



# Kaleidoscope Youth Center

## Voter Registration Guide

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For the 2018 Midterms, Kaleidoscope Youth Center set out to compile a voter guide that centered the needs and concerns of LGBTQI+ young people in Central Ohio. We wanted to know how the candidates would work to support our lives, our families, and our communities.

We asked the young people that visit KYC's center, and their families, what questions they wanted answered most from the candidates. We then sent these questions to every candidate officially endorsed by the Franklin County Democratic Party and the Franklin County Republican Party. We also compiled a list of candidates in surrounding districts of KYC's Center and Green Party candidates.

It's important to note that some candidates did not have easily attainable contact information for us to send the questions, and therefore, they may not have gotten a chance to respond. Others had email addresses that bounced back and with no other public means to contact them. A few candidates also missed our print deadline and were unable to be included here.

In total, five (5) candidates responded: 3 Democrats, 1 Republican, and 1 Green Party.

The follow responses are listed in descending order from state to county to district.

*DO YOU SUPPORT THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY?  
PLEASE PROVIDE 2-3 EXAMPLES OF WAYS YOU HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE.*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

The overwhelming majority of Ohioans—nearly 80 percent—support protections for LGBTQ Ohioans in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Yet it is still legal to discriminate against LGBTQ people in most parts of our state. Our LGBTQ family and friends can get married on a Sunday and - just because of who they love - be legally fired from their job or lose their housing on Monday.

I have long been an ally of the LGBTQ community. One of my happiest memories is the 2004 Pride Parade, which I attended with my two children. As I walked the parade route, I was moved by the enthusiasm and bravery of the LGBTQ community in advocating for the rights that they deserve. I have had and continue to have many friends, colleagues and employees who identify as LGBTQ, and I have remained active in LGBTQ advocacy and activism since that march. There have

been many advances in LGBTQ rights over the past fourteen years, but we still have a long way to go.

As governor, I will fight to not only protect the rights that LGBTQ persons have earned, but to expand LGBTQ rights to the level that those in the community deserve.

During my career, I have authored a U.S. Supreme Court brief for 35 Members of Congress to uphold Wisconsin's hate crimes law that included sexual orientation; consulted with and advised Lambda Legal Defense Fund in *Romer v. Evans* and *Lawrence v. Texas*; and in 2000 received the Human Rights Campaign's Michael Howard Greer Award as Humanitarian of the Year. I am proud of the work I have done on behalf of and in partnership with members of the LGBTQ community.

#### ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I'm a staunch supporter the LGBTQI+ community, with the record to prove it. While in Congress, I voted to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, to expand hate crimes protections to include the LGBTQ community, and to repeal the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, among others.

#### MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

I support the LGBTQI+ community. The Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio have endorsed my election as County Auditor. A few of the many ways I have been supportive of the LGBTQI+ community include the following:

As State Representative, I SUPPORTED AND CO-SPONSORED legislation making it illegal to fire someone and/or deny them housing & public accommodations if they are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.

Recently, on February 5, 2018, I joined my colleagues on City Council to urge the General Assembly to strengthen protections for the LGBT community in Ohio. With my strong SUPPORT, Council unanimously approved a resolution calling on the Statehouse to pass the Ohio Fairness Act which would extend equal protection for LGBTQI+ people when it comes to employment and housing.

The following day, Channel 6, quoted me commenting on the lack of statewide protections saying, "This is kind of a blemish and something we can be proactive to eliminate that to make sure we are the best place to live, work, raise a family," said Council Member Michael Stinziano. "If they (Amazon) know some talent is afraid to come to Ohio because they have that concern because they could be discriminated against, it's a barrier (for Amazon to locate here)."

I strongly SUPPORT and have always VOTED IN FAVOR of public funding for local LGBTQI+ organizations.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

Yes, I support the LGBTQI+ community. In the early 90's, I was part of the original steering committee of The Association For Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Faculty and Staff of The Ohio State University. In the late 90's, I was a board member and sang with the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus. In early 2000, I became involved with Project OpenHand Columbus as a board member and volunteer where I continue to volunteer in the food pantry even to this day.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

- A) My best friends are of the community.
- B) Many experiences over a lifetime have given me the opportunity to help in personal ways, however, they are personal.
- C) Providing live music and musical coaching for gay pride.

*WHAT ARE THE WAYS THE OFFICE YOU'RE SEEKING COULD SUPPORT THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

As Governor, I will also issue an Executive Order that prohibits discrimination by the Ohio government based on factors that have no bearing on whether someone is qualified to do their job - such as race, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and political or religious affiliation. This move would bar the state government from discriminating against its own employees and ban state employees and contractors from discriminating against members of the public. It will ensure that all state employees are able to serve openly, and will prevent tax dollars from going to organizations that do not reflect Ohio's commitment to fairness and equality.

I fully support the 2015 Supreme Court decision granting marriage equality to same-sex couples, and as governor, I would use the power of my office to uphold the Supreme Court's ruling. In great contrast, Mike DeWine is on the record opposing the freedom of marriage and has fought against marriage equality all the way to the Supreme Court. If elected, he would attempt to undermine the just and legal 2015 Supreme Court decision. While DeWine wants to turn back the clock and use the governorship to undo the important advances we have made as a country on LGBTQ rights, I want to build on the successes we have achieved, such as the 2015 Supreme Court ruling. We have so much more work to do, and if elected I will fight to protect and expand the rights of the LGBTQ community.

Betty [Sutten] and I will also ensure that HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention and research are priorities. We recognize that Medicaid is the single largest source of coverage for people with HIV in the U.S., and will protect Ohio's Medicaid expansion, which our opponents have pledged to get rid of. By investing in Medicaid, we will ensure that the most vulnerable Ohioans have access to the treatment and care that they need. In order to finally root out HIV/AIDS, we must invest in preventative measures, such as education, and in treatment and research. Betty and I will be advocates for those suffering from HIV/AIDS.

These are a few of the ways our administration will work to be allies to the LGBTQ community. As Governor and Lieutenant Governor, we will continue our work for LGBTQ Ohioans and ensure that they know their needs are being heard.

#### ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I have pledged to introduce unprecedented diversity into the Auditor of State's office and among its 800 employees statewide -- including significant representation from the LGBTQI+ community. While the Auditor of State does not create law, I promise to use the statewide platform that the office affords to advocate for the LGBTQI+ community in relevant matters before the General Assembly, such as HB 160.

#### MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

The Franklin County Auditor's office provides for registration for all rental properties within the county limits. This provides the office with the ability to catalog that information and provide it to housing and rental property regulation organizations in order to be able to advocate for more affordable and fair housing practices. However, currently only approximately 60% of the rental properties in the county are registered. If elected Auditor, I will strive to achieve 100% registration in order to provide this information to these organizations and other interested parties.

#### DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

One important way I would support the LGBTQ youth is to be accessible and seek their input. Likewise, I would speak-up when I am in the majority caucus meetings and advocate one-on-one meetings with other legislators.

#### STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

Policy initiatives for a government advocate:

- Employment arbitration
- Investigate incidents

*APPROXIMATELY 40% OF ALL HOMELESS YOUTH ARE MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY. WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO INCREASE PREVENTION EFFORTS? WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SAFE, AFFIRMING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

A gay couple in Ohio should not have to pretend to be roommates - rather than family - so they can find a place to live. Parents should not have to worry that a transgender child will be bullied at school. And vulnerable young LGBTQ people who have been kicked out of the house by families that don't accept who they are should not be denied access to homeless shelters, foster care, and adoptive homes.

The LGBTQ community, particularly the transgender community and LGBTQ youth, faces significant disparities in employment, education, health care, and housing. The Cordray-Sutton Administration will prioritize meeting the needs of all residents by improving access to health care, updating our policies on identity documents, providing training on LGBTQ issues, and collecting more LGBTQ-inclusive data.

Few practices hurt LGBTQ youth more than attempts to change their sexual orientation or gender identity through conversion therapy, which is coercive and harmful, and has been condemned by every major medical organization in the country. We will work to block the use of Ohio taxpayer dollars to fund this dangerous practice in the Medicaid program, child welfare services, and any other agency in Ohio. Along with this work against conversion therapy and other detrimental practices, we will work to ensure LGBTQ youth have equal opportunity for prosperity in employment, education, health care, and housing. We will ensure that LGBTQ youth in our state know that their voices are heard and that they have an ally in their Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

Our state needs to prioritize wrap-around services at public schools that teach healthy lifestyle choices and provide our children with a safe refuge; retaining the Medicaid expansion, which ensures health care for at-risk youth and their families; and investing more state dollars into affordable and subsidized housing in our communities. The Auditor oversees the actions and spending of state entities such as the Ohio Housing Finance Agency which play a significant role in addressing homelessness and empowering low- and middle-income families to purchase homes.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

I remain totally committed to finding solutions addressing the problem of homeless youth in our community. As Auditor, I would be able to aid these prevention efforts by creating a county-wide searchable database of rental properties and their owners. Also, I will continue to advocate for state-wide housing nondiscrimination. In 2013, when I served in the Ohio House, I initiated a bipartisan effort working with Rep. Cheryl Grossman to provide \$665,000 in state funding for Star House, which at the time was in danger of closing.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

It is important for there to be a collaboration between the local and state stakeholders like child welfare, law enforcement agencies, and providers of runaway services. I think there should be a taskforce to address issues of survival sex and treat those situations as sex trafficking victims.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

There are enough vacant homes in America for every homeless person. Above mentioned advocate to provide counseling, etc.

*WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE THE TOP 3 ISSUES IMPACTING  
LGBTQI+ YOUNG PEOPLE IN OHIO?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

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ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I understand that many LGBTQI+ youth are fundamentally unwell, and deal with homelessness, depression, and substance abuse at far higher rates than the general public. This community is significantly more likely to be exposed to violence, and to lack access to quality and affordable healthcare.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

Bullying, violence, homelessness, poverty, and suicide among youth are major problems impacting young people in Ohio, including LGBTQI+ youth.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

I believe hostile environments in schools continues to be an issue and access to healthcare and counseling services in rural Ohio. I would also seek and welcome input from LGBTQ+ and Ally Youth to hear what they believe are the major issues impacting them.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

Homophobia, Social Justice, Personal Liberation

### *WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE TO DECREASE INSTANCES OF POLICE BRUTALITY IN OHIO?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

We must work toward a more positive relationship between police and the public they protect. I have tremendous respect for the men and women who serve as our law enforcement officers. My work with them is why I believe that real security becomes possible when all citizens feel that law enforcement is on their side and that they can work together as partners to keep their communities safe.

As governor, I will support the efforts of local police departments to train their officers in community policing, de-escalation, and non-lethal tactics. I will encourage increased transparency on arrests and shootings so that we can base our conversations around policing on concrete information. I will support the appropriate use of body cameras and ensure access to other equipment such as body armor and first aid kits.



But we cannot address these concerns only by engaging with police officers. We must intentionally work to encourage stronger police/community relations and find avenues to increase trust. When elected officials or the media unfairly malign law enforcement officers, they should be called out. We can significantly reduce the mistrust that sometimes sours policy/community relations by dealing honestly and forthrightly with incidents that risk increasing mistrust so that police relationships with all communities – and especially minority communities – can improve, benefiting public safety for all.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

To effectively bridge the divide between law enforcement and communities of color, I would encourage initiatives previously endorsed by the law enforcement agencies and community groups such as community policing and increased diversity recruiting. New initiatives that have been implemented around the nation such as de-escalation awards are also promising.

I would would (sic) like to be a leader in hosting conversations in our communities and serve as a bridge between communities of color and law enforcement.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

It is no coincidence that as local government funds have decreased, police brutality has increased nationwide. When local governments are stretched thin, it is more difficult to invest in cultural competency and de-escalation training and also leads to less safe staffing levels due to an unwillingness to bring on new classes of trainees. We must advocate for local government funding to be a priority and that a priority of those local governments be investing in safe staffing levels and training.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

More training and education for law enforcement. Create an environment of collaboration and partnership among communities and law enforcement.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

No more straight white male police on the streets. Desk jobs only.

***WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CURRENT FUNDING STRUCTURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS?***

#### RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

As Governor, I will relentlessly press for a school funding system that is fair as well as "thorough and efficient" under the Ohio Constitution. The quality of a child's education should not be determined by their zip code. I will work with the legislature to deliver this needed change and to end residual budgeting for Ohio schools.

Our public schools educate 90% of Ohio's children. But since 2010, our public schools have received much less state funding while funding for charter schools has increased. Over the next two years, charter schools will siphon nearly \$2 billion from school districts – despite performing worse on average than traditional public schools.

Betty and I will ensure districts can give our students a comprehensive education by making school funding more transparent. Under our administration, any public funding for charters and vouchers will come directly from the state. Ohio's tax dollars belong in the classroom instead of padding companies' bottom lines.

#### ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

Ohio's school funding method has been ruled unconstitutional several times, dating back decades. The fact that the Ohio General Assembly has failed to address this obvious failure is disgraceful, and indicative of the extent to which legislators are beholden to the special interests at the expense of average Ohioans. The public school funding structure disproportionately affects at-risk youth in our urban cores and in our rural areas, and it must be corrected. I will strongly advocate for such action, and will not hesitate to shame legislators to do their job.

#### MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

It is no secret that our current funding structure in Ohio has been found unconstitutional multiple times by the Ohio Supreme Court. While in the statehouse I advocated for a system that did not create automatic winners and losers by its over dependence on property taxes.

#### DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

Since the Ohio Supreme Court ruled 20 years ago that the funding for Ohio schools was unconstitutional because of the wide disparity in how schools are funded, nothing has been done. The Ohio Supreme Court failed Ohioans by not offering any guidance about how schools should be funded. Our elected officials have failed Ohioans by doing very little to solve the unconstitutional funding. Legislation introduced in the General Assembly (House Bill 102) offers a significant change to the way schools are funded. The bill's sponsor has stated

that the bill is intended as “a way to open up the discussion about how we traditionally fund schools in Ohio”. When I’m in the legislature I will be committed to continuing the discussion and finding a bi-partisan solution to school funding.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

Public schools need a range of sources for desperately needed growth.

*WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE TO INCREASE FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO SCHOOLS IN POOR AREAS?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

Public schools are the centers of our communities. The two are linked — one cannot succeed without the other. Schools need communities that are invested in educating their students; communities need schools that support their neighborhoods outside of the classroom.

We have to take a three-dimensional approach to education, one that goes well beyond the classroom. To ensure that all students can succeed academically, schools must have access to the full range of physical and mental resources to meet their needs, along with those of their parents and the entire community.

We will bring wrap-around social services, health services, and mental health services into our schools, offering a broader range of services for the students and families who need them. This will reduce logistical and strategic challenges for parents in finding ways to get those services on their own. Services like health, dental, mental health, afterschool programs, and parent support programs will establish our public schools as the strong center of our neighborhoods – as they should be.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I have promised to create a Special Audit Unit on day one of my administration to fully investigate the for-profit charter school scam -- best exemplified by the ECOT debacle -- that has defrauded virtually every Ohio taxpayer and failed a generation of our children. ECOT alone siphoned over \$1 billion away from public schools. This money should have been invested in our public schools. I will advocate for the abolition of for-profit charter schools, which will ensure the return of hundreds of millions of dollars per year to Ohio’s public education system.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

A constitutional system of school funding would allow for these poor areas to not be disadvantaged in the first place. In the meantime, I will work as Auditor to make sure that property values are accurate and transparent and that their property taxes are assessed in order to provide those much needed dollars to our local school districts.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

Beginning the discussion on House Bill 102 would be a great step moving forward.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

Budget priority!

*DO YOU SUPPORT INCLUSIVE BATHROOMS AND AFFIRMING SPACES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS? WHY OR WHY NOT?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

Betty and I strongly support the rights of all of our LGBTQ community members. We recognize that a major issue for the transgender community is to be able to live their lives according to their gender identity. We would strongly fight for their rights to live the lives they choose to live and ensure an Ohio where they are best able to pursue their happiness. According to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, the most critical aspect of gender transition is to ensure that a transgender person is able to live, be seen and be treated by others in a matter consistent with the person's gender identity. As Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Betty and I will fight to protect these rights to public accommodations. My opponent, Mike DeWine has vowed to do the opposite. When the Obama administration tried to stand up and fight for gender inclusive bathroom protections, DeWine fought against the protections and took them to court.

Betty and I promise to fight for all members of our community, including all in the LGBTQ community and will continue to strongly support them and do all we can to enable them to live their best lives. We will ensure that Ohio is a place for all and that these members of our state are able to be who they truly are.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

Yes. Students and educators alike deserve to be comfortable in their own skin, without fear of retribution based on their identity and sexual orientation. The

promotion of affirming spaces in public schools not only allows for children to feel comfortable, but also creates an important culture of acceptance and inclusion.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

Yes, there are many barriers already to a positive educational experience to our students, not having inclusive and affirming spaces in school just adds to the negatives of that experience.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

I support single occupancy gender-neutral bathrooms for grades 1-12. When new schools are built the design and number of gender-neutral bathrooms and changing rooms should be considered.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

Three restrooms.

### *HOW DO YOU DEFINE SOCIAL JUSTICE? WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE IN THE STATE OF OHIO?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

Ohio currently has shockingly few statewide legal protections for its more than 437,000 LGBTQ residents and their families. Common-sense laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression are fair and right - and make good economic sense. These are necessities in order to obtain the social justice all Ohioans deserve.

Social justice to me means that all Ohioans are allowed to live lives free of discrimination and persecution based on factors that make up who they are as individuals. I believe in all Ohioans, and I will be governor for all Ohioans. The job of governor begins with ensuring that Ohio is a state at the forefront of the fight for social justice. We have seen progress, but we still have a long way to go to achieve this goal and as governor. I will make sure more progress is made.

While 20 cities in Ohio have already prohibited discrimination against LGBTQ people and their families, our state legislature has failed to protect LGBTQ Ohioans statewide. The talents and strengths of all of us are needed to move our state forward into the future. Betty and I will provide new leadership that is 100 percent committed to fairness and equality for all.

Any violence or discrimination against the LGBTQ community is unacceptable and local and state governments have a responsibility to make sure they are doing whatever they can to protect all members of their communities. Fifteen years ago, as a county and state leader, I amended my office's nondiscrimination policies to include sexual orientation, long before others followed suit. As CFPB Director, I worked to stop big banks and financial institutions from discriminating against LGBTQ people in their credit and lending practices. As your governor, I will continue to fight for the rights of the LGBTQ community, and will not stop

until Betty and I believe we have all of the protections in place for future generations of Ohioans.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

Social justice means assuring the acceptance and equality of people from all creeds, backgrounds, socio-economic status, sexual orientations, race, disabilities and more. When we achieve full social justice and all that is encompassed under its large umbrella, the state of Ohio is truly diverse and equally represented. The State of Ohio is very unique, and serves as home to an expansive spectrum of people. We must fight to ensure the dignity of all Ohioans.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

To me, social justice is defined by advocating for a fair playing field regardless of gender, race or sexuality or economic circumstances. Currently, the state of Ohio is not an affirming place for underrepresented communities. A big step towards further social justice would be state policies that support non-discrimination and remove existing discriminatory language in the law.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

I would define social justice as laws that would conform to natural law and all persons, regardless of their gender, race, religion, origin, etc., would be treated equally.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

Expand public education for younger and older students with sensitivity training in core-curriculum. Consciousness raising, etc.

*DO YOU SUPPORT A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE? WHY OR WHY NOT?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

Ohio's minimum wage is scheduled to increase to \$8.30 an hour in 2018. We should increase it to higher levels as practicable, and I think it is likely that Ohio will face another ballot measure on the issue if we fail to do so. This would provide fair compensation for workers struggling with rising living costs without placing too great of a burden on Ohio's businesses.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I am open to supporting a \$15 minimum wage, though I'm conscious that such an increase could hamper businesses in rural areas where cost of living is significantly lower than in cities and suburbs. A more sustainable solution could be to adjust minimum wage by county in the way that prevailing wages are set, with a permanent correlation to inflation.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

I support a living wage. The amount of that minimum may vary from city to city. In cases where \$15 is appropriate I support that wage.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

I believe that increasing the minimum wage to \$15 should be a consumer and market driven process. I am open to consideration of a blended minimum wage that would allow exceptions for some entry level positions, temporary part-time seasonal help, etc.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

\$15.00 YES. YES. YES. Everybody is employed, still, food banks are depleted and insufficient.

*WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA?*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

As Governor, I will fix the botched implementation of Ohio's medical marijuana program to ensure that patients have access to the medicine they need in a safe and affordable manner. I also thinks [sic] that the last marijuana ballot referendum failed partly because it was a flawed proposal. I supports [sic] voters' right to propose a new referendum and will follow the will of the voters if it comes to a vote.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I support the legalization of medicinal marijuana, provided that production and sales are taxed and regulated.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

I support decriminalization efforts on minor possession offenses. The implementation of legalized medical marijuana has been fraught with problems.

I would support exploring options for creating better processes that include decriminalization.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

I am not in favor of legalizing recreational marijuana. I do support re-classifying most marijuana charges to misdemeanors.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

LEGALIZE IT.

*PLEASE LIST 2-3 WAYS THE STATE OF OHIO CAN IMPROVE GUN CONTROL.*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

The recent shooting in Cincinnati is a startling reminder of the need for action to better gun control. The epidemic continues to hit Ohioans, as we see time and time again. But this epidemic spreads far beyond what we see on the news, it plagues our streets and far too many of our communities, especially among African Americans. The time for idle discussion is over, we must take action to stop the senseless loss of life that gun violence is causing. But we can't approach this issue as Democrats or as Republicans, and we're not going to solve it with political slogans

Betty and I will bring everyone together, including law enforcement, community leaders, faith leaders, social service providers, gun owners, and crime victims to put all options on the table and find solutions that will work in Ohio. We have laid out a comprehensive gun violence prevention plan that tackles the problem from all angles, based on what we know works - not empty political promises.

We will expand background checks to cover all gun sales in Ohio, and will make sure they are fully funded and effective in keeping guns out of the wrong hands. We will ban modifications like bump stocks that illegally convert firearms into fully-automatic weapons. We will increase support for school safety, including identifying early warning signs and putting school resource officers on campuses to train staff and speed responses. We will appoint a gun violence prevention



czar in their administration to coordinate the state-level response to this epidemic, including working with health experts, law enforcement, and social services to provide resources and best practices to local governments. We will establish gun trafficking task forces around the state that will bring together local law enforcement, prosecutors, and non-profits to stop illegal gun sales and disrupt gang activity.

Betty and I have been, and remain, supporters of responsible gun ownership. But we know that we must take common sense steps to address the senseless killings that we see in our communities and in our schools. Law-abiding citizens should continue to be able to exercise their constitutional rights, but criminals, those who suffer from addiction, domestic abusers, and anyone who is at high risk of using a gun to commit a crime should not be able to obtain assault weapons or any gun - period

#### ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I support the recent legislation implementing Red Flag Laws. I also believe that other common-sense measures -- such as closing the gun show loophole -- can reduce gun violence while still respecting Ohioans' constitutional rights.

#### MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

I SUPPORT AND VOTED FOR the package of "common sense" local gun laws that passed Columbus City Council on May 14, 2018, to close the gap between federal and state law, to protect victims of domestic violence and to keep dangerous weapons out of neighborhoods.

There are 11 measures in the package of laws that are a part of the Columbus Comprehensive Neighborhood Safety Strategy. I believe state and federal action are still needed to ban assault weapons and implement universal background checks, but City Council acted in May to add common sense regulation to reduce gun violence.

THE ORDINANCES WHICH COUNCIL PASSED WITH MY SUPPORT also include banning bump stocks, the sale of imitation guns to minors and prohibiting the sale of firearms in residential areas.

#### DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

Ohio should enact "red flag" laws that allow a judge to issue an extreme risk protection order that temporarily restricts a person from owning and possessing a gun if family, household members, and police can convince a judge they're a danger. Persons convicted of domestic violence should not be allowed to own a gun. The loophole for background checks for online and gun show purchases should be closed.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

License guns like car titles. Mandatory training like driver's license.

*WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON [HB 160, THE OHIO FAIRNESS ACT?](#)*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

It is long overdue for Ohio to adopt statewide fully-LGBTQ-inclusive nondiscrimination protections. We must adopt the Ohio Fairness Act, adding sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to Ohio's civil rights laws. The Ohio Civil Rights Commission should be able to act on complaints of LGBTQ discrimination in employment, housing, school, credit, and public accommodations. And we can do this while maintaining Ohio's existing religious exemptions, striking a reasonable balance between non-discrimination and respect for deeply held religious beliefs.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I wholeheartedly support HB 160, and have been proud to stand with my friend Rep. Nickie Antonio in advocating for this legislation.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

I SUPPORT HB 160, The Ohio Fairness Act.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

I support HB 160.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

Not sure yet. Looks good so far.

*WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON [HB 658?](#)*

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

Betty and I have opposed and will continue to oppose legislation detrimental to the LGBTQ population. We pride ourselves on being the LGBTQ communities'

allies, and will not be their adversaries. House Bill 658 goes against our belief that these individuals have a right to be who they are.

House Bill 658 poses a significant risk to our LGBTQ community members, specifically our LGBTQ youth, and their privacy to live the life of their choosing. Betty and I refuse to be a part of the degradation of these rights this bill would help sponsor and instead will strive to enable a state of prosperity and happiness for our LGBTQ community.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I oppose HB 658. I believe that government should not be discouraging or suppressing individual expression

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

I OPPOSE HB 658.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

I oppose HR 658.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

Not sure yet. Looks suspect and problematic.

***PLEASE LIST THE SPECIFIC WAYS YOU WILL WORK TO ADVANCE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY.***

RICHARD CORDRAY (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

The Cordray-Sutton administration will provide public funding to groups that meet authorized public purposes and that are eligible for state funds. We are committed to providing full, fair, and equal consideration to any grant proposals or other public funding that helps support local LGBTQ community organizations.

Making sure the State of Ohio has strong legal protections in place for our LGBTQ citizens is just a start. Betty and I will have LGBTQ people serving in leadership positions in our administration and the community will have a seat at the table with input on key decisions. In addition to prohibiting discrimination in state hiring and contracting, we will make sure services are provided to assist with the unique needs of LGBTQ youth and elderly, as well as provide adequate health programming for issues such as HIV/AIDS.

As governor, I would gladly sign legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Other states have led on these issues and I firmly believe that Ohio must provide an inclusive, welcoming and tolerant environment that is free of harassment and discrimination for everyone. Laws that discriminate against the transgender community have no place in Ohio, or anywhere else in America.

ZACK SPACE (D): CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

I will be a staunch advocate for the LGBTQI+ community as Auditor of State. I will use the platform this office provides to advocate for pro-equality legislation in the General Assembly, and will not be shy about shaming legislators into doing the right thing by this community of Ohioans. I will prioritize creating the most diverse administration the Auditor of State's office has ever seen, and that will absolutely include significant representation from the LGBTQI+ community.

MICHAEL STINZIANO (D): CANDIDATE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

As mentioned above, I have been and remain an advocate for more inclusive and nondiscriminatory laws. I will continue to have a transparent and accessible office to be an advocate in any way possible on behalf of the LGBTQI+ community. Specifically, I will work to create a rental property database to give advocacy organizations access to the necessary information to be able to litigate against property owners with discriminatory packages.

DAVID TODD (R): CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

I will speak out against any anti-LGBTQI+ proposed legislation. I will be informed and accessible to the LGBTQI+ community.

STEVE DODGE (G): CANDIDATE FOR OH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 26

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