

Your opinions

Voting in-person in Lake County went smoothly

I would like to thank the staff at the Lake County Board of Elections in Painesville for a fantastic in-person voting experience.

I have voted early on many occasions but I wasn't quite sure what to expect this time due to the current health guidelines and mandates from the state. The Lake County Board of Elections staff was well trained, friendly, efficient, knowledgeable and helpful in every way.

It was also very gratifying to see so many people of diverse backgrounds standing in line with me as we waited our turn to perform our civic duty.

Great job to everyone! There is no reason not to come out early and vote in person in Lake County.

*Benjamin Mordush
Painesville*

Affordable Care Act anything but affordable

So, the Democrats are blaming President Donald Trump for COVID-19? When he closed our country to anyone from China, they actually called him a racist! I haven't seen any better plans proposed by the Democrats? Maybe we should look at the fiasco in New York? He and Vice President Mike Pence have worked hard to provide respirators and any other emergency supplies needed by hospitals and local governments.

As for the "Affordable Care Act" that the Democrats are pressing so hard for, members of my family have found it anything but "affordable." One family was forced to pay a monthly premium of almost \$900 or face a huge penalty, and this premium was close to one fourth of their income. This "insurance" came with a deductible of almost \$8,000 for each of them and only one doctor would accept it. (So much for keeping your own doctor!). He had a medical emergency and due to the high deductible had to pay for the ambulance and emergency treatment out of his own pocket. Yes, technically

he had "insurance," but in actuality it pretty much didn't exist.

*Julia Palmer
Willoughby Hills*

Where are politicians when you need them?

I'm not sure about everyone else, but I can't wait until this election stuff is over with! I am tired of opening my e-mails and finding another person who would like money from me to help them defeat another person. I think it's funny that when any party or organization needs a donation they know who I am and my contact e-mail. However, when I am in need of assistance to save my home from being foreclosed upon or other government issues, both county and state related, no one is listening nor do they care.

I get text messages on my phone asking me who I am going to vote for. My response is that at this time, I am not sure which crook I'm voting for. Let's face it - they all talk a big game to get elected, but once in they rarely follow through.

The organizations that I will send money to are the World Wildlife Foundation, ASPCA, Paws for Hope... No, they won't save my home, but they are out there every day helping animals that give unconditional love. Animals that were tossed out like trash by their owners. Presidents, congressmen, postal officials... I will not donate to - they don't care about me, why would I care about them?

On NextDoor, there is a dog named Ranger running for president - I may write him in. He will at least listen to the people and he is helping kids with lunches.

*Meaghan Ryan
Wickliffe*

Biden right choice to lead

As an aging former registered nurse I have been dismayed at the bungling job the current president did addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. He ignored warnings, addressed the crisis in fits and starts, and declared it over when it had hardly begun. We all know that

many unnecessarily lost their lives as a result, particularly in impoverished communities. This country needs new leadership.

Sen. Joe Biden will provide that leadership. Democrats have been the party of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act. Biden will move this country toward health care coverage for all. That is one reason why I am supporting him. He was a key player in achieving the ACA. Joe Biden will listen to the experts not fire them when he does not like their message. When COVID-19 hit the U.S. Biden sought their advice and followed it! He will lead us forward, stockpiling critical medical supplies. We will be not caught off guard.

Biden will focus on lifting all of us up. Jobs in the caring community such as home health aides and nursing assistants are becoming more abundant. The assault on workers' rights and thus, adequate minimum incomes, will be high on the agenda under a Biden/Harris presidency. These workers have been putting their lives on the line with salaries insufficient to support their families. Every American needs basic income plus health insurance if we are to reduce wasted dollars on emergency room visits. Biden/Harris will push for more community health centers that will provide wellness care and education regarding nutrition and other decisions that keep us healthy. Programs will be put in place to address housing and environmental factors that create unhealthy environments in neglected communities. No more cities like Flint, Mich. Lead abatement of housing will become a priority.

Biden will seek qualified people to lead this nation. No more revolving door leadership based on donor status. Biden will seek advice before he opens his mouth so that he will not have to reverse himself day after day. A President Biden will make us all proud to be an American again.

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