

**OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
NOVEMBER 3, 2015
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

Instructions to Voter

- **To vote:** completely darken the oval (●) to the left of your choice. Use only a black or blue ballpoint pen or a #2 pencil. Do not use red ink.
- Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed.
- If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted.
- **To vote for a write-in candidate:** completely darken the oval (●) to the left of the blank line and write in the candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as write-in candidates can be counted.
- Do not write in a candidate's name if that person's name already is printed on the ballot for that same contest.
- **If you make a mistake or want to change your vote:** return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.

<p>CITY OF KENT</p>	<p>Issue One</p>	<p>Issue Two</p>
<p>For Member of Council (1st Ward) (Vote for not more than 1)</p>	<p>Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative districts</p>	<p>Anti-monopoly amendment; protects the initiative process from being used for personal economic benefit</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Garret M. Ferrara Republican</p>	<p>Proposed Constitutional Amendment</p>	<p>Proposed Constitutional Amendment</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Kenneth A. McGregor nonparty candidate</p>	<p>Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly</p>	<p>Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly</p>
<p>PORTAGE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT</p>	<p>To enact new Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Article XI and to repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.</p>	<p>Proposing to amend Section 1e of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.</p>
<p>For Judge of Municipal Court (Full term commencing 01-01-2016) (Vote for not more than 1)</p>	<p>A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.</p>	<p>A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Kevin T. Poland</p>	<p>The proposed amendment would:</p>	<p>The proposed amendment would:</p>
<p>For Judge of Municipal Court (Full term commencing 01-02-2016) (Vote for not more than 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the partisan process for drawing Ohio House and Senate districts, and replace it with a bipartisan process with the goal of having district boundaries that are more compact and politically competitive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit any petitioner from using the Ohio Constitution to grant a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for their exclusive financial benefit or to establish a preferential tax status.
<p><input type="radio"/> Mark K. Fankhauser</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a transparent process by requiring public meetings, public display of maps, and a public letter explaining any plan the Commission adopts by a simple majority vote. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit any petitioner from using the Ohio Constitution to grant a commercial interest, right, or license that is not available to similarly situated persons or nonpublic entities.
<p>KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the bipartisan Ohio Redistricting Commission, composed of 7 members including the Governor, the Auditor of State, the Secretary of State, and 4 members appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the General Assembly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require the bipartisan Ohio Ballot Board to determine if a proposed constitutional amendment violates the prohibitions above, and if it does, present two separate ballot questions to voters. Both ballot questions must receive a majority yes vote before the proposed amendment could take effect.
<p>For Member of Board of Education (Vote for not more than 2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require a bipartisan majority vote of 4 members in order to adopt any final district plan, and prevent deadlock by limiting the length of time any plan adopted without bipartisan support is effective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit from taking effect any proposed constitutional amendment appearing on the November 3, 2015 General Election ballot that creates a monopoly, oligopoly, or cartel for the sale, distribution, or other use of any federal Schedule I controlled substance.
<p><input type="radio"/> Pamela Freeman</p>	<p>If passed, the amendment will become effective immediately.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ohio Supreme Court has original, exclusive jurisdiction in any action related to the proposal.
<p><input type="radio"/> Rebekah Wright Kulis</p>	<p>SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?</p>	<p>If passed, the amendment will become effective immediately.</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES</p>	<p>SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES</p>
<p></p>	<p></p>	<p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>

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Issue Three

Grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To add Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:

- Endow exclusive rights for commercial marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction to self-designated landowners who own ten predetermined parcels of land in Butler, Clermont, Franklin, Hamilton, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Delaware, Stark, and Summit Counties. One additional growth facility may be allowed for in four years only if existing facilities cannot meet consumer demand.
- Permit retail sale of recreational marijuana at approximately 1,100 locations statewide. Such retail establishments must have a state license that may be obtained only if the electors of the precinct where the store will be located approve the use of the location for such purpose at a local option election.
- Legalize the production of marijuana-infused products, including edible products, concentrates, sprays, ointments and tinctures by marijuana product manufacturing facilities.
- Allow each person, 21 years of age or older, to grow, cultivate, use, possess, and share up to eight ounces of usable homegrown marijuana plus four flowering marijuana plants if the person holds a valid state license. Allow each person, 21 years of age or older, to purchase, possess, transport, use, and share up to 1 ounce of marijuana for recreational use. Authorize the use of medical marijuana by any person, regardless of age, who has a certification for a debilitating medical condition.
- Prohibit marijuana establishments within 1,000 feet of a house of worship, public library, public or chartered elementary or secondary school, state-licensed day-care center, or public playground, however: after a certain date, a new day-care, library, etc., cannot force a preexisting marijuana establishment to relocate by opening a new location within 1,000 feet of the business.
- Prohibit any local or state law, including zoning laws, from being applied to prohibit the development or operation of marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction facilities, retail marijuana stores, and medical marijuana dispensaries unless the area is zoned exclusively residential as of January 1, 2015 or as of the date that an application for a license is first filed for a marijuana establishment.
- Create a special tax rate limited to 15% on gross revenue of each marijuana growth, cultivation, and extraction facility and a special tax rate limited to 5% on gross revenue of each retail marijuana store. Revenues from the tax go to a municipal and township government fund, a strong county fund, and the marijuana control commission fund.
- Create a marijuana incubator in Cuyahoga County to promote growth and development of the marijuana industry and locate marijuana testing facilities near colleges and universities in Athens, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Mahoning, Scioto and Wood Counties, at a minimum.
- Limit the ability of the legislature and local governments from regulating the manufacture, sales, distribution and use of marijuana and marijuana products. Create a new state government agency called the marijuana control commission (with limited authority) to regulate the industry, comprised of seven Ohio residents appointed by the Governor, including a physician, a law enforcement officer, an administrative law attorney, a patient advocate, a resident experienced in owning, developing, managing and operating businesses, a resident with experience in the legal marijuana industry, and a member of the public.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES

NO

**27 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)
Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal tax for the benefit of Portage County for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of programs and services, including Happy Day School, Portage Industries, Inc., residential programs and services, and for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of facilities administered by the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities at a rate not exceeding 1.8 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 18 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**29 Proposed Charter Amendment
City of Kent**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the proposed amendment to Article XV, Section 66(a) of the Charter of the City of Kent to remove the term limits for members of the Board of Health be adopted?

YES

NO

**30 Proposed Charter Amendment
City of Kent**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 24C of the Charter of the City of Kent to change the number of signatures needed for initiative and referendum petitions to 10 percent of the number of electors who voted for governor at the most recent general election for the office of governor be adopted?

YES

NO

**31 Proposed Charter Amendment
City of Kent**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Article II, Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Kent be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Conflict of Interest.

No officer, official, board or commission member or employee of the City of Kent, whether elected or appointed under the provision of the Charter, ordinances of the City of Kent, or the general laws of Ohio shall have any direct financial interest in any contract with the Municipality, any expenditure of money, or the sale of any real or personal property by the Municipality other than the fixed public compensation and reimbursable public expenses.

No employee of the City shall be appointed to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Assessment Equalization Board or Charter Review Commission during the term of his or her employment.

YES

NO

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**32 Proposed Charter Amendment
City of Kent**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Article XIII, Section 61(b) of the Charter of the City of Kent be amended to read as follows:

Section 61(b). Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) residents of the City appointed by Council who shall serve without compensation. Council may also appoint ex-officio, non-voting members by ordinance. A member of the Planning Commission serving on January 1, 1978, may complete the term of his or her original appointment, but in the event of the death or resignation of such member, Council shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the terms of that member. Subsequent appointments shall be for a term of five (5) years and the expiration of the terms shall be on a one-year staggered interval basis.

The Planning Commission will have all the rights and powers granted to it by the laws of Ohio or ordinances of the City or this Charter.

The Planning Commission shall adopt such rules and requirements for plats and the laying out of allotments as is deemed necessary and advisable, subject to Council approval. Such rules and requirements shall be placed on file in printed or typewritten form in the office of the Director of Public Service.

The Planning Commission may control, appoint, or employ such architects, engineers or other professional service and may appoint such clerks, draftsmen or other subordinates as are necessary for the performance of its function. The expenditures for such service and employments shall be within the amounts appropriated for such persons by the legislative authority of the municipal corporation and such legislative authority shall provide for the expenses and accommodations necessary for the work of the Commission.

YES

NO

**33 Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)
City of Kent**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Kent for the purpose of maintaining and operating a fire station in the City of Kent west of the Erie Railroad at a rate not exceeding 0.73 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 7.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**34 Proposed Tax Levy
(Renewal)
City of Kent**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Kent for the purpose of maintaining and operating parks and recreational systems at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 10 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**35 Proposed Tax Levy
(Renewal)
City of Kent**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Kent for the purpose of maintaining and operating parks and recreational systems at a rate not exceeding 0.43 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 43 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

**43 Proposed Charter
Amendment
By Initiative Petition
City of Kent**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Article XIV of the Charter of the City of Kent be amended by adding Section 65(b) Democracy Day Public Hearing/Political Influence which reads as follows:

Beginning in 2016, City Council shall designate one day a "Democracy Day" during the first week of October of each year in which a local, state, or national election is held in Kent. On this day, the Mayor and City Council shall sponsor a Public Hearing in a public space within the City. The public hearing shall be held during an evening or weekend time. The City will publicize the public hearing on its website and in area media at least one month in advance. The Public Hearing shall examine the impact on our City, our state and our nation of political influence resulting from campaign contributions by corporate entities. Corporate entities include business corporations, Political Action Committees, PACS, Super PACs, 501(c)(4) groups and unions. Members of the general public in attendance shall be afforded the opportunity to speak on these matters for up to five minutes per person. The City shall record the minutes of the hearing and make them available to the public no later than November 1 of each year in which it is held by posting them on the City's website.

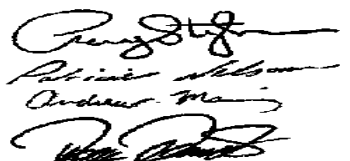
Within one (1) week following the annual Public Hearing, the Clerk of City Council shall send a letter to every elected state-level representative of the citizens of the City, to the leaders of the Ohio House and Senate, to our U.S. Congressional Representative(s), and to both U.S. Senators from Ohio. The letter shall include a brief summary of the Public Hearing and will state that the citizens of Kent in November 2015 voted in support of a Citizens' Initiative calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution declaring the following principles:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are legal persons with Constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not equivalent to speech, and therefore, regulating political contributions and spending does not equate to limiting political speech.

The annual Public Hearings will no longer be required if and when a Constitutional Amendment reflecting the principles set forth in Section 02 is ratified by three-quarters (3/4) of the state legislatures.

YES

NO



Members of the Board of Elections
Portage County, Ohio
November 3, 2015

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SAMPLE

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