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Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?

Climate change is our most urgent threat. Beating Trump won’t end it, but it’s key to all progress. In 1986, I introduced one of the first climate bills; PolitiFact says I’m a “climate change pioneer.” Now, I’ve outlined a bold plan to match today’s crisis – putting us on a path to 100% clean-energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. On day one, I’ll rejoin the Paris Accord, restore American leadership, and push the world to do more. I’ll invest $1.7 trillion in clean energy research and development, and in transforming our infrastructure – from electric vehicle charging stations to high-speed rail – reducing emissions and withstanding the impacts of a changing climate, and creating 10 million good-paying jobs, that can be union jobs.

Pete Buttigieg
Party: Democrat

Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?

My Douglass Plan proposes a 21st Century Voting Rights Act to end voter suppression, expand access to the ballot box, and create a democracy where the rights of every citizen no longer depend on the color of their skin, where they live, or their political party.

My administration will make registration easier by automatically registering eligible voters and allowing online and same-day registration. I will allow early voting and vote-by-mail and make Election Day a national holiday.

I will ensure that we have a nonpartisan and fully resourced election administration to prevent unfair partisan skewing of our elections. I support a paper trail for every vote, so Americans can ensure their votes are counted.

The climate crisis requires everyone–Democrats, Republicans, rural Americans, the private sector, and nonprofits–work in an inclusive effort that transcends political parties. By focusing on the values and priorities that unite us, we can find solutions to our toughest challenges and build coalitions big enough to get things done.

Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?

We will begin by ending the Trump administration’s cruel asylum policies and immigrating the 60,000+ asylum seekers still waiting at CBP facilities run by HHS, not CBP, so we can prioritize migrants’ safety. We must end metering, MPP, and the so-called Safe Third Country agreements that are all meant to discourage asylum seekers. We should protect people seeking refuge, not turn them away.

Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?

I will end Trump’s cruel asylum policies and allow approximately 11 million undocumented people, including Dreamers, TPS and DER holders. The vast majority of Americans agree on this, but Washington has not delivered. I will take executive action to protect immigrants in America and reinstate a humane border policy. I will end family separation, unify separated families, and end for-profit detention. In addition, I will send asylum seekers and other migrants at the border to facilities run by HHS, not CBP, so we can prioritize migrants’ safety. We must end metering, MPP, and the so-called Safe Third Country agreements that are all meant to discourage asylum seekers. We should protect people seeking refuge, not turn them away.

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I will support automatic and same-day voter registration. And I’ll make sure that any country or group that seeks to participate. As soon as two Republican candidates meet the criteria or the party’s national nominating convention occurs, LWV will begin outreach to the qualified candidates immediately.

The following candidates have qualified for the Ohio state ballot according to the Secretary of State of Ohio but did not meet the LWVEF criteria.

Michael Bennet
Party: D

Michael Bloomberg
Party: D

Deval Patrick
Party: D

Tom Steyer
Party: D

Cory Booker (Has Withdrawn Prior to Ohio’s Primary Election)
Party: D

Candidates who are on the Ohio Ballot appear below.

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Party: Democrat

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We need immediate and bold action on the climate crisis and my climate change plan will ensure we reach zero emissions by 2035 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

On Day 1, I will rejoin the Paris Agreement. Within my first 100 days, I will work with Congress to pass a carbon tax rebated back to Americans, will call for the federal government to quadruple investment in clean energy research, invest $500 billion in deploying clean energy technologies and $200 billion to help displaced fossil fuel workers retrain.

I will also set higher standards for clean fuel emissions and electricity and mandate that new materials that federal government uses or pays for to construct infrastructure must be under a specified level of carbon emissions.

Tulsi Gabbard
Party: Democrat

Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?

I support campaign finance reform to reject the influence of corporate donations and PAC money on our elections and I support ending the practice of gerrymandering, which threatens our democracy and fuels corruption and a widening partisan divide.

(Tulsi Gabbard’s response continued on page 3)
We need to ensure the integrity and security of our nation’s election systems and protect our democracy from hacking by adversaries. I introduced the Securing America’s Elections Act to require paper ballots or voter-verifiable paper backups in order to protect our elections from malicious hackers and to make sure that every vote will be accurately counted.

Q: Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.

In every issue that faces our nation, there are opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground. What is lacking is the political will to reach across the aisle, build relationships and find compromise.

Throughout my time in office, I have prioritized bipartisan outreach. If our leaders are unable to reach stable agreements based on finding common ground, then they will not be able to deliver. Their promises will ring hollow and they will create a state of permanent disruption.

As president, I will listen to the voices of all Americans, lead in the spirit of putting service above self, and upholding our country’s original ideals of being of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?

We need comprehensive immigration reform to address our broken immigration laws and have a serious conversation about the most effective and humane ways to compassionately secure our borders while building bridges and cooperative foreign policy with other countries. We need to ensure we have a clear, enforceable, accessible, and humane path to citizenship for legal and illegal immigrants.

Abolish racist voter ID laws, super polls, & the Electoral College. Make Election Day a national holiday. Ensure voting is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

As president, I will work with Congress to pass common sense gun safety legislation. The stakes are too high to allow politics to get in the way of taking bipartisan action on this. While I strongly support the second amendment, we can all agree that we need sensible gun laws to keep our us and our children safe.

Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?

As president, I will tackle climate change by ushering in a Green Century - a century that harnesses 100% renewable and safe energy sources like wind, solar, and geothermal. We must address the national environment. We must end taxpayer subsidies for big oil, fossil fuels and nuclear power, and instead invest in clean power rules and gas mileage standards that the Obama Administration put into place.

Bernie Sanders
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Q: What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?

- Reform and expand the Voting Rights Act
- Re-enfranchise millions of Americans who have had their right to vote taken away by a felony conviction, including those currently incarcerated.
- Secure automatic voter registration for every American 18+
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- Expand early voting & make absentee voting easier

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Right now we have a president who wants to divide us up by the color of our skin, our country of origin, our gender, our religion and our sexual orientation. Bernie is going to do exactly the opposite. We are going to bring our people together – black, white, Latino, Native American, Asian American, gay and straight, young and old, men and women, native born and immigrant.

Not only is Bernie going to be Commander in Chief, he will be Organizer in Chief. He will rally the American people and stand up to the greed of the corporate elite.

We’ll build the grassroots movement necessary to enact the transformative change we need on climate change, health care, education, a higher minimum wage, workers’ rights, criminal justice, and more.

Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies?

Bernie will act immediately to overhaul our broken immigration system and enact a humane policy at the border and in the interior that respects human and civil rights. As President, Bernie will: Use executive authority to reverse Trump’s actions on immigration: - Place a moratorium on deportations and end ICE raids.
- Restore and expand DACA.
- Push Congress to enact a fair, swift, and inclusive path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.
- Break up ICE and CBP and return their core functions to their previous departments.
- Decriminalize and demilitarize the border, and ensure due process.
- Strengthen and protect immigrant labor rights.
- Lift Trump’s draconian refugee caps and taking in those forced from their homes due to climate change.

Bernie Sanders
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This is an election to fight for the soul of the country. We have a choice to make: a choice between the status quo and a choice for change. This is not a choice between left and right, but a choice between forward and backward.

Bernie Sanders
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Bernie will work with Congress to pass a comprehensive Green New Deal to create 20 million good-paying union jobs while meeting the IPCC emissions reductions targets and transforming our energy system and our economy.

Elizabeth Warren
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Q: What, if any, steps will you take to reform current immigration policies? A: I have a plan to create a fair immigration system that preserves our security, grows our economy, and reflects our values. I will reduce the family reunification backlog and remove the barriers that make it harder to apply for legal status. I will also reinstate and expand DACA and protections for our Dreamers and their families. I’ll extend the individual and family exercise of discretion to cover the majority of those eligible for legal status. I’ll also raise the refugee cap, reaffirm asylum protections, and rescind Trump’s biggest Muslim ban.

Q: Please explain the policies, if any, you support to address gun violence in America. A: My administration will set a goal to reduce gun deaths by 80% and take executive and legislative action to meet it. As president, I will restrict gun movement across borders and extend reporting requirements, background checks, and minimum age restrictions to cover the vast majority of gun sales. Those who break the law, like gun traffickers and gun dealers who repeatedly violate the laws, will face prosecution and license revocation. Criminals convicted of hate crimes and domestic abuse will also be restricted from owning a gun. And in my first 100 days, I’ll send Congress legislation to establish a federal licensing system, universal background checks, and other common sense reforms to reduce gun deaths in America.

Q: What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change? A: From day one, I will fight for a Green New Deal, using all the tools of the federal government. I’ll immediately issue a sweeping climate executive order to show Americans and the rest of the world that the US is leading the global fight against climate change. I will also work with Congress to pass a bold, comprehensive climate bill that includes aggressive pollution limits, significant investments in clean energy and energy efficiency, and a guaranteed right to a safe and healthy climate.

Q: What are your plans to address social inequality? A: To address social inequality, I will push for a far-reaching legislative fix that provides a fair but achievable path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. I will also work to expand and protect voting rights, ensure access to quality education and healthcare, and support criminal justice reform and racial justice initiatives.

Q: Can you explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country? A: While there are significant differences on many key issues, there are also areas of overlap where Democrats and Republicans can work together. For example, we can all agree on the importance of clean energy and reducing climate change. We can also support policies that promote economic growth and create jobs, such as investing in infrastructure and education. Additionally, we can work on initiatives that support small businesses and increase access to affordable healthcare.
Responsibilities: To exercise financial control of County expenditures; to authorize public works; to purchase land and buildings; to let contracts; to plan and administer welfare. The Board of County Commissioners also appoints other officials to operate various departments.

Term: 4 yrs
Salary: $72,346.

Judy M. Augsburger
Party: Republican

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Occupation: CPA
Current Job Position: J. M. Augsburger, CPA, LLC (Owner)
Education: Bachelor’s Degree - Bluffton University
Training & Experience: Multiple corporate and finance positions with increasing responsibility, and local government experience.

1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?

The most pressing infrastructure repair and/or replacement are continual issues for any governmental agency, and I totally understand that replacement, in some cases, may outweigh the resources available. I fully believe that we must always maintain what we already own, or make a decision to scrap it. The resources available are identified, and necessary, but at the same time, we need to plan and reserve some of the resources for future projects. If it comes down to an essential full replacement project that leaves other properties in shambles, then I would rather allocate resources to maintenance projects overall and start a plan to save for the future. If we do find a need to build new, then we are also making a decision to scrap the old and deal with it at the time. Whenever possible, work kept “in-house” will help the county succeed at a greater pace. At the end of the day, I would definitely prioritize the maintenance of property vs. rushing in to replace.

2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?

If we needed to increase general fund revenue, our current sales tax would be the last place to look for additional funds. If you look at the big picture, Allen County’s sales tax is currently lower than some of the surrounding counties, and that helps bring commerce to us rather than away from us, especially with the retail venues and car dealerships that presently call Allen County home. The first place to look for additional funds would be within the budget. We would have to sharpen our pencils and make sure that we are currently spending our tax dollars wisely. Next, it would be nice to know where the community priorities are and possibly to have some competition from local groups. We could also consider charitable contributions for, say, naming rights of a park, bike path, or community building. Our current budget numbers appear to be stable and well within the current rate of inflation. We all want to love where we live...let’s make it happen!

3. Allen County does not have a residential building code. Would you support or oppose establishing a residential building code for the county?

I would support a County building code if it were adequately funded. This has been discussed at the township level and at Allen County Regional Planning Commission. The main obstacle has always been lack of money. Generally speaking, the need is there, but having more codes that are not enforceable have little or no value.

4. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?

Probably the best qualification I possess is the ability to work with people. As Security and Operations NCO in the US Army - Vietnam Nam, I worked well with my fellow soldiers, sergeants, and civilian employees of the Army. In the construction industry I worked as a journeyman, foreman, general foreman, superintendent, and project coordinator. Some of these projects included: refinery/chemical plant construction; hospital, school, and food processing operations. Some of these projects exceeded $100 million, and some of these projects exceeded $150 million. Also operating our family farm and volunteering at Perry School and the Allen County Fair add to my qualifications to be your commissioner. Finally, and most important is my family: wife of 45 years Charlotte, Dr. Carrie Dehoff daughter, Eddie and Mike sons, and seven grandchildren.

Beth A. Seibert
Party: Republican

Norman B. Capps
Party: Democrat

Responsibilities: To exercise financial control of County expenditures; to authorize public works; to purchase land and buildings; to let contracts; to plan and administer welfare. The Board of County Commissioners also appoints other officials to operate various departments.

Occupation: Construction/family farmer
Current Job Position: Perry Township Trustee 14 years; Operate family farm
Education: Graduated Lima Senior High 1966; Attended OSU Lima
Training & Experience: Exp. US, Army-Vietnam Nam, Security & Operations NCO; Laborer at Tuttle Construction; Journeyman pipe fitter/welder LU776; Twenty years supervisory Experience; Major projects exceeding 150 million dollars; Family farm was established in 1946; Ohio Farm Bureau member 39 years; President of Perry Athletic Boosters; Served on Allen County Regional Planning Commission; Allen County Development Corporation Board: Appointed by Allen County Commissioners; Volunteer at Allen County Fair; Allen County Veterans Memorial Foundation Board member.

1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?

Roads and bridges are the most pressing issues facing Allen County. Recent increases in gas and license plate fees will help, but may not be enough to meet needs. Building maintenance issues are becoming a major concern. The next area for concern is expanding utilities to urbanized areas of the County to accommodate expansion of commercial, industrial, and residential areas.

2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?

The first step to increase County revenues would be pursuing of Restoring Local Government Funds that were cut by the State several years ago. Next we simply have to become more efficient in our day to day operations.

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I am qualified to be an Allen County Commissioner due to my diverse experiences, established partnerships, enthusiastic work ethic, and the fact that I understand that I work for you and answer to you – the voter and taxpayer. There is not another proponent for this race that will be more dedicated at a level that makes my work harder for you as an Allen County Commissioner than I will. My work ethic is a product of my upbringing on a family farm in western Allen County. I was entrusted with large amounts of responsibility at a very young age and I embrace the responsibility of being able to provide for my family through my own efforts working and learning valuable skills while some of my friends were out having lots of fun being normal teenagers. I believe that I am a more focused and responsible person as a result and therefore better prepared to serve you as an Allen County Commissioner. I have a true passion for Allen County and am dedicated to serving all of our 102,000 citizens. I would appreciate your vote on March 17th!

Tim Sielschott
Party: Republican

Occupation: Financial Advisor
Current Job Position: Owner/Financial Advisor, Sielschott Financial Services
Education: Bachelor of Arts, Colby College
Training & Experience: Licensed Financial Advisor and small business owner; Ohio Means Jobs Board Member; Member, NFIB; Lima Chamber Legislative Committee board member; Board Member, Blufton Center for Entrepreneurs

1. As in most municipalities, the need for infrastructure repair and replacement outweighs the resources available. What do you see as the most pressing infrastructure needs in Allen County, and how will you prioritize resources to replace or repair them?

Allen County is facing the same issue as most counties across Ohio - aging infrastructure needs that far exceed assets allocated for repair. First, we need to put all government buildings that need to be divested up for sale. Getting buildings off of the public books should be an immediate priority. The state constitutionally mandated services must be prioritized. We must also continue to provide the basic services necessary to have a healthy and safe county - the proper infrastructure required for water, sanitation, and education. I support the proper equipment for our police officers and firefighters to keep our workforce safe.

2. If there is a need to increase general fund income revenue, what resources (other than sales tax) should be pursued?

We must continue to work on the availability of properly trained and educated workers for the many career positions available. This should include continued efforts on expanding the availability of job readiness programs for adults and within our schools. The added effect on sales tax collection is a major problem and has a severe effect on our sales tax base. We must all be cheerleaders for shopping local and keeping those profits and taxes within Allen County. Ensuring that Allen County becomes the premiere mid-size county in Ohio that is safe, clean, and up-to-date will help retain and attract new workers to fill the many positions open in the area. The more households shopping and owning homes in Allen County the more it helps offset drops in county revenue due to the online shopping. As we begin to tax internet transactions overnight to ensure our county receives its fair share of revenue of sales taxes will be imperative.

3. Allen County does not have a residential building code. Would you support or oppose establishing a residential building code for the county? Explain your position.

I believe that we do need a residential building code for Allen County. Building a home is often the largest investment an Allen County resident will ever make. Building codes, and proper enforcement of them, are intended to protect homeowners. The devil, however, is in the details. Government involvement in residential building code creation can make the process of building a home even more expensive, laborious, or more expensive. We currently utilize the City of Lima to do commercial property inspections but I would be cautious given recent history of adding more responsibility to their workload until the issues we already know they are all too familiar with. I am glad to hear about positive progress, but I must continue. As County Commissioner, I will be a watchdog for the Building Department and ensure that residential and commercial property inspections in Allen County are conducted with public safety, timeliness, and costs in mind.

4. What qualifies you to fulfill the position of Allen County Commissioner?

I was born and raised in Lima, a graduate of Bath High School and Colby College in Watervile, Maine. My wife is not from this area, but we chose to invest and put our roots down here because we love this area. I am confident that by focusing on business development in the area we can attract even more young professional families. As the owner/President of a business, I am focused on efficient and pragmatic solutions. I have had boots on the ground working to tackle Allen County’s biggest economic issue – lack of workforce. As a volunteer football coach, I understand the power of a team - the county commission is a team of three. No one commissioner can have an agenda. We do not have to agree on everything, but we must be in sync. I believe my age, high energy, and experience in the private sector are an asset for this position. Additionally, as commissioner, I will have the willingness to take unpopular stances when needed and have difficult conversations when necessary if the outcomes will benefit our citizens.

Greg Stolly
Party: Republican

Occupation: Business Owner / Realtor
Current Job Position: Owner/Realtor CCR Realtors
Training & Experience: Former Owner Repps Sports Equipment; Vice President Marketing Development University of Northwestern Ohio 15 years

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The greatest challenge to the office of the Allen County Prosecutor is access to information. Today's jurors expect to be able to access this "CSI" type of evidence. As prosecutors we have the storage, retrieval and interpretation of that information comes at a significant cost in both materials and man-hours. Today's jurors expect to be able to have access to this "CSI" type of evidence. As prosecutors we have the storage, retrieval and interpretation of that information comes at a significant cost in both materials and man-hours. Today's jurors expect to be able to have access to this "CSI" type of evidence. As prosecutors we have to be able to produce that evidence in court in order to get convictions. The cost of the production and presentation of voluminous digital evidence is overwhelming the budgets of local jurisdictions. The costs of digital forensics will continue to increase and funds will need to be allocated to the task if we are to keep up with these advancements.

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As First of all I am a lifetime resident of Allen County. I am not a career politician. I feel a younger viewpoint at the County Commissioners level would help all generations of the county.
How can the services provided by the Allen County Clerk of Court's Office be maintained or improved?

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**PROBATE DIVISION**  
Term Commences 2/09/21

**Responsibilities:** To rule on cases involving disposition of wills, the administration of estates and guardianships, adoptions, questions of mental or physical disability. They are also responsible for issuing marriage licenses.  
**Term:** 6 years  
**Salary:** $140,550.

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**Responsibilities:** The Court of Appeals is essentially a Court of Review. It hears appeals from the Common Pleas, County, and Municipal Courts.  
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