

★ **ACLU of Ohio Positions**

AGLU of Ohio
Franklin County Prosecutor Candidate Profile
2024 Primary Election



Shayla Favor (D)
CHALLENGER

VS



Natalia Harris (D)
CHALLENGER

VS



Anthony Pierson (D)
CHALLENGER

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John Rutan (R)
CHALLENGER

★ **ISSUE 2, MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION**

Supported Issue 2 and ending the War on Drugs.

No public stance as of February 7, 2024.

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No public stance as of February 8, 2024.

★ **DEATH PENALTY**

Supports death penalty abolition.

"I don't support the death penalty, period."

"As long as the legislature has [death penalty] as a tool available if there is a case that warrants it, then that is a tool that I will employ."

No public stance as of February 7, 2024.

"Life for a Life: No negotiations for murders absent legal justification or mitigation."

★ **CASH BAIL**

Seeks to reduce reliance on cash bail and our broken two-tiered system of justice.

"Cash bail is not a threat to public safety."

"Cash bail is the definition of an unjust and inequitable system."

No public stance as of February 7, 2024.

Pierson has supported bonds of \$400,000 for individuals that have prior violent or drug related Felonies Tier 1 or 2 that are charged with firearm possession. Pierson advocates for bail recommendations to be uniform.

"As county prosecutor there will be more reasonable bails for low level offenders, first time offenders, non-violent offenders and requests for the highest possible bail for the most egregious crimes that are supported by evidence."

★ **YOUTH BINDOVER**

Seeks to ensure Ohio's youth remain in the youth justice system.

No public stance as of February 7, 2024.

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"Incarceration is a component of the solution but must not be the only solution."
"True crime reduction must come from all areas of our community, not just law enforcement."

"Child crimes will be punished to the fullest extent permitted by law. Some crimes are unforgiveable."



Shayla Favor (D)
CHALLENGER

Education

- Capital University School of Law, J.D.

Work Experience

Current role:

- Columbus City Council Member

Past experience:

- Columbus Assistant City Attorney

Publicly Available Endorsements (as of 2/14/24)

- [Full list of endorsements](#)



Natalia Harris (D)
CHALLENGER

Education

- The University of Dayton School of Law, J.D.

Work Experience

Current role:

- Delaware City Attorney

Past experience:

- Columbus City Attorney's Office, Assistant City Prosecutor
- Cincinnati City Attorney's Office
- Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office

Publicly Available Endorsements (as of 2/14/24)

- No Endorsements



Anthony Pierson (D)
CHALLENGER

Education

- The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law, J.D.

Work Experience

Current role:

- Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Forensic, Dive Team

Past experience:

- Ohio Attorney General's Office, Principal Assistant Attorney - General
- Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, Gang Unit
- City of Dublin Prosecutor

Publicly Available Endorsements (as of 2/7/24)

- [Full List of endorsements](#)



John Rutan (R)
CHALLENGER

Education

- The University of La Verne in Ontario, California., J.D.

Work Experience

Current role:

- Rutan Law, Managing Attorney and Founder

Past experience:

- Paralegal

Publicly Available Endorsements (as of 2/8/24)

- No Endorsements

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