

To: Franklin County Democratic Party Executive and Central Committee members
From: undersigned concerned Democrats in Franklin County
Re: let's ensure that all Democrats have a fair shot in the upcoming primary election

Dear Members of the Franklin County Democratic Party Executive Committee,

We write to urge you to take a principled stand for fairness, inclusion, and opportunity by choosing not to endorse any candidates in the open races for Columbus City Council and the Columbus Board of Education.

In his post-election analysis, Sherrod Brown argued, "Democrats must become the workers' party again. It is an electoral and a moral imperative, and it will be my mission for the rest of my life. To win the White House and governing majorities again, Democrats must reckon with how far our party has strayed from our New Deal roots, in terms of both our philosophy toward the economy, and the makeup of our coalition."

For too long, too many people in our community have felt unheard and left behind by a political system – including our own party. The Democratic Party should be the party of the people, but when decisions are made behind closed doors, without listening to the voices of everyday voters, we risk losing the trust of the very people we seek to serve.

To rebuild that trust, we must create a level playing field and ensure that all Democrats have a fair shot to make their case to voters. When we foster open and competitive elections, we:

- **Get more people involved.** We engage more voters, volunteers, and donors.
- **Build trust with our base.** When people believe their voice and actions matter, they stay engaged.
- **Build a stronger bench of emerging leaders.** We need a leaderful party to fight for concrete improvements in people's lives and to protect people from the harm being advanced by Trump, Musk, and the GOP politicians at the statehouse.

Last year, then candidate for County Prosecutor, Shayla Favor called on FCDP Executive Committee members to [not endorse in the County Prosecutor's race](#). She urged committee members, "Please keep your hands down all the way around so the voters can raise their hands all around town."

By creating a more democratic environment, we show that we trust the people to decide. If we want to win governing majorities in Ohio and nationally, we must change the party. Let's start by committing to include the voices of more people. Let's uphold our principles of fairness, healthy competition, inclusion, and equal opportunity. This is one step we can take to rebuild our party from the ground up and earn back the trust of people who have become disillusioned and left the party or the political process altogether.

We urge you to vote "no" if the screening committee or a committee member recommends an endorsement in the open races for Columbus City Council District 7 and for Columbus Board of Education.

Let the people decide, and let's work together to support the Democrats who emerge from the primary election.

Sincerely,

Local Elected Officials

1. Cynthia Vermilion, local elected official and elected FCDP Central Committee member
2. David Grimes, local elected official and elected FCDP Central Committee member
3. Deb Steele, local elected official and elected FCDP Central Committee member
4. Emily Cole, local elected official and elected FCDP Central Committee member
5. Jamille Jones, local elected official
6. Kara Coates, local elected official
7. Merisa Bowers, local elected official
8. Munira Abdullahi, local elected official and elected FCDP Central Committee member

Franklin County Democratic Party Central and Executive Committee members

9. Adrienne Hood, elected Central Committee member
10. Chet Ridenour, elected Central Committee member
11. Daria DeNoia, elected Central Committee member
12. Douglas Garrison, elected Central Committee member
13. Judge Eric Brown, Executive Committee member
14. Jeremy Blake, Executive Committee member
15. John Gatiss, Elected Central Committee member
16. Kelly Chellis, Elected Central Committee member
17. Kyndal Sowers, Executive Committee member
18. Marilyn Brown, Executive Committee member
19. Mary Mynatt, elected Central Committee member
20. Phyllis Elmo, Executive Committee member
21. Raymond Bouknight, elected Central Committee member
22. Ross Goldsmith, elected Central Committee member
23. Valerie Cumming, elected Central Committee member
24. Will Petrik, elected Central Committee member

Franklin County Democratic Party former members

25. Carolyn Harding, former elected Central Committee member
26. Carrie Eickleberry, former elected Central Committee member
27. Cathy Cowan Becker, former elected Central Committee member
28. David Chapin, former elected Central Committee member
29. Katie Vatke, former elected Central Committee member
30. Kim Kennedy, former elected Central Committee member
31. Kim Mason, former Executive Committee member

32. Maria Ramirez, former elected Central Committee member
33. Marla Davis, former elected Central Committee member
34. Michael Batchelder, former elected Central Committee member
35. Pat Deering, former elected Central Committee member
36. Ruth Ann Farthing, former elected Central Committee member
37. Sue Foley, former elected Central Committee member
38. Terra Goodnight, former elected Central Committee member

Concerned Franklin County Democrats

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| 39. Aaron Brown | 72. Barbara Fleming |
| 40. Abby Vaile | 73. Barbara Moseley |
| 41. Adam Bulizak | 74. Barry Alcock |
| 42. Adam Smith | 75. Beth Gerber |
| 43. Adrienne Maldonado | 76. Beth Kagel |
| 44. Adrienne Striker | 77. Brandi Allen |
| 45. Aileen Day | 78. Brenda Hosey |
| 46. Alaina McCleery | 79. Brice Knapp |
| 47. Alex Ingley | 80. Brittany Hulbert |
| 48. Alexander Mech | 81. Bryan Curtiss |
| 49. Alexandra Martin | 82. Bryce Sampson |
| 50. Alexis Critchley | 83. Carol Whitmer |
| 51. Amanda Carroll | 84. Casey Ward |
| 52. Amber Decker | 85. Catherine Logsdon |
| 53. Amy Infante | 86. Catherine Schilling |
| 54. Ana Underman | 87. Cathy Cowan Becker |
| 55. Andrej Rotter | 88. Cathy Kuzma |
| 56. Andrew Neutzling | 89. Cathy Levine |
| 57. Angel Oliver | 90. Charles Fannin |
| 58. Angela Gerding | 91. Chase Irwin-Raab |
| 59. Angelica Aguilar | 92. Chasity Boedicker |
| 60. Angie Kim | 93. Chelsea Alkire |
| 61. Anna Siriano | 94. Chelsey Broughman |
| 62. Anna Vogel | 95. Chris Hahnel |
| 63. Anna Waltrip | 96. Christina Gilbert |
| 64. Anne Boninsegna | 97. Christina Ulrey |
| 65. Annelise Taggart | 98. Christine Ballengee Morris |
| 66. Annette Walker | 99. Christine Clough |
| 67. Annie Weiler | 100. Christine Cunningham |
| 68. Ashley Brophy | 101. Christopher Johnson |
| 69. Atticus Garden | 102. Christy Dupler |
| 70. Barbara Eakins | 103. Chuck Lynd |
| 71. Barbara Fleeter | 104. Cindy Peters |

105. Claire Lewis
106. colin boysel
107. Colleen Crook
108. Colleen O'Connell
109. Connie Ditcher
110. Cory Francis
111. Dale Achtermann
112. Dan Skinner
113. Danielle Howell
114. Danielle Smith
115. David Chapin
116. David King II
117. David Nassau
118. David Smith
119. Dawn Ace
120. Deanna Clinger
121. Deborah Cooper
122. Deborah Lefman
123. Deborah Supelak
124. Debra Seltzer
125. Deirdre O'Neill-Wedig
126. Dennis Myrick
127. Densil Porteous
128. Derek Burtch
129. Derrek Christy
130. Diane Donato
131. Diane Harry
132. Diane Meves
133. Donna Ramey
134. Doug Cottrill
135. Eden Mckissick-Hawley
136. Edward Sauer
137. Edwin Woolever
138. Elaina Ramsey
139. Elisabeth Leahy
140. Eliza Kay
141. Elizabeth Brodhag
142. Elizabeth Bullock
143. Elizabeth Chapman
144. Elizabeth Conrey
145. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
146. Elizabeth Plotnick-Snay

147. Elizabeth Willford
148. Elliott Bush
149. Eloise Inglesi
150. Emia Oppenheim
151. Emily Vojt Baum
152. Erin Clevenger
153. erin davies
154. Eva Nesbit
155. Evangeline Warren
156. Florence Jain
157. Forest Carver
158. Geoffrey Drewyor
159. Giselle Gauthier
160. Glennon Sweeney
161. Heather Hughes
162. Heather Kabler
163. Heather Lauderback
164. Heidi Sherer
165. Heidi Wallace
166. Holly Garden
167. Hope Lane
168. Izetta Thomas
169. Jace Chellis
170. Jackie Szmania
171. Jacqueline Denton-Stickel
172. Jacqueline Patton
173. James Baker
174. James Doust
175. Jamie Miles
176. jamy Darezzo
177. Jane Henderson
178. Jane Magness De Bonis
179. Jane Messmer
180. Janelle Alloway
181. Janice Conway
182. Janice Patzold
183. Jason Reid
184. Javier Gutierrez
185. Jean Wentzel
186. Jeanne Bauer
187. Jen Gable
188. Jen Rudy

189. Jennifer Bell
190. Jennifer Ciminero
191. Jennifer Combs
192. Jennifer Keplar
193. Jeremy Baiman
194. jerry spence
195. Jessica Burgess
196. Jessica Clark
197. Jessica Norman
198. Jill Fockler
199. Jill Oliveri
200. Joan Rowe
201. Joanie Calem
202. Joanna Malachowsky
203. Joanne Wissler
204. joe jackson
205. Joe Motil
206. John Bannon
207. John Lathram
208. Jon Schaer
209. Jordan McFall
210. Jordyn C
211. Joyce Jacobson
212. Judi Laing
213. Julia Orban
214. Julie Watson
215. Justin Fitch
216. Justin Ridgley
217. Kaitlyn Kisiday
218. Kari Kendzerski
219. Karin Davidson
220. Karrie Lumpkin
221. Kate Qualmann
222. Katherine Harper
223. Kathryn kram
224. Kathryn Lilley
225. Kathy Murray
226. Kathy Tomasi
227. Katie Nichols
228. Katie Swett
229. Keith Warren
230. Kelly Francis

231. Kelly Harrop
232. Kelly Smith
233. Kevin Chase
234. Kevin Jackson
235. Kevin Truitt
236. Kim Kinder-Smith
237. Kioshana Burrell
238. Kira Magrann
239. Kirsten Tillinger
240. Kristen Fontanini
241. Kryssie Pratt
242. Laddan Shoar
243. Laura Bidwa
244. Laura Davis
245. Laura Kuykendall
246. Laura Young
247. Laurette Bachmann
248. Laurie Bilovesky
249. Lee Pepper
250. Leslie King
251. Leslie Sauer
252. Liam O'Loughlin
253. Liliana Baiman
254. Linda Beckwith
255. Lindsay Romaniw
256. Lisa Schell
257. Lisa Voigt
258. Logan Schraufnagel
259. Loni Sinclair
260. Lori Jones
261. Lorraine Hennigen
262. Louise Eberle
263. Lucy Freccia
264. Madeleine Immel-Brown
265. Margaret Fuddy
266. Marian Harris
267. Marie Kaplan
268. Marie Sweeney
269. Marielle Henault
270. Marilyn Taylor Gerken
271. Mark Belletini
272. Mark Harper

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274.	Mark Hollinger	316.	Nick Pasquarello
275.	Mark Rylance	317.	Nicole Fay
276.	Martha Bowling	318.	Nicole Irwin-Raab
277.	Martin Davis	319.	Nicole Ridley
278.	Mary Dixon	320.	Noreen Warnock
279.	Mary Jo Kilroy	321.	Olivera Bratich
280.	Mary Klain	322.	P J Zaebst
281.	Mary Rinehart	323.	Pamela McGough
282.	Mary Webb	324.	Pat Rhoads
283.	Mary Willis	325.	Patrick Conley
284.	Maryam Sabri	326.	Rachel Barehl
285.	Matt Caffrey	327.	Rachel Pace
286.	Matthew Dyer	328.	Rachel Rowen
287.	Meg Kane	329.	Raemona Cannon
288.	Megan Fitze	330.	Rebecca Alexander
289.	Melissa Benson	331.	Rebecca Nelson
290.	Melissa Scaglione	332.	Rebecca Slisher
291.	Melissa Starker	333.	Reverend Jed Dearing
292.	Melody Matlack	334.	Richard Wunderlin
293.	Meryl Neiman	335.	Robert Leis
294.	Mia Lewis	336.	Robert Rice
295.	Michael Hansen	337.	Robert Stanley
296.	Michael Love	338.	Robin Gilbert
297.	Michael McPhillips	339.	Rodney Wollam
298.	Michael Perfect	340.	Roger Doyle
299.	Michael Szczepanik	341.	Roger Granet
300.	Michael Toland	342.	Ron Purnell
301.	Michelle Hendricks	343.	Ron Williams
302.	Mindy Coffey	344.	Rona Rosen
303.	Mindy Hall	345.	Roy Wentzel
304.	Miranda Bereza	346.	Ryan Kovalaske
305.	Miranda Carrion	347.	S. A. Linden
306.	Miriam Matteson	348.	Samuel Hadden
307.	Mishka Griffin	349.	Sara Sampson
308.	Molly Hendrix	350.	Sarah Bryant
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310.	Morgan Harper	352.	Sarah Huetter
311.	Nancy Hile	353.	Scott Sibley
312.	Nancy Kuhel	354.	Shane Wealti
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314.	Nancy Stewart	356.	Sharon Brown

357. Sharon Kim
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361. Shirley Tobias
362. Skylar Blannin
363. Stacie Sells
364. Starlett Chesser
365. Stefanie Moss
366. Stephanie Rottmayer
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371. Sue Jones
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381. Tara Hedges Griffith
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384. Teresa Lynch
385. Thompson Rippey III
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388. Tom Griffith
389. Tom Ohmer
390. Tony Killian
391. Travis Buskirk
392. Trevor Turk
393. Tyler Johnson
394. Valerie Hayden
395. Valerie Hendrickson
396. Valerie Thompson
397. Vincent Gargano
398. Vincent Wells
399. Will Easton
400. Will Klatt
401. Willa Young
402. William Brewer
403. William LaFayette
404. William Lyons
405. William McNally
406. Yutan Getzler
407. Zerqa Abid