

Court of Appeals

Judicial Branch | Term: 6 Years

- Hears appeals from the common pleas, municipal and county courts
- Review and affirm, modify, or reverse judgments or final orders of the courts
- 12 Appellate Districts in Ohio & Cuyahoga County is located in the 8th District
- 12 Judges

Court of Common Pleas

General Division

Judicial Branch | Term: 6 Years

- Hears civil and criminal cases
- Criminal jurisdiction includes all crimes defined by statute as felonies, as well as other certain criminal cases
- 34 Judges

Court of Common Pleas

Domestic Relations Division

Judicial Branch | Term: 6 Years

- Handle cases relating to divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, domestic violence, interstate parenting and support.

Court of Common Pleas

Probate Division

Judicial Branch | Term: 6 Years

- Supervises the administration of the estate of a decedent who was a legal resident in the county at the time of his or her death.
- Other matters within the Probate Court's jurisdiction are: issuance of marriage licenses, adoptions, guardianship proceedings, the involuntary commitment of the mentally ill, and land appropriation cases.

Did you know in the state of OHIO:

- You can **register to vote** and update your voter information **online**?
- You have **28** days to cast your ballot?
- Felons **can** vote after they served time?

IMPORTANT VOTER DATES

OCTOBER 5, 2020

DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

for November 3 General Election

- Register online via the link below:
<https://olvr.sos.state.oh.us>

OCTOBER 6, 2020

EARLY VOTING BEGINS

- **Vote by Mail** (via an Absentee Ballot)
- **Vote In-Person** at the **Board of Elections**
2925 Euclid Ave. • Cleveland, OH 44115

DON'T WAIT. REQUEST YOUR APPLICATION TO VOTE-BY-MAIL TODAY!

CALL THE BOE AT (216) 443-VOTE (8683) OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE TO REQUEST ONLINE!

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

ELECTION DAY

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO:

Board of Elections: **216.443.VOTE**
www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us

Cuyahoga Democratic Party: **216.621.9750**
www.cuydem.com



DEMOCRATS
of Cuyahoga County

CCDP

November 3, 2020
Presidential
General Election

VOTER GUIDE

Exercise Your Right To Vote.

**Let's. Make.
Every. Vote. Count.**

Distributed by:

Name: _____

Contact: _____

Position: _____

Created by Shontel Brown, Chair of the CCDP

Which Issues Are Important To You?

Check All That Apply:

- Access to Affordable Healthcare
- Bail Reform
- Child Support
- Civil Rights
- Clean Water
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- Food Assistance
- Foreign Affairs
- Foster Care
- High Quality Pre-K Education
- Homelessness
- Income Taxes
- Infant Mortality
- Job Opportunities
- Legalization of Marijuana
- LGBTQ Rights
- Living Wages
- Mental Health
- Neighborhood Reinvestment
- Opioid Epidemic
- Prescription Drug Prices
- Public Education
- Public Safety
- Public Transportation
- Reentry Services
- Road Repairs
- Safe Communities
- Senior and Adult Services
- Sensible Gun Laws
- Women's Reproductive Rights
- Worker's Rights
- Workforce Development
- Veterans Affairs
- Voting Rights

**If you checked at least one box,
then that is why you need to vote.**

President

Executive Branch | Term: 4 Years (Limit 2)

- Checks & balances the legislative branch
- Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces
- Approve or veto bills/laws enacted by Congress
- Grant pardons
- Make vacancy appointments to the Cabinet and heads of Federal Agencies
- Enforce laws written by Congress

US Congress

Legislative Branch | Term: 2 Years

- Control the budget
- Ability to change taxes
- Oversight of the federal agencies
- Ability to declare war
- Make and amend federal laws
- **435 Members 232 DEM | 198 REP | 1 IND | 4 VAC**
 - **16 Ohio Members 4 DEM & 12 REP**

Ohio Supreme Court

Judicial Branch | Term: 6 Years

- The final authority over the interpretation of Ohio law and the Ohio Constitution.
- Can overturn unconstitutional laws
- Hears appeals from the twelve district courts of appeals in Ohio
- Composed of seven justices
 - Six justices and a chief justice

Ohio Board of Education

District 11 | Term: 4 Years

- 19 members (11 elected & 8 appointed)
- A policymaking body responsible for K-12 public education in Ohio.
- Meryl Johnson is the current incumbent representing District 11.

State Senator

Legislative Branch | Term: 4 Years (Limit 2)

- Makes State laws
- Controls the state's budget
- Raises or lowers taxes
- Upholds or overrides governor's vetoes
 - Upper Chambers
- **33 Members 9 DEM & 24 REP**

State Representative

Legislative Branch | Term: 2 Years (Limit 4)

- Makes State laws
- Controls the state's budget
- Raises or lowers taxes
- Upholds or overrides governor's vetoes
 - Lower Chambers
- **99 Members 38 DEM | 60 REP | 1 VAC**

Democratic Elected Officials

Senate District 21 **Sandra R. Williams**

Sente District 23 **Nickie J. Antonio**

Senate District 25 **Kenny Yuko**

House District 6 **Phil Robinson**

House District 8 **Kent Smith**

House District 9 **Janine Boyd**

House District 10 **Terrence Upchurch**

House District 11 **Stephanie Howse**

House District 12 **Juanita Brent**

House District 13 **Michael J. Skindell**

House District 14 **Bride Rose Sweeney**

House District 15 **Jeffrey A. Crossman**

County Prosecutor

Executive Branch | Term: 4 Years

- Represents citizens of Cuyahoga Co. in both criminal and civil legal matters
- Office employs over 350 people and oversees 15 divisions and units
- Tries cases, interview witnesses or victims, evaluate police reports, and perform legal research

County Council

Legislative Branch | Term: 4 Years

- Makes County laws
- Establishes departments, divisions, boards, agencies and commissions
- Establishes procedures for contracts
- Partners with cities, counties and state for public improvements and services
- Adopts or amends the tax and biennial operating budget
- **11 Members 8 DEM & 3 REP**

Democratic Elected Officials

County Prosecutor.....**Michael C. O'Malley**

County Council:

District 2..... **Dale Miller**

District 3... **Dan Brady (Council President)**

District 4..... **Scott Tuma**

District 7..... **Yvonne M. Conwell**

District 8..... **Pernel Jones, Jr.**

District 9..... **Shontel M. Brown**

District 10..... **Cheryl L. Stephens**

District 11..... **Sunny M. Simon**

Levels of Government

FEDERAL

President
U.S. Senator
U.S. Congress
U.S. Supreme Court



STATE

Governor/Lt. Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
Treasurer
Auditor
Ohio Supreme Court
State Senator
State Representative
State School Board
State Central Committee



COUNTY

County Executive
County Council
County Prosecutor
Common Pleas Court
Court of Appeals



CITY

Mayor
City Council
Municipal Court
Local School Board
Central Committee