

INDIVISIBLE OH12: OHIO 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for completing his questionnaire for Indivisible OH12, a non-partisan, grassroots organization of 4,000 members living across the 12th District's seven counties. Please save the completed document (add your last name to the file name) and return as an attachment to indivisibleoh12@gmail.com by Monday 2/19. Your completed questionnaire is an invitation to participate in our candidates' forum, co-sponsored by Progress Ohio, to be held Monday, 2/26, 7pm at the First UU Church, 93 W Weisheimer Rd, Columbus. All candidates who have filed to run for the 12th congressional seat are being invited to participate. Please feel free to contact us via email us with questions.

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What endorsements, if any, have you received for your candidacy in this race?

Franklin County Democratic Party
Congresswoman Joyce Beatty
Congressman Tim Ryan
Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther
Franklin County Commissioner John O'Grady
Franklin County Commissioner Kevin Boyce
Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown
Franklin County Clerk of Courts Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy
Ohio Rep. Kristin Boggs
Ohio Rep. Hearcel Craig
Ohio Rep. Adam Miller
Ohio Rep. David Leland
Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein
Columbus City Auditor Megan Kilgore

Columbus City Council President Shannon Hardin
Columbus City Councilwoman Elizabeth Brown
Columbus City Councilmember Michael Stinziano
Mansfield City Council President Phillip Scott
Mansfield City Council At-Large Member Don Bryant
Mansfield City Councilwoman Garnetta Pender

Have you ever run for or held an elective Office?

If so, please list here:

Office	Dates
Franklin County Recorder	January 2017 - present

Please answer each of the following questions in **60 words or less**.

1. Which experiences have prepared you to run for and hold the office of Representative for Ohio's 12th Congressional District?

I have maintained a commitment to service my whole life, with my career spanning from working in the poorest Congressional District in the country while in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps to my current service as Franklin County Recorder.

2. Understanding that voting is primarily legislated at the state level, how do you see your role in expanding the franchise and protecting voting rights as a member of Congress?

Numerous federal laws have been proposed that will ensure that all Americans are able to exercise their right to vote. Laws ranging from the Automatic Voter Registration Act to the Voting Rights Advancement Act are laws that I would co-sponsor as a member of Congress.

3. As an elected member of Congress, how will you seek to protect and expand access to healthcare for all Americans?

I will fight against efforts to gut Obamacare and advocate strongly that all Americans receive the healthcare they deserve. A health emergency is something every family might encounter, but it shouldn't bankrupt working families.

4. What role do you believe science should play in environmental policy? As a member of Congress, how would you support an American role in responsible climate policy?

Scientific research is the first place we should look when determining environmental policy. The United States must lead the way in engaging in responsible climate policy. This doesn't just protect our planet – it can also lead to economic growth as we seek to invest and reinvest in new energy sources.

5. What role do you see for the federal government in the public education system? What policies would you support to improve public schools and expand access to higher education for all students?

As a member of Congress I will be a consistent and vocal advocate for a strong public education system. The challenges of the 21st century require our country to train the next generation for the global economy and an emphasis on math and science is vital to ensure our place in the world.

6. How would you describe your stance on gun safety? What ideas could you bring to Congress to push through the gridlock and create safer neighborhoods and schools for Ohio and the US?

Gun safety is of paramount importance. When our citizens cannot go to school, worship, and have fun in peace, we have a serious problem. We must take bold steps to ensure that assault weapons are not found on every street corner. While the right to own a firearm is absolute, it is a right that can be regulated in a reasonable manner.

7. What does comprehensive immigration reform look like to you? What do you see as the key elements of such reform?

We must enforce existing laws but punitive actions such as ending DACA are a non starter. We need to create a pathway to citizenship so that individuals who have been in this country for a long time and have contributed to our society and economy can stay and continue to play a vital role in this country.

8. List and very briefly discuss the two or three other top concerns that would be priorities for you if you were elected.

Health care is of paramount importance to me, especially as the son of a breast cancer survivor. Ensuring that everyone has a chance in our economy is of equal importance. Finally, competence is vital. Washington continues to underperform and we need new leadership.

9. Have you made public statements, written articles, or taken formal positions on any of the issues covered in this questionnaire? If so, please provide electronic copies or links to the leadership of Indivisible OH12 via email before 2/19. This helps us to provide our members with a breadth of resources on potential candidates.

<http://wksu.org/post/state-lawmakers-make-efforts-change-discriminatory-language-old-deeds>

<http://nbc4i.com/2017/09/25/discriminating-deeds-lawmakers-hope-to-rewrite-offensive-language/>

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170914/franklin-county-recorder-to-store-birth-certificates-for-homeless>

<http://radio.wosu.org/post/bill-would-allow-racist-language-be-removed-ohio-home-deeds#stream/0>

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170529/living-wills-help-avoid-family-fights-on-health-decisions>

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/editorials/2016/11/10/editorial-voters-were-winners-in-local-races.html>

