

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Ohio

ATTENDING A TOWN HALL? PUBLIC DEBATE? MEET AND GREET?
ASK THESE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU CAST A BALLOT!

2020 ELECTION

BAIL REFORM

- Do you support bail reform legislation that would ensure that people aren't sitting in jail before trial simply because they cannot afford their release?
- How would you ensure judicial officers follow the letter and spirit of the law?

MASS INCARCERATION

- Ohio prisons are at 130% capacity. Local jails are overflowing. What are your ideas to reduce the number of Ohioans behind bars?
- What will you do to actively reduce the number of Ohio prisoners, and immigrant detainees, being housed in private, for-profit prisons?

DEATH PENALTY

- Do you support ending the death penalty?
- Ohio has more scheduled executions than any other state in the US. Will you commit to giving clemency to everyone currently on death row?

DRUG POLICY

- Do you think the opioid crisis is a public health concern or criminal justice issue? Why?
- Caffeine, aspirin, alcohol, and tobacco are regulated for safety. What are your thoughts on decriminalizing and regulating the use of marijuana?

JUVENILE JUSTICE

- How will you address the systemic issues found in juvenile detention facilities throughout Ohio?
- How will you combat the school-to-prison-pipeline and reduce the number of "resource officers" in our schools?

MAYOR'S COURTS

- Ohio and Louisiana are the only states that have mayor's courts. Would you support reforming this system?
- Someone does not have to be a judge, or even have a law degree, to hear cases in mayor's courts. How would you hold these courts accountable?

POLICE PRACTICES

- How would you hold police officers and departments accountable for instances of unnecessary or excessive force?
- How will you ensure that police treat all protesters equally, despite the message of their protest and the racial makeup of participants?

VOTING RIGHTS

- How would you ensure that all eligible Ohioans have the ability to cast a vote in every election?
- Would you support a statewide law to end the practice of purging voters? Why or why not?

LGBTQ RIGHTS

- Would you support a statewide law to protect LGBTQ Ohioans from discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations?
- Ohio is one of only two states that does not allow transgender Ohioans to correct the gender marker on their birth certificates. What would you do to help change this discriminatory policy?

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- Access to safe and legal abortion is heavily restricted in Ohio. What would you do to reverse this trend?
- What do you think about Ohio taxpayer dollars funding so-called "crisis pregnancy centers"?