

Ohio Farm Bureau AGGPAC ELECTION GUIDE



Looking for the candidates who have been named a Friend of Agriculture? Look for this check mark.





Every election is important, but this one will no doubt have quite a bit at stake for Ohio. Our ballots will be filled by candidates vying for 11 state executive offices, highlighted by a race for governor. We also will be deciding the offices of attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer and auditor. Add to that a United States senator, 15 members of Congress, 17 Ohio senators and 99 Ohio House seats and it is easy to see that, as voters, we have our work cut out for us.

Voters also will be choosing two justices and a chief justice for the Ohio Supreme Court. With the recent attempts by outside groups to increasingly use the court system to attack agriculture and our way of life, it is imperative that those we elect provide consistency and predictability for our farms rather than legislate from the bench.

Your Farm Bureau has been working diligently throughout this very challenging election season to vet candidates, asking them the toughest questions that our members have when it comes to how their philosophies line up with the values and priorities of our members and Ohio agriculture as a whole.

The result of that work is this Farm Bureau-AGGPAC Election Guide. It is designed to serve as an introduction to the people hoping to gain our trust and earn our vote. We need to be fully aware that once these candidates represent us at the federal, state and local level, they will have a direct impact on every aspect of our lives. This guide can help you determine the right choices for your family, job, business, farm and community. Use it to your advantage.

Pay close attention to who has been selected as a Friend of Agriculture in the congressional races and those for the Ohio Senate and House. You will find an explanation about how the candidates earn this highly desirable recognition. I encourage you to consider this designation in your decision-making process.

This is a lot of information to take in, but we must do our homework and show up at the polls in November with the knowledge to make the best choices for our livelihoods and our future. To find even more detailed responses to questions about rural Ohio's most important issues, visit FarmVotesMatter.org.

Finally, I have noticed something this year that I haven't seen in some time. These candidates are showing more interest in rural Ohio than they have in recent years. As advocates, we need to take advantage of this opportunity to share our stories. This is our chance to convey what helps us succeed and what challenges us from a policy standpoint. Let's talk about what we can do, together with our elected officials, to strengthen our agricultural efforts and, in turn, strengthen our rural communities.

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Bill Patterson
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation President

Five maps, two primaries and a long road to redistricting

One of the most challenging aspects of the general election in Ohio this year actually began in 2015 - redistricting.

A bipartisan campaign that year, which Ohio Farm Bureau supported, created a bipartisan commission to draw maps to meet new districting requirements. The commission was created by an amendment to the Ohio Constitution and was approved by 71% of Ohio voters. It was made up of appointments by Ohio's Senate president, speaker of the House, Senate minority leader and House minority leader, as well as the governor, state auditor and secretary of state.

Every 10 years, U.S. states redraw their congressional and state legislative maps to account for changes in population. The process of redrawing districts for representatives at both the state and national levels was necessary after Ohio lost a congressional seat in the 2010 census.

The first meetings of the commission were held in August 2021 in preparation for the 2022 general election.

A redrawn U.S. congressional map was adopted and the May 3 primary was held as scheduled.

However, the commission submitted redrawn state maps five times for approval by the Ohio Supreme Court. All five times the maps were rejected by the court. Ultimately, the federal government intervened in what had become a partisan standoff on the bipartisan commission. Federal judges ruled that the third map originally submitted by the commission was to be adopted for a period of two years, despite the fact that it, too, was previously declared unconstitutional.

Because of the time it took for a decision to be made on state map redistricting, another primary for state legislators was held Aug. 2.

Our members at Ohio Farm Bureau were then tasked with screening candidates from all open seats throughout Ohio based on the newly approved maps. True to the grassroots nature of our organization, members spent the month of August interviewing and talking with those who will appear on the ballots this fall to decide who will be named a Friend of Agriculture.

Voters can look up their districts for the November's general election at findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov. Election Day is Nov. 8. The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 11, and early voting begins Oct. 12.

* indicates incumbent



JD Vance (R), Senate Candidate



What is the appropriate role of government in assuring Americans continue to have access to a safe, affordable, and abundant food supply?

- Agriculture is one of America's oldest livelihoods: American farmers have sustained our country in prosperous and hard times. Government policies need to support our nation's farmers, not burden them.
- Congress needs to address the current estate tax exemption before its expiration in 2026, especially as the value of farmland soars. Lowering the threshold of the federal estate tax exemption would crush family-run farms and ruin generations of hard work.
- I also want to ensure that Ohio farms are protected by supporting the stepped-up basis tax provision. Future generations must have the ability to continue in their parents' footsteps by taking over their family farm, rather than being forced to sell to cover a sky-high tax bill. There are over 1,500 registered family-owned century farms in the state of Ohio, and sustaining these producers is critical to our state's continued success.

- "I believe in the future of agriculture." It's a time-honored FFA creed that I stand by. Just 2% of Ohioans are farmers, and as that population continues to shrink, it's essential we continue investing in youth programs like 4-H and FFA, to ensure the next generation can achieve as much success as their predecessors. We need to set this generation up for the competitive market well before it's time for them to take over their family farm.
- Congress needs to seriously consider the increase of farm input costs for the 2023 and 2024 growing seasons. I commend Republican congressmen for signing a letter to President Biden urging the executive branch to take any action available to counter the all-time high cost of fertilizer, including increasing natural gas production. This issue is creating distress in the farming community and it should be taken very seriously.

What opportunities for advancement do you see for agriculture and food production in Ohio?

Row-crop production took an early adoption to data collection and precision farming in the agricultural

community. These farmers have access to data and precision agriculture right at their fingertips. I believe, despite the complex market and Ohio's relatively small livestock herds, there is a place for precision agriculture in this sector as well. Without greater access to broadband in rural Ohio, farmers and cattlemen will continue to struggle to take full advantage of tools that benefit livestock health and management. Greater broadband access is vital for the continued success of Ohio agriculture and the conservation of resources.

Many rural Ohioans and Americans do not have access to broadband services, what steps can be taken to better connect our communities?

- Establishing reliable broadband services for rural communities and households is vital for the success of small communities and businesses. Congress needs to invest in rural internet infrastructure so that rural Americans' day-to-day lives and livelihoods are no longer inconvenienced by unreliable internet service.



Tim Ryan (D), Senate Candidate

What is the appropriate role of government in assuring Americans continue to have access to a safe, affordable, and abundant food supply?

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I'm proud to have worked to see that the federal government plays an important role as a partner to the farmers who feed our country. In the Senate, I will continue working to support and sustain agriculture in Ohio, and to expand access to safe, affordable, and abundant food. That includes investing in research and innovation through the USDA and our land grant universities to develop more resilient and productive crops, while also bringing down seed costs and the costs of other inputs and technologies developed with taxpayer dollars. It also means using laws already on the books to prevent consolidation that hurts both producers and consumers, while also passing legislation like the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act, which takes three steps to lower costs for America's families: reduces fertilizer costs in the field to lower food prices in the grocery store, lowers meat and poultry costs by increasing meatpacking competition and capacity, and lowers prices at the pump by making cheaper, cleaner E-15 more available.

Finally, protecting our food supply means making sure our family farmers can continue to thrive from generation to generation, and that young people can pursue a career in agriculture. I've worked to expand programs like the Farm to School Grant, providing local producers with access to local markets while giving students a chance to learn firsthand about agriculture, and support efforts to make higher education more affordable for students pursuing careers in agriculture or who want to stay and work in our rural areas. Finally, our farmers should be able to continue to keep their farms in their families without the fear of being hit with an unaffordable tax burden, which is why I have fought to protect stepped up basis in the House, and will continue to do so in the Senate.

What opportunities for advancement do you see for agriculture and food production in Ohio?

Ohio has always been at the forefront of innovation and agriculture is no exception. In the Senate, I'll continue working to fund agriculture research at Ohio State and other land grant institutions, and to make sure Ohio is at the forefront of fields like bio-based manufacturing and the development, production, and distribution of biofuels.

I also believe our farmers can be valuable partners in the important work of conservation, which is why I am a cosponsor of the Growing Climate Solutions Act that helps create a voluntary system to incentivize sustainable, climate-friendly farming practices, and why in 2017 I introduced the Great Lakes Agricultural Stewardship Act, to create voluntary programs helping farmers reduce the potentially harmful pollutants that are byproducts of agricultural activity.

I also proudly voted for the Inflation Reduction Act, which contains billions of dollars in programmatic funding and tax credits to assist farmers with environmental stewardship and CO2 reduction measures. The bill provides a significant increase in funding for existing conservation programs for sustainable farming practices, funds grants to cover up to 50% of costs to farmers for energy efficiency improvements, and funds a study to maximize carbon sequestration and reduction effects of certain farming practices.



Mike DeWine* (R), Gubernatorial Candidate

What is the main priority of your administration?

We must bring economic prosperity and hope to every part of Ohio. We must improve our economic development efforts in Ohio and focus on every part of the state. To succeed in a tech-focused economy, we are investing substantially in career education, job training, and workforce development. We are closing the digital divide so that all Ohioans have access to high-speed internet services, which will create opportunity for generations.

We must end the devastating opioid epidemic that is killing 15 Ohioans each day, flooding our foster care system with the children of addicts, and costing Ohio \$8 billion each year. I have a 12-point plan of action that includes K-12 drug prevention education in all schools, more resources for law enforcement to fight the Mexican drug cartels, and increased treatment for individuals. This also means investing in mental health. The bottom line is this: Ohioans with untreated addiction and mental illness will remain underemployed and unemployed, and so much potential – for people, for families, for our state – will be lost if we do not take action.

We must continue to improve early childhood education to reach all Ohio children. We need more kids who are

kindergarten-ready and must greatly increase the number of high-performing schools in Ohio. We need to ensure that every kid who graduates is job or college ready. To fail to do that is to fail our children.

What do you see as the main challenges and opportunities for agriculture in Ohio?

Supply chain disruptions and labor shortage facing the agriculture community are adversely impacting capacity and slowing distribution, hurting both consumers and agriculture producers. My administration is working to mitigate these challenges through grant funding and investing in infrastructure.

Additionally, to meet labor demands and upskill Ohio workers, my administration is investing substantially in career education, job training, and workforce development. My administration has funded more than 40,000 tech-focused credentials through the TechCred and IMAP programs, through which Ohioans can earn short-term credentials -- at no cost -- to unlock new career possibilities and rewarding, good-paying job opportunities. My administration is also advancing Ohio's apprenticeship programs to give Ohioans clear paths into high-pay, high-skill careers. Over 19,000 Ohioans

are currently in an apprenticeship, and Ohio is No. 1 in the Midwest and No. 3 nationally for the number of apprentices.

What steps can be taken to prevent food supply disruptions in Ohio?

While food processors continue to see high demand, Ohio's local food supply chains remain strained due to the pandemic, labor shortage and other geo-political factors. My administration is laser focused on mitigating these strains and funding projects that increase capacity, upgrade equipment and offer training.

My office recently set aside \$25 million in grants to strengthen local meat supply chains – the second time it's made that money available after the need for grants far exceeded the initial funding amount. This grant will help meat processors ramp up productivity with the goal that they can increase supply and lower costs for consumers.

My administration will continue to monitor challenges facing food supply, not just for meat, but for other critical food sectors to increase capacity and deliver assistance as needed. This also means ensuring Ohio has sound infrastructure to efficiently transport these essential goods to Ohio communities, which is why I directed \$237 million in federal infrastructure money toward local bridge projects.



Nan Whaley (D) Gubernatorial Candidate

What is the main priority of your administration?

I'm running for governor because I believe Ohio deserves better. For essentially 30 years, we've had one party rule in our state and, during that time, we've watched as Ohio has fallen further and further behind. Our only path forward is a total overhaul - and that's what I am proposing.

My message is pretty simple: I want your pay to go up, your bills to go down, and your government to work for you. That includes raising wages by investing in the jobs of the future, tackling inflation by temporarily suspending the gas tax and cracking down on price gouging, and finally cleaning up corruption at the Statehouse.

This is how we make Ohio a place where one good job is enough, where every community is safe and healthy, and where your kids and grandkids have real opportunities.

What do you see as the main challenges & opportunities for agriculture in Ohio?

Current challenges facing agriculture in Ohio include supply chain issues, land ownership retention, and infrastructure development such as broadband. One of the most pressing challenges facing Ohio farmers has been the supply chain

issues in the wake of the pandemic. From supply bottlenecks, delivery delays, and increased production costs, I know farmers have been significantly impacted by supply chain disruptions.

Another challenge for Ohio agriculture is that a majority of Ohio farmland is rented to farm operators rather than owned by the operator. As metropolitan regions expand outward, new sites for development are often on farmland. With fewer acres of farmland, development pressure rises and drives up both rent and real estate prices. As a result, the price to rent farmland increases. Since most of Ohio's farmland is owned by nonoperator landowners, there must be a strategic effort to ensure Ohio farmers can protect farmland and maintain Ohio's strong position as a top agricultural production state.

In light of these challenges, Ohio's farmers have been resilient and innovative in their business operations. There is an opportunity to advocate for reforms that recognize the diversity of the agricultural industry in the state for farmers to continue their operations. This effort can be furthered by supporting the development of businesses that produce value-added products from locally grown agricultural goods and services.

Finally, I know that broadband development is crucial to the economic viability of Ohio communities. I support initiatives that bring infrastructure and affordable broadband and high speed internet access to unserved and underserved parts of the state. This also includes obtaining resources to rebuild, repair, and modernize transportation infrastructure to improve supply chain logistics. An important initiative of my administration will be to conduct an accurate statewide assessment of broadband connectivity to demonstrate the deep need in rural Ohio to help outline a plan for action.

What steps can be taken to prevent food supply disruptions in Ohio?

Transportation that connects rural communities throughout Ohio are critical to the growth and prosperity of the state. Many residents undertake lengthy commutes both to and from their jobs. Ohioans need access to affordable rural transit for access to health care and other vital services.

With an expanding non-farm population and increased residential development, the long-term viability of farm operations is vulnerable without public policy solutions to promote and preserve local farms.

Chief Justice Candidates



**Sharon L. Kennedy
(R)**

What are the top issues facing the Ohio judicial system, and how will you address those as chief justice?

Speaking with families,



community leaders and judges, I have heard their concerns. Foremost, is the need to timely resolve cases in the aftermath of COVID-19. Moreover, because Ohio courts are problem solving courts, they see the necessity to strengthen and grow specialty courts. Lastly, they have all asked how can we learn more about the judges who serve us and about the work that they do. As Ohio's next Chief Justice, I will resolve these issues by taking the following immediate action.

First, as it relates to docket delays, I will meet with the Presiding Judges of every county, beginning with the largest county for a situational-triage assessment. Working in collaboration with local courts we will establish a plan to address cases that are pending beyond the time guidelines.

Second, as it relates to specialty courts, I will continue my initiative "Lean Forward: Advancing the Treatment of Veterans Across Ohio" to ensure that our American heroes - our justice-involved veterans suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive treatment. And I will collaborate with other specialty

courts to advance lifeskill services that underpin recovery success.

Third, as it relates to how Ohioans can learn more about their judges, we increase the information we collect and improve the information provided by the Data Dashboard to give citizens real information about cases and how those cases were resolved.

Whatever the situation or problem is we will work from the premise "would the people be better served," and we will seek to understand and resolve issues in a manner that puts the interests of the people first.

How do you see the role of amicus curiae parties or briefs in Ohio Supreme Court litigation?

Amicus curiae briefs play a important role in the judicial-decision-making process. These briefs play an equally important at the jurisdictional stage as they do at the oral argument stage. Amicus curiae briefs have the ability to explain how the decisions of lower courts impact every Ohioan and provide a prospective of the law.

Can you explain your judicial philosophy in plain English?

My judicial philosophy is called judicial restraint. That means I decide only what is necessary to resolve the legal matter before me and I use the text of the constitutional provision, statute or contract to distill its meaning. Judges say what the law says, not what it should be. I believe this helps guarantee that the law remains stable and predictable and is applied fairly and equally to every Ohioan.



**Jennifer L. Brunner
(D)**

Justice Jennifer Brunner serves as one of seven justices of the Ohio Supreme Court. She was elected in 2020, and began her term Jan. 2, 2021.

From 2014 through 2020, Justice Brunner served as an elected state appeals court judge of the Tenth District Court of Appeals located in Franklin County, Ohio. She previously served as a Franklin County Common Pleas judge from 2000

through 2005, founding its adult felony drug court, the TIES Program (Treatment is Essential to Success), still in operation today.

Justice Brunner served as Ohio's first female Secretary of State from 2007 – 2011, overseeing the first election of President Barack Obama in 2008. In 2008, then-Secretary Brunner received the bipartisan John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for her public service. The award recognizes "a public official (or officials) at the federal, state, or local level whose actions demonstrate the qualities of politically courageous leadership." She is the first of two Ohioans to receive the award since its inception in 1989. In 2010, Judge Brunner was a candidate for the United States Senate.

Did not respond to AGGPAC candidate questions.

Judicial Candidates



Pat Fischer* (R)

How do you see the role of amicus curiae parties or briefs in Ohio Supreme Court litigation?



I see amici curiae as important to this court, especially in the phase of each case when motions for jurisdiction are being considered. Those parties can impact the issue of whether the decision in the pending case might have such importance as to meet the criteria of a case of great general or public interest. Thus an amicus can have a deep impact on whether a case is to be heard by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Can you explain your judicial philosophy in plain English?

I have been called a “common sense textualist.” I enforce the law as written in supporting my view that the rule of law must be maintained, so that our courts apply the law and not create law. The Ohio Supreme Court should not become a legislature and make law.



Pat DeWine* (R)

How do you see the role of amicus curiae parties or briefs in Ohio Supreme Court litigation?



Amicus Curiae allow the Court to see how a case impacts others beyond the parties to a case. While both sides present extensive written briefings to the Court, amicus briefs are often able to highlight issues from a different point of view and can be helpful.

Can you explain your judicial philosophy in plain English?

Our role is to interpret and apply the law based on the Constitution regardless of our own political views. We should apply the law as it is written, and never legislate from the bench. When judges stick to the text of the law they ensure that everyone knows what the rules are, thereby creating certainty and allowing the economy to prosper.



Terri Jamison (D)

Terri Jamison is currently a judge of the Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals. She assumed office on July 1, 2021. Terri Jamison earned an undergraduate degree from Franklin

University in 2000 and a J.D. from Capital University Law School in 2004. Jamison's career experience includes owning a business and working as the president of Jamison Law Offices Co. LPA, as a public defender and hearing officer with Franklin County, with the West Virginia Department of Welfare, as a licensed insurance agent, as an adjunct faculty member for Capital University Law School, and as an intern for the State of Ohio Bureau of State Hearings.

Did not respond to AGGPAC candidate questions.



Marilyn Zayas (D)

Marilyn Zayas is currently a judge of the Ohio First District Court of Appeals. She assumed office on November 6, 2016. Marilyn Zayas earned a B.S. from City College of

New York in 1987 and a law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1997. Zayas' career experience includes working as an IT manager with Procter & Gamble and as an attorney before joining the Court of Appeals.

Did not respond to AGGPAC candidate questions.

Did you know?

- ▶ The Ohio Supreme Court is the state's highest court. The chief justice and six justices decide all state constitutional questions, cases involving questions of public or general interest, and all criminal appeals where the death penalty has been imposed. The Supreme Court also makes rules about the operation of the courts and the practice of law in Ohio, and it has the authority to discipline lawyers and judges for misconduct.
- ▶ The Supreme Court is the court of last resort in Ohio. Most of its cases are appeals from the 12 district courts of appeals.
- ▶ Supreme Court candidates can hail from a range of backgrounds amongst Ohio's judiciary system.

Attorney General Candidates



Dave Yost* (R)

As a native of Delaware County and Farm Bureau member for more than 25 years, I understand the economic importance agriculture plays in rural communities. To that end, my team and I at the attorney general's Office work to ensure Ohio laws and regulations are fairly applied to both urban and rural communities without preference.

California, even today, is attempting to use its state marketing law to control food production in other states--a clear infringement of state sovereignty and the Dormant Commerce Clause that will increase regulatory burdens and costs for farmers. We are in court and fighting back, and I am confident we will win.

Rising energy costs are crippling Ohio agribusiness. I've pushed back against the federal regulatory overreach that drives the cost of energy up, from the cost-of-carbon rule to the proposed methane rule, and more.



Jeff Crossman (D)

Ohio needs an attorney general who understands what it's like to work hard in life to get ahead and is willing to use their role to champion the people of Ohio, which includes protecting Ohio farming and farmers. I understand the value of hard work and how important agriculture is to Ohio's economy. My family has a proud relationship with farming--my great grandfather farmed in Lake County. Growing up in north-east Ohio, we still had many farms which have since been replaced by urban sprawl and overdevelopment, including the family farm my grandfather grew up on in Painesville. My grandfather left his farming life behind to become an auto worker after his Army service but took his lessons on the value of hard work, faith, family, and community with him which he taught us. These are the lessons that helped me forge ahead--working my way first through college and then through law school.

Treasurer Candidates



Robert Sprague* (R)

The treasurer's office prides itself in supporting Ohio's ag community, and we're working hard to ensure the industry maintains its status as the backbone of our state's economy. That sentiment was at the heart of our recent work to modernize the long-standing Ag-LINK linked deposit program.

Since 1986, Ag-LINK has helped ag businesses manage the upfront costs of the annual growing season in the form of reduced interest operating loans. Toward the beginning of each year, eligible farmers and agribusinesses could receive interest rate reductions on loans up to \$150,000 that could be used to purchase feed, seed, fertilizer, fuel, equipment, and other costs. For years, Ag-LINK has served as the office's most popular linked deposit program - and for good reason. But I knew we could do more.



Scott Schertzer (D)

As the democratic party's candidate for Treasurer of State, I recognize the size, scope, and dynamics of Ohio's agriculture industry. Growing up in a family vested in agricultural business and as a former 4-H and FFA member, my appreciation is sincere as I understand the importance of Ohio's largest and most dynamic industry: Agriculture.

I find it inspiring that Ohio, with approximately 75,000 farms, include 90% or more that are family owned. Farm families are the heart and soul of Ohio and U.S. agriculture. Ohio is a virtual oasis for agriculture; 30.7% of Ohio's land area is forested, and over 20% are cities, towns, villages, non-incorporated communities, and other complexes. Statistics show that 44% of Ohio is considered prime farmland with 60% of land in agriculture.

Secretary of State Candidates



Frank LaRose* (R)

The Ohio Secretary of State's office has two fundamental missions: we help people vote, and we help people start a business.

Both of those responsibilities have a direct impact on Ohio's agriculture industry, and I'm proud to say that over the past three and a half years we've made Ohio a national leader on both fronts.

There's no question Ohio's strength and vitality is rooted in its commitment to agriculture. That starts by electing leaders who understand the importance agriculture plays not only in the economy of our state but also in the sustainability of the global community. To become civic leaders, candidates for public office must face an election by the people, and the integrity of those elections stands at the heart of our democracy.



Chelsea Clark (D)

My name is Chelsea Clark and I'm a sixth-generation farmer, small business owner, a city councilwoman, and a single mom. I know that farms are small

businesses, that are critical to the Ohio's economy and food supply.

I'm running to be Ohio's Secretary of State because our democracy is under attack. I will fight to make sure that we all have access to vote, that all votes are counted, and that our elections are safe and secure. I will cut red tape and support small businesses trying to create jobs in Ohio.

Growing up in Allen County, my family raised tobacco, beef and vegetables on their land. Farming shaped me to grow up with grit and personality. I offer a different type of candidacy to "politicians in Columbus." I also grew up in a United Auto Workers family, and know I have the ability to bridge the rural divide, due to my life experiences.

Auditor Candidates



Keith Faber* (R)

As a state representative, state senator, Senate president, and state auditor I've been proud to know, represent, and support Ohio's farmers. I'm from farm country. I

know the challenges farmers face, and I know the sacrifice of getting up before the sun rises and turning in long after dark – doing the work of the farm and actively engaging in their communities.

The state auditor is a unique position in state government, focusing largely on government entities from schools to municipalities, counties, and statewide agencies. My goal is the help make Ohio government more efficient, effective, and transparent. I want to find ways to save taxpayers – farmers – more of their hard-earned money. I want to make sure checks and balances exist and are exercised to prohibit the misspending of public funds. As your state auditor, I don't audit individuals or businesses, I don't assess property values, and I don't collect taxes.



Taylor Sappington (D)

My name is Taylor Sappington, and I'm running to be Ohio's next auditor of state. I was raised in rural Nelsonville, where I currently serve as the city auditor, by my working-class

single mom. She instilled in me the value of hard work and a sense of right and wrong.

After serving one term on Nelsonville's city council, I was elected as Nelsonville auditor in 2019. On my first day as auditor, I launched an investigation which led to the largest theft and fraud bust in our city's history– a theft of over \$400,000 by the previous deputy auditor over the course of several years– earning jail time and restitution for the city. Then, the IRS tried to levy penalties against the city for the theft, which I successfully negotiated down to just services paid to the debt, saving Nelsonville taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. After that, the poorly run census tried to downgrade Nelsonville from a city to a village. I led a city wide recount which determined that Nelsonville had enough residents to remain a city.

2022 U.S. Congressional Candidates



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KEY: POLITICAL PARTIES
R – Republican
D – Democrat

✓ **Friend of Agriculture**
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 * **Incumbent**

Congressional District 1	Greg Landsman Steve Chabot* ✓	D R
Congressional District 2	Samantha Meadows Brad Wenstrup* ✓	D R
Congressional District 3	Joyce Beatty* ✓ Lee Stahley	D R
Congressional District 4	Tamie Wilson Jim Jordan*	D R
Congressional District 5	Craig Swartz Bob Latta* ✓	D R
Congressional District 6	Lou Lyras Bill Johnson* ✓	D R
Congressional District 7	Matthew Diemer Max Miller ✓	D R
Congressional District 8	Vanessa Enoch Warren Davidson* ✓	D R
Congressional District 9	Marcy Kaptur* J.R. Majewski	D R
Congressional District 10	David Esrati Mike Turner* ✓	D R
Congressional District 11	Shontel Brown* ✓ Eric Brewer	D R
Congressional District 12	Amy Rippel-Elton Troy Balderson* ✓	D R
Congressional District 13	Emilia Sykes Madison Gesiotto Gilbert ✓	D R
Congressional District 14	Matt Kilboy David Joyce* ✓	D R
Congressional District 15	Gary Josephson Mike Carey* ✓	D R

2022 Ohio Senate Candidates



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Ohio Senate 1	Robert McColley* ✓	R
Ohio Senate 3	Tina Maharath* ✓ Michele Reynolds	D R
Ohio Senate 5	Stephen Huffman* ✓	R
Ohio Senate 7	David Dallas Steve Wilson* ✓	D R
Ohio Senate 9	Catherine Ingram ✓ Orlando Sonza ✓	D R
Ohio Senate 11	Paula Hicks-Hudson ✓ Tony Dia	D R
Ohio Senate 13	Anthony Eliopoulos Nathan Manning* ✓	D R
Ohio Senate 15	Hearcel Craig* ✓	D
Ohio Senate 17	Garry Boone Shane Wilkin ✓	D R
Ohio Senate 19	Heather Swiger Andrew Brenner* ✓	D R
Ohio Senate 21	Kent Smith ✓ Mikhail Alterman	D R
Ohio Senate 23	Nickie J. Antonio* ✓ Landry M. Simmons Jr.	D R
Ohio Senate 25	Bill DeMora Chandler Wysocki	D R
Ohio Senate 27	Patricia Goetz Kristina Daley Roegner* ✓	D R
Ohio Senate 29	Kirk Schuring* ✓	R
Ohio Senate 31	Al Landis ✓	R
Ohio Senate 33	Bob Hagan Michael Rulli* ✓	D R

2022 Ohio House Candidates

Ohio House 1

Dontavius Jarrells* ✓ D

Ohio House 2

Latnya Humphrey* ✓ D

Ohio House 3

Ismail Mohamed D

J. Josiah Lanning ✓ R

Ohio House 4

Mary Lightbody* ✓ D

Jill Rudler R

Ohio House 5

Richard Brown* ✓ D

Ronald Breach IV R

Ohio House 6

Adam Miller* ✓ D

Joe Wharton R

Ohio House 7

Allison Russo* ✓ D

Ohio House 8

Beth Liston* ✓ D

Ohio House 9

Munira Yasin Abdullahi D

Ohio House 10

Russell Harris ✓ D

David Dobbs ✓ R

Ohio House 11

Anita Somani D

Omar Tarazi ✓ R

Ohio House 12

Brian Stewart* ✓ R

Ohio House 13

Michael Skindell* D

Keith Davey R

Ohio House 14

Sean Brennan ✓ D

Jolene Austin R

Ohio House 15

Richard Dell'Aquila D

Ohio House 16

Bride Rose Sweeney* ✓ D

Michael Lamb R

Ohio House 17

Troy J. Greenfield D

Thomas F. Patton* ✓ R

Ohio House 18

Darnell T. Brewer D

Ohio House 19

Phil Robinson* D

Ron Brough R

Ohio House 20

Terrence Upchurch* D

Ohio House 21

Elliot Forhan D

Kelly Powell R

Ohio House 22

Juanita Brent* D

Ohio House 23

Dan Troy* ✓ D

George Phillips R

Ohio House 24

Dani Isaacsohn D

Adam Paul Teague Koehler R

Ohio House 25

Cecil Thomas ✓ D

John Breadon R

Ohio House 26

Sedrick Denson* ✓ D

Ohio House 27

Rachel Baker D

Jenn Giroux ✓ R

Ohio House 28

Jessica Miranda* ✓ D

Chris Monzel R

Ohio House 29

Juan Valle D

Cindy Abrams* ✓ R

Ohio House 30

Alissa Mayhaus D

Bill Seitz* ✓ R

Ohio House 31

Rita Darrow D

Bill Roemer* ✓ R

Ohio House 32

Matt Shaughnessy D

Bob Young* ✓ R

Ohio House 33

Tavia Galonski* ✓ D

Kristopher J. Anderson R

Ohio House 34

Casey Weinstein* ✓ D

Beth Bigham R

Ohio House 35

Lori O'Neill D

Steve Demetriou ✓ R

Ohio House 36

Addison Caruso D

Andrea White* ✓ R

Ohio House 37

Tom Young* ✓ R

Ohio House 38

Willis E. Blackshear Jr.* ✓ D

Ohio House 39

Phil Plummer* ✓ R

Ohio House 40

Amy Cox D

Rodney Creech* ✓ R

Ohio House 41

Nancy Larson D

Josh Williams ✓ R

Ohio House 42

Erika White D

Derek Merrin* ✓ R

Ohio House 43

Michele Grim D

Wendi Hendricks ✓ R

Ohio House 44

Elgin Rogers Jr. ✓ D

Roy Palmer III R

Ohio House 45

Chuck Horn D

Jennifer Gross* ✓ R

Ohio House 46

Lawrence Mulligan D

Thomas Hall* ✓ R

Ohio House 47

Sam Lawrence D

Sara Carruthers* ✓ R

Ohio House 48

Scott Oelslager* ✓ R

Ohio House 49

Thomas West* ✓ D

Jim Thomas R

Ohio House 50

Reggie Stoltzfus* R

Ohio House 51

Brett Hudson Hillyer* ✓ R

Ohio House 52

Regan Phillips D

Gayle Manning* ✓ R

Ohio House 53

Joe Miller* ✓ D

Marty Gallagher R

Ohio House 54

Bryan Burgess D

Dick Stein* ✓ R

Ohio House 55

Paul Zorn D

Scott Lipps* ✓ R

Ohio House 56

Joy Bennett D

Adam Mathews ✓ R

Ohio House 57

Evan Rosborough D

Jamie Callender* ✓ R

Ohio House 58

Bruce Neff D

Alessandro Cutrona* ✓ R

Ohio House 59

Lauren R. McNally D

Ohio House 60

Kris Jordan* ✓ R

Ohio House 61

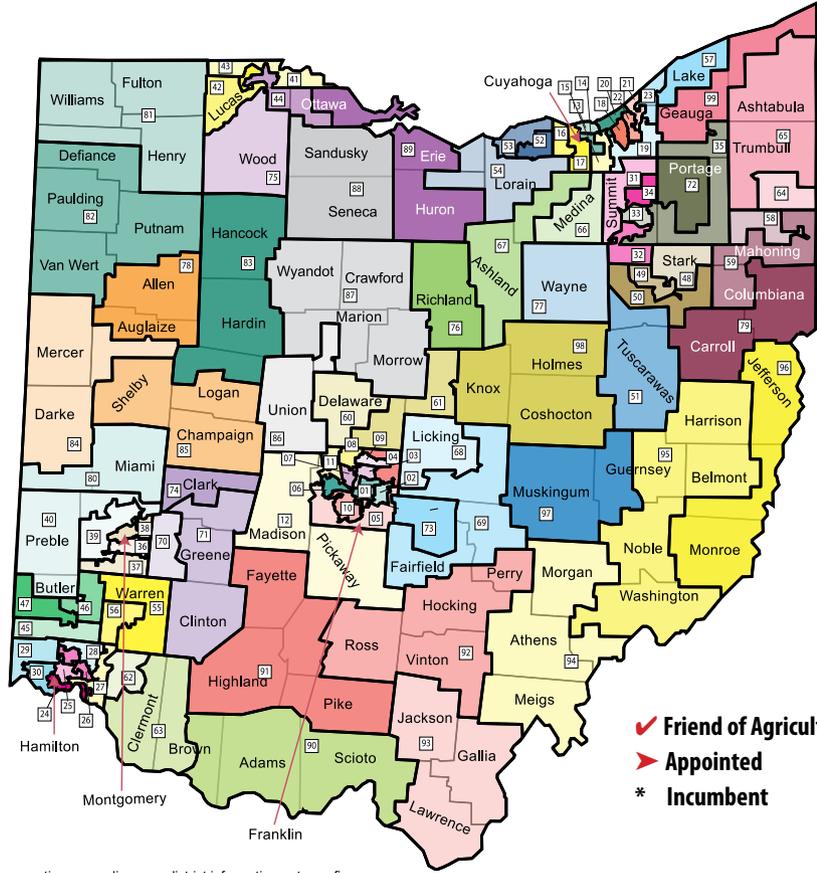
Louise Valentine ✓ D

Beth Lear ✓ R

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KEY: POLITICAL PARTIES

R – Republican
D – Democrat



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Ohio House 62	
Brian Flick	D
Jean Schmidt* ✓	R
Ohio House 63	
Adam Bird* ✓	R
Ohio House 64	
Vincent Peterson	D
Nick Santucci	R
Ohio House 65	
Mike Loychik*	R
Ohio House 66	
Sharon Ray* ✓	R
Ohio House 67	
Drew Burge	D
Melanie Miller ✓	R
Ohio House 68	
Thad Claggett	R
Ohio House 69	
Charlotte Owens	D
Kevin Miller* ✓	R
Ohio House 70	
Eric Price	D
Brian Lampton* ✓	R
Ohio House 71	
James Harvey Duffee	D
Bill Dean* ✓	R
Ohio House 72	
Kathleen Clyde	D
Gail Pavliga* ✓	R
Ohio House 73	
Jeff LaRe* ✓	R
Ohio House 74	
Bernard Willis ✓	R
Ohio House 75	
Jan K. Materni	D
Haraz Ghanbari* ✓	R

Ohio House 76	
Marilyn John* ✓	R
Ohio House 77	
Mark D. Gooch	D
Scott Wiggam* ✓	R
Ohio House 78	
Susan Manchester* ✓	R
Ohio House 79	
Taylor Eastham	D
Monica Robb Blasdel ✓	R
Ohio House 80	
Jena Powell* ✓	R
Ohio House 81	
James Hoops* ✓	R
Ohio House 82	
Magdalene Markward	D
Roy W. Klopfenstein ✓	R
Ohio House 83	
Claire Osborne	D
Jon Cross* ✓	R

Ohio House 84	
Sophia Rodriguez	D
Angela N. King ✓	R
Ohio House 85	
Tim Barhorst	R
Ohio House 86	
Barbara A. Luke	D
Tracy Richardson* ✓	R
Ohio House 87	
Rioridan McClain* ✓	R
Ohio House 88	
Gary Click* ✓	R
Ohio House 89	
Jim Obergefell	D
DJ Swearingen* ✓	R
Ohio House 90	
Andrew Dodson	D
Brian Baldrige* ✓	R
Ohio House 91	
Bob Peterson ✓	R

Ohio House 92	
Mark Johnson* ✓	R
Ohio House 93	
Jason Stephens* ✓	R
Ohio House 94	
Rhyan Goodman	D
Jay Edwards* ✓	R
Ohio House 95	
William D. Ryan	D
Don Jones* ✓	R
Ohio House 96	
Charlie DiPalma	D
Ron Ferguson*	R
Ohio House 97	
Adam Holmes* ✓	R
Ohio House 98	
Darrell D. Kick* ✓	R
Ohio House 99	
Abby Kovacs	D
Sarah Fowler* ✓	R

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