



Elect Equality Guide

Ohio Equal Rights believes Ohio voters should have clear, accessible information about where candidates stand on equal rights before heading to the ballot box.

Building on the ERA Coalition's Elect Equality campaign, Ohio Equal Rights is developing a statewide voter-information resource focused specifically on candidates for Ohio state and local offices. This resource will provide information about candidates' positions on equal rights, nondiscrimination, marriage equality, and related issues affecting Ohioans.

This guide is based on whether these candidates meet the ERA Coalition's Elect Equality campaign's criteria. Nothing on this page is intended to constitute an endorsement of, opposition to, or support for any political candidate, political party, or political campaign.

Looking for Federal Candidates?

For information about candidates for U.S. House and U.S. Senate, visit the ERA Coalition's [Elect Equality campaign](#). Their interactive platform allows voters to explore federal candidates' positions on the federal Equal Rights Amendment and gender equality.

Ohio state and local races

Ohio Equal Rights has finished developing our 2026 state candidate and elected information. Candidates for state office will have the opportunity to provide information about their positions through the Ohio Equal Rights candidate questionnaire. As information becomes available, this page will help Ohio voters learn where candidates stand on issues related to equal rights under Ohio law.

Are you a candidate?

You can fill out the Ohio Equal Rights [candidate survey here](#).

Key

-  **DOES** meet the ERA Coalition's Elect Equality criteria based on survey responses.
-  **DOES** meet the ERA Coalition's Elect Equality criteria based on public information.
-  Does **NOT** Meet the ERA Coalition's Elect Equality criteria based on survey responses.
-  Does **NOT** Meet the ERA Coalition's Elect Equality criteria based on public information.
-  Unknown.

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Statewide Candidates

Governor

- ☐ Amy Acton (D)
- ☐ Tim Grady (I, Write In)
- ☐ Heather Hill (I, Write In)
- ☒ Don Kissick (L)
- ☒ Vivek Ramaswamay (R)
- ☐ Renea Turner (I, Write In)
- ☐ Ron Ula (I, Write In)

Secretary of State

- ☐ Tom Pruss (L)
- ☒ Allison Russo (D)
- ☒ Robert Sprague (R)

Auditor

- ☒ Annette Blackwell (D)
- ☒ Frank LaRose (R)

Lt. Governor

- ☐ Michael Lenhard (I, Write In)
- ☐ Pat Manley (I, Write In)
- ☒ Robert McColley (R)
- ☒ James Mills (L)
- ☐ Andrea Neutzling (I, Write In)
- ☒ David Pepper (D)
- ☐ Jalen Turner (I, Write In)

Attorney General

- ☒ Keith Faber (R)
- ☒ John Kulewicz (D)

Treasurer

- ☒ Jay Edwards (R)
- ☒ Seth Walsh (D)

Supreme Court

- ☒ Dan Hawkins (R, Incumbent)
- ☒ Marilyn Zayas (D)

Supreme Court

- ☒ Jennifer Brunner (D, incumbent)
- ☒ Colleen O'Donnell (R)

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Statewide Candidates (Cont.)

Ohio Senate

District 1:

- ☐ Craig Riedel (D)

District 3:

- ☒ Stacie Baker (D)
☒ Michele Reynolds (R, incumbent)

District 5:

- ☐ Jeffrey Harris (D)
☐ Phil Plummer (R)

District 7:

- ☐ Cara Jacob (D)
☐ Zac Haines (R)

District 9:

- ☐ Cathrine Igram (D, Incumbent)
☐ Linda Matthews (R)

District 11:

- ☒ Paula Hicks-Hudson (D, incumbent)
☐ James Nowak (R)
☒ Kenneth Sharp (L)

District 13:

- ☒ Joe Miller (D)
☐ Gayle L. Manning (R)

District 15:

- ☐ Latyna Humphrey (D)
☐ Joseph Healy (R)

District 17:

- ☒ Brian Deer (D)
☐ Shane Wilkin (R, incumbent)

District 19:

- ☐ Scott Charland (D)
☐ Ryan Rivers (R)

District 21:

- ☒ Kent Smith (D, incumbent)
☐ Mikhail Alterman (R)

District 23:

- ☒ Bride Rode Sweeney (D)
☐ Robert Dintaman (R)

District 25:

- ☒ William DeMora (D, incumbent)
☐ Don Roberts (R)
☐ Raisheda Angus (I, write in)

District 27:

- ☒ Mike Roberto (D)
☒ Steve Demetriou (R)

District 29:

- ☐ Thomas West (D)
☐ Jane Timken (R, incumbent)

District 31:

- ☐ Laura Sirot (D)
☐ Al Landis (R, incumbent)

District 33:

- ☐ Michael Kripchak (D)
☐ Alessandro Cutrona (R, incumbent)

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Ohio House

District 1:

- ☒ Dontavius Jarrells (D, Incumbent)
- ☐ Joel A. Greff (R)

District 2:

- ☐ Charity Martin King (D)

District 3:

- ☐ Ismail Mohamed (D, Incumbent)
- ☐ Bernadine Kennedy Kent (R)

District 4:

- ☒ Beryl Brown Piccolantonio (D, incumbent)

District 5:

- ☐ Meredith Lawson-Rowe (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Richard Cole (R)
- ☐ Eboney Eldridge (I, write in)

District 6:

- ☒ Christine Cockley (D, incumbent)
- ☒ Matthew Jackson (R)

District 7:

- ☐ Ukeme Awakessien Jetter (D)
- ☐ William Mercier (R)
- ☐ Cameron Koffel (I)

District 8:

- ☒ Anita Somani (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Kelley Hunter-Kalagidis (R)

District 9:

- ☐ Munira Abdullahi (D, Incumbent)
- ☐ Bruce Euans (R)

District 10:

- ☒ Mark Sigrist (D, incumbent)
- ☒ Denise D'Angelo Steele (R)

District 11:

- ☒ Crystal Lett (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Shawn Kaeser (R)

District 12:

- ☐ Lee Yarsky (D)
- ☐ Brian Stewart (R, incumbent)

District 13:

- ☒ Tristan Rader (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Billy Fronimo (R)

District 14:

- ☐ Sean Brennan (D, incumbent)
- ☐ David Morgan (R)

District 15:

- ☐ Chris Glassburn (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Daniel Conway (R)

District 16:

- ☐ Scott DiMauro (D)
- ☐ Sophia Tjotjos (R)

District 17:

- ☒ Megan Coy (D)
- ☒ Mike Dovilla (R, incumbent)

District 18:

- ☒ Davida Russell (D)
- ☐ Maureen Lynn (R)

District 19:

- ☐ Nicole Sigurdson (D)
- ☐ Ed Hargate (R)

District 20:

- ☐ Eugene Miller (D)

District 21:

- ☒ Eric Synenberg (D, Incumbent)
- ☐ Tina Barhams (R)

District 22:

- ☐ Darnell Brewer (D, incumbent)

District 23:

- ☒ Dan Troy (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Julie A. Belich (R)

District 24:

- ☐ Dani Isaacsohn (D, incumbent)

District 25:

- ☐ Cecil Thomas (D, incumbent)

District 26:

- ☐ Ashley Bryant Bailey (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Tom Brinkman Jr. (R)

District 27:

- ☒ Rachel Baker (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Nancy Aicholz (R)

District 28:

- ☒ Karen Brownlee (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Jill Cole (R)

District 29:

- ☐ Jonathan Bradner (D)
- ☐ Cindy Abrams (R, incumbent)

District 30:

- ☒ Caleb Price (D)
- ☐ Mike Odioso (R, incumbent)

District 31:

- ☒ J. Noah Spinner (D)
- ☒ Mike Kahoe (R)

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District 32:

- ☐ Djordjije Popovic (D)
- ☐ Jack K. Daniels (R, incumbent)

District 33:

- ☐ Veronica Sims (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Napoleon Rodgers Jr. (R)

District 34:

- ☐ Derrick Hall (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Craig Shubert (R)

District 35:

- ☒ Samantha Salamon (D)
- ☒ Vik Sandhu (R)

District 36:

- ☒ Rose Lounsbury (D)
- ☒ Andrea White (R, incumbent)
- ☐ Chuck Horn (Independent)

District 37:

- ☐ Tom Herner (D)
- ☐ Tom Young (R, incumbent)

District 38:

- ☐ Desiree Tims (D, incumbent)

District 39:

- ☒ Daquan Neal (D)
- ☐ Mark Campbell (R)

District 40:

- ☒ Timothy Hornbacker (D)
- ☒ Rodney Creech (R, incumbent)
- ☒ Joshua Umbaugh (L)

District 41:

- ☒ Erika White (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Ian Chamberlin (R)

District 42:

- ☐ Elgin Rogers Jr. (D, incumbent)
- ☐ Robert McMahon (R)

District 43:

- ☒ Michele Grim (D, incumbent)
- ☐ David Karmol (R)
- ☒ Zach Hall (L)

District 44:

- ☐ David J. Fournier (D)
- ☐ Edward L. Schimmel (R)
- ☐ Lyndsey Stough (I)

District 45:

- ☒ Jayson Ameer Rasheed (D)
- ☐ Jennifer Gross (R, incumbent)

District 46:

- ☐ Benjamin McCall (D)
- ☐ Thomas Hall (R, incumbent)

District 47:

- ☐ Jordan Haire (D)
- ☐ Diane Mullins (R, incumbent)
- ☐ Jason Purviance (L)

District 48:

- ☐ Nick Morris (D)
- ☐ Christina Hagan (R)

District 49:

- ☒ Krista Allison (D)
- ☒ Jim Thomas (R, incumbent)

District 50:

- ☐ Rylan Finzer (D)
- ☐ Matthew Kishman (R, incumbent)

District 51:

- ☐ Amanda Fontana (D)
- ☐ Jodi Salvo (R, incumbent)

District 52:

- ☒ Mike Baker (D)
- ☐ Cliff Winkel (R)

District 53:

- ☒ Matt Lundy (D)
- ☐ Bradley Lacko (R)

District 54:

- ☐ Brenda Buchanan (D)
- ☐ Kellie Deeter (R, incumbent)

District 55:

- ☐ Paul Kurtz (D)
- ☐ C. Michelle Teska (R, incumbent)
- ☐ Philip L. Pirdy (L)

District 56:

- ☒ Laalitya Acharya (D)
- ☒ Adam Mathews (R, incumbent)

District 57:

- ☐ Rick Walker (D)
- ☐ Jesse Styles (R)
- ☐ Belinda Grassi (I)

District 58:

- ☐ John Boccieri (D)
- ☐ Heather Fronk (R)

District 59:

- ☒ Wayne Penny Jr. (D)
- ☐ Tex Fischer (R, incumbent)

District 60:

- ☒ Shelby Kimball (D)
- ☒ Brian Lorenz (R, incumbent)

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District 61:

- ☐ Vince McGrail (D)
- ☐ Shawn Stevens (R)

District 62:

- ☒ Ian Schwartz (D)
- ☐ Jean Schmidt (R, incumbent)
- ☐ Ron Grethel (L)

District 63:

- ☒ Debbie Davidson (D)
- ☒ Adam Bird (R, incumbent)

District 64:

- ☐ Nick Santucci (R, incumbent)
- ☐ Michael Walton (I)

District 65:

- ☐ John Barbo (D)
- ☐ David Thomas (R, incumbent)

District 66:

- ☐ Chris Nardo (D)
- ☐ Sean Hutson (R)
- ☐ Justin Peroli (L)

District 67:

- ☐ Heather Sample (D)
- ☐ Melanie Miller (R, incumbent)

District 68:

- ☐ Mason Blankenship (D)
- ☐ Thaddeus Claggett (R, incumbent)

District 69:

- ☐ Amy Rigsby (D)
- ☐ Kevin Miller (R, incumbent)

District 70:

- ☒ Kim McCarthy (D)
- ☐ Brian Lampton (R, incumbent)

District 71:

- ☐ Krista Magaw (D)
- ☐ Levi Dean (R, incumbent)

District 72:

- ☐ Jeff Clapper (D)
- ☐ Heidi Workman (R, incumbent)
- ☐ Michael Fricke (L)

District 73:

- ☐ Whitney Wood (D)
- ☐ Jeff LaRe (R, incumbent)

District 74:

- ☐ Darrell Jackson (D)
- ☐ Bernard Willis (R, incumbent)

District 75:

- ☒ Richard Rettig (D)
- ☒ Haraz Ghanbari (R, incumbent)

District 76:

- ☐ Colton Stidam (D)
- ☐ Marilyn John (R, incumbent)

District 77:

- ☐ Brooke Dillon (D)
- ☐ Meredith Craig (R, incumbent)

District 78:

- ☒ Jeffrey R. Givan (D)
- ☒ Matt Huffman (R, incumbent)

District 79:

- ☐ Bob Guy (D)
- ☐ Monica Robb Blasdel (R, incumbent)

District 80:

- ☒ Katie Koehler Wagner (D)
- ☐ Johnathan Newman (R, incumbent)

District 81:

- ☐ David Swanson (D)
- ☐ Patti Rockey (R)

District 82:

- ☐ Maddux McCray (D)
- ☐ Roy Klopfenstein (R, incumbent)
- ☒ Christopher Elder (L)

District 83:

- ☐ Sheila Coressel (D)
- ☐ Ty Mathews (R, incumbent)

District 84:

- ☐ Arienne Childrey (D)
- ☒ Angela King (R, incumbent)

District 85:

- ☒ Victoria Maddox (D)
- ☒ Tim Barhorst (R, incumbent)

District 86:

- ☐ Kent Halloran (D)
- ☐ Benjamin Weber (R)

District 87:

- ☒ Lora Covrett (D)
- ☒ Jeffrey McClain (R)
- ☐ Craig Swartz (I)

District 88:

- ☒ Aaron Jones (D)
- ☒ Gary Click (R, incumbent)

District 89:

- ☒ Easton Retzke (D)
- ☐ D.J. Swearingen (R, incumbent)

District 90:

- ☐ Collin Docterman (D)
- ☐ Justin Pizzulli (R, incumbent)

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District 91:

- ☒ Amy Wright (D)
- ☐ Bob Peterson (R, incumbent)

District 92:

- ☒ Sarah Senff (D)
- ☐ Mark Johnson (R, incumbent)

District 93:

- ☐ Jessica Harper (D)
- ☐ Jason Stephens (R, incumbent)

District 94:

- ☒ Wenda Sheard (D)
- ☐ Kevin Ritter (R, incumbent)

District 95:

- ☐ Paul Cameron (D)
- ☐ Ty Moore (R, incumbent)

District 96:

- ☐ Charrie L. Foglio (D)
- ☐ Ron Ferguson (R, incumbent)

District 97:

- ☐ Adam Holmes (R, incumbent)
- ☒ Tim Godwin (L)
- ☐ Kristine Geis (I)

District 98:

- ☐ Scott Grund (D)
- ☐ Mark Hiner (R, incumbent)

District 99:

- ☐ Louis Murphy (D)
- ☐ Sarah Fowler (R, incumbent)

Packet Information and Disclosure

All information sourced from BallotPedia and Candidate's webpages.

This is meant to be a voter guide on where candidates stand on equality issues across Ohio and is not an official endorsement by Ohio Equal Rights.

May not include last minute changes to your ballot (such as candidates dropping out of the race, etc.)