



2026

Candidate Scorecard

See how candidates measure up
on the issues that matter for LGBTQ+
Ohioans and their families.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.

This scorecard is for informational purposes only and is not an endorsement of any candidate or advocacy to voters for a particular candidate. Instead, this information is provided for voters to make their own informed decisions as to how to vote.

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What Do Candidate Grades Mean?

Scores do not constitute endorsements. All candidates were assessed based on a variety of factors related to their support for LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion, including their legislative records (if they have previously held office), overall career track records, public statements, campaign platforms and other accomplishments.

Judicial candidates were evaluated with the additional criteria of their rulings, independence from partisan politics and the consistency of their judicial philosophy.



A+ Champion of equality: Sustained, strong record of support for LGBTQ+ Ohioans



A Strong record of support for LGBTQ+ Ohioans



B Mostly strong record OR insufficient record but supportive public statements



C Mixed record OR no record and no public statements



D Mostly poor record OR no record and public statements opposing LGBTQ+ equality



F Sustained, poor record opposing LGBTQ+ equality

Equality Ohio 2026 Candidate Scorecard

Statewide

- U.S. Senator
- Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- State Auditor
- State Treasurer
- Ohio Supreme Court (x2 races)

Leaders at the statewide level are key decision-makers when it comes to policies that impact LGBTQ+ Ohioans and their families.



U.S. Senator



A

Sherrod Brown

- He voted against the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 and was a staunch advocate for the Equality Act.
- He has long supported legislation to expand nondiscrimination protections and defend marriage equality and civil rights for all.
- In his current campaign, he has publicly voiced support for equality for all Ohioans.



F

Jon Husted

- He has a longstanding record opposing LGBTQ+ equality, including previously voting to ban same-sex marriage.
- He criticized Governor DeWine's veto of legislation banning gender-affirming care for transgender minors.
- He publicly defended HB 8, Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" law.

Governor



B

Amy Acton

- She has voiced support for reproductive freedom, public education, and workers' and union rights.
- Her campaign wrote to the press that she “will always stand up for Ohioans, including the LGBT community. As governor, she is committed to standing up to discrimination and ensuring all Ohioans receive equal protection under the law.”
- Following a remark on June 30, 2026, her grade changed from “A” to “B”, reflecting unresolved concerns about support for trans Ohioans.



F

Vivek Ramaswamy

- He supports bans on gender-affirming care and has referred to transgender identity as a “mental health disorder.”
- He has characterized the broader LGBTQ+ movement as “cult-like” and has used national culture war messaging targeting LGBTQ+ inclusion.
- He has criticized diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and supports restrictions on reproductive healthcare access.

Secretary of State



Allison Russo

- She is a leading advocate, voting against HB 8, Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" law.
- She has consistently supported policies promoting LGBTQ+ equality, inclusion, and personal freedom throughout her time in the legislature including co-sponsoring the Ohio Fairness Act and Conversion Therapy Ban.
- She advocated against Issue 1 in 2023, which would have required a supermajority vote for future citizen-led ballot initiatives.



Robert Sprague

- While in the legislature, he voted for the Ohio Pastor Protection Act, allowing clergy and religious organizations to refuse to solemnize same-sex marriages or to use their property for those ceremonies.
- He has publicly stated that marriage is "between one man and one woman" and disagreed with the Supreme Court when it struck down the Defense of Marriage Act.
- He has publicly stated that affirming trans youth is child abuse.
- He has emphasized restricting voter access by expanding photo-ID requirements and eliminating ballot drop boxes.

Attorney General



F

Keith Faber

- He voted for Ohio's 2004 Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibited the recognition of same-sex marriages and reduced protections for LGBTQ+ Ohioans in nonmarital relationships.
- He voted for the Ohio Pastor Protection Act, allowing clergy and religious organizations to refuse to solemnize same-sex marriages or to use their property for those ceremonies.



B

John Kulewicz

- While on Upper Arlington City Council, he voted for non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ residents in housing, public accommodations, and employment.
- He publicly supports civil rights protections for LGBTQ+ Ohioans.
- He brings 44 years of legal experience, including arguing cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and courts across Ohio.

State Auditor



B

Annette Blackwell

- As Mayor of Maple Heights, she publicly supported recognizing Pride Month.



D

Frank LaRose

- As chairman of the Ohio Ballot Board, he split proposed equal rights and same-sex marriage measures into separate ballot questions making it more difficult for them to move forward.
- In 2023, the Ohio Supreme Court stated he abused his discretion and disregarded the law when he ignored complaints regarding a local drag ban ballot initiative.

State Treasurer



A

Seth Walsh

- He is a founding member of Ohio Pride and as a councilmember he publicly supported the city's new LGBTQIA+ Commission.
- His campaign has pledged to use the State Treasurer's office to strongly advocate non-discrimination standards in state financial relationships.



F

Jay Edwards

- He co-sponsored and voted for HB 68, the gender-affirming care ban for minors. He also voted to override the Governor's veto.
- He co-sponsored and voted for HB 8, Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" bill.

Ohio Supreme Court



Jennifer Brunner

- She dissented when the Court allowed enforcement of Ohio's ban on gender-affirming care.
- She has consistently defended individual liberties and equal protection under the law.



Colleen O'Donnell

- She has not established a public history regarding LGBTQ+ rights or civil rights protections.
- Her record reflects a consistently more conservative judicial approach.

Ohio Supreme Court



F

Dan Hawkins

- He joined the Court's majority allowing enforcement of Ohio's ban on gender-affirming care for transgender minors to proceed.
- He joined the Court's majority in overturning the First District Court of Appeals decision which affirmed a same-sex couple's right to receive the same legal benefits associated with marriage.
- His broader record includes limited direct commentary on LGBTQ+ issues.



A

Marilyn Zayas

- Her demonstrated commitment to fairness, equal access to the courts, and impartial application of the law earns her high marks on equality.
- She authored the unanimous First District Court of Appeals opinion affirming a same-sex couple's right to receive the same legal benefits associated with marriage.

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Congressional Districts (CD)

- CD01 – Northern Cincinnati, Warren Co., Hamilton Co.
- CD04 – Central and North Central Ohio
- CD09 – Toledo and Northwest Ohio
- CD13 – Akron, Portage Co., Stark Co., Summit Co.
- CD15 – Columbus and Central Ohio

At the federal level, congressional representatives are Ohio's voice in national policy decisions. Make sure you know where these candidates stand on the issues that impact LGBTQ+ Ohioans and their families.



CD01

Northern Cincinnati, Warren Co., Hamilton Co.



F

Eric Conroy

- He has used rhetoric targeting transgender youth in school athletics and supports legislation that would “define sex based on biological difference in federal law.”
- A former CIA Case Officer and Air Force veteran, his platform centers on tax cuts, border security, and national security issues.



Greg Landsman

- He has consistently supported the LGBTQ+ community through his voting record and public advocacy in Congress like sponsoring the Equality Act and voting against banning transgender students from school sports.
- He is a member of the Congressional Equality Caucus and endorsed by national organizations such as The Human Rights Campaign for his commitment to nondiscrimination and civil rights protections.
- He has secured federal funding for local projects and returned millions in resources back to his Southwest Ohio district.

CD04

Central and North Central Ohio



F

Jim Jordan

- He voted against the Respect for Marriage Act which protects same-sex and interracial marriages.
- During debate against the Equality Act, a bill to expand non-discrimination protections, he submitted for the record a statement from the Log Cabin Republicans which called the bill "insidious."
- He has co-sponsored a resolution asking for a constitutional amendment to define marriage between one man and one woman.



C

Joshua Kolasinski

- He has not spoken publicly on LGBTQ+ issues.

CD09

Toledo / Northwest Ohio



B

Marcy Kaptur

- She has supported the Equality Act and, at one time, earned a 100% rating from the Human Rights Campaign.
- The longest serving woman in the U.S. House of Representatives, she has focused on economic growth, Great Lakes protection, and advocating for working-class Ohioans.
- She voted for HR 2616, a bill that is anti-trans equality.



F

Derek Merrin

- He voted for HB 68, which would ban gender-affirming care for minors and ban transgender students from school athletics. He also supported overriding the Governor's veto for this bill.
- He led efforts to cut state income taxes, expand school choice, and require photo-ID to vote.

CD13

Akron, Portage Co., Stark Co., Summit Co.



D

Carey Coleman

- He has not publicly spoken on LGBTQ+ issues.
- He is a longtime Northeast Ohio radio host and former TV meteorologist.
- His platform emphasizes fiscal discipline, energy independence, and family stability.
- Rhetoric he has used as a radio show host and his acceptance of an endorsement from We The People Convention, an organization that calls for the president to invoke limited martial law, raise questions about his commitment to protecting civil liberties.



Emilia Sykes

- As a member of the Congressional Equality Caucus, she has voted against anti-LGBTQ+ bills, like banning transgender students from school athletics.
- She co-sponsored the Equality Act to provide federal non-discrimination protections.
- She secured over \$300 million in federal funding for her district and returned over \$15 million directly to constituents.

CD15

Columbus and Central Ohio



D

Mike Carey

- He voted for the Respect for Marriage Act in 2022, which enshrined federal protections for same-sex marriage.
- He voted for HB 68, which would ban gender-affirming care for minors and ban transgender students from school athletics.
- He has served in the U.S. House since 2021 and previously worked at a coal company.



B

Don Leonard

- He has publicly spoken in support of LGBTQ+ equality.
- He has worked for ten years as an Assistant Professor at OSU's Knowlton School of Architecture.
- His campaign focuses on the affordability crisis Ohioans face in healthcare, housing, and childcare.

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Senate Districts (SD)

- SD03 – Madison Co., Pickaway Co., Southern Franklin Co.
- SD13 – Lorain Co., Huron Co.
- SD27 – Portage Co., Summit Co.

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SD03

Madison Co., Pickaway Co., Southern Franklin Co.



A

Stacie Baker

- He serves on the Reynoldsburg City Council as Council President Pro Tempore and chairs its Finance Committee. During his tenure here, he voted for LGBTQ+ nondiscrimination protections and a ban on conversion therapy for minors.
- He has advocated for livable wages, fully funded public schools, mental health access, and affordable housing and childcare.



F

Michele Reynolds

- She has voted for anti-equality legislation, including the ban on gender-affirming care for minors and the “Don’t Say Gay/Trans” bill.
- She has advocated for housing and championed preservation of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.
- She has served as a State Senator since 2022 and previously as a Madison Township Trustee.

SD13

Lorain Co., Huron Co.



A

Joe Miller

- He has a consistent voting record in support of LGBTQ+ rights and has co-sponsored legislation like the Ohio Fairness Act, providing nondiscrimination protections in housing, public accommodations, and employment.
- As a former educator, he supports a new school funding model that is constitutional and equitable.
- He has served as State Representative since 2018 after nearly 20 years as a high school teacher.



C

Gayle Manning

- She has a mixed record: she voted for the ban on gender-affirming care for minors, but ultimately voted against the trans bathroom ban and “Don’t Say Gay/Trans” bill.
- She has served as State Representative since 2018 and previously served for eight years in the Ohio Senate, including as Majority Whip.
- She spent 37 years as an elementary school teacher prior to her legislative career.

SD27

Portage Co., Summit Co.



F

Steve Demetriou

- He has consistently supported anti-LGBTQ+ equality legislation during his tenure like voting for the gender-affirming care ban for minors and “Don’t Say Gay/Trans” bill.
- He has been a State Representative since 2022 and has received the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Afghanistan.
- He built a small business from three employees to over sixty in three years.



A

Mike Roberto

- He has spoken in support of the LGBTQ+ community, and supports stronger hate-crime laws and increased training for first responders.
- He believes a high-quality education is a right for every child and believes medical decisions should be between a patient and their doctor.
- He has more than 34 years in education, most recently as Superintendent of Aurora Schools (2020–2025).

House Districts (HD)

- HD06 – Columbus West Side
- HD10 – Columbus and Southwest Franklin Co.
- HD17 – Southwest Cuyahoga Co.
- HD23 – East Cleveland and Lake Co. Area
- HD31 – Northern and West Summit Co.
- HD35 – Northern Summit Co., Portage Co., and Southern Geauga Co.
- HD36 – Dayton and East Montgomery Co.
- HD39 – Northern Montgomery Co.
- HD40 – Butler, Montgomery and Butler Co.
- HD49 – Canton Area
- HD52 – Elyria, North Ridgeville, and Avon
- HD53 – Lorain Area
- HD56 – Warren Co.
- HD60 – Southern Delaware Co.
- HD63 – Brown and Clermont Co.
- HD75 – Wood Co.
- HD78 – Allen Co.
- HD84 – Mercer Co.
- HD85 – Champaign, Logan and Shelby Co.
- HD87 – Crawford, Marion, Morrow and Wyandot Co.
- HD88 – Seneca Co.

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HD06

Columbus West Side



Christine Cockley

- As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, she has shown strong support for LGBTQ+ issues during her tenure as state representative like co-sponsoring the Ohio Fairness Act.
- She previously worked in the nonprofit sector as Executive Assistant to the President & CEO of YWCA Columbus.



Matthew Jackson

- He has not publicly spoken on LGBTQ+ issues.
- He is a military veteran and Fire EMS professional who served as a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy for nine years.

HD10

Columbus and Southwest Franklin Co.



F

Denise D'Angelo

- While on school board, she voted to take formal stances against gender identity acceptance.
- She was endorsed by Moms for Liberty during her previous campaign for school board.
- She has served on the South Western City School Board since 2023 and owns a massage therapy practice.



A

Mark Sigrist

- He has a strong voting record on LGBTQ+ issues during his first term in the Ohio House, and has co-sponsored the Ohio Fairness Act.
- He has introduced legislation to support veterans, improve pedestrian safety, and increase access for those with disabilities.
- He is a former Grove City Council Member who spent his career at Honda as a Planning Manager.

HD17

Southwest Cuyahoga Co.



B

Megan Coy

- She has called herself a strong ally to the LGBTQ+ community and has been endorsed by Cleveland Stonewall Democrats.
- She is a registered nurse and a second-term member of the Olmsted Falls City Council.
- She spent three years as a health educator on a college campus.



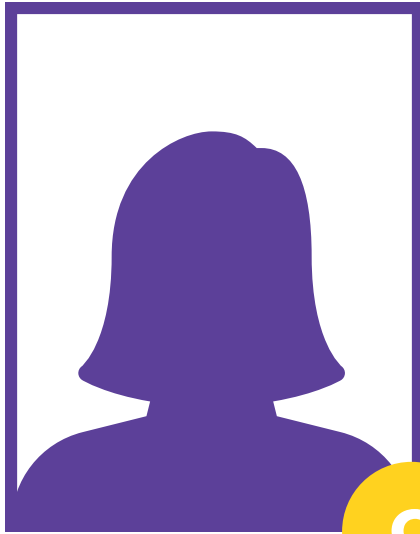
F

Mike Dovilla

- He consistently voted against LGBTQ+ equality, including voting for the drag ban.
- He introduced HB 486, which would require instruction on the "positive influences of Christianity in American history."
- He is a 24-year Naval officer in his first term back in the Ohio House after previously serving from 2011 to 2016.

HD23

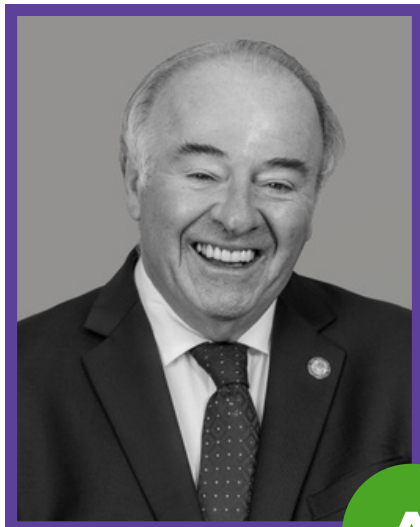
East Cleveland and Lake Co. Area



C

Julie Belich

- She has not publicly spoken on LGBTQ+ issues.
- She currently serves on the Willoughby Hills City Council.



A

Dan Troy

- He has a strong voting record on LGBTQ+ equality during his time in the Ohio House, and has co-sponsored the Ohio Fairness Act.
- He has played key roles in significant legislative initiatives, especially on budgeting and taxation.
- He is a 50-year member of the building trades union and a U.S. Army veteran with a long career in Ohio politics.

HD31

Northern and West Summit Co.



F

Mike Kahoe

- His campaign has opposed transgender students from participating in school athletics.
- He previously served as a Revere School District Board Member and as the Workforce Program Manager for the Ohio Governor's Office.



B

Noah Spinner

- He has publicly supported non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ Ohioans in housing, public accommodations, and employment.
- He believes in fully funding public schools and protecting workers' rights.
- He is an attorney at Vorys' Akron office and an appointed trustee for the Cuyahoga Falls Public Library.

HD35

Northern Summit Co., Portage Co., and Southern Geauga Co.



B

Samantha Salamon

- She has not publicly spoken on LGBTQ+ issues.
- She is Chief Counsel at ASIA, where she developed a legal program for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
- She is a celebrated victims' rights attorney and lifelong Northfield Center resident.



D

Vik Sandhu

- He is endorsed by Ohio Right to Life, an organization which has advocated for anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.
- He is a small business owner and a former Merchant Navy Officer who worked for MTM tankers for ten years.
- He has served as Fiscal Officer for Richfield Township and Co-Chair of a Small Business Advisory Committee.

HD36

Dayton and East Montgomery Co.



A

Rose Lounsbury

- She publicly opposes Ohio's gender-affirming care ban for minors and has stated she "will seek to end the state-sanctioned bullying of LGBTQ+ children and families."
- She is a former public school teacher, the daughter of two retired teachers, and a mother of teenage triplets in public school.



D

Andrea White

- She has a mixed LGBTQ+ record, opposing the ban on gender-affirming care for minors in committee and then ultimately voting for it on the House floor.
- She initially voted in favor of Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" bill but then ultimately voted against it in a lame duck session.
- She has served as State Representative since 2020 and is a former Clerk of Court for Kettering Municipal Court.

HD39

Northern Montgomery Co.



C

Mark Campbell

- He has not publicly spoken on LGBTQ+ issues.
- He has served on the Huber Heights City Council for 37 years.



B

Daquan Neal

- He has publicly stated support for LGBTQ+ rights and human rights.
- His campaign focuses on housing affordability, universal healthcare, and free school lunches.
- He is a Central State University graduate and former legislative aide in both the Ohio Senate and the Ohio House.

HD40

Butler, Montgomery and Butler Co.



F

Rodney Creech

- He co-sponsored and voted for HB 68, the gender-affirming care ban for minors and HB 8, Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" bill. He also voted to override the Governor's veto.
- He added an amendment to the state's budget to ban menstrual products in men's rooms.



C

Timothy Hornbacker

- He has not spoken publicly on LGBTQ+ issues.

HD49

Canton Area



B

Krista Allison

- She has spoken publicly in support of LGBTQ+ Ohioans, and is supported by Stonewall Dems of Stark County.
- She has spent over two decades advocating for Ohio families, including as an Executive Director at the Ohio Department of Education. During this time, she supported diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging policies.



F

Jim Thomas

- He has consistently voted for anti-equality legislation and helped pass the drag ban in the Ohio House this session as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.
- He has served as State Representative since 2022 and is a licensed attorney.

HD52

Elyria, North Ridgeville, Avon



Mike Baker

- He has been an outspoken ally for LGBTQ+ issues, and has publicly advocated for non-discrimination protections in housing, public accommodations, and employment.
- He has publicly stated support for protecting transgender Ohioans' access to medically necessary healthcare.
- He founded First Choice Photography in 2008 and has 15+ years of leadership in Scouting BSA.



Cliff Winkel

- He has not publicly spoken on LGBTQ+ issues.
- He has served on the North Ridgeville City Council since 2020, owns Wink Electric Inc., Wink Property Group, and has decades of experience as a youth sports coach.

HD53

Lorain Area



C

Brad Lacko

- He has not publicly spoken on LGBTQ+ issues.
- He is a truck driver, small business owner, and 4th-generation farmer.
- His campaign emphasizes education, economic development, and public safety.



A

Matt Lundy

- He has co-sponsored the Ohio Fairness Act, which would provide non-discrimination protections in housing, public accommodations, and employment.
- He began his career in broadcasting and has over a decade of experience in public service, having previously served in the Ohio House, Lorain County Board of Commissioners, Avon Lake City Council, and Elyria city government.

HD56

Warren Co.



F

Adam Mathews

- He co-sponsored and voted for HB 68, the gender-affirming care ban for minors and HB 8, Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" bill. He also voted to override the Governor's veto of HB 68.
- His campaign has stated he "has championed legislation to keep men out of girls' sports and to protect children from harmful gender surgeries"



B

Laalitya Acharya

- She has publicly stated "hate has no home" in Ohio when referring to an anti-LGBTQ+ incident in Little Miami schools.

HD60

Southern Delaware Co.



B

Shelby Kimball

- She has publicly stated that she supports the LGBTQ+ community.
- She is a mom and a Marine Corps and Army National Guard veteran who served as a patient administration specialist.
- She has helped elevate patient and caregiver voices as a State Advocate for the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias.



F

Brian Lorenz

- He has consistently voted for anti-equality legislation during his time in office like the gender-affirming care ban for minors and Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" bill.
- He has introduced legislation addressing sextortion and helping children with disabilities, and has secured \$10 million in capital budget funds for Delaware County.
- He has served as State Representative since 2023 and is a former mayor of Powell.

HD63

Brown and Clermont Co.



F

Adam Bird

- He has co-sponsored and voted for HB 68, the gender-affirming care ban for minors and HB 8, Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" bill. He also voted to override the Governor's veto of HB 68.
- During public testimony, he consistently refused to use correct and medically accurate language when speaking to and about transgender Ohioans.



B

Debbie Davidson

- She served on the Social Justice Action Group of the Woman's City Club which opposed HB 8, "Don't Say Gay/Trans" legislation.

HD75

Wood Co.



F

Haraz Chanbari

- He has voted for the ban on gender-affirming care for minors and the drag ban.
- He has been a State Representative since 2019, and has more than two decades of military service.
- He is a Navy Reserve Commander and Army veteran of operations in Bosnia.



B

Rick Rettig

- He has publicly stated that he supports the LGBTQ+ community.
- He has spent over 30 years in education and currently teaches personal finance at Perrysburg High School.
- He serves as President of the Perrysburg City Council.

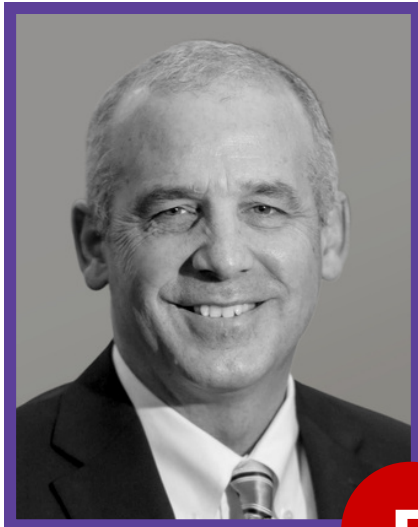
HD78

Allen Co.



Jeff Givan

- He is a member of the LGBTQ+ community and a founding member of the Lima Pride Alliance.
- He has worked to increase visibility for LGBTQ+ Ohioans in a part of the state where resources are limited.
- He is a community organizer who runs a commercial greenhouse that funds an addiction recovery program.



Matt Huffman

- As Speaker of the Ohio House and former President of the Ohio Senate, he has consistently voted for and defended anti-equality legislation.
- He does not support same-sex marriage or non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ Ohioans.
- He has supported bills to restrict reproductive rights, expand school vouchers, and give parents control over student education.

HD84

Mercer Co.



Arienne Childrey

- She is the first out transgender woman to serve on a city council in Ohio.
- She has been a strong advocate for LGBTQ+ equality and has publicly supported the Ohio Fairness Act, which would provide non-discrimination protections in housing, public accommodations, and employment.
- She publicly opposes all anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, including transgender bathroom bans and restrictions on gender-affirming care or drag performances.



Angie King

- She sponsored the drag ban twice and voted for numerous anti-equality bills.
- She has served as State Representative since 2022 and was a Celina City Council member for 11 years.
- She helped shape Ohio's Universal Newborn Hearing Screening legislation.

HD85

Champaign, Logan and Shelby Co.



F

Tim Barhorst

- He co-sponsor and voted for HB 68, the gender-affirming care ban for minors. He also voted to override the Governor's veto of HB68.
- He co-sponsored and voted for HB 8, Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" bill.



A

Victoria Maddox

- As a plaintiff she successfully challenged a locally proposed drag ban ballot initiative.

HD87

Crawford, Marion, Morrow Wyandot Co.



F

Riordan McClain

- He co-sponsored and voted for HB 68, the gender-affirming care ban for minors and HB 8, Ohio's "Don't Say Gay/Trans" bill. He also voted to override the Governor's veto of HB 68.
- When referring to the gender-affirming care ban, he stated: "We are each born male or female and we don't get to choose."



A

Lora Covrett

- Her campaign has promised to protect fundamental rights and support the LGBTQ+ community.

HD88

Seneca Co.



F

Gary Click

- He has consistently voted and introduced bills to restrict the rights and freedoms of LGBTQ+ Ohioans, including leading the effort to ban gender-affirming care for minors.
- He has consistently advocated against transgender Ohioans, including sponsoring a “Detrans Awareness Day.”
- He has served as State Representative since 2020 and was pastor at Fremont Baptist Temple from 2006 to 2025.



B

Aaron Jones

- He has publicly stated he’s running to represent everyone, including the LGBTQ+ community, and he is opposed to any discrimination.
- He has worked for 20 years at the Toledo Molding & Die plant and serves on the Tiffin City Council.
- He is a former Airborne Infantryman with the Army’s 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment—The Old Guard.

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