

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
 NOVEMBER 3, 2015
 MERCER COUNTY, OHIO

Instructions to Voter

- **To vote:** completely darken the oval (●) to the left of your choice.
- Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed.
- If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted.
- **To vote for a write-in candidate:** completely darken the oval (●) to the left of the blank line and write in the candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as write-in candidates can be counted.
- Do not write in a candidate's name if that person's name is already printed on the ballot for that same contest.
- **If you make a mistake or want to change your vote:** return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.

VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD

For Mayor
 (Vote For Not More Than 1)

Amy Joseph _____

Glenn W. Keeling _____

For Member of Council
 (Vote for not more than 2)

Gary L. Fox _____

Greg Pontsler _____

TOWNSHIP OF DUBLIN

For Township Trustee
 (Vote for not more than 1)

Dan Roebuck _____

For Fiscal Officer
 (Vote for not more than 1)

Robert P. Maurer _____

Jessica F. Shaffer _____

MERCER COUNTY
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICE
 CENTER

**For Member of Governing
 Board of Educational
 Service Center**
 (Vote for not more than 2)

Melissa Hoying _____

Vicki J. Smith _____

PARKWAY LOCAL
 SCHOOL DISTRICT

**For Member of Board of
 Education**
 (Vote for not more than 2)

Jeffrey J. Armstrong _____

Matt Swygart _____

Issue One

**Creates a bipartisan, public
 process for
 drawing legislative districts**

**Proposed Constitutional
 Amendment**

**Proposed by Joint Resolution
 of the General Assembly**

**To enact new Sections 1, 2, 3, 4,
 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Article XI
 and to repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4,
 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and
 15 of Article XI of the
 Constitution of the State of Ohio.**

**A majority yes vote is necessary for the
 amendment to pass.**

The proposed amendment would:

- End the partisan process for drawing Ohio House and Senate districts, and replace it with a bipartisan process with the goal of having district boundaries that are more compact and politically competitive.
- Ensure a transparent process by requiring public meetings, public display of maps, and a public letter explaining any plan the Commission adopts by a simple majority vote.
- Establish the bipartisan Ohio Redistricting Commission, composed of 7 members including the Governor, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, and 4 members appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the General Assembly.
- Require a bipartisan majority vote of 4 members in order to adopt any final district plan, and prevent deadlock by limiting the length of time any plan adopted without bipartisan support is effective.

If passed, the amendment will become effective immediately.

**SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE
 APPROVED?**

YES _____

NO _____

Issue Two

**Anti-monopoly amendment;
 protects the initiative process
 from being used for personal
 economic benefit**

**Proposed Constitutional
 Amendment**

**Proposed by Joint Resolution
 of the General Assembly**

**Proposing to amend Section
 1e of Article II of the
 Constitution of the State of
 Ohio.**

**A majority yes vote is necessary for
 the amendment to pass.**

The proposed amendment would:

- Prohibit any petitioner from using the Ohio Constitution to grant a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for their exclusive financial benefit or to establish a preferential tax status.
- Prohibit any petitioner from using the Ohio Constitution to grant a commercial interest, right, or license that is not available to similarly situated persons or nonpublic entities.
- Require the bipartisan Ohio Ballot Board to determine if a purposed constitutional amendment violates the prohibitions above, and if it does, present two separate ballot questions to voters. Both ballot questions must receive a majority yes vote before the proposed amendment could take effect.
- Prohibit from taking effect any proposed constitutional amendment appearing on the November 3, 2015 General Election ballot that creates a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for the sale, distribution, or other use of any federal Schedule I controlled substance.
- The Ohio Supreme Court has original, exclusive jurisdiction in any action related to the proposal.

If passed, the amendment will become effective immediately.

**SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE
 APPROVED?**

YES _____

NO _____

Issue Three

Grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To add Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Endow exclusive rights for commercial marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction to self-designated landowners who own ten predetermined parcels of land in Butler, Clermont, Franklin, Hamilton, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Delaware, Stark, and Summit Counties. One additional location may be allowed for in four years.
- Permit retail sale of recreational marijuana at approximately 1,100 locations statewide.
- Legalize the production of marijuana-infused products, including edible products, concentrates, sprays, ointments and tinctures by marijuana product manufacturing facilities.
- Allow each person, 21 years of age or older, to purchase, grow, possess, use, transport and share over one-half pound of marijuana or its equivalent in marijuana-infused products at a time (a total of 8 ounces of usable, homegrown marijuana for recreational use, plus 1 ounce of purchased marijuana for recreational use), plus 4 homegrown, flowering marijuana plants. Authorize the use of medical marijuana by any person, regardless of age, who has a certification for a debilitating medical condition.
- Permits marijuana growing, cultivation and extraction facilities, product manufacturing facilities, retail marijuana stores and not-for-profit medical marijuana dispensaries to be within 1,000 feet of a house of worship; a publicly owned library; a public or chartered non-public elementary or secondary school; or a child day-care center, or playground that is built after January 1, 2015 or after the date the marijuana operation applies for a license to operate.
- Prohibit any local or state law, including zoning laws, from being applied to prohibit the development or operation of marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction facilities, retail marijuana stores, and medical marijuana dispensaries unless the area is zoned exclusively residential as of January 1, 2015 or as of the date that an application for a license is first filed for a marijuana establishment.
- Create a special tax rate limited to 15% on gross revenue of each marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction facility and marijuana product manufacturing facility and a special tax rate limited to 5% on gross revenue of each retail marijuana store. Revenues from the tax go to a municipal and township government fund, a strong county fund, and the marijuana control commission fund.
- Create a marijuana incubator in Cuyahoga County to promote growth and development of the marijuana industry and locate marijuana testing facilities near colleges and universities in Athens, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Mahoning, Scioto and Wood Counties, at a minimum.
- Limits the ability of the legislature and local governments from regulating the manufacture, sales, distribution and use of marijuana and marijuana products. Create a new state government agency called the marijuana control commission (with limited authority) to regulate the industry, comprised of seven Ohio residents appointed by the Governor, including a physician, a law enforcement officer, an administrative law attorney, a patient advocate, a resident experienced in owning, developing, managing and operating businesses, a resident with experience in the legal marijuana industry, and a member of the public.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

- YES
- NO

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

Parkway Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Parkway Local School District, for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding eight and ninety-seven hundredths (8.97) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to eighty-nine and seven-tenths cents (\$.897) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)

VANTAGE CAREER CENTER JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Vantage Career Center Joint Vocational School District for the purpose of permanent improvements which shall include equipment and related technologies at a rate not exceeding 0.7 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seven cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Village of Rockford

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the Village of Rockford have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located within the Village of Rockford, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

- YES
- NO

PROPOSED ORDINANCE GAS AGGREGATION

Village of Rockford

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall the Village of Rockford have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located within the Village of Rockford, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

- YES
- NO

**Vote Both Sides
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**Members of the Mercer County Board of Elections
November 3, 2015**