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Secretary of State Candidate

Frank LaRose

Republican

Incumbent

-What programs and partnerships do you see between the Secretary of State's office and agriculture in Ohio?

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. Candidates depend on secure, accurate, and accessible elections to be their gateway to public service. My job as Ohio's Secretary of State is to meet and, if possible, exceed those expectations.

I'm proud of our record in that regard. With the eyes of the world on us, our administration has conducted the most secure and successful elections in our state's history. In 2020, when other states stumbled, Ohio got it right. We set a record in voter participation, recruited a record number of poll workers, and our bipartisan boards of election had the security infrastructure and protocols in place to help them get the job done. My office successfully fought off activist lawsuits aimed at changing Ohio's election laws at the last minute, cleaned up the voter rolls, and conducted a full bipartisan audit of the election results. Ohio was described as, "a national model," and the National Association of Secretaries of State recognized our administration with an award for our leadership and innovation.

Fair and honest elections are only part of my office's role in support agriculture. Ohio's agricultural leaders depend on a fast, affordable, and efficient process to open a business and create jobs. As the front door to new businesses in Ohio, my office has set the record for the number of new business filings. I've made the office welcoming and supportive for small business owners and supported reforms through the legislature to boost Ohio's free market economy.



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I grew up working on a family farm. I understand agriculture is the backbone of our economy, and I want my girls to grow up understanding that food doesn't just magically appear in grocery stores. One in seven Ohioans work in the agricultural sector, and my office is here to serve them – and all Ohioans.

I pledge to continually be a champion for agriculture. As Secretary of State, I've visited farms across Ohio and met with local farm bureaus to hear firsthand what issues our farmers and small businessmen and women have been facing. I've used my office's Ohio Business Spotlight program to try to shine a light on the work they're doing to drive our economy and state.

If reelected, I'll continue to administer Ohio's elections with the reverence they deserve - preserving our election integrity, encouraging civic participation, and maintaining Ohio's reputation as a national model for elections administration. Under my administration business filings will remain, quick, inexpensive, and easy for all of Ohio's small business owners, entrepreneurs, and farmers.

With another term as your Ohio Secretary of State, I'll build on this work and be a strong advocate for agriculture in Columbus, and across the state.