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Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.
ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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The information in this guide is current as of September 17, 2017. 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.

4-YEAR TERM. SALARY: $131,400

RESPONSIBILITIES: The mayor is the presiding officer at council meetings but not a council member, has veto power over council-passed legislation with an override provision, assigns legislative matters to council committees, and appoints and removes council committee chairs and the vice-mayor without the advice and consent of council. The mayor initiates the hiring and removal of the city manager with the advice and consent of council. The mayor’s salary is twice the salary of a member of council. The term limit for mayor is two successive four-year terms.

QUESTIONS: Each candidate was asked:

1. What is your vision for the City? How would you ask Council to work towards that vision? (500 character limit)
2. How can the City work more cooperatively with Hamilton County, especially with regard to MSD and public transportation? (500 character limit)
3. How can the City protect low income residents from being displaced while encouraging community redevelopment? (500 character limit)

1 TO BE ELECTED – 4 YEAR TERM

John Cranley

OCCUPATION: Cincinnati Mayor, 2013- present. As mayor, the city has added 7,500 jobs, prioritized poverty reduction, and solved historic pension and budget problems.

EDUCATION: I graduated from St. William’s and St. Xavier High School. I have earned degrees from John Carroll University, Harvard Law School, and Harvard Divinity School.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: I dream big and have the collaborative, pragmatic ability to deliver. We must do our part to build a city with greater opportunity, especially for the most vulnerable. Asking citizens to contribute back to our community leads to collaboration and problem solving. Our historic job growth, increased minority contract inclusion, and help for low income people to work their way out of poverty have all resulted from broad-based community-led task forces that I have convened to address these problems.

WEBSITE: www.johncranley.com

ANSWER 1: The city is moving in the right direction because of our track record of progress that has added jobs, reduced poverty and built stronger neighborhoods. Our policies of job growth, epitomized by helping Children’s Hospital expand, is working. We can’t put this progress at risk. We will continue to make the city safer, bring jobs, reduce poverty, and build better neighborhoods. We will prioritize better public transit, combat the heroin epidemic, and invest in clean, renewable energy sources.

ANSWER 2: Collaboration is the best way to solve tough problems and we recently came to an agreement on the future of MSD by engaging in compromise. We are also working together to fight the heroin epidemic and expand public transit. Through collaboration we will work for solutions for infrastructure projects, such as Western Hills viaduct, and to create a robust, modern public transit system. Commissioner Portune & Driehaus endorsed my reelection because I work with them to solve our common problems.

ANSWER 3: We must ensure our city’s renaissance is shared by all citizens, especially long-term residents of improving neighborhoods. Through collaboration, we are adopting policies to ensure the affordable housing supply increases and that individuals receive necessary job training and access to living wage jobs. Our Hand Up Initiative and Child Poverty Collaborative are focused on helping parents get child care, transportation, job training, and the living wage jobs they need to support their families.

Yvette Simpson

OCCUPATION: City of Cincinnati Councilmember

EDUCATION: I was the first in my family to graduate college, at Miami University. In 2004, I received my Juris Doctor degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. In 2014, I earned my M.B.A degree from Xavier University.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Leadership from the ground up, listening to the citizens. I believe in transparency and good government. Government should be accountable to the citizens first.

WEBSITE: www.yvettesimpson.com

ANSWER 1: I envision a Cincinnati where residents feel safe and are invested in their neighborhoods with thriving, diverse communities that provide ample opportunities for the people who live and work here. I envision a Cincinnati where business, community, and government come together to solve the city’s problems and celebrate the city’s successes. I plan to work collaboratively with Council members to make the vision a reality.

ANSWER 2: Quarterly meetings between all members of City Council (and mayor) and Board of County Commissioner members. If the commitment letter is implemented, several meetings in community to ensure ratepayer input before implementing agreement. If there is no commitment, hold as many public input sessions as possible then begin negotiations. The City foots the majority of SORTA’s bill. We will begin to work with Tri-State partners to apply for any and all grants through federal government and others.

ANSWER 3: Being more thoughtful about what ALL community members want their neighborhoods to look like for the 10, 20, 50 years and use this as guidance for developers. The City will represent the community’s interests and input in any negotiations, not the developer’s interests. If ALL residents are given a chance to provide input that will be incorporated as much as possible, then displacement will be minimized. The City must be residents’ biggest and best advocate.

WHAT ID TO BRING WHEN YOU VOTE

You must present ONE of these forms of identification to vote:

- Ohio driver’s license or state ID card with your name and photo. The card must be current (not expired), but it can have an old address.
- U.S. Military ID with your name and photo (address not required).
- Unexpired government ID with your name, current address, and photo. Student ID is not accepted.
- Original or copy of one of the following documents with voter’s name and current address: utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank or financial advisor statement, pay stub, government check, or other government document. Must be dated within the last 12 months.
- If you do not have any of the above, you may use the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, but you will have to vote a provisional ballot. It will be counted so long as the number matches your voter registration. Be sure to complete all fields on the form.

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.
Derek Bauman

OCCUPATION: Retired Police Officer
EDUCATION: BS Business Administration, MS
Ohio's Police Executive Leadership College and Northwestern University's School of Public Administration.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: I am a Progressive Democrat and endorsed Charterite. Black Lives Matter. I am Pro Choice, Pro Labor, Pro Public Schools, support LGBTQ rights, women's rights, immigrant rights, universal healthcare, and have been an outspoken proponent for public transit, marijuana legalization, historic preservation, and against corporate welfare. I have been and will continue to be a bold voice for the voiceless.

WEBSITE: www.derekbauman.com

ANSWER 1: Cincinnati has been a model for big city policing via the Consent Decree and the Collaborative Agreement. We must complete the Collaborative Refresh and I would urge the FOP to return to the table and be a party to it. We must continue to promote a community policing philosophy. We should also reapproach the University of Cincinnati to follow through on former President Ono’s promise to become a signatory to the Collaborative. A former police officer, I’ll be a leading voice for

Erica L. Black-Johnson

OCCUPATION: Visionary Entrepreneur
EDUCATION: Coursework in Information Systems Management from Keller Graduate School of Management; Bachelors in Public Administration with a minor in Professional Writing from Capital University; and Mt. Healthy High School

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Independent = When the people are good, communities are great!

WEBSITE: www.iamericaforcincinnati.net

ANSWER 1: A critical systemic issue that is going to take a balanced strategic & promoted effort for accountability & change. Police: a Diversity Plan; training enhancements that focus on cultural sensitivity, de-escalation, identification of serious crimes, & consistent enforcement procedures; comprehensive performance review & disciplinary procedures; & periodic rotational Night Outs. Community: avoid engaging in & associating with illegal activity & crime; compliance; and formal complaint process.

ANSWER 2: The need for affordable housing can best be met by Council through Inclusionary Zoning legislation that requires a proportion of proposed multi-unit housing developments be low-to-moderate income. We can also appeal to State and Federal authorities to reduce the amount of mortgage eligible tax breaks and convert the deductions to non-refundable tax credit so that the savings can be passed to localities for housing.

ANSWER 3: By exercising their right to vote and electing public officials who represent their best interest. Citizens have the most power of anyone in their communities, therefore, they should unite and build/strengthen their community councils, and develop businesses and programs in their communities so that they can communicate with one another, as well as City Hall and other public leaders. The people must stay engaged on issues that impact them because “when the people are good, the City is great!”

Cristina Burcica

OCCUPATION: Senior Engineer
EDUCATION: - Herku Consultancy, Netherlands
EU: Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, 2012
Univ. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH: Electrical Engineering: Masters of Science, 2008
Univ. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH: Physics/Condensed Matter Experiments: Masters of Science, 2003
Univ. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH: Certificate of Information Technology (A+), 2003
Univ. of Bucharest, Bucharest EU: Physics/Major Electronics: Bachelor of Science (5 years),1997
Circuit and Systems Designs (‘05 -’07): Stochastic P

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: You can do whatever you want as long as it doesn’t hurt anyone else

WEBSITE: www.burcica.com

ANSWER 1: Police has already been taking the right steps. Since the Timothy Thomas. shootings in 2001 CPD has made a conscience effort to improve community relations. I feel that they have made great progress but work still needs to done so 1. All officers should be on the street at some time during the year. 2. Officers should spend more time out of their cars when they are out on the street. 3. The police commandders should spend more time on the street of their cars.

ANSWER 2: First of all housing in Cincinnati is pretty darned affordable. To make it more affordable we should limit regulations on landlords. We should cut out section A because it drives out the rents. I support habitat for humanity.

ANSWER 3: We do away with at large voting for council. Council should be elected by district. Local government should be more transparent their book should be online and citizens should be encouraged to look at it through an app on their phone. Do you know how much it cost you to have your garbage picked up? Keep the parking meters, sell the garbage.

Ozie Davis

Candidate has not responded

Tamaya Dennard

OCCUPATION: Social and Civic Innovation Specialist at Design Impact
EDUCATION: · Aiken High School (Cincinnati, Ohio) Toulouse School of Business (Toulouse, France and Barcelona, Spain) Bachelor of Business Administration - International Business - University of Cincinnati · Carl H. Lindner College of Business

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Everyone counts. Everyone matters. I don’t believe the CEO of Kroger should have more access to City Hall than a single mother in Winton Terrace. People who are most impacted by a challenge have to be a part of the process to design the way out of that challenge in a meaningful, authentic way; not just being asked for feedback after the decisions have been made. We need new voices and different experiences to be a part of the discussion. Access/opportunity should be afforded to everyone.

WEBSITE: www.tamayadennard.com

ANSWER 1: Increasing public safety goes beyond the level of police officers we have on the street. It’s just as much as much about what opportunities we are providing. Good paying career opportunities for people with criminal backgrounds are really important to the reduction of crime and recidivism in our city. Our police department needs more help developing the cultural competencies they need in order to effectively communicate and engage the communities they serve.

ANSWER 2: We need to demand more of developers who ask for city assistance in the form of tax subsidies. We need to offer rent abatement as well as tax abatements recognizing that many people who are experiencing poverty aren’t always homeowners. Rent abatements allow us to be more responsible and thoughtful in our approach to affordable housing. We also have to move away from concentrated poverty as it creates problems, such as high instances of crime.

ANSWER 3: Government accessibility is a big part of our platform. Democracy isn’t a spectator’s sport. But there are things government can do to help out that process. For starters, city council meetings should be changed to 6pm from 2pm so that more people can engage in their meetings. I would also like to see at least one full council meeting held in every single community in Cincinnati. We have to take government to people and not always wait for them to come to Ivory Tower.
OHIO REGISTERED VOTERS HAVE A CHOICE ON HOW TO CAST THEIR BALLOT

Vote by mail, by casting an absentee ballot - You will need to fill out and send in an absentee ballot request form. Applications for an absentee ballot are available on the Hamilton County Board of Elections (BOE) website (www.boe.hamilton-co.org), by calling the BOE (513-632-7039 or 513-632-7044), at the BOE (4700 Smith Rd., Cincinnati, 45212) or at any Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library. The BOE begins mailing absentee ballots on October 11, or upon receipt of request after that date. Follow all instructions and provide required information on the absentee ballot envelope including proper postage. According to the Ohio Secretary of State’s website, noon Saturday, November 4, is the deadline that all absentee ballot requests must be received by boards of elections. The absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls on November 7. Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 6 and received by boards of elections by November 17 to be counted.

Vote early in-person - Registered voters may vote early beginning on October 11 for the November 7, 2017, election. Early voting days and hours are as follows:

Weekdays: 8am-5pm, Oct. 11-13, 16-20, 23-27
8am-7pm Oct. 30- Nov. 3
8am-2pm Nov. 6

Weekends:
Saturday Nov. 4 8am-4pm;
Sunday Nov. 5 1-5 pm

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE
When you go vote, be sure to bring one of the many acceptable forms of voter ID. (See pg 2)

PLACES TO VOTE
Vote at your polling place on Election Day - Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2017. 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 to find out your polling place and precinct. To assure your vote is counted, verify you are voting in the correct precinct! Not sure where to vote? Call your county Board of Elections or visit their website.

Location for early voting:
Hamilton County Board of Elections
4700 Smith Rd., Norwood, OH 45212
513-632-7000, www.votehamiltoncounty.org

WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT

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Michelle Dillingham

OCCUPATION: Social Worker


POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Progressive

WEBSITE: www.votedillingham.com/

ANSWER 1: I support the recommittal to the Collaborative Agreement, a nationally recognized strategy to improve community-police relations. I support professional development and on-going training for police so they are well-equipped to deal with the challenges they face in our city. I support opportunities where police can partner with social workers in cases where there may be issues of mental illness at play. I support recruiting a police force that reflects the communities in which they are policing.

ANSWER 2: Thousands of families are without safe and affordable housing in our city, and we continue to be in an affordable housing crisis. I propose we implement affordable housing policies that have been proven to be successful. These include creating an Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Inclusionary Zoning, investment in rapid-re-housing funding and permanent-supportive housing for special needs populations. My years of affordable housing policy advocacy will serve our city well to address this issue.

ANSWER 3: A group of citizens, the “Community Engagement Advisory Team” made recommendations to improve citizen engagement with City Hall. They researched 19 comparable cities on best models of engagement resulting in a proposal “Strength in Unity: A Proposal to Create a Flourishing Citizen Engagement Culture in the City of Cincinnati”. It was unanimously adopted by city council, but ignored by the current administration. Its implementation would be a great first step toward effectively involving citizens.

Tonya Dumas

OCCUPATION: Change Agent

EDUCATION: Xavier University-Bachelors of Liberal Arts with a Concentration in Organizational Leadership and a Minor in Gender & Diversity Studies Grass Roots Leadership Academy Graduate, Parents Leadership Academy Graduate (CPS), The Jenny Laster Community Engagement Academy Graduate, The Mortar Entrepreneurship Program Graduate (Walmart) Citizens on Patrol Graduate (Evanson Community)

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Educating, emerging, and engaging our citizens for economic empowerment and equity!

WEBSITE: www.votedumas.com

ANSWER 1: We must remain committed to diversifying our police department by actively seeking out diverse recruits, thus improving community relations between citizens and officers. We must invest in sensitivity (cultural awareness) training. Issues of race relations must be an ongoing dialogue, between the departments and its officers, also forming community partnerships and coalitions! We should continue our Police Cadette Program recruiting inner city youth creating a positive image of law enforcement.

ANSWER 2: Mixed income projects through inclusionary housing requirements, avoiding many of the extra cost that come with standard affordable housing, Mobility or choice, poverty deconcentration or Poverty dispersal, we may want to move some i.e. Walnut Hills Seniors to Hyde Park or Oakley or move some Hyde park millennials to Walnut Hills or Evanston. I hope we can work toward an amicable decision housing is a basic human need, and all citizens should have shelter. Tiny Houses in neighborhoods.

ANSWER 3: My campaign slogan is Citizens Emerged, Engaged and Empowered for Equity! Many of our citizens the elderly, homeless, youth and disabled are less likely to get involved in the community council setting. We must create other platforms for civic engagement where all citizens may feel comfortable sharing their individual gifts, skills and talents. Community Councils need to embrace all residents and work harder to invite and create fellowship with its neighbors. We need citizens to vote!

Manuel Foggie

OCCUPATION: Private Investigator State of Ohio District manager for Cricket Wireless Student Assistant at Clark Montessori

Assistant Swim Coach at Walnut Hills High School


POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: I see the voices of our neighborhoods fading away their needs are not being heard. Needless to say, affordable workforce housing, reliable transportation system, community friendly public safety system, and prevailing schools that’s giving options to students upon graduation are most urgent. The current City Council members have done a good job of trying to focus on their issues, but are met with organized resistance from those who want to expand capital investments. In speaking with people I hear

WEBSITE: www.manue1foggieforcitycouncil.com/

ANSWER 1: A community policing model would embrace employment and youth development policies as pathways to improving safety across Cincinnati. Cincinnati leaders have talked about implementing a community policing model for far too long without meaningful action. Additionally, Cincinnati needs its first responders to have more training to deal with mental health. Making changes such as these requires more than simply adjusting policies. It requires changing the police union’s behavior. Email me for more.

ANSWER 2: Cincinnati is a growing city, with more than 100 people moving here a week. I want Cincinnati to be a welcoming city that is open to new residents including low wage workers, people of color and job seeking immigrant. We need to work to protect our existing communities against further gentrification and displacement that our communities have experienced. Our city is one of few across the country that is filled with love. With rising inequality outages and climate disasters. Email me for more.

ANSWER 3: The best part of campaigning has been meeting people face-to-face. Not only will I be available via Facebook, e-mail, twitter, and official meetings, but I will also continue holding meet and greets so that people have a chance to talk to me and tell me their concerns or issues. The worst part about campaigning has been hearing people tell me how they have tried to be heard and have felt pushed away or excluded. That’s unacceptable. I am asking to work for you and part of that is being visible.
**Members of Council – City of Cincinnati**

**Henry Frondorf**

**Occupation:** Preconstruction Manager at Lithko Restoration Technologies

**Education:** University of Toledo, Bachelor of Arts, 2006 U.S. Green Building Council, LEED AP 2009 American Society of Professional Estimators, Certified Professional Estimator, 2012

**Political Philosophy:** Government must keep people safe and secure and should be managed openly on a structurally balanced budget.

**Website:** www.HenryFrondorf.com

**Answer 1:** As the 1st VP of Westwood Civic Association, I am involved in the Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence effort, which is a community-backed crime reduction initiative that works hand in hand with the CPD program PIVOT. The efforts have contributed to the fifty percent decrease in violent crime at the corner of Harrison and McHenry. Communities can reduce crime when they work together with police. I will apply the lessons learned from WUTSTV as a model for other neighborhoods across the city.

**Answer 2:** I will work to ensure that affordable housing properties are maintained by property owners through enforcing existing building and zoning codes. I also support the proposed Housing Court as I believe it could ensure that our low-income residents have a police. I will apply the lessons learned from WUTSTV as a model for other neighborhoods across the city.

**Answer 3:** First we must get citizens excited about their communities. In Westwood, Westwood Works, a fun and engaging community organization has hosted events like Second Saturdays and Westwood Deck the Hall, which have increased community engagement. Using Westwood Works as a model for other neighborhoods we can promote community involvement. To engage more citizens at the City level, I aim to have City Council meetings moved to the evening to allow for more residents to attend and give their input.

**Brian Garry**

**Occupation:** Green / Sustainable Builder

**Education:** Bachelor of Music, Northern Kentucky University of Cincinnati

**Political Philosophy:** Let’s make sure everyone gets to enjoy the progress our city is making.

**Website:** www.briangarry.com

**Answer 1:** Regular interactions – meetings, trainings, athletic events, conferences, neighborhood walks – which bring officers and citizens together in a friendly atmosphere – will assist everyone involved in increasing the kindness toward each other in communities. De-escalation training for police officers is an effective tool, as would be listening sessions for citizens, particularly our youth. Police-community relations would benefit from developing a true partnership with each other.

**Answer 2:** I am advocating for the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to begin to fill the 28,000 unit gap that currently exists for families in poverty in Cincinnati. Cincinnati is one of the few cities our size in the country that do not have such a Fund, working to increase the supply of quality affordable housing. I would finance this Fund by ending the property tax rollback, which costs a minimal amount per home, but would provide over $5 million annually to build housing.

**Answer 3:** We can provide more funding through the Neighborhood Support Program, to enable community councils to communicate even better with their residents. This funding began in the early 80s as $10,000, and is now much lower due to budget concerns over the years. A $20,000 yearly grant to each community council would meet the need. And we as a city can create a system where questions go out on a regular basis to community based groups and to citizens, asking for their opinions, needs and input.

**Lesley Jones**

**Occupation:** Pastor and Consultant

**Education:** B.S. in Social Science Education, Miami University; Certificate of Ministry, MTS, Lexington Theological Seminary, 2018

**Political Philosophy:** I believe that government’s role is to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all people and to regulate standards to the good and benefit of the whole community regardless of race, gender, gender identity or expression, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, religion/beliefs, education or background. All persons are created equal but unfortunately, all people are not treated equal, therefore, it takes laws, policies, and public servants to ensure fairness and justice for all.

**Website:** lesleyjonesforthepeople.com

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**Answer 3:** I believe in bringing people together to solve problems, & I hope to be one of them.

**Greg Landsman**

**Occupation:** CEO, 767 Group, a child and education advocacy firm; strategic advisor, Every Child Capital, former Executive Director, The StrivePartnership.

**Education:** Ohio University, B.A. in Economics; Harvard Divinity School, M.T.S.

**Political Philosophy:** I believe that people can shape events & change history, that we must lead with our core values, & focus on getting meaningful results for those we serve. I believe in bringing people together to solve problems for real change. I am a bridge-builder & problem-solver who has & will continue to get results for children & families. I strongly believe in fairness, the need to support working families, to grow a more inclusive middle class, & to ensure we lift up those who have been marginalized.

**Website:** www.greglandsman.com

**Answer 1:** Safe neighborhoods are crucial to making Cincinnati a better place for children & families. A new recruit class, resources for training, & infrastructure support will help, as will additional investments in community-police / problem-solving efforts. The Collaborative “refresh” will be critical, & we must support all efforts that further strengthen community-police relations. Our communities need leaders at City Hall that bring people together to solve problems, & I hope to be one of them.

**Answer 2:** We need to make Cincinnati a much better place to live & raise a family, especially for those who have been left out of the city’s growth & revitalization. I have proposed a working group of developers, affordable housing leaders, & economic development officials to identify ways to incentivize affordable housing as part of new development. I will support an Affordable Housing Trust Fund, & help to bring business & community leaders together to make sure the fund is significant & sustainable.

**Answer 3:** The best solutions are driven by those most affected by public policy. The Cincinnati Preschool Promise, for example, was a community-driven plan shaped by both parents & providers. Major legislation in Cincinnati should be no different. I have proposed a budget process that is more intentional and transparent with significant input from citizens. I’d like to see City Hall stay accountable by committing to knocking doors every month, & hosting listening sessions in the city throughout the year.

**Seth Maney**

**Occupation:** Attorney with Mann & Mann, general civil practice with emphasis on discrimination based on race, gender, age, disability, national origin or sexual preference

**Education:** Harvard College cum laude; Harvard Law School magna cum laude

**Political Philosophy:** The purpose of government is to provide for public safety.
and well being, public infrastructure, a just and equitable community, and to act as a catalyst to improve neighborhoods and employment opportunities.

**WEBSITE:** www.davidmannforcouncil.com

**ANSWER 1:** I support the renewal of the collaborative agreement initiative. We gained so much as a community with the collaborative agreement. We can only gain further with reviewing the issues and the state of our community once more. We cannot ignore the reality that economic disparity and discrimination must be addressed if we are to be all that we can be as a community. It is unfair to expect our police to solve all the problems of our urban community.

**ANSWER 2:** I support reducing tax abatements for development projects with mandatory payments in lieu of taxes of 15% of the abated taxes. Half of the 15% would go into a fund for projects in the neighborhood where the development is located. Neighborhood leadership would determine the use of these funds. The other half of the 15% would go into a citywide fund supporting affordable housing. As this source of funds increases, they can be used to support home ownership among other initiatives.

**ANSWER 3:** Neighborhood organizations are the key. I attend many meetings - community councils; neighborhood development corporation and so on. Some communities have an amazing mix of engaged citizens determined to make their neighborhood better. The meetings are filled with creative ideas, energy and enthusiasm. The city must support these neighborhoods with increased NSP funds and with development dollars that allow dreams and plans to be realized.

**Why should you vote? Your Vote Can Be Powerful!**

Lyndon Johnson once said that the vote is, “…the most powerful instrument known to man.” But to be powerful, it has to be used by the people… Elected officials may or may not listen to our concerns but they value our vote. Voting gives you the credibility to make your concerns a top priority for legislators. But if voting does not matter to you, then you certainly won’t matter to politicians.

**Amy Murray**

**OCCUPATION:** Current Cincinnati City Councilwoman, Former Procter & Gamble Global Business Development Manager, Small Business Owner

**EDUCATION:** B.A. in Economics, Arizona State University

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:** I believe in open and transparent government that serves the citizens of Cincinnati. During my 4 years on Council, it’s been my goal to be accessible and to work in a pragmatic fashion to implement solutions to the issues facing our city: balancing the budget, providing basic services, ensuring public safety, and fighting the heroin crisis.

**WEBSITE:** www.amymurray.com

**ANSWER 1:** A constant line of communication is needed from the police chief to the beat cop to the citizens. This needs to be established as a top priority for each officer wherever they are assigned so that issues and concerns work their way up the chain of command. Communication also applies to councilmembers, who should be in touch with the police and all of the communities so that all community stakeholders are aware of the greatest issues of concern.

**ANSWER 2:** In the same way that the city provides incentives such as property tax abatements for new construction and remodeling of market-rate housing, it should provide similar and equitable incentives for affordable housing.

**ANSWER 3:** Citizens can attend city council meetings and participate in the public comment portion if they have concerns or ideas they want to share with their elected officials. Additionally, more citizens should consider attending community forums and community council meetings where ideas can be exchanged and self-determination in the neighborhoods can take place. Finally, citizens should call and email their elected officials to voice their concerns and hold them accountable for their votes.

**Kelli Prather**

**OCCUPATION:** Budding Politician Occupational Therapist Talk Show Host Radio Personality

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D Student - Union Institute & University Ohio Media School - Radio and Television Broadcasting Master of Occupational Therapy - University of Findlay Bachelor of Science emphasis Occupational Therapy Associate Applied Science Occupational Therapy Assisting - Cincinnati State, Technical and Community College Associate of Arts - Cincinnati Technical College

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:** I believe that a true democratic government should be open, accessible and run by the whole population. True democracy is accepting of citizens from all walks of life regardless of race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, class or gender. My favourite quote is “We get together on the basis of our similarities, we grow on the basis of our differences.” God Bless Every Citizen Within the Wonderful United States of America.”

**WEBSITE:** www.kelliforthepeople.com

**ANSWER 1:** In order to improve law enforcement and strengthen police-community relations I believe we need more community-based forums to provide more one to one interpersonal interactions. Law enforcement officers need to be offered mental health breaks and time to interact with citizens in a casual environment. I believe this would help bridge the gap between officers and community members. This would also help citizens to feel more comfortable engaging with citizens in a nonthreatening environment.

**ANSWER 2:** Considering that I was raised in low income housing, I am a huge supporter of affordable housing. I believe housing should be income-based. We need to make a concerted effort to create thriving mixed income communities where individuals from all income levels can work together, exchange ideas and create solutions to community based problems. I also believe in rent stabilization programs where citizens can remain in their apartments without fear of having rent increases based on minimal raises.

**ANSWER 3:** Citizens can be more effectively involved in decision making is Council Meetings are held during a time when they can actually be present during the meeting. Meeting times and schedules should be communicated in a timely manner to ensure citizenry participation. A Charter amendment could be created to ensure that citizens are involved in major decisions that will impact the City as a whole. In order to ensure that citizenry participation is taking place an oversight committee can be created.

**Laure Quinlivan**

**OCCUPATION:** Filmmaker & Small Business Owner - President, LQ Consulting (Video, PR, Marketing)

**EDUCATION:** Miami University, B.S. Communications Miami University European Center, Luxembourg

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:** Cleaner, Greener, Smarter is my vision. That’s livable, walkable, bikeable neighborhoods with nearby public transportation, locally owned shops and restaurants, and a diverse mix of people and housing, it’s prioritizing the environment and sustainable solutions to challenges we face. I believe that citizens often have the best ideas, and we must listen to them. As we invest to progress, ensure everyone benefits from the forward progress.
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Chris Seelbach

**OCCUPATION:** Cincinnati Councilmember

**EDUCATION:** St. Xavier High School Xavier University, B.S.B.A. University of Dayton School of Law, Juris Doctor Harvard University, Bohnett Fellow for Senior Executives in State & Local Government

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:** All people, regardless of background, are valued members of our community. Embrace our urban identity by focusing on walkable streets, diverse housing, public transportation, thriving arts, job opportunities, small business growth & excellent public schools. Reduce reliance on massive tax giveaways that only help those at the top by focusing more on small business development, incentives for working class families, home-ownership & a safety net for anyone struggling just to get by.

**WEBSITE:** www.seelbachforcouncil.com

ANSWER 1: We can adopt and fund programs for police officers to interact with young people, and form relationships beyond the traditional cops and troublemakers mentality. We must use the latest technologies to target the 5% of citizens who commit crimes. We must ensure police respond quickly and positively to citizens who report trouble and seek help. We must continue to use and promote community policing strategies. Invite citizens to site and design police buildings, as with the new District 3 HQ.

**WEBSITE:** www.QforCouncil.com

ANSWER 1: We must commit to the Collaborative Agreement and prioritizing police community relations as a key pillar of our policing strategies. Recent moves to outfit every officer with a body camera have helped to protect both our officers and community members. Ensuring our officers are both seen and active in the community, beyond just responding to crimes, allows for barriers to be broken and greater understanding between all partners.

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:** Local Government Fellow for Senior Executives in State & National Government, Oxford University on a Marshall Scholarship * B.A., Princeton University * Seven Hills School

**EDUCATION:** * Master's, Oxford University

**OCCUPATION:** Entrepreneur & Elected Official

**P.G. Sittenfeld**

**WEBSITE:** www.pgssittenfeld.com

ANSWER 1: I’ve been a longtime supporter of the Collaborative Agreement, which helped move Cincinnati forward in our police community relations to a point where former U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said that Cincinnati has become the national model for reform. To that end, I strongly support a “refresh” and re-commitment to the Collaborative Agreement. I’ve also always voted for and supported our CIRV outreach teams and initiatives like Project Ceasefire.

**ANSWER 2:** I’ve been in deliberations for 6+ months with my colleagues to develop the best tool to increase affordable housing in Cincinnati. The answer we’ve arrived at is to create an Affordable Housing Trust. While the creation of this Trust will be a big step forward, my colleagues and I have also already taken action, including legislating that 1/2 of a significant new development track in the urban core be affordable housing, and also allocating $2 million to increase affordable housing capacity.

**ANSWER 3:** I engage with literally thousands and thousands of constituents every year, so most of all, I encourage you to reach out to me directly (and to your other elected leaders). My phone number is 352-5270, and email is: pg.sittenfeld@cincinnati-oh.gov. Additionally, we should increase Neighborhood Support Funding (NSP), and - as I have done with the City Hall committee that I chair - we should have more meetings out in the community and during the evening so more people can attend in-person.

**WEBSITE:** www.seelbachforcouncil.com

Tamie Sullivan

**Candidate has not responded:**

**OCCUPATION:** Delivery Service Rep for DXC Technology contracted out to the department of defense

**EDUCATION:** I have a associate degree and P. C. and Network support from Antonelli College

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:** Liberty! I believe in freedom with social responsibly!

**WEBSITE:** N/A

ANSWER 1: I strongly believe that police officers have to understand the culture and history of the people they serve. Police officers should spend time with the people in the community the serve and not just patrol.

**Wendell Young**

**OCCUPATION:** Retired

**EDUCATION:** Cincinnati Police Academy Graduate Attended University of Cincinnati National Forum For Black Public Administrators Executive Leadership Institute Graduated

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:** Let Cincinnati be what unites us!

**WEBSITE:** www.keepwendellyoung.com

**ANSWER 1:** Revising the 15-year old Collaborative Agreement, that serves as model for police-community relations would improve law enforcement and strengthen community-police relations. In revisiting the Collaborative Agreement, we should focus on community engagement by utilizing community based organizations and have them partner with CPD to manage public safety and community program oriented policing. Also,
have an evaluation process for CPD, that way we know what needs to involve and what works.

ANSWER 2: My definition of affordable housing includes housing for a mix of income levels from young professionals to empty nesters, as well as low income people. I think Cincinnati should work with realtors, community councils, and interested citizens, to decentralize affordable housing and foster opportunities for new and old residents to find ways to live and work together for neighborhood preservation and improvement.

No neighborhood should become the repository for all affordable housing.

ANSWER 3: Citizens can be become more effectively involved in decision making by making public servants and political leaders accountable to the people. Citizens should try to join and attend their neighborhood’s community council because those council provide local government with insight in funding allocations, cultural issues and help develop community partnerships. Also I encourage citizens to mobilize for candidates, encourage others to vote and even run for election!

★MEMBERS OF COUNCIL – CITY OF CINCINNATI★

6-YEAR TERM. SALARY: $125,850
RESPONSIBILITIES: Has original jurisdiction in civil cases (auto, neighborhood disputes etc.) involving claims of $15,000 or under, and in criminal cases involving misdemeanors in Hamilton County. Conducts preliminary hearings in felony cases.

QUESTIONS:
Each candidate was asked:
1. What about your non-judicial legal experience qualifies you to be a judge?
2. Why are you running for this particular court seat?

1 TO BE ELECTED PER DISTRICT - 6-YEAR TERM

DISTRICT 1

Fanon A. Rucker

OCCUPATION: Judge

EDUCATION: B.A., Hampton University; J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law

AFFILIATIONS: President, Seasongood Good Government Foundation; State and local Officer, Prince Hall Freemasons; Steward and Member, Allen Temple AME Church; Past Officer and Board Member of numerous professional, community and civic organizations

WEBSITE: N/A

ANSWER 1: Before assuming the Bench, I served as a prosecutor in municipal court for several years, represented both plaintiffs and defendants in all types of cases in state and federal cases, provided legal advice to elected officials and drafted legislation as a village law director and litigated countless cases. In my experience, the most effective judges were those with a broad base of experiences on and off the Bench. I would argue the very diverse body of experience that I have had the honor of experiencing throughout my career not only qualifies me to be a judge, but I believe has allowed me to earn the reputation as a good judge.

ANSWER 2: I am running for re-election to this seat because the adage “Find a job doing what you love and you’ll never work again a day in your life” (Confucius) is absolutely true. I truly love and enjoy my job and would humbly appreciate the continued support of the community to serve in this capacity.

Roderick J. Harris

OCCUPATION: Director of the Felony Division, Hamilton County Public Defender’s Office

EDUCATION: J.D. from University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law; B.S. (Accounting) from Central State University

AFFILIATIONS: 38 year member of First Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky; Member of Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Attorneys; Lifetime Member of Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati

WEBSITE: www.rharrisforjudge.com

ANSWER 1: My courtroom and jury trial experience qualify me to be a Judge. I have practiced law as a trial attorney for 20 years, licensed to practice in the State of Ohio and in the United States District Court. I have handled the highest level of felony offenses ranging from aggravated murder, rape, aggravated robbery to misdemeanor offenses such as theft, domestic violence and operating a vehicle while intoxicated. I have tried more than 150 jury trials and a countless number of trials to the court, while being recognized and respected by both the legal community and the community in general as a criminal law expert. I am death penalty certified. I maintained a private practice for 17 years as a general practitioner specializing in Criminal, Personal Injury, Domestic Relations, Juvenile, Traffic, Social Security, and Civil Rights law. I closed my successful private practice to serve the citizens of Hamilton County as Director of Hamilton County Public Defender’s Office Felony Division. I have held the office of Director of Hamilton County Public Defender’s Office Felony Division for 3 years. In my role as Director of the Felony Division, I supervise and assist more than 120 attorneys (Staff and Felony Panel) in the General Division, Drug Court, Veteran’s Court, and Mental Health Court handling more than 8,500 cases annually. The attorneys under my supervision, practice in both Hamilton County Common Pleas and Municipal Courts daily. Each day with few exceptions, I am present in the courtrooms of the Hamilton County Courthouse and know the issues/challenges our legal system and community confront daily. Additionally, I act as a liaison between the Court and Criminal Defense Bar. I investigate and resolve client complaints/issues with their legal representation. In the community, I am well known for my service. I am very proud to have implemented policies and protocols that have raised the level of indigent defense in Hamilton County. My work led to me being named the 2016 Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association “Jim Looker” Attorney of the Year award for excellence in the conscientious and effective representation of citizens charged with crimes. In 2017, I was the recipient Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati “Distinguished Service” Award for career achievement and service to the community. Recently, I received proclamations from 132nd General Assembly (Ohio Senate and House of Representatives) for my community service.

ANSWER 2: I am running for Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge because I believe our Judiciary needs more public servants that are passionate about serving the community. I do not believe that politics belong in the courtroom and am proud to say I am running on my experience and commitment to the community over my career as an Independent candidate. I believe too many times citizens vote for a party without closely investigating the qualifications, experience, and community impact the candidate has had. I have spent my career on the frontline advocating for the community, acting as a voice for the underserved and fighting for justice for all regardless of the citizen’s race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation. I believe our elected officials should show a commitment to the community before asking the community to commit to the candidate. I have had an interest, got involved, made an investment and had an impact in my community through my service. I am a native son of Hamilton County Municipal Court District 2 (College Hill) and in touch with the entire Hamilton County community. I have served the youth of the Hamilton County community as a Mentor-Leader and role model through youth sports, moot court, speaking engagements, and other activities. I co-founded, formed, presided over and coached with Viking’s Youth Athletics, ltd. a not for profit youth football and cheerleading organization. I have served the entire community as an Educator-Leader through community law forums, providing legal analysis and commentary so the community could easily comprehend the relevant legal issues while also serving on various boards throughout the Hamilton County area. In the courtroom, I am an experienced professional. I am known and well respected by the Hamilton County judges, law enforcement, the legal community and the community in general. I believe my background and experience as a criminal defense attorney has equipped me with a commitment to equal justice, patience, open-mindedness, decisiveness, punctuality, freedom from bias, compassion and humility necessary to be a fair and just Judge for the Hamilton County. My experience has taught me that civility is always in style. Judges should set the tone by being courteous to each other and to those who appear before the Court. A Judge must respect the parties and the process. Anyone who appears in court – spectators, litigants, and lawyers – should be treated with dignity and respect.

Elisa Murphy

OCCUPATION: Magistrate in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court – Juvenile Division

EDUCATION: J.D. from The University of Akron

AFFILIATIONS: Life Member of Black Lawyers Association; Cincinnati Bar Association; Member of NAACP; Active Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Member of SheLeads

WEBSITE: www.MurphyforJudge2.com

ANSWER 1: Clerked for the Honorable Carla Moore, Retired. Former Attorney with Lexis Nexis, worked briefly with Lawson and Gaines LPA. Thereafter, became an attorney through the Public Defender’s Office. I worked diligently as an attorney to abused neglected children, individuals that committed felonies and misdemeanors, and litigated custody matters. For the last 14 years, I preside over felonies, misdemeanor, abused and neglect children, and custody matters. I know that I can do the job because I have been doing it for years. I know that the skills are easily transferable to Hamilton County Municipal Court.

★JUDGE – HAMILTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT★

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ANSWER 2: I am running for Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge because I believe our Judiciary needs more public servants that are passionate about serving the community. I do not believe that politics belong in the courtroom and am proud to say I am running on my experience and commitment to the community over my career as an Independent candidate. I believe too many times citizens vote for a party without closely investigating the qualifications, experience, and community impact the candidate has had. I have spent my career on the frontline advocating for the community, acting as a voice for the underserved and fighting for justice for all regardless of the citizen’s race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation. I believe our elected officials should show a commitment to the community before asking the community to commit to the candidate. I have had an interest, got involved, made an investment and had an impact in my community through my service. I am a native son of Hamilton County Municipal Court District 2 (College Hill) and in touch with the entire Hamilton County community. I have served the youth of the Hamilton County community as a Mentor-Leader and role model through youth sports, moot court, speaking engagements, and other activities. I co-founded, formed, presided over and coached with Viking’s Youth Athletics, ltd. a not for profit youth football and cheerleading organization. I have served the entire community as an Educator-Leader through community law forums, providing legal analysis and commentary so the community could easily comprehend the relevant legal issues while also serving on various boards throughout the Hamilton County area. In the courtroom, I am an experienced professional. I am known and well respected by the Hamilton County judges, law enforcement, the legal community and the community in general. I believe my background and experience as a criminal defense attorney has equipped me with a commitment to equal justice, patience, open-mindedness, decisiveness, punctuality, freedom from bias, compassion and humility necessary to be a fair and just Judge for the Hamilton County. My experience has taught me that civility is always in style. Judges should set the tone by being courteous to each other and to those who appear before the Court. A Judge must respect the parties and the process. Anyone who appears in court – spectators, litigants, and lawyers – should be treated with dignity and respect.
ANSWER 2: I am a lifelong resident to Cincinnati. I am a member of the Murphy, Webb and White family. My family members owned Old Southern Restaurant, the barbecue pit, and a local cornerstone in the Westend of Cincinnati. I thought that someday I might be in business too, but I decided to become an Attorney because I saw injustice and I wanted to promote equality for all! Through hard work and experience I became a Magistrate in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division. I am here today to ask for your support as I run for Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge in District 2. I have the judicial experience and have been in public service for over 17 years, I have been a magistrate for 14 years – presiding over felonies, misdemeanors, abuse, neglect, and custody cases. I left corporate America and took a pay cut to become a public servant. I started out as a child advocate attorney or what is known as a Guardian ad Litem. My Aunt, Elaine White, one of the Founders of Lighthouse Youth Services, restaurant owner, store owner, and property owner taught me hard work and humility. I know that hard work and experience speak! You say you never heard of me, well I am not a politician but a hard worker. As a Magistrate, I have seen the problems that confront our communities, our families, our future, and our generations. The Municipal Court, unfortunately is a threshold into the justice system where people fall deeper and deeper into trouble. I know that I am Just, Impartial, Experienced, and Efficient enough to make a difference, and I firmly believe that my experience can contribute to positive changes in some of the choices that people making in their lives. The Municipal Court should not be a vacuum into the system; it should be a deterrent from it. I very much enjoy being a Judge. I preside over every aspect of the Municipal Court and four area courts. I managed 20,000 criminal and civil cases annually. The criminal caseload consisted primarily of misdemeanor DUI and traffic matters and misdemeanor criminal charges brought by both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The civil caseload involved resolving disputes arising from landlord/tenant issues, insurance subrogation claims, personal injury claims, property damage claims, employment disputes, collection actions, commercial litigation, and contract disputes. I have the broadest range of legal and judicial experience and I am well respected by the current judges who serve in the Hamilton County Municipal Court. I am also well respected by the attorneys and litigants who have appeared before me. I have a proven track record of excellent judicial temperament, patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, punctuality, firmness, legal knowledge, compassion, humility and common sense. I am committed to equal justice under the law. I am committed to treating all people with respect. I am committed to giving each litigant his/her day in court, no matter how long it takes. I have been a public servant for over 20 years and I will continue to be a public servant.

District 3

William L. Mallory

OCCUPATION: Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts University of Cincinnati

AFFILIATIONS: American Judges Association; Association of Municipal/County Judges of Ohio

WEBSITE: N/A

ANSWER 1: I spent the early part of my legal career practicing law. I worked as an attorney with the Ohio Attorney General. I worked for the City of Cincinnati as both an Assistant Prosecutor and as a Civil Attorney. I have worked extensively as an attorney for a small law firm. I have tried many cases.

ANSWER 2: I very much enjoy being a Judge. I preside over one of our specialized courts; the Hamilton County Mental Health Court. I feel that I have been a fair, impartial and just judge.

District 4

Curt Kissinger

OCCUPATION: Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court

EDUCATION: University of Dayton School of Law (J.D. 1990); University of Cincinnati (B.A. 1987); Anderson High School (1983)

AFFILIATIONS: Ohio State and Cincinnati Bar Associations; Association of Municipal/County Judges of Ohio; Ohio High School and Collegiate Mock Trial; University of Cincinnati Alumni Association; Previously affiliated with the Ohio Association of Court Administrators, Hamilton County Ethics Commission, Juvenile Court Advisory Counsel, Board of Directors of HOPE for Children and Families, Board Member for Journey to Successful Living, Ursuline Academy Parents Association and Dad’s Club; Member, St. Mary Church

WEBSITE: www.keeppjudgetkissinger.com

ANSWER 1: Prior to taking the bench on the Hamilton County Municipal Court, I was a trial attorney for 20+ years. As an Assistant Hamilton County Prosecutor in the Criminal Trial Division (1991-1995), I prosecuted all categories of felony level offenses in Common Pleas and Juvenile Courts as well as all levels of misdemeanor offenses in Municipal Court. I also served as a Special Prosecutor for the State of Ohio’s Organized Crime Commission responsible for trying RICO violations in coordination with a multi-unit federal and state task force. For the next 16 years (1995-2011), I was a litigation attorney at the firm Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis. There, I represented both individual clients and businesses in both State and Federal courts in a wide array of litigation matters including product liability, wrongful death, premises liability, commercial litigation, government contracts and internal investigations. I also developed a criminal defense practice with an emphasis in white collar criminal proceedings. As Court Administrator of the Juvenile Court, I was responsible for the supervision of all aspects of Court operations including its 160-bed

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 qualities important 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.judicialvotescout.org.

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

• To what extent has the candidate practiced in the area(s) of law the court handles?
• What work or other experience has the candidate had that will particularly qualify him or her to perform the duties of a judge on this court?
• What do you know about the candidate’s legal philosophy? Political philosophy?
• Consider the candidate’s integrity, judicial temperament, and level of commitment to public service and the administration of justice.

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.
Darlene Rogers

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney

**EDUCATION:** B.A. from Northern Kentucky University; J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley

**AFFILIATIONS:** Co-Creator of the Anti-Bully Program for Cincinnati Schools etc.; The Ohio Bar Association; the Kentucky Bar Association, and the Lawyer’s Club

**WEBSITE:** www.RogersForJudge.com

**ANSWER 1:** My legal experience is diverse and includes substantial criminal and civil work. I represented clients in hundreds of criminal trials serving as a Public Defender and also worked in a high-volume civil litigation firm with emphasis on creditor rights and collections. I attended court hearings routinely in both Ohio and Kentucky representing the rights of our clients and creditors. My experience also includes working in a bankruptcy firm where I represented clients in Federal Court. I am now an Appointee of Sheriff Jim Neil working in the Hamilton County foreclosure process in addition to my own private law practice. My top issues: Ensuring that all people receive a fair process in court, finding solutions to the increasing heroin problem (Ohio has the worst crisis in the nation), and using our tax dollars more efficiently to improve public safety. Everyone deserves a fair hearing regardless of their race, gender, wealth or poverty. A Judge must listen to all who come before her while wearing the figurative blindfold as illustrated by the “Scales of Justice.” I am an average working-class citizen running for Judge in order to make a difference — together we can make Hamilton County a better place!

**ANSWER 2:** Now more than ever we need Judges who will enforce our Constitution without fear of political retribution, who will respect all who enter their courtrooms, who will bring solutions for the heroin epidemic, and who will judge fairly without bias or intolerance. I plan to be that Judge! I am running to use my life experience to improve the quality of judges in Hamilton County. I will run a full-time courtroom with a work ethic that is equal to the responsibility I will be given by the voters of Hamilton County. As a former union member, I know that I will be a strong, fair voice for working men and women when they are faced with a court situation. For too long, those without high quality legal representation have been treated unfairly in some Hamilton County courtrooms. I promise to change that, to work a full-time schedule, serving every citizen who is before me and treating all with dignity, respect and fairness. I have been very concerned about the quality and work ethic of our elected officials, which is why I decided to run for Municipal Court Judge. I have a vision for Hamilton County where we collaborate to solve the heroin epidemic, use taxpayer dollars more responsibly and keep our communities safe!

**District 5**

Brad Greenberg

**OCCUPATION:** Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge

**EDUCATION:** J.D. from The University of Virginia School of Law; B.A. from The Ohio State University

**AFFILIATIONS:** Board Member of the Isaac M. Wise Temple; Former Mayor of Loveland

**WEBSITE:** N/A

**ANSWER 1:** Prior to becoming a judge, I was an assistant prosecutor in the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office for 11 years.

**ANSWER 2:** I am running for re-election. I try my best to make decisions that protect our community and our constitutional rights.

**District 6**

Bernie Bouchard

**OCCUPATION:** Judge

**EDUCATION:** J.D. from Ohio Northern University; MBA from Xavier University

**AFFILIATIONS:** High school/Grade school football official

**WEBSITE:** www.JudgeBernie.com

**ANSWER 1:** I am a lifelong resident of Cincinnati, and am raising my children in this community. My parents instilled the value of hard work, education and high moral standards to me while growing up in Cincinnati. Through my attendance at St. Xavier High School and Xavier University I learned to dedicate my life to helping other people. These are the values I bring to the bench everyday. Life experiences such as coaching football, officiating football, talking at schools and donating time and money to people in need have made me a well-rounded person. These are the tools I bring to the bench to protect the community and help people who have gone astray get their life back on track.

**ANSWER 2:** The betterment and safety of our community is my top priority. All people that appear before me will be treated fairly and with respect. I will not hesitate to impose a high bond on the worst offenders, and I will continue to fulfill my duty to protect the public and punish those who deserve punishment. Victims’ concerns are an important part of each decision I make. I am running for this seat to give back to the community. I promise to make decisions that keep the public safe, and help people become productive members of our community.

**District 7 – Full Term**

Julia A. Collier

**OCCUPATION:** Cincinnati Insurance Companies

**EDUCATION:** J.D. from College of Law; B.S. from University of Dayton

**AFFILIATIONS:** St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church, member; Oak Hills High School PTA, member

**WEBSITE:** www.CollierForJudge.com

**ANSWER 1:** The skills and knowledge I have gained from my broad range of experience, both inside and outside the legal profession, qualifies me to serve as a judge. Over my years of experience, I polished the technical side of my practice of law, have applied the law to the facts of each case, and have demonstrated sound judgment. From the technical part of practicing law, I am well qualified to serve as a judge. I handled all aspects of litigation through trial and appeal as an Assistant Attorney General, as a Staff Attorney for Legal Aid, and as a private practitioner. I have handled a high volume of cases in the courts in several Ohio counties. My courtroom experience has been strengthened and supplemented by my practice before administrative agencies, as well. I served as an attorney for the State of Ohio during which time I attended thousands of hearings. As an attorney for the State, I was charged with advocating the position of a neutral state agency, making daily judgments
about which side of the dispute required the State's support based upon the facts and the law. I took this responsibility very seriously and always advocated the State's position, free from bias. A great deal of my analytical thinking during those years will readily translate to the judicial role. Earlier in my career, I handled arbitrations, mediations, and negotiations for the American Federation of Government Employees. In this position, I worked with many different agencies and many more different people. I learned how to work effectively with others to resolve issues and conflicts. In all of those roles — from public servant to private practitioner — I was constantly required to exercise vigilance, compassion, and good judgment. I have striven to maintain professionalism in all phases of my practice as well as in my dealings with others outside the legal profession. I continue to be thoughtful and my decisions are considered and measured. As a judge, I will serve with the same neutrality, respect, and professionalism.

ANSWER 2: I am running for Hamilton County's 7th District Municipal Court because I am committed to improving the court by applying the law fairly and equally, without basing decisions on race, gender, socio-economic level, or sexual orientation. I am also running for this 7th District Municipal Court seat because I know the importance of having a representative who lives in, has lived in, and will be living in the 7th District, the western most district in Hamilton County, for years. Our county is divided into districts to encourage representation from each district. I am the only candidate running for this seat who has lived in our District since before July, 2017. I am the only candidate running for this seat who has voted for school, park, and police levies, coached kids' basketball, and volunteered for PTAs and school activities, in our District. I know that Ohio's citizens have more contact with Municipal Courts than any other level of Ohio court. I also know that some minority populations lack confidence in Ohio's justice system. I am committed to instilling confidence in the Hamilton County Municipal Court and Ohio's justice system. As a judge it will be my responsibility to treat litigants with respect, consider the evidence presented, and issue individual rulings based on the evidence. I understand the requirements for and limits of the presentation of evidence. I also appreciate that judgments require consideration of the facts of each individual case. Especially in the context of criminal law, the plight of the individual and justice for society requires careful consideration and deliberation. I reject the "one size fits all" concept for criminal sentencing. I know that all litigants, in whatever contexts, need to leave the courtroom believing that they have been treated as individuals and that they have been heard. It takes a balanced perspective to fairly and equally apply the law to the parties before a judge. I have had the pleasure of representing diverse clients and representing clients on opposing sides of issues. Because I have looked at issues from both sides, I lack the bias that handling one side of cases can promote. I am running for this seat because I am committed to improving the Municipal Court by applying the law fairly and equally and because I truly represent (here yesteryear, all this year, and next year) the 7th District.

Kevin O. Donovan
OCUPATION: Senior Prosecuting Attorney
EDUCATION: J.D., University of Dayton School of Law (1985); M.B.A., Xavier University (1977); B.S.B.A. (Magna Cum Laude), Xavier University (1976)
AFFILIATIONS: Lifelong West Side Resident raised in Covendale and residing in Westwood; Member of St. Lawrence Parish (Price Hill); Mentor to Xavier students/graduates seeking careers in law; Managing Trustee, Mary C. Donovan Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Teresa of Avila School since its inception in 1995
WEBSITE: N/A

ANSWER 1: I have been a prosecutor in the Hamilton County Municipal Court for more than 31 years. My experience includes numerous jury trials, suppression hearings, bench trials involving issues such as OVI (DUI), Domestic Violence, Menacing by Stalking, Resisting Arrest, Vehicular Homicide/Manslaughter, Assaults as well as other misdemeanors. I have handled numerous appeals in the First District Court of Appeals which included writing briefs both as an Appellant and as an Appellee. Many of these cases included oral arguments before a three judge panel. I successfully defended the constitutionality of Ohio's Menacing by Stalking statute in State v. Dario where it had been argued that the law was both overbroad and vague. I have been a guest speaker at seminars for the Ohio Municipal League (Prosecutorial Appeals, Domestic Violence and Menacing by Stalking) as well as a Lorman OVI Seminar. I have also served as an attorney advisor for the Private Complaint Mediation Program; and I also led a team of prosecutors handling civil collections in the Municipal and Small Claims Court of Hamilton County. The breadth of my experience working with judges, law enforcement officials, defense counsel and court personnel gives me a unique understanding of the complexities of the Municipal Court. Judges are required to be fair and impartial in their application of the law to the determined facts; and I have a solid a reputation in the legal community as being a determined but reasonable prosecutor. Police officers have confidence in my abilities to prepare and prosecute cases; and defense attorneys regard me as a man of my word in the pursuit of justice.

ANSWER 2: Only recently has the city of Cincinnati allowed for me to seek political office while maintaining my position as a Prosecutor. My participation in most political activity was prohibited. Past efforts seeking an appointment to the bench were not successful for this reason. With the recent appointments to the District 7 vacancies by Governor Kasich, it became obvious to me that there was an opportunity for a candidate who had been a member of the community virtually all his life. I attended St. Teresa of Avila grade school and St. Xavier High School before receiving my undergraduate and graduate degrees at Xavier University. I attending the University of Dayton School of Law before becoming a prosecutor. My whole career has been spent in the Hamilton County Municipal Court. It is a court system with which I am thoroughly familiar. I have enjoyed my experience there; and I have often been asked by both law enforcement and defense counsel whether I would ever consider being a judge. My answer was always yes but the timing would have to be right. The time is right. I care greatly for the neighborhoods where I was raised as a child and where I raised my own two daughters with my wife, Debbie. Eileen and Erin attended Our Lady of Lourdes School and swam on Gamble-Nippert's swim team. I helped coach Erin's softball team in grade school. I was raised in a family of ten children in Covendale. It was a great neighborhood; and remains so to this day. The daily swim practices at Phillips Swim Club, the football practices at Western Hills High School and the basketball games at Woodbriar lot and at Delhi Park are all fond memories. Westwood remains a nice neighborhood for families. I would like for the families of this area to have the same opportunities that I had growing up. My mother's death in 1995 led my family's establishment of the Mary C. Donovan Scholarship fund at St. Teresa. As the managing trustee of this fund, I have overseen the awarding of 95 scholarships to students to help with tuition costs. The Municipal Court districting system allows for each district's residents to have confidence in its elected judges. My legal experience qualifies me to sit as a judge. My commitment to the west side bolsters that confidence as well.

Gwen Bender
OCUPATION: Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court District 7
EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati College of Law (J.D, 1991); Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame Indiana (B.A., 1988); Seton High School (1984)
AFFILIATIONS: American Judges Association; Association of Municipal/County Judges of Ohio
WEBSITE: www. judgegwenbender.com

ANSWER 1: Prior to beginning my service as a judge, I served as an assistant prosecutor for over 23 years. I prosecuted cases in the Appellate, Felony, Juvenile and Municipal Divisions. This required me to become very familiar with the Ohio rules which govern all cases for evidence, practice and procedure. Additionally, I served for over 15 years as a substitute magistrate for Mayor's Courts, judging criminal and traffic matters.

ANSWER 2: I have been a dedicated and committed member of the west side community my entire life. I grew up here, own a home here and chose to raise my children here. I bring that same sense of dedication

Jackie Ginochio
OCUPATION: Judge
EDUCATION: J.D. from Ohio Northern University; B.A. from Indiana University
AFFILIATIONS: N/A
WEBSITE: www.keeppudget ginocchio.com

ANSWER 1: Prior to taking the bench, I was an Assistant Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney for nearly a decade. As a prosecutor, I tried dozens of jury trials and countless bench trials in Municipal and Common Pleas courts. I have successfully tried some of the region's most serious cases involving the most dangerous criminals. My career has been focused on courtroom litigation. I am intimately familiar with the rules of evidence, criminal procedure, and civil procedure. As a prosecutor, my focus was to serve and protect the citizens of Hamilton County while also maintaining fairness and seeking justice on each case. As a judge, I bring the same level of professional conduct to the bench that I did as a prosecutor. I work every day to get the job done right so that our constitution and our justice system are served.

ANSWER 2: I have dedicated my career to the administration of justice. I have litigated every type of misdemeanor in Municipal Court as prosecutor, and my experience as a felony prosecutor, handling our community's most serious crimes, gives me the appropriate perspective on each case in Municipal Court. As the incumbent Judge in this race, I am proud to serve the residents of the west side of Cincinnati, Delhi, Cosby, Harrison, Whitewater, and Miami Townships and all of the other municipalities in the 7th District. I live in this district with my husband and our son, and I am committed to making our neighborhoods safe while protecting everybody's civil liberties.

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★ JUDGE – HAMILTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT ★

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.

QUESTIONS:
Each candidate was asked:
1. How will you work with the new CPS Administration to ensure the oversight and accountability in implementing Preschool Promise? (500 character limit)
2. How could the enrollment processes for magnet schools be made more equitable and otherwise improved for CPS parents/caregivers? (500 character limit)
3. How do you see your role as communications liaison between the community and the CPS administration? (500 character limit)

4 TO BE ELECTED - 4-YEAR TERM

Melanie Bates
OCCUPATION: Non-profit professional, retired
EXPERIENCE: Cincinnati School Board 2002-current, Vice President, Finance Committee Chair; Council of Great City Schools Board of Directors; Ohio School Boards Association Board of Trustee; Cinci Recreation Commission 2016-2017 State Board of Ed 1995-2001

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David Brenner
OCCUPATION: Enterprise Architect
EXPERIENCE: 30 years of experience in technology, management, including * 4 years at CBIS/Convergys * 11 years at Fidelity Investments * 7 years Kroger

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Jacqueline Amos
OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher/Cincinnati Public Schools
EXPERIENCE: Cincinnati Public Schools * Elementary Schools: Washburn, Eastern Hills Individual Guided Education, Fairview German-English Bilingual, North Fairmount * Auxiliary Services/Non-public Schools Cardinal Pacelli, Cincinnati Junior Academy, Resurrection

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: My philosophy about public education in Ohio, as it relates to the role public schools should play in our community is that schools should educate each child to the fullest of the child’s ability, which will enable each child to become contributing citizens in every community of our country.

ANSWER 1: To support effective oversight, I would insist upon transparency. For accountability in the implementation of Preschool Promise, I would support the Superintendent’s goals for each CPS preschool class, which would show an alignment with the kindergarten curriculum. Each preschooler’s measurable results would allow reading on grade level by 3rd grade. The annual results of Preschool Promise would provide successful justification for the $15 million approved by the Cincinnati community.

ANSWER 2: I believe there could be two possible choices to help make magnet placements more equitable. 1. Invite a meaningful group of parents/caregivers and community stakeholders to form a task force to select another researched-based strategy with the likelihood of becoming successful in CPS. 2. There would be no need for an enrollment process, if every neighborhood school could select a focus that would become highly successful and attract parents/caregivers to enroll their children.

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Gary Favors
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ANSWER 2: Magnet school enrollment is set by policy and I would be sure to review these policies and suggest amendments when needed. The superintendent would then direct the administrators of each school when changes are made.

ANSWER 3: I would be sure to advocate for the people who elected me to represent them. I would continue to check the pulse of the community to be sure I am pushing their agenda. I would recommend moving board meetings out in neighborhood schools where many more parents would feel comfortable attending. I would be sure that our meetings are easy to follow and contain no hidden agendas. I would hold public forums to hear concerns and learn what is working for families. Open honest dialogue is needed.

Christine Fisher
OCCUPATION: Finance Manager at Procter & Gamble
EXPERIENCE: I have worked at P&G for 12 years as a finance manager serving in a wide array of roles including: brand finance, facilities & real estate, forecasting, and strategy. I am currently the finance leader for the Charmin Brand with $2.5 Billion in sales.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Public education is critical to the success of the State and our local community. Public schools are one of the few tools we have to address systemic issues in our society. For us in Cincinnati, one of those issues is poverty. While it will take a long time for our schools to bring people out of poverty, it means every day they are serving more than the educational needs of our students. I want our schools to be safe environments that foster a passion for learning.

ANSWER 1: The public stepped up in a major way to support Issue 44 which encompassed both funding for Preschool Promise and levy dollars for CPS. The success of the Preschool Promise is intertwined with the ongoing success of levies for CPS. Expanded quality preschool access is also critical to the future success of CPS. My role as a Board member is to ensure the realization of the preschool promise by working effectively with their governing body (CPP). By focusing on common goals, this can be achieved.

ANSWER 2: A lottery system has improved equity of magnet school enrollment but there is still more room for improvement. Better communication of the process and school offerings is needed. The Board also needs to reevaluate the process for admitting preschoolers and the implications it has on the number of kindergarten spots available. CPS preschool is not an option for some (either due to cost or limited hours) and we need to find a better process to ensure more kindergarten spots are available.

ANSWER 3: As elected officials, it is the Board that is ultimately accountable to the community. Personally, I want to increase awareness of the district’s spending and budget needs. My finance background makes me uniquely qualified to do this. As property taxes have become a bigger portion of the district’s income, the local community needs to have more awareness of the funding needs. I want to bring this information to community council meetings and Local School Decision Making Committees (LSDMCs).

Marcia A. Futel
OCCUPATION: For over 12 years, I have served individuals and families as a financial services professional in the areas of income protection, savings/investments, debt elimination, and income generation.

EXPERIENCE: I have 30 continuous years of parent and education advocacy on local, state, & national level. I enjoyed a 23 year career in Info Technology primarily in leadership roles. I am the mother of 3 CPS graduates, all with 4 year degrees.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: A high quality public education is the great equalizer that gives our children great life options. I stand for: 1) Authentic engagement where parents are respected as valued customers and children’s needs come first 2) Transparency in how we use resources, make decisions, and provide safe and nurturing environments for learning 3) Accountability for how well we are educating ALL students and eliminating barriers to their success. As a CPS grandparent, I am vested in the success of our district.

ANSWER 1: I will insur the Master Agreement and its implementation for the Preschool expansion align with the promises made to the voters. I will hold the Administration and the CPS representatives on the CPP Board mutually accountable to the equitable distribution of the resources. We all have a vested interest to insure the success of this initiative for our children. As a CPS Board member, I want to see Kindergarten-ready students come to our schools, regardless of where they attended preschool.

ANSWER 2: The policy change made in 2015-2016 to the lottery system was a step in the right direction to a more equitable magnet school enrollment process. However, I would recommend clearer communication about how the lottery rounds work and when parents will be notified. The enrollment timeline should be structured so parents know what school their child will attend by the end of the current school year. There should always be ongoing monitoring about its effective implementation.

ANSWER 3: As communications liaison and elected public servant, I have the responsibility to inform and support the CPS Administration’s work in implementing policies and mutually agreed upon goals that address the educational expectations of the community. I am accountable to the community to provide insight and understanding of the district’s performance in meeting those expectations.

Renee Hevia
OCCUPATION: Former CPS Spanish teacher at the Academy of World Language/Heinold and Sycamore HS. Former Assistant Principal at Sycamore HS

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: I am a progressive thinker and voter. I believe that all citizens must be enabled/activated to participate in their local community councils in order to make an impact on local politics. Democracy is about citizen engagement to empower their social, political and economic interests.

ANSWER 1: CPS is slated to receive $33 of the $45 million raised over 5 years from the Levy. To ensure accountability, I will insist: 1. Metrics are created to measure the success of dollars spent. 2. Administration reports quarterly to Board members. Results will be communicated directly to the community in multiple ways. 4. Quarterly meetings with parents and teachers of our preschools will take place to gather direct input and feedback regarding the metrics and programing This begins transparency

ANSWER 2: 1. Have available times when parents can use School computer labs to complete the enrollment process. 2. Improve communication to parents so that they understand the process and make the deadlines. 3. Accept paper applications. 4. Use a point system so that the students with the greatest needs have first access. 5. Re assess how lines are drawn for magnet schools.

ANSWER 3: Board members are elected officials and must be accountable to the community in which they serve. Upon election, the Board must continue to engage with our diverse stakeholders throughout the Districts in each of the neighborhoods and villages. The Board must adopt and employ a community engagement policy. My roles as a Community Council President and a grassroots organizer make me especially interested in helping the Board in this area. We can and must do better in this area going forward.
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Daniel Minera

OCCUPATION: Director of Hispanic Outreach, City Gospel Mission | Executive Director, Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati Foundation

EXPERIENCE: I am currently finishing my first four year term as a CPS Board Member. As Pastor, community leader, nonprofit director and citywide youth athletic organizer, I am engaged at ground level and attuned to the issues impacting our children and families.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: There is no room for partisanship. All Members must be ready to listen, work together, respect our community partners, engage citizens, advocate for our children and protect our taxpayers. Strategically the Board must be guided by the increasing diversity of our families, the returning middle class, and the demand for more school choices and rigorous instruction. Influential too are the more competitive global academic and national workforce standards by which our students and CPS are measured.

ANSWER 1: Preschool Promise is a partnership among CPS, United Way and Preschool Promise. The partners adopted a Master Agreement in which it was agreed that a separate community board be appointed to govern community providers while the CPS board governs the CPS preschool implementation. Because CPS is the taxing agent for the earmarked preschool dollars, all financial and open government regulations regarding public funds must be followed by the District’s administration and overseen by the Board.

ANSWER 2: With great care and much controversy we have made Magnet enrollment more accessible and therefore more equitable. The Board has achieved that through developing an in-house computerized lottery system. We could do better by having clear and less complicated instructions, more timely public information sessions and more descriptive summaries of the choices available to them. The best thing we can do for Magnet enrollment is to improve the programming and perceptions of our neighborhood schools.

ANSWER 3: The Board is the extension of the community. It is not the rubber stamp for the District’s Administration. Every two years the community expresses it’s will by electing representatives to the District. Unlike City Council, the Board is a collective body that gathers input, weighs interests, and through deliberation reaches a collective determination as to what is best for the District’s children, taxpayers and community’s future and directs the Administration through policy and public action.

Kareem Moffett

OCCUPATION: Adjunct Professor Mathematics, Facilitator, Trainer & Consultant

EXPERIENCE: Co-taught Math & Science with GEARUP (2009-2014) in CPS schools taught 10th grade science at Withrow High School (2013) First year experience class @ UC (2006-2009) Teach Math @ Cincinnati State (2013-present)

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: I consider myself a progressive democrat in that I support that everyday citizens can be energized to make a difference and take an interest in their government. I believe in equal wages, quality healthcare for everyone that is affordable and less benefit for corporation and elitist. I support environmental protections and fight against social injustice. I am running for School Board to bring the community voice to the board. Every voice matters no matter how small.

ANSWER 1: The success of the Preschool Promise will ensure that your youngest learners have a solid foundation which to build upon and as a School Board member I will attend meetings and share my observations and findings with the community and CPS Administration to keep all informed as to the progress and usage of our levy money and the community perspectives.

ANSWER 2: Parents camping out to get their children enrolled in a magnet school is unfair and promotes continued educational disparities. I am happy that the magnet school enrollment process has been changed to a lottery system. I support a lottery or other measures that ensures the diversity of a school is reflective of our neighborhood communities. Diversity is not simply racial but also socio-economic, gender, learning style, abilities, etc.

ANSWER 3: School Board members are elected officials representing the interests of the communities. I see part of my role as communication liaison to be responsible to distribute information in both directions. My role is not to shape opinions but to provide the information and understanding of information so that citizens can make informed decisions on their own and have an opportunity to share their perspective with the School Board member via my representation and presence on the board.

Mike Moroski

OCCUPATION: Executive Director of UpSpring - our mission is to empower children experiencing homelessness by providing opportunities for education and enrichment.

EXPERIENCE: PAST: Teacher, Ass’t Principal, Trustee at Drop Inn Center, Board Chair of WordPlay PRESENT: Executive Director of UpSpring, Member of Cincinnati Human Services Committee, Trustee on SWORWIB, Mentor at Oyler School, Member of Hand Up Steering Com

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: My political philosophy is that the word “representative” in a representative Democracy is important. Democracy is a two-way street, a Team sport. Only when electeds realize and embrace this will real & significant change occur in our society. As an elected representative on the board of education I will be accessible to all of my constituents so as to create a culture of accountability in my office. Democracy works better when we all participate.

ANSWER 1: I have existing relationships with key stakeholders at Cincinnati Preschool Promise (CPP) and am uniquely positioned to serve as a bridge between CPS and CPP. I will work with CPS administration the same way that I will work with CPP in that I will ensure that the dollars are spent the way as promised. Furthermore, I will strive to ensure that EVERY child in this city have access to two years of quality preschool. Truly, that is the goal of CPP and one for which we should all strive.

ANSWER 2: Every parent should have to visit the school that they think may be a good fit for their child. Visits to schools need to be made accessible and at various times. Once a parent visits then they receive a number to enter the online lottery. CPS and the public library (or other public entity like CRC) need to have “open computer hours” so that computer access does not become a barrier to participation. The current system is more equitable than the campouts, but only if everyone can participate.

ANSWER 3: As a member of a unitary board it is not my place to attend events and speak on behalf of the board. However, I am more than able of attending community meetings (community council, LSDMCs, etc.) and listen to the thoughts, complaints, and ideas of citizens. And I will. As noted above, Democracy is a two-way street and elected officials need to go TO citizens to hear from them. Only by being accessible will I be able to be a good liaison to the CPS administration.

Kathy Young

OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher from Cincinnati Public Schools as well as a teacher in both Suburban Schools and Public Charter Schools

EXPERIENCE: Designated Lead Teacher, Case Coordinator, Direct Instruction Coordinator, TIC Teacher in Charge.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: My political philosophy is that government does what we cannot do for ourselves and provides equal protection under the law. To its capacity to do so government works to expand opportunity to the greatest number of us in order to make the American Dream a reality for every individual who assumes personal responsibility for their well being. The government entity most able to widen and deepen opportunity is the American Public School System and elected school boards lead that effort.

ANSWER 1: I have concerns that the public may not fully understand the roles and relationships between CPS and Cincinnati Preschool Promise. As a CPS Board Member, I will insist on the full implementation of the Master Agreement by our CPS Superintendent and Treasurer. I will demand monthly financial reports from both the CPS Early Childhood Department and the Preschool Promise Administrators. I will be persistent in my oversight so that all decisions are made transparently in accordance with CPS Policies.

ANSWER 2: I believe it has become more equitable because, like most school districts, CPS is now using a lottery system accessible to all. That is far fairer than a camp out that prohibited many residents from participating. Like everything at CPS it could be made better with deeper communication, simpler directions and authentic community engagement. As a proud Walnut Alum, I value our magnet system, but believe very strongly that the District’s new emphasis on its neighborhood schools is long overdue.

ANSWER 3: The Administration and staff are the education experts and for the most part should be left to do the work of educating our students. However they are not the experts in what the community wants and believes it needs. The community owns its public schools. It is the job of board members to represent and advocate for those owners. The board must engage the community, nurture partnerships and set community standards by which the certified and classified staff members carry out the boards vision.
MEMBERS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – HAMILTON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD

4-YEAR TERM. SALARY: $125 PER MEETING

RESPONSIBILITIES: Provides professional special educational auxiliary services that school districts may contract to purchase. These Contract services are used by districts in Hamilton County and by some districts in Butler County. Five Governing Board members are elected to four-year staggered terms. The superintendent and CEO is appointed.

QUESTIONS:
Each candidate was asked:
1. What are your qualifications for office? (250 character limit)
2. If elected, what will be your top 3 priorities? (500 character limit)

3 TO BE ELECTED – 4-YEAR TERM

Melody Staudt Dargis
Candidate has not responded

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Bill Ferguson, Jr.
OCCUPATION: Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Ohio University

EXPERIENCE: 30-plus years at 6 newspapers, including The Cincinnati Enquirer (most recently Page One editor); current member of the Hamilton County Board of Education; served as Finance Committee Chair for the Hamilton County Education Service Center

Educational Service Center governing board and the Great Oaks Career Campuses board of directors

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: Boards of education are nonpartisan

ANSWER 1: Hamilton Co. Educational Service Center board member since 2009. Spend considerable time at meetings and workshops to stay abreast of issues facing our education system and the ESC. As a career journalist, I have a strong knowledge of government.

ANSWER 2: The ESC helps school districts reduce their costs through shared services. We have no taxing authority (no levies). Our budget is dependent on fees for services to the schools we serve, both public and private. Priorities: Maintain high-quality services at reasonable cost for the districts, all geared toward student success. Expand services to help districts manage the constant changes in the education landscape. Ensure that the ESC provides cutting-edge solutions to issues facing districts.

Sandy R. Harrod
Candidate has not responded

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Tim Wagner
Candidate has not responded

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When Candidates were given a choice to make a party designation, these are the abbreviations: (D) Democrat, (R) Republican

CITY OF BLUE ASH
Member Council at Large: at Large A, (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Lee E. Czernowka, Robert R. Ryan; at Large B, (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Tom Adamec

Member Council by Ward: Ward 1, (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Linda E. Bauer; Ward 2, (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Joe Leet, Stephanie Stoller; Ward 3, (1 to be elected) 2 year term: John P. Dillon, Pranmod S. Jhaveri; Ward 4, (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Robert J. Buckman, Jr., Jeff Capell; Ward 5, (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Marc Sirkin

CITY OF CHEVIOT
President of Council (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Mark G. Waters (R)

Treasurer (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Steve Brown (D), Joseph L. Pahls (R)

Law Director (1 to be elected) unexpired term ending 12/31/2019: Kimberlee Rohr (D), Deborah M. Slaughter (R)

Member Council by Ward: Ward 1, (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Ward 1, John J. Bostic (D), Donald T. Dinkelacker (R), Anne Uchtman (D); Ward 3, Jim Sunderhaus; Ward 4, Alana Tucker (R)

CITY OF DEER PARK
President of Council (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Joseph W. Conner

Treasurer (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Angela Tegenkamp Chachoff (R), Steve Todd

CITY OF MADEIRA
Member Council at Large (4 to be elected) 4 year term: Matt Luther, Brian Mueller, Nancy Spencer, Traci Bayer Theis

CITY OF MILFORD
Member Council at Large (3 to be elected) 4 year term: Amy Brewer, Kim Chamberland, Lisa Evans, Miles Miller

CITY OF MONTGOMERY
Member Council at Large (4 to be elected) 4 year term: Laith Alfaqih, Lee Ann Bissmeyer, Chris Dobrozsi, Lynda Roesch, Ken Suer

CITY OF MT. HEALTHY
President of Council (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Ross Bittner (R)

CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL
Member Council at Large (4 to be elected) 4 year term: Kisha Dosa (D), Denise A. Lingo (D), Jennifer D. Moody (R), Robert Parsons (R)

CITY OF NORTH LAKE HILL
President of Council (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Tracie Nichols, Mary Jo Zorb

CITY OF NORTH COFFEE HILL
Member Council at Large (4 to be elected) 4 year term: Amber Bailey, Mary Dewald, Patrick Hartzel, Dennis Jones, Matt Wahlert, Larry Williams

CITY OF NORWOOD
President of Council (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Donna M. Laake (R), Michael Mayfield (D)

Treasurer (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Timothy W. Molony (D), Andrew W. Clark (R), Jason C. Miller, Val Nice Orza (R), Maddie Regan, Eric Thompson (D)

Member Council by Ward (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Ward 1, Brandon Blair (R), Leslie Stevenson (D); Ward 2, Marilyn Hanson (D), Victor Schneider (R); Ward 3, Joseph W. Sanker (D); Ward 4, John Breden (R)

CITY OF ROADSIDE
President of Council (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Cris Nesbitt (R)

Treasurer (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Melvin T. Gertz (R)

Member Council at Large (3 to be elected) 2 year term: Robert J. Ashbrock (R), Randolph Fischesser (R), Donald H. Lindeman (R), Connie Smith

Member Council by Ward (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Ward 1, Tim Cox; Ward 2, Anthony J. Gertz (R); Ward 3, Tom Lynd (R); Ward 4, Dennis E. Albrinck (R)

CITY OF SHARONVILLE
(Includes Butler County)
President of Council (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Vickie Hoppe (R)

Treasurer (1 to be elected) 4 year term: Kurt Irey (R)

Member Council at Large (3 to be elected) 2 year term: Sue Knight, Charles Lippert (R), Mike Wilson (R)

Member Council by Ward (1 to be elected) 2 year term: Ward 1, Shayok Dutta (R); Ward 2, Dave Koch (R); Ward 3, Paul J. Schmidt (R); Ward 4, Robert D. Tankersley (R)
Why should you vote? A single vote is impactful.

The simple numbers show how you can take the power of the vote back. How important is a single vote?

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When you choose NOT to vote, you give more clout to every vote that is recorded.

INFORMATION ON VOTING FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

This Voter Guide identifies write-in candidates by placing (Write-In) next to the candidate’s name. When voting in person, a list of certified Write-In candidates is available at each polling location. To view the write-in list of candidates, the voter must ask a Precinct Election Official (PEO) to view the list. To vote for a Write-In candidate, completely darken the box to left of the blank line on the ballot and Write-In the candidate’s name as it appears on the write-in list. If requested, the PEO may instruct the voter on how to proceed with voting for a write-in candidate. The PEO will not allow the write-in list to leave the precinct table.

When voting absentee, a Hamilton County voter can access the certified write-in candidates from the Hamilton County Board of Elections website at boe.hamilton-co.org ; Click on the Elections/November 2017 Election tab; then click on the Candidates and Issues List, which produces a pdf file. Write-In candidates are identified by (Write-In) following the candidate’s name, or scroll down to the full list of all Write-In candidates.

Voters may also call the Hamilton County Board of Elections at 632-7000.
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ISSUE 1 RIGHTS FOR CRIME VICTIMS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION To repeal and replace the existing language in Section 10a of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would expand the rights of victims under the current Section 10a and require that the rights of victims be protected as vigorously as the rights of the accused. More specifically, for the purpose of ensuring due process, respect, fairness, and justice for crime victims and their families in the criminal and juvenile justice systems, the amendment would provide victims with:

- the right to privacy and to be treated with respect, fairness, and dignity;
- the right to information about the rights and services available to crime victims;
- the right to notification in a timely manner of all proceedings in the case;
- the right to be present and heard at all court proceedings, including the right to petition the court to protect the victim’s rights;
- the right to a prompt conclusion of the case;
- to refuse discovery requests made by the accused, except as authorized by Article I, Section 10 of the Ohio constitution;
- the right to reasonable protection from the accused;
- the right to notice of the release or escape of the accused; and
- the right to restitution.

The proposed amendment would not establish a cause of action for damages or compensation against the state or any political subdivision.

If approved, the amendment will be effective 90 days after the election.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED? □ YES □ NO

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect 90 days after Election Day.

EXPLANATION: Crime Victims’ Bill of Rights Issue 1 (Marsy’s Law) will alter the state constitution to significantly expand the rights of victims in Ohio. The law would ensure that crime victims have a meaningful role throughout criminal and juvenile justice systems. It would provide crime victims with specific constitutional rights, including the right to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim’s safety, dignity, and privacy; to be notified about and present at proceedings; to be heard at proceedings involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole of the accused; to a prompt conclusion of the case; to reasonable protection from the accused; to be notified about release or escape of the accused; to refuse an interview or deposition; to refuse an interview or deposition; to receive restitution from the individual who committed the criminal offense.

Marsy’s Law is named after Marsy Nicholas, a California college student who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. One week after her death, her mother and brother Henry walked into a grocery store where they saw the accused murderer. The family had 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 governing entity (County Commissioners, City Council, 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.

**CE:** Current Expenses

**COE:** Current Operating Expenses

**CPT:** Continued Period of Time

**EMS:** Emergency Medical Services

**JEDZ:** Joint Economic Development Zone

**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 to 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.

**SPECIAL DISTRICT:** State law authorizes the creation of a special district to serve a specific governmental purpose in response to a need not offered already within the boundaries of an existing governmental unit. A separate law authorizes each special district which is established by a resolution of the local government(s) which delineates its powers and responsibilities. A special district operates under an independent Board, separate from local government, and has its own budget and means of financing.

**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.

### ISSUE 1

To enact Chapter 194 of the Ohio Revised Code, which would:

1. Require the State of Ohio, including its state departments, agencies and entities, to not pay more for prescription drugs than the price paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Establish that the individual petitioners responsible for proposing the law have a direct and personal stake in defending the law; require the State to pay petitioners’ reasonable attorney fees and other expenses; require the petitioners to pay $10,000 to the State if the law is held by a court to be unenforceable and limit petitioners’ personal liability to that amount; and require the Attorney General to defend the law if challenged in court.

#### SHALL THE PROPOSED LAW BE ADOPTED?

- **YES**
- **NO**

**EXPLANATION:** The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act Issue 2 would limit the amount the state and state agencies could pay for prescription drugs. This Act is designed to restrict the amount that any state agency could pay for drugs, tying it to the price paid by the VA. The VA negotiates drug prices with companies and typically pays 20 to 24 percent less than other agencies for prescription drugs. Specifically, it would forbid state agencies to enter into any purchasing agreement with drug manufacturers unless the net cost of the drug is the same or less than that paid by the VA.

State agencies would not be allowed to pay more than the VA pays for a particular medication. These state agencies include, but are not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (the program for people with low incomes or disabilities).

The bill will only impact those who receive drugs paid for by the VA, not those with any other type of coverage. If adopted, the proposed statute would affect only those associated with the above mentioned state agencies - roughly 4 million Ohioans. The Act would not apply to those who use private insurance, Medicare, or other non-state-provided coverage - approximately 7 million Ohioans.

**ARGUMENTS FOR THE LAW:**

1. Drug costs are the main driver of rising health care cost. There is an urgent need to control costs while maintaining access to needed medications.
2. Too many Ohioans must choose between the basic necessities of life and paying for their medications.
3. There is an indirect benefit to taxpayers as the state would save an estimated $536 million per year on drugs. This could free up some substantial money that the state could use for other programs.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE LAW:**

1. The Act does not define some important terms, such as “drug,” “state,” “ultimate payer,” and “net cost.”
2. The Act does not address pricing of drugs that are not purchased by the VA and creates costly, complex purchasing arrangements.
3. Pharmaceutical companies might respond to passage of the Act by a) negating existing discounts and rebates, b) raising prescription prices charged to non-covered entities and individuals, and/or c) raising prices charged to the VA.

**PROPOSITIONS:** Yes on Issue 2, also known as Ohio Taxpayers for Lower Drug Prices, is leading the campaign in support of the initiative. http://yesonissue2.com/

**OPPOSITIONS:** No on Issue 2, also known as Ohioans Against the Deceptive Rx Ballot Issue, is leading the campaign in opposition to the initiative http://www.deceptivenixissue.org/

### ISSUE 2

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) HAMILTON COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of SUPPLEMENTING THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE OPERATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, FINANCING, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES at a rate not exceeding two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-nine and nine-tenths cents ($0.299) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

- **FOR THE TAX LEVY**
- **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

**EXPLANATION:** This proposed five year property tax levy is a renewal of an existing property tax levy for funding mental health and recovery services and facilities. The levy totals 2.99 mills for each one dollar valuation, which amounts to twenty-nine and nine-tenths cents (0.299) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for five years beginning in 2017 and first due in calendar year 2018. The tax will generate estimated revenue of $34,858,850 per year ($1,822 million over the five-year levy period) and cost the owner of a $100,000 home an estimated $48.51 per year, about the same as the current annual cost. The

### ISSUE 3

To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law

**PROPOSED INITIATIVE PETITION TO ENACT CHAPTER 194 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE**

A majority yes vote is necessary for the law to pass.
The levy was placed on the ballot by the Hamilton County Commissioners.

WHAT WILL THE LEVY DO: If approved, the levy will continue to provide funds for the operation of mental health programs for Hamilton County’s Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services District for the years 2018 through 2022. Because State law prohibits MHRSB from direct service delivery, MHRSB currently disburses the vast majority of Mental Health Levy funds through annual contracts with 25 behavioral health organizations certified by the State of Ohio that offer a variety of mental health services to adults and children.

The Board’s primary target client populations are adults who are severely mentally disabled, children who are severely emotionally disabled, adults who are dually diagnosed with substance abuse and mental illness, and both children and adults with mental health needs who are in the criminal justice systems. As resources allow, MHRSB provides mental health services for those adults and children having a less severe need. In Calendar Year 2015, programs and services funded by MHRSB were provided to an estimated 23,417 children and adults. Over the course of the last five-year levy period, the number of clients served has declined. This decline is believed to be due to Ohio’s Medicaid expansion and reflects the transitioning of existing MHRSB-funded clients who gained Medicaid eligibility. There is currently no waiting list for services.

The services most in demand included: Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment services, Counseling, and Residential Treatment and Housing. Talbert House and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services continued to receive the most significant share of levy funds.

The MHRSB total budget for the current year (CY 2017) is $64.460,963 with 80% of that revenue coming from the Mental Health Levy. About 12% of the board’s revenue comes from State funding and lesser amounts come from Federal grants and other sources. Seventy-four percent of the total MHRSB funds in CY 2017 are for mental health services.

BACKGROUND: The MHRSB is the product of the 2006 merger of two prior boards: the Mental Health Board and the Board of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS). MHRSB is governed by a 14-member board of trustees, eight of whom are appointed by the Hamilton County Commissioners and six by the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

A consultant was hired by the County to review the MHRSB’s operation and use of Mental Health Levy funds. The current Mental Health Levy Funds accounted for approximately $174 million of the MHRSB revenues during the levy period 2013-2017. By year-end 2017 it is anticipated the levy reserve will have grown to approximately $22.3 million.

While overall funding for MHRSB has varied during the levy period due to changes in other revenue sources, levy money has been fairly consistent. In some years, MHRSB was forced to reduce expenditures, which involved reducing provider contracts. Since 2015, expenditures have increased and in 2017 may surpass 2013 expenditures. This increase in expenditures has been absorbed via the levy fund balance.

MHRSB’s levy renewal request asks for no increase in funding. It does allow for a 3% annual increase to salaries and benefits, plus a small one-time adjustment to provider contracts in the third year of the levy which would increase expenditures by about $3.1 million over the levy period. All other sources and uses of funds are projected to remain constant. Overall, MHRSB would spend down much of the current levy balance, taking it to $5.5 million.

Changes and/or replacement of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and potential changes to Ohio’s Medicaid program could impact insurance coverage. Ohio’s redesign of behavioral health services, moving to managed care arrangements, will require local resources to revise management and data systems. Any of these changes could increase the need for local funding support for mental health services.

As of 2012, Ohio Medicaid-funded programs for mental health services are administered by the Ohio Department of Mental Health. Changes to the Ohio Medicaid program could shift state funding priorities and increase reliance on local funds to cover the needs of uninsured and underinsured individuals. MHRSB attempts to ensure that levy funding is never used to pay for services that can be reimbursed with Medicaid funds.

The Tax Levy Review Committee (TLRC) reviewed the Mental Health levy and recommended renewal with no increase in funding. The TLRC found that the MHRSB has been a good steward over the monies provided to it through levy funds, and has tried within its means to provide the best service, at the best cost, with the maximum impact to consumers of its contracted agencies funded through the levy. MHRSB is anticipating a funding deficit and will need to use up to $16.8 million of its levy fund balance to support the Board’s future costs within the upcoming levy cycle. The TLRC agreed with the consultant’s recommendation that the MHRSB must be vigilant in monitoring its use of levy carry over funds within the next budget cycle in order to maintain adequate reserves.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE LEVY
The Mental Health Levy is a renewal and will not increase taxes. It provides necessary mental health services to Hamilton County residents who are not covered by insurance or other government programs.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE LEVY
Taxes are too high and need to be reduced. Hamilton County property owners cannot afford this level of funding for mental health services.

ISSUE 4
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) HAMILTON COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of supplementing the general fund to provide health and hospitalization services, including university hospital, now known as University of Cincinnati Medical Center at a rate not exceeding four and seven-hundredths (4.07) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty and seven-tenths cents ($0.407) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

EXPLANATION: The Health and Hospitalization levy (also called the Indigent Care levy) has been in place since May 1966 to provide health care services to low income residents of Hamilton County. This levy is a renewal of an existing levy adopted in 1949 to provide health and hospitalization services at a rate of 4.07 mills on residential and commercial property for five years beginning in 1971.

The proposed levy would raise approximately $38 million per year for medically indigent residents of Hamilton County at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center (UCMC) and Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CHMC) and county services for indigent care.

It will cost the owner of a $100,000 home approximately $50.26 per year, which is the same amount paid currently. Against the recommendation of the citizen-run Tax Levy Review Committee (TLRC), who recommended that this levy be adjusted for inflation by increasing the millage from 4.07 to 4.32, the Hamilton County Commissioners voted to maintain current millage for this levy with no adjustment for inflation. The levy was placed on the ballot by the Commissioners following a review by the TLRC.

WHAT THE LEVY WILL DO: The Health and Hospitalization levy would provide funds for low income county residents at UCMC, CHMC and certain indigent care programs. Residents of Hamilton County who are at or below the Federal Poverty Level and who are eligible for Medicaid would be eligible for levy-funded health and hospitalization services.

The levy would provide about $13.4 million to UCMC and about $4.4 million to CHMC per year for the next five years. Both hospitals have active programs to identify insurance coverage for uninsured patients and help patients obtain coverage where available.

Hamilton County Tax Levy Review Committee

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners proposes tax levies to support certain public services. The proposed levies go before the electorate for approval. If approved, the levies appear on the tax bill for Hamilton County property owners.

The Commissioners appoint a citizen Tax Levy Review Committee (TLRC) to study levy requests and to advise the Commissioners whether a levy should appear on the ballot, the appropriate size and duration for each levy; and terms and conditions that should be inserted into contracts.

Prior to the placement of each levy on the ballot, the TLRC engages a consultant to review finances and programs funded by the levy and holds public hearings. At the completion of its review, the TLRC sends a written report of findings and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners make the final decision regarding the levy that is placed before the voters.

If a levy is approved by voters, the TLRC is responsible for conducting a mid-term performance review to see that budget targets and contractual obligations are being met.

For more information about TLRC, including membership, levy procedures and reviews, see www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/open_hamilton_county/projects/tax_levy_review_committee
The levy would also provide funding for non-hospital medical services, including:

HAMILTON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER - The majority of direct inmate medical services take place at the justice Center. Costs for inmate emergency, hospital, or nursing home admissions are covered by levy funds.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - Security for the Admissions Section, Health Services Section, and Psychiatric Unit of the Justice Center and the 1617 Reading Road facility is provided by the Sheriff's Department.

JUVENILE COURT - The costs of medical services for youth offenders are also funded by this levy. The Youth Center contracts with CHMC on-site medical services.

ALTERNATIVE INTERVENTIONS FOR WOMEN - This program provides court-ordered services for women involved in the criminal justice system who have mental health and substance abuse disorders. In 2016, approximately 68% of the program’s funding came from this levy.

HOMELESS HEALTHCARE COORDINATION - Strategies to End Homelessness, an organization that coordinates agencies that shelter and service people experiencing homelessness, is supported by this levy. Funds would support costs related to on-site medical and behavioral health care and case management.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITABLE PHARMACY - Individuals who do not have insurance coverage and cannot afford their medications can seek pharmaceutical care here.

OFF THE STREETS - This program coordinates housing and recovery services to assist women with histories of sex trafficking and exploitation.

HAMILTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT - The Court incurs expenses related to mental illness or intellectual disability hearings for those who are indigent and alleged to have mental health issues. Expenses are partially funded by this levy and include attorney, doctor and sheriff fees; deputy clerk and magistrate fees; court filing, docketing and indexing fees; and the costs of forms prepared for those hearings.

MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD - The largest cost incurred by the Board is for alcohol and drug abuse services provided by a comprehensive network of eight to ten prevention and treatment service provider agencies. Contracted services provided to indigent residents paid for by this levy include assessment, individual counseling, case management, crisis intervention, group counseling, intensive outpatient, laboratory urinalysis, medication, room and board, residential treatment, and detoxification.

HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH (HCPH) - With a staff of more than 90, including sanitaritians, health educators, and nurses, HCPH strives to prevent disease and injury, promote wellness, and protect people from environmental hazards. HCPH is requesting funds to support a comprehensive harm reduction-blood borne infectious disease prevention program in the face of the dramatic climb in opiate overdoses and reported hepatitis B and C infections among Hamilton County residents since 2010. HCPH also requests funding for a new dental coordinator position, responsible for creating a Hamilton County Oral Health Coalition and engaging the dental community and others in addressing the need for dental care among various populations in Hamilton County. HCPH requests continued levy support of its tuberculosis control program.

HAMILTON COUNTY HEROIN COALITION - The Coalition is committed to reaching its goal of addressing the immediate and long-term opiate and heroin epidemic through prevention and public education efforts, increased and improved access to treatment, harm reduction practices to reduce the number of fatal overdoses and their consequences, and controlling the supply of heroin and opiates available. Hamilton County has experienced a 360% increase in the number of individuals under treatment for opioid use from 2010 to 2015.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE LEVY
This is a renewal levy that will not increase taxes. It allows two local hospitals to offer services to low-income county residents, and it funds necessary health programs, including programs that address the opioid epidemic.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE LEVY
Taxes are too high a burden for Hamilton County property owners and need to be reduced. Over the years this levy has become a convenient funding source for miscellaneous programs with any relation to health.

ISSUE 5
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND INCREASE) HAMILTON COUNTY
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of one and twenty-nine hundredths mills (1.29) of an existing levy and an increase of thirty-one hundredths mill (0.31), to constitute a tax for the benefit of the County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of supplementing the general fund to provide or maintain senior citizens services or facilities, including a system of home care through the Council on Aging or other service provider(s) for elderly residents, including but not limited to: housekeeping, personal care, respite services (for caregivers), home repair/maintenance, medical transportation, adult day care, home delivered meals, chore services, legal counseling, adult protective services and durable medical equipment at a rate not exceeding one and six-tenths (1.6) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to sixteen cents ($0.16) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

EXPLANATION: This proposed property tax levy is a renewal of an existing levy (1.29 mills) and an increase of 0.31 mills for a total levy of 1.6 mills. The levy, if approved by voters, would continue to provide or maintain senior citizens services or facilities, including a system of home care through the Council on Aging or other service provider(s) for the elderly Hamilton County residents not eligible to receive federal or state funded services.

The levy is for five years commencing in 2017, first due in 2018. The levy will produce an estimated annual revenue of $25,658,525 per year which will cost the owner of a $100,000 market value house $40.25. That is an increase of $10.85 a year over the current levy. The Hamilton County Commissioners placed the levy on the ballot.

WHAT THE LEVY WILL DO: If approved, this levy will provide funds for the Council on Aging, Adult Protective Services and Veteran Services Board.

This levy will produce funds for the Council on Aging (COA) which provides the vast amount of senior services supported through this levy. Through this levy COA funds Hamilton County’s Elderly Services Program to provide services for individuals not eligible to receive federal or state funded services. It helps seniors remain independent in their homes. The Elderly Services Program (ESP) is the core of the Senior Services levy which receives 92% of the funds and provides over 90% of the programs. Primary services provided include: home care assistance which includes: caregiver respite, companion, homemaking and personal care; emergency response systems; home modifications; home delivered meals; case management; transportation.

In 2016, COA provided 5,797 County residents with services through this program at an average monthly cost of $367 per person. If that same person was in a nursing home and on Medicaid, the cost to taxpayers would be approximately $4,000 per month. Of the total clients served, 72% are women, more than half lived alone and more than 40% of clients are over the age of 80. Clients are people of modest means with an average income of $19,596 per year and out-of-pocket medical expenses averaging nearly $3,000 per year. High demand and limited funding had previously resulted with waiting lists for enrollment.

Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services (JFS) also receives Senior Services levy funding for the operation of Adult Protective Services. JFS provides state mandated adult protective services, investigating cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation of persons over age 60.

The Hamilton County Veterans Services Board administers assistance to eligible veterans and dependents. Ohio law requires the county commissioners fund a lawful budget request from the Veterans Board within a limit established by law. The Veterans Board receives minimal funding from the levy.

BACKGROUND: The ESP has been funded with a property tax levy since 1992. The last millage increase for the Senior Service Levy was ten years ago. Following the 2012 levy renewal, the Elderly Services Program was in a deficit spending position that projected a $90,000 loss. Elderly Services controlled the program so they did not run into deficit spending. To reduce costs the COA undertook restructuring of the program that included prioritizing clients’ needs and developing a waiting list. There is no waiting list currently.

COA requested an increased renewal levy. The levy today generates $2 million less than it did in 2008. The Tax Levy Review Committee (TLRC) recommended that the tax levy be renewed at the current rate of 1.29 mills ($19.4 million a year) for a shorter 3-year period and then be reviewed again. In its report, the TLRC agreed with consultant findings that the Elderly Services Program provides high quality, cost effective social services for a vulnerable and growing segment of Hamilton County. The consultants noted that the number of seniors in Hamilton County is increasing approximately 5.8% per year with an increasing number of elderly in the 80-90 year age range.

The Hamilton County Commissioners placed a proposed increased levy renewal on the ballot because of the increased population and decrease in funds. In doing so, it referenced additional programs that could be funded by the levy: Homeless Respite Care, Visiting Nurses Program, and a Health University Initiative operated by the nonprofit Center for Closing the Health Gap.

Regarding the new programs; each provider is vetted and accountability is considered when selecting a provider for a service during a competitive bidding process. These programs
were originally researched under the Indigent Care Levy. Any programs funded by the Senior Services Levy must serve seniors only. Lastly COA will bid services where there is an unmet need for seniors.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE LEVY
Programs to keep seniors in their homes and out of nursing homes reduce overall spending and improve quality of life. The population of seniors and the need for services are increasing while the Council on Aging has had to cut services in recent years because of lagging revenue.

If the levy fails, the Council on Aging would have to close the Elderly Services Program which served over 5,000 Hamilton County residents last year.

Hamilton County lags behind other counties in our region in funding for senior services.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE LEVY
There is confusion about the three programs proposed by the County Commissioners for funding under this levy.

This levy would increase taxes for property owners in Hamilton County.

ISSUE 6
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
CITY OF DEER PARK

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Deer Park, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of CURRENT EXPENSES at a rate not exceeding six and nine-tenths (6.9) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to sixty-nine cents ($0.69) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 7
PROPOSED ELECTRIC AGGREGATION
CITY OF HARRISON

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the City of Harrison have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the City of Harrison, 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 8
PROPOSED NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION
CITY OF HARRISON

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the City of Harrison have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the City of Harrison, 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 9
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)
CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the City of North College Hill, County of Hamilton, Ohio, 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 FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION 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, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF OTHER RELATED COSTS AND TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FOR PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT OR PART-TIME POLICE TO OPERATE THE SAME at a rate not exceeding three and five-tenths (3.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-five cents ($0.35) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 10
SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ON SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUOR
PRECINCT WYOMING D

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this Wyoming D for consumption on the premises where sold between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday?

☐ YES ☐ NO

ISSUE 11
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) VILLAGE OF CLEVES

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Cleves, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of THE PAYMENT OF SAFETY 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, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF OTHER RELATED COSTS AND TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE VILLAGE OF CLEVES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FOR PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT OR PART-TIME POLICE TO OPERATE THE SAME at a rate not exceeding three and five-tenths (3.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-five cents ($0.35) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 12
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Golf Manor, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES at a rate not exceeding four (4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty cents ($0.40) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 13
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Greenhills, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES at a rate not exceeding three and eighty-nine hundredths (3.89) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-eight and nine-tenths cents ($0.389) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 14
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) VILLAGE OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Lincoln Heights, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES 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 a continuing period of time, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

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For information on the organization of Hamilton County government and who provides what services see KNOW HAMILTON COUNTY, an online publication of the League of Women Voters.

http://www.lwvcincinnati.org/knowhamiltoncounty.html
**BALLOT ISSUES**

**ISSUE 15**  
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)  
VILLAGE OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Lincoln Heights, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS OR SITES THEREFOR, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH, OR THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.33 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 four (4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty cents ($0.40) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY  
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**ISSUE 16**  
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)  
VILLAGE OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Lincoln Heights, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, OTHER EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS, AND SITES FOR SUCH BUILDINGS USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT POLICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.33 OF THE REVISED CODE at a rate not exceeding four (4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty cents ($0.40) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY  
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**ISSUE 17**  
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)  
VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Mariemont, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS at a rate not exceeding three and five-tenths (3.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-five cents ($0.35) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY  
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**ISSUE 18**  
SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ON SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUOR  
PRECINCT TERRACE PARK A  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Birch in Terrace Park, Inc., an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a restaurant at 702 Indian Hill Road, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174 in this precinct?

☐ YES  
☐ NO

**ISSUE 19**  
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)  
VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Woodlawn, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of MAINTAINING AND OPERATING THE WOODLAWN SWIMMING POOL FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES at a rate not exceeding two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty cents ($0.20) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

☐ FOR THE TAX LEVY  
☐ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**ISSUE 20**  
PROPOSED ELECTRIC AGGREGATION  
CROSBY TOWNSHIP  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Crosby Township have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in Crosby Township, 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 21**  
SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ON SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUOR  
PRECINCT MIAMI TWP - G  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this Miami Township G for consumption on the premises where sold between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday?

☐ YES  
☐ NO

**ISSUE 22**  
SPECIAL ELECTION BY PETITION LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ON SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUOR  
PRECINCT MIAMI TWP - G  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this Miami Township G for consumption on the premises where sold between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods and services exceeds fifty per cent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises?

☐ YES  
☐ NO

**ISSUE 23**  
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Springfield Township, County of Hamilton, Ohio, 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

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□ FOR THE TAX LEVY
□ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 24
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Cincinnati City School District, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of PROVIDING FOR THE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT in the sum of $51,500,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average eight and forty-three hundredths (8.43) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to eighty-four and nine-tenths cents ($0.849) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019?

□ FOR THE TAX LEVY
□ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

EXPLANATION: At its June 26, 2017 meeting, the Cincinnati Public Schools Board of Education passed a resolution to place this renewal levy on the November, 2017 ballot. They had determined that the renewal was necessary to continue funding the district’s requirements for an additional five years starting in 2019. This levy, 8.43 mills, is a renewal of an existing levy that was first approved by voters in March, 2008 and renewed in November, 2012. Unless it’s approved by voters again, it will expire in December, 2018.

This request is an “emergency” levy, which is a property tax that serves as a limited operating levy for a maximum of five years. If approved, it will yield a specific dollar amount (stated in the ballot request), which must remain constant no matter what happens to property values in the district over the life of the levy. Thus, the millage figure could increase or decrease over time as property values fluctuate, but the number of dollars for the school district would remain at $51.5 million per year. This levy will not raise taxes if approved. The estimated annual cost to a homeowner of a $100,000 home will be $248.28, which is a slight reduction from the current annual cost of $257.12.

WHAT THE LEVY WOULD DO: This renewal levy, if approved by voters, would continue to provide a significant source of operating funds (approximately 9% of the current operating budget) for the Cincinnati Public Schools. The financial requirements of Cincinnati Public Schools, a district of over 35,000 students, are many and varied. Their expenditures include salaries and benefits for all employees, the operation and maintenance of 57 schools in the district, instructional materials (books, digital equipment), and support services such as nurse services, speech pathology, transportation, etc.

Since the initial passage of this levy in 2008, the district has launched several programs that enable students in Grades 6-12 to prepare for a career or college after high school. Additionally, programs have been introduced into 16 neighborhood schools to utilize different approaches to basic learning skills to benefit the students who attend those schools. The district anticipates increased enrollment as a result of these changes and has opened three new schools to meet the increased needs of a larger student population.

ARGUMENTS FOR THE LEVY:
CPS’s financial record is very good. An independent financial review commissioned by business and community leaders in 2016 found that CPS has been fiscally accountable and has made responsible budget reductions in recent years. Without this levy, the district will face severe financial shortfalls that would lead to the types of cuts that will undo much of the progress the district has been able to make in recent years.

The district has been making significant progress academically, and the data reflecting student achievement illustrates improved performance in several areas. Moreover, the district has recorded steady increases in student enrollment over the past 2-3 years. Passage of the levy would lend impetus to these positive trends and allow the district to continue improving.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE LEVY:
The tax burden on property owners is becoming extremely difficult for many to endure. Many homeowners are older citizens whose incomes are fixed and whose needs are increasing. These folks need to see their taxes reduced.

Public schools are required to undertake too many responsibilities for kids that their parents should be taking. We shouldn’t have to pay for services that parents should provide.

(Voters may examine CPS finances by going to their website, cps-k12.org, scrolling to Managing our Finances, clicking on Learn More, and then on OpenGov.)

ISSUE 25
PROPOSED BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY
SOUTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

1. Shall the Southwest Local School District, Counties of Hamilton and Butler, Ohio, be authorized to do the following: Issue bonds for the purpose of NEW CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO SCHOOL FACILITIES, SITE ACQUISITIONS AND PROVIDING EQUIPMENT, FURNISHINGS AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS THEREFOR, in the principal amount of seventy-one million seven hundred thousand dollars ($71,700,000) to be repaid annually over a maximum period of thirty-eight (38) years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period six and forty-nine hundredths (6.49) mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to sixty-four and nine-tenths cents ($0.649) for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018, 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 AND LEVY
□ AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY

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**VOTER CHECKLIST**

**MAYOR – CITY OF CINCINNATI**
1 to be elected
- John Cranley
- Yvette Simpson

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL – CITY OF CINCINNATI**
9 to be elected
- Derek Bauman
- Erica L. Black-Johnson
- Cristina Burcica
- Ozie Davis
- Tamaya Dennard
- Michelle Dillingham
- Tonya Dumas
- Manuel Foggie
- Henry Frondorf
- Brian Garry
- Lesley Jones
- Greg Landsman
- Seth Maney
- David Mann
- Amy Murray
- Jeff Pastor
- Kelli Prather
- Laure Quinlivan
- Chris Seelbach
- P.G. Sittenfeld
- Christopher E.C. Smitherman
- Tamie Sullivan
- Dadrien Washington (Write-In)
- Wendell Young

**MEMBER, BOARD OF EDUCATION – CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**
4 to be elected
- Jacqueline Amos
- Melanie Bates
- David Brenner
- Ericka Copeland-Dansby
- Gary Favors
- Christine Fisher
- Marcia A. Futel
- Renee Hedia
- Ryan Messer
- Daniel Minera
- Kareem Moffett
- Mike Moroski
- Kathy Young

1 to be elected - unexpired term ending
12/31/19
- Tim Wagner

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

**State Issues**
Issue 1 - Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Rights for Crime Victims
- YES
- NO

Issue 2 - Proposed Law - Prescription Drug Costs
- YES
- NO

**County Issues**
Issue 3 - Tax Levy - (Renewal) - Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services District
- FOR TAX LEVY
- AGAINST TAX LEVY

Issue 4 - Tax Levy - (Renewal) - Health and Hospitalization Services
- FOR TAX LEVY
- AGAINST TAX LEVY

Issue 5 - Tax Levy - (Renewal & Increase) Senior Services
- FOR TAX LEVY
- AGAINST TAX LEVY

**Cincinnati School District**
Issue 24 Cincinnati Sch Dist - Tax Levy - (Renewal) Emergency Requirements
- FOR TAX LEVY
- AGAINST TAX LEVY

**SUBURBAN CITY CANDIDATES**
FILL IN YOUR CHOICES

**VILLAGE/TOWNSHIP CANDIDATES**
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**LOCAL ISSUES**

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**5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ON ELECTION DAY**

1. **GO TO THE RIGHT PLACE** Poll locations can change. Be sure to locate your polling place before you go to vote. Check www.VOTE411.org or contact the elections office or board of elections for your county, city or state.

2. **BRING I.D.** You may need to show I.D. at the polling place. To be safe, bring your driver’s license or another photo I.D. In some places, a current utility bill, paycheck or other document that includes your name and street address may also work.

3. **GET A BALLOT** Don’t panic if you registered to vote but your name is not on the list. Get help from a poll worker to make sure your vote is counted. You should be given a provisional ballot or given directions to another polling place.

4. **GET HELP** Poll workers are there to help you. They’ll show you how to use the voting machine or give you a provisional ballot if you need one. Ask, or read the signs at your polling place, which have instructions, list your voting rights and say how to file a complaint.

5. **STAY AND VOTE** You probably won’t have to wait too long. But even if the line is long, don’t leave without voting. The outcome of this election will be important!