OHIO 2016 VOTER GUIDE

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Ohio will hold elections on November 8th, 2016 to select representatives to the United States House of Representative, the Senate, and the Presidency. The state is home to the eighth-largest Arab American population in the country. The number of Ohioans who claim an Arab ancestry has more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980. Arab Americans in Ohio reside in 78 of the 88 counties in the state, with the greatest number of Arab Americans living in Cuyahoga County. The largest component of the Arab American community in the state has Lebanese or Somali roots and the largest number of new Arab immigrants to Ohio came from Somalia, Iraq, and Jordan.

Ohio state voters will find an extended period of early voting this year. In May, a federal judge struck down an Ohio state law that eliminated what was previously deemed “Golden Week,” or the period in which citizens could cast votes prior to election day. With the reinstatement of “Golden Week,” Ohioans will now not only be able to vote up to 35 days before the day of the election, but also register on the same day.

Of the state’s 16 districts, four are held by Democrats and 12 are Republican held. All of Ohio’s Representatives are running for reelection this year and are facing challengers in their districts. Democratic Senator Sherrod Brown is not up for reelection this year, but his Republican counterpart, Senator Rob Portman will be running for reelection against former Governor of Ohio, Ted Strickland.

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**ARAB AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS**

*Research by AAI and Zogby International suggest that the number above is likely significantly lower than the actual number of Arab Americans in the state. The American Community Survey identifies only a portion of the Arab population through a question on "ancestry." Reasons for the undercount include the placement of and limit of the ancestry question (as distinct from race and ethnicity); the effect of the sample methodology on small, unevenly distributed ethnic groups; high levels of out-marriage among the third and fourth generations; and distrust/misunderstanding of government surveys among recent immigrants. Source: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates(2014), American Community Survey 5-Year estimates (2010), 2000 US Census–U.S. Census Bureau; Yearbook of Immigration Statistics 2010-2014—Office of Immigration Statistics, Department of Homeland Security.*

| AAI ESTIMATE | 197,439 |
| STATE RANK  | 8 |

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**GENERAL ELECTION**

General Election **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**
Polls OPEN at 6:30 AM and CLOSE at 7:30 PM

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**DEADLINES**

Voter Registration: **October 11, 2016**
Absentee Application: **November 5, 2016**
Absentee Ballot: **November 8, 2016**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE**

You are qualified to register to vote in the state of Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election
4. You are not incarcerated for a felony conviction
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of election laws

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

The deadline to register and be eligible to vote in the November 8 General Election is **October, 8, 2016**. Voter registration forms must be postmarked or received by the 30th day before the election in which you wish to vote. You may, of course, register at any time before that date to ensure that your registration is effective for voting in November. Voter registration applications are available on the Ohio Secretary of State official website, as well as at your local county board of elections, public libraries, and high schools.

**Absentee Voting**

You must be a registered voter to obtain an absentee ballot, but voters are not required to provide a reason for their desire to vote absentee. Absentee ballots for each individual election may be requested as early as 90 days prior to the election.

Steps to request and vote an absentee ballot:

- Complete the absentee ballot request form found online, or at your local board of elections office
- Mail this request form to your local county board of elections by noon on **November 5, 2016**
- Receive your ballot by mail from your county board of elections
- Return your voted ballot by mail, or in person, to your county board of elections. Completed ballots must be received by your county board of elections no later than 7:30 PM on Election Day, or postmarked no later than 10 days after the election. You may not fax or email a voted ballot.

Questions about your absentee ballot request can be directed to your local county board of elections.

**Early Voting**

Ohio participates in early voting. Deemed “Golden Week,” the 35-day period before the election allows citizens to register and vote on the same day. This can be done at your local county board of elections office or early voting location.

**Voter ID Requirements**

To vote on Election Day, Ohio law requires voters to present their full name, current address, and provide proof of identity. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- A valid Ohio driver’s license or state ID card
- Military identification
- A photo ID issued by the federal government or state
of Ohio that displays the voter’s name and current address
- An original copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document. “Current” is defined as within the last 12 months

If the voter does not have any of the above forms of identification, they may provide their Ohio driver’s license number, state ID number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number to cast a provisional ballot. Once this information is reviewed and verified by the board of elections, the provisional ballot will be counted.

DISABLED VOTERS

The following accommodations are available to increase ballot accessibility for all voters, including elderly voters and voters with disabilities.

- Voting locations are made accessible to all voters. Voters with disabilities are guaranteed access to accessible parking and routes of entrance.

- Any polling place that is exempt from the accessibility requirements will offer curbside voting to voters with disabilities. If you are unable to enter the polling place, two precinct election officials from the major political parties will bring a ballot to you. You may sit in your car and vote, or you may vote at the door of the building.

- Voters who cannot mark their ballot, or who need assistance due to a disability, may bring someone with them to assist them in the voting process. They may also ask for assistance from precinct election officials. Disabled voters may not be assisted by their employer, an agent of their employer, an agent of their union, or any candidate whose name appears on the ballot.

- Every polling location is required to provide voting machines that are accessible to individuals with disabilities. These machines include features like audio ballots, Braille touch pads, large print or zoom features, and height and tilt adjustments on the screens.

CAMPAIGNING & THE POLLS

Polling locations are strictly neutral zones. Accordingly, Ohio law imposes specific limitations on who may enter a polling location and what conduct is permissible in these locations. No one is permitted to loiter, congregate, or engage in any form of election campaigning within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling location, or within 10 feet of any elector waiting line. Ohio law prohibits anyone from soliciting, attempting to influence an individual’s vote, or preventing an elector from entering or leaving a polling location.

POLL WATCHERS

Any citizen may go to a polling place and observe. The poll watcher watches to see if any violations of the election laws occur. If such a violation occurs, the poll watcher is to inform the election board of the violation; the election board consists of poll workers. Uniformed law enforcement officers are not allowed to be poll watchers. Poll watchers are responsible for supplying any necessities or materials needed with at the polls, i.e. chairs, tables, writing materials, etc. They cannot use the poll workers’ supplies.

The poll watcher may not interfere with or impede the conduct of any election. He/she should come no closer to the official table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary. Unless there is an observation of questionable nature, the poll watcher is not permitted to speak to the election board or voter.

Things poll watchers may do:

1. The first poll watcher of the Election Day has the right to see that the ballot box is empty before the first ballot is cast.

2. A poll watcher may observe the distribution of the ballot to the voter and may observe as the voter deposits their vote into the ballot box.

3. If the poll watcher observes what they think might
be a violation, he/she may question a voter’s privilege by stating his/her case to the election board. Remember, the election board consists of the poll workers at that precinct.

4. The poll watcher may observe the closing procedures when the polls close. A poll watcher is not allowed to talk to any person in the polling place except when questioning a procedure.

**POLL WORKER**

Poll workers occupy an important role in our democracy by helping to operate polling locations. Poll workers are tasked with ensuring that citizens can vote with ease on Election Day, and are responsible for safeguarding the voting process. Poll workers will receive compensation for their work.

**Requirements to become a poll worker in Ohio:**

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be at least 18 years of age and registered to vote
- Cannot have been convicted of a felony
- Cannot be running as a candidate for the election
Democratic Presidential Challenger

**Hillary Clinton**, a graduate of Yale Law School, began her career working for the Children's Defense Fund, and later acting as an advisor to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate scandal. She served as First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1992, during which she became a partner at Rose Law Firm and led several business ventures. In 1993, Hillary Clinton became First Lady of the United States when Bill Clinton was elected as President. As First Lady, she chaired the Task Force on National Healthcare Reform. In 2000, Clinton was elected to the U.S. Senate from New York, where she served two terms. During her time in the Senate, Clinton served on the Committee on Budget, Armed Services, Environment and Public Works, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Special Committee on Aging. Additionally, she was a member of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In the 2008 Presidential election she ran unsuccessfully against President Barack Obama. President Obama appointed Clinton U.S. Secretary of State, where she served from 2009 to 2013. She announced her campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination on Twitter in April 2015.

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Democratic Vice Presidential Challenger

**Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)** graduated from the University of Missouri, and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School during which he interrupted his studies to work for nine months at a Jesuit mission in Honduras. Upon completion of Harvard Law, Kaine entered private practice and became a lecturer at the University of Richmond School of Law. He was first elected to public office in 1994, when he won a seat on the Richmond, Virginia City Council. He was then elected Mayor of Richmond in 1998, serving in that position until 2001 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Kaine was elected Governor of Virginia in 2005, serving until 2010. He served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2009 to 2011, and then decided to run for the vacant U.S. Senate seat, an election he won. Senator Kaine is presently serving in the Senate and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Budget Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Senator Kaine was selected by Hillary Clinton as her Vice Presidential running mate on July 22nd. On July 27, 2016 Senator Kaine officially accepted the Democratic nomination.
Republican Presidential Challenger

Donald Trump is a real estate mogul and television personality best known for the eponymous Trump Organization and his reality TV program “The Apprentice.” Born and raised in New York City, Trump earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1968. In 1973, Trump inherited his father’s real estate and construction firm, and renamed it “The Trump Organization.”

Trump is a politically active member of the Tea Party movement and had discussed the idea of running for President of the United States in five previous election cycles. In June 2015, Trump announced his campaign for the 2016 Republican nomination in front of Trump Tower in New York City. Trump officially accepted the Republican National Committee’s nomination for President at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

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Republican Vice Presidential Challenger

Following graduation from law school, Governor Mike Pence unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990, losing both times to Democratic incumbent Phil Sharp. In 1991, Pence was named President of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pence was elected to Congress in November 2000 and served for six terms. In November 2008, his fellow GOP members elected him to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Conference. During his tenure in Congress, Pence served on multiple House committees including, Agriculture, Judiciary, Small Business, and Foreign Affairs. In May 2011, Pence announced that he would not run for re-election in Congress, and instead successfully ran for Governor of Indiana in the 2012 election. As Governor, Pence made national headlines when he signed Indiana’s controversial “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” into law. This action brought about widespread criticism alleging that the bill would permit discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

On July 15, 2016, Donald Trump announced that he had selected Pence as his Vice Presidential running mate in the 2016 Presidential election.
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2016 U.S. Senate Candidates

U.S. Senate, OH Statewide

Incumbent

Rob Portman (R) is running for reelection as a U.S. Senator from Ohio. Portman was first elected in 2010 and during his first term he co-founded the Senate Caucus to End Human Trafficking. Portman was first elected to public office in 1993 to the U.S. House of Representatives to represent the 2nd congressional district of Ohio, an office he held for 12 years. In 2005, Portman left Congress to accept a Presidential appointment as the 14th U.S. Trade Representative and two years later Portman was appointed to be the Director of the Office of Budget and Management. Before running for Senate, Portman started his career as a small business owner and operator.

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Terrace Park, OH 45174
www.robportman.com

Challenger

Theodore “Ted” Strickland (D) is running for U.S. Senate. Strickland is known for serving as the 68th Governor of Ohio from 2007 to 2011 and as the Representative of Ohio’s 6th district in the U.S. House from 1993 to 1995 and against from 1997 to 2007. In 20014 Strickland became the President of the liberal advocacy organization, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, a position he left when he announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate last year. Before entering public life, Strickland earned his PhD in counseling and psychology and is an ordained Methodist minister.

www.tedstrickland.com
### 2016 U.S. House of Representatives Candidates

#### U.S. House, OH 1st District

**Incumbent**  
Steve Chabot (R)  
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**Challenger**  
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#### U.S. House, OH 2nd District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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Contact information unavailable

#### U.S. House, OH 3rd District

**Incumbent**  
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#### U.S. House, OH 4th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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#### U.S. House, OH 5th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
James Neu Jr. (D)  
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Perrysburg, OH 43551  
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## U.S. House, OH 6th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
Michael Lorentz (D)  
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## U.S. House, OH 7th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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## U.S. House, OH 8th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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## U.S. House, OH 9th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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## U.S. House, OH 10th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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**Challenger**  
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**Challenger**  
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### U.S. House, OH 13th District

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**Challenger**  
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### U.S. House, OH 15th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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U.S. House, OH 16th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
Keith Mundy (D)
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This is the second-most-important form you'll fill out this fall.

Your ballot is the first. Please vote. But also, please consider our future beyond Nov. 8.

Yes, we want your contributions - your donations, your activism.

But really, we just want you.

If your only political actions this fall are to vote and to update your contact information with AAI, you are making a big investment in the future of the Arab American community.

When we reach more people, then, over time, our strength as a political constituency grows.

In the 30 years since AAI’s founding, our community has found a place in national politics that used to be just a dream.

Send back this form. Together, let’s see how much we can grow in the next thirty years.

☐ I’m already an AAI member, but I want:
  ☐ Update my contact information
  ☐ Promise that I’ll vote Nov. 8
  ☐ Make a donation to our #YallaVote campaign

☐ I want to join! My information is below, or I’ll visit www.aaiusa.org and join online.

☐ Please add my name to your email list, so I can get weekly political news updates, action alerts, and event notices. I’ll visit your website for more information about joining AAI.

☐ Don’t want to join right now - but I DO want to be part of our community’s future. Here’s my contact information, and I’ll hear from you down the road.

Name _________________________________________
Email _________________________________________
Address _________________________________________
City __________________________________________
State/ZIP ______________________________________
Phone _________________________________________

☐ I want to join AAI or make a donation.
  ☐ My check is enclosed.
  ☐ Please charge my Mastercard/Visa

Name on card _______________________________________
Card no. _________________________________________
Exp. date _________________________________________
Signature _________________________________________

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Our Voice. Our Future.