

# Election Notice for Use with The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

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### GENERAL ELECTION

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

President and Vice President		
Name(s) of Joint Candidates / Candidate	Party	Precincts
Richard Duncan and Mitchell Preston Bupp Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat Peter Sonski and Lauren Onak Jill Stein Donald J. Trump and JD Vance  Shiva Ayyadurai and Crystal Ellis Write-In John Cheng and Wayne Waligorski Write-In Claudia De la Cruz and Karina Garcia Write-In Cherunda Fox and Harlan McVay, Jr. Write-In Brian Kienitz and Christina Johnston Write-In Chris Garrity and Cody Ballard Write-In William Nalbach and Willis Butts Write-In Jay J. Bowman and De D. Bowman Write-In Cornel West and Melina Abdullah Write-In	NP D L OP OP R	All

Ohio Supreme Court			
Name of Candidate	Office /Term	Party	Precincts
Michael P. Donnelly Megan E. Shanahan	Supreme Court Justice FTC 1/1/2025	D R	All
Joseph T. Deters Melody J. Stewart	Supreme Court Justice FTC 1-2-2025	R D	All

Lisa Forbes Daniel R. Hawkins	Supreme Court Justice UTE 12/31/2026	D R	All
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U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress			
Name of Candidate	Office /District/Term	Party	Precincts
Sherrod Brown Don Kissick Bernie Moreno  Stephen Faris Write-In David Allen Pastorius Write-In Nathan Russell Write-In Tariq Shabazz Write-In	US Senate	D L R	All
Bob Lata Keith Mundy	US Congress 5th District FTC 1/3/2025	R D	All

Ohio General Assembly (Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives)			
Name of Candidate	Office /District/Term	Party	Precincts
Susan Manchester	State Senate 12th District	R	All
Arienne Childrey Angie King	State House of Representatives 84th District	D R	All

Ohio Court of Appeals 3rd District			
Name of Candidate	Office /Term	Party	Precincts

John R. Willamowski	Court of Appeals Judge 3rd District FTC 2/9/2025	R	All
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**County Administrative Offices (County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Sheriff, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Engineer, and Coroner)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Office /District/Term</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Precincts</b>
Brian C. Miller	County Commissioner FTC 1/2/2025	R	All
Rick P. Muhlenkamp	County Commissioner FTC 1/3/2025	R	All
Erin M. Minor	Prosecuting Attorney	R	All
Calvin W. Freeman	Clerk of Courts	R	All
Doug Timmerman	Sheriff	R	All
Julie Peel	Recorder	R	All
David E. Wolters	Treasurer	R	All
Jim Wiechart	Engineer	R	All
Timothy A. Heinrichs	Coroner	R	All

**State Board of Education**

Kristie Reighard	Member of State Board of Education 1st District FTC 1/1/2025		All
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**State Issues**

	<p><b>Issue 1</b>  <b>To create an appointed redistricting commission not elected by or subject to removal by the voters of the state</b>  <b>Proposed Constitutional Amendment</b>  <b>Proposed by Initiative Petition</b>  <b>To repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Article XI,</b>  <b>Repeal sections 1, 2 and 3 of Article XIX,</b>  <b>And enact Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Ohio</b></p> <p><b>A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.</b></p> <p>The proposed amendment would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Repeal constitutional protections against gerrymandering approved by nearly three- quarters of Ohio electors participating in the statewide elections of 2015 and 2018 and eliminate the longstanding ability of Ohio citizens to hold their representatives accountable for establishing fair state legislative and congressional districts.</li> <li>2. Establish a new taxpayer-funded commission of appointees required to gerrymander the boundaries of state legislative and congressional districts to favor either of the two largest political parties in the state of Ohio, according to a formula based on partisan outcomes as the dominant factor, so that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Each district shall contain single-member districts that are geographically contiguous, but state legislative and congressional districts will no longer be required to be compact; and</li> <li>B. Counties, townships and cities throughout Ohio can be split and divided across multiple districts, and preserving communities of interest will be secondary to the formula that is based on partisan political outcomes.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Require that a majority of the partisan commission members belong to the state's two largest political parties.</li> <li>4. Prevent a commission member from being removed, except by a vote of their fellow commission members, even for incapacity, willful neglect of duty or gross misconduct.</li> <li>5. Prohibit any citizen from filing a lawsuit challenging a redistricting plan in any court, except if the lawsuit challenges the proportionality standard applied by the commission, requirements pertaining to an incumbent elected official's residence, or the expiration of certain senators' terms, and then only before the Ohio Supreme Court.</li> <li>6. Create the following process for appointing commission members: Four partisan appointees on the Ohio Ballot Board will choose a panel of 4 partisan retired judges (2 affiliated with the first major political party and 2 affiliated with the second major political party). Provide that the 4 legislative appointees of the Ohio Ballot Board would be responsible for appointing the panel members as follows: the Ballot Board legislative appointees affiliated with the same major political party would select 8 applicants and present those to the Ballot Board legislative appointees affiliated with the other major political party, who would then select 2 persons from the 8 for appointment to the panel, resulting in 4 panel appointees. The panel would then hire a private professional search firm to help them</li> </ol>	<p><b>Precincts</b>  All</p>
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choose 6 of the 15 individuals on the commission. The panel will choose those 6 individuals by initially creating a pool of 90 individuals (30 from the first major political party, 30 from the second major political party, and 30 from neither the first nor second major political parties). The panel of 4 partisan retired judges will create a portal for public comment on the applicants and will conduct and publicly broadcast interviews with each applicant in the pool. The panel will then narrow the pool of 90 individuals down to 45 (15 from the first major political party; 15 from the second major political party; and 15 from neither the first nor second major political parties). Randomly, by draw, the 4 partisan retired judges will then blindly select 6 names out of the pool of 45 to be members of the commission (2 from the first major political party; 2 from the second major political party; and 2 from neither the first nor second major political parties). The 6 randomly drawn individuals will then review the applications of the remaining 39 individuals not randomly drawn and select the final 9 individuals to serve with them on the commission, the majority of which shall be from the first and the second major political parties (3 from the first major political party, 3 from the second major political party, and 3 from neither the first nor second major political parties).

7. Require the affirmative votes of 9 of 15 members of the appointed commission to create legislative and congressional districts. If the commission is not able to determine a plan by September 19, 2025, or July 15 of every year ending in one, the following impasse procedure will be used: for any plan at an impasse, each commissioner shall have 3 days to submit no more than one proposed redistricting plan to be subject to a commission vote through a ranked-choice selection process, with the goal of having a majority of the commission members rank one of those plans first. If a majority cannot be obtained, the plan with the highest number of points in the ranked-choice process is eliminated, and the process is repeated until a plan receives a majority of first-place rankings. If the ranked-choice process ends in a tie for the highest point total, the tie shall be broken through a random process.
8. Limit the right of Ohio citizens to freely express their opinions to members of the commission or to commission staff regarding the redistricting process or proposed redistricting plans, other than through designated meetings, hearings and an online public portal, and would forbid communication with the commission members and staff outside of those contexts.
9. Require the commission to immediately create new legislative and Congressional districts in 2025 to replace the most recent districts adopted by the citizens of Ohio through their elected representatives.
10. Impose new taxpayer-funded cost on the State of Ohio to pay the commission members, the commission staff and appointed special masters, professionals, and private consultants that the commission is required to hire; and an unlimited amount for legal expenses incurred by the commission in any related litigation.

If approved, the amendment will be effective 30 days after the election.

**SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?**

**YES**

**NO**

**LOCAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES**

	<p><b>PROPOSED MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX</b>  <b>Village of Coldwater</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>Shall the one-half of one percent increase to the existing Municipality of the Village of Coldwater, Ohio income tax, effective January 1, 2025, and continuing for a period of 5 years, for the purpose of providing funds for public safety, capital improvements, operating expenses, municipal services, acquisitions, maintenance, repair and replacement of municipal property, and all other municipal operations and obligations permitted by law be passed?</p> <p><b>FOR THE INCOME TAX</b>  <b>AGAINST THE INCOME TAX</b></p>	<p>Coldwater West 13.1  Coldwater Central 14.1  Coldwater Northeast 15.1  Coldwater Southeast 16.1</p>
	<p><b>PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)</b>  <b>Township of Butler</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Township of Butler for the purpose of providing fire protection that the county auditor estimates will collect \$264,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.8 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b></p>	<p>Coldwater West 13.1  Coldwater Central 14.1  Coldwater Northeast 15.1  Coldwater Southeast 16.1  Butler East 17.1, 17.2, 17.3  Butler West 18.1, 18.2</p>
	<p><b>PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)</b>  <b>Township of Center</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Township of Center for the purpose of parks and recreation that the county auditor estimates will collect \$14,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.35 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$8 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b></p>	<p>Center 12.1</p>

	<p><b>PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)</b>  <b>Township of Dublin</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Township of Dublin for the purpose of general operating expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$12,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$4 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b></p>	<p>Rockford Village 26.1  Dublin Township 27.1</p>
	<p><b>PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)</b>  <b>Township of Hopewell</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Township of Hopewell for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$72,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.7 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$39 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b></p>	<p>Hopewell 33.1, 33.2</p>
	<p><b>PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)</b>  <b>Mercer County Joint Ambulance District</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>An additional tax for the benefit of the Mercer County Joint Ambulance District for the purpose of ambulance and emergency medical services that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,179,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b></p>	<p>Celina A 1.1, Celina B 2.1, Celina C 3.1, Celina D 4.1, Celina E 5.1, Celina F 6.1, Celina G 7.1, Celina H 8.1, East Jefferson North 9.1, East Jefferson South 10.1, West Jefferson 11.1, Center 12.1, Coldwater West 13.1, Coldwater Central 14.1, Coldwater Northeast 15.1, Coldwater Southeast 16.1, Butler East 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, Butler West 18.1, 18.2, Rockford Village 26.1, Dublin 27.1, Mendon Union 28.1, 28.2, Franklin East 31.1, 31.2, 31.3, Franklin West 32.1, 32.2, 32.3, 32.4, 32.5, Hopewell 33.1, 33.2, Liberty 34.1, 34.2, 34.3, Washington 35.1, 35.2, 35.3, Blackcreek 36.1</p>



	<p><b>PROPOSED TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT)</b>  <b>South Central Mercer Fire District</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the South Central Mercer Fire District for the purpose of fire protection that the county auditor estimates will collect \$501,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$88 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b></p>	<p>St. Henry North 19.1  St. Henry South 20.1  Granville East 21.1, 21.2  Granville West 22.1, 22.2, 22.3, 22.4</p>
	<p><b>PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)</b>  <b>Rockford Carnegie Public Library</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Rockford Carnegie Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$79,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$15 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b></p>	<p>Rockford Village 26.1  Dublin 27.1  Hopewell 33.1  Liberty 34.1  Blackcreek 36.1</p>
	<p><b>PROPOSED INCOME TAX</b>  <b>Coldwater Exempted Village School District</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>Shall an annual income tax of 0.5 percent on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by Coldwater Exempted Village School District, for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing for current expenses?</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX</b></p>	<p>Coldwater West 13.1, Coldwater Central 14.1, Coldwater Northeast 15.1, Coldwater Southeast 16.1, Butler East 17.1, Butler West 18.1, Granville West 22.4, Recovery 25.2, Franklin West 32.3, Liberty 34.3, Washington 35.1</p>

	<p><b>Proposed Assessment (Renewal)</b>  <b>Village of Montezuma</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>Shall a renewal of an existing tax levy for the benefit of the Village of Montezuma for the purpose of payment of lighting district expenses in the Village, at a rate of \$44.00 per tax parcel in the Village of Montezuma, effective January 1, 2025, and continuing for a period of 5 years, be passed?</p> <p><b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>  <b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b></p>	Franklin West 32.1
	<p><b>Local Liquor Option for Particular Use at Business Location (By Petition)</b>  <b>Township of Union</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages be permitted by River Trail Campground II, Inc., an applicant for a C-1, C-2 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a carryout/grocery store at 7712 Deep Cut Road, Mendon, Ohio 45862 in this precinct?</p> <p><b>Yes</b>  <b>No</b></p>	Mendon – Union 28.1, 28.2
	<p><b>Local Liquor Option Sunday Sales (By Petition)</b>  <b>Township of Union</b></p> <p><b>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage</b></p> <p>Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by River Trail Campground II, Inc., an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a carryout/grocery store at 7712 Deep Cut Road, Mendon, Ohio 45862, in this precinct?</p> <p><b>Yes</b>  <b>No</b></p>	Mendon – Union 28.1, 28.2

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER FOR INDICATING YOUR CHOICES ON A FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT (FWAB):**

To complete a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). You have the option of downloading a blank, hard copy FWAB to complete by hand, or proceeding through electronic completion of the FWAB using the website's FWAB Wizard.

The first page of the FWAB is a Voter Declaration/Affirmation you must complete in order for your ballot to count.

After completing the Voter Declaration/Affirmation, use the initial election notice issued on the 100<sup>th</sup> day before the election and the updated election notice issued on the 45<sup>th</sup> day before the election as a guide to:

- (1) write the name of each candidate or issue contest for which you are casting a vote and then
- (2) write the name of your choice of candidate or choice for or against an issue.

After you have completed the FWAB, **you must PRINT the ballot and MAIL it to your county board of elections at this address: 101 North Main Street Room 107, Celina, Ohio 45822** A complete listing of all county board of elections mailing addresses and contact information is available at <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/electionofficials/boeDirectory.aspx#dir>

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