2019 VOTER GUIDE

NONPARTISAN VOTER INFORMATION COVERING HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

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THREE WAYS TO VOTE

IN PERSON

NOVEMBER 5
POLS OPEN 6:30 am - 7:30 pm

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About This Guide

This guide for voters was prepared by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area (LWVCA) to provide a forum for candidates and information on the ballot issues.

The candidate materials in this guide were assembled in the following manner:

The information for the Hamilton County candidates was solicited and compiled by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area (LWVCA). LWVCA used the following criteria: The questions selected by LWVCA were advertised to the candidates, who were informed that each response would be printed as received and that all candidates would be solely responsible for the content of their replies. Because of the nonpartisan nature of the guide, candidates were informed any reference to other candidates is prohibited. Because of space limitations, candidates were informed of the word limit requirements and were advised that any reply over the word limit would be cut off at the correct number.

In making this information available to the public, the LWVCA neither endorses nor rejects the views of any candidate or political party. The League does not and cannot assume responsibility for any candidate’s reply, or for the candidate’s motive in making it.

Judicial candidates separately input information into JudicialVotesCounts.org, a partnership of the League of Women Voters, Ohio Supreme Court, the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio Newspaper Association, and Ohio Association of Broadcasters. This may have additional information beyond what Vote411 contains, so voters are urged to access it too.

The summaries and background for the Hamilton County, City of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Public Schools ballot issues were prepared by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area volunteers. Descriptions of other ballot issues come from the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

The information in this guide is current as of September 15, 2019. LWVCA’s online voter guide at VOTE411.org includes additional candidate information not included in this guide, as well as any updates candidates may have made to their profile information after our publication deadline as stated above.

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Vote at your polling place on Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Polls are open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. By law, if you are in line at 7:30 pm, the polls must stay open to allow you to vote. Contact your county Board of Elections (call 513-632-7000 or visit www.votehamiltoncounty.org) or visit www.VOTE411.org to check your voter registration and to find out your polling place and precinct. Sometimes several precincts share the same polling place. To assure that your vote is counted, verify that you are voting in the correct precinct!

Above all, if you are sure you are at the correct polling precinct and voting a regular ballot is not an option for whatever reason, don’t leave the polls without voting a provisional ballot.

Vote early in-person

Registered voters may vote early beginning on October 8 for the November 5, 2019 election.

Location for early voting in Hamilton County:

| Hamilton County Board of Elections |
| 4700 Smith Rd.                     |
| Norwood, OH 45212                 |
| 513-632-7000                      |

www.votehamiltoncounty.org
(for information; there is no online voting)

Early voting days and hours are as follows:

- Oct 8-25 M-F 8am-5pm,
- Oct 28-Nov 1 M-F 8am-7pm,
- Nov 2 Saturday 8am-4pm,
- Nov 3 Sunday 1-5pm,
- Nov 4 Monday 8am-2pm

How do I vote by mail?

Ohio will not automatically mail absentee ballot applications to all registered voters in 2019. In Ohio you may obtain an absentee ballot for ANY reason.

You can request an absentee application by calling your Board of Elections (BOE) or download and print one at https://boe.hamilton-co.org/files/files/AV/AV_Appls/19MailAppNov%204-8-19.pdf and mail.

The Public Library also has them, and will return them to the BOE for you.

The absentee application must be received at the county Board of Elections before Saturday, November 2 at 12 noon, but it is best to send it in early so you have time to receive your ballot in the mail before the return deadline.

Your county Board of Elections will process your application and send you an absentee ballot. If you sent in your application but have not yet received a ballot, call your BOE to make sure they received your application. Complete absentee ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 4 if mailed or can be dropped off at the Board of Elections (but NOT at local polling places) by Tuesday, November 5 at 7:30pm.
**DISTRICT 1**

**Dwane Mallory**

**Occupation:** Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge

**Education:** Chase College of Law, Juris Doctor College of Mount Saint Joseph, Bachelor of Science, Accounting

**Work Experience:** Trial Attorney, Hamilton County Law Office of the Public Defender Assistant City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati Assistant City Prosecutor, City of Cincinnati Investigator, Office of Municipal Investigation, City of Cincinnati Law Clerk, Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Accountant, Capital Finance, University of Cincinnati Hospital Assistant State Auditor, Auditor of State of Ohio

**Affiliations:** American Judges Association, Member Ohio State Bar Association, Member Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Member

**Endorsements:** Hamilton County Democratic Party

**Questions:**

**A1:** I have a balanced legal background. I have worked as a civil attorney, a criminal defense attorney, and a prosecutor. I have tried cases in juvenile court, municipal court, and common pleas court. I have decided thousands of cases as a judge.

**A2:** I use my listening and analytical skills on a daily basis to decide cases. I believe I possess the requisite judicial temperament to decide cases fairly.

**A3:** My philosophy is to always be fair and impartial when setting bail and to consider all relevant factors in making a decision regarding bail.

**District 1**

**John K. Coleman**

**Occupation:** Magistrate, Hamilton County Juvenile Court

**Education:** University of Cincinnati College of Law - Juris Doctorate, May 1997; Ohio State University - M.B.A., Human Res. Concentration, June 1994; GMI Engineering & Management Inst. - B.S. in Mgmt Systems, Marketing Concentration, June 1990

**Work Experience:** When I first graduated from college I worked as a District Sales Manager for General Motors. I returned to school and worked in various student positions until graduating from law school. Following law school, I opened a solo practice. I gained experience in Domestic Relations, Personal Injury, Probate, Criminal, and Landlord-Tenant. Next, I worked as a Public Defender. For the past several years, I have served as a Magistrate in the Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

**Affiliations:** Ohio Association of Magistrates; NAACP

**Endorsements:** Fraternal Order of Police, Queen City Lodge 69

**Questions:**


**A2:** I will bring multiple beneficial skills and characteristics to a judicial role. I possess very strong written and oral communication skills. I am highly ethical, fair, and professional. I am able to quickly synthesize large quantities of information and determine what is most important. I have strong critical thinking and analytical skills. I have excellent interpersonal skills. Finally, my calm, positive, and patient demeanor is useful within the court hearing process.

**A3:** In general, bail should be set in a range from non-monetary to low. The purpose of the money bail is to provide an incentive for an accused individual to attend future court hearings. Nonviolent offenders should not raise significant public safety concerns. A non-monetary to low bail: (1) is consistent with the tenet that a person is innocent until proven guilty, and (2) avoids punitive pre-trial treatment. A person’s history of attending required hearings should also be considered.

**Tyronne K. Yates**

**Occupation:** Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge District 2


**Work Experience:** I have worked in the Ohio Attorney General's Office as an Assistant Attorney General of Ohio for Civil Rights and Workers Compensation. I joined the law firm of White, Getgey and Meyer as an Associate from 1988-1990. In 1990 I was appointed to serve on Cincinnati City Council. I then served as a Trial Counsel in the PD's Office from 2000 - 2003. I was elected to the Ohio House from 2003-2010 and appointed to the Hamilton County Municipal Court in 2010 where I have served through the present.

**Affiliations:** Vestry, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Evanston Board, Soteni International (HIV/AIDS Prevention, Kenya, East Africa) Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati Life Member, NAACP Member, Cincinnati Bar Association Member, Ohio State Bar Association, United States District Court, SD of Ohio Life Member, Navy League of the United States Life Member, Harriet Beecher Stowe House Life Member, ASALH Life Member, American Angus Association Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Delta Gamma Lambda Chapter Treasurer, The Argus Club Hamilton County Democratic Party

**Endorsements:** Hamilton County Democratic Party Equality PAC AFL-CIO Labor Council Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund PAC Bold New Democracy

**Questions:**


**A2:** Including my years of private practice from 1990 through 2010, I argued several cases in the Court of Appeals and I have argued twice before the Supreme Court of Ohio. I served as a Member of Cincinnati City Council and as Vice-Mayor and Chaired the Committee on Law and Public Safety. In the Ohio House, I chaired the Committees on Criminal Law and Prison Inspections. I bring to my 9 years on the Ham. Co. Municipal Court fairness, impartiality, respect and dignity to every citizen every day.

**A3:** I have been in the lead of reducing or eliminating cash bail for non-violent offenders in the Hamilton County Municipal Court. In addition to my own judicial instincts about fairness and proportionality, I also met with a policy maker at the Ohio Justice Policy Center to confirm my views and this deepened my knowledge of the need for setting very low or Own Recognizance Bail terms. A high proportion of defendants in Municipal Court are the county’s poorest, unemployed or low wage earners.

**District 3**

**Ted Berry**

**Occupation:** Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court

**Education:** I received an Undergraduate Degree in History from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from The George-town University Law Center.

**Work Experience:** Before I became a Judge, I worked as a Trial Attorney in the areas of Employment, Whistleblower, Civil Rights, Personal Injury, Product Liability Law, Wrongful Death, and other civil matters. I was a Trial Attorney for Allstate Insurance Company, Nationwide Insurance Company, and The Ohio Casualty Group. I also served as a Law Clerk for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

**Affiliations:** Lifetime Member of NAACP Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati (BLAC) Community Action Agency (CAA), Ohio State Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, Association of Municipal and County Judges of Ohio (AMCJO), FOCAS Ministries, Lord’s Gym

**Endorsements:** Hamilton County Democratic Party

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QUESTIONS:

A1: I was admitted to practice Law in the State of Ohio in 1989, the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in 1990, the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1992, and the Supreme Court of the United States in 1993.

A2: Since 2005, I have exclusively served as a Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge. I have been and will continue to be a firm but fair judge who impartially determines each individual case on its particular facts, circumstances, and based on the applicable law and the evidence. I sentence those who have been convicted based on the crime, their criminal history and in accordance with the particular circumstances involved and I also sentence those who need treatment and counseling.

A3: I set Nominal or Own Recognition (OR) Bonds for Non-Violent Defendants. The purpose of bond is two-fold: 1. To protect the public, the alleged victim, if any, and the surrounding community; and 2. To assure the defendant’s attendance for all future Court proceedings. Our limited jail space should be reserved for violent offenders, drug traffickers, repeat offenders, and for other serious charges.

DISTRICT 4

Josh Berkowitz

OCCUPATION: Judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court

EDUCATION: J.D., Capital University Law School B.A., Ohio State


Family: Married to Beth Berkowitz, with 3 children.

ENDORSEMENTS: Fraternal Order of Police, Queen City Lodge 69. Cincinnati Right to Life PAC, Hamilton County Republican Party, Plumbers, Pipefitters, & MES Union Local 392. Ironworkers Union Local 44.

QUESTIONS:

A1: My passion for indigent defense was sparked by my time with the Ohio Innocence Project. After graduation I have spent my entire career representing indigent defendants and fighting for a more fair and impartial system.

A2: I bring a new perspective to the Hamilton County Courts. No one currently on the bench has spent their careers representing those who appear most often in court. My experience with thousands of clients have shown me the problems with the system as it currently exists. The biggest problem that currently exists is bail—too many people are locked up for low level non-violent offenses because they are poor. I would bring an objective to the bench that does not exist in every municipal courtroom.

A3: Too many people in Hamilton County are locked up on low level, non-violent offenses simply because they are too poor to pay. I have had countless clients who cannot make a $100 bail and subsequently lose their job, housing, and possibly their children. This system of pretrial incarceration is incentivizes defendants to plead guilty as soon as possible because they know the quickest way out is through a plea. Each municipal court judge has the discretion over thousands of cases a year.

DISTRICT 5

Karl L. Bloom

OCCUPATION: Felony Trial Lawyer, Hamilton County Public Defender's Office

EDUCATION: I received my B.A. at Bowling Green State University in 2008. In 2011 I graduated from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law.

WORK EXPERIENCE: While in law school, I had a fellowship at The Children’s Law Center in Covington, Kentucky. I represented children and their civil and criminal rights in Ohio courts, schools, and detention centers. After law school I worked as a civilian for the United States Air Force, before starting my career as a public defender in 2012. In 2014 I moved to Columbus, Ohio and worked for the Ohio Public Defender as a legislative liaison, and returned to the Hamilton County Public Defender in 2017.

ENDORSEMENTS: Cincinnati Women’s Political Caucus Hamilton County Democratic Party

QUESTIONS:

A1: Experience in research, writing, contracting for the Air Force, represented juveniles and adults in trials, lobbied, worked on statewide legislative committees, Supreme Court Sentencing Commission, and Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification Committee.

A2: I bring a wide array of legal experience, a statewide network of legal resources, and legislative and government budget knowledge. I've have a lengthy training transcript and occasionally teach classes to other lawyers on different topics in criminal law. My entire career is built on public service and becoming a trusted advocate for all people. I care about the people who work in and come before the court, and work with passion and compassion towards the fair administration of justice.

A3: Bail policies are moving towards a binary system: release or hold- removing the monitory aspect of bail entirely. Nonviolent, and/ or low-level offenders should be released subsequent to arrest, or should be cited to court. I have supported a policy to allow more than physically arrest them. In general, for those who are physically arrested, Judges should release any nonviolent offender on their own recognizance pending trial.

Heather S. Russell

OCCUPATION: Municipal Court Judge

EDUCATION: UC College of Law, Urban Morgan Institute of International Human Rights, Miami U of Ohio, B.A., French, Miami U of Ohio, A.B., International Studies, Walnut Hills High School

WORK EXPERIENCE: Fellow, UC Law's Urban Morgan Institute for International Human Rights, Recruiter, UC Law, Balsinger and Keller LLC, Hamilton County Assistant Prosecutor 1984-2001, Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge, 2002-present


ENDORSEMENTS: Cincinnati AFL-CIO, Greater Cincinnati Right to Life, Equality Cincinnati, FOP Lodge 69, Ironworkers Union Local 44, Hamilton County Republican Party, others are pending at time of submission

QUESTIONS:

A1: 17 yr prosecutor; prepared & tried bench & jury trials; researched &argued pretrial & post conviction motions; negotiated pleas. 18 yrs as a judge presiding over these same criminal issues. 18 yrs of presiding over civil bench & jury trials & motions.

A2: A listener; respectful; patient; compassionate; neutral; articulate; diligent; consistent; passionate about improving life for ALL—to support one “side” not necessarily at the expense of the other “side;” well-reasoned decisions; rarely reversed; 1 of 3 Oh judges to have collaborated with police, sheriff, admin, service providers to create & document the structure and processes to get Oh Sup Ct specialty court certification for Human Trafficking Court. 35 yrs of legal experience. Trauma informed

A3: The law requires a judge to consider each case individually depending on individual circumstances. Barring unusual circumstances, non violent low level offenders should receive OR bond or be cited to court & not arrested for a 1st appearance on a case.
How to Find out About Judicial Candidates

Voters often don’t have much information about judicial candidates. Because most citizens do not routinely interact with judges in their communities, they tend to know very little about how judges conduct themselves in the course of doing their jobs. In addition, state rules do not allow judicial candidates to discuss their views on controversial issues because judges must be impartial on the bench. It is important for voters to understand the role of the courts and the important qualities to consider when evaluating judicial candidates.

To learn about candidates for judge in your area consider reading candidates’ campaign literature, visiting campaign websites, and talking with people who know the candidates, including practicing attorneys. The League of Women Voters of Ohio again this year joins the Ohio State Bar Association, the Bliss Institute for Applied Politics at the University of Akron, the Ohio Newspaper Association and Ohio Broadcasters Association in a statewide, nonpartisan, online judicial voter’s guide at www.judicialvotescount.org.

In order to make a decision, when voting on judicial candidates, consider the answers to the following questions:

1. To what extent has the candidate practiced in the area(s) of law the court handles?
2. What work or other experience has the candidate had that will particularly qualify the candidate to perform the duties of a judge on this court?
3. What is the candidate’s legal philosophy? Political philosophy?
4. Consider the candidate’s integrity, judicial temperament, and level of commitment to public service and the administration of justice.
5. Also, consider who is paying for any advertising about any particular judicial election. For our democracy to function, judges must carry out their tasks impartially and independently. Judges' decisions should not follow public opinion or promote special interests or even reflect their personal beliefs. Judges' decisions should be based on facts and law. This judicial impartiality protects fair trials and upholds the rule of law.
SCHOOL BOARD

HAMILTON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER - GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

DESCRIPTION: 4 year term; Salary: $125 per meeting

RESPONSIBILITIES: 7 seats, staggered. Elected on a non-partisan ballot by voters within the Cincinnati School District. The board is a policy making body, but exercises only those powers delegated to it by state law. It chooses its own officers.

3 to be Elected. 4 Year Term

CANDIDATES (choose 2):

Fred Hunt
Candidate did not respond as of print date

Tim Wagner
Candidate did not respond as of print date

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

This Voter Guide identifies write-in candidates by placing (Write-in) next to their name. You can also get a write-in list from your Precinct Election Official (PEO). To vote for a write-in candidate, completely darken the box to the left of the blank line and write in the candidate’s name as it appears on the write-in list. Ask your PEO for help if you have questions.

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

DESCRIPTION: 4 year term; Salary: $125 per meeting

RESPONSIBILITIES: 7 seats, staggered. Elected on a non-partisan ballot by voters within the Cincinnati School District. The board is a policy making body, but exercises only those powers delegated to it by state law. It chooses its own officers.

3 to be Elected. 4 Year Term

QUESTIONS:

1. What are the greatest challenges facing Cincinnati Public Schools? (500 character limit)

2. What is the role of the Board of Education in relation to the CPS Administration? (500 character limit)

3. How do you see your role as communications liaison between the community and the school system? (500 character limit)

4. Agree/Disagree: The 3-year Strategic Plan for CPS will increase academic achievement.

5. Explanation (Optional) - 250 character limit

6. How would you rate the success of the Cincinnati PreSchool Promise to date?

7. Explanation (Optional) - 250 character limit

EXPERIENCE: I am former president of the College Hill Redevelopment Corporation, Mt. Healthy City Council Member, and Hamilton County Recorder. This is my third term on the School Board where I served as President, VP and Finance and Student Achievement Chairs

ENDORSEMENTS: Cincinnati City Council, Cincinnati Democratic Committee, AFSCME, Equality Cincinnati, Cincinnati Women’s Political Caucus and as of this printing am seeking others as well.

AFFILIATIONS: Cincinnati School Board Association, OSBA State Cabinet, the 1st CD Representative to the Federal Relations Network, OSBA Urban Network. I have now been appointed to the Ohio Professional Educators Standards Board. I am a board member of Wordplay, Cancer Justice Network and Grad Cincinnati.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: While in my heart I still am a KENNEDY/JOHNSON Democrat, intellectually I am very much a 19th Century Republican, (A.LINCOLN/ T.Roosevelt). I believe, as Lincoln said: “ The legitimate object of government, is to do for a community of people, whatever they need to have done, but can’t do, at all, or can not, so well do, for themselves in their separate, and individual capacities”. As for public education, the American Dream only works as well as public schools deliver educational equity.

QUESTIONS:

A1: The continual CPS challenge is addressing the social determinants that influence educational outcomes. With a diverse, economically disadvantaged, and mobile student population, achievement is attained at huge financial cost and great human effort. Compounding that is the unfair and discriminatory ODE interpretation of data reflected in the Ohio Report Card. A card that correlates more closely with wealth than achievement. The current challenge for CPS is our unprecedented growth in enrollment.

A2: The role of the Board is to envision the future of the District and set the appropriate course of action by establishing the District’s Goals, Vision and Mission. From those parameters, the Board holds the Superintendent, Treasurer, General Counsel and Internal Auditor accountable for attaining its goals, vision and mission. According to the Ohio Revised Code, as the District’s taxing agent, the Board is also solely responsible for securing sufficient and required funds for the District’s work.

A3: The Board, through at-large elections and staggered four year terms represents the community in all of its demographic diversity and educational needs. The Board, through noticed public meetings, committee agendas, community gatherings and transparent communication, works closely with its community stakeholders, governmental partners, collaborative educational colleagues in order to reflect the widest array of opinion. The Board incorporates those views by reaching a board consensus for action.

A4: true

A5: The District’s achievement trends are on the upswing. In fact the results of previous district initiatives have positioned us to develop the new Strategic Plan. The Plan’s comprehensive scope and focused measurements will accelerate achievement.

A6: 4

A7: This community/district partnership has reduced preschool deserts, increased seats, the number of providers and elevated quality ratings. Cincinnati Public preschools have expanded while maintaining their Five Star Rating and enhanced our schools.

Marlena Brookfield

EDUCATION: Western Hills High School, 2003 - Salutatorian - National Honor Society University of Cincinnati, B.A. Linguistics 2007 - Magna Cum Laude, with Honors - Golden Key International Honour Society - Phi Beta Kappa

OCCUPATION: I work as a full-time parent of a Cincinnati Public Schools’ student, and volunteer outside my home both in our schools and in our communities.

EXPERIENCE: Golden Key, University of Cincinnati - Meeting Coordinator; School Board School - Class 1; Dater High School LSDMC - Parent representative; Westside Democratic Club - Treasurer; CPS Strategic Engagement and Planning Committee - appointed member

ENDORSEMENTS: Ohio Students for Gun Legislation; Our Progressive Future; Cincy Indivisible; Cincinnati Women’s Political Caucus; Democracy for America; Brian Garry, Cincinnati City Council candidate; Robert K. Hoggard, candidate for Board of Rochester City Schools

AFFILIATIONS: Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition; Parents for Public Schools of Greater Cincinnati; True Colors; Dater High School LSDMC; Greater Cincinnati Democrats; Moms Demand Action; Bold New Democracy; Westside Democratic Club

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Progressive; I believe the way forward rests with We the People reclaiming the powers delegated to us as citizens in a democracy. Our elected leaders must never be allowed to forget that they serve at our will, and we must never forget to keep holding them accountable by actively engaging and participating in the process of democracy.

QUESTIONS:
A1: Lack of adequate funding; it is highly improbable and downright unreasonable to expect growing school districts to provide the same quality education with less and less, but that is exactly the situation Cincinnati Public Schools and other districts across the country are in. School funding does not increase proportionally with enrollment numbers.

A2: To put it simply, the Board of Education is a governing body, while District Administration manages day-to-day operations. As such, the Board is responsible for determining the vision, mission, and goals of Cincinnati Public Schools, and making policy and/or financial decisions based upon them. Administration, then, is tasked with implementing these decisions based on how well a particular method supports and aligns with the shared vision, mission, and goals.

A3: I take the serve part of public servant very seriously; so while school board members are not direct representatives for constituents the same way other elected officials are, such as City Council members, I will continue to be present in our neighborhoods and school communities to exchange useful information and help maintain lines of communication.

A4: true

A5: With all necessary resources and support systems in place, our students can reach any bar we set. The Strategic Plan is extremely ambitious, and will require participation from community members to ensure it is carried out successfully.

A6: 4

A7: The Cincinnati Preschool Promise is an excellent idea which I fully support. There are a few kinks in the implementation still being worked out, but I look forward to being a part of the process as a member of the CPS Board of Education.

Heather M. Couch
EDUCATION: I graduated from Mount St. Joseph University, BA in Music Education in 2013 I graduated from Xavier University, MA in School Counseling in 2016.
OCCUPATION: School Counselor, Mental Health Counselor Trainee
EXPERIENCE: I was the school counselor at Covington Latin School from 2016-2019. I’m finishing my mental health licensure at St. Aloysius. In 2020, my book on the first-year school counseling experience will be for sale.
ENDORSEMENTS: Hamilton County Republican Party
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: I believe in a government for the people and by the people.

That people are stronger with limited federal government oversight, with opportunity to be small business owners, work together as a community to solve issues, strong local government, a right to equitable education, affordable healthcare that focuses on a wellness model, and use the Constitution as our roadmap to ensure every individual has life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

QUESTIONS:

A1: The greatest challenges facing Cincinnati Public Schools are being able to meet the needs of the whole child, improving the school report card, and student transportation. CPS has implemented a Whole Child Model in the past and needs to continue implementing this in order to continue meeting students where they are. One component of meeting students where they are is providing them with transportation to school when school starts.

A2: I believe the role of CPS is governance. The Board sets the mission, vision, and goals for the school year and approves the budget. They write/implement policies and create relationships between community partners to ensure they are able to support the administration in their initiatives. It’s important that the Board allows the superintendent to carry her duties without interfering and report back to the board with updates.

A3: CPS should focus on building strong relationships with City Council and City Administration. Working together the two can address and combat issues that affect students in the district. An alliance between the two is crucial for the success of the community. The community should know what growth, or lack thereof, is happening in student achievement. This should be communicated at the public Board meetings and committee meetings.

A4: true

A5: no response -

A6: 3

A7: no response -

Ozie Davis III
(Write-In)
EDUCATION: JD, Indiana University MS, Indiana University BA, Miami University HS, Walnut Hills High School Elementary, Rockdale and Burton
OCCUPATION: Consultant
EXPERIENCE: ED, Avondale Comprehensive Development Corporation Community Liaison, Office of Congressman Steve Driehaus Program Officer, Local Initiatives Support Corporation Community Safety Program Manager, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

ENDORSEMENTS: Hamilton County Democratic Party Cincinnati Federation of Teachers Equality Cincinnati AFL-CIO
AFFILIATIONS: African American Leadership Development, Class XIV Leadership Cincinnati, Class 36 Fellow, Center for Progressive Leadership Grassroots Leadership Academy and Train the Trainer Graduate Sports Editor, Cincinnati Herald Member, United States Basketball Writers Association
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Progressive
QUESTIONS:

A1: The challenge is ensuring that the resources available are communicated and connected to our students and families. We also have to ensure that we are utilizing Distance Learning to ensure offerings at our high schools are available across the District, regardless of what school you go to. Also, our High Schools are not geographically bound. This cost students transportation time and creates additional funding needs. This also limits our effectiveness at utilizing neighborhood partnerships.

A2: The role of the Board of Education is to offer guidance and evaluation to the Superintendent and the Treasurer. To that end, we work with the Superintendent to determine how our gifts and resources best assist the Administration.

A3: Ensuring that the District stay true to our goal of Community Collaboration is my role as liaison. Being available to the community and ensuring that the District Administration is informed of questions, comments, and concerns heard from our various community sectors. Additionally, motivating parents and other community stakeholders to maintain interest in the District by ensuring that there is someone fighting for their desires. Ultimately, there is no success without true collaboration.

A4: true

A5: The Strategic plan was composed with the objective of academic achievement in mind. By measuring equity, engagement, and excellence, the Strategic Plan will lead to academic achievement.

A6: 4

A7: Despite a slow start, the CPP initiative has started to do what we intended it to do. As a Co-Chair of Issue 44, we were committed to increasing quality preschool opportunity for more than four year olds and we have done that.

Carolyn Jones
EDUCATION: I received both my undergraduate degree in Social Work (1970) and my graduate degree (1990) in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Cincinnati.
OCCUPATION: My professional career spans over 40 years of service as a Mental Health Professional in private and public sector mental health services delivery. I retired in January, 2019, from The Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.
EXPERIENCE: First elected to Cincinnati Public Schools Board of Education in November, 2015, I have served as President for the past two years. I bring experience in working with and advocating for children and families, through direct services and policy work.
ENDORSEMENTS: I have received the following Endorsements: Hamilton County Democratic Party Cincinnati Federation of Teachers Cincinnati AFL-CIO Cincinnati Women’s Political Caucus Equality Cincinnati PAC
AFFILIATIONS: Member, NAACP Ohio School Board Association Board of Trustees OSBA SW Regional Executive Committee

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: I am firmly grounded in the values and belief that social justice, equality, and equity are fundamental rights of all people. All children are entitled to public education that includes culturally relevant, quality academic content, social and life preparation, which inherently prepares them to be productive as “influencers” in their communities.

QUESTIONS:

A1: The greatest challenges of the district are 1) local and state school funding; 2) closing the achievement gap; 3) growth in District enrollment; and 4) operational challenges in transportation system. School funding poses legislative implications; focus on equity and excellence leads to closing the achievement gap; growth in enrollment is a good thing; and transportation will be significantly improved. The District continues to focus intentionally on addressing these subjects with transparency.

A2: The relationship between the Board and the CPS Administration is crucial to the operational success of the district. The Board’s primary responsibility is governance and policy development and the Administration’s responsibility is management, implementation, and evaluation. The role as a Board member and that of Administration are crucially aligned and requires open and clear communication around expectations.

A3: Community engagement is an essential and necessary component of CPS processes at all levels. As the voice of public interest, the community can express opinions, offer insight/information and guidance, and share interests with Board Members and Administration. Creating viable partnerships through open communication is essential and cre-

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ates venues for building trust. As a Board member, I value opportunities to share and express ideas.

A4: true

A5: Through the lens of equity, the District’s community designed Strategic Plan lays out a “Roadmap to Destination Cincinnati Public Schools”. Students will be prepared for life through academic achievement, personal well-being, and career readiness.

A6: 4

A7: Through collaborative efforts of Cincinnati Preschool Promise’s oversight entities to achieve established goals around its commitment to high quality preschool, the evaluation of key outcomes has been initiated.

Ben Lindy
EDUCATION: Walnut Hills High School, Yale College, Yale Law School
OCCUPATION: Executive Director, Teach For America - Southwest Ohio

EXPERIENCE: Cincinnati is my home, I grew up here and graduated from CPS. I’m also the proud dad of two young kids who will be CPS students. I bring 15 years of experience working in public education to this race, starting as a public school teacher.

ENDORSEMENTS: Charter Committee of Greater Cincinnati

AFFILIATIONS: Democrat

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: In my political philosophy, our public education system is critical. Public schools should be responsible for creating more equal opportunities in life for children. All children should graduate from high school with real and meaningful exposure to careers in the trades and the military

QUESTIONS:

A1: As a board member, community engagement is crucial to making sure the tax paying community members are knowledgeable about what is happening in the district with regards to academic progress, curriculum focus, financial stability and policies. Transparency is key to having trust in one’s schools.

A2: As a board member, I am a part of a team who sets policies and oversees the Administration’s management of running the school district.

A3: As a School Board Member, community engagement is crucial to making sure the tax paying community members are knowledgeable about what is happening in the district with regards to academic progress, curriculum focus, financial stability and policies. Transparency is key to having trust in one’s schools.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: All people, regardless of race, gender, age or sexual orientation should be treated equally. I have always been drawn to challenge unfair treatment of others. My profession has taught me to advocate, empower, encourage and advocate for those who do not have a voice.

WORK EXPERIENCE: I have provided Mental Health Services to children and families for over 20 years in numerous settings, residential, partial hospital settings; both in-home and in-school also.

EMPLOYER: Central Clinic Behavior Health Services

QUALIFICATIONS: City of Cincinnati Resident, Cincinnati Public Schools Parent, Community Partner.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: None

AFFILIATIONS: Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Sigma Omega Chapter

QUESTIONS:

A1: The greatest challenges facing the District is the upcoming tax Renewal levy. In addition, a good challenge facing Cincinnati Public School district is the rate of our expanding enrollment. Meeting the needs of families choosing Cincinnati Public Schools for their children’s education.

A2: As a board member, I am a part of a team who sets policies and oversees the Administration’s management of running the school district.

A3: As a School Board Member, community engagement is crucial to making sure the tax paying community members are knowledgeable about what is happening in the district with regards to academic progress, curriculum focus, financial stability and policies. Transparency is key to having trust in one’s schools.

A4: true

A5: - no response -

A6: 3

A7: - no response –

Gary Favors
EDUCATION: *Bachelor of Arts in Communication – Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN *Masters of Education in Administration Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH *Masters of Arts in Teaching – Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

OCCUPATION: Intervention Specialist for Cincinnati Public Schools - Gamble Montessori HS

EXPERIENCE: A diverse background of military service, higher education, PK-12 education and leadership experience. I believe in advocating for all stakeholders and I’m comfortable networking in order to secure the resources necessary to help meet the goals

ENDORSEMENTS: Hamilton County Republican Party

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: I believe in a government that responds to the needs of its people and demonstrates fiscal responsibility.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Born and raised within the OTR community and after a time in the military came home to give back to my community. I wanted others to have the opportunities I was given to be a success. I wish to bring a real-world perspective to CPS leadership

WORK EXPERIENCE: 24 years as a special education teacher 3 years working in Higher education 12 years with the US Army

EMPLOYER: Cincinnati Public Schools

QUALIFICATIONS: I have a diverse background of military service, higher education, PK-12 education and leadership experience. I believe in advocating for all stakeholders and I’m comfortable networking in order to secure the resources necessary to help meet the goal

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Past candidate for CPS Board

AFFILIATIONS: na

QUESTIONS:

A1: Financial Transparency Vocational Opportunities Attracting Highly Qualified Teachers and Administrators

A2: Ultimately, the board, working with the superintendent, should set the policies, goals/objectives and measurements for the district and then let the superintendent and staff implement the plan. The board should not be engaged in the day-to-day operations of the district but should hold the administration accountable for the performance of the schools.

A3: A board member needs to spend time hearing from the families and educators they are elected to serve and not solely depending on a superintendent and his/her agenda. A CPS board member has an obligation to question the agenda and advocate for those in the trenches of public education. We must also build relationships with Cincinnati City Council and City Administration to provide a smooth transition for our students in to the workforce.

A4: false

A5: The 3 year plan does not contain a specific academic component. The focus is on building community engagement and partnerships in the “hope” that this engagement would translate into academic performance growth.
CPS ranked 572 of 608 Ohio districts. CPS received a D on the recent state report card. It received F in Progress, an F in Graduation, and a D in Achievement. 31 CPS schools received a failing grade. 45% of CPS graduates attend college. CPS must expand vocational & technical education programs to all neighborhood high schools empowering non-college bound children to succeed.

A2: A board member’s primary role is to set districtwide policy, review the Superintendent’s performance, and ensure the Treasurer is a fiscally prudent steward of taxpayer dollars and the district’s $620MM budget. The board of education must set lofty goals and hold the leadership accountable to goals engaging in regular performance evaluations. A board member must ask tough questions, be held accountable as an advocate for the parents, children, and taxpayers the primary district stakeholders.

A3: I will communicate the truth, we need to transform our educational system. Education is the civil rights issue of the 21st century. A one size fits all education system doesn’t work today. For too long our failing education system has flown under the radar of the public and the media. As a school board member I will communicate directly with the public when needed. We must support expanding vocational and technical education, expand school vouchers districtwide, and end other inequities.

A4: false

A5: The 3-year strategic plan’s preference of military readiness above vocational and technical education is severely misguided. Vocational & technical education will provide real skills for children to rise out of poverty into the middle class.

A6: 3

A7: Empirical data is not yet be available to show positive outcomes of the Pre-School Promise. Barriers now exist preventing certification of home-run daycares. Those impediments must be removed so neighborhood daycares can flourish.

What ID to Bring When You Vote

Ohio law requires that every voter, upon appearing at the polling place to vote on Election Day, must announce his or her full name and current address and provide proof of identity.

The forms of identification that may be used by a voter who appears at a polling place to vote on Election Day include:

- An unexpired Ohio driver’s license or state identification card with present or former address so long as the voter’s present residential address is printed in the official list of registered voters for that precinct;
- A military identification;
- A photo identification that was issued by the United States government or the State of Ohio, that contains the voter’s name and current address and that has an expiration date that has not passed;
- An original or copy of a current utility bill with the voter’s name and present address;
- An original or copy of a current bank statement with the voter’s name and present address;
- An original or copy of a current government check with the voter’s name and present address;
- An original or copy of a current paycheck with the voter’s name and present address; or
- An original or copy of a current other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows the voter’s name and present address.

For utility bills, bank statements, government checks, paychecks, and other government documents, “current” is defined as within the last 12 months. “Utility bill” includes a cell phone bill. “Other government document” includes license renewal and other notices, fishing and marine equipment operator’s license, court papers, or grade reports or transcripts. “Government office” includes any local (including county, city, township, school district and village), state or federal (United States) government office, branch, agency, commission, public college or university or public community college, whether or not in Ohio.

Provisional ballots: If you do not have any of the above forms of identification, you may provide either your Ohio driver’s license or state identification number (which begins with two letters followed by six numbers) or the last four digits of your Social Security number and cast a provisional ballot. Once the information is reviewed and verified by the board of elections, your ballot will be counted.

Above all, if you are sure you are at the correct polling precinct and voting a regular ballot is not an option for whatever reason, don’t leave the polls without voting a provisional ballot.

See Vote411.org for information candidates may have added after print deadline
ISSUE 1 VILLAGE OF ADDYSTON – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 2.5% 5 YR – FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Addyston for the purpose of providing and maintaining emergency services including but not limited to police and fire services, hydrants, supplies, and materials therefor, or contractual services therefore or to provide emergency medical services operated by another fire department or firefighting company pursuant to contract at a rate not exceeding two and one-half (2.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-five cents ($0.25) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 2 VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 9% 5 YR – COE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Arlington Heights for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding nine (9) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to ninety cents ($0.90) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 3 VILLAGE OF CLEVES – TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – 2.5% CPT – FIRE/EMS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Cleves for the purpose of providing for the payment of firefighting and emergency medical services including firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same and for the provision of ambulance, paramed, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding two and one-half (2.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-five cents ($0.25) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 4 VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 7% 5 YR – COE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Golf Manor for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding seven (7) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seventy cents ($0.70) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 5 VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 1.5% 5 YR – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Greenhills for the purpose of road improvement at a rate not exceeding one and one-half (1.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fifteen cents ($0.15) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 6 VILLAGE OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 16% 5 YR – CE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Lincoln Heights for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding sixteen (16) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to one dollar and sixty cents ($1.60) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 7 VILLAGE OF NORTH BEND – TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – 4.79% 5 YR – FIRE/EMS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of North Bend for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding five (5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fifty cents ($0.50) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 8 VILLAGE OF NORTH BEND – TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – 2% 5 YR – PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of North Bend for the purpose of providing public safety services at a rate not exceeding four and seventy-nine hundredths (4.79) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty seven and nine-tenths cents ($0.479) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 9 VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 5% 5 YR – FIRE/EMS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Woodlawn for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding five (5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fifty cents ($0.50) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 10 MIAMI TOWNSHIP (UNINCORPORATED) – TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT AND INCREASE) – 3.5% 5 YR – FIRE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of one (1) mill of an existing levy and an increase of two and one-half (2.5) mills, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Miami Township for the purpose of providing fire service at a rate not exceeding three and one-half (3.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-five cents ($0.35) for each one hundred dollars in valuation for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 11 MIAMI TOWNSHIP (UNINCORPORATED) – TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT) – 0.5% 5 YR – POLICE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Miami Township for the purpose of providing police protection at a rate not exceeding one-half (0.5) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to five cents ($0.05) for each one hundred dollars in valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY
SCHOOL ISSUES (7)

ISSUE 12 CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 10.06 ML 10 YR – EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Cincinnati City School District for the purpose of PROVIDING FOR THE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT in the sum of sixty-five million one hundred seventy-eight thousand dollars ($65,178,000) and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average ten and six hundredths (10.06) mills for each one dollar ($1.00) of valuation, which is one dollar and six tenths cents ($1.006) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021?

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

LEAGUE EXPANSION: At its June 10, 2019 meeting, the Cincinnati Public Schools Board passed a resolution to place this levy on the November, 2019 ballot. It is a renewal of a 5-year, 10.06-mill levy that voters have renewed three times, most recently in 2014. If this renewal is passed by voters, it will yield $65,178,00 per year for a period of 10 years, first due in calendar year 2021. The CPS Board determined that a ten-year levy period will allow for better long-range planning and budgeting in addition to saving the time, energy, and dollars that must be expended in five-year levy renewal cycles.

As a renewal, this levy will not raise taxes.

BACKGROUND: Since 2013, Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) enrollment has increased by 4,462. While this increase is positive, maintaining reasonable class sizes, retaining and hiring adequate teachers and staff, and providing up-to-date learning materials have required the district to stretch its funding to meet the demand. Meanwhile, many operational expenses rise as CPS strives to serve its student population effectively e.g., transportation of more students, additional pre-school classes, benefits for additional staff at all levels, safe and secure learning environments, and rapidly advancing technology. These services all impact CPS’s budget significantly. If voters approve this levy, the funds yielded will provide operating dollars to meet the needs of CPS’s students.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE TAX LEVY: Passage of this levy will enable CPS’s Board and staff to engage in long-range planning and budgeting by assuring a stable level of funding for ten years, while providing needed funds to support their programs and goals. If passed, this levy will not raise taxes. It will be used to maintain the quality programs and up-to-date technology that are so necessary for today’s students.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE TAX LEVY: Passage of a ten-year renewal cycle deprives the voters of the critical oversight of CPS’s budget and operational practices that citizens may now employ every five years on the current renewal cycle.

ISSUE 13 FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY – 7.19 ML 37 YR & 0.5 ML 23 YR – CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the Finneytown Local School District for the purpose of new construction, improvements, renovations and additions to school facilities, site acquisition and providing equipment, furnishings and site improvements therefor, in the principal amount of twenty-seven million eight hundred seventy thousand dollars ($27,870,000), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of thirty-seven (37) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue seven and nineteen hundredths (7.19) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seventy-one and nine-tenths cents ($0.719) for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020?

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 14 FOREST HILLS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – 4.7ML CPT – COE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Forest Hills Local School District, Counties of Hamilton and Clermont, Ohio, for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding four and seven-tenths (4.7) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty-seven cents ($0.47) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 15 LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVIES – 6.42ML 37YR & 3.41 ML CPT & 6.95 ML CPT – IMPROVEMENTS AND COE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the Loveland City School District be authorized to do the following:

1. Issue bonds for the purpose of constructing school facilities and renovating and improving existing school facilities, including safety and security improvements; furnishing and equipping the same; improving the sites thereof; and acquisition of land and interests in land necessary in connection therewith, in the principal amount of one hundred eighteen million five hundred thousand dollars ($118,515,000), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of thirty-seven (37) years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the bond repayment period six and forty-two hundredths (6.42) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to sixty-four and two-tenths cents ($0.642) for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, to pay debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

2. Levy an additional property tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding three and forty-one hundredths (3.41) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-four and one-tenths cents ($0.341) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time?

ISSUE 16 NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – 7.5 ML 10 YR – AVOIDING AN OPERATING DEFICIT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy be imposed by the Board of Education of the Northwest Local School District for the purpose of avoiding an operating deficit in the sum of eleven million, three-hundred ninety-seven thousand, one-hundred dollars ($11,397,100) and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average over the ten-year period six and forty-two hundredths (6.42) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seventy-five (75) cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020?

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 17 PRINCETON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) – 4.25ML CPT - COE

An additional tax for the benefit of the Princeton City School District for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding four and twenty-five hundredths (4.25) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty-two and five-tenths cents ($0.425) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 18 SYCAMORE COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – BOND ISSUE – 4 ML 30 YR – CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

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Shall bonds be issued by the Sycamore Community City School District for the purpose of new construction, improvements, renovations, and additions to school facilities, and providing equipment, furnishings, and site development and improvements, and all necessary appurtenances thereof, in the principal amount of one hundred twenty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars ($127,500,000), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of thirty (30) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside of the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue four (4) mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to forty cents ($0.40) for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

FOR THE BOND ISSUE
AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE

OTHER DISTRICT ISSUES (1)

ISSUE 19 HILLTOP JOINT FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT – TAX LEVY – ADDITIONAL – 13.9ML CPT – FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Hilltop Joint Fire and Rescue District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding thirteen and nine-tenths (13.9) mills for every one dollar of valuation, which amounts to one dollar and thirty-nine cents ($1.39) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

COUNTY ISSUES (2)

ISSUE 20 HAMILTON CO. - TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 0.34ML 5YR - FAMILY SERVICES & TREATMENT PROGRAMS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County, Ohio for the purpose of supplementing the general fund to provide family services and treatment programs, including those currently provided by Talbert House, at a rate not exceeding thirty-four hundredths (0.34) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to three and four-tenths cents ($0.034) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

BACKGROUND: The Family Services and Treatment levy was first approved in 2009 to continue funding for programs previously provided for in an expired levy. The most recent renewal was passed in 2014. The opiate epidemic has grown more severe since the 2014 renewal and continues to be a burden on the local county services. This levy provides funding for programs that offer treatment, interventions, and supports to help these individuals return to society as productive citizens.

TAX LEVY REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Public Consulting Group was contracted by the Tax Levy Review Committee to perform an in-depth review of the entities and agencies that receive levy funding. The consultants evaluated expenditures of each of the agencies that received funding from the levy through 2018. The Tax Levy Review Committee’s recommendations for changes in management and distribution of funds through 2024 were based on this review.

Several recommendations dealt with improving aspects of contract administration and data collection. Other notable recommendations:

Maximize federal revenue opportunities
Increase treatment bed and detoxification capacity
Evaluate revenue allocation and increase percentage used for prevention programs
Identify individuals eligible for sentencing alternatives based on risk assessment

ISSUE 21 HAMILTON CO. - TAX LEVY - (RENEWAL) – 4.13ML 5YR - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County, Ohio for the purpose of providing funds for community mental retardation and developmental disabilities programs, including the operation and maintenance of schools, workshops, clinics, residential facilities and such other services at a rate not exceeding four and thirteen-hundredths (4.13) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty-one and three-tenths cents ($0.413) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

BACKGROUND: DDS is a county organization, established and required by state law to serve people with developmental and intellectual disabilities in Hamilton County. Developmental disabilities are disabilities manifested before the age of 22 and include lifelong intellectual or physical disabilities.

Services are provided to infants, children, and adults with developmental disabilities. DDS assists in infant therapy, family support, housing support, case management, and the operation of two schools. DDS provides support to individuals and families making the transition from childhood to adulthood. DDS also partners with Goodwill Industries, Starfire Council, and several day-programming providers.

DDS has saved $2.9 million annually by adopting an Early Retirement Incentive Plan. DDS also re-worked education agreements and transitioned its Adult Centers to reduce transportation costs. Tuition at the DDS schools increased from $35,000 to $50,000 over the last five years. In addition to operating schools, the staff works with the school districts to develop satellite classrooms and provide itinerant support.

DDS is exploring shared service opportunities with Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Council on Aging, and neighboring counties. The Comprehen-
The dedicated City earnings tax for public transit purposes. The City earnings tax is paid by any person who lives and/or works in the City of Cincinnati. The money raised from the dedicated transit earnings tax is no longer sufficient to fund needed improvements for the METRO bus system run by SORTA and to extend more routes within and beyond City limits. The SORTA Board developed the Reinventing Metro Plan (https://reinventingmetro.com) which, if funded and implemented, would transform METRO into a regional bus system. The SORTA Board is planning to place a sales tax on the ballot in 2020. Under Ohio law, a regional transit authority may propose to levy a tax to provide for general revenues, regional transportation improvement, and public infrastructure projects. If approved by Hamilton County voters, this sales tax would replace the dedicated City earnings tax as the means of funding SORTA.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The current dedicated City earnings tax doesn’t raise enough money to fund the Metro bus system. Replacing this City earnings tax with a County sales tax will raise more money to improve and extend the bus system.

Replacing the City earnings tax with a County sales tax would be more equitable because everyone in the County would contribute to funding SORTA by paying the sales tax.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

It is premature to eliminate the dedicated City earnings tax for public transit until the full plan and amount of a replacement County sales tax is known.

The City should not give up this reliable revenue source for the Metro bus system. The dedicated City earnings tax for public transit could be increased rather than being replaced entirely with a County sales tax.

ISSUE 23 CITY OF CINCINNATI

23-O – PARTICULAR PREMISES LOCAL OPTION

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor at 1197 West Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231, which was adjudged to be a nuisance to the public by Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas on June 3, 2019, be permitted in this precinct?

☐ YES
☐ NO

ISSUE 24 CITY OF CHEVIOT – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 5.61 ML 5 YR – CE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Cheviot for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding five and sixty-one hundredths (5.61) mills for each one hundred dollars of valuation, which amounts to fifty-six and one-tenth cents ($0.561) for each one hundred dollars in valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 25 CITY OF DEER PARK – PROPOSED CHARTER COMMISSION

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a commission be chosen to frame a charter?

☐ YES
☐ NO

FOR MEMBERS OF CHARTER COMMISSION

(vote for not more than 15)

Casey Berling
David Chachoff
Joe Corner
Mark Harris
Chris Hedger
Mike Icenogle
Jackie Jarvis
David Kreuter
John Lavelle
Mark Manning
Carl Marshall
Donna Reno
Toni Reno
Regina Tassell
Mary Helen Tegenkamp

ISSUE 26 CITY OF FOREST PARK – PROPOSED ORDINANCE GAS AGGREGATION

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

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

☐ YES
☐ NO

ISSUE 27 CITY OF FOREST PARK – PROPOSED ORDINANCE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the City of Forest Park have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the City of Forest Park, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

☐ YES
☐ NO

ISSUE 28 CITY OF HARRISON – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) – 2.4ML 5YR – FIRE/EMS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of an existing tax for the benefit of the City of Harrison 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 the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 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 firefighting company, at a rate not exceeding two and four-tenths (2.4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-four cents ($0.24) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for...
ISSUE 29 CITY OF LOVELAND – AMENDED CHARTER

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

The proposed Revised Charter of the City of Loveland is a comprehensive update to the City’s Charter. Changes were made to clarify some sections, to include gender inclusive language and to correct inconsistencies in the words used throughout the document.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES INCLUDE:

A) The Director of Finance was previously appointed by and reported directly to City Council. The revisions change the position of the Director of Finance to be appointed by the City Manager, approved by City Council, and report to the City Manager.

B) The Director of Finance can only be removed by a vote of a super majority of City Council.

C) The duties of the Director of Finance were updated and revised to reflect the duties performed.

D) The Finance Commission will be created and governed by the Charter.

E) The Department of Service was changed to the Department of Public Works.

F) The language was revised to make it clear that in event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Vice Mayor will become Mayor for the unexpired term.

G) Require a review of the City’s Master Plan every ten (10) years.

H) Appointments to committees shall be made by the Mayor and approved by City Council.

I) After passage, publication of ordinances and resolutions shall be done in a newspaper as well as on the City’s website.

J) The powers and duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be set by City Council.

K) Consistent with Ohio law, the City Manager is not required to live in the City.

L) City Council shall have the power to define by ordinance the role of executive sessions.

M) Removed the requirement that the City’s Planning and Zoning Commission meet every month.

N) Adopted the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code as it relates to write-in candidates and election watchers and challengers.

O) Requires a Charter Review Commission be appointed by City Council every ten (10) years to review the document.

If the Revised Charter is approved by a majority of those electors voting at the general election, Tuesday, November 5, 2019, the Revised Charter will take effect after certification of the election results.

Shall the proposed revised charter, as reported by the Charter Review Commission of the City of Loveland, be adopted?

- YES
- NO

ISSUE 30 CITY OF MILFORD – TAX LEVY (RENEWAL W/INCREASE) – 17ML 5YR – FIRE/EMS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of twelve and five-tenths (12.5) mills and an increase of four and five-tenths (4.5) mills to constitute a tax for the benefit of the City of Milford, Clermont and Hamilton Counties, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings, and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding seventeen (17) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to one dollar and seventy cents ($1.70) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 32 CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL – PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT – OPEN MEETINGS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Article III, Section 3.05 of the Charter for the City of North College Hill be amended to specify that executive session can only be held for those reasons enumerated by the Open Meetings Act, R.C. 121.22(G); and that regular meetings, special meetings, and committee meetings shall be posted at the City’s Administrative office and on the City’s primary online calendar at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of meeting; and that special meetings may be called by the Mayor or by any three members of Council by providing written notice at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting unless such notice is waived by Council by motion and vote?

- YES
- NO

ISSUE 33 CITY OF WYOMING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the City of Wyoming have the authority to aggregate the electric retail loads located in the City of Wyoming, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

- YES
- NO

DEFINITIONS OF BALLOT TERMS

TAX LEVY: Taxes that are assessed to homeowners and businesses based on their property values. These monies are used to fund government functions as well as special programs or activities determined to be of significant benefit to the citizens. Tax levies may be placed on the ballot for public vote by a government entity (County Commissioners, City Council, and Township Trustees) or taxing authority (School Board, Vocational District, Park Board, Library Board).

RENEWAL LEVY: A Renewal Levy is the CONTINUANCE OF AN EXISTING LEVY with the collection rate at the same dollar amount as when the levy was originally approved.

REPLACEMENT LEVY: A replacement levy is a NEW LEVY FOR THE SAME PURPOSE AS THE EXISTING LEVY but with a different collection rate than the levy it replaces. The collection rate uses the assessed value of the property at the time of the replacement levy.

SUBSTITUTE LEVY: As distinct from the most common kinds of operating levies, substitute levies are designed to raise a specified amount of revenue each year regardless of changes in property valuation over time; the tax rate is changed each year to offset valuation changes. Replaces an existing emergency levy.

CE: Current Expenses

COE: Current Operating Expenses

CPT: Continued Period of Time

EMS: Emergency Medical Services

MILL: The property tax is measured in mills; a mill is one tenth of a cent. This translates to $1 for each $1,000 taxable value of the property.

MARKET VALUE: The market value of property is determined by the County Auditor. The valuation considers regional and neighborhood economic conditions, building improvements and land value. By state law, there is a full reassessment of each parcel every six years, followed by a computerized update three years later. The last full reappraisal in Hamilton County was in 2017 for taxes to be paid starting in 2018.

ASSESSED VALUE: Assessed Value is 35% of the Market Value of a property. In Ohio, property taxes are determined by the Assessed Value.

TAX RATE (MILLS): The Full Tax Rate is the total millage for the year, most of which is approved by voters in the taxing district. The Effective Tax Rate is the annual total millage adjusted to the year it was passed and also reduced by state mandated reductions such as the rollback and the homestead exemption. This is stated in mills, not dollars.

GAS/ELECTRIC AGGREGATION: Aggregation is the process in which energy is sold to consumers who have joined together as a group to buy electric or natural gas. Local governments may aggregate the energy used by their residents and arrange for the purchase of electricity or natural gas as “governmental aggregators.” Ohio law gives local governments the option to choose either an opt-in or opt-out form of aggregation. The “Opt-in” form requires that each consumer agrees to participate in the program before being included in the aggregation pool. It does not require voter approval at an election. The “Opt-out” form automatically includes each consumer in the aggregated pool unless the individual affirmatively decides not to participate. An aggregation vote requires approval by a majority of the voters at an election.
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- I am interested in discussions of public policy.
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VOTER CHECKLIST

Due to limited space, we have not listed all the suburban jurisdiction candidates for school districts, city council, and township trustees. We encourage voters to view a personalized sample ballot by going to Vote411.org or the Hamilton County Board of Elections website. The sample ballot will also show your judicial district.

Judge of Hamilton County Municipal Court
(1 to be elected per district)
District 1
☐ Dwane Mallory
District 2
☐ John K.Coleman
☐ Tyone K. Yates
District 3
☐ Ted Berry
District 4
☐ Josh Berkowitz
☐ John Kennedy
District 5
☐ Kari L. Bloom
☐ Heather S. Russell
District 6
☐ Mike Peck
☐ Arica Underwood
District 7
☐ Gwen Bender

Member, Board of Education
Cincinnati City School District
3 to be elected
☐ Eve Bolton
☐ Marlena Brookfield
☐ Heather M. Couch
☐ Carolyn Jones
☐ Ben Lindy
☐ Ozie Davis III (Write-in)
1 to be elected — Unexpired term ending 12-31-2021
☐ Pamela Bowers
☐ Gary Favors
☐ Steve Megerle

Cincinnati City School District
Issue 12 Cincinnati City School District — Tax Levy (Renewal)
☐ FOR TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST TAX LEVY

HAMILTON COUNTY ISSUES
Issue 20 - Tax Levy (Renewal) — Family Services & Treatment Programs
☐ FOR TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST TAX LEVY

Issue 21 - Tax Levy (Renewal) — Developmental Disabilities
☐ FOR TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST TAX LEVY

CITY ISSUES
Issue 22 City of Cincinnati, Proposed Charter Amendment, Transit Tax
☐ FOR TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST TAX LEVY

Member of Governing Board of Educational Service Center
2 to be elected
☐ Fred Hunt
☐ Tim Wagner

Suburban City/Village/Township Candidates (fill in your choices)

Suburban Board of Education Candidates (fill in your choices)

Suburban Local/School Issues (fill in your choices)
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City: ____________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

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See Vote411.org for information candidates may have added after print deadline.

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The League is the living legacy of the work of the suffragists. Many suffragist organizations reformed into LWV Chapters around the country in 1920, including the Cincinnati LWV. We have a unique story to tell during this year of celebration, working for 10 decades for voter education and citizen involvement. Our most sacred value is being nonpartisan -- never endorsing candidates or political parties. Today, we are known for voter registration, candidate forums, redistricting reform and more.

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