

VOTERS' GUIDE
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 7, 2006

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Attorney General Auditor of State Secretary of State Treasurer of State
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Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court
State Issues 1 – 5***

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS – 14TH DISTRICT

Question: What measures would you support to restore domestic programs, particularly those programs affecting low income persons and children?

LEWIS KATZ

38123 W. Spaulding St.
Willoughby, OH 44094

Party: Democrat

Education: B.A., Queens College J.D., Indiana University

Occupation: Law Professor, Case Western Reserve University

Experience: I have taught law for forty years and written books on criminal law used across the state by judges, prosecutors and police departments. I have been engaged in major law reform achievements: co-authored Ohio felony sentencing reform legislation of 1995; lawyer that helped establish right of pregnant women to continue working. I have deep respect for the Constitution.

Answer: We cannot continue endless deficits. We should bring America home from Iraq and stop spending hundreds of billions on the war. Repeal the Bush taxcuts on persons making more than \$250,000 per year; restore corporate tax rates to pre-2001. These steps will free up dollars for domestic programs.

STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

P.O. Box 516
Painesville, OH 44077

Party: Republican

Education: B.A. from University of Michigan; J.D. from Cleveland State University

Occupation: Member of Congress

Experience: Prosecuting Attorney (Lake County) 1989-1995; Member of Congress 1995-Present

Answer: In this Congress I fought with thirty moderate Republicans to restore \$7 billion to domestic spending programs in the Labor-HHS Bill and will continue that fight if re-elected.

WERNER LANGE

www.lange4congress.com

Nonparty Candidate

Education: B.A. and M.A. (Ohio State); PhD (University of Frankfurt); Doctor of Ministry (Ashland Theological Seminary)

Experience: Disciple of Christ; not a Politician; not a Puppet of parties, corporations, AIPAC or any other PAC; not a lawyer; not for sale;

Answer: Reward work by making it illegal for anyone to work fulltime, year-round and still be officially poor; massively invest in children through family allowances and subsidized childcare; rescind tax cuts for the rich, scrap NAFTA/CAFTA; cut military budget; create pro-family budget; end the war now; impeach Bush/Cheney

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS –17th DISTRICT

Question: What should the federal government do, if anything, to ensure that every American has health coverage?

TIM RYAN

1600 Roosevelt Ave.
Niles, OH 44446

Age: 33

Party: Democrat

Education: John F. Kennedy High School; Bowling Green State University, & Franklin Pierce Law Center

Occupation: Incumbent, Representative to Congress, 17th District, Ohio

Experience: Worked for a former member and was an Ohio State Senator (32nd District) before being elected to Congress

Answer: The Federal Government has an obligation to make sure no one goes without healthcare. Until there is a universal plan, we need to expand our Medicaid program to cover people at a higher poverty rate, allow for creative Medicaid waivers, as well as expanded SCHIP coverage. We must work to encourage and assist small businesses to cover their employees.

DON MANNING

5901 State Route 46
Cortland, OH 44441

Party: Republican

Did not respond.

11TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS – TERM COMMENCING JAN. 9, 2007

Question: Four out of five (83%) Ohio voters believe that campaign contributions influence judges and candidates, according to a 2002 LWVO survey. Specifically, what do you recommend that Ohio do to reduce this perceived threat to judicial independence?

PAUL BRICKNER

4750 River St.
Willoughby, OH 44094

Age: 66

Education: B.A., University of Richmond; J.D., Case Western Reserve University; L.L.M., Cleveland State University

Occupation: Attorney

Experience: Senior Administrative Law Judge (2004-2006), U.S. Administrative Law Judge (1981-2003), Assistant U.S. Attorney, Adjunct law professor U of Akron Law School and Cleveland State U. Law School, 45+ publications, Appellate Judge, U.S. Army Court of Appeals

Answer: Many people believe that campaign contributions influence judges and candidates. This strikes at our goal of a fair and impartial judiciary. Ideal “justice” is represented by a blindfolded lady who balances law and facts on her scale. She ignores the identity of the parties. Rich or poor, king or commoner, campaign contributor or not, everyone receives equal treatment.

Campaign contributions should be limited. Dollar limits are now in place. Some believe that the taxpayers should finance election campaigns or programs to disseminate information on judicial candidates. I do not. Many attorneys have run for judge to advertise their private law practices. Taxpayers should not have to pay for law office advertising, emery boards or election campaigns.

For those who insist that someone else should pick up all or part of the bill for attorneys to run for judge, I suggest that the bar association pay this bill, not the taxpayers.

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MARY JANE TRAPP

8445 Whispering Pines Dr.
Russell Township, OH 44072

Age: 50

Education: A.B., cum laude, Mount Holyoke College; J.D., Case Western Reserve

Occupation: Attorney

Experience: 25 year broad general trial and appellate practice; 6 years Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee; President, Ohio Bar Association; author/lecturer; arbitrator/mediator; leader at state and national level in issues of administration of justice and legal reform.

Answer: Citizens deserve a fair and open justice system in which to resolve disputes and protect their rights. They want judges who will follow the law, not the dictates of special interests. The public wants an impartial judge, not a legislator. I support a pilot program of voluntary public funding for judicial campaigns to decrease dependence on contributions from special interests who may have a direct stake in the outcome of cases as a means of restoring confidence in our judicial system. Such a system would encourage qualified candidates to run, allow funds to be spent for the production and wide distribution of voter guides giving detailed information about the judicial candidates, and lessen the appearance of conflicts of interest created by private contributions. I also support full disclosure of all third-party donors so that individual donors cannot hide behind the fictitious name of a special interest group.

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Specifically, what do you recommend that Ohio do to reduce this perceived threat to judicial independence?

DIANE V. GRENDELL

7413 Tattersall Dr.
Chesterland, OH 44026

Age: 61

Education: Law Degree—Cleveland Marshall; Nursing Degree—St. John's; B.A.—Baldwin Wallace

Occupation: Appellate Judge 11th District Court of Appeals for 6 years (over 1800 appellate cases)

Experience: Written over 650 appellate decisions; selected to sit on Ohio Supreme Court 6 times; State Representative 8 years

Answer: I have never been influenced by a campaign contribution. I decide cases on the evidence and law. I apply the law, I do not legislate from the bench. However, I support judicial campaign reform. The state should publish a judges' performance guide listing pertinent information about the timeliness of decisions, judicial experience at the level of court the judicial candidate is seeking and number of published decisions. This publication should be made available to all voters through the LWVO. The state also should work with public radio and television to provide voter forums for judges. Judges who use that forum should agree to spending limits.

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THOMAS E. HARRIS

257 King St.

Conneaut, OH 44030

Age: 49

Education: University of Akron School of Law, J.D. May 1982

University of Akron, B.S.B.A., Business Finance, 1979

Occupation: Judge, Conneaut Municipal Court, January 1989—present

Experience: 17 _ years experience as a judge; past president of the Municipal & County Court Judges Association of Ohio; co-chairman, Ohio Judicial Conference Criminal Law and Procedure Committee; executive board member, Ohio Judicial Conference.

Answer: 1.) Increase the requirements for someone to become a Judge. This would include increasing the number of years that someone would have to have a license to practice law, together with requiring the person to document actual courtroom experience. Additionally, the prospective Judge would be required to successfully complete an educational program that would indicate that the person had the knowledge needed to perform the functions of a Judge.

2.) If a revised merit selection is eventually adopted, the influence of contributions would be eliminated.

3.) If a merit selection process is never adopted, an objective standard could be adopted that would provide for the disqualification of a Judge at the request of a party if a certain financial contribution had been made to the campaign committee of the Judge by a person directly associated with one side of the case, be it a party or an attorney.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 43RD DISTRICT

Question: Both parties have called for redistricting reform. What three top criteria should be used in redrawing legislative districts?

CHRISTINE CROCE

48 Starboard Dr.
Akron, OH 44319

Party: Republican

Age: 39

Education: University of Akron, BA 1989; University of Akron, School of Law, Juris Doctorate 1994

Occupation: Director of Administration/Legal, Summit County Sheriff's Office

Experience: I currently am on the City of Green's City Council. I have drafted, implemented, and interpreted legislation and I believe that consensus building is necessary in government.

Answer: The top three criteria that should be used in redrawing legislative districts and be an effective solution would be to create a non-partisan commission comprised of citizens who are not elected officials nor their employees. This commission would draw legislative districts using criteria that would create competitive districts that are compact and consists of like or similar communities. This would instill a sense of fairness as well as consistency in the determination of legislative districts.

STEPHEN DYER

4362 Ridge View Dr.
Uniontown, OH 44685

Age: 33

Party: Democrat

Education: BA in English from Tufts University; MA in Journalism from KSU; JD from University of Akron, WRA grad in H.S.

Occupation: Attorney

Experience: I was a Beacon Journal reporter for 9 years and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 2003 for work I and others did in 2002 looking at solutions to Ohio's problems.

Answer: The top three criteria should all be the same, namely take the politics out of it and make the drawing as objective as possible. Competition, I believe, makes all things better. Politics is no different. If you want better representation, make the seats more competitive. Take the decision out of the political realm to make it more competitive. The criteria should be: geography, population and political subdivision. Party, race, class should play no role. Right now they play the main role, which leads to uncompetitive races and an apathetic electorate.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE –68TH DISTRICT

Question: Both parties have called for redistricting reform. What three top criteria should be used in redrawing legislative districts?

KATHLEEN CHANDLER

428 Danel St.
Kent, OH 44240

Party: Democrat

Education: B.A.; M.A.; Master Public Administration

Occupation: State Representative

Experience: State Rep. January 2003-present; County Commissioner, 6 years; Council & Mayor of Kent, 15 years. State Committees: Finance and Appropriations; Education; Economic Development and the Environment; Ranking Member of Local & Municipal Government/Urban Revitalization. National Council of State Legislators, Military Activation Task Force.

Answer: 1. The constitutional requirements for redistricting must be met.
2. The process should be non-political and bi-partisan
3. There must be adequate checks to ensure a fair, non biased outcome.
Redistricting should not provide either political party the opportunity to draw lines that favor one party over the other.

BILL DAVIS

1047 Brittingham Dr.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Party: Republican

Education: Graduated East High School, Youngstown, Ohio 1967

Occupation: Small business owner, DS Transport, Inc. in Ravenna, Ohio

Experience: 10 years U.S. Air Force, air traffic controller, union member, independent owner-operator. Member of NAACP, Ohio Trucking Assoc., NRA, National Association of Small Trucking Co, Ravenna Balloon-a-Fair sponsor, Kiwanis, Ohio Chamber of Commerce

Answer: I support the current law in place.

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Question: What are your top three priorities and how do you intend to address them?

MEG HUDSON

510 Oak Hollow Rd.
Aurora, OH 44202

Age: 47

Party: Republican

Education: Graduate, University of Akron

Occupation: Fulltime realtor since 1994. Since 1996 with Howard Hanna Smythe Cramer.

Experience: Portage County Association of Realtors director, past President 2000, Aurora Tree Commission, Parks & Recr. Committee; Ohio Association of Realtors District Vice President 2002-03, Chamber of Commerce Board Member – Secretary.

Answer: Issues are currently resolved on a need to basis. By creating a 5 year strategic plan that is based on the collective goals of all our communities within the county. My full time commitment will be to help organize, facilitate and achieve these goals.

Assessment of our county owned buildings is critical. We have many buildings that are sitting vacant, and in disrepair. We need to decide if and how these buildings can be used to their highest and best use. Rent, sell, repair? We need to develop a maintenance schedule to give our citizens a “pride of ownership”.

Finally, keeping our tax dollars in Portage County is critical! We need to invest in our communities, a “Shop Portage County” campaign is one way of supporting businesses and getting the maximum benefit from our tax dollars.

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Question: What are your top three priorities and how do you intend to address them?

CHUCK KEIPER

1498 Ridgecrest Dr.
Kent, OH 44240

Age: 45

Party: Democrat

Education: Master of Business Administration—KSU 1995; Bachelor of Arts—Sociology—KSU 1982—Economic Devel. Finance Professional Certification—National Development Council, 1990

Occupation: County Commissioner. Musician (Akron Federation of Musicians Local 24)

Experience: County Commissioner since 1993; 20+ years experience in public program design, implementation, and evaluation; Authored hundred of successful grants; strong background in economic and community development.

Answer: It is crucial to attract family supporting employment to our region. A combined regional effort highlighting competitive advantages offered to global economy participants is necessary. I will work to ensure that Portage County is at the center of those efforts.

We must work to develop as cost efficient a government as possible. We must partner with neighboring communities to insure that administrative costs are spread over a large base.

Finally, we must work on a comprehensive storm water management program that will meet the needs of our growing community. I will continue to use my voice to make sure that all perspectives are considered as we move towards a cost-efficient solution.

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Question: What are your top three priorities and how do you intend to address them?

JOHN THOMAS

1621 Chadwick Rd.
Kent, OH 44240

Age: 51

Party: Independent

Education: Bachelor Degrees, Education and History, Master's Degree
Business Administration

Occupation: Consultant

Experience: Chairperson, Kent Civil Service Commission, Portage County Commissioner (1991-93), Portage County Auditor (1993-95), Previous Foreman of Portage County Grand Jury, Former Kent City Councilman, Portage County Budget Commission (1993-1993), Portage County Environmental Roundtable member, Portage County Township Association member

Answer: 1. Working as a full-time Commissioner with established mid-week, evening office hours for the public to build a "Portage Economy" focused on developing skilled work opportunities with living wages and benefits by aggressively marketing Portage County nationally and internationally to private investment.

2. Make your family, home and neighborhood safe from drugs and other crime through increased Sheriff road patrols with the money from the sale of an old Kent bar and increased funding for law enforcement.

3. Work for cleaner air and water enforcing County subdivision regulations, watershed management plan and other County Regional Planning tools.

PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR

Question: What are your top priorities for the next four years and how would you implement them?

JANET ESPOSITO

5329 South Prospect St.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Party: Republican

Education: Ravenna Schools, Kent State. Over 100 hours of continuing education in the last 3 years as Auditor.

Occupation: Portage County Auditor

Experience: 15 years as Administrator – County Fair. 6 years as Portage County Commissioner. 11 _ years as Portage County Auditor. Track record for leadership, teamwork, and experience. Awards of excellence for financial reporting.

Answer: My office is currently upgrading a 20-year old real property appraisal system that accounts for over 75,000 parcels carrying a value over \$4 billion. The implementation of the new real property tax system and the County Treasurer's tax collection system is soon to follow.

We began a new challenge this year, meeting with Elected Officials, department heads, cities, townships, and villages to obtain input on the development of a Geographical Information System (GIS), a digitized mapping system for Portage County. We will continue this group effort so as to meet the needs of all.

I plan to continue promoting the Homestead and 2_% reduction, both tax-saving programs. Through advertisements, public speaking opportunities, and the distribution of pamphlets, I hope to create further awareness of the benefits both offer.

Serving our citizens has always been my top priority; with the excellent staff in the Auditor's office, this will continue.

PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR

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MICHELE BOGO

1080 Susan Rd.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Age: 39

Party: Democrat

Education: Ravenna HS '85. Also attended KSU

Occupation: Public Relations

Experience: In addition to my extensive administrative and managerial experience, I have volunteered for many years in public service which include: Ravenna Planning & Zoning Commission; Ravenna Parks & Recreation, and Ravenna City Charter Review Commission.

Answer: As a public servant, a resident, and a mother, I am concerned about the future of our County; most importantly the livelihood of our families.

Protecting our families and our most vulnerable citizens is my top priority. Thus, I plan to review the current Tax Assessment Process immediately. This will allow me to be sure that ALL property owners are being treated fairly with regard to taxes.

Additionally, the future of our local economy is troubling. I have already met with our County Engineer and other key elected officials. Together, we will create a Geographical Information System. This mapping system will help attract new business, grow existing ones, create jobs, and in turn boost our local economy.

By fostering cooperation between elected officials, and communicating more efficiently with the general public, my hope as your new Auditor is to help create a brighter future for our families.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT #7

Question 1: Ohio school funding remains unresolved. We now have 614 separate schools systems. What is your opinion of consolidating to a system of 88. 1 for each county?

Question 2: How can the state board of education ensure a quality education for all Ohio students considering that the community (charter) schools are permitted to follow different standards for graduation, course requirements, and teacher licensure from other public schools?

DAVID KOVACS
1800 Moonlight Dr.
Akron, OH 44312

Age: 24

Education: Philosophy student, University of Akron

Occupation: No response

Experience: No response

Answer 1: Ohio School funding needs to become a recognized responsibility of our state government. Consolidating school districts is a good first move so as to create more equal schools among economically unequal areas.

Answer 2: The Kovacs campaign is the only political force calling to shut down all charter schools within four years. Every student has right to a quality education in a public school. I am tired of charter schools siphoning school funds from schools in need.

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TOM SAWYER

1298 N. Howard St.
Akron, OH 44310

Age: 61

Education: BA - English, MA Urban Education

Occupation: Educator/ Consultant

Experience: Teacher, Administrator, State Legislator, Mayor of Akron, U.S. Congressman, Visiting Scholar, Hiram College

Answer 1: Shaker consolidating with Cleveland? Not likely. However, a statewide funding plan with low, uniform local property taxes would retain district control and enable shared commodity purchases and other economies of scale. Ohio's constitution and Supreme Court have directed such a funding system, but enactment may require a constitutional amendment.

Answer 2: It can't. Until the board prescribes the minimum standards for all schools and requires the department to enforce them. A quality education for all Ohio students will linger somewhere over the rainbow. It'll take courage, heart, and brains and the will to stand up and say no to wealthy donors.

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DEBORAH OWENS FINK

2939 Arberry Hill Rd.
Richfield, OH 44286

Did not respond.

JOHN T. JONES

232 E. Woodsdale Ave.
Akron, OH 44301

Did not respond.

Issue 6

STOW-MUNROE FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL INCOME TAX FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES

AMOUNT: A 0.5% Income Tax which would generate approximately \$4.1 million annually for five years beginning January 1, 2007.

EXPLANATION: Stow-Munroe Falls School District, which overlaps into Franklin "A" precinct in Portage County, seeks a _ of 1 percent income tax on residents' earned income. The income tax would be levied on residents' earned income only, so pension and social security would not be affected. It would pay for salaries, benefits, computers, texts and other operating expenses.

Issue 7

TALLMADGE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

AMOUNT: A 7.5 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$2.7 million annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Tallmadge City School District. This levy affects only Brimfield "E" precinct in Portage County. The money would be used to cover operating expenses of salaries, computers, utilities, etc.

Issue 8

CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS

AMOUNT: A 4.99 mill additional levy which would generate approximately \$1.375 million per year for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Crestwood Local School Board. The money would be used for normal operating expenses of the Crestwood School district. This includes textbooks, utilities, technology and salaries and fringe benefits for the staff. High school busing would be reinstated, and pay to participate fees would be reduced to 2004-2005 levels.

Issues 9 – 18

LAKE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (STARK CO. OVERLAP—SUFFIELD "C") DECREASE OF AN INCREASED RATE OF LEVY

EXPLANATION: Residents of the Lake Local School District in Stark County, which covers Suffield "C" precinct, have placed a series of 10 proposals to reduce the property tax rates for the school district. If all 10 proposals are passed, it will cut taxes by approximately \$38,000 annually for a continuing period of time.

District officials said some district citizens wanted to reduce the tax rates of ten levies approved over the period 1968-2006 in response to a recently passed 11.1 mill levy. State law states that the first group to submit petitions makes it to the ballot. In this case, it was a group with a smaller tax cut proposal (decrease of .01 mills in each of the ten levies).

Issue 19

SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (SUFFIELD "E") TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 9.48 mill additional levy which would generate approximately \$3.697 million annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: The tax levy, if passed, would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$290 a year. The district is in "fiscal caution" and if the levy fails, district officials have said that the district will begin minimal busing and "pay to play" for sports.

Issue 20

PORTAGE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 0.4 mill additional levy which would generate approximately \$1,022,386 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Portage County Commissioners. The money would be used to improve disaster planning, obtain more accessible Health Department facilities for senior citizens and the disabled, increase the children's immunization program, and reduce some fees.

Issue 21

GARRETTSVILLE-FREEDOM-NELSON JOINT FIRE DISTRICT TAX LEVY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

AMOUNT: A 3.2 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$400,000 for five years beginning with the tax year 2007.

EXPLANATION: This revenue is the only source of income to pay for staffing, child safety and other public education for the Fire District.

Issue 22

PORTAGE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD TAX LEVY

AMOUNT: A 0.3 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$287,133 annually for ten years beginning with the tax year 2007.

EXPLANATION: This **renewal** levy (no increase in taxes) will help maintain a network of services for Portage County residents. Services include treatment for those with mental health or substance abuse problems, those struggling with domestic violence, those needing crisis assistance 24/7, and education to prevent suicide and substance abuse.

Issue 23

RAVENNA CITY (WARD 3, PRECINCT B) LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: Ravenna, Ward 3, Precinct B voters will consider a proposal by Dos Coronas. The restaurant has a license to sell beer, wine and liquor on Monday through Saturday. Owners are applying for a permit to sell on Sunday.

Issue 24

KENT CITY TAX LEVY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

AMOUNT: A 1.52 mill renewal levy that will generate approximately \$500,000 annually for a continuing period of time starting with the tax year 2007.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Kent City Council. The issue would change this tax to a permanent levy to be spent on operations and future park improvements. It does not represent an increase and district officials state that the levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about one dollar per week.

Issue 25

AURORA CITY TAX LEVY FOR PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, ETC.

AMOUNT: A 1.3 mill replacement levy and increase of .2 mills to constitute a tax of 1.5 mills that will generate approximately \$837,204 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2007.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Aurora City Council. The money will be used for ambulance equipment or for the purchase of ambulance or paramedic operation from a fire department or firefighting company.

Issue 26 Removed from the ballot.

Issue 27

STREETSBORO CITY INCOME TAX INCREASE

AMOUNT: An income tax increase of 1% that will generate approximately \$4.3 million annually effective January 1, 2007.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Streetsboro City Council. The income tax rate would increase from 1 percent to 2 percent. The money would be used for general municipal operating expenses.

Issue 28

STREETSBORO CITY INCOME TAX INCREASE

AMOUNT: An increase of _ percent in the city's income tax with a _ percent tax credit that will generate approximately \$900,000 annually effective January 1, 2007.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Streetsboro City Council. Passage would increase the City income tax from 1% to 1 _% with a _% tax credit for those residents subject to a 1 _% or higher income tax in another municipality. The income tax increase would be used for public open space.

Issue 29

STREETSBORO CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

EXPLANATION: Streetsboro City Council seeks to pass a charter amendment that would give the mayor more authority to terminate directors and division heads. Currently, the mayor cannot terminate without the approval of a majority of City Council. Passage would give the mayor authority to fire. The Council would have 21 days to reject the action with a two-thirds vote. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 30

STREETSBORO CITY OPEN SPACE OVERLAY DISTRICT

EXPLANATION: Streetsboro City Council put this referendum issue on the ballot by petition from citizens. Passage could give developers more density in a smaller space in exchange for open space. Copies of the full text of Ordinance No. 2006-81 will be posted at each polling location and are available at City Hall, 9184 SR 43, and the Pierce Memorial Library, 8990 Kirby Lane. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 31

STREETSBORO CITY (WARD 2, PRECINCT B) LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: This local option issue was placed on the ballot by DAVRAN Enterprises, which owns Scorchers. The establishment holds a liquor license that permits alcohol sales of all types during their regular business hours on Monday through Saturday and only beer sales on Sunday. The issue seeks to permit sales of all alcohol on Sunday. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 32

STREETSBORO CITY (WARD 3, PRECINCT B) LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: This local option issue was placed on the ballot by the Fraternal Order of Elks, Aerie 4300, which holds a liquor license that permits alcohol sales of all types during their regular business hours Monday through Saturday and only beer sales on Sunday. The issue seeks to permit sales of all alcohol on Sunday. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 33

STREETSBORO CITY (WARD 4, PRECINCT A) LOCAL OPTION

Ruby Tuesday's holds a liquor license that permits alcohol sales of all types during their regular business hours on Monday through Saturday and only beer sales on Sunday.

The issue, placed on the ballot by Ruby Tuesday's, seeks to permit sales of all alcohol on Sunday. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 34

TALLMADGE CITY (BRIMFIELD A & E) TAX LEVY FOR INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

AMOUNT: A 1 mill additional levy which would generate approximately \$407,000 annually for thirty years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Tallmadge City Council. The money would be used for the construction and operating expenses of an indoor aquatic center. The initial money would help pay for the design and construction of the pool. The remainder would be used to offset the expenses of operating the pool such as maintenance, utilities and salaries for staffing.

Issue 35

BRADY LAKE VILLAGE TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

AMOUNT: A 3.55 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$5,765 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Brady Lake Village Council. The money would be used to cover general operating expenses such as leaf collection and utilities.

Issue 36

GARRETTSVILLE VILLAGE INCOME TAX INCREASE

AMOUNT: An increase from 1.5% to 1.75% in the income tax rate which would generate approximately \$150,000 annually effective January 1, 2007.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Garrettsville Village Council. The increase will allow the city to increase spending for street paving, replacement of village equipment, police cruisers and sidewalk construction and repair as well as other city expenses. It will be assessed on earned income and will not affect Social Security or other pensions.

Issue 37

MOGADORE VILLAGE LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: In this local option question, Duff's Drive Thru, Inc., in Mogadore, seeks Sunday sales of beer, wine and mixed beverages. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 38

WINDHAM VILLAGE TAX LEVY FOR POLICE PROTECTION

AMOUNT: A 4.15 mill additional levy which would generate approximately \$100,000 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Windham Village Council. The money would be used for additional police officers, equipment and cruisers, if possible. The services have already been reduced and no extra coverage would be possible without additional funds.

Issue 39

BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR POLICE PROTECTION

AMOUNT: A replacement of a 1.9 mill levy and an increase of 2 mills to constitute a tax of 3.9 mills which would generate approximately \$733,217 annually for a continuing period of time beginning with the tax year 2007.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by the Brimfield Township Trustees. The money would be used for the expenses of operating the Police Department.

Issue 40

DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

AMOUNT: A 2.5 mill additional levy which would generate approximately \$127,323 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Deerfield Township Trustees. The money would be used for operating costs of the volunteer fire department. If this additional levy passes, the existing levies will not be renewed.

EDINBURG TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

AMOUNT: A 1.3 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$41,651 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by the Edinburg Township Trustees. The money would be used for current operating expenses, including salaries, utilities, etc.

Issue 42

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR ROAD & BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR

AMOUNT: A 2.0 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$128,708 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Franklin Township Trustees. The money would be used for road construction and repair.

Issue 43

NELSON TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

AMOUNT: A 1.0 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$42,500 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Nelson Township Trustees. The money would be used for General Expenses of Nelson Township. It is used to pay for things such as heat, electricity, maintenance, and caretaker salaries for the Community House. Membership in the Portage County Regional Planning Commission, insurance of different types, and Board salaries are a few other examples.

Issue 44

PARIS TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

AMOUNT: A 2.0 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$37,263 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2007.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Paris Township Trustees. The money would be used for the expenses of the volunteer fire department such as fire equipment and supplies.

Issue 45

RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

AMOUNT: A 2.0 mill replacement levy which would generate approximately \$198,744 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Randolph Township Trustees. The money would be used for fire protection. It will cover expenses such as equipment, supplies and building maintenance. It will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$70 per year.

Issue 46

RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR ROAD & BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR

AMOUNT: A 2.0 mill replacement levy which would generate approximately \$198,744 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Randolph Township Trustees. The money would be used for road and bridge construction and repair. It will cover expenses such as payroll of the road department and supplies. It will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$70 per year.

Issue 47

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

AMOUNT: A 3.5 mill renewal levy which would generate approximately \$254,884 annually for five years beginning with the tax year 2006.

EXPLANATION: Placed on the ballot by Ravenna Township Trustees. The money would be used for current operating expenses such as payroll, utilities, road salt, etc.

Issue 48

SHALERSVILLE TOWNSHIP, PRECINCT "D" LOCAL OPTION

EXPLANATION: Voters will be asked to permit the Barnstormer Tavern to sell wine, mixed beverages and liquor throughout the week. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 49

STREETSBORO CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

EXPLANATION: Streetsboro City Council placed this charter amendment on the ballot following a petition by citizens. The charter amendment would require all zoning map amendments (changes in city's zoning) or changes in zoning regulations regarding density (amount of housing units per acre) be placed on the ballot for approval by voters.

This will give Streetsboro residents the ability to have a say in how their community is developed. An excerpt from the citizen petition (and Ordinance No. 2006-127) will be posted at each polling location and are available at City Hall and the Pierce Memorial Library. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 50

MOGADORE VILLAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Mogadore Village put this charter amendment proposal on the ballot to require residency for one year for members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. It also requires appointees to continue to live in Mogadore throughout their term. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 51

MOGADORE VILLAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Mogadore Village seeks to pass a charter amendment that would require residency for one year for members of the Board of Zoning Appeals. It also requires them to continue to live in Mogadore throughout their term. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 52

MOGADORE VILLAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Mogadore Village seeks to pass a charter amendment that would require residency for one year for members of the Cemetery Board and Park & Recreation Board. The appointee would be required to live in Mogadore for the remainder of the term. Effective upon passage and certification.

Issue 53

MOGADORE VILLAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Mogadore Village hopes to pass a charter amendment that would require one-year residency for members of the Charter Review Commission prior to their appointment. The appointee would be required to continue to live in Mogadore. Effective upon passage and certification.