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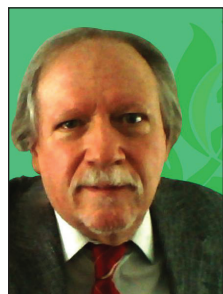
Candidates for the office of U.S. Representative, Ohio 12th District

Ed Albertson, Democrat

Candidate has not responded.

Website: www.albertson4congress.com

Joe Manchik, Green Party



Qualifications for Office: I have been a self-employed Telecommunications Engineer since 1978.

Website:
<http://manchikforcongress.wordpress.com/>

Education: I studied Electronics Engineering Technology at the Ohio Institute of Technology and also have many certifications on telecommunications systems and infrastructure equipment from

several manufacturers. I am a patriotic American citizen born and raised in Michigan. I have been a resident of Ohio since 1971 and have been living in Ohio's 12th Congressional District since 1984.

Q1. Explain why you do or do not think the US Congress should address the influence of money in politics, especially in light of the US Supreme court decision in Citizens United.

A1. The Supreme Court's disastrous decision on Citizens United v. FEC in January of 2010 effectively legalized bribery throughout the American government by allowing unlimited campaign contributions from multinational corporations to be paid to candidates running for office in the Democratic-Republican Duopoly Party. One of the very first items that I will address with my colleagues in Congress will be to sponsor legislation in the House and simultaneously in the Senate which will lead to an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will result in the reversal of Citizens United v. FEC. My personal belief is that our founding fathers never envisioned the possibility or even the concept of corporate personhood that Citizens United created. Corporations are NOT people, and as such, they should not be entitled to the same rights and privileges as flesh, blood and bone American citizens. Reversing Citizens United will get the corporate cash out of politics in America.

Q2. What should the federal government's top three priorities be in setting a sound energy policy?

A2. 1. The very first thing the federal government needs to do is to end America's ugly wars for oil NOW, and that is what I am planning to do in Congress. War is over if you want it. 2. I plan on introducing legislation for the American people that will eliminate the BILLIONS of dollars in American tax subsidies that go to multinational oil corporations annually and instead provide those same tax subsidies for individuals and small businesses that invest in AMERICAN MANUFACTURED solar and wind power technology. 3. What we need in America today is a nationwide, high speed passenger rail system, where we can take our cars and light trucks with us as we travel across North America, similar to the Channel Tunnel between England and France. This will cause a dramatic drop in America's consumption of oil and a proportional drop in toxic greenhouse gasses from the tailpipes of cars and light trucks. Ohio will become the model for the nation beginning with the 3C High Speed Rail Network that I envision.

Q3. Explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards.

A3. In my view, the EPA does not do nearly enough to enforce strong clean air and water standards, as exemplified by the poisoning of the citizens of Flint Michigan and Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as well as the ugly disaster that British Petroleum caused in the Gulf of Mexico and the ugly methane gas leak in California today. The EPA needs to be empowered completely to shut down multinational corporations, like British Petroleum and others, that pollute our land, water and air with toxic substances of any form. The amount of solar energy that hits the Earth in a single day can power the world for 27 years. We have the technology to exploit this free source of energy falling from the sky, exactly as Costa Rica is doing TODAY, and America needs to rapidly expand our use of this free, renewable energy source as soon as possible. The legislation that I am planning to introduce in Congress will help to bring all of this into fruition.

Pat Tiberi, Republican



Website: <http://www.tiberi4congress.com>

Education: Columbus Northland High School, Ohio State University - B.A. in Journalism.

Qualifications for Office: I am a life-long 12th Congressional District resident and I have worked tirelessly as your Congressman to enact positive legislation, advocate on behalf of constituents and be a leader in solving local issues.

Q1. Explain why you do or do not think the US Congress should address the influence of money in politics, especially in light of the US Supreme court decision in Citizens United.

A1. In Citizens United, the court ruled that political spending by companies and organizations is protected under the First Amendment right to free speech. The decision invalidated laws that prohibited or limited election speech. I understand the frustration with campaign financing and I believe there are problems with the flow of money in the system. In many cases, the candidate is simply stuck in the middle of the process due to the cost of campaigning. Costs remain unfettered, but existing limits on fundraising coupled with a ban on soft money only increase the imbalance between political haves and have-nots. I ran once against a self-funded millionaire and learned first-hand how hard it was to compete with those resources. I believe our campaign finance system was, and still is, in need of reform. I favor full and public disclosure on all giving and spending. Then, voters would have an opportunity to view for themselves who gave what to whom and cast their vote from there.

Q2. What should the federal government's top three priorities be in setting a sound energy policy?

A2. There is no "silver bullet" solution to reaching energy independence, good jobs and a cleaner environment for our country. Instead, I believe in a comprehensive, "all of the above" American energy strategy. Since I've been in Congress, I've supported bills to expand safe domestic energy exploration. Furthermore, I disagree with efforts to limit domestic oil and natural gas exploration. I've also supported important incentives for developing energy technologies as well as energy efficiency. We cannot simply drill our way to energy security, and we cannot simply conserve our way to it either. We need to have a balanced approach. While we have made progress, there is still much work to be done in implementing a comprehensive, "all of the above" American energy strategy.

Q3. Explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards.

A3. As the father of four children, I'm for efforts to have the cleanest air and water possible. However, the president is trying to strong-arm his energy tax into reality through executive action, bypassing Congress and legislating from the Oval Office. His tax will bring harsh consequences to American families through thousands of lost jobs and higher prices for energy and nearly every other good or service. Even the president said that under his plan "electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket." The U.S. Chamber reported that electricity costs will increase by \$17 billion every year. People on fixed incomes, like my parents, will bear the brunt of increased energy costs. A global problem requires a global solution. Despite this unilateral action, countries around the world continue to pollute. It is clear that the U.S. cannot save the environment on our own. I will continue to support reasonable proposals in Congress that ensure abundant and affordable sources of energy.

Candidates for Ohio House District 67

Janet Breneman, Democrat



Current Occupation: BSN, RN

Website: <http://brenemanforohio.com>

Education: Lourdes University Sylvania, Ohio, Bachelor of Science of Nursing

Qualifications for Office: My education and experience in the Healthcare field will bring a different perspective to the Statehouse for Medicaid reform. I have been a small business owner for over 15 years and I plan to represent the small

business owners in the 67th District and throughout Ohio. Having put three children through college, and being the first in my family to receive a Bachelor's degree; I know the importance of education and the need to make it affordable for all Ohio residents. I have three grandchildren who attend public schools and the education of our children today, is an investment in our Future. I will work to make Ohio Public Schools raise to the top of national rankings. I am the Voice who speaks the loudest when it's the "right thing to do".

Q1. Do community (charter) schools need increased scrutiny and accountability for taxpayers' funds they expend? If so, what proposals do you support?

A1. Charter Schools need to be regulated and held to the same standards as public schools. I will propose that Charter Schools have quarterly audits and be accountable for every Taxpayer dollar they receive. Students who attend charter schools should be required to take the same assessment tests that public school students are required to take.

Q2. What do you see as the state's role in addressing women's reproductive health?

A2. Funds that were allocated to Planned Parenthood for women's reproductive health need to be redistributed to other healthcare clinics who can provide these services to women in Ohio.

Q3. Explain your position on regulations for ensuring the environmental health of Lake Erie and Ohio's waterways.

A3. I support regulations to protect the people and the wildlife that depend on this delicate ecosystem. Lake Erie is a source of drinking water for many communities in Ohio. The Ohio EPA must enforce strict guidelines and make industries accountable to ensure that Lake Erie's water can continue to supply SAFE drinking water to Ohio communities.

Andrew O. Brenner, Republican



Website: <http://www.andrewbrenner.com/>

Current Occupation: Insurance Agent & Legislator

Education: BS in Business Administration from Ohio State (majors marketing & economics) Hondros College

Qualifications for this office: I have served as state representative 2 and a half terms. I am currently chairman of the House Education Committee. I have both

private sector and public sector experience. I have voted to lower taxes, protect the 2nd amendment and I am pro-life. I have supported reducing testing and moving to the best standards in the world.

Q1. Do community (charter) schools need increased scrutiny and accountability for taxpayers' funds they expend? If so, what proposals do you support?

A1. Any public community school (Charter school) which receives taxpayer funds should be scrutinized and funds should be held accountable. I co-sponsored House Bill 2 which was past and signed into law last fall. The bill places financial and transparency requirements on charter schools and was the largest charter school reform bill in 20 years.

Q2. What do you see as the state's role in addressing women's reproductive health?

A2. I believe all health insurance should be handled in the private sector and by doctors and not through government programs.

Q3. Explain your position on regulations for ensuring the environmental health of Lake Erie and Ohio's waterways.

A3. A couple of years ago I supported the Great Lakes Compact which retains water within the great lakes watershed. I have also supported efforts to clean up Lake Erie, the Maumee River and its tributaries including other inland lakes and streams. We need to work with our farmers and businesses in order to make sure that the cleanup does not destroy farms and businesses in the region.

Candidates for Ohio House District 68

W. Myles Bancroft, Republican



Current Occupation: Entrepreneur

Website: <http://www.onesadbenjamin.com>

Education: BA - Journalism - University of South Carolina, Associate in Loss Control Management - Insurance Institute of America Associate in Premium Auditing - Insurance Institute of America

Qualifications for Office: Business Owner and citizen who has studied the Constitution

and public policy for the past 35 years.

Q1. Do community (charter) schools need increased scrutiny and accountability for taxpayers' funds they expend? If so, what proposals do you support?

A1. Ohio needs to consider many new and innovative ways to bring educational opportunity to our kids. One of the challenges we face is that almost all education and testing is directed at college prep students. Many of our students have interests that lie outside of a traditional college education. Community or charter schools (along with vocational training and home school programs) foster an environment where parents can have input on the education of their children. While public education has a long-standing place in our state and county, it is certainly not the only path to success. All educational paths should be held to the highest of standards, irrespective their funding sources. Charter schools can play an important part role in our educational mosaic. Time and results will prove to be the best determinants of the future of alternative schools in Ohio.

Q2. What do you see as the state's role in addressing women's reproductive health?

A2. I am not of the belief that the state should have any input, direct or otherwise, into the healthcare of any of our citizens. Having said that, I am staunchly pro-life. Women's healthcare and the

rights of the unborn are not mutually exclusive issues. The first right that each of us possess is that of life. The interests of one person must not trump the interests of another when it comes to life and death medical decisions. As the son of a 95-year-old mother with cancer and the father of a 23-year-old daughter with juvenile diabetes, the health of women is more than an intellectual notion for me. I want the best healthcare for Ohio women from the womb to the time of their natural deaths. Whether Ohioans can agree on the issues of reproductive healthcare or not, I believe we all support the best care possible for the women in our lives.

Q3. Explain your position on regulations for ensuring the environmental health of Lake Erie and Ohio's waterways.

A3. Ohio certainly has an abundance of natural resources. We are blessed with navigable waterways on 3 sides of our state. Lake Erie, our system of canals and the Ohio River hold historic places in the annals of our country's history. It is not in the interest of our state to see these wonderful bodies of water polluted or otherwise destroyed through neglect or misuse. There are now, as there have been, state agencies in place to ensure the health of our shared waterways. These agencies should be held accountable for the task with which they have been entrusted. It is imperative that Ohio deals directly with environmental pollution and keeps the dispassionate hand of the federal government away. We can solve our state's environmental health issues if we're serious about results and not just the appearance of action or pandering to special interest groups.

Rick Carfagna, Republican



Current Occupation: Government Relations Manager at Time Warner Cable, and Township Trustee in Genoa Township (Delaware County)

Website: <http://www.rickcarfagna.com>

Education: B.A., Political Science John Carroll University

Qualifications for Office: • Formally endorsed for State Representative by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Right

to Life, and the Delaware County Republican Party. • Twice-elected to the Genoa Township Board of Trustees, in the most populous (approximately 25,000 residents), wholly-contained community within the 68th Ohio House District. • Over 13 years of private sector management experience within a Fortune 130 company. • Significant time spent working in family's small grocery business, and familiarity with the struggles of mom and pop operations. • Experience working as a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives, with a strong understanding of the demands and expectations of this position. • Strong working relationships with local government counterparts, leaders at the county, state, and federal levels, and leaders in the business, education, and non-profit communities. Prepared to work constructively with stakeholders at all levels to promote efforts to improve our region. • Extensive background working with over 400 municipalities and townships across Central and Southeast Ohio, and representing company on over two dozen local Chambers of Commerce. • Experience shaping public policy at the state and local levels, including direct participation on multiple pieces of legislation that became state law.

Q1. Do community (charter) schools need increased scrutiny and accountability for taxpayers' funds they expend? If so, what proposals do you support?

A1. Every child deserves access to whatever educational model best resonates with them and inspires learning, including community

(charter) schools. That being said, there should be transparency and accountability associated with any of Ohio's educational systems that receive public tax dollars. I'm cautiously optimistic for the sweeping, bipartisan reforms to charter school oversight newly-created under House Bill 2. I support many of HB 2's provisions, including broader and more specific financial reporting categories, and the state's retention of publicly funded equipment and assets after any private charter school shuts down. Given these significant changes, and HB 2's support from both parties and from charter school backers and opponents alike, we need to allow sufficient time to let these reforms take root. I'm hopeful that Ohio can better root out and shut down the bad actors that are siphoning away taxpayer dollars while identifying those charter schools that are thriving.

Q2. What do you see as the state's role in addressing women's reproductive health?

A2. The state can take a number of steps to address women's reproductive health, beginning with educating young adults on the importance of healthy relationships and the consequences of sexual activity. Ohio should also work to empower community health centers, particularly those in our urban and rural areas, to provide women's health resources to those most vulnerable. I do not support the provision of state funding to facilities that offer non-therapeutic abortions, but I would support expanding or establishing health care clinics in locations where women lack availability or access to medical resources.

Q3. Explain your position on regulations for ensuring the environmental health of Lake Erie and Ohio's waterways.

A3. Ending the practice of manure spreading on frozen or saturated farm fields was a good first step to address toxic algae blooms that contaminated drinking water. Ohio should forge cooperative efforts with Michigan, Indiana, and Canada – who all feed into Lake Erie – to look at additional measures to further lower phosphorus levels. The state should also proactively work with local governments to identify failing or vulnerable water treatment systems and help them establish measures to maintain and invest in this infrastructure. Finally, the state should encourage cities to revisit any comprehensive management plans on shoreline buffers around reservoirs. These plans should be updated periodically to reflect changing aspects such as population, land uses, forestation and shoreline erosion levels. Adjoining property owners must understand the need for natural vegetation to serve as runoff filters, and cities must be good neighbors and cognizant of hazardous situations or nuisances.

Beth Lear, Republican

Candidate has not responded.

Patrick J Quinn, Republican

Candidate has not responded

Jason Rogers, Republican



Current Occupation: Biomedical Engineering Manager

Website: <http://www.jasonrogers.org>

Education: Electrical Engineering with Biomedical Major

Qualifications for this office: 2 term School Board Member, Township Board of Zoning Appeals, Career as a Biomedical Service Engineer, Husband of 22 years, Father

of 3, Veteran, Businessman, Cattleman, Life Member of the NRA.

Q1. Do community (charter) schools need increased scrutiny and accountability for taxpayers' funds they expend? If so, what proposals do you support?

A1. I do believe that any school that accepts funds from the tax payers should be scrutinized. I believe that we need charter schools to help kids that are in underperforming school districts. But I also believe that all schools that accept funds from the tax payers should be held to the same standards and regulations. Several of the administrations of the schools in our district believe in charter schools for the same reason I do. They believe that charter schools help drive the competition for their administration and staff to better their local public school. We just need to put all schools on the same level playing field to allow the competition to be fair. Part of helping all school systems run more efficiently is to stop unfunded mandates, allow our local communities to run our local schools, and to allow us to choose a curriculum that will enable our teachers to teach student and not teach to a test.

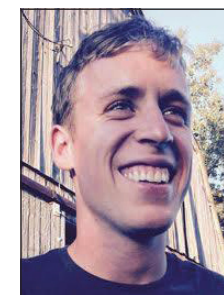
Q2. What do you see as the state's role in addressing women's reproductive health?

A2. I believe that women's reproductive health is very important to our society. I believe it should not only include care but also education about women's reproductive health care and related issues. This is why I support non-profit organizations like Knox Starting Point and Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County. I understand things don't always go as planned in life, but I also believe in taking responsibility for our actions. That's why I support organizations, like Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County and Starting Point, that offer alternatives without passing judgment on what some may call a mistake. These types of organizations let the girls and women they come in contact with know they are not alone and there are positive outcomes for their situation. These outcomes ultimately have a positive impact our entire society. All services provided by these types of centers are offered without cost to the women and are done so without the use of tax dollars. Conclusion is on web site

Q3. Explain your position on regulations for ensuring the environmental health of Lake Erie and Ohio's waterways.

A3. The state has done a lot to regulate the amount of unnecessary components that have entered the water from industries. The big push now is on the farmers of this state to improve the spreading techniques of fertilizer and manure. I believe that when these techniques are put into regular practice that our farmers will be an integral piece in helping to clean up our water. It is worth noting, that until recently (maybe 6-7 years ago) farmers/agricultural producers were always told that Phosphorus applied through manure and fertilizer was stable and bound tightly to the soil. Meaning... that if we controlled erosion and kept the soil in place we wouldn't have a phosphorus discharge problem. It's only until recently that we've discovered that "dissolved reactive phosphorus" issues, and that those discharges do not parallel eroded sediment levels.

John Russell, Democrat



Current Occupation: Produce Farmer

Website: <http://www.johnrussell.info>

Education: Bachelor of Science, Cornell University

Qualifications for Office: My core belief: people should have better chances to move up through effort. Jobs are created by paying customers, so the economic well-being of ordinary people has to come first.

Q1. Do community (charter) schools need increased scrutiny and accountability for taxpayers' funds they expend? If so, what proposals do you support?

A1. Yes. While some charters post positive outcomes, the vast majority cost an equal or greater amount compared to public schools, but produce far worse results. That amounts to a large set back of opportunity for their students. I support strong oversight for existing charters, charter reform based on successful examples, and mainly, efforts to lighten the local funding burden on public schools in struggling economic regions. A great public education is a set of bootstraps to pull on. All people should receive one.

Q2. What do you see as the state's role in addressing women's reproductive health?

A2. To guarantee the liberty of control over your own body up to the point where life must be protected. Nobody wants more abortions. The best way to reduce them is to lift the educational and economic chances of women and their partners. The state should stop assailing non-abortion healthcare, used by men and women, under the mantle of reducing abortions. That only hurts public health, and in its worst instances, deliberately shames women and invades their privacy rights.



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Q3. Explain your position on regulations for ensuring the environmental health of Lake Erie and Ohio's waterways.

A3. Clean water is a right in America. So is doing business, but it can't come at the expense of clean water. That doesn't mean we should shut down every farm or factory. It means they have to be partners in keeping water clean. No major Ohio city should go without drinking water because of an avoidable problem. I would like to use my agricultural background in partnering with farms to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus runoff that contributes to things like toxic algal blooms.

COUNTY OFFICES

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas

Natalie Fravel, Republican

Current Occupation: Deputy Clerk of Courts, Title Supervisor

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Ohio Wesleyan University

Qualifications for Office: 14 years of experience with the Delaware County Clerk of Courts office with experience in both Legal and Title Divisions

Q1. What do you see as the most important functions of your office in serving Delaware County?

A1. I believe the most important functions of the Delaware County Clerk's office is customer service. Our experienced staff is committed to serving the residents of Delaware County in providing them with user-friendly procedures in both our Legal and Title Divisions. Delaware County was at the forefront of technology being the first Clerk's office in the state to accept electronic filings and one of the first offices to provide on-line case information. In our continuing effort to serve our residents, I will continue to meet the technological needs of our growing county office as we transition into the future.

Q2. What are the challenges and opportunities your office will face in the next two to five years?

A2. In the next 2 to 5 years, the Clerk of Courts office will see many exciting changes as a result of the continued growth of Delaware County. Due to the tremendous Domestic caseload, Legislation has created a new position for a Domestic Relations Judge which will begin in January 2017. With this, many of the cases currently handled by Juvenile Court will be transferred to our office. Also, with the new Courts facility under construction in downtown Delaware, we are preparing to move the Clerk's office in the summer of 2017. We look forward to a seamless transition to the new building with no interruption of service to our residents.

Q3. In what ways does your office communicate with county residents?

A3. We communicate with our residents in a number of ways each day. As previously mentioned, our case management system, Courtview, enables us to accept electronic filings and payments in our legal division and provide the public with easy access to our case filings. Likewise, in our Title Division, we provide information and forms to our residents through our website. Although we offer easy internet access, the staff of both divisions of the Clerk's office can be easily reached by telephone or visited in person for assistance.

Delaware County Engineer

Chris Bauserman, Republican



Current Occupation: County Engineer

Education: BS Civil Engineering, Ohio Northern University

What are your qualifications for this office? Ohio Licensed Professional Engineer Ohio Licensed Land Surveyor

Q1. What do you see as the most important functions of your office in serving Delaware County?

A1. The County Engineer is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the 334 miles of County Highways and 375 bridges. The Engineer is also responsible for approving the design and construction of new public road improvements related to land development outside of municipalities.

Q2. What are the challenges and opportunities your office will face in the next two to five years?

A2. The rapid population growth in the Delaware County continues to stress the capacity of our road network. The challenge is to plan and construct projects that expand road capacity and reduce delays for the traveling public. Our rapid growth demands that these improvements happen in a timely manner and always with the highest priority on safety.

Q3. In what ways does your office communicate with county residents?

A3. We maintain a website, issue press releases, hold public meetings for input on upcoming projects and make presentations to civic organizations and other interested groups.

Delaware County Commissioner

Term Commences 1/03/2017

Jeff Benton, Republican

Candidate has not responded.

Delaware County Commissioner Term Commences 1/02/2017

Gary Merrell, Republican



Current Occupation: Delaware County Commissioner

Website: <http://www.votemerrell.com>

Education: BBA University of Oklahoma

Qualifications for Office: Over 40 years in business and County Commissioner since Jan. 2013

Q1. How will the county be affected by the new outlet mall and other

proposed development along the I-71 corridor and US 36/37?

A1. Expected to open in June of this year, the outlet mall will definitely have a positive impact on Delaware County. First of all, it will bring new visitors to our county which will generate revenue through the county sales tax. The outlet mall should generate in excess of one million dollars annually. Secondly, there will be job opportunities for the county. Many students in nearby systems will benefit from the part-time jobs created. The challenges will be addressing the area's adjacent growth that will be created. Beyond its initial investments, the county will be involved in infrastructures projects that will come with a cost, but the positive will be the long term improvements to infrastructures made by Simon Tanger's commitment to our county.

Q2. Do you see a need for greater cooperation among governmental units within the county and if so, how would you propose to address that need?

A2. There is a greater cooperation among government units than many may think. In fact, it is my observation that cooperation is very good, if people understand that each "government unit" is responsible to its constituents. As good a job as we have done, it can always be improved with more and better communication.

Q3. What do you think are the three most important challenges facing Delaware County in the next two years?

A3. Whatever I state is subject to change based on events that inevitably occur over the next two years. Today, I would list these three: First, the effective reorganization of Environmental Services. Second is the implementation of the Environmental Services Master Plan to provide a road map for the future location of infrastructure and to ensure the financial health of the sewer system. There are many other areas: EMS evaluation; renewal/replacement of 911 levy; Big Walnut interchange evaluation, evaluation of an interchange at 36/37/71; completion of the judicial campus; bridge and road projects throughout the county; Delaware County Fair Capital projects; and the evaluation of the many proposed sewer projects currently under development

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Best Real Estate Agent

Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney

Carol O'Brien, Republican

Current Occupation: County Attorney

Candidate has not responded.

Delaware County Recorder

Melissa Jordan, Republican



Current Occupation: Delaware County Recorder

Education: Bachelor's Degree - Indiana University, Juris Doctor - Capital University

Qualifications for Office: As the incumbent I've had five years of experience managing the office. I've worked with vendors, other county offices, the public and a great staff to expedite the work-flow, increase public awareness about our

office, bring new services to the people of Delaware County and start a veteran outreach program - all without raising your tax dollars.

Q1. What do you see as the most important functions of your office in serving Delaware County?

A1. Primarily we serve the constituents of Delaware County by recording and maintaining complete, accurate and permanent records of their real property and other documents. As a public office, these documents must be easily accessible and viewable by the public. We make all records after 1990 viewable from your home computer using our simple browser-based land record search via our website: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/recorder/index.php/search/record-search>. Currently, we are working to include earlier volumes in the online search. Because recordation is an important step in many legal processes, it is imperative we record in as timely and accurately a manner as possible. Therefore, my office has implemented technology that allows the public to view recently recorded documents, partially indexed, the same day. We've increased document turn-around so documents are completed and returned faster than they ever could have been in recent years.

Q2. What are the challenges and opportunities your office will face in the next two to five years?

A2. Delaware County is one of the fastest growing counties in Ohio, and continues to be so despite tough economic times. This provides us the opportunity to serve more constituents and record more official records than other counties where growth may have become stagnant or declined due to the national economic trends of recent times. Filing numbers have steadily started increasing in our office as a reflection of increased growth in the county. As such, we've responded with improved technology to get the filings managed promptly and accurately.

Q3. In what ways does your office communicate with county residents?

A3. Our office is always trying to find new ways to communicate with county residents for a variety of reasons. Some primary reasons we want to communicate with residents is if there are any changes in our office hours that would impact or affect their filings, if there are any recent deed solicitation letters being sent to residents, or any other news about anything relevant to them with respect to our office. While some of these communications are best handled with a

press release, it is also effective to announce it on our office Facebook page, available here: <https://www.facebook.com/Delaware-County-Recorders-Office>. Other ways we communicate with residents is through our office website and attending various Veteran functions where we provide office information and Veteran ID services on-site. We attend the Delaware County Fair every year and veteran-specific events as well. These events will be posted on our Facebook page.

Delaware County Sheriff

Russell Martin, Republican

Current Occupation: County Sheriff

Q1. What do you see as the most important functions of your office in serving Delaware County?

A1. Our recently revised Vision Statement captures what I believe is our most important functions; Protecting people, their property and their rights. Some feel that law enforcement is at a crossroads and I do believe changes are necessary, but our mission will harken back to the basics. If we apply this vision for our Office and do it with empathy and competency the community I believe will find our purpose legitimate.

Q2. What are the challenges and opportunities your office will face in the next two to five years?

A2. Helping manage and stay up with the ongoing growth in our county will be critical as we confront the next five years. The scourge of Opiate abuse and addiction has impacted many and we will work with stakeholders in developing new and comprehensive ways to deal with those traditionally arrested (users) to help bring down demand while still holding dealers accountable. Lastly the ongoing perceptions regarding law enforcement in general will have to be confronted with positive and constructive dialogue and policies.

Q3. In what ways does your office communicate with county residents?

A3. Transparency is imperative in good government. We work diligently through social media, the traditional media, community awareness programs and an intentional strategy through our public information position. Lastly our employees should be our best method of communicating our mission.

Delaware County Treasurer

Jon Peterson, Republican

Current Occupation: Delaware County Treasurer

Education: B.A Ohio Wesleyan University M.P.A Florida Atlantic J.D. Capital University Law School M.Div. Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Qualifications for Office: 9 years Delaware County Auditor 7 years Delaware County Treasurer

Q1. What do you see as the most important functions of your office in serving Delaware County?

A1. 1. Collection of Delaware County real estate taxes. 2. Investment of county funds.

Q2. What are the challenges and opportunities your office will face in the next two to five years?

A2. Further automation, particularly in the areas of online real estate tax collection and ebilling; electronically billing real estate taxes.

Q3. In what ways does your office communicate with county residents?

A3. 1. Website 2. Telephone 3. In person visits by constituents to the office. 4. Email

County Wide Issues:

Delaware County Board of DD Renewal Tax Levy

Description: For operating expenses, construction, renovation and maintenance; 2.1 mills for 5 years

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

Delaware County Lodging Excise Tax

Description: For permanent improvements; 3% for 5 years

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

School District Issues:

Delaware City School District Substitute for an existing Emergency Tax Levy

Description: For necessary requirements; 8.44 mills for a continuing period of time

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

delawareschoollevy.com/DCS_Levy/Home.html

Olentangy Local School District Bond Issue and 2 additional tax levies

Bond: For construction of a new high school; 1.3 mills for 35 years

Levy: For permanent improvements; 1.0 mill for a continuing period of time

Levy: For current operating expenses; 5.9 mills for a continuing period of time

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

www.olentangyforkids.org/

Township and Other Local Issues:

The following issues will impact voters in particular locations within the county. If you are not certain whether these issues apply to you, go to the Delaware County Board of Elections web site to locate your precinct using your address. <http://www.voterfind.com/delawareoh/precandpoll.aspx>

Berkshire Township

Description: Sale of beer and intoxicating liquor Monday- Saturday and Sunday (11 a.m. - midnight) at the Berkshire Township Revitalization District, a community facility as defined by section 4301.01 of the Revised Code, and located east of Interstate 71 and west of South Galena Road, near U.S. Route 36/Ohio State Route 37.)

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

Delaware 4-B Particular Location

Description: D-6 Application Sunday Sales (Wine, Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) 12 West, 12 West William St., Delaware, OH 43015

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

Orange G Particular Location

Description: D-2 Application (Wine and Mixed Beverages) Taranto's Pizza, 1282 E Powell Rd, Lewis Center, OH 43035

D-6 Application Sunday Sales (Wine and Mixed Beverages)
Taranto's Pizza, 1282 E Powell Rd, Lewis Center, OH 43035

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

Powell I Particular Location

Description: D-6 Application Sunday Sales (Wine & Mixed Beverages)
CVS Pharmacy #5457, 3488 Seldom Seen Road, Powell, OH 43065

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

Westerville C Particular Location

Description: C-1, C-2 and D-1 and D-2 Application (Beer, Wine & Mixed Beverages) Local Market, 285 N Sunbury Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

D-6 Application Sunday Sales (Beer, Wine, Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) Local Market, 285 N Sunbury Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

Westerville C Particular Location

Description: D-1, D-2 and D-3 Application (Beer, Wine, Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) Minicos, 1180 County Line Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

D-6 Application Sunday Sales (Beer, Wine, Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) Minicos, 1180 County Line Rd., Westerville, OH 43081

Yes - For the Measure No - Against the Measure

US SENATE (Ohio)

Joseph DeMare, Green Party



Website: <http://www.joede-mareforagreenfuture.org>

Education: BA English, MS English Education

Qualifications for Office: NOT a professional politician, Machinist, Teacher, ASL Interpreter, Writer, Environmentalist, Green

Q1. Explain why you do or do not think the U.S. Congress should address the influence of money in politics, especially in light of the US

Supreme Court decision in Citizens United.

A1. Congress should pass the constitutional amendment proposed by Move to Amend. It says corporations are not people and money is not speech. Participating in government is the one area where all must be equal. The vote of a poor person counts the same as the vote of a wealthy person. Corporations have more money and power than individuals. Since the CU decision, they have used that money and power to effectively take over the Democrats and Republicans. We Greens do not accept donations from corporations or corporate PAC's. With our Key Principle of Grassroots Democracy we understand it is our job to represent people, not money. The only way to make ALL political parties understand this is to remove corporations' personhood and ban their money.

Q2. What should the federal government's top three priorities be in setting a sound energy policy?

A1. Sustainability. We live on a finite planet. Any energy that causes cumulative problems should be dropped. This includes: nuclear (making millions of tons of radioactive waste); fossil fuel (putting CO2 into the air causing climate change); and many biofuels (cutting forests for energy).

Promoting clean energy and conservation. Wind, solar, and geothermal power are starting to turn us towards a clean energy future, thanks to small but essential government subsidies. The Republicans in congress are eliminating subsidies for clean energy, while keeping them for dirty power. The Republicans need to be replaced by Greens.

Positive global impact. Chasing oil, we destroy other countries politically and ecologically. ISIS is oil powered.

Q3. What is your position on U.S. immigration policies, and how will you work to promote your position?

A3. For decades, we environmentalists have been predicting floods of refugees as we make parts of our planet uninhabitable. Now that flood has begun, and people are suddenly asking what to do with all these immigrants. This is a long term problem. The solution is to ensure that people all over the planet are free from political repression, economic stagnation, and ecological collapse. In the short term, people who've made the perilous journey should not be sent back. We are often the cause of the instability that forced them to flee. We have a responsibility to help them, but we must stop the exploitation of illegals earning sub-minimum wages. We need increased foreign aid, and must force employers to ensure all workers gain full citizenship.

Q4. Explain why you do or do not believe that the federal government should ensure that every American has health coverage. How will you work to promote your position?

A4. I believe health care is a human right. I will work to ensure that the US adopt a universal, single payer system, modeled on all the other industrialized nations which offer all their citizens cradle to grave health care. Obamacare must be repealed. Trying to force everyone to buy private insurance has led to: 30 million people still uninsured; continued medical bankruptcies; and soaring premiums, deductibles, and profits for insurance companies. There have been many plans, studies, and examples showing us how to change over to universal government healthcare. We need to apply those lessons. The key is to exclude health insurance corporations from the process. My Senate office will have a sign saying "Corporate Lobbyists Not Welcome."

Q5. Explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards.

A5. I support strong EPA enforcement because a healthy ecosystem is literally the source of all wealth in any society. One of the reasons China's economy is faltering is that people are literally dropping dead in the streets from pollution. Historically, most human societies have grown, destroyed their local ecosystems, then collapsed. We have enough of an understanding of ecology to avoid this fate, but only if we make our human laws MORE strict than the laws of nature. We know putting phosphorous into Lake Erie will cause algal blooms. So, the EPA must enforce laws ensuring that we do not. "Wealth" is meaningless if you can't drink the water, breathe the air, or touch the soil. Laws, not just EPA rules, are essential tools for our survival.

Don Elijah Eckhart, Republican



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Education: MPA, Wharton School, U of Penn. Also, M.A. in Christian Theology, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ohio

Qualifications for Office: Division Chief, Ohio Legislative Service Comm & Budget Office
Budget Manager, Montgomery County, OH

Q1. Explain why you do or do not think the U.S. Congress should

address the influence of money in politics, especially in light of the US Supreme Court decision in Citizens United.

A1. The influence of big money in politics distorts elections and discourages voters. Most elected officials are indebted to lobbyists and large money donors. Supreme Court rulings have made the situation worse, resulting in super-PACs. Congress should restore public trust. The sources of all donations should be disclosed, and there should be limits on donations to PACs and super-PACs. Politicians, such as Senator Rob Portman, who are entrenched in big money, are unlikely to initiate reforms. Portman's campaign treasury comes mostly from large donations. In addition, a super-PAC which is pro-Portman has been established. Congress is surely out-of-touch with average citizens. Reform is needed to restore "government of...by...for the people."

Q2. What should the federal government's top three priorities be in setting a sound energy policy?

A2. We must become independent of foreign oil, especially from the Middle East. I believe this is a crucial priority impacting the future of our nation. Our reliance on Middle Eastern oil has limited our policy options, including military and economic. Second, eliminate the federal income tax and replace it with a tax on consumption. Such a tax could significantly reduce the over-use of energy. In addition, the income tax discourages savings, whereas a tax on consumption would encourage investment, which could be used for new energy measures. Third, the federal government's budget could be reduced significantly by applying best practices in energy savings to federal buildings/facilities. Lower costs would help to balance the budget each year.

Q3. What is your position on U.S. immigration policies, and how will you work to promote your position?

A3. The U.S. must have secure borders, and immigrants must come legally. Despite inaction by Congress, I believe that an answer to illegal immigration can be developed, requiring registration, a job and work permit for at least one person in the family, and payment of federal, state and local taxes, including certain back taxes. Someone may say that all illegal immigrants must be forced to leave. However, this would be against Christian values that I stand for. Uprooting families who have been here for years ignores the human suffering it would cause. Americans are angry that this situation has continued for so long. I share that anger, and urge citizens to direct it at politicians who take sizable salaries and benefits for doing so little.

Q4. Explain why you do or do not believe that the federal government should ensure that every American has health coverage. How will you work to promote your position?

A4. Health insurance used to be standard with employment, but many jobs no longer come with insurance. A severe health issue can devastate family finances. Many struggling workers have not fared well under Obamacare either. I believe that Obamacare should be repealed or revamped. It is not effective for employees working fewer than 30 hours/week. Eliminating the income tax and replacing it with a consumption tax, while protecting the poor, would promote healthier diets and better health. Currently tobacco is taxed extra because of its health risks. An additional tax on processed foods with excessive sugar or sodium would reduce consumption of two of the worst "offenders" in the American diet. Revenues from this tax could help pay for Medicaid.

Q5. Explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards.

A5. Clean air and clean water standards have been in effect for decades. They have curbed pollution and produced a healthier environment in which we live. Clean air and water come at a cost. In economic terms, cost/benefit analyses determine whether the benefits are worth the costs. However, costs and benefits are difficult or impossible to

assess when there is no direct cause-and-effect relationship. When the government spends money, or causes it to be spent by the public for no proven outcome, the money is wasted and can add to our national debt. I believe that the public should be provided with helpful information, and citizens should express their views. I will work to adopt the best solution to a stable, healthy environment for the people.

Rob Portman, Republican

Candidate has not responded.

Kelli Prather, Democrat



Website: <http://KelliForUSSenate2016.com>

Education: Doctorate of Health Science (Candidate), Master of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Science (OT)

Training and Experience: -25 years of experience behind the scenes in Politics - 9 years of experience OT private practice

Q1. Explain why you do or do not think the U.S. Congress should

address the influence of money in politics, especially in light of the US Supreme Court decision in Citizens United.

A1. The U.S. Congress should address the influence of money in politics because excessive Political Action Committee spending facilitates the deception and corruption in the political process. Candidates are essentially being bought by PACs. Likewise, some candidates are not working on behalf of the people, they are fulfilling the agenda of the PAC. The U.S. Congress should create a Constitutional Amendment that prohibits political action committees from making excessive contributions Candidates campaigns. Candidates should run in primary election and obtain the nomination from their respective party based on their personal merits as opposed to the endorsement of financial contributors or PACs.

Q2. What should the federal government's top three priorities be in setting a sound energy policy?

A2. The federal government's top three priorities in settling a sound energy policy should include developing new employment opportunities and technologies. The creation of jobs will ensure that Americans are more energy independent in addition to reducing carbon emissions. Congress should develop policies which will hold large corporations that are responsible for emitting high levels of carbon into communities accountable. Carbon emissions are partially responsible for the disproportionate amount of health disparities that we see in low income and minority communities. Congress should address the health disparities, work to maintain the American Recovery Act of Reinvestment Act of 2009 and outline an effective clean energy plan.

Q3. What is your position on U.S. immigration policies, and how will you work to promote your position?

A3. If elected as the next U.S. Senator, I will support efforts to fix the broken Immigration system. The United States was developed on the backs of immigrants who were welcomed into the country to create a better life for themselves and their families. I believe it's imperative that Congress works collaboratively to establish immigration laws that will protect immigrants who have been in the U.S. for more than five years and allow them to remain in this country without the threat of being deported. Congress should also work to streamline the process of allowing illegal immigrants to obtain citizenship. I will work with other members of Congress, immigrants and the Department of Naturalization and Immigration to strengthen immigration laws

Q4. Explain why you do or do not believe that the federal government should ensure that every American has health coverage. How will you work to promote your position?

A4. The federal government should ensure that every American has access to quality and affordable health coverage. I am a staunch supporter of the Affordable Care Act because as a child, I suffered from a medical condition that my family could not afford to pay for out-of-pocket. I was raised during the era when insurance companies had life time maximums and my Father's employer would not provide medical coverage for the healthcare services that I received. As a result, my parents separated so that my Mother could receive public assistance benefits to pay for the services that I was provided. If the Affordable Care Act would have been available at that time our family could have stayed together. I will use my story to promote the ACA.

Q5. Explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards.

A5. I totally support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards. When clean air and clean water standards are not regulated the public health and welfare of citizens are jeopardized. Carbon emissions and polluted waters are primarily responsible for health disparities in low income, inner city communities. Ensuring that we have clean energy and clean water standards in place will improve the overall health and well-being and reduce the disproportionate number of premature deaths from environmental hazards. To that end, Congress should work collaboratively with the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that clean air and clean water standards are in place.

P.G. Sittenfeld, Democrat



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Education: Princeton University, B.A. University of Oxford, Marshall Scholarship, Master's

Qualifications for Office: Training and Experience: Asst. Dir., Community Learning Center Institute—Transforming public schools into hubs of opportunity

Q1. Explain why you do or do not think the U.S. Congress should

address the influence of money in politics, especially in light of the US Supreme Court decision in Citizens United.

A1. Thanks to the Citizens United ruling which allowed wealthy donors to find increasingly ingenious ways to spend unprecedented amounts of money on elections, just 158 families had contributed more than half of all the money spent on the 2016 presidential campaign as of last fall.

But my problem with the Citizens United ruling goes beyond mere appearances. I simply do not agree with two of the ruling's fundamental tenets, namely that money equals speech or that corporations are people. Citizens United countermanded decades of previous court rulings which found that corporations do NOT have a constitutional right to make political contributions.

For all these reasons, I'm strongly in favor of a constitutional amendment to overturn the ruling.

Q2. What should the federal government's top three priorities be in setting a sound energy policy?

A1. 1) Agreeing that climate change is real. When roughly half of the U.S. Senate refuses to accept the proposition that climate change is real and exacerbated by human activity, it is nearly impossible to make meaningful change or progress.

2) Passing the Clean Air Act. This plan is a quadruple-win for America: good for the environment, good for consumers, good for our health, and good for the economy. This proposal will reduce pollution and protect public health, keep the lights on, and promote clean energy jobs right here in Ohio.

3) Stop protecting the subsidies of big oil and coal companies—which effectively incentivize the fossil fuel industry to continue their damaging practices—and increase subsidies to clean energy industries.

Q3. What is your position on U.S. immigration policies, and how will you work to promote your position?

A3. Listening to some of our current presidential candidates demagogue the immigration issue and appeal to some of our worst nativist instincts is thoroughly disheartening.

I believe that the immigration bill sponsored by Republican Senator Marco Rubio—which got an unprecedented 67 bipartisan votes in the Senate back in 2013—would have fixed most of what's wrong with our immigration policy and should have been passed by the House and signed into law by the President.

In the Senate, I would work across the aisle to revive the Rubio bill if at all possible—and if that did not work, to craft another comprehensive immigration bill that would resolve the immigration issue in its totality, not piecemeal.

Q4. Explain why you do or do not believe that the federal government should ensure that every American has health coverage. How will you work to promote your position?

A4. I strongly believe that the federal government should ensure that every American has health coverage, and would have voted for Obamacare, which has helped millions get insurance.

The real issue for Obamacare—just as it is for Medicare—is the rising cost of health care which is causing premiums and deductibles to rise to unacceptably high levels. The answer lies in figuring out how to lower the cost of medical care in this country. In the long run, this will probably require more transparency in pricing. In the short term, however, a good place to start is with restraining the costs of prescription drugs. In the Senate, I will work hard to find common-sense solutions on all of these fronts.

Q5. Explain why you do or do not support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards.

A5. As I said in an earlier question and as I've said this entire campaign, I do support the EPA's efforts to enforce strong clean air and clean water standards—and I will be one of the biggest proponents of the Clean Power Plan if elected.

Ted Strickland, Democrat

Candidate has not responded.



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