our economy and Ohio needs to create a climate conducive to diverse job creation by lowering taxes, ridding ourselves of crippling regulations, and streamlining our work force training efforts. Ohio would be in a better position to attract new jobs by cutting taxes to reduce our high tax burden relative to other states, refocusing job-killing government regulators on helping Ohio's businesses meet state standards, and enhancing job training in Ohio so our work force can train, work and live here.

CONNIE MILLER
Democrat
Lima, Ohio 45804

OCCUPATION: Owner-Connie Miller Insurance, Inc.-Health insurance specialist

EDUCATION: Allen East High, Ohio State Lima-A.A., Bluffton University-B.A

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Past President/First Vice President- Lima Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership, Founding Board-Samaritan House, Ottawa River Cleanup Organizer, Allen 2020 Housing Chair, Allen Lima Leadership, Chamber of Commerce, Business Owner, Employer

WEBSITE: www.conniemillerforohio.com

ANSWER: Ohio's positioned better for business success today than any time since 2000. We should continue the policies begun by Governor Strickland and the Democratic controlled Ohio House. Republicans controlled both houses of the Ohio legislature from 2000 through 2008 when nearly 600,000 jobs left Ohio. Since 2009 the Philadelphia Federal Reserve ranks Ohio 6th fastest growing state economy. Ohio is the 11th best state to start and grow a business according to the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, and the best business tax system in the Midwest. We must: Continue to encourage growth in aerospace, clean energy, and high tech industries with programs like Ohio's Third Frontier. Adopt the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform's recommendations for consolidating services, collaboration, and cooperation to reduce zoning and annexation disputes that kill local development. Take advantage of \$400,000,000. Federal money for rail development. Put aside partisanship and serve Allen County's people.

ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Term: 4 years

GREG SNEARY
Republican
Elida, Ohio 45807
No Contest

No Reply

ALLEN COUNTY AUDITOR

Term: 4 years

RONDA EDDY-STIENECKER
Republican
Lima, Ohio 45805
No Contest

OCCUPATION: Allen County Auditor

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting degree from The Ohio State University.

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Nine Years as the Allen County Treasurer and two years as the Allen County Auditor. Involved with State County Auditor Association where I am actively involved in the legislative, finance, and technology committees.

WEBSITE: www.rhondaeddy.com (campaign site)
www.allencountyohio.com (work)

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Term Commencing February 9, 2011
Term: 4 years

RICHARD ROGERS
Marion, Ohio 43302
No Contest

No Reply

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Term Commencing February 11, 2011
Term: 4 years

STEPHEN R. SHAW
Elida, Ohio 45807
No Contest

No Reply

COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGE

Term Commencing January 1, 2011
Term: 4 years

MATT STALEY
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

No Contest

No Reply

COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGE

Term Commencing February 9, 2011
Term: 4 years

JEFFREY REED
Lima, Ohio 45805
No Contest

OCCUPATION: Judge
EDUCATION: B.A. Ohio State University 1980; J.D. Ohio Northern University 1983
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: Attorney – Private Practice 10 yrs.; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney 10 yrs.; Judge – 12 years
WEBSITE: jreed@allencountyohio.com



CLERK OF COURTS

Term Commencing February 9, 2011

QUESTION FOR CLERK OF COURTS CANDIDATES:
What will be your priorities as Clerk of Courts?

MARGIE MURPHY MILLER,
Republican
Lima, Ohio 45804

OCCUPATION: Allen County Clerk of Court
EDUCATION: University of Northwestern Ohio (Paralegal)
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: 1989 to 1991, Legal Assistant ~ Baran, Piper, Tarkowsky & Fitzgerald. 1991-1995, Receptionist and Clerk to the Jury Commission ~ Allen County Common Pleas Court. 1995-2010, Bailiff and Administrative Assistant ~ Allen County Common Pleas Court.

WEBSITE: Murphy Miller for Clerk of Courts (Facebook)

ANSWER: My number one priority is providing excellent service to the taxpayers of Allen County. Having 21 years of experience allows me to work alongside my staff in performing the day-to-day operations, in addition to being the administrator of the office. Collecting on delinquent accounts is also a priority. We are excited to unveil a project within the next few weeks to make this happen. Of the utmost importance is communication between our office, the courts, other county offices and outside agencies. The Clerk's Office has been collaborating with the Treasurer's office, the Prosecutor's office, the court, and the Probation Department on projects that will benefit the citizens of Allen County. The Clerk of Courts Office is one of the most diverse and complex offices in the county. It is critical that we continue in our efforts to manage both our Legal and Title Departments innovatively and strategically.

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Tuesday, November 2, 2010
6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

LOCAL ISSUES

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

VILLAGE OF CAIRO

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Cairo for the purpose of **CURRENT EXPENSES** at a rate not exceeding 4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.40 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2011, first due in calendar year 2012.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

CITY OF LIMA

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall sections 79 and 80 of the Charter of the City of Lima, Ohio be repealed and sections 42 and 81 of the Charter of the City of Lima, Ohio be amended to allow Council to establish by ordinance a comprehensive policy for city contracts, purchase of goods and services, and sales of un-needed municipal property; make non-substantive language and technical amendments for the use of current revenue of the city; and repeal provisions relating to the position and duties of the City Treasurer?

PROPOSED INCOME TAX (ADDITIONAL)

DELPHOS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by Delphos City School District, for a continuing period of time, beginning January 1, 2011, for the purpose of **CURRENT EXPENSES**?

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT)

MONROE TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Monroe Township for the purpose of **PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS, OR SITES THEREFOR, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, OR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, OR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY** at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2011, first due in calendar year 2012.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

PERRY TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Perry Township for the purpose of **PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS, OR SITES THEREFOR, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, OR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, OR TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY** at a rate not exceeding 4.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.44 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2010, first due in calendar year 2011.

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Shawnee Township for the purpose of **CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP POLICE DISTRICT** at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.20 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2010, first due in calendar year 2011.

SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION

Local Option Election for Particular Business Location

PERRY N

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the sale of **wine and mixed beverages** be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of **ten a.m. and midnight** by **Wal Mart Stores East LP dba Wal Mart Supercenter #3206**, an applicant for a **D-6 liquor permit**, who is engaged in the business of **operating a neighborhood store at 2400 Harding Highway, Perry Twp., Lima, Ohio 45801** in this precinct?

SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION

Local Option Election for Particular Business Location

LIMA 4B

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the sale of **spirituous liquor** be permitted by **Loyalty Club Inc.**, an applicant for a **D-5I liquor permit**, who is engaged in the business of **banquet and hall rental at 810 South Cable Rd. and Patio, Lima, Ohio 45801** in this precinct?

SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION

Local Option Election for Particular Business Location

BATH H

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the sale of **beer** be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of **ten a.m. and midnight** by **J.A.C.E. Fultz, LLC**, an **Ohio Limited Liability Company**, a holder of a **C-1 and C-2 liquor permit**, who is engaged in the business of **retail convenience store, at 3497 Slabtown Rd., Lima, Ohio 45801** in this precinct?





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