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May 7, 2003

**Section:** Local News

### **Bernabei advances to at-large election with Babcock, Casar**

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*Repository staff writer*

CANTON — Two Canton City Council veterans won Democratic nominations Tuesday night.

Mary M. Babcock and Donald E. Casar continued their political dominance by winning two of the three nominations for at-large council seats in the primary.

Thomas M. Bernabei joined the political stalwarts.

Guy R. Bertram and Patricia E. Rhodes finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

On the Republican side, newcomers Curt Werren, Clint Zollinger and Rick Drummond secured the three at-large party nominations. Former city employee Jim Bowe finished fourth.

The candidates will move on to the general election in November.

Harry Wheat, 77, of Canton, said he voted for Babcock because she has done “a pretty good job.”

Jim Riley said he supported Babcock because “she was the incumbent.”

Babcock, 80, has had a largely passive role on council.

Freda Robinson Clark, 39, of Canton, said she voted against Babcock.

“I don’t know much about her,” she said, “and what she’s done for the community.”

Babcock has served on the council from 1979-89 and 1991 to the present.

Casar, meanwhile, served on the council from 1970-79, 1991-95 and 2000 to the present. His big issues have included sidewalk replacement and cable TV rates.

Casar, 61, said he’s researching a program to build new homes and refurbish old ones with bonds. The city could acquire lots through eminent domain, he said.

Bernabei, 56, was the Canton city law director from 1989-2000. He said the city needs to balance its revenues and expenditures.

The city faces a projected \$3 million to \$5 million general fund deficit next year, according to city officials.

Drummond, Werren and Zollinger have no political experience, but want to bring some new ideas to city government.

Drummond, 37, owns a small business in Canton and wants to foster a pro-business environment in the city. Werren, 35, is a local attorney who wants to question “the status quo” and focus on the city’s budget problems, declining population and economic development.

Zollinger, 31, is a local attorney who wants to bring back “the glory” of Canton, and aggressively address dilapidated properties and abandoned houses.

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September 18, 2003

**Section:** Local News

### **GOP leader denounces Bernabei**

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CANTON — The head of the Stark County Republican Party says Thomas Bernabei should drop out of the at-large City Council race.

Democratic mayoral candidate Bill Smuckler has promised Bernabei a job in his administration if Smuckler is elected.

“This crass political ploy with its partisan motives is not the will of the people,” said Curt Braden, Republican party chairman. “It is a transparent scheme that robs the voters of their right to elect representative government.”

If Braden gets his way, a Republican candidate would be assured an at-large seat on council.

Right now, three Democrats and three Republicans are running for the three at-large seats. It is too late for another Democratic candidate to replace Bernabei if he withdraws.

Smuckler said earlier this week that he would hire Bernabei as safety director. Bernabei, the former city law director, said he would take the job.

Braden blasted Bernabei’s decision to stay in the race.

Bernabei balked at Braden’s request, calling it “pure politics.”

“It also is evidence of panic on his part,” he said. “His apparent only hope of electing a Republican at large is if they have only two Democrats on the ballot.”

Braden, meanwhile, said that Smuckler and Bernabei simply want to hold onto the council seat if Bernabei wins. The Democratic Party would get to appoint a replacement.

“It’s wrong to take this selection process away from the voters and place it into the hands of two candidates that are simply trying to cover their bets,” Braden said in a press release.

Bernabei said Smuckler first discussed the safety director position with him two weeks ago. At that time, he said, it was too late to withdraw and put another Democrat on the ballot.

“What we all need to do,” Bernabei said, “is to inform the electorate of exactly what their choices are, what the outcome of those choices are, and let them make the choices.”

Both Bernabei and Smuckler compared the situation to Democrat Joe Lieberman, who ran for vice president while seeking re-election in the Senate.

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November 5, 2003

**Section:** Local News

### **Babcock, Casar win re-election**

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CANTON — There were no surprises in the City Council races.

Political veterans Mary Babcock and Donald Casar, both Democrats, held onto their at-large council seats.

Thomas Bernabei, the former city law director, won the third seat.

Bernabei won the most votes — roughly 22 percent compared to Casar's 20 percent and Babcock's 18 percent.

Republican Curt Werren, an attorney, garnered 16 percent of the vote. The other two Republican candidates, Rick Drummond, owner of Drummond Uniform Service, and attorney Clint Zollinger, rounded out the field.

Tuesday's election followed the city's trend of electing a Republican mayor and a largely Democratic council.

Babcock, 80, has been a fixture on council for more than 20 years. She spent election night at Walther's Cafe, where Democratic mayoral candidate Bill Smuckler was holding a party.

Another longtime council member will remain on council: Democrat Ray Denczak beat Republican John Ross for council president.

But council will have some new members.

Democrat Thomas West, who defeated Councilwoman Kathleen Altieri Bucher in the Ward 2 May primary, easily beat independent Kenneth A. Kocinsky.

In Ward 4, Kelly Zachary grabbed 81 percent of the votes over Republican Frederick A. Moore; Zachary had defeated Councilman Craig Massey in the primary.

And Terry S. Prater won in a landslide over Republican Jayson Self to replace Ward 5 Councilman John Mroczkowski, who did not seek re-election.

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December 23, 2007

**Section:** Local News

### Healy chooses Bernabei for cabinet post

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CANTON Former city official Thomas M. Bernabei will hold a cabinet position in the administration of Mayor-elect William J. Healy II.

Healy announced Sunday that Bernabei will be named either the public safety director or public service director. Healy expects to make the decision in the next day or two, said Adam Herman, Healy's spokesman. At that time, Healy also expects to appoint someone to the other post.

Bernabei, a former city law director and Democratic at-large councilman, could not be reached for comment Sunday. Bernabei served on council from 2003 to 2005 before deciding not to run for re-election. He was law director from 1989 to 2000.

"I am very pleased to have Tom on board," Healy said in a news release. "His 23 years of experience in city government will allow my administration to hit the ground running on Jan. 1. I am excited to have him on my team, and look forward to working with him to accomplish the many goals I have to move Canton forward."

"We had several qualified candidates during the final interview for both positions," said Healy, who defeated Mayor Janet Weir Creighton in the Nov. 6 election. "But because Tom has such a variety of skills over a wide range of subject areas, I want to maximize his effectiveness with the appointment."

Regardless of the cabinet post, Bernabei will serve a role similar to chief of staff, making him the senior cabinet official when Healy takes office Jan. 1. The position will allow Bernabei to act on the mayor's behalf "in some circumstances" and manage daily operations of the city, Healy said in the news release.

When Councilman Bill Smuckler, D-at large, ran for mayor unsuccessfully in 2003, he had announced his intention of appointing Bernabei to safety director. Bernabei had said he would accept the job.

Healy formed three committees to help conduct the search for a safety director, service director and development director. Committees include former government officials, some members of City Council, residents, community activists and representatives of labor.

Each committee narrows down the applicants to three finalists for Healy's consideration.

The safety committee named three finalists: Bernabei; John Miller, a Canton patrolman since 1973 and union president of the Canton Police Patrolmen's Association; and Tom Nesbitt, former superintendent of the

Nebraska State Patrol, according to the press release.

Nesbitt retired as colonel of the state patrol, but was replaced as superintendent when a new governor was elected, said Herman, Healy's spokesman.

Bernabei initially was a member of the safety committee, but stepped off when he decided to become a candidate, Herman said.

The three finalists for service director are: Louis P. Giavasis, a Plain Township trustee since 1993 and finance director for Waikem Auto Family; Frederick Green, an attorney, consultant and certified public accountant from Copley; and John Mitchell, who recently was service director for the city of Vandalia.

Depending on what position Bernabei assumes, other finalists might be considered for another city position, Healy said.

Searches are continuing for development director and budget/finance director. Interviews for development director may start later this week, Healy said. It's unlikely the position will be filled before the end of the year.

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### **Healy heads west for safety chief**

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CANTON The former head of the Nebraska State Patrol will be the public safety director for Mayor-elect William J. Healy II.

Tom Nesbitt, the former colonel and superintendent of the agency, beat out candidates that included past and present city officers. Healy announced the appointment Wednesday in a press release.

Healy said Nesbitt has "incredible experience at all levels of law enforcement."

"From the patrolmen to the commanding officers to the chief of police, Tom understands the important role that each individual plays in the department," Healy said in the release. "I'm thrilled that we were able to land a person of this caliber in such a critical position, and look forward to using his wealth of knowledge to address Canton's crime issues for years to come."

Nesbitt has experience leading a task force that targeted drug trafficking.

"I miss public safety," Nesbitt said Wednesday. "I'm a servant at heart. I really have the need to serve the public, and I just have never been able to remove that from myself."

Nesbitt said he agrees with Healy's "zero tolerance" approach to crime.

"I'm a very strong person for zero tolerance," he said. "That's the way I've been all my life. Criminal nature is just unacceptable, and we have to do everything we can to ensure the citizens have all the trust and the faith in the officers."

Developing the policy will take time, Nesbitt said. "I need to sit down and see the lay of the land, and see what's going on, and see what the absolute issues are at hand here," he said.

### **BERNABEI BECOMES SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Healy also announced Wednesday that Thomas M. Bernabei, a former city law director who served as an at-large city councilman from 2003 to 2005, will be named the public service director. Bernabei, 61, will be the senior Cabinet official and serve in a role similar to chief of staff.

"I considered it really a challenge and an opportunity to play a significant role in the operation of a city the size of

Canton,” Bernabei said earlier this week.

“I’m looking at it more as a passion at this point in my life, as opposed to merely holding down a job.”

The service director oversees the water, sewer, street and sanitation departments and other areas. Salary ranges for service director and safety director are \$71,260 to \$83,362.

“I think one of the primary reasons that Mayor-elect Healy wanted to involve me in this is to cut down on that learning curve,” Bernabei said. “You need to have the institutional knowledge, you need to know the players, the elected officials and the department heads.”

Bernabei, who lives in Jackson Township, said he will ask City Council to waive the state’s residency requirement for service director. Council waived the requirement for outgoing Safety Director Bernard Hunt.

#### FROM NEBRASKA TO CANTON

As safety director, Nesbitt will oversee the police, fire and building departments.

Nesbitt, who spent about 27 years with the state patrol, said he left the agency’s top position in 2005 after the new governor asked him to retire.

Nesbitt said he respected Republican Gov. Dave Heineman’s decision to assemble his own team. He also credited the governor for allowing him to work long enough to qualify for retirement benefits.

Nesbitt, 52, had spent time as the head of the State Troopers Association of Nebraska. He was appointed superintendent by Republican Gov. Mike Johanns in late 1998, the first time a patrol sergeant had been promoted to the top job, according to the Omaha World-Herald. Nesbitt used a month of vacation time to campaign for Johanns, the newspaper reported.

Nesbitt said Wednesday that he felt it was important to campaign on behalf of the union in an effort to address “a very bitter wage and benefit battle” that led to troopers quitting and troopers with children on milk and lunch programs.

Wage increases followed shortly after Johanns took office. Many had credited Nesbitt with resolving the long-standing pay dispute, the World-Herald reported.

But Johanns brought a former lieutenant colonel out of retirement to assist Nesbitt after some top command staff took their management concerns to the governor’s office, the newspaper said. Johanns left the governor’s office in 2005 to become the secretary of agriculture for President Bush.

Given the multiple responsibilities and long hours, Nesbitt said Wednesday that the superintendent’s job “was overwhelming at times.” The lieutenant colonel was brought in “to help me and to make sure that we were very effective” in operating the agency, he said.

#### FROM COMMITTEE TO CABINET

A fellow Democrat, Bernabei said he does not know Healy that well, meeting him while campaigning for City Council in 2003.

Bernabei said he did not initially expect to join Healy's staff. He began as a member of the safety committee, which interviewed candidates. Bernabei said he participated in four interviews, none of which included Nesbitt and the other finalist.

Councilman Bill Smuckler, D-at large, said Bernabei "is a magnificent choice," adding that he "lends credibility to this administration and he gives it a sense of direction.

"He will have council's total respect and admiration."

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### **Creighton to face Meeks in bid for Bosley's seat**

*Edd Pritchard*

*CantonRep.com staff writer*

Janet Weir Creighton, a former Canton mayor, county auditor and county recorder, would like to serve a four-year term as a Stark County commissioner.

Late Thursday afternoon, Creighton - who pulled petitions for both open commissioner seats - filed to seek the seat Todd Bosley is vacating. She has no opposition in the May 4 primary and will face current commissioner Steven M. Meeks, an unopposed Democrat, in November's general election.

Thursday's filing deadline helped to clear the crowd for this year's election. Republicans will compete for one county seat May 4, while Democrats have a contest in the House 61st District race. The biggest battle will be among five Republicans who want a chance to run for Congress in November.

A number of communities have issues on the ballot, the most common being questions about establishing electric aggregation programs. Only four school districts are seeking levies, as are two library districts.

Petitions filed for the May election must be reviewed to ensure they have been signed by enough registered voters. Independent candidates, meanwhile, have until May 3 to file petitions for the November election.

### COMMISSION RACE

Two county commissioners' seats are on the ballot this year because of Bosley's decision to run for the Ohio House and Tom Harmon's resignation Dec. 1 because of health issues.

Meeks was appointed to replace Harmon, but opted to fill Bosley's open seat instead of running to serve the final two years of Harmon's term.

Democrat Thomas M. Bernabei, former Canton law director and councilman, will run to fill Harmon's term. He's unopposed in May. Republican voters will have a choice in May between James N. Walters, a Jackson Township trustee, and Hartville businessman Dean Windham to determine who will oppose Bernabei.

Creighton said she decided to run because she believes the county needs leadership. She cites her past experience and skills she has honed as an elected official. "We will give Stark Countians a choice," she said.

### LEGISLATIVE SEATS

Shuffling continues in races for the Ohio legislature.

Current Ohio Rep. Scott Oelslager, R-North Canton, and Ohio Sen. Kirk Schuring, R-Jackson Township, are lined up to swap seats as they did in 2002.

But the swap won't be automatic.

Oelslager wants to return to the Senate and represent the 29th District, as he did from 1985 to 2002 before term limits forced him to switch to the House. Oelslager has no opponent in the primary, but will face Democrat Richard D. Reinbold Jr., a former judge, who is unopposed in May.

Schuring will be unopposed in the primary as he runs for the House 51st District seat he held from 1994 through 2002. Democrat Andrew Haines, of Jackson Township, also is unopposed in May, setting him up for a November showdown with Schuring.

Bosley, of Nimishillen Township, and Jeffrey Ury, of Lake Township, both considered challenging Ohio Rep. Todd A. Snitchler, Lake Township, for the 50th District seat. Ury said Thursday that he opted to suspend his campaign and back Bosley, giving the county commissioner a clear shot in May. Snitchler also is unopposed in May.

There will be competition among Democrats for the 61st District House seat. Mark D. Okey, of Carrollton, is seeking a third term and will be opposed by Brian K. Simeone, of Alliance. The winner will face Republican Michael Foit, of Amsterdam, and Green Party candidate Vaughan W. Stull, of Uhrichsville.

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**Memo:** "I'm not running for personal financial gain.

The county needs educated, experienced people to deal with some difficult decisions." THOMAS BERNABEI "The biggest issue in this election is credibility and trust.

People aren't stupid.

Imposing a sales tax was disingenuous at best and dishonest at worst." JAMES WALTERS "I'm talking about drastically reducing the size and scope.

There's too much interference in our lives." STEPHEN TODD

THOMAS M. BERNABEI Age: 64 Address: 2745 Dunkeith Dr. NW, Jackson Township Political party: Democrat Family: Married; wife, Bernadette (Bebe); children Lori, Kim, Kymberlycq Education: Ohio State University College of Law, juris doctor, 1975; bachelor's from Brown University; Canton Lehman High, 1964 Currently: Self-employed Elected experience: Canton law director (elected four times from 1989 to 2000), Canton City Council at-large 2004 and 2005.

JAMES N. WALTERS Age: 38 Address: 7647 Collingswood Cir. NW, Jackson Township Political Party: Republican Family: Wife, Katy; children Zoe and Nash Education: Bowling Green State University, bachelor's degree in political science; Kent State University, master of public administration; University of Akron, master's degree in political science; Berea High, 1990 Currently: InfoCision Management Corp., account executive Elected experience: Jackson Township trustee, 2008 to present.

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### **Three vie to complete unexpired term**

#### *Repository Staff Report*

So, a lawyer, a pastor and a business account executive decide they want to run for Stark County Commissioner.

There's no punch line, because it is not a setup for some form of a tired, old joke. Voters will elect one of these three as a commissioner this fall, to serve the last two years of an unexpired term.

The trio share little in common in their professional lives.

Their outlook on county finances, though?

. "I believe government operates most efficient when budgets are the tightest." "We need to make cuts, then see where else we can cut." "We've got to be honest, county government is too expensive." The first statement comes from Democrat Thomas Bernabei, an Ivy League-educated lawyer. The second is Independent Stephen Todd, a motorcycle-riding, gun-carrying pastor with a high school diploma. The third is Republican Jamie Walters, who holds a master's degree in political science and works as an account executive for InfoCision.

· As political offices go, some view a commissioners' roughly \$77,000-a-year seat as a no-win job, even in the best of times. This job is for the final two years on Tom Harmon's seat. He retired and was replaced by Steve Meeks, who is running in the second of two commissioner races.

These days, it's compounded by a theft in the Stark County Treasurer's Office, the "firing" of the treasurer himself, and the fact that former commissioners shoved a sales tax down the throats of taxpayers, only to have them regurgitate it in a vote last fall.

"The biggest issue in this election is credibility and trust," said Walters, a Jackson Township trustee who said a victory would be bittersweet because of his love for that job. "People aren't stupid. Imposing a sales tax was disingenuous at best and dishonest at worst." Bernabei has won elections for Canton law director and city council.

A countywide race is a new challenge.

"I'm not running for personal financial gain," he said from the kitchen of his home in the upscale village of Hills and Dales. "The county needs educated, experienced people to deal with some difficult decisions." Campaigning, period, is a new challenge for Todd.

He has never run for elected office until now.

"I can tell you, nobody else in this race wants to make the right cuts, the kinds of cuts I'm talking about," he said. "I'm talking about drastically reducing the size and scope. There's too much interference in our lives."

· Walters, a married father of two, is 38 years old. He's comfortable in a shirt and tie, exercising his "Type Aminus" personality. He also is content to kick back in a corner chair on an enclosed porch or play a game of cornhole on his Jackson Polar Bears-colored boards.

"I've said this before and I probably shouldn't say it, but my lifelong dream isn't to be a county commissioner," Walters said.

He played water polo at Berea High School. He played piano as a kid and is trying to learn again. He loves taking photos. He visited Europe while in graduate school. He enjoys visiting places like Ronald and Nancy Reagan's former Rancho del Cielo in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The photo album from Walters and his wife Katy's wedding 10 years ago always sits on a living room coffee table. His priorities in life, in order, are his faith in God, his wife, his children and giving back to the community. He said he typically gives half his trustee's salary to various charities.

Jamie and Katy Walters wound up in Stark County because they thought it was a nice place to put down roots and raise a family.

"We want a community where our children can grow up and prosper," he said. "Stark County is a mess right now. It needs to be cleaned up. I have the experience and background that fits. It's the right time for me."

· There was a time when Bernabei probably spent too many hours away from home, working. His three daughters all turned out fine. They are happy, successful adults. Still, he regretted some of those choices, and he wanted to make up for it with his grandchildren.

"I'd like to think I'm kinder and gentler now," he said.

A pile of pillows in the basement serves as his local grandkids' somersault pile. He is caring for their goldfish, Gary and Tina, too. And he treasures an oversized hand-made and crafted card the grandkids presented him on his 64th birthday two months ago.

"It's amazing how many people will come to Tom for a solution to the problem they have," said his wife of 24 years, Bebe. "And 99.9 percent of the time, he has the right answer." Bernabei could have left the area for a law job in Washington, D.C., in the 1980s, but he didn't. He was set to run for Canton municipal judge in the early 1990s. He even had campaign signs ready to go. His good friend, the late Robert Horowitz, the county prosecutor at the time, suggested he could do more good as city law director.

"They aren't regrets. They were just decisions I made at the time," Bernabei said.

After retiring as law director in 2000, Bernabei worked as interim director of the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority. He served a term on city council in 2004 and 2005.

Then, in 2008, he took a job as Canton Mayor William J. Healy II's service director.

"I didn't know him at all," Bernabei said.

Bernabei said he often spoke his mind to Healy.

The arranged "marriage" failed.

"I was fired," he said.

· A father of five, Todd said he sympathizes with most Tea Party notions.

Instead of complaining about government, he decided to run for office himself, to make a difference.

"As a rule, especially on the state and national level, politicians want to raise your taxes," he said.

"Regulations, licenses, the size of government somebody has got to change that." He lives on a 120-acre piece of land in Bethlehem Township, which he bought at an auction a couple of decades ago. It's called Wildcat Ranch, where he and his wife, Marcia, keep horses.

The 53-year-old Todd, pastor of Wellspring Assembly church, said the church is not registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit because he doesn't want any government on the message he preaches.

"Jesus Christ is the only head of the church," he said.

Recently, Todd got into trouble for carrying a loaded revolver with him on his motorcycle. A Highway Patrol trooper charged Todd with improperly handling a firearm. It's a charge Todd is fighting; a jury trial is scheduled in Canton Municipal Court next month.

Campaigning from a booth at the Stark County Fair a couple of weeks ago, Todd was selling T-shirts that read "It takes guts to cling to God and guns," or "Soul Doubt? Sold Out!" "My passion in my life is proclaiming the gospel," he said.

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# Three seek to fill the unexpired term for Stark County commissioner



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By LAURIE HUFFMAN

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Voters will decide between three candidates for a two-year, unexpired term on the board of Stark County Commissioners on Nov. 2.

Democrat Thomas Bernabei, independent Stephen Todd, and Republican Jamie Walters are vying for the seat left open when former commissioner Tom Harmon resigned in December 2009, for health reasons. The term expires Jan. 1, 2013.

Thomas Bernabei of Canton lists experience serving in other public offices, to include assistant prosecutor, Massillon, 1976-1979; assistant law director, Canton, 1980-1989; law director, Canton, 1989-2000; city council-at large, Canton, 2003-2004. He was also interim executive director of SARTA in 2009. He was a captain in the U.S. Army and is a Vietnam veteran.

Bernabei said he is running for the office because the county needs educated, experienced and honest leadership. He said Stark County government was shaken by the theft of nearly \$3 million in funds from the treasurer's office, and he believes the county now needs "a leader who will restore the trust and credibility through honest and open dialogue with the public, hard work and high ethical conduct in office." He also believes he brings these assets to the job.

He believes the biggest challenge to be faced in the position is restoring trust in and credibility of county government. His goals for the office include dealing first with the county's general-fund budget situation.

"Stark County is facing a severe budget crisis with cuts in government services projected to be from 16 percent in 2011 to 35 or 40 percent in 2012. Stark County needs a leader with experience in managing a large work force in the public sector and who possesses the necessary administrative, legal and financial skills to do the job," Bernabei said.

Bernabei has been a lawyer in private and public practice from 1975 to the present. He was born in Canton and educated at Leh-man High School, Brown University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree, and Ohio State University, where he graduated in 1975 with a juris doctor degree.

Bernabei was dismissed from a position as director of public service for the city of Canton by Mayor William Healy after one year. Healy's statement on the dismissal pointed to a previous agreement Bernabei would not

serve in the position for the entirety of Healy's first term. No other information was disclosed.

Steven Todd of Navarre states he is a successful businessman and is also the pastor at Wellspring Assembly Church. Todd has said that he, like most citizens, is tired of "politics as usual" and promises of smaller, less intrusive government that never come to pass. Corruption, mismanagement and waste, along with repressive over-regulation and enforcement add to the problems, he noted. "Stark County needs fresh, honest, sensible leadership to restore the confidence and liberties that are all but gone," Todd said.

Assets he believes he brings to the job include honesty, sensible leadership and a covenant with the people of Stark County for a smaller government, lower taxes and less intrusion. He said he has a different perspective than most regarding issues he would face, if elected. The two main issues, in his estimation, are the budget and restoring the trust in elected officials in the county. "I believe there is not so much of a budget crisis, but more of a too-much- government crisis," he said. Strong Christian leadership will help restore the public trust, he also said, and adds his vision for the county is to create an environment that makes it a model and leader among counties in Ohio.

He was charged with improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle by Ohio State Highway Patrol in July. A jury trial for this fourth-degree misdemeanor originally set for Aug. 26, was continued to Oct. 22 and then to Nov. 23 in Stark County Common Pleas Court.

He attended Canton's Lincoln High School and Grace School of the Bible. His past work experience includes founding and selling his own business.

Jamie Walters, serving as a Jackson Township trustee since 2008, said he believes the citizens of Stark County want and deserve accountability and honest leadership. "Stark Countians have good cause to be skeptical of local government," Walter said. "In recent years, they have seen two taxes imposed without the consent of the voters, a lack of accountability and the theft of \$3 million public tax dollars because of poor oversight, incompetence and the Democrat buddy-buddy system."

Walters of Massillon points to his record as a Jackson Township trustee as proof he is a consensus builder who works well with people of all political parties for the betterment of the community.

Current issues he would face if elected, include two main challenges, as he sees it. First, the public's basic trust and confidence in county government must be restored. Second, is managing the county's budget crises. The way to reach this goal, he said, is to look at every opportunity to reduce costs and live within the county's means. "Once the public decides at what level it is willing to fund government, as it recently has with the repeal of the half-percent imposed sales tax, government must live within those boundaries," Walters said.

Walters states his goals for the office include, first and foremost, working to rebuild the public's trust by assessing staffing needs and making changes and reductions, holding open meetings between the board of commissioners and other county officials to discuss operating expenses and cost reductions, and holding open public budget hearings. Commissioners should work to review and implement suggestions made by the Stark County Citizens Review committee, he also said. Lastly, they must get a handle on the cost of county government. Walters believes employee retirement and health benefit costs are areas where cost reductions can be made to bring county government in line with the private sector.

He attended Berea High School, earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Bowling Green State University, a master's degree in political science at University of Akron, and a master's degree in public

administration from Kent State University. He is employed as an account executive at InfoCision Management Corp.

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### **Bernabei leading three-way race for commissioner**

*CantonRep.com staff report*

Tom Bernabei wasn't claiming victory, but his opponent James Walters already had accepted defeat.

By midnight Tuesday, only a monumental turnaround in votes cast largely in outlying areas could spare Walters from being one of the few Republicans not to post a victory in this election.

"I'm disappointed, but overall this has been a very good night for Stark County," said the 39-year-old Walters, who apparently lost his bid for a seat on the county board of commissioners.

Walters, though, applauded apparent GOP victories in the county auditor and treasurer races, as well as a win by Janet Weir Creighton in another commissioner's race on the Election Day ballot.

"I'd said before ... a win for me would be bittersweet, because I enjoy being a Jackson Township trustee so much," said Walters, who's in the middle of his first four-year term in that job.

The 64-year-old Bernabei was the only local Democrat to make it through the night unscathed. A former Canton Law Director and city councilman, Bernabei won his victory with 56,946 votes in a three-way battle. Walters had 53,206 votes and independent Stephen Todd had 12,032 votes.

"I'm a person that believes you wait until the end, to wait until you have all the results in," said Bernabei, who declined to accept victory - yet.

Bernabei had never run for anything outside the city of Canton, where he was elected law director four times from 1989 through 2000 and to City Council at-large in 2004 and 2005.

This commissioner's seat is for the final two years of a four-year term. It originally was held by Tom Harmon, who retired, and was replaced by Steve Meeks. Bernabei will take over for Meeks (who ran for a full four-year term) when election results are official, later this month.

Todd, a 53-year-old father of five, and pastor of Wellspring Assembly church, was new to politics. It's unclear if his presence changed the outcome of the race, but it was clear he'd wind up with probably better than 10,000 votes.

"Tom Bernabei will serve Stark County with honesty and integrity; we just disagree on how we would have done it," Todd said.

Todd added that his platform of faith and God-given liberties won't change, if he runs in the future.

"I am disappointed that we didn't achieve more than the same old two-party politics in Stark County," he said.

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# Bernabei to retain seat as Stark commissioner

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Incumbent Thomas Bernabei, a Democrat from Canton, will run unopposed for the seat on the Stark County board of commissioners with a term beginning Jan. 2 following Canton Republican attorney Craig T. Conley's withdrawal from the race.

Bernabei, 66, has held the position as Stark County commissioner since he was elected in November 2010, and he believes the same issues he faced at that time -- maintaining credibility and public trust, along with the county's financial stability -- will remain the major issues in local county government in the future. "These issues encompass everything we do," Bernabei said.

He said he will address these issues, and other pressing problems, through full-time hard work, open and honest dialogue with the public, and by demonstrating ethical conduct as an administrator. Bernabei promised to "use my best efforts and apply my professional knowledge, education and experience to all the challenges facing county government."

Feeling he is qualified to make government work effectively, Bernabei said he wants to make Stark County a better place to live. He said what he brings to the job is his education, close to 40 years of experience as a lawyer, and knowledge from the various offices in city and county government he has held. He noted he is happily married, is a parent and grandparent and has also been a successful businessman.

Bernabei graduated from Canton Lehman High School in 1964, earned a bachelor's degree in history from Brown University in 1968, and graduated from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1975. He has been employed as an attorney from the time he graduated from law school and also held positions as interim executive director of SARTA, 2009; public service director of Canton, 2008-2009; Canton City Council member, 2003-2004; Canton city law director, 1989-2000; assistant Canton city law director, 1980-1989; and Massillon assistant prosecutor, 1976-1979. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1972.

Bernabei resides in Canton.

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### **Redfern, Slesnick to Host Reception for Democrats**

CANTON State Democratic Party Chairman Chris Redfern and State Rep. Stephen Slesnick, D-Canton, will host a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday to celebrate the success of 2012 and discuss a blueprint for 2014.

The event will include Stark County Commissioner Tom Bernabei, county Sheriff George T. Maier, Mayor William Healy, Canton City Law Director Joseph Martuccio and Stark County Democratic Chairman Randy Gonzalez.

The reception will take place at Schulman, Zimmerman & Associates, 236 Third St. SW The cost ranges from \$25 (attendee) to \$100 (sponsor).

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# Politics aside, Stark County Commissioner Tom Bernabei takes fight for public seriously



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Throughout his lifetime, whether as a soldier overseas or as an elected official, Tom Bernabei's focus has always been on the greater good.

More than 40 years after coming home from fighting in Vietnam, he remains motivated by public service.

A lifelong resident of Stark County, Bernabei graduated in 1965 from Canton Lehman High School and went right into the U.S. Army after finishing school at Brown University, where he studied American history.

After his final year serving as a captain in Vietnam he returned home and attended the Ohio State University College of Law. Shortly after graduating, he was hired as an assistant prosecutor for Massillon Municipal Court.

Thinking back on his experience as a "young soldier with a mission to perform overseas," Bernabei acknowledged that he and his colleagues spoke rarely to those on the home front -- and usually it was on a bad connection.

"You didn't get news or television. It was a tough mission. However, when I look back in the long view of history, it was an endless intervention that cost 55,000 to 60,000 Americans," he continued.

"Now the economies in northeast Asia have redeveloped and there is a working relationship with Vietnam. At the time, we were directed by the belief that Communism, if successful in Vietnam, would lead to a domino effect, possibly impacting the U.S. Looking back, I believe that Vietnam didn't need to be fought," Bernabei added.

After his stint in Massillon, Bernabei served as assistant law director and eventually was elected Canton law director in 1998, retiring two years later after the birth of his first grandchild.

However, he acknowledged that his wife Bernadette (or as he calls her "Bebe") was probably tired of having him around. After serving one term as an elected councilman at large in Canton, Mayor William Healy came calling and Bernabei spent a little more than one year as his service director until the two parted ways.

"I decided not to run again for council because the scheduling thing wasn't comfortable. I decided I might as well do something full time," the former law director explained.

Bernabei said that he remains close friends with Tom Nesbitt, former Canton safety director, who also

negotiated some rough waters with Healy. "We disagreed with him for a variety of philosophical reasons. The day I walked out of (Canton City Hall), a weight was lifted off my shoulders. As service director it is important that you try to make the operations of the water, sewer and street departments (for example) as efficient as possible. You try to get ahead instead of being in crisis mode," Bernabei added. "Ultimately, I was terminated due to daily differences of opinion on how government works."

However, after a brief stint as interim executive director of the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority until Kirt Conrad was hired, Bernabei found a comfortable office in the Stark County Office Building, where he chairs the three-member board of county commissioners.

He acknowledged that he has found a perfect fit since being elected in 2010. "In order for things to work, you need to have competent and motivated department heads. Since starting in 2011, (this board has) hired at least seven department head positions, and they have been outstanding. I believe that you hire only if you can find the best possible government," Bernabei continued.

And within those hiring opportunities, the board tries to correct some issues that may have been there before. For example, while previous commission meetings were dominated at one point by complaints about the dog warden and his staff, reports are almost glowing now.

And there had been delays in turnaround and service in regards to building services, but now Bernabei said, "We receive compliments instead of brick baths."

A smoother and more efficient county operation means more time for him to spend with his family. "When I was in the military and law school, my time was so intensely spent. I still can have my family time now (while serving Stark County). Every Friday night, I have a pajama party with my grandchildren," Bernabei confirmed.

He and wife have three daughters and five grandchildren.

His mornings usually include dropping off 13-year-old Maddy and 12-year Margaret at school in the mornings. "I enjoy that, getting to interact with them as teens and talking to them about school, boys and everything else. On the way to school, I take them and their two friends to either Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks on the condition that they learn something new," he explained.

As of the time of this interview, the girls had just learned all of the presidents up to John F. Kennedy.

You rarely find the Bernabeis at political functions, as they prefer their private time. You are more likely to see them taking their grandchildren to the ballet.

What is Bernabei's vision for Stark County? "In local government, there are Democrats and Republicans, but the reality is there should be no political agenda to accomplish balancing the budget and delivering services responsibly," he continued.

"Yes, I am a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat who serves with two Republicans. I'm not a closet Republican -- although some infer that. However, ultimately (getting the job done) is about hard work, sound management principles and hiring the best people as well as finding the middle ground," Bernabei concluded.

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### Western Stark Dems to meet

MASSILLON The Western Stark County Democratic Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Eagles 190 at 303 Weirich Blvd. NW.

Stark County Commissioner Tom Bernabei will discuss county government during the meeting, according to a news release from the group.

All members and guests are welcome to attend.

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### Alliance Democrats to meet Thursday

ALLIANCE The Alliance Area Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Rhyne's Junction, 253 E. Main St.

Dinner will be available starting at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7. The guest speaker will be Stark County Commissioner Tom Bernabei, a news release from the group states.

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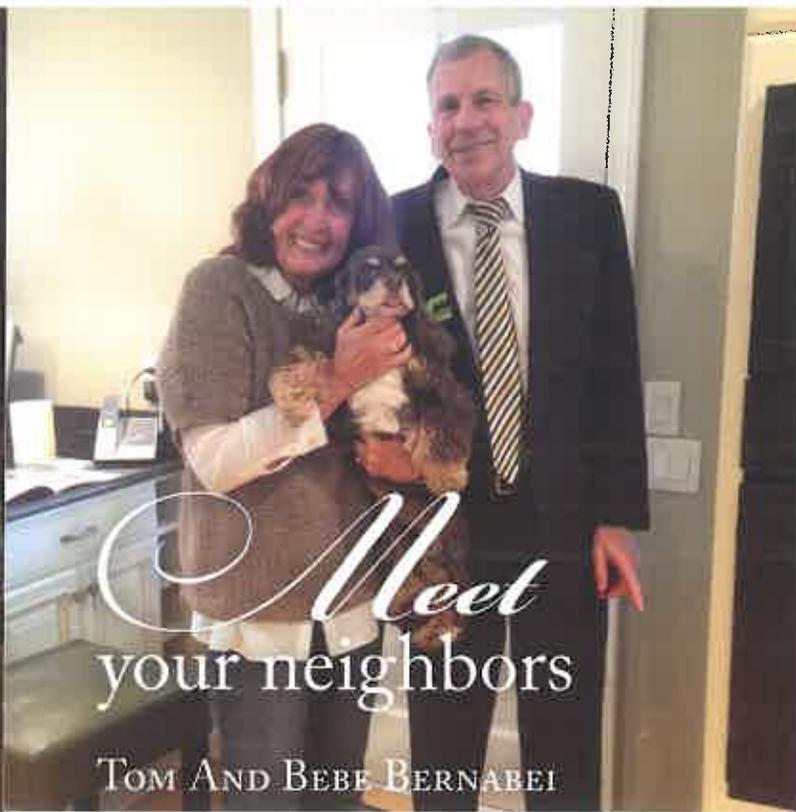
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Stark County commissioner Tom Bernabei starts each morning early, and he wouldn't have it any other way. At 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, he picks up two of his granddaughters, ages 14 and 13, along with one of their friends, and drives them to school. Usually, there is a Starbucks detour along the way.

"I love having that time to spend with them," he said. "And it's a lot of fun."

When he gets to the office, Tom hits the ground running. As one of three commissioners, he appropriates funding for all of the county's governmental operations including the sheriff, prosecutor, courts, coroner, engineer, auditor, treasurer and recorder. Other departments work directly under the Commissioners, including jobs and family services, sanitary sewer, dog warden, building inspection and 911/emergency management. In total, the county's operating funds exceed \$165 million and there are 1300 plus employees. Given the size and breadth of county government, Tom said their job is always interesting and challenging.

"When I arrived in 2010, county government was in a crisis," Tom said. "\$2.9 million was missing from the Treasurer's office, and the economy was in recession. With successful passage of a voter approved sales tax, upturn in the economy and a change of department heads, county government is now running well. We are proud of our government and optimistic as to the future."

This is Tom's second term as Stark County commissioner. He served an unexpired half term from 2010 to 2012 and was subsequently re-elected to the position for a full second term.

Tom's grandparents are native Italian, and Tom is a native Canto-

nian. His wife Bebe is also from Canton and graduated from Kent State University. She worked at AT&T and Ameritech for many years before retiring.

Tom earned his undergraduate degree in American history from Brown University and his law degree from The Ohio State University School College of Law. Between college and law school, he served four years in the United States Army, including one tour of duty in Vietnam.

After graduating law school, Tom worked with his father, Joseph, in the practice of law, his first public service job was as an assistant prosecutor in the Massillon Municipal Court. He then served as assistant law director in Canton before being elected Canton Law Director. He retired briefly in 2000 after his daughter had her first child, but it didn't last long. "Bebe got tired of having me around the house pretty quickly, so I went back to work," Tom said.

He served one term as councilman at large in Canton and then worked as director of public service in Canton. He also spent one half-year as SARTA's interim executive director. Tom said he enjoys his current work as commissioner and appreciates the friendly atmosphere.

"I have a close working relationship with all the departments, as well as the other two commissioners," he said. "There's always a lot of activity, and that makes the job fun."

When he isn't at the office, Tom loves spending time with family. One daughter, Kim, and three grandchildren live in Canton. He and Bebe both enjoy golf and stay active in their community, and Bebe is an excellent cook. Tom is also taking piano lessons along with his grandchildren. Two daughters, Lori and Kimberly, and two of the couple's grandchildren live on the west coast, which is too far away for Tom's liking. "No daily Starbucks for them!" he said.

Tom and Bebe have lived in Hills and Dales since 2004. They spent two years remodeling their home before moving in, clearing walls to make more open space, redoing flooring and tiling, and redesigning many of the rooms. They particularly appreciate the big hill they have in their backyard — it's the perfect place to go sledding with their grandchildren in the winter.

"The neighbors in Hills and Dales are really nice," Bebe said. "It's a beautiful area."

We look forward to keeping in touch with the Bernabeis and wish them a wonderful summer!

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## Bernabei to challenge Healy in November

Bernabei filed a petition Monday with the Stark County Board of Elections to run as an independent candidate for mayor in November's general election.

Stark County Commissioner Tom Bernabei decided to run for Canton's top job, move back into the city and disaffiliate from his political party because he thinks the mayor's office needs a leader.

Bernabei, 68, filed a petition Monday with the Stark County Board of Elections to run as an independent candidate for mayor in November's general election.

Bernabei, who has a well-documented history as a Democrat, said the mayoral debate hosted on WHBC left him "disappointed and disillusioned," and The Repository's non-endorsement of a candidate was a "wake-up call."

He collected all of his signatures on Sunday and Monday. He said it took him some time to learn what he needed to do to be eligible to run for mayor and to discuss a move with his wife.

"There are significant issues associated with this legally and personally," he said.

Bernabei will challenge Mayor William J. Healy II, who won the Democratic race for mayor Tuesday over City Treasurer Kim Perez, unofficial election results showed.

Bernabei served as Canton's law director for more than a decade and was a city councilman at-large for one term. He worked as Healy's chief of staff and public service director for a year — before Healy fired him — and then as interim executive director of SARTA. Bernabei was elected a county commissioner in 2010.



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Thomas Bernabei

### RESIDENCY

Until this month, Bernabei lived on Dunkeith Drive NW in the village of Hills & Dales.

He signed a one-month lease on a single-family home on University Avenue NW on April 29, took possession May 1, moved in a bed and clothing and has slept there a few nights.

He won't be staying long.

His wife plans to join him in Canton once their 441 Lakecrest Street NW property is vacated, which is where they intend to make their home.

He's going to put his Dunkeith house on the market prior to November's election, he said.

Unlike with City Council members, Ohio Revised Code doesn't give a time requirement for residency for mayor.

Bernabei changed his voting address before filing his petition and voted on a provisional ballot from his new address.

"I think we're all squared away on residency," he said.

### PARTY AFFILIATION

Where Bernabei expects to see a challenge to his candidacy, however, is with his party affiliation.

He said he's been a Democrat since the late 1960s and been elected as a Democrat seven times.

His picture on Tuesday was included on a list of elected officials on the Stark County Democrats website, and his name is on campaign signs for Democrat Kristen Donohue Guardado, who is running for a judge seat and for whom he's serving as treasurer.

Bernabei resigned from the Ohio Democratic Party's central committee last week and has stepped down as treasurer for three Democrats.

He said he no longer identifies himself as a Democrat, and he's witnessed the party systems serve special interests as opposed to the public. Local government works best when it's nonpartisan, he said.

In an interview last year, Bernabei described himself as a "dyed-in-the-wool Democrat," but he also said politics don't have a place in balancing budgets or providing taxpayers with services.

"There will be a challenge ..." Bernabei said about his party swap. "I just believe I can do the best and accomplish the most for Canton as an independent candidate."

### LOOKING AHEAD

Bernabei, who stressed he's a lifelong Stark County resident and that his heart belongs to the city, said if he's elected mayor, his work would start with leading

by example.

He also said he'd operate using a "management philosophy" and hire solid department heads who know more about what they're in charge of than he does.

A mayor's job, he said, is to accept responsibility for shortcomings and to let other people take the credit for what they've accomplished.

"I don't see that in Canton, and I don't see that in the individuals that are running," he said.

Healy, while awaiting results Tuesday, declined to comment on Bernabei's candidacy.

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# 'Dyed-in-the-wool Democrat' surrenders central committee post for benefit of Stark County and Canton

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Tom Bernabei was tired of standing by and watching the city of Canton deteriorate, so he took a proactive approach to the problem.

The Stark County commissioner filed eleventh-hour petitions Monday afternoon to run as an independent for mayor, after disaffiliating himself with the Democratic Party.

"Just watching my hometown deteriorate is heartbreaking," Bernabei said. "I'm proud of the condition of county government, where I am president of the commission; however, Canton is the largest city and the county seat. Stark County needs a healthy Canton and a strong government."

"And from my perspective, Canton is in desperate need of leadership," he added.

Bernabei, who has described himself as a "dyed-in-the-wool Democrat," said that the feedback on his decision to run has been positive, although he didn't circulate his petitions personally.

With incumbent William J. Healy II overwhelmingly defeating former Stark County Auditor Kim Perez 53-47 percent in the Democratic primary several days ago, Bernabei is expecting a challenge of his candidacy to the Stark County Board of Elections due to his long affiliation with the party and his residency.

Healy and Bernabei have an interesting history. After Bernabei served as Canton's law director and as an at large councilman, Healy recruited him to serve as his service director after being elected mayor, and then fired him over what Bernabei has described as "philosophical" differences of opinion on how government works.

"At this point, I'm just waiting for the certification of my petitions, which had 285 signatures. My disaffiliation with the (Democratic Party) was in good faith, but I'm thinking some might question my residency," he added.

In anticipation of moving from Hills & Dales back into their longtime Lakecrest Street Northwest home, Bernabei leased a single-family home for one month until tenants left the home vacant. His wife and he anticipate once again making the home, which they purchased in 1986, their residence.

However, despite the possible hurdles in qualifying, he believes that it is worth the effort. "I'm not running out of vanity. I don't need a higher office. After all, right now, I'm president of the Stark County commissioners. I just believe that we need excellence, and with my work ethic, experience and reputation for integrity, I can bring that to benefit not only Canton, which is home to Ohio's number one tourist attraction,

but Stark County," he concluded.

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## Special Report: Bernabei, Cicchinelli declare their independence in Canton, Massillon mayoral races

Two longtime Democratic officials plan to run as independent candidates for mayoral seats. How independent are they, and does it matter?

A pair of veteran Democrats, both long-running elected officeholders, effectively have turned their backs on the party.

Tom Bernabei, a sitting Stark County commissioner, and Francis Cicchinelli Jr., a former Massillon mayor, both submitted election paperwork earlier this month to enter mayoral races this fall. Bernabei is chasing the Canton mayor post, while Cicchinelli seeks a return to the Massillon seat.

Both men say they no longer are affiliated with the Democratic Party. That disaffiliation is a requirement, by law, for them to be eligible to run. Neither had entered the political party primaries May 5, in which party voters chose nominees for the Nov. 3 ballot.

“What it really boils down to is constitutional rights,” said the 63-year-old Cicchinelli. “Whose place is it to say what I am? If a voter can change parties, then a candidate can do the same.”

After 38 years as an elected Democratic city councilman and mayor, Cicchinelli said, he began to lose faith in the local party four years ago. That’s when he lost in the party primary to Kathy Catazaro-Perry, forcing him to relinquish a mayor’s seat he’d won in six straight general elections.

Are Bernabei and Cicchinelli concerned they have angered a Democratic base that carried them to a combined 20 general-election wins since 1974?

“I thought about that ... a lot,” Cicchinelli said. “All government is local. And this is the government that’s closest to the people. ... The vast majority will look at candidate Frank Cicchinelli, not his party.”

Bernabei said he doesn’t feel any ill will toward the Democratic Party — which has always been good to him, he added — and he doesn’t anticipate losing friends. His political philosophy has evolved during his time as a commissioner, and he has operated with the mindset that a person should hold a job because of talent, not party affiliation.

He keeps a file of case law related to independent candidacies in his desk and has spoken at length with an attorney about his situation.

“There’s not a big, detailed statute on this,” Bernabei said, “which makes it harder, not easier.”

The first election battle for both has nothing to do with opponents they could face in the fall.

Instead, it’s with the four-member bipartisan Stark County Board of Elections. The board meets June 17 to decide whether to certify seven independent candidates for city offices — including Bernabei and Cicchinelli — for inclusion on the November ballot.

During the next month, elections employees will analyze nominating petitions and declarations of candidacy, paperwork independent candidates submitted by the May 4 filing deadline.

By law, Bernabei and Cicchinelli were required to present signatures from registered voters equivalent to at least 1 percent of ballots cast in the respective cities during the last gubernatorial race.

For Bernabei, that number is 126; for Cicchinelli, it’s 86. Both surpassed those minimums with 285 and 156 signatures, respectively. Based on past history, it appears both should have enough, even if some are ruled not valid, because a signer is found to be unregistered, for example.

The board — Republicans William Cline and Curt Braden and Democrats Sam Ferruccio and William Sherer II — also can delve into whether Bernabei and Cicchinelli are independent. In order to bypass a party primary, as both men did, they had to pronounce no party affiliation in “good faith.”

Board members had until July 15 for the certification vote. However, they opted to hold it in June, already indicating they expect challenges to their action, no



Francis Cicchinelli Jr. (left), a former Massillon mayor, and Tom Bernabei, a sitting Stark County commissioner, both submitted election paperwork earlier this month to enter mayoral races this fall. Bernabei is chasing the Canton mayor post, while Cicchinelli seeks a return to the Massillon seat.

matter the decision.

### **WHO'S AN INDEPENDENT?**

State law's definition of an independent candidate is a person who is not affiliated with a political party.

A decade ago, an independent candidate for mayor in Youngstown asked the Ohio Elections Commission if it was permissible to put phrases such as "lifelong Democrat" on campaign advertisements.

"By filing this type of statement and candidacy and nominating petition, you have specifically disavowed an affiliation with a registered political party in Ohio," the commission's opinion read, adding that despite the candidate's former voting history and party status, the candidate had decided to forgo a relationship with the party when filing as an independent.

And frequently cited court cases involving independent candidates hinge on the "good faith" declaration requirement.

### **A CONCRETE STANDARD**

In 2006, Charles Morrison wanted to run as an independent for the U.S. representative seat in the general election, but the Franklin County Board of Elections disqualified him after deciding he was affiliated with a political party.

Morrison had taken out petitions to get on the ballot in May 2006 for Madison County's Republican Central Committee and the state's Republican Central Committee. He was certified as a Republican candidate, voted in that primary and ran newspaper ads stating he was a Republican. He lost those races.

But the day before he showed up on the ballot in the primary as a Republican candidate, he also filed a nominating petition with the board of elections to run for Congress in November as an independent candidate.

In the decision, a U.S. Court of Appeals deemed there was no basis for him "to claim in good faith" that he wasn't affiliated with a political party.

Daniel Tokaji, professor of election law at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, said the question at hand was whether at the time of filing, the candidate's declaration of independent candidacy was valid. And because Morrison voted a partisan ballot the next day, there's a concrete standard for the court. Without such an indicator, Tokaji said, the court would have opened itself up to First Amendment and 14th Amendment challenges about vagueness and discrimination.

A similar situation occurred in Stark County last year.

Ashland resident Dan Phillip tried to run as an independent for a U.S. congressional seat. He was disqualified, in part, because the day after filing his paperwork, he voted as a Republican in the May primary.

He told Stark County Board of Elections officials at a hearing he'd never held a Republican office and identified himself on reports and to voters as an independent. The board, however, pointed to his years of voting as a Republican in primaries and the Republican ballot he cast the day after he filed, deciding the filing wasn't made in good faith.

Massillon Clerk of Courts Johnnie Maier, a former state legislator and former chairman of the county Democratic Party, said a candidate's decision to abandon his party can anger party loyalists. "Generally, it does leave a bad taste," he said.

Maier said it has nothing to do with whether a candidate is a good person, or would be a good officeholder. It's a matter of saying who you are and what you stand for. During his time in the Statehouse, he said, legislators adopted the so-called "sore loser law," which prohibits party primary losers from running as independents for the same seat in the same year, a situation remedied by moving the independent filing deadline to a day before the primaries.

### **ONCE A DEMOCRAT ...?**

That filing deadline date, "prevents splintered parties and unrestrained factionalism, avoids political fragmentation and maintains the integrity of the ballot," according to the Ohio Revised Code.

Tokaji, with the Moritz College of Law, said the statute is controversial. The rationale behind it is to prevent unsuccessful candidates in the primary from running again in the fall. But the flip side to the argument, he said, is that voters might see more moderate candidates during the general election, as primary candidates typically adhere strictly to conservative and liberal party lines.

Tokaji said while some candidates might try to bypass the primary to run as independents in the general election, that scenario isn't common.

"There are a handful of independents who win every year, but it's a pretty small proportion," Tokaji said. "We have a very strong two-party system, not just in Ohio but in the United States."

Bernabei and Cicchinelli have long histories in local Democratic politics. And neither had previously provided public indication they no longer believed in the party's principles and platform.

Canton Treasurer Kim Perez said Cicchinelli's case is easier to make because he has been out of office for four years. He pointed out that Bernabei is a sitting elected Democratic Stark County commissioner.

Perez lost to Mayor William J. Healy II in the Democratic mayoral primary this month. Since no Republican ran for mayor, Healy's only other possible challenger in November would be a write-in candidate.

Perez said he probably would have exited the race if Bernabei had run as a Democrat. Perez was amused at the Republicans — including Commissioner Janet Weir Creighton, Stark County Auditor Alan Harold and former mayoral candidate Chip Conde — who either circulated or signed Bernabei's petitions.

"If you want to run as a Republican, then run as a Republican," he said.

Creighton, who was Canton's mayor until she was unseated by Healy in 2007, said she fully supports Bernabei and that she'll stand with him as he campaigns. She said she has never seen him make a decision based on politics and that he instead focuses on what offers the best value to the electors he serves. She believes he's an independent.

"I have told Tom Bernabei for the last two years that he needs to be the next mayor of Canton," she said.

Current Stark County Democratic Party Chairman Phil Giavasis and Maier said they always had considered Cicchinelli and Bernabei to be "loyal Democrats."

Harry Klide appointed Bernabei to the Canton law director staff in 1979. Ten years later, Bernabei was appointed law director. He then ran and won as a Democrat four times. In retirement, he won a City Council seat and two terms for county commissioner, as a Democrat every time. In an interview with the Alliance Review last year, Bernabei described himself as a "dyed-in-the-wool Democrat."

In addition, he was elected to the party's central committee and recently served as campaign treasurer for three Democratic candidates — Joe Martuccio, Chryssa Hartnett and Kristen Guardado.

Bernabei, however, severed all those ties in the days before the independent filing deadline. At the same time, he moved from his Hills and Dales village home into Canton to establish a city residency.

Bernabei also has donated to Democratic political campaigns on various levels. Those contributions include \$50 to Ohio Senate hopeful Connie Rubin last year and \$2,300 in 2007 to John Edwards' presidential bid, according to state and federal campaign finance records. He didn't contribute to either Canton mayoral candidate during the most recent Democratic primary election, records show.

Voting history records for Bernabei and Cicchinelli, obtained from the Stark County Board of Elections, indicate both have regularly cast Democratic ballots in primaries dating back to at least 2005.

#### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

After the elections board makes its decision on June 17, a registered voter will have until 4 p.m. on July 30 to file a challenge to that ruling. If such a challenge occurs, the Board must, by law, "promptly" schedule a session to hear evidence and vote again.

After those two Board actions, an opposing candidate, or even the Democratic Party itself, could file a lawsuit in state or federal court, to keep Bernabei and/or Cicchinelli off the ballot. The argument likely would be that one or both actually are Democrats, not independents, as they have portrayed themselves.

If Bernabei is on the ballot, he will face two-term incumbent Healy in November. If Cicchinelli makes the ballot, he will face Catazaro-Perry, Republican Lee Brunckhart, and possibly Scott Graber, another independent.

In addition to Bernabei, Cicchinelli and Graber, the elections board will consider in June the independent candidacies of Richard Hart (Canton City Council at-large), Julie Hoffman (Canton Ward 9), Claudette Istnick (Massillon City Council president) and Daniel Brown (Massillon Ward 1).

In 2013, a Youngstown mayoral race made it to the Ohio Supreme Court when candidate Demaine Kitchen was challenged by an elector who said Kitchen's statement of disaffiliation wasn't valid.

Evidence cited in the case included Kitchen's voting record — he'd cast votes on the Democratic ballot five times between 2000 and 2013. He was on the Executive Committee of the county's Democratic Party for years, had represented a ward as a Democrat on city council and was hired as the No. 2 to the city's Democratic mayor.

The court noted that Kitchen at no time after filing his petition held an elected office as a Democrat or voted in a Democratic primary and said even a statement he made in which he said that running as an independent was "more strategic" didn't prove his disaffiliation wasn't genuine.

The decision also said the fact that Kitchen had Democratic friends didn't matter, as he had Republican friends, too, and that disaffiliation doesn't mean leaving behind friends and acquaintances.

Giavasis, the Stark County Democratic chairman, said the party, locally and at the state level, is examining all possible outcomes.

"There are discussions ongoing as far as the next move," he said. "I just don't think this independent process was designed to be a back-door way to (make the ballot)."

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| BERNABEI, THOMAS     | CANTON OH | 44708 | NOT EMPLOYED | <a href="#">BOCCIERI, JOHN A VIA BOCCIERI FOR CONGRESS</a>          | 08/26/2010     | 250.00           | <a href="#">11930010062</a> |              |
| BERNABEI, THOMAS     | CANTON OH | 44708 | NOT EMPLOYED | <a href="#">EDWARDS, JOHN VIA JOHN EDWARDS FOR PRESIDENT</a>        | 02/07/2007     | 2300.00          | <a href="#">27931002177</a> |              |
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| <a href="#">BERNABEL JOHN</a>                        | 11 WILLIAM AVE          | LARKSPUR             | CA                    | 94939-2027          | -                          | 02/03/2010                        | \$500.00                 | -                          | Calyon Securities                   | <a href="#">KASICH TAYLOR FOR OHIO</a>                     |
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May 26, 2015

Lee Plakas  
220 Market Avenue South  
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Canton, Ohio, 44702

Dear Mr. Plakas,

In regards to the letter your firm sent to The Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club of Greater Stark County dated May 25, 2015, I am responding with the following information:

- 1) *Please provide any letters sent by Mr. Bernabei to the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club of Greater Stark County where Mr. Bernabei resigned from The Jefferson Jackson Club of Greater Stark County. As of the date of this letter we have not received a letter of resignation from Mr. Bernabei.*
- 2) *Please provide copies of any checks from Mr. Bernabei to the Jefferson Jackson Club whether for organization dues or donations. Attached is the copy of the check that was sent to us by Mr. Bernabei as a contribution for our fundraiser on April 24, 2015. We do not have a copy of the check for his dues but we can verify he is current with his 2015 membership fee and the check number was 8481.*
- 3) *Please advise as to Mr. Bernabei's current membership status in the Jefferson Jackson Club of Greater Stark County. As of the date of this letter The Jefferson Jackson Club of Greater Stark County considers Mr. Bernabei a current member with 2015 membership fees paid in full.*

Please be advised that the request for information was forwarded to our board and a majority of our officers agreed to forward the information requested. I hope the information is satisfactory to your needs.

Yours Truly

Dave Kirven, President  
Jefferson Jackson Club of Greater Stark County



THOMAS BERNABEI 10-96  
2745 DUNKEITH DR NW  
CANTON, OH 44708

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February 27, 2015

Fellow Democrats:

The Jefferson Jackson Club is having our Annual Fundraiser on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at Tozzi's on 12th at 4210 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. This will be one of our main fundraisers for this year. We will be serving sausage and peppers, rigatoni, meatballs and light hors d'ouerves, beer and wine will also be provided. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. We are also looking for sponsors for our fundraiser. Silver Sponsors are \$100 which includes 2 tickets, Gold Sponsors are \$200 which includes 4 tickets and Platinum Sponsors are \$300 which includes 6 tickets. We are asking that you please purchase these tickets to support our club. Extra tickets can be obtained at the club meeting or by calling Dave Kirven at 330-495-7813. Please make the check payable to the Jefferson Jackson Good Government Fund and mail to P.O. Box 9765 Canton, Ohio 44711-9765.

I hope to see all of you on April 23rd  
Yours Truly  
Dave Kirven, President

**\*PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF OUR REGULAR APRIL MEETING AND WILL START AT 6 PM.**

- 
- SINGLE TICKET \$25
  - COUPLES TICKET \$40
  - PLATINUM SPONSOR \$300 (INCLUDES 6 SINGLE TICKETS)
  - GOLD SPONSOR \$200 (INCLUDES 4 SINGLE TICKETS)
  - SILVER SPONSOR \$100 (INCLUDES 2 SINGLE TICKETS)

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The Stark County Democratic Party cordially invites you to a fun & casual event:

### "The 2015 Democratic Cocktail Party"

This is the first of our two major fundraisers for 2015. By joining us, you help fund our Democratic headquarters. Your attendance &/or contribution are deeply appreciated!

|  |   |                              |
|--|---|------------------------------|
|  | <b>THOMAS BERNABEI</b> 10-96            | 8512                         |
|  | 2745 DUNKEITH DR NW<br>CANTON, OH 44708 | 56-55/412<br>29210           |
|  |   | Date <u>4/22/2015</u>        |
| Pay to the Order of  | <u>Stark County Democratic Party</u>    | \$ <u>500.</u> <sup>00</sup> |
|  | <u>Five Hundred and 00/100</u>          | Dollars                      |
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**\$500 for Bar Sponsor** - Includes 5 Tickets and Sign Ad  
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Call in your reservation at 330-477-0705 or email: [starkcountydems@gmail.com](mailto:starkcountydems@gmail.com)  
**NO LATER THAN APRIL 22ND.**

By Mail: Please detach & return the RSVP below **BY APRIL 21ST.**

I cannot attend. Please accept my contribution of \$ 500. CK# 8512

Enclosed is my check made out to the: **Stark County Democratic Party.**

Name Tom Bernabei

Address 2745 DUNKEITH DR NW, CANTON 44708

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Have fun!  
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On your state income tax, check the \$1.00 for the Ohio Political Party Fund.

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**Thursday, April 30th, 2015**

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

*Open Bar from 5:00-6:00/Hors D’oeuvres/Mingling/Music*

**Arrowhead Golf & Banquet Center**

*1500 Rogwin Circle SW, North Canton*

**\$60 for Single Reservation**

**\$90 for Couple Reservation**

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# Kristen <sup>Donohue</sup> Guardado

For Canton Municipal Court Judge



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## Passionate, Experienced and a Dedicated Resident of the City of Canton

- ★ Kristen was **born and raised** in the City of Canton and a graduate of **McKinley Senior High School**.
- ★ Kristen is the **ONLY candidate** in this race **that lives and works in the City of Canton**.
- ★ Kristen is the **ONLY candidate** in this race that has dedicated her career to **protecting** the City of Canton as a **Canton City Prosecutor for 19 years**.
- ★ Kristen is the **ONLY candidate** in this race that has been **endorsed by the Canton Police Patrolmen's Association**.
- ★ Kristen is the **ONLY candidate** in this race that is the **Senior Trial Counsel** in the court that she is running for Judge in.



## ENDORSEMENTS



Canton City Law Director  
Joe Martuccio

Canton City Auditor  
R.A. Mallon

Stark County Commissioner  
Thomas Bernabei

Union Baptist Church  
Pastor  
Sherman Martin Jr.

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Kristen Donohue

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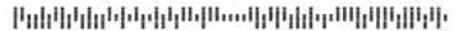


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# Elect <sup>Donohue</sup> Kristen Guardado Judge

## Experience:

### Canton Prosecutors Office

- ⚖ Over 19 years as a **Canton City Prosecutor**
- ⚖ Handled over **3,800 cases** in the Canton Municipal Court
- ⚖ Oversees all **Domestic Violence cases**
- ⚖ Evaluates **Criminal Cases** for charges
- ⚖ Currently works with all **Police Depts.** in the district
- ⚖ Provides **Legal Training to Police**

### Private Practice

- ⚖ Fighting for Families and Children in Domestic Relations and **Juvenile Court**
- ⚖ Assigned as **Guardian Ad Litem** to over **500 Children**
- ⚖ Practices **Business Litigation** for Small Companies
- ⚖ Handles **Probate, Estates and Adoptions**

## Dedication:

### Elected Office

- ⚖ Elected **4 terms** to Plain Local Board of Ed.
- ⚖ Past **President** and past **Vice President**
- ⚖ Past **Student Achievement Liaison**
- ⚖ Past **Legislative Liaison**

### Community Involvement:

Attends Little Flower Catholic Church  
Member of Stark County & American Bar Associations  
Serves on Guardian Ad Litem Committee  
Serves on Women's Board of Aultman Hospital  
Serves on Project Kare Board  
Member of Stark Domestic Violence Collaborative  
Member of Fraternal Order of Police Associates  
McKinley Lodge 11  
Member Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club  
Stark County Association for Justice Trustee  
Golden Eagle Athletic Association

## Endorsements

Canton Police  
Patrolmen's Association  
Stark County Commissioner  
Tom Bernabei  
Plain Twp. Trustee  
Louis Giavasis  
Coach  
Scott Garcia  
Canton Law Director  
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# Kristen Donohue Guardado

## For Canton Municipal Court Judge

*A Lifelong Democrat and a Democratic Choice for Our Community!*

**Proudly Endorsed by Law Enforcement**



Canton Police Patrolmen's Association



Dear Fellow Democrats,  
It has been my honor and privilege to serve my entire career working in the Canton Law Department for great Democrats like Thomas Bernabei, Joe Martuccio, and Frank Forchione. They have helped instill a love and respect for the law, as well as great Democratic values. I have a passion to bring those values to the bench and ask for your support on May 5th.

-Kristen



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## Kristen Guardado has been a **Democratic Leader** in our community!

✓ Kristen Guardado has served as a **prosecutor** in the Canton Municipal Court for the past **19 years**.

✓ Kristen Guardado has served as an **elected Democrat** in our community for the past **14 years**.

✓ Kristen has taken her **Democratic principles** to the courtroom as a Guardian Ad Litem, **representing over 500 kids** as their lawyer during custody cases.

✓ Because of her hard work and determination, she has earned the respect of law enforcement. **Kristen is proud to be endorsed by the Canton Police Patrolmen's Association.**

✓ Kristen's **entire career has been in the Canton Municipal Court** and has prepared her for the next step. This is why Kristen Donohue Guardado is **uniquely qualified** to serve as Judge of the Canton Municipal Court.

**Our View: Repository endorses Guardado in Democratic Primary**

Repository, April 25th, 2015

because of her plan to start a misdemeanor drug court, which we believe could have great impact on a community ravaged by the heroin epidemic, and because of her 19 years experience working in the Canton court system, we give the edge to Kristen Donohue Guardado in the May 5 Democratic primary.

*A proven record of **dedication** to  
our **community** and **fighter** for the  
people of the Canton Municipal  
Court District*

<sup>Donohue</sup>  
**Kristen Guardado**  
For Judge



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**Kristen Guardado** has spent her **entire career** fighting for the people of the **Canton Municipal Court District**

Fighting Crime & Protecting Families

Kristen is the **ONLY** candidate that has spent the last **19 years** serving as a **prosecutor** in the Canton Municipal Court



She is currently **Senior Trial Counsel, Stark DV Prosecutor**, and **oversees all domestic violence cases** in the Canton Municipal Court

Kristen's hard work earned her the **Special Achievement in DV Advocacy Award** from the Ohio Attorney General



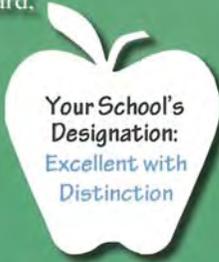
Due to her dedication, Kristen is proud to be the **ONLY** candidate to be **endorsed by Law Enforcement**, the Canton Police Patrolmen's Assoc.

A Voice For Children

Kristen has represented over **500 children** in domestic relations cases as a Guardian Ad Litem. In these cases, she is the **child's attorney and a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves**. As a **GAL**, she is looking out for the **child's best interest**.



Kristen has dedicated the last **14 years** as a member of the Plain Local Board of Education. During her time on the board, Plain Local elevated its rating to **Excellent with Distinction**, the highest rating in the state.



Dedicated To Our Community

**Community Activities:**

- **Member: Little Flower Catholic Church**
- **American Bar Association**
- **Stark County Bar Association**
  - Family Law Committee
  - Disputed Fee Committee
- **Guardian Ad Litem Committee**
- **Women's Board of Aultman Hospital**
  - Angel Auction Committee
  - Past member of Nominating Comm.
- **Project Kare Board**
- **American Red Cross Bash Volunteer**
- **Member Stark Domestic Violence Collaborative**
- **Trustee, Stark County Association for Justice**
- **Ohio School Board Association**
- **National School Board Association**
- **Golden Eagle Athletic Association**
- **Member, Fraternal Order of Police Associates - McKinley Lodge**
- **Member, Jefferson Jackson Club**

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Guardado



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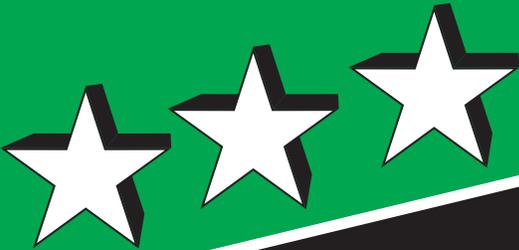
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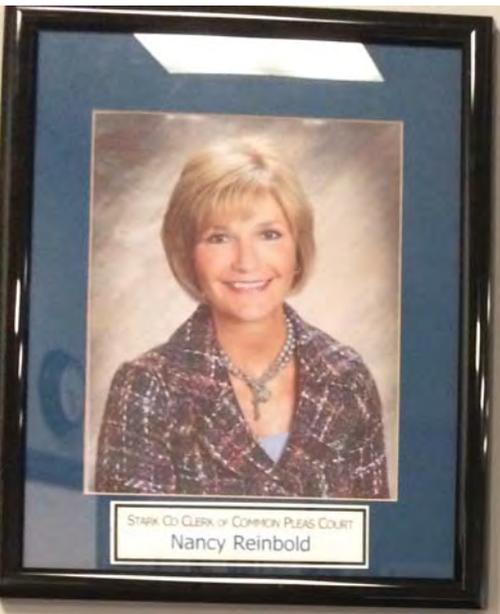
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George T. Maier



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# Elect **Kristen Donohue Guardado**



## Canton Municipal Court Judge

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Kristen has over 19 years of courtroom experience as a Canton City Prosecutor and helping families in Family Court.



**Kristen is a life-long resident of Canton, Ohio and is a 1989 graduate of Canton McKinley Senior High School. She attended The University of Akron, earning a finance degree in just 3 years before continuing on to earn her Juris Doctorate in 1995. After becoming an attorney, she chose to stay in Stark County and give back to our community. She has been a prosecutor in the Canton Municipal Court for the past 19 years. Over those 19 years, Kristen has dedicated herself to fighting for justice and being a voice for victims. She currently serves as Senior Trial Counsel and Stark Domestic Violence Prosecutor and is responsible for the prosecution of all domestic violence cases in the Canton Municipal Court. In addition, she also has a private law practice.**

**Outside of the courtroom, Kristen strives to make Stark County a better place for our families. She currently works with families through the Stark County Family Court as a Guardian Ad Litem, is currently serving her fourth term on the Plain Local School Board as well as sitting on numerous other boards and committees. Kristen's 19 years of experience fighting for Stark County in Canton Municipal Court set her apart and have uniquely prepared her for this next step. Based on her experience and qualifications, we urge you vote for Kristen Donohue Guardado for Judge of the Canton Municipal Court.**

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*Elect* Chryssa

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## About

Chryssa joined the Stark County Prosecutor's Office in November of 1995, after obtaining her law degree from the University of Cincinnati, and her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was All-ACC in Cross Country and team Captain in Track & Field. She has served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Stark County for the last eighteen years, working primarily in the adult Criminal Division prosecuting felony offenses, including robbery, rape, murder and capital murder trials – most notably, the prosecutions and convictions of former Canton Police Officer Bobby Cutts, Jr., and triple homicide defendant, James Mammone, III. Chryssa is currently the Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division, a position she has held for over ten years, and she also supervises the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit.

In 2010, Chryssa was appointed as a Special United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the prosecution of the Deputy Treasurer responsible for the theft of over \$2.96 million from Stark County. She also served as magistrate for the Honorable John G. Haas in the Stark County Court of Common Pleas in 2005, where she managed the Court's civil docket and presided over civil court hearings.

Chryssa has received special commendation for her work from the Director of the F.B.I. as well as several other state and federal agencies. She is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Stark County Bar Association and is co-chair of Stark Partnership for a Safer Community, working with community agencies and organizations throughout the county to reduce gang and drug related violence. She is also a faculty member of the Criminal Justice Department at Stark State College, where she regularly teaches as a certified instructor through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

Chryssa is married to Tom Hartnett, who is also an attorney, and they reside in Jackson Township together with their three daughters.

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# Frank Forchione for Stark County Common Pleas Judge



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Sherrod Brown  
Senator

Office: [www.brown.senate.gov/](http://www.brown.senate.gov/)

Campaign: [www.sherrodbrown.com/](http://www.sherrodbrown.com/)



### US Representative

Tim Ryan  
Congressman

Campaign: [www.timryanforcongress.com](http://www.timryanforcongress.com)



### Supreme Court of Ohio

William O'Neill  
Justice



### State Officials

Joseph Schiavone  
State Senator

Office: [www.ohiosenate.gov/joe-schiavoni.html](http://www.ohiosenate.gov/joe-schiavoni.html)

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Member

Gayle Jackson  
Member

State Central Committee (33rd State Senate District)

Georgiann DeCenzo  
Member

Robert Hagan  
Member

Judge of Court of Appeals - 5th Appellate Court District

William Hoffman  
Judge

Patricia Delaney  
Judge

W. Scott Gwin  
Judge

Stark County Officials

Tom Bernabei  
Commissioner



John D. Ferrero  
Prosecuting Attorney



Nancy Reinbold  
Clerk of Common Pleas Court



George T. Maier

Sheriff



**Rick Campbell**  
Recorder  
Office: [www.recorder.co.stark.oh.us](http://www.recorder.co.stark.oh.us)



**Keith Bennett**  
Engineer



**P.S. Murthy**  
Coroner

**Judge Court of Common Pleas General Division**

**Taryn Heath**  
Judge

**John Haas**  
Judge

**Frank Forchione**  
Judge

**City of Alliance Officials**

**Sheila Cherry**  
Ward 1 Council Member

**Sue Ryan**  
Council-At-Large

**John Benincasa**  
President of Council

**Phyllis J. Phillips**  
Council Member - Ward 2

**Dennis Clunk**  
Treasurer

**Roy J. Clunk**  
Council Member - Ward 3

**City of Canal Fulton Officials**

**Linda Zahirsky**  
Council President

**Nellie Cihon**  
Council-at-Large

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Ward 5 Council Member



**David R. Dougherty**  
Council Member - Ward 6



**John Mariol**  
Council Member - Ward 7



**Frank Morris**  
Council Member - Ward 9



**Judge of Canton Municipal Court**

**Mary Falvey**  
Judge



**John Poulos**  
Judge



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**Clerk of Canton Municipal Court**

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**Phil Giavasis**  
Clerk



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**City of Louisville Officials**

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**Cheryle Casar**  
Council-At-Large

**Thomas McAlister**  
Council-at-Large

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**City of Massillon Officials**

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**Kathy Catazaro-Perry**  
Mayor

**Glenn Gamber**  
President of Council

**Pericles Stergios**  
Director of Law

**Paul Lambert**  
Treasurer

**Jayne A. Ferrero**  
Auditor

**Paul Manson**  
Council-at-Large

**Larry Slagle**  
Council-at-Large

**Andrea Scassa**  
Council Member - Ward 3

**Tony Townsend**  
Council Member - Ward 4

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**Judge of Massillon Municipal Court**

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**Edward Elum**  
Judge



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**Clerk of Massillon Municipal Court**

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**Johnnie Maier, Jr.**  
Clerk



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**City of North Canton Officials**

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**Mark Cerreta**  
Council-at-Large

**Douglas V. Foltz**  
Council Member - Ward 1

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**Village of Beach City Officials**

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**Gene Fair**  
Member

**Connie White**

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Mayor

**Darold Willis**  
Member of Council

**John T. Hartman**  
Member of Council

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#### Village of Brewster Officials

**David Goodwin**  
Member of Council

**Sherri Bichsel**  
council woman

**Michael Schwab**  
Mayor

**K. Kris King**  
Clerk-Treasurer

**Thomas Hillard**  
Member of Council

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#### Village of East Canton Officials

**Jeffrey Marshall**  
Member of Council

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#### Village of East Sparta Officials

**Marlene Gray**  
Member of Council

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#### Village of Hartville Officials

**Ed Tucker**  
Member of Council

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#### Village Hills and Dales

**Jean Van Ness**  
Member of Council

**David Freitag II**  
Councilman

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#### Village of Limaville Officials

**Mark D. Johnston**  
Member of Council

**Gerald Potts**  
Member of Council

**Tami Angel**  
Mayor

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#### Village of Magnolia Officials

**Stephanie Hannan Wigfield**  
Member of Council

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#### Village of Meyers Lake Officials

**Joseph Boda Jr.**  
Member of Council

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#### Village of Minerva Officials

**James B. Waller**  
Mayor

**Gary Ruff**  
Member of Council

**Billie Rowe**  
Member of Council

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#### Village of Navarre Officials

**Anne Johnson**  
Clerk-Treasurer

**Donald Berkey**  
Member of Council

**Raymond Gallaher**  
Member of Council

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#### Village of Waynesburg Officials

Dave McCray  
Member of Council

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Dick Dierick  
Member of Council

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Sherry L. Betts  
Member of Council

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Laddie F. Albery  
Trustee of Board of Public Affairs

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Rick Mizer  
Trustee of Board of Public Affairs

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William Michel  
Trustee of Board of Public Affairs

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**Bethlehem Township Officials**

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Patricia Winkhart  
Fiscal Officer

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Ronald L. Wendling  
Township Trustee

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**Canton Township Officials**

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James A. Wilcox  
Trustee

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Ronald L. Smith  
Fiscal Officer



**Jackson Township Officials**

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John Pizzino  
Trustee

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Randy Gonzalez  
Fiscal Officer



**Lawrence Township Officials**

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Mike Stevens  
Trustee

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**Lexington Township Officials**

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Edward W. Moffett  
Trustee

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Michael Pauli  
Trustee

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**Marlboro Township Officials**

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Tracy Ferrett  
Fiscal Officer

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**Nimishillen Township Officials**

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Lisa R. Shafer  
Trustee

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**Paris Township Officials**

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Larry Palmer  
Trustee

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**Perry Township Officials**

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Doug Haines  
Trustee



Lee Laubacher  
Trustee



Craig E. Chessler  
Trustee



Joe Schlegel  
Fiscal Officer



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**Pike Township Officials**

Paul R. Mosberger  
Trustee



Don Charnetzky  
Trustee



Douglas L. Baum  
Trustee



Plain Township Officials

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Anthony J. Flex  
Fiscal Officer



Al Leno  
Trustee



Louis P. Giavasis  
Trustee



Sandy Township Officials

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Scott Vail Welker  
Trustee

Sugarcreek Township Officials

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Pat Bucher  
Trustee

Tuscarawas Township Officials

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Terrence Hemperly  
Trustee

John Speicher  
Trustee

Gerald Hollinger  
Trustee

Debra Maier  
Fiscal Officer

Washington Township Officials

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Paul R. Delpuppo  
Trustee

Stark County Education Service center Officials

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Mary Olsen  
School Board Member

James Holmes  
School Board Member

Alliance City School District Officials

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Robert Lee  
Board member

Canton City School District Officials

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Ida Ross-Freeman  
School Board Member

Lisa Gissendaner  
at-large

J.R. Rinaldi  
at-large

Ryan Brahler  
2nd subdivision

**Canton Local School District Officials**

Scott Hamilton  
Board member

Dave Brothers  
Board member

**Fairless Local School District Officials**

Ron Feucht  
Board member

**Lake Local School District Officials**

William M. Jelen  
Board member

**Marlington Local School District Officials**

James Fisher  
School Board Member

**Massillon City School District Officials**

Phillip Elum  
School Board Member

Mary Strukel  
Board member

**Northwest Local School District Officials**

Nicole Metzger  
School Board Member

Rita Gearhart  
Board member

**Osnaburg Local School District Officials**

Emerson Roth  
Board member

**Perry Local School District Officials**

Marlene Capuano  
Board member

Elizabeth Elum  
Board member

**Plain Local School District Officials**

Monica Rose Gwin  
Board member

Eugene Cazantzes  
Board member

Kristen Donohue Guardado  
Board member

John Halkias  
Board member

**Sandy Valley Local School District Officials**

Dennis Corsi  
Board member

**Tuslaw Local School District Officials**

Jeanette Harig  
Board member

Vicki Horvath  
Board member

**State Board of Education**

Deborah Cain  
Board member

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## Meet the Commissioners

### Tom Bernabei

(330) 451-7368 • [Email](#)

Tom Bernabei is a lifelong resident of Stark County and lives in Jackson Township. He graduated from Canton Lehman High School in 1964, Brown University in 1968 and The Ohio State University School College of Law in 1975. Between college and law school, Tom served four years in the United States Army, including one tour of duty in Vietnam.

Tom's first public service job out of law school was as Assistant Prosecutor in Massillon Municipal Court. He later served as an Assistant Law Director in Canton. In 1998, he was elected Canton Law Director. Tom retired in 2000 and subsequently -- after his wife tired of having him around the house - served one term as Councilman at-Large in Canton. Tom then worked as Director of Public Service in Canton from 2008 to 2009, and as SARTA's interim Executive Director in 2009. In 2010, Tom was elected Stark County Commissioner.

Tom proudly practiced law with his father, Joseph, from 1975 to 1989. He equally is proud to be married to his wife, Bebe.

### Janet Weir Creighton

(330) 451-7376 • [Email](#)

In 2010, Janet Weir Creighton was elected to the Board of Stark County Commissioners. As Vice President of the Board, Commissioner Creighton brings the county more than 23 years of elected experience where she has cultivated a diverse background in government and public affairs.

Prior to returning to public service in Stark County, Ms. Creighton was Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs from January 9, 2008 until January 20, 2009 in Washington, D.C. As the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, she was the direct liaison between the President and city, county and states elected officials.

From 2004 until 2007, Ms. Creighton served as Mayor of the City of Canton. Prior to serving as Mayor, she was the Stark County Auditor from 1991 until 2003 and Stark County Recorder from 1985 until 1991.

Throughout her life, Ms. Creighton has been selected to serve on many boards and commissions including an appointment to the Ohio Rail Commission, an appointment by the White House to serve as Public Director of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board for the 5th District, and as President of the Ohio County Auditors Association.

As an elected official, Ms. Creighton strongly believes in collaboration, cooperation and communication which she emulates through her leadership roles. She diligently works to improve the lives of the constituents whom she serves and to be a positive presence throughout the community.

Hailing from Canton, Ohio, home of the National Professional Football Hall of Fame, Ms. Creighton's other passion in life is football. She volunteered for 30 years for the Football Hall of Fame and in 2000 her service culminated in her appointment as the General Chairman of the National Professional Football Hall of Fame Festival, a suiting role for a lifetime fan.

Janet Weir Creighton attended Ohio University. She is married to Mr. Bill Turnbow and has two adult children, Jennifer and John. She is also a proud grandparent of two grandchildren, Benjamin and Chloe.

### Richard Regula

(330) 451-7370 • [Email](#)

Elected to the Stark County Commissioner Board for a second time in 2012, Richard Regula has a history of service work and involvement in local government.

A Stark County native, Richard is the president-elect of the Massillon Rotary and a member of the Ohio and Erie Canal Corridor Committee. He has served on the Navarre Village Council and three terms as Bethlehem Township trustee. He has served on the board of directors for the Stark County Farm Bureau.

Richard is the chairman of the Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District board and chairman of the Joint Board of Commissioners Multi-County Juvenile Attention System. He is a current board member of the Western Stark YMCA and the Massillon Chamber of Commerce.

Richard also is a member of the Stark County Township Association and he served on the Clean Ohio Council, where he was appointed by the Governor.

A graduate of Fairless High School, Richard received his bachelor's degree from Ohio University. He owns R. Straus LLC, a trucking company where he began his career.

Richard is a member of St. Michael's Parish. He resides in Bethlehem Township with his wife, Sherry. They have two sons, Thomas and Garrett.



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GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT

Reginald M. Thompson and Jennifer W. Thompson, husband and wife,  
the Grantor(s),

who claim(s) title by or through the instruments recorded in Volume 1270, Page 985 and Volume 1237, Page 733 of the Stark County Records, for the consideration of One Dollar and Other Valuable Consideration (\$1.00 and O.V.C.) grants, with GENERAL WARRANTY covenants, to

Bernadette Bernabei as Trustee of the Bernadette Bernabei Revocable Trust

the Grantee(s),

whose tax mailing address will be:

2745 Dunkeith Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44708

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the following described premises:

Situated in the Township of Jackson, Stark County, Ohio:

Lot Number Ninety-Seven (97) in the Hills & Dales Allotment as re-recorded in Plat Book 15, Pages 10-13 of the Stark County Records.

18-00008

Subject to Items on Plat; Restrictions in vol 813, pg 9 and vol 3108, pg 217 and vol 9 and Assignment in vol 9, pg 249 and vol 2524, pg 348 and vol 3108, pg 209 and vol 3108, pg 224 and vol 4163, pg 214 and vol 42, pg 245 and vol 1220, pg 296; Easements in vol 830, pg 496 and vol 536, pg 517 and vol 567, pg 334 and vol 830, pg 502 and vol 3345, pg 637.

18-00008 TRS ALL 4-24-01JA

subject to all legal highways.

2001004585

WITNESS their hand(s) this 1st day of April, 2001.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of:

Evelyn E. Montgomery  
EVELYN E. MONTGOMERY

Reginald M. Thompson  
Reginald M. Thompson

Vickie L. Crawford  
VICKIE L. CRAWFORD

Evelyn E. Montgomery  
EVELYN E. MONTGOMERY

Jennifer W. Thompson  
Jennifer W. Thompson

Vickie L. Crawford  
VICKIE L. CRAWFORD

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Ohio )  
County of Stark ) ss

Before me a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared

Reginald M. Thompson

the Grantor(s) in the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing thereof to be his voluntary free act and deed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at North Canton, Ohio, this 1st day of April, 2001.

Evelyn E. Montgomery  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



EVELYN E. MONTGOMERY  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
NOVEMBER 6, 2005

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Ohio )  
County of Stark ) ss

Before me a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared

Jennifer W. Thompson

the Grantor(s) in the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing thereof to be her voluntary free act and deed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at North Canton, Ohio this 24th day of April, 2001.

*Evelyn E. Montgomery*



EVELYN E. MONTGOMERY Notary Public  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
November 8, 2006 My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument prepared by:  
Jay L. Cutler, Attorney at Law  
Canton, Ohio

Consent to transfer of the above property is hereby given by William Yellig, President of Hills & Dales Owners Association as set forth in Vol. 2524 Page 348 of the Stark County Records.

*William Yellig*  
William Yellig, President  
Hills & Dales Owners Association

JANET WEIR CREIGHTON  
Stark County Auditor  
FEE 295 <sup>ss</sup>

APR 24 2001

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Com. 36 1-28-08

Mayor  
Drane  
Law

Audit  
Service  
Hum. Res.

JM/jc  
1/29/08  
1202

By: William J. Healy, II, Mayor

④ 1st Reading 2.4.08

Referred to PERS

Levy Brater

[Signature]

James Hoff

⑦ 2nd Reading 2.11.08

⑧ 3rd Reading 2-25-08

PASSED: 2/25/08

Recorded in Volume 50, Page 102-103 Rec'd 2/11/08 @ 6:55 PM MWS

ORDINANCE NO. 17/2008

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 735.01 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Section 735.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, entitled "Director of public service; qualifications; powers," provides in relevant part that "The director shall be appointed by the mayor and need not be a resident of the city at the time of his appointment but shall become a resident thereof within six months after his appointment unless such residence requirement is waived by ordinance."; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Thomas M. Bernabei to the position of Director of Public Service and Mr. Bernabei, after having been a city resident for many years, recently relocated his residence elsewhere in Stark County; and

WHEREAS, mandatory residency does not exist for the several hundred unionized employees and the management, non-bargaining unit employees of the city; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernabei's many qualifications as a former Canton Law Director and Councilmember-at-Large made him an excellent candidate for the Director of Public Service, and this requested waiver is limited to Mr. Bernabei during the term(s) of his appointment; and

WHEREAS, early passage of the waiver allows for the certainty of planning and executing the new administrative staff appointments and the city's transitional obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The residency requirement of Section 735.01 of the Ohio Revised Code for the position of Director of Public Service is waived by this Council during the appointment(s) of Mr. Thomas M. Bernabei to said position by the Mayor of the City of Canton pursuant to ORC Section 735.01.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: February 25, 2008

ATTEST: February 25, 2008

Appellia Imberlato  
Clerk of Council



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President of Council

APPROVED:

Wm J. Kealy Jr  
Mayor

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THE CITY OF  
**CANTON**  
WILLIAM J. HEALY II, MAYOR

January 26, 2009

Mr. Thomas Bernabei  
2745 Dunkeith Drive NW  
Canton, OH 44708

Dear Mr. Bernabei:

This letter is to notify you that effective immediately your service is no longer required as an employee of the City of Canton.

Prior to your immediate departure, please return the following items:

- All copies of keys and/or master keys to City properties, buildings, and facilities
- All electronic security access key fobs
- All keys to assigned City vehicle(s)
- All city-owned property in your personal possession, which may include, but is not limited to: 2-way radios, telephones, Blackberries, pagers, and documents
- Your City identification badge

Should you be in possession of any items listed above which are not immediately available to you, please return said items before the close of business tomorrow (January 27, 2009).

I appreciate the time you were able to dedicate to my administration and the City of Canton, and wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. HEALY II  
Mayor

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City Of Canton  
Department of Human Resources



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**From:** Rebecca Marchino <Rmarchino@whbc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 10:42 AM  
**To:** Edmond J. Mack

Bernabei came in on April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30a to record.

Rebecca Marchino  
Account Executive  
Mix 94.1 & WHBC 1480  
550 Market Avenue, S.  
Canton, Ohio 44702  
330-471-1829 Office  
330-827-2160 Cell  
330-471-300 Fax  
[rmarchino@whbc.com](mailto:rmarchino@whbc.com)

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**From:** Edmond J. Mack [<mailto:emack@lawlion.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Marchino  
**Subject:** RE: Guardado April / May 2015

This is perfect.

Can you also (A) email me the audio file of the commercial, and (B) confirm what day it was that Bernabei came in to record it?

Thank you Rebecca!!!

Edmond



**Edmond J. Mack**  
Tzangas Plakas Mannos Ltd.  
220 Market Avenue South  
Eighth Floor  
Canton, OH 44702  
Telephone: 330.455.6112  
Facsimile: 330.455.2108  
Email: [emack@lawlion.com](mailto:emack@lawlion.com)  
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**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 10:32 AM

**To:** Edmond J. Mack  
**Subject:** Guardado April / May 2015

Edmond,

Let me know if this is what you need.

Thanks!

Rebecca Marchino  
Account Executive  
Mix 94.1 & WHBC 1480  
550 Market Avenue, S.  
Canton, Ohio 44702  
330-471-1829 Office  
330-827-2160 Cell  
330-471-300 Fax  
[rmarchino@whbc.com](mailto:rmarchino@whbc.com)

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**From:** Diana Smith  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 10:29 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Marchino  
**Subject:** Guardado April / May 2015

Diana Smith  
Business Manager  
WHBC AM & FM  
Digity Companies LLC  
550 Market Ave S  
Canton Ohio 44702  
Phone 330-471-1892 (Direct)  
Fax 330-456-7199  
Main 330-456-7166

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Current Name: Thomas Michael Bernabei

Current Registration: **Active** See Definitions below  
 Ohio Admission: 11/07/1975 Discipline and Sanction History: **No**  
 Registration Number: 0024262

Office: Thomas M Bernabei, Esq.  
 Employer Address: 2745 Dunkeith Dr. NW  
 Canton, OH 44708  
 Office Phone: 330-477-8900

Law School: Ohio State University  
 How Admitted: By Exam

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Questions or Comments: [Office of Attorney Services](#), 614.387.9320

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#### Active

Active attorneys may practice law in Ohio, assuming all other requirements are met.

#### Inactive

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#### Retired

Attorneys registered for retired status must have been at least 65 years old at the time of their retired registration. Retired attorneys may not practice law in Ohio or hold themselves out as authorized to practice law in Ohio. See, [Gov. Bar R. VI, former Sec. 3](#). Retired registration status is no longer available as a registration

status, effective September 1, 2007.

#### Corporate

Corporate status is available to attorneys not admitted to practice law in Ohio who are employed full-time by a non-governmental Ohio employer. See, [Gov. Bar R. VI, Sec. 3](#).

#### Certified

A certified attorney is not admitted to practice in Ohio but is temporarily certified to practice law for a legal service or public defender program. See, [Gov. Bar R. IX](#) or contact the [Bar Admissions Office](#) (614.387.9340).

#### Foreign Legal Consultant

A foreign legal consultant is admitted to practice in a foreign country but not in Ohio and is authorized to provide limited legal services in Ohio. See, [Gov. Bar R. XI](#) or contact the [Bar Admissions Office](#) (614.387.9340).

#### Ex-Corporate

Person previously registered for corporate status.

#### Ex-Certified

Person previously certified pursuant to [Gov. Bar R. IX](#).

#### Ex-Foreign Legal Consultant

Person previously certified as a foreign legal consultant pursuant to [Gov. Bar R. XI](#).

#### Not Registered

Refers to an attorney who is not registered with the Office of Attorney Services in accordance with [Gov. Bar R. VI](#).

#### Not Required

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**185 Anna Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708**  
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 3 Bd | 2 Full Ba | 1,084 Sq Ft

4 Beds | 2 Full, 2 half | 2,343 Sqft  
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| 10/17/2013 | Listed        | \$249,900 | \$107        | —       | CambridgeOH    |

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| 02/20/2012 | Delisted | —         | —     | — | NortheasternOH |
| 02/20/2012 | Listed   | \$274,000 | \$117 | — | NortheasternOH |

### Property Taxes Tax data from local public records.

| Year | Taxes   | Land     |   | Additions |   | Total Assessment |
|------|---------|----------|---|-----------|---|------------------|
| 2014 | \$4,740 | \$15,510 | + | \$52,680  | = | \$68,190         |
| 2013 | \$4,547 | \$15,510 | + | \$52,680  | = | \$68,190         |
| 2012 | \$4,263 | \$15,510 | + | \$52,680  | = | \$68,190         |

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| Parcel                 | 216529                                      |
| Owner                  | JOHNS ROBERT G & MOTTS IRENE L              |
| Address                | 2118 UNIVERSITY AVE NW CANTON OH 44709-3936 |
| Mailing Address Line 1 | JOHNS ROBERT G                              |
| Mailing Address Line 2 | 1113 BUENA VISTA ST NE                      |
| Mailing Address Line 3 | CANTON OH 44714                             |
| Legal Description      | 27746 WH EX 5 X 146.5' TRI SS               |
| Last Inspected         | 02/27/2009                                  |
| Property Class         | RESIDENTIAL                                 |
| DTE Classification     | 510 - 1-FAMILY DWELLING                     |
| Tax District           | 00020 CANTON CITY - CANTON CSD              |
| School District        | 7602 CANTON CSD                             |
| Township               | MCKINLEY TOWNSHIP                           |
| City                   | CANTON CITY                                 |
| Neighborhood           | 002-02-04-18                                |
| Map Routing Number     | 02 015 10 2200                              |

| Allotments                         |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Allotment                          | Lot |
| No Allotment Information Available |     |

| Valuation Details |                      |                     |                          |                         |                       |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Year              | Appraised Land Value | Assessed Land Value | Appraised Building Value | Assessed Building Value | Appraised Total Value | Assessed Total Value |
| 2014              | \$44,300             | \$15,510            | \$150,500                | \$52,680                | \$194,800             | \$68,190             |
| 2013              | \$44,300             | \$15,510            | \$150,500                | \$52,680                | \$194,800             | \$68,190             |
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| 2011              | \$49,000             | \$17,150            | \$135,300                | \$47,360                | \$184,300             | \$64,510             |
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| 2008              | \$49,000             |                     | \$147,900                |                         | \$196,900             | \$68,920             |

| Land Details |         |          |       |             |        |          |       |          |
|--------------|---------|----------|-------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|----------|
| Description  | Acreage | Frontage | Depth | Area (sqft) | Method | Rate     | Adj % | Value    |
| HOUSE LOT    |         | 79       | 161   | 12,719      | FF     | \$700.00 | 0     | \$44,300 |

| Sales Details |                   |                 |                   |             |            |               |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Date          | Work Order Number | Work Order Year | Number Of Parcels | Arms Length | Sale Price | Taxable Value |
| 12/19/2011    | 011424            | 2011            | 2                 | NO          | \$0        | \$68,920      |

| Details for Primary Building 7683006 |                    |                         |                    |                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Building Type                        | 10 - SINGLE FAMILY | Construction Type       | 2 - BRICK          | Full Baths           | 2         |
| Year Built                           | 1959               | Quality Basement Finish | 13 - FULL/INFERIOR | Half Baths           | 2         |
| Number Of Stories                    | 2.00               | Percent Complete        | 100                | Basement             | 1 - FULL  |
| Condition                            | 2 - GOOD           | Heat Type               | GAS                | Number Of Fireplaces | 2         |
| Living Area                          | 2343               | Central Air             | YES                | Family Room          | YES       |
| Quality Grade                        | 120                | Number Of Bedrooms      | 4                  | Primary Value        | \$150,500 |



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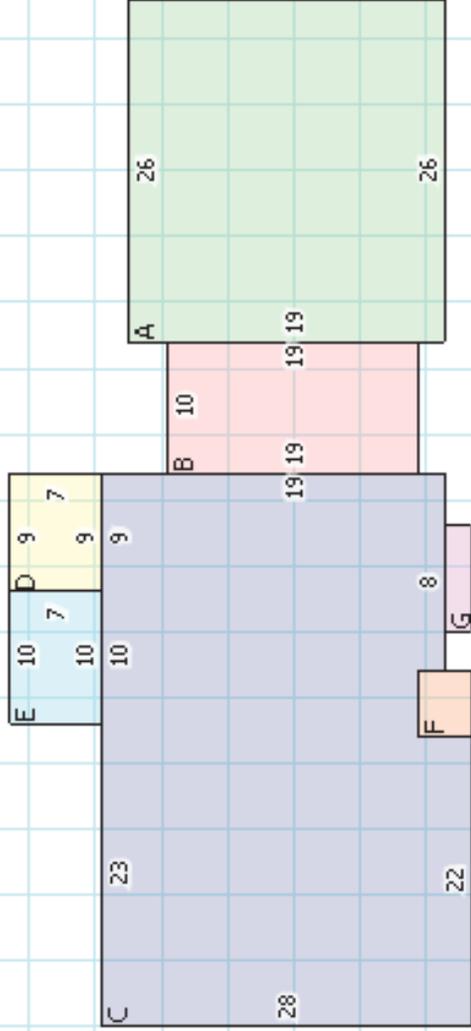
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- A1BR 1126 sqft
- 63 sqft
- P1FR 70 sqft
- P2BQ 20 sqft
- Y1BQ 16 sqft



# 216529 Building ID 7683006

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**Adopted: September 11, 1999**

Amended: June 11, 2003

Amended: January 18, 2006

Amended: November 23, 2013

# THE STARK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I. NAME, MEMBERSHIP, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

### Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be THE STARK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

### Section 2. Membership

Membership in this party shall be open to all residents of Stark County who support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the Constitution, By-Laws and principles of the Stark County Democratic Party. No person may be a member or may vote on any motion, resolution, nomination, or election at any caucus, convention, meeting or conference of the Stark County Democratic Party who does not meet the aforesaid qualifications or who is a member of any other political party at that time.

### Section 3. Eligibility for Party Office

Any person who meets the membership requirements of Article I, Section 2, is eligible for election to Party Office, except as hereinafter limited. There shall be no minimum age requirement for Party Office save where prescribed by law.

### Section 4. Qualifications

In the event that any person's qualifications as a member of the Stark County Democratic Party or eligibility for Party Office must be determined, the same challenge procedure shall be followed to determine his or her qualifications as provided by the Election Laws of Ohio.

## **ARTICLE II. CONSTITUTION AND LAWS**

### **Section 1. Conflict of Laws and National and State By-Laws**

Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America, the laws of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the laws of the State of Ohio. Any matter, which conflicts with any of the aforesaid, shall be of no force and effect. All Constitutional provisions and laws of the United States and of the State of Ohio are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof. The illegality or unenforceability of any one clause shall not affect any other clause. All By-Laws of the Stark County Democratic Party shall comply with the Charter and By-Laws of the Democratic National Committee and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ohio Democratic Party.

## **ARTICLE III. CENTRAL COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Section 1. Central Committee**

The controlling committee of the Stark County Democratic Party shall be the Stark County Central Committee consisting of such membership as shall be elected according to the laws of the State of Ohio, the Charter and By-Laws of the Democratic National Committee and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ohio Democratic Party. The Stark County Central Committee shall elect a County Executive Committee, which shall have such power as is granted it by the County Central Committee, as are provided by law, and by this Constitution.

### **Section 2. Election of Officers**

The members-elect of the Party's Central Committee shall meet not earlier than six nor later than fifteen days following the declaration of the results by the Board of Elections of the election of members of the county central committee, at a suitable place and time in Stark County, Ohio, to be designated by the retiring chair of the Committee. Notice of such meeting, giving the place and time, shall be sent to each member-elect by the retiring secretary of the Committee by mail at least five days prior to the meeting. Notice shall be posted in the office of the Board of Elections at least five days prior to the meeting. If the retiring secretary does not issue the call within the time provided by law, any five members-elect may do so. The meeting shall be called to order by the retiring chair or secretary or if there is no such officer, or if such officer is absent, then by a member of the Committee. A temporary chair and secretary shall be chosen and the Committee shall proceed to organize by the election of a chair. A treasurer, secretary, and two (2) vice chairpersons will also be elected by the members of the Central Committee, present and voting. At least one of the Vice Chairs shall be of the gender opposite of the Chair.

Section 3. Executive Committee

The County Central Committee shall then elect a County Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than 67 members but not more than 81 members. The Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two (2) Vice Chairs elected in Article III, Section 2 are automatically members of the Executive Committee. Not less than 62 members, but not more than 76 members, shall be nominated by the County Chair, and elected by the Central Committee. They, together with the officers duly elected, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The officers of the Central Committee shall be the officers of the Executive Committee. Any member of the Executive Committee shall be subject to removal from said Executive Committee for just cause upon the vote of sixty percent of the members of the Executive Committee present. Vacancies that arise during the term of the Executive Committee may be filled through a nomination by the Chair and majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee present.

Section 4. Power and Authority

The County Central Committee shall confer upon the County Executive Committee all power and authority of the County Central Committee, and the County Executive Committee shall be authorized to act for the County Central Committee in all items pertaining to the welfare, business, operation and organization of the County Central Committee and the Stark County Democratic Party during the period of its existence which shall continue until the 6<sup>th</sup> day after the election of the next Central Committee.

**ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

Section 1. Duties

The Chair's duties shall be those of chief executive officer and he/she shall be subject to the direction of and responsible to the County Executive Committee. The Chair may appoint city chairs in the various cities of Stark County. The Chair may also appoint ward and township captains throughout the County. The Chair may appoint other committees as he deems necessary and in the best interest of the Democratic Party. The Chair may provide for the employment of any other office personnel necessary. All of said appointments and employees shall serve subject to the pleasure of the Chair of the Executive committee.

Section 2. Appointments

The Chair shall appoint the following positions to assist the Chair in the operation of the Democratic Party of Stark County:

Executive Vice Chair, Communications Director, Political Director,

These appointments do not require approval of the Central and Executive Committee and serve at the pleasure of the Chair.

**ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

Section 1. Notice

Notice of any meeting, other than the original meeting of the County Executive Committee, specifying time and place, shall be sent in writing through regular United States mail to all members of the Committee not less than five days in advance of the meeting unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 2. Minutes

Minutes shall be taken of all meetings of the County Central Committee and the County Executive Committee.

Section 3. Quorum

Twenty-five percent of the membership of said Committee shall constitute a quorum for conducting any business to come before the meeting.

Section 4. Meeting Guidelines

All meetings of the Stark County Democratic Party shall be open to the public and no votes will be taken by secret ballot.

**ARTICLE VI. PRE-PRIMARY SUPPORT OF CONDIDATES**

Section 1. Support

The Stark County Democratic Party shall support all Democratic candidates to the best of its ability. An organized meeting of the County Executive Committee may be called at any time for the purpose of support, or withdrawal of support, for any particular candidate, subject to a vote of sixty percent of the members of the committee, present and voting.

The Stark County Democratic Party may endorse Democratic candidates running statewide in a primary election. Two-thirds of the Executive Committee members, present and voting, must vote to allow an endorsement for a particular statewide office. If an endorsement in a statewide race is authorized by the Executive Committee, a candidate will need a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, present and voting, to receive a pre-primary endorsement of the Stark County Democratic Party, only if the Ohio Democratic Party has not endorsed.

## **ARTICLE VII. PARTY UNITY**

### **Section 1. Unity**

All members of the Party, candidates for office, Party officers, Party committees and organizations, and elected Democratic officials shall support the principles of the Ohio Democratic Party and Stark County Democratic Party.

## **ARTICLE VIII. PARTY STRUCTURE – NATIONAL GUIDELINES**

### **Section 1. Compliance**

The Stark County Democratic Party shall be guided by and shall comply with the guidelines established by the Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection of the Democratic National Committee. Delegates-at-large and alternates-at-large to the National Convention shall be chosen by direct vote of the electors as prescribed by Ohio law.

### **Section 2. Delegates**

At any meeting held by the County Executive Committee and district committees, any county committees, or any committee meeting called to consider the endorsement, selection, or nomination of any of the delegates or alternates to the National Convention, the following shall apply:

- A. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.
- B. The use of the unit rule and the instructing of delegations are forbidden; each person must cast his own vote.
- C. At any such meeting a majority of the members of such committee shall be required to constitute a quorum for conducting business.
- D. There shall be no mandatory assessments of delegates to the National Convention by any person, committees or organizations.
- E. Vacancies for delegate and alternate candidates shall be filled by the organizing committee with the approval of the candidate, unless provided by law.

### Section 3. Equal Rights

The Stark County Democratic Party shall seek as broad a base of support as possible in the following manner:

- A. The six elements of the special equal rights committee as adopted by the Democratic National Committee, and the Ohio Democratic Party, are hereby incorporated as follows:
  - I. All public meetings, at all levels, of the Stark County Democratic Party shall be held without regard to sex, race, color, creed, or national origin.
  - II. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Stark County Democratic Party shall be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Stark County Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin.
  - III. The time and place for all public meetings of the Stark County Democratic Party on all levels should be publicized fully and in such a manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Said meetings must be held in places accessible to all party members in a facility large enough to accommodate all such interested persons.
  - IV. The Stark County Democratic Party, on all levels, shall support the broadest possible registration without discrimination on grounds of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin.
  - V. The Stark County Democratic Party shall publicize fully and in such manner to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of the Stark County Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the Stark County Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Stark County Democratic Party organization.

- VI. The Stark County Democratic Party shall publicize fully and in such manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications for all officers and representatives of the Stark County Democratic Party. Such publications should be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position with the Stark County Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for said offices.
- B. The Stark County Democratic Party shall take affirmative action to encourage representation on the National Convention Delegation of minority groups, young people and women in reasonable relationship to their presence in the population in the State of Ohio.
- C. Public meetings referred to herein mean meetings to which the public has been invited.

Section 4. Equal Opportunity

The Stark County Democratic Party shall provide easy access and frequent opportunity for qualified residents of Stark County to become members of the Stark County Democratic Party and shall support the elements outlined above.

**ARTICLE IX. PARTY STRUCTURE – STATE GUIDELINES**

Section 1. Conflicts

No Democratic State or County, Central or Executive Committee shall permit any rules which tend to limit participation in said organization except on the basis of residency and the general qualifications set out in ARTICLE I, Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Constitution.

Section 2. Candidate Support

No Democratic candidate shall be required to contribute, lend, give, or donate anything of value to any Democratic Committee or party official as a condition of his support or endorsement for elective office.

Section 3. Financial Support

No member, candidate, or party official, acting for himself individually, or for any Democratic committee, shall request or receive any financial contribution, donation, gift, or other form of economic remuneration as a condition for securing an endorsement or support of any Democratic candidate for elective or appointive office.

Section 4. District Candidates

Every Democrat who desires to be a Democratic candidate for any public office shall have the right to appear before the County Central or Executive Committee, or such other committee as is authorized by the County Executive Committee to make endorsements, if said office is decided on a county or district basis, at regularly scheduled meetings established for such purpose, to discuss the campaign issues, and their candidacy and any endorsements to be made by such committees.

Section 5. Unit Rule

No Democratic State or County, Central or Executive Committee shall permit the use of the unit rule in voting on any matter.

Section 6. Proxy

No Democratic State or County Central or Executive Committee shall permit proxy voting on any matter.

Section 7. Slate

No Democratic State or County Central or Executive Committee shall permit election of its officers by slate.

Section 8. Voting

Every vote taken by any Democratic State or County Central or Executive Committee for the election of its officers or the endorsements or selection of persons for public office shall be by stand and be counted vote, show of hands vote, voice roll call vote or signed ballots. Secret ballots shall not be permitted. The method of vote shall be determined by the majority of those present.

Section 9. Voter Lists

Each County Democratic Central and Executive Committee shall be required to compile a complete list of all Democratic voters in all primary elections in its county, and shall, at the request of the Chair of the State Democratic Executive Committee, transmit a copy of such list to the Chair within sixty days following the primary. The State Democratic Executive Committee shall reimburse the County for the cost of duplicating and transmitting such list, if requested.

**ARTICLE X. OATH OF OFFICE**

Section 1. Oath

All officers of the State and County Central Committees and the State and County Executive Committees shall be required to take an oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Constitution and By-Laws, and the Principles of the Stark County Democratic Party.

**ARTICLE XI. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER**

Section 1. Rules

Any matters regarding the conduct of the meetings of the County Central and Executive Committees, State Central and Executive Committees, and the convention of the Stark County Democratic Party not governed by this Constitution or by the laws of the State of Ohio shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

**ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENT**

Section 1. Amendments

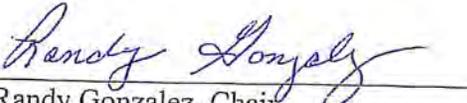
This Constitution may be amended by sixty percent of all members of the Executive Committee, present and voting affirmatively thereon. Amendments proposed under this section must be submitted in writing. The Executive Committee shall be given thirty days written notice prior to voting on said amendments.

**ARTICLE XIII. PREVIOUS CONSTITUTIONS**

Section 1. Effect

This Constitution supersedes any and all other previous constitutions of the Stark County Democratic Party and shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Executive Committee.

THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ARE HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE STARK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1999, AND REVISED JUNE 11, 2003, JANUARY 18, 2006, AND NOVEMBER 23, 2013.



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Protest Against the Nominating Petitions and Candidacy of  
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Dear Director Matthews:

Please find the following supplemental appendix submitted in support of the written protest against the nominating petitions and candidacy of Thomas M. Bernabei as an independent candidate for the Office of Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio, pursuant to R.C. §§ 3513.262 and 3501.39(A), previously submitted on May 29, 2015.

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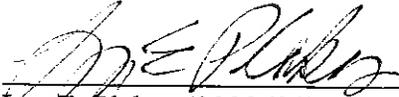
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DATED: July 6, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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*Counsel for Protestor  
The Ohio Democratic Party*

Cc: Raymond V. Vasvari, Jr., Esq.

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**OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT**  
**MARCH 6, 2012**  
**STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

1. To vote, you must completely darken the oval (●) to the left of candidate or answer of your choice.
2. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed. Please see permitted number of choices directly below title of office.
3. If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted.
4. If you cast a vote, for a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot, do not write that candidate's name on the write-in candidate line.
5. To cast a write-in vote, darken the oval (●) to the left of the line provided and write in the candidate's name.
6. If you make a mistake or want to change your vote, please return your ballot to a precinct election official and obtain a new one. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.

**For Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the National Convention (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Barack Obama **13,706**

**For U. S. Senator (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Sherrod Brown **13,964**

**For Representative to Congress (16th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Betty Sutton **3,184**

**For Justice of the Supreme Court - Full Term Commencing 1-1-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Robert W. Price **12,477**

**For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full Term Commencing 1-2-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

\*  William M. O'Neill **11,082**

Fanon A. Rucker **2,794**

**For Justice of the Supreme Court (Unexpired Term Ending 12-31-14) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Yvette McGee Brown **12,649**

**For Judge of the Court of Appeals (5th District) (Full Term Commencing 2-9-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Kristen Bates Aylward **12,491**

**No Valid Declaration of Candidacy Filed**

**For Judge of the Court of Appeals (5th District) (Full Term Commencing 2-10-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

John G. Haas **13,668**

**For Judge of the Court of Appeals (5th District) (Full Term Commencing 2-11-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Patricia A. Delaney **12,869**

**For Member of State Central Committee, Man (29th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Stephen D. Slesnick **6,270**

William Smith **1,720**

\*  William J. Healy, II **6,679**

**For Member of State Central Committee, Woman (29th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Gayle A. Jackson **12,670**

**For State Representative (48th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Amanda Trump **4,237**

**For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division (Full Term Commencing 1-1-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

**No Valid Declaration of Candidacy Filed**

**For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division (Full Term Commencing 1-2-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

**For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas General Division (Full Term Commencing 4-16-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

John G. Haas **13,668**

**For County Commissioner (Full Term Commencing 1-2-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Thomas M. Bernabei **13,139**

**For County Commissioner (Full Term Commencing 1-3-13) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Bill Smuckler **12,846**

**For Prosecuting Attorney (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

John D. Ferrero **13,787**

**For Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Nancy Reinbold **13,856**

**For Sheriff (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Michael A. McDonald **13,298**

**For County Recorder (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Rick Campbell **13,366**

**For County Treasurer (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Kelly A. Zachary **13,039**

**For County Engineer (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

Keith A. Bennett **13,097**

**For Coroner (Vote for Not More Than 1)**

P. S. Murthy **13,955**

**For Member of State Central Committee, Man (27th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**  
 Wayne M. Jones **752**

**For Member of State Central Committee, Woman (27th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**  
 Andrea Norris **774**

**For State Representative (38th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**  
 Michael J. Kaplan **781**

**For State Representative (49th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**  
 Stephen D. Slesnick **5,249**

**For State Representative (50th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**  
 Sue Ryan **3,103**

**For Representative to Congress (7th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**  
 Joyce R. Healy-Abrams **9,099**

**For Representative to Congress (13th District) (Vote for Not More Than 1)**  
 Tim Ryan **780**

**A True Certified Copy**

**JEFFREY A. MATTHEWS, Director**  
**Stark County Board of Elections**

By *[Signature]* Deputy,  
 Date **10-30-15**

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Member State Board of Education |                 |                  |                                |               |              |          |                          |              |
| 5th District                    | Painter-Goff    | Roslyn           | 18700 Westwood Dr.             | Strongsville  | 44136        | D        | 1-1-13 to 12-31-16       |              |
| Member State Board of Education |                 |                  |                                |               |              |          | 1-1-15 to 12-31-18       |              |
| 8th District                    | Hagan           | Robert           | 562 Madera Ave.                | Youngstown    | 44504        | D        | OH Const. Art. II Sec. 2 | Mahoning     |
|                                 |                 |                  |                                |               |              |          | 1-1-15 to 12-31-18       |              |
| County Commissioner             | Creighton       | Janet Weir       | 7711 Bucknell Cir., NW         | North Canton  | 44720        | R        | OH Const. Art. II Sec. 2 | Stark        |
| County Commissioner             | Bernabei        | Thomas M.        | 441 Lakecrest St NW            | Canton        | 44709        | D        | 1-2-13 to 1-1-17         | Stark        |
| County Commissioner             | Beardsley       | Richard          | 8888 Erie Ave SW               | Newport       | 44660        | D        | 1-2-13 to 1-1-17         | Stark        |
| <b>County Commissioner</b>      | <b>Bernabei</b> | <b>Thomas M.</b> | <b>441 Lakecrest St N</b>      | <b>Canton</b> | <b>44709</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>1-2-13 to 1-1-17</b>  | <b>Stark</b> |
| Prosecuting Attorney            | Ferrero         | John D. Jr.      | 110 Central Plaza S, Suite 510 | Canton        | 44702        | D        | 1-1-13 to 1-1-17         | Stark        |
|                                 |                 |                  |                                |               |              |          | 1-7-13 to 1-1-17         |              |
| Clerk of Common Pleas Court     | Reinbold        | Nancy S.         | 4633 Kings Row NW              | Canton        | 44709        | D        | 1st Monday of January    | Stark        |

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**ALLIANCE AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB**  
 1115 S. Seneca Street, Alliance, OH 44601  
**MEMBERSHIP/VOLUNTEER FORM 2015**

The Alliance Area Democratic Club meets the First Thursday of each month September through May. Membership is open to Democrats from Stark County and the surrounding area, including Sebring, Beloit, Smith Township and Knox Township. Please attend our meetings at Don Poncho's, 2105 W. State St. DINNER AT 6PM. BUSINESS MEETING 7 PM

*Rhynes Junction - Main St.*

**Yes! I would like to be a supporter of the Alliance Area Democratic Club!**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

DATE: 2/6/2015 (Anniversary Date for Dues Renewal)  
 NAME: THOMAS M. (TOM) BERNABEI  
 HOME PHONE #: 330 477 8900 WORK PHONE: 330 451 7368 CELL PHONE: 330-284-5713  
 STREET ADDRESS: 2745 ~~DUNKLEITH~~ DUNKLEITH DR NW  
 CITY: CANTON ZIP CODE: 44708  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: tbernabei@ned.rr.com

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ALLIANCE AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB & REMIT IT ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED FORM TO GWENDOLYN DUNAGAN, 1115 S. SENECA ST., ALLIANCE, OH 44601

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT ARE APPROPRIATE:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP                             | <input type="checkbox"/> WALK NEIGHBORHOOD(s)                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>25.00</sup> \$25.00 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> CARNATION DAYS IN THE PARK BOOTH (AUGUST) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DONATION TO CLUB                           | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER FOR A COMMITTEE                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE PHONE CALLS                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PUT SIGN(S) IN MY YARD                                | <input type="checkbox"/> GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) VOLUNTEER         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOLD DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE                            |  |

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PARTICIPATION, PRESENCE AND IDEAS ARE NEEDED, EVERY DAY, EVERY MONTH EVERY YEAR AND NOW!**

**! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**STEVE OKEY, PRESIDENT**

**KATHLEEN PURDY, VICE PRESIDENT**

**GWEN DUNAGAN, TREASURER**

**ANDREW DILIDDO, SECRETARY**

*Just there  
8484  
Cash \$5.00*

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ALLIANCE AREA  
DEMOCRATIC CLUB

June 17, 2015

Edmund J. Mack, Esq.  
Tzangas, Plakas, Mannos Ltd.  
220 Market Avenue, South  
Canton, Ohio 44702

Re: Membership of Thomas M. Bernabei

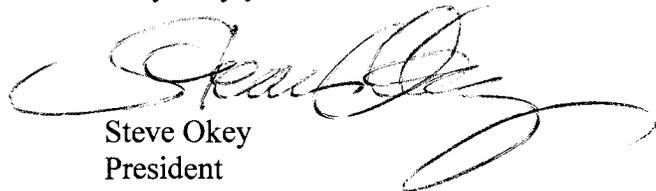
Dear Mr. Mack:

Upon your request, the Alliance Area Democratic Club is able to confirm the following information regarding Thomas M. Bernabei:

1. Mr. Bernabei paid his 2015 membership dues on Thursday, February 5, 2015, when he appeared as a guest speaker at our regular monthly meeting on that date.
2. To date, the Alliance Area Democratic Club has not received any letter, including the letter dated April 30, 2015, from Mr. Bernabei whereby he has resigned his membership in our club.
3. According to our records, as of this date, Mr. Bernabei remains a current member in good standing of the Alliance Area Democratic Club.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Very truly yours,



Steve Okey  
President



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June 17, 2015

Gwendolyn Dunagan  
Alliance Area Democratic Club  
1115 S. Seneca Ave.  
Alliance Ohio 44601

**Re: Information Relating to the Membership of  
Thomas M. Bernabei in the Alliance Area Democratic Club**

Dear Ms. Dunagan,

Thank you for the phone call earlier today. As we have discussed, our firm has been working with the Ohio Democratic Party and the Stark County Democratic Party with respect to the formal protest of Thomas M. Bernabei's recent purported Independent candidacy for the Office of Mayor of Canton, Ohio.

Based upon our conversation, I understand that Mr. Bernabei is current with his dues with the Alliance Area Democratic Club, having paid these dues when Mr. Bernabei attended a meeting as a guest speaker on February 5, 2015. I also understand that you did not receive any letters from Mr. Bernabei resigning from the Alliance Area Democratic Club, including the April 30, 2015 letter addressed to you and signed by Mr. Bernabei, which is enclosed.

To reduce these facts to a useable form for the formal hearing on the protest Mr. Bernabei's candidacy, scheduled for July 6, 2015, we are requesting that the Alliance Area Democratic Club provide, by responsive letter, the following information:

- (1) Please confirm the most recent payment received from Mr. Bernabei for membership dues for the Alliance Area Democratic Club, and if available, copies membership forms and checks submitted by Mr. Bernabei.
- (2) Please provide copies of any letters sent by Mr. Bernabei to the Alliance Area Democratic Club whereby Mr. Bernabei resigned from the Alliance Area Democratic Club. If no such letters of resignation were received, please confirm that no such letters were received.
- (3) Please advise as to Mr. Bernabei current membership status in the Alliance Area Democratic Club according to your organization's records.

To help in accurately responding to our request, the response of the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club to a similar request is also enclosed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As our efforts are very time-sensitive, your immediate attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Edmond J. Mack, Esq.

Cc: Steven P. Okey, Esq., President, Alliance Area Democratic Club (via email)  
N. Zachary West, Esq., General Counsel, Ohio Democratic Party (via email)  
Lee E. Plakas, Esq. (via email)

emack@lawlion.com  
Please respond to the Canton Office address.

Thomas M. Bernabei  
2745 Dunkeith Dr NW  
Canton, Ohio 44708  
330-284-5713

April 30, 2015

Ms. Gwendolyn Dunagan  
1115 S. Seneca Street  
Alliance, OH 44601

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Alliance Area Democratic Club.

Thank you.



Thomas M. Bernabei

A True Certified Copy

JEFFREY A. MATTHEWS, Director  
Stark County Board of Elections

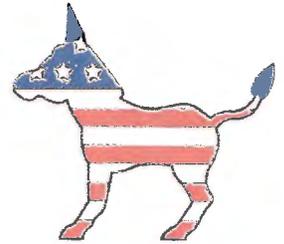
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Date 5-5-2015

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# JEFFERSON-JACKSON CLUB

P.O. Box 9765  
Canton, Ohio 44711-9765  
330-477-0705



May 26, 2015

Lee Plakas  
220 Market Avenue South  
Eighth Floor  
Canton, Ohio, 44702

Dear Mr. Plakas,

In regards to the letter your firm sent to The Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club of Greater Stark County dated May 25, 2015, I am responding with the following information:

- 1) *Please provide any letters sent by Mr. Bernabei to the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club of Greater Stark County where Mr. Bernabei resigned from The Jefferson Jackson Club of Greater Stark County. As of the date of this letter we have not received a letter of resignation from Mr. Bernabei.*
- 2) *Please provide copies of any checks from Mr. Bernabei to the Jefferson Jackson Club whether for organization dues or donations. Attached is the copy of the check that was sent to us by Mr. Bernabei as a contribution for our fundraiser on April 24, 2015. We do not have a copy of the check for his dues but we can verify he is current with his 2015 membership fee and the check number was 8481.*
- 3) *Please advise as to Mr. Bernabei's current membership status in the Jefferson Jackson Club of Greater Stark County. As of the date of this letter The Jefferson Jackson Club of Greater Stark County considers Mr. Bernabei a current member with 2015 membership fees paid in full.*

Please be advised that the request for information was forwarded to our board and a majority of our officers agreed to forward the information requested. I hope the information is satisfactory to your needs.

Yours Truly

Dave Kirven, President  
Jefferson Jackson Club of Greater Stark County



**THOMAS BERNABEI**  
2745 DUNKEITH DR NW  
CANTON, OH 44708

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4/24/2015

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May 25, 2015

David Kirven, President  
Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club  
Golden Lodge, USWA Local Union 1123  
1234 Harrison Avenue SW  
Canton, Ohio 44706

**Re: Information Relating to the Membership of  
Thomas M. Bernabei in the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club**

Dear Mr. Kirven,

Our firm has been retained by the Ohio Democratic Party with respect to certain matters surrounding Thomas M. Bernabei's recent purported Independent candidacy for the Office of Mayor of Canton, Ohio.

As a part of our investigation on behalf of the ODP, we are requesting that the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club provide the following documents and information:

- (1) Please provide copies of any letters sent by Mr. Bernabei to the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club whereby Mr. Bernabei resigned from the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club;
- (2) Please provide copies of any checks from Mr. Bernabei to the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club, whether for organization dues or donations; and
- (3) Please advise as to Mr. Bernabei current membership status in the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As our efforts are very time-sensitive, your immediate attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Very Truly Yours,

Lee E. Plakas

lplakas@lawlion.com  
Please respond to the Canton Office address.

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# Voter Registration and Information Update Form

Please read instructions carefully. Please type or print clearly with blue or black ink.

For further information, you may consult the Secretary of State's website at: [www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov](http://www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov) or call 1-877-767-6446.

## Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in 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 immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in jail or in prison) 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.

Use this form to register to vote or to update your current Ohio registration if you have changed your address or name.

**NOTICE:** This form must be received or postmarked by the 30th day before an election at which you intend to vote. You will be notified by your county board of elections of the location where you vote. If you do not receive a notice following timely submission of this form, please contact your county board of elections.

Numbers 1 and 2 below are required by law. You must answer both of the questions for your registration to be processed.

## Registering in Person

If you have a current valid Ohio driver's license, you must provide that number on line 10. If you do not have an Ohio driver's license, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number on line 10. If you have neither, please write "None."

## Registering by Mail

If you register by mail and do not provide either an Ohio driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, you must enclose with your application a copy of one of the following forms of identification:

Current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address.

## Residency Requirements

Your voting residence is the location that you consider to be a permanent, not a temporary, residence. Your voting residence is the place in which your habitation is fixed and to which, whenever you are absent, you intend to return. If you do not have a fixed place of habitation, but you are a consistent or regular inhabitant of a shelter or other location to which you intend to return, you may use that shelter or other location as your residence for purposes of registering to vote. If you have questions about your specific residency circumstances, you may contact your local board of elections for further information.

## Your Signature

In the area below the arrow in Box 14, please write your cursive, hand-written signature or make your legal mark, taking care that it does not touch the surrounding lines so when it is digitally imaged by your county board of elections it can effectively be used to identify your signature.

Please see information on back of this form to learn how to obtain an absentee ballot.

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

I am:  Registering as an Ohio voter  Updating my address  Updating my name

1. Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No  
2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election?  Yes  No  
If you answered NO to either of the questions, do not complete this form.

3. Last Name: Bernabei First Name: Thomas Middle Name or Initial: M Jr., II, etc.

4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed): 441 Lakecrest St NW Apt. or Lot #: City or Post Office: Canton 5. ZIP Code: 44709

7. Additional Mailing Address (if necessary): 8. County (where you live): Stark

9. Birthdate (MO-DAY-YR) (required): Last Four Digits of Social Security No. (one form of ID required to be listed or provided): 11. Phone No. (voluntary): 330 284 5713

12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS IF UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION - Previous House Number and Street: 2118 University Ave NW

Previous City or Post Office: Canton County: Stark State: OH

13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY Former Legal Name: Former Signature:

14. I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.

Your Signature ↓

Date 05 / 15 / 2015  
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*Bernabei*

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AGENDA  
Stark County Board of Elections  
**Regular Board meeting**  
Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 8:30 AM

I. Call to order.

II. Roll call.

III. Approval of minutes.

Special Board Meeting June 1, 2015

Special Board Meeting June 9, 2015

IV. Items to Discuss.

1. Approval of bills as submitted by the Director and approved by the Auditing Committee. Exhibit A.

2. Approval of Pay-Ins. Exhibit B.

3. Approve sending Brown Local Voters to Carroll County for the August Special Election. Exhibit C.

4. Approve the moving of a polling location for the August Special Election. Exhibit D.

5. Approval to attend the DIMS User Conference. Exhibit E.

6. Approval to attend the Secretary of State conference on June 26, 2015.

7. Certify the validity and sufficiency of Independent Candidate Petitions. Exhibit F.

8. New Business.

**Reminders**

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Thursday, July 2, 2015 8:30 AM – Testing of Election Equipment for the August Special Election

Monday, July 6, 2015 9:00 AM – Protest Hearing for the Independent Candidacy of Thomas Bernabei

**Stark County Board of Elections  
Independent Candidates  
General 2015**

Exhibit F

**Independent Candidates**

An independent candidate must actually be unaffiliated or disaffiliated from any political party, and the required claim of unaffiliation must be made in good faith for the candidate to be qualified to run as an independent candidate. *Morrison v. Colley*, 467 F.3d 503 (6th Cir. 2006). At the time a prospective independent candidate (other than a judicial candidate) files his or her nominating petition, the candidate may request to have the designation "nonparty candidate" or "other party candidate" printed underneath his or her name on the ballot (the designation "independent" may not appear on the ballot). If a specific request is not received, no ballot designation will appear under an independent candidate's name. Such request must be given to the office at which the nominating petition was filed. (R.C. 3505.03, 3513.257)

Please see specific office being sought for qualifications, signature requirements and filing deadlines.

| Candidate                | Sub Division      | Office               | Petition Qualified | Elected Official        | Primary Vote | Central Comm         | Exec Comm | Comments      |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Thomas M. Bernabei       | City of Canton    | Mayor                | Yes                | Democratic Commissioner | NP           | Resigned<br>4/30/15  | No        | Protest filed |
| Daniel J. Brown          | City of Massillon | 1st Ward Council     | No                 | No                      | Dem          | No                   | No        |               |
| Francis Cicchinelli, Jr. | City of Massillon | Mayor                | Yes                | No                      | NP           | No                   | No        |               |
| Scott Graber             | City of Massillon | Mayor                | No                 | No                      | NP           | Resigned<br>5/4/2015 | No        |               |
| Richard Hart             | City of Canton    | Council at Large     | Yes                | NonPartisan             | NP           | No                   | No        |               |
| Julie Ann Hoffman        | City of Canton    | 9th Ward Council     | Yes                | No                      | Dem          | No                   | No        |               |
| Claudette Istnick        | City of Massillon | President of Council | Yes                | No                      | NP           | No                   | No        |               |

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Form No. 2-H Prescribed by Secretary of State (06-10)  
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**JEFFREY A. MATTHEWS, Director**  
**Stark County Board of Elections**

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**  
**PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**For Judge or Clerk of the Municipal Court**

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By *Travis Smith* Deputy, To be filed with the Board of Elections not later than 4 p.m. of the 90<sup>th</sup> day before the day of the primary election.  
 Date 5-12-15 Revised Code 1901.07, .31, 3513.05, .07, .08, .09, .10, .191, 3501.38

**NOTE - THE CANDIDATE MUST FILL IN, SIGN AND DATE THE STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY BEFORE PETITIONS ARE CIRCULATED.**

I, Kristen Donohue Guardado, the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of election falsification that my voting residence address is 4600 Beverly Ave., NE  
 Canton, Ohio 44714, and I am a qualified elector.

I further declare that I desire to be a candidate for nomination to the office of Judge of the Canton Municipal Court, as a member of the Democratic Party for the (check one box and fill in the appropriate date)  full term commencing \_\_\_\_\_, or

unexpired term ending 1-1-2018, at the primary election to be held on the 5th day of May, 2015.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2014

*Kristen Donohue Guardado*  
 (Signature of Candidate)

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE**  
**PETITION FOR CANDIDATE**

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We, the undersigned qualified electors of the State of Ohio, whose voting residence is in the county, city, village, or township, set opposite our names, and members of the Democratic Party, hereby certify that Kristen Donohue Guardado, whose declaration of candidacy is filed herewith, is in our opinion, well qualified to perform the duties of the office or position to which the person desires to be elected.

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| SIGNATURE          | VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER | CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP | COUNTY | DATE OF SIGNING |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 4511 Middle branch Ave NE 44705            | Plain                      | Stark  | 1-6-15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 2505 58th St NE 44721                      | Plain                      | Stark  | 1-6-15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 1950 Market Ave. N #B4                     | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/6/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 6910 Fenwick Ave NE                        | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/4/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 9200 Blatelly Ave NW                       | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/6/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 112-18th St. NW                            | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/6/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 2707 Tulip St. NE                          | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/6/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 1845 Beechwood Ave NE Apt. A16             | N. Canton                  | Stark  | 1/6/15          |

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| <i>Dean Grase</i>        | 8054 BURELAW RD NW<br>North Canton, OH 44720    | North Canton               | Stark  | 1-6-15          |
| <i>Julia Ciraco</i>      | 2237 Applegrove St NW<br>N Canton, OH 44720     | N Canton                   | Stark  | 1-6-15          |
| <i>G. Jan Crawford</i>   | 5239 Wood Trail NE<br>Canton, OH 44705          | Plain Twp.                 | Stark  | 1-6-2015        |
| <i>Bruce...</i>          | 8352 MacThomas Ave NW<br>North Canton, OH 44720 | Lake Twp                   | Stark  | 1-6-2015        |
| <i>Michael P. Zupeto</i> | 5659 Beverly Ave NE<br>Canton, Ohio 44721       | Plain Twp                  | STARK  | 1-6-2015        |
| <i>...</i>               | 1330 Fulton East NW<br>Canton, Ohio 44703       | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-6-15          |
| <i>Catherine...</i>      | 6986 Sweetwater Rd NW<br>Canton, OH 44721       | Plain Twp                  | Stark  | 1-6-15          |
| <i>Seth Arlow</i>        | 5856 Linder Cir<br>Canton, OH 44721             | Plain Twp                  | Stark  | 1/6/15          |
| <i>...</i>               | 4920 YALE NW<br>CANTON, OH 44709                | CANTON                     | STARK  | 1/6/15          |
| <i>Brian Hamer</i>       | 2617 Rowland Ave<br>N.E. CANTON                 | Canton                     | STARK  | 1/6/15          |
| 19.                      |   |                            |        |                 |
| 20.                      |   |                            |        |                 |

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*Kristen Donohue Guardado* declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside  
 (Printed Name of Circulator)  
 at the address appearing below my signature; that I am a member of the Democratic Party;  
 that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing 18 signatures; that I witnessed  
 (Number)  
 the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

*Kristen Donohue Guardado*  
 (Signature of Circulator)

4000 Beverly Ave NE  
 (Permanent residence address)

Canton, OH 44714  
 (City or Village, State and Zip Code)

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE**

County Board of Elections  
 Form 2-H – Declaration of Candidacy of \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for \_\_\_\_\_

Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Validity  
 REVISED CODE 3501.11

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Elections of this county, certify that we have reviewed and examined the foregoing petition and find it to be sufficient and valid, and caused our signatures and official seal to be

Affixed at \_\_\_\_\_, Ohio,  
 This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director \_\_\_\_\_ (seal)

**JEFFREY A. MATTHEWS, Director**  
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**For Judge or Clerk of the Municipal Court**

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 Date 5-12-15 of the 90<sup>th</sup> day before the day of the primary election, **STARK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
 Revised Code 1901.07, .31, 3513.05, .07, .08, .09, .10, .191, 3501.98

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 (Name of Candidate)  
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 (Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route Number)  
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 (Insert "Judge," or "Clerk")  
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5th day of May, 2015  
 Dated this 16th day of December, 2014

*Kristen Donohue*  
 (Signature of Candidate)

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| <u><i>Yvonne Babcock</i></u>        | <u>3411 9<sup>th</sup> St SW</u>           | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12/30/14</u> |
| <u><i>Jim Grantye</i></u>           | <u>212 Santa Clara</u>                     | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12/30/14</u> |
| <u><i>Monica Julian</i></u>         | <u>3630 Overhill Dr. NW</u>                | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12/30/14</u> |
| <u><i>Eugene Kazantzis</i></u>      | <u>212 Santa Clara St. NW</u>              | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12/30/14</u> |
| <u><i>Joseph G. McCloud</i></u>     | <u>2832 Richmond Ave NE</u>                | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12/30/14</u> |
| <u><i>Paula Gray</i></u>            | <u>946 Bellflower Ave SW</u>               | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12/30/14</u> |
| <u><i>Edmond Mace</i></u>           | <u>4816 ELLWDA CIR NW</u>                  | <u>CANTON</u>              | <u>STARK</u> | <u>12/30/14</u> |
| <u><i>Wendy J. Rockenfeller</i></u> | <u>1772 Amarillo NW</u>                    | <u>N. Canton</u>           | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12/30/14</u> |

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| <i>[Signature]</i>                     | 4444 Ironbridge Cir NW                     | Canton                     | Stark  | 12/20/14        |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Jeffrey Boltz       | 4322 -<br>1960 Gramdale Cir NE             | N Canton                   | Stark  | 12/20/14        |
| <i>[Signature]</i> E. Kliese           | 4541 Beverly Ave NE                        | Canton                     | Stark  | 12/30/14        |
| <i>[Signature]</i> E. Garcia           | 1966 Wynstone Cir NE                       | N. CANTON                  | STARK  | 12/31/14        |
| <i>[Signature]</i> E. Garcia           | 1966 Wynstone Cir NE                       | N. CANTON                  | Stark  | 12/31/14        |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Newb                | 133 Linwood Ave NW                         | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/1/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Michelle L. Cordova | 2767 Chalford Cir. NW.                     | Lake                       | Stark  | 1/1/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Andrew J. Coburn    | 2767 Chalford NW                           | Lake                       | Stark  | 1/1/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Markis Taylor       | 1610 PILGRIMS <sup>KNOB</sup>              | N. CANTON                  | STARK  | 1/3/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Andrew Galt         | 1610 Pilgrims Knob SE                      | N. Canton                  | Stark  | 1/3/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Parris Tzouloufis   | 1610 Pilgrims Knob                         | N Canton                   | Stark  | 1/3/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Sophie Kliese       | 4541 Beverly NE                            | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/3/15          |

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Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

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Member \_\_\_\_\_

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By Luiz Duarte Deputy, of the 90<sup>th</sup> day before the day of the primary election  
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| <u>Lea Brown</u>          | <u>425-15th St. NW</u>                     | <u>CANTON</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-5-15</u>   |
| <u>Christy McDonnelly</u> | <u>719 Vincent Rd NW</u>                   | <u>N. Canton</u>           | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-5-15</u>   |
| <u>Natasha Forchione</u>  | <u>446 Hower St. NE</u>                    | <u>N. Canton</u>           | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-5-15</u>   |
| <u>Kelly Parker</u>       | <u>3221 Mason Ct NW</u>                    | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-5-15</u>   |
| <u>Kristen Barks</u>      | <u>420 25th NW</u>                         | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-5-15</u>   |
| <u>[Signature]</u>        | <u>201 Lakecrest St NW</u>                 | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1/5/15</u>   |
| <u>Hanni Kottler</u>      | <u>645 Smith Ave. SW</u>                   | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1/5/15</u>   |
| <u>[Signature]</u>        | <u>356 Ruff Rd NW</u>                      | <u>CANTON</u>              | <u>STARK</u> | <u>1/5/15</u>   |

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| <i>[Signature]</i> | 2632 SPANISH BAY ST SE  | CANTON                     | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 6737 Birchbark Court NE<br>Canton                             | Plan                       | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 3393 Maple Grove Avenue<br>Louisville, OH 44641               | Nimishillen                | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 1247 Starbridge Ave<br>Richard A. Briscoe                     | N. Canton                  | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 261 19th St NW  | CANTON                     | STARK  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 33rd St<br>137 NW   | CANTON                     | STARK  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 2295 <sup>Bernard Hunt</sup> <del>12th</del> Ave<br>N. Canton | N. Canton                  | Stark  | 1-6-15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 1528 27th St<br>KELLY MURPHY AVE<br>CANTON, OH                | CANTON, OH                 | STARK  | 1-6-15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 245 33rd St NW<br>David L. Smith                              | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-6/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 6207 Melody Rd NE   | Rain                       | Stark  | 1/6/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 359 Linwood Ave NW  | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/6/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | 1329 8 Cactus Ave.  | Hartsville                 | Stark  | 1/6/15          |

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 This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Director \_\_\_\_\_ (seal)

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Stark County Board of Elections

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY  
PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION  
For Judge or Clerk of the Municipal Court

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By Wesley DeWitt Deputy, To be filed with the Board of Elections not later than 4 p.m. STARK COUNTY  
Date 5-12-15 of the 90<sup>th</sup> day before the day of the primary election. BOARD OF ELECTION  
Revised Code 1901.07, .31, 3513.05, .07, .08, .09, .10, .191, 3501.58

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I, Kristen Donohue Guardado, the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of  
(Name of Candidate)  
election falsification that my voting residence address is 4600 Beverly Ave., NE  
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5th day of May, 2015.  
Dated this 16th day of December, 2014

Kristen Donohue Guardado  
(Signature of Candidate)

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| <u>Michelle Gelfo</u>  | <u>3611 Vicary St NE Unit 2 Canton, OH 44714</u> | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12-18-14</u> |
| <u>Rhonda Bidje</u>    | <u>1037 37th St. N.E. Canton, 44714</u>          | <u>Canton/Plain</u>        | <u>Stark</u> | <u>12/20/14</u> |
| <u>Georgia Tribbas</u> | <u>710-55th St NE</u>                            | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1/4/2015</u> |
| <u>Henry Tribbas</u>   | <u>710 55th St NE</u>                            | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1/4/15</u>   |
| <u>Kinda Cook</u>      | <u>209 36th St NW</u>                            | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-4-15</u>   |
| <u>John P. Grima</u>   | <u>2232 BRUSHMONT CIR NW</u>                     | <u>Plain</u>               | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-5-15</u>   |
| <u>Nichelle Selee</u>  | <u>1504 27th St NW</u>                           | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-5-15</u>   |
| <u>Anthony J. Flex</u> | <u>3037 21st ST NW</u>                           | <u>Plain Twp.</u>          | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-5-15</u>   |

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| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Kelly, Taylor  | 2883 Chancel Dr NE                         | Plain                      | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Dawson, Mark   | 915 Raff Rd SW                             | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-5-15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Aubrey, Joel   | 4511 Middlebranch Ave NE                   | Plain                      | Stark  | 1-5-15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>In, M... ..    | 3727 Logan Ave NW<br>Canton                | Plain                      | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Jade S. Pao    | 403 32nd St. N.W.<br>Canton OH 44709       | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-5-15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Stephan, Dan   | 871 Devinsky Ave                           | Louisville                 | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Sandi Auwer    | 5203 Cedarblen NE                          | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Nora Caulry    | 319 Bachtel St SE                          | N. Canton                  | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Kyrinda Kunkel | 11656 Marmu St NE                          | Louisville                 | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Manny Bernulli | 709 Colebrook St                           | Louisville                 | Stark  | 1-5-15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Dana C. Malloy | 6905 Sweetwater                            | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/5/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i><br>Jack G. Gross  | 9312 Chestnut St                           | East Sparta                | Stark  | 1/5/15          |

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STARK COUNTY  
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Dated this 16th day of December, 2014

Kristen Donohue Guardado  
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| <u>[Signature]</u> | 3124 Sussex St NW                          | Plain                      | Stark  | 1-9-15          |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | 220 AULTMAN NW                             | CANTON                     | STARK  | 1-9-15          |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | 220 Aultman NW                             | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-9-15          |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | 220 Harter Ave NW                          | CANTON                     | Stark  | 1-9-15          |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | 627 Hannah Cir                             | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-9-15          |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | 433 Crestwood NW                           | Canton                     | STARK  | 1-9-15          |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | 1648 Boxwell St                            | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/9/15          |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | 5128 Schuller N.E.                         | CANTON                     | STARK  | 1/9/15          |

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| <i>Sharon G. Jantz</i>   | 5128 Schuller NE                           | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-9-15          |
| <i>Scott R. Jantz</i>    | 911 55 <sup>th</sup> St. NE                | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-9-15          |
| <i>Susan M. Youngman</i> | 5315 Roma Road SW                          | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-9-15          |
| <i>Joseph F. Challey</i> | 4444 DAWN RIDGE                            | CANTON                     | STARK  | 1-9-15          |
| <i>Gary W. Wagers</i>    | 2914-18 <sup>th</sup> St NW                | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/9/15          |
| <i>[Signature]</i>       | 1202 Monument Blvd                         | Cant                       | Stark  | 1/9/15          |
| <i>Blulah Wesley</i>     | 2523 St Elmo NE                            | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-9-15          |
| <i>Judy Beck</i>         | 326 Columbus Ave NW                        | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-13-15         |
| <i>Cherie J. Beuge</i>   | 13030 Verridge Ave                         | N. Canton                  | Stark  | 1/13/15         |
| <i>Korena A. Cox</i>     | 1135 18 <sup>th</sup> St NW                | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-13-15         |
| <i>Pete Trathorn</i>     | 808 46 <sup>th</sup> St SW                 | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-13-15         |
| <i>Morgan Murrell</i>    | 6134 Bergess Rd NW                         | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-13-15         |

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| <u>Tom R. Peay</u>      | <u>509 36th St NW</u>                      | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1/9/15</u>   |
| <u>John M. Hill</u>     | <u>356 Raff Rd NW</u>                      | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1/8/15</u>   |
| <u>Jill A. Morgan</u>   | <u>3610 Vicary Sq NE Apt 3</u>             | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-8-15</u>   |
| <u>Michelle D. Reed</u> | <u>2905 21st St NW</u>                     | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-8-15</u>   |
| <u>Cathy Horner</u>     | <u>1216 14th St NW</u>                     | <u>Canton</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-13-15</u>  |
| <u>Linda L. Michael</u> | <u>3413 Forestdale Ave SW</u>              | <u>CANTON</u>              | <u>Stark</u> | <u>1-13-15</u>  |
| <u>John J. Holbrook</u> | <u>1007 North Riverside Ave NW</u>         | <u>CANTON</u>              | <u>STARK</u> | <u>1-13-15</u>  |
| <u>Ryenne Steib</u>     | <u>5755 SANDALWOOD AVE NE</u>              | <u>CANTON</u>              | <u>STARK</u> | <u>1-13-15</u>  |

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| <i>Christine Bailey</i>      | 10685 Beech St NE Alliance, OH 44601        | Nimishillen                | Stark  | 1-13-15         |
| <i>Mya Stumbo</i>            | 3504 Root Avenue Canton OH 44705            | Plain                      | Stark  | 1-13-15         |
| <i>[Signature]</i>           | 2425 Midvale Rd NW Canton, OH 44708         | Plain                      | Stark  | 1/13/2015       |
| <i>Kereth Yocke-Mullins</i>  | 8017 Morrison Cir NW North Canton, OH 44720 | Plain                      | Stark  | 1/13/15         |
| <i>Dune [Signature]</i>      | 457 Shane Ave Waynesburg, OH 44688          | Waynesburg                 | Stark  | 1/13/15         |
| <i>Ronda E. Good</i>         | 1207 Rockwood Ave SW Canton, OH 44710       | Canton                     | Stark  | 1/13/15         |
| <i>Katherine Sellers</i>     | 5102 Schuller Dr NE Canton, OH 44705        | CANTON                     | STARK  | 1-13-15         |
| <i>Cynthia A. Allenworth</i> | 811-49th St, N.E. Canton, OH 44714          | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-14-15         |
| <i>Bronceca Korman</i>       | 3830 115th St #13 Canton, OH 44710          | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-14-15         |
| <i>Rita A. [Signature]</i>   | 1515 Wellingshire St NE Canton, OH 44721    | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-14-15         |
| <i>[Signature]</i>           | 1515 Wellingshire St NE Canton, OH 44721    | Canton                     | Stark  | 1-14-15         |
| <i>[Signature]</i>           | 805 99th NE CANTON                          | CANTON                     | Stark  | 1-14-15         |

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 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director \_\_\_\_\_ (seal)

APPX. TAB

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- 1. Democrat Elected Office.** To this day, Bernabei is still a Democrat office holder in the position of County Commissioner.
- 2. Democratic Club Membership.** Bernabei continues to be a good standing member of the Alliance Area Democratic Club and Jefferson-Jackson Democratic Club.
- 3. Democrat Candidate Political Materials.** Bernabei appeared on tens of thousands of pieces of campaign materials for Democrat candidates, and even personally recorded radio commercial on behalf of a Democratic candidate that aired on May 5, 2015, the day after Bernabei filed his Independent nominating petition.
- 4. Holding Office as a Democrat.** Bernabei has held elected office for 17 years. He has identified as a Democrat for the entirety of his career as an elected official.
- 5. Democrat Employment.** Bernabei has been hired by three different Democrat elected officials, and worked directly for these Democrats for 12 years.
- 6. Democrat Ballot Appearances.** Bernabei appeared on the ballot in primary and general elections as a Democrat candidate for public office on 14 separate occasions, most recently in May of 2014.

- 7. Democrat Donations and Fundraising.** Bernabei donated over \$30,000 in political contributions to Democrat candidates and organizations, including five separate Democrat candidates in the most recent election cycle, even as recently as April 24, 2015. Bernabei even donated as a host committee member for a Democratic Party fundraiser on April 30, 2015, less than a week before he submitted his Independent candidacy petitions.
- 8. Democrat Central Committee Membership.** Bernabei served as a member of the Democratic Central Committee until April 30, 2015.
- 9. Democrat Central Committee Appointment.** Bernabei sought and obtained appointment to public office by the Democratic Central Committee.
- 10. Democrat Central Committee Lobbying.** Bernabei successfully lobbied the Democratic Central Committee to appoint others to public office.
- 11. Democratic Event Attendance.** Bernabei regularly attended Democrat events and functions, including as a guest speaker for the Alliance Area Democratic Club on February 5, 2015, and as an attendee at fundraisers for Democratic candidates on March 5 and March 26, 2015.

- 12. Democrat Designation of Treasurer on File.** Bernabei's own campaign Designation of Treasurer on file with the Stark County Board of Elections listed Bernabei as Democrat until May 4, 2015, which is the day after Bernabei signed his Independent nominating petition.
- 13. Democrat Candidate Treasurer.** Bernabei served as the designated Campaign Treasurer for three separate Democratic candidates until May 4, 2015.
- 14. Democrat Public Statements.** Bernabei publicly described himself as "a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat" in March of 2014.
- 15. Democrat Voting History.** Bernabei has consistently voted as a Democrat – specifically, over 20 times since 1991, and as recently as May 2014.

APPX. TAB

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### BERNABEI'S DEMOCRAT POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE 2014

| <b>Democratic Candidate or Entity</b>                     | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Date</b> |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club <sup>63</sup>           | \$200.00      | 4/24/2015   |
| Stark County Democratic Party <sup>64</sup>               | \$500.00      | 4/22/2015   |
| Greg Hawk for Canton Council <sup>65</sup>                | \$50.00       | 4/7/2015    |
| Edmond Mack for Canton Council <sup>66</sup>              | \$50.00       | 3/26/2015   |
| John Mariol for Canton Council <sup>67</sup>              | \$50.00       | 3/26/2015   |
| James Babcock for Canton Council <sup>68</sup>            | \$50.00       | 3/26/2015   |
| Kristen Guardado for Canton Municipal Judge <sup>69</sup> | \$100.00      | 3/3/2015    |
| Stark County Democratic Party <sup>70</sup>               | \$100.00      | 11/21/2014  |
| George Maier for Sheriff <sup>71</sup>                    | \$500.00      | 9/24/2014   |
| Chryssa Hartnett for Common Pleas Judge <sup>72</sup>     | \$500.00      | 7/29/2014   |
| Connie Rubin for Ohio Statehouse <sup>73</sup>            | \$50.00       | 6/11/2014   |
| Stark County Democratic Party <sup>74</sup>               | \$100.00      | 5/19/2014   |
| Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club <sup>75</sup>           | \$80.00       | 3/20/2014   |
| Chryssa Hartnett for Common Pleas Judge <sup>76</sup>     | \$100.00      | 2/18/2014   |

## BERNABEI'S DEMOCRAT POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

| Democratic Candidate or Entity                           | Amount             | Date       |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| Ohio Democratic Party <sup>228</sup>                     | \$3,783.85         | 10/27/2010 |
| Steven Meeks for County Commissioner <sup>229</sup>      | \$40.00            | 10/21/2010 |
| Ohio Democratic Party <sup>230</sup>                     | \$4,602.98         | 10/15/2010 |
| Ohio Democratic Party <sup>231</sup>                     | \$10,000.00        | 10/07/2010 |
| Ohio Democratic Party <sup>232</sup>                     | \$2,414.90         | 10/07/2010 |
| Ohio Democratic Party <sup>233</sup>                     | \$2,551.49         | 10/04/2010 |
| John Bocchieri for Congress <sup>234</sup>               | \$250.00           | 8/26/2010  |
| Steven Meeks for County Commissioner <sup>235</sup>      | \$35.00            | 5/12/2010  |
| Peter Ferguson for County Commissioner <sup>236</sup>    | \$150.00           | 9/19/2008  |
| John Bocchieri for Congress <sup>237</sup>               | \$250.00           | 9/06/2008  |
| Nancy Reinbold for County Clerk of Courts <sup>238</sup> | \$100.00           | 8/21/2008  |
| Frank Forchione for Common Pleas Judge <sup>239</sup>    | \$250.00           | 7/10/2008  |
| Peter Ferguson for County Commissioner <sup>240</sup>    | \$75.00            | 2/27/2008  |
| Nancy Reinbold for County Clerk of Courts <sup>241</sup> | \$100.00           | 1/30/2008  |
| John Edwards for President <sup>242</sup>                | \$2,300.00         | 2/07/2007  |
| Kim Perez for County Auditor <sup>243</sup>              | \$100.00           | 10/09/2006 |
| Kim Perez for County Auditor <sup>244</sup>              | \$200.00           | 10/02/2006 |
| Mary Boyle for U.S. Senate <sup>245</sup>                | \$300.00           | 10/23/1998 |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  | <b>\$30,203.22</b> |            |

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**YEARS IN OFFICE AS AN ELECTED DEMOCRAT**

|   |             |                                |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Democrat Canton Law Director            | 11          | (1989 - 2000)                  |
| Democrat Canton City Council            | 2           | (2004 – 2005)                  |
| <b>Democrat County Commissioner</b>     | 4 +         | <b>(2011 – Present)</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL YEARS AS ELECTED DEMOCRAT:</b> | <b>17 +</b> | <b>(Continuing to Present)</b> |

**APPEARANCES ON BALLOT AS A DEMOCRAT**

|  | <b>Primary Election</b> | <b>General Election</b> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Democrat Canton Law Director                 | 1991, 1995, 1999        | 1989, 1991, 1995, 1999  |
| Democrat Canton City Council                 | 2003                    | 2003                    |
| Democrat County Commissioner                 | 2010, 2012              | 2010, 2012              |
| Democrat Central Committee                   | 2014                    |                         |
| <b>TOTAL BALLOT APPEARANCES AS DEMOCRAT:</b> |                         | <b>14</b>               |

**EMPLOYMENT WHEN HIRED BY OTHER ELECTED DEMOCRATS**

|  |   |           |               |
|--|---|-----------|---------------|
| Massillon Law Department               | <i>(Thomas V. Ferraro)</i>              | 2         | (1976-1978)   |
| Canton Law Department                  | <i>(Harry E. Klide / W. Scott Gwin)</i> | 9         | (1979 – 1988) |
| Mayor of City of Canton                | <i>(William J. Healy II)</i>            | 1         | (2008)        |
| <b>TOTAL YEARS HIRED BY DEMOCRATS:</b> |   | <b>12</b> |               |

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## Registering to Vote

To vote in Ohio you must:

- ✓ register at least 30 days before Election Day;
- ✓ be a citizen of the United States;
- ✓ be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election; and
- ✓ be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election (your residence is a location you consider your permanent dwelling).

## Getting Started

- To register to vote, you must complete a voter registration form.**  
Go to [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com) to download a blank form or request one be mailed to you by the Secretary of State's office or your county board of elections. You may also pick up a voter registration form at a number of other places, including public libraries, public high schools, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle locations and the Department of Job and Family Services. For a complete list of locations, visit [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com).
- Properly complete the voter registration form, including all required information noted in the instructions.**
- Once you have completed your registration, return it by mail to the Secretary of State's office, your county board of elections or one of the locations listed previously in #1.**  
You will then be sent a notice from your county board identifying your voting precinct location.
- You may check your voter information at [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com).**  
If the search does not return your information, please contact your county board of elections to check on the status of your registration.

## Keep Your Registration Current

If you are registered to vote but have moved within Ohio and/or changed your name, you should update your voter registration at least 30 days prior to the election. You can do so by:

- submitting a new registration form with your new residence and/or name; or
- using the Online Change of Address System available at [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com) (for address changes only).

## Your Options for Voting

### Voting on Election Day

- Polls are open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- You must cast your ballot at your designated polling place.
- If you do not know the location of your precinct or polling place, please contact your county board of elections or use the voter lookup tool available on the Secretary of State's website, [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com).
- Remember to bring an acceptable form of identification to the polls on Election Day.

### Acceptable Form of Identification Examples

- A current and valid driver's license or state identification card
- An original or copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address.
- Military identification

*If you have questions about the particular identification that you plan to use on Election Day, contact your local board of elections.*

### Absentee Voting by Mail

If you are a qualified Ohio voter and your registration is up to date, you are eligible to cast an absentee ballot.

- Absentee voting begins the day after the close of voter registration.
- You must request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you no later than noon on the Saturday before an election, though you should request an absentee ballot as early as possible to have time to receive, vote and return your ballot.
- You may also download a request form at [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com).
- Absentee ballot application forms are available from the Secretary of State's office or your county board of elections.

Once you receive your absentee ballot, vote your ballot and seal it in the identification envelope provided. Be sure to provide all of the information required on the ID envelope.

You may then return the ballot either by mail (must be received by your board of elections prior to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day or postmarked no later than the day before the

election) or in person to your county board office (must be received by the close of polls on Election Day).

### Early In-Person Absentee Voting

Starting the day after the close of voter registration, you may cast your absentee ballot in person at your county board of elections or voting center as designated by the county. Check with your county board of elections for more specific information.

### [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com)

Your online resource for Ohio elections and voting, including:

- races and issues on your ballot
- your voter information and polling place
- updating your address online
- statewide election results
- county board of elections directory

And find answers to your most frequently asked questions.

Be Prepared. Be Informed.  
Make Your Vote Count.



### Common Reasons for Voting a Provisional Ballot

Any of the following scenarios would require you to cast a provisional ballot on Election Day. For a complete list, visit [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com).

- You are not registered to vote or did not update your address at least 30 days prior to the election.
- You are unable or decline to provide an acceptable form of identification (see list on previous panel).
- You already requested an absentee ballot for that election.

The content of a provisional ballot is the same as a regular ballot, but it is cast "provisionally" until election officials can verify your eligibility to vote.

If you cast a provisional ballot and did not provide an acceptable form of identification, you must appear in person at the board of elections within seven days immediately following Election Day with your ID for your ballot to be counted. For more information on provisional ballots visit [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com).



As an Ohio voter, when I exercise my **RIGHT** to vote on Election Day, I have a **RESPONSIBILITY** to do my part.

I will...

- Register to vote 30 days prior to Election Day & keep my address up to date with the board of elections.
- Remember to bring valid identification with me to the polls.
- Know my proper polling place & precinct.

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Ohio Secretary of State



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## Guide to Voting in Ohio



Dear Ohio Voter:

Our American democracy is strongest when citizens at every level participate. In our system, citizens are elected to serve others. These leaders are empowered by their fellow

citizens, who use their right to vote. This concept resonates through each level of government—federal, state and your local community.

This Guide to Voting in Ohio will help you prepare for the upcoming election. The guide contains information on voter registration and details absentee balloting requirements as well as what to expect at your polling location on Election Day.

When you complete your ballot—whether at the polling place or in the comfort of your own home—realize that your participation is the driving force behind our system.

Sincerely,

Jon Husted  
Ohio Secretary of State

### Helpful Links

This guide provides general information about registering to vote and casting a ballot in Ohio. For more detailed information and special provisions for voters with disabilities, visit [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com).

More information is also available specific to military and overseas voters.

For Ohio military voters, visit:  
[www.OhioMilitaryVotes.com](http://www.OhioMilitaryVotes.com)

For Ohio citizens living overseas, visit:  
[www.OhioVoterPassport.com](http://www.OhioVoterPassport.com)

Or contact our office at:  
(877) SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446)  
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- Get a front row seat on Election Day by staffing a polling place
- Do your part for your country, state and local community
- Earn extra spending money in the process

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**Jon Husted**  
Ohio Secretary of State

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# Designation of Treasurer

Prescribed by Secretary of State 03/05

| All Committees   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| Full Name of Committee<br><b>KRISTEN DONOHUE GUARDADO FOR JUDGE</b>  |   |   |   |
| Street Address<br><b>4600 BEVERLY AVE NE</b>   | Telephone Number<br><b>(330) 497-2828</b>     | e-mail Address<br><b>GUARDADOFORJUDGE@GMAIL.COM</b>                           |   |
| City<br><b>CANTON</b>  | State<br><b>OH</b>                            | Zip Code<br><b>44714</b>  | FAX Number<br><b>(330) 497-2447</b>                           |
| Full Name of Treasurer<br><b>WILLIAM SHERER, SR.</b>   |   |   |   |
| Street Address<br><b>4521 YALE AVENUE NW</b>   | Telephone Number<br><b>(330) 575-0023</b>     | e-mail Address  |   |
| City<br><b>CANTON</b>  | State<br><b>OH</b>                            | Zip Code<br><b>44709</b>  | FAX Number  |
| Full Name of Deputy Treasurer (if any)<br><b>JANE MARIE CARMAN</b>   |   |   |   |
| Street Address<br><b>5632 SPANISH BAY STREET SE</b>  | Telephone Number<br><b>(330) 704-3443</b>     | e-mail Address<br><b>JMCARMAN8856@ATT.NET</b>                                 |   |
| City<br><b>CANTON</b>  | State<br><b>OH</b>                            | Zip Code<br><b>44730</b>  | FAX Number  |
| Candidate's Campaign Committees Only   |   |   |   |
| Full Name of Candidate<br><b>KRISTEN DONOHUE GUARDADO</b>  |   |   | Party Affiliation/Independent/Non-Partisan<br><b>DEMOCRAT</b> |
| Street Address<br><b>4600 BEVERLY AVENUE NE</b>  | Office Sought<br><b>JUDGE MUNICIPAL COURT</b> | Subdivision/District  |   |
| City<br><b>CANTON</b>  | State<br><b>OH</b>                            | Zip Code<br><b>44714</b>  | Election Year<br><b>2015</b>                                  |
| Signature of Candidate<br><i>Kristen Donohue Guardado</i>  |   |   | Date<br><b>6/18/15</b>  |
| Political Action Committees Only   |   |   |   |
| Is the PAC sponsored by a labor organization or corporation?<br><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | If Yes, name the sponsor                      |   | Acronym, if any   |
| PAC Registration Number  | Authorized Signature                          | Date  | List any affiliated PACs                                      |
| Political Parties or Legislative Campaign Funds Only   |   |   |   |
| Authorized Signature   | Date  | Ballot Issue PAC?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |

*William W Sherer, Sr.*

*6-18-15*

Signature of Treasurer

Date

Reason(s) for filing this form:

- Original Designation of Treasurer/Acknowledgement of Appointment
- Change of Treasurer/Acknowledgement of Appointment
- Designation or change of Deputy Treasurer
- Change of Address for \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Committee name. The previous name was: \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Filing Location. The previous location was: \_\_\_\_\_

The new location is: \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Office Sought from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Other. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Protest Against the Nominating Petitions and Candidacy of Thomas M. Bernabei, R.C. §§ 3513.262 and 3501.39(A)**

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| Democratic County Commissioner <sup>1</sup> | Democratic Central Committee Member <sup>2</sup> | Treasurer for Democratic Candidate Guardado <sup>3</sup> | Treasurer for Democratic Candidate Martuccio <sup>4</sup> | Treasurer for Democratic Candidate Hartmeit <sup>5</sup> | Member of Alliance Area Democratic Club <sup>6</sup> | Member of Jefferson Jackson Democratic Club <sup>7</sup> | Radio Commercial for Guardado Airs <sup>19</sup> | <p align="center"><b>Primary Filing Deadline<sup>8</sup></b><br/> <b>Wednesday,</b><br/> <b>February 04, 2015</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Tuesday, March 03, 2015</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Thursday, March 26, 2015</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Tuesday, April 07, 2015</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Wednesday,</b><br/> <b>April 22, 2015</b><br/> <b>WHBC Mayoral Debate<sup>14</sup></b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Friday, April 24, 2015</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Sunday, April 26, 2015</b><br/> <b>Canton Repository Endorsement<sup>16</sup></b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Wednesday,</b><br/> <b>April 29, 2015</b></p> | <p>Signs Temporary Lease for 2118 University Ave.<sup>18</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>Thursday, April 30, 2015</b></p> | <p>Signs Change of Voting Address to 2118 University Ave., Canton Ward 7 (Dated May 3, 2013)<sup>20</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>Friday, May 1, 2015</b></p> | <p>Temporary Lease at 2118 University Ave. Becomes Effective<sup>21</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>Saturday, May 2, 2015</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Sunday, May 3, 2015</b></p> | <p>Independent Petitions Signed<sup>22</sup><br/>                 Filed Change of Voting Address to 2118 University Ave., Canton Ward 7<sup>24</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>Monday, May 4, 2015</b><br/> <b>Independent Petitions Filed<sup>25</sup></b></p> | <p>Thomas Bernabei Votes Provisionally in Canton Ward 7<sup>26</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>Tuesday, May 5, 2015</b><br/> <b>Primary Election<sup>27</sup></b></p> | <p>Bernadette Bernabei Votes In-Person at 2745 Dunkeith Dr. Precinct, Jackson Township<sup>28</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>Thursday, May 7, 2015</b></p> | <p>Takes Possession of 441 Lakecrest St.<sup>29</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>Friday, May 15, 2015</b></p> | <p>Filed Change of Voting Address to 441 Lakecrest St., Canton Ward 8<sup>31</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>Election Protest Filed</b><br/> <b>Friday, May 29, 2015<sup>32</sup></b></p> | <p>Bernadette Bernabei Changes Voting Address Online to 441 Lakecrest St.<sup>33</sup></p> | <p align="center"><b>BOE Hearing</b><br/> <b>Monday, July 06, 2015</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Resides at 2745 Dunkeith Dr.<sup>9</sup></b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Florida Trip</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Crashes at 2118 University Ave.<sup>25</sup></b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Resides as 441 Lakecrest St.<sup>30</sup></b></p> |
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- <sup>1</sup> Bernabei County Commissioner Declarations of Candidacy (Nov. 22, 2011) (Appx. Tab 16); Stark County Board of Elections Website, Elected Officials List for 2015 (July 2, 2015) (Appx. Tab 110).
- <sup>2</sup> Bernabei Democrat Central Committee Declarations of Candidacy (Jan. 31, 2014) (Appx. Tab 17); Stark BOE May 6, 2014 Election Results (Appx. Tab 48).
- <sup>3</sup> Guardado Designation of Treasurer (Feb. 5, 2015) (Appx. Tab 21); Bernabei Treasurer Resignation Letter (May 4, 2015) (Appx. Tab 45).
- <sup>4</sup> Martuccio Designations of Treasurer (Mar. 6, 2007 and Jan. 9, 2015) (collectively at Appx. Tab 19); Bernabei Treasurer Resignation Letter (May 4, 2015) (Appx. Tab 45).
- <sup>5</sup> Hartnett Designation of Treasurer (Jan. 17, 2014) (Appx. Tab 20); Bernabei Treasurer Resignation Letter (May 4, 2015) (Appx. Tab 45).
- <sup>6</sup> Alliance Area Democratic Club Membership Form, Thomas M. Bernabei (Feb. 6, 2015)(Appx. Tab 112); Letter from Alliance Area Democratic Club (June 17, 2015) (Appx. Tab 113).
- <sup>7</sup> Letter from Jefferson-Jackson Democratic Club (May 26, 2015) (Appx. Tab 90).
- <sup>8</sup> R.C. § 3513.05.
- <sup>9</sup> Bernabei Voter Change of Address (Appx. Tab 25); Bernabei Voter Registration Form (May 3, 2015) (Appx. Tab 44).
- <sup>10</sup> Treasurer Designation and Finance Report of Kristen Guardado Committee (Appx. Tab 36).
- <sup>11</sup> Treasurer Designation and Finance Report of James Babcock Committee (Appx. Tab 37); Treasurer Designation and Finance Report of Edmond Mack Committee (Appx. Tab 39); Treasurer Designation and Finance Report of John Mariol Committee (Appx. Tab 38).
- <sup>12</sup> Treasurer Designation and Finance Report of Greg Hawk Committee (Appx. Tab 40).
- <sup>13</sup> Bernabei Fundraiser Sponsorship and Check to Stark Democratic Party (Apr. 22, 2015) (Appx. Tab 91).
- <sup>14</sup> Matas, A., Healy, Perez talk crime, neighborhoods during forum, The Canton Repository (April 22, 2015)(Appx. Tab 130).
- <sup>15</sup> Letter from Jefferson-Jackson Democratic Club (May 26, 2015) (Appx. Tab 90).
- <sup>16</sup> Editorial: In Canton's mayoral race, voters have no strong option, The Canton Repository (April 26, 2015) (Appx. Tab 131).
- <sup>17</sup> Email from Mix 94.1 & WHBC 1480, Rebecca Marchino, Account Executive (Appx. Tab 103).
- <sup>18</sup> Olson Interview Tr., p. 4 (Appx. Tab 49).
- <sup>19</sup> Transcription of Radio Commercial Recording, Thomas M. Bernabei on Behalf of Democrat Kristen Guardado for Judge (Apr. 30, 2015 – May 5, 2015) (Appx Tab 52); Invoice for Radio Commercial Recording, Thomas M. Bernabei on Behalf of Democrat Kristen Guardado for Judge (Appx. Tab 93).
- <sup>20</sup> Bernabei Voter Registration Form (May 3, 2015) (Appx. Tab 44); Brief in Opposition to Protest, p. 3 (Jul. 2, 2015).
- <sup>21</sup> Olson Interview Tr., p. 4 (Appx. Tab 49).
- <sup>22</sup> Bernabei Independent Candidacy Nominating Petitions (May 3, 2015) (Appx. Tab 1).
- <sup>23</sup> Olson Interview Tr., pp. 4-5 (Appx. Tab 49); Thomas M. Bernabei Change of Voter Address Form (May 15, 2015) (Appx. Tab 114).
- <sup>24</sup> Bernabei Voter Registration Form (May 3, 2015) (Appx. Tab 44).
- <sup>25</sup> Bernabei Independent Candidacy Nominating Petitions (May 3, 2015) (Appx. Tab 1).
- <sup>26</sup> Olson Interview Tr., pp. 10-11 (Appx. Tab 49); Ponder Interview Tr., p. 8 (Appx. Tab 50).
- <sup>27</sup> R.C. §§ 3501.01, .32.
- <sup>28</sup> Bernadette Bernabei Ballot (May 5, 2015) (Appx. Tab 127).
- <sup>29</sup> Brief in Opposition to Protest, p. 5 (Jul. 2, 2015).
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- <sup>32</sup> Protest (May 29, 2015).
- <sup>33</sup> Bernadette Bernabei Change of Voter Address (May 29, 2015) (Appx. Tab 128).

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## Attorney Information

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The address and telephone information found in this listing has been provided to the Office of Attorney Services by the attorney. The directory lists an attorney's business address. An attorney's residence address is displayed **only** if the attorney has not provided a valid business address. See, **Gov. Bar R. VI, Sec. 1(G)**. "Invalid" next to the address indicates that mail sent to this address has been returned as undeliverable or that the attorney has not provided a complete mailing address. Also note that the record displays the attorney's current name on file in our records. If you believe any information listed below is incorrect, please **click here** for instructions

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Current Name: **Thomas Michael Bernabei**

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Current Registration: **Active**      **See Definitions below**  
 Ohio Admission: 11/07/1975      Discipline and Sanction History: **No**  
 Registration Number: 0024262

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Office: Thomas M Bernabei, Esq.  
 Employer Address: 2745 Dunkeith Dr. NW  
 Canton, OH 44708  
 Office Phone: 330-477-8900

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Law School: Ohio State University  
 How Admitted: By Exam

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Active attorneys may practice law in Ohio, assuming all other requirements are met.

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status, effective September 1, 2007.

### **Corporate**

Corporate status is available to attorneys not admitted to practice law in Ohio who are employed full-time by a non-governmental Ohio employer. See, **Gov. Bar R. VI, Sec. 3.**

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A certified attorney is not admitted to practice in Ohio but is temporarily certified to practice law for a legal service or public defender program. See, **Gov. Bar R. IX** or contact the **Bar Admissions Office** (614.387.9340).

### **Foreign Legal Consultant**

A foreign legal consultant is admitted to practice in a foreign country but not in Ohio and is authorized to provide limited legal services in Ohio. See, **Gov. Bar R. XI** or contact the **Bar Admissions Office** (614.387.9340).

### **Ex-Corporate**

Person previously registered for corporate status.

### **Ex-Certified**

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### **Ex-Foreign Legal Consultant**

Person previously certified as a foreign legal consultant pursuant to **Gov. Bar R. XI.**

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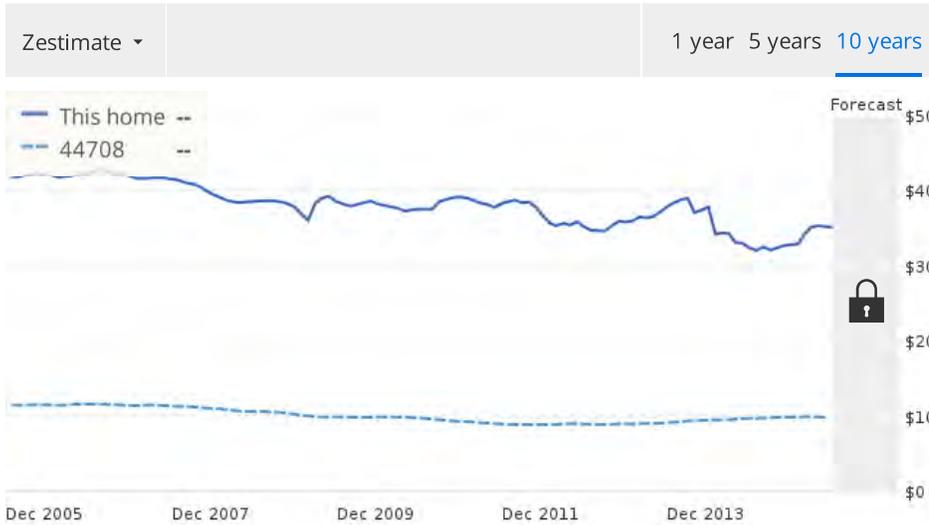
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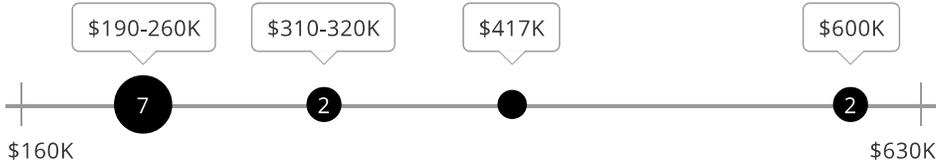
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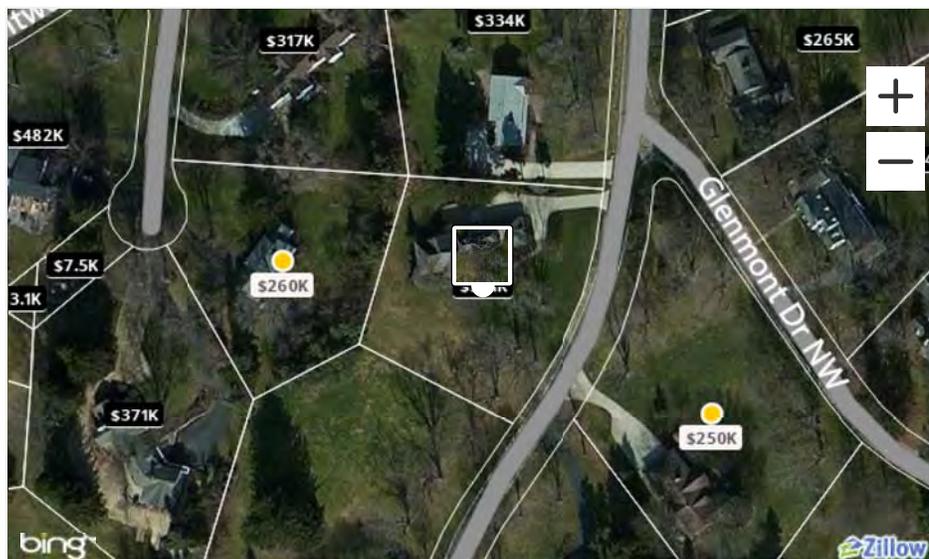
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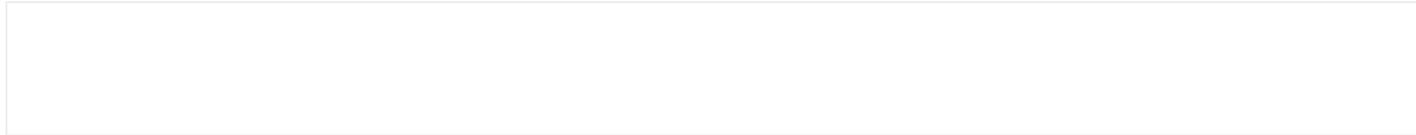
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## Healy, Perez talk crime, neighborhoods during forum

The event was hosted through a collaboration among the League of Women Voters, WHBC and The Repository and aired live on the radio.

City Treasurer Kim Perez describes himself as a blue-collar Democrat who wants to get his hands dirty in the city's neighborhoods. Mayor William J. Healy II calls himself the CEO of the \$250 million business that is Canton.

On May 5, voters will decide which approach they think is better for the city.

Healy and Perez, who are both running for mayor, answered questions Wednesday about charter government, crime, housing and city planning during a two-hour forum at Mayfield Manor. The event was hosted through a collaboration among the League of Women Voters, WHBC and The Repository and aired live on the radio. All members of Healy's cabinet, along with several councilmen, were in attendance.

There is no Republican mayoral candidate on the ballot, so barring a challenge from an independent, the winner of the May 5 primary will be mayor in 2016. At least two people have pulled petitions to run against the winner during the general election in November, county board of elections records show.

In his opening statement Wednesday, Perez said the city is deteriorating and safety has declined to the point that people are scared to walk the streets.

"If you're living in a neighborhood like that, you're living in a prison," he said. "You're not living in your home."

Healy read from prepared remarks, highlighting plans for the Hall of Fame Village and saying he has filled his staff with talented people.

The residents want someone who cares about Canton, he said, but they also need someone who has vision.

### WEDNESDAY FORUM

Questions also centered on the city's aging infrastructure and crumbling streets.

Perez said one of the bigger problems he sees is that officials ignored leaky roofs on multiple city buildings, which caused widespread water damage. And unlike with the city's wastewater plant, the administration can't raise consumer rates to finance construction.

"The maintenance programs for our buildings is totally zilch," Perez said.

Healy said Perez is right — the city waited too long on fixes for some of its infrastructure — but that he inherited buildings facing decades of neglect while the city was going through a recession.

"This is not something we created," he said. "This is something we're solving."

As for streets, Healy — who mostly took notes while Perez spoke — said he has a meeting in Washington, D.C., Thursday with representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to discuss what help they can provide. He again equated Canton's recent winters to a natural disaster that the roads weren't engineered to withstand.

Perez mentioned his experience paving Canton's streets and said he thinks the roads aren't being patched properly. He'd like to review current practices so roads are fixed to last longer while looking for grants to fund more extensive street repairs.

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Incumbent Mayor William J. Healy II (left) and Kim R. Perez, Democratic candidates for Canton City Mayor in the May primary, answered questions from representatives of WHBC, The Repository and League of Women Voters during an event held at Mayfield Manor.

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## Editorial: In Canton's mayoral race, voters have no strong option

Our View: Neither candidate meets our expectations

Our View: Neither candidate meets our expectations

The next mayor of Canton must work tirelessly to rebuild crumbling roads, restore once-thriving neighborhoods, foster downtown's revitalization and retain and recruit employers that provide good-paying jobs. The next mayor must also resolve the funding predicament squeezing local governments across the state by expanding the tax base, finding new sources of revenue and, most importantly, exploring efficiencies that make better use of taxpayer dollars.

Registered Democrats in Canton will choose between two-term incumbent William J. Healy II and his challenger, current city Treasurer Kim Perez, on May 5. There are no Republicans on the ballot. Unless an independent candidate with political credentials and a ready-made campaign steps forward, the mayoral race will be decided during the primary.

The Repository editorial board, however, will not endorse either candidate.

### THE CANDIDATES

Healy's had some success during his two terms. He lured to the city a call center that today employs 1,200 workers, as well as other businesses, such as Ambaflex, a Holland-based manufacturer of spiral conveyors.

We're pleased the Canton Police Department is nearing its staffing levels before Healy took office and we like the proactive approach it's taking toward community and intelligence-led policing.

And, as part of his commitment to the "four pillars" of a successful city — neighborhoods, safety, education and jobs — Healy also established a scholarship program for area students that should be a fixture in city government for decades to come.

And though he's clashed with multiple top (former) cabinet members, he's surrounded himself with a talented, young and diverse staff.

Though the worst economy since the Great Depression eroded Canton's tax base as state aid slipped, two consecutive years of record income tax collections have paved the way for a rebound.

As for Perez, a former councilman, city auditor and county auditor, he's taken an aggressive approach as treasurer toward collecting delinquent taxes. If he's successful in recouping even some of the millions the city is owed, Canton could find itself in much better financial condition without having to levy additional taxes or fees against residents. He also has made strides to generate much more investment income.

As mayor, Perez said he'd hold quarterly meetings with businesses to gauge their concerns. He's particularly upset by the Timken Co.'s decision to move 50 IT jobs from the city to the Hoover District Complex in North Canton and Nationwide Insurance's announcement that it plans to close its Canton office in five years, costing the city roughly 600 jobs. He believes the mayor could do more to retain those and other jobs.

In the neighborhoods, he said he'd coordinate with nonprofit groups like Hammer & Nails and Rebuild Together to tackle issues of blight.

Perez describes himself as the "blue-collar candidate" who's willing to roll up his sleeves and get out into the community. He's built his campaign on the promise of being on the streets and in board rooms, listening to the concerns of residents and businesses. He says he won't be stuck on the eighth floor of City Hall.

### VISION

But neither candidate's record or vision has captured our attention.

For example, neither Healy nor Perez has offered the big, bold plan to fix Canton's crumbling roads, which engineers estimate need at least \$10 million worth of attention. Healy said that by working with council the city has restructured the budget to invest hundreds of thousands more than in previous years. He's also looking for help from the state and federal governments. Problem is, what will he do if they don't come through? He also touts that the Canton Street



Mayor William J. Healy II

Treasurer Kim Perez

Department has begun preventive maintenance like crack sealing to extend the life of the roads. That's good, but why hasn't this been done all along?

Healy is right in pointing to deterioration from two brutal Ohio winters. But, seven years of what Healy described as long-term neglect of Canton's roads happened under his own watch.

Perez, who touts his experience working for a local road construction firm years ago, says the city has "shortchanged" residents by not upholding high standards that make for longer-lasting roads. He's right. He also suggests a return to preventive maintenance.

Neither he nor Healy offered a way to pay for major upgrades to the roads, though, aside from searching for more grants.

Our biggest reservation with Perez is that he's simply not offered a robust plan to voters.

For example, Perez's crime plan correctly points out the police department's need for a warrant officer — someone solely responsible for serving warrants. Perez also stresses returning to some basics — reviewing truancy and curfew laws — to improve neighborhoods and keep youth out of trouble.

The rest of his crime plan, though, relies on a lot of strategies that Police Chief Bruce Lawver has already employed, namely community-oriented and intelligence-led policing.

We're deeply troubled by the abysmal condition of several city neighborhoods, the negative perception many Cantonians have of their city, and questionable administrative decisions. A comprehensive plan may indeed serve as the road map for such a citywide turnaround, but we can't put stock into a plan we've not yet seen.

Healy has allowed the Canton Building Department's code enforcement arm to go so understaffed it can't be nearly as effective as it needs to be. Two code enforcement officers for the eighth largest city in the state isn't enough, and Canton City Council shouldn't have to hire a nuisance officer because the administration's not getting the job done. City police working on a crime initiative team recently said the biggest complaint they heard from residents in the Shorb neighborhood was the lack of code enforcement — that slumlords continue to rent to bad tenants without consequence.

Healy squandered a golden opportunity to merge the city and county building departments in the fall of 2013 when he backed out of discussions with county commissioners in fear the county couldn't enforce Canton's journeyman's license (county officials believed otherwise).

We also weren't convinced the city, at Healy's urging, should have reduced the 2 percent income tax credit to 1.7 percent in 2012. The credit reduction has been in effect for the last two tax years. It was repealed by city council last year.

The city undoubtedly needed money following cuts from the state and the depletion of the tax base during the Great Recession, but the credit reduction specifically is troubling because it punished the dwindling number of people who call Canton home and it took effect at the same time Healy was handing out across-the-board raises to city workers.

## RED FLAGS

Healy also occasionally encounters ethical blindspots that give us pause. These stumbles include the more serious — like when Healy applied for a credit card for the Canton Community Improvement Corporation in 2012 without other board members' knowledge and then improperly used it for personal use — to the downright irresponsible — like the able-bodied mayor hastily parking in a handicapped space downtown.

Healy dismissed the credit card fiasco as a simple, but embarrassing mix-up with other cards in his wallet. He repaid the more than \$600 that he had charged. He also owned up to the parking incident, which occurred last fall as he was rushing from meeting to meeting.

Neither incident should be an indictment of Healy's two terms as mayor, but they are indicative of his periodic lapses in judgment.

Perez has red flags of his own. No matter how unfair he may believe it to be, he'll always be known for serving as county auditor at a time when a county employee was stealing nearly \$3 million from the county treasurer's office. Then there's the fact he launched his campaign not even a year into his four-year term as treasurer. He also hasn't attended City Council meetings regularly since taking office, which we believe is a basic obligation of all citywide office holders.

For these reasons, neither Healy nor Perez has earned our endorsement for mayor. We do not take this decision lightly. Endorsing political candidates, we believe, is a service to the public. Likewise, endorsing the wrong candidate would be a public disservice.

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Instructor, Division of Continuing Education, Northwestern University. Various courses, 1979-1981.

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New Media in Politics (Senior and Graduate level)  
Media Literacy (Senior and Graduate level)  
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American Government  
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Urban Politics  
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Principal Investigator. Fairlawn Redistricting. Grant investigating redistricting of local ward boundaries.

Principal Investigator. Consolidate - Improve - Save, Community-based research grant to investigate possibilities of consolidating local services.

Faculty Research Grant, The University of Akron. "Fiscal Retrenchment and Urban Innovation in Ohio - Update." Updating early project to analyze changes over time and to compare with British data.

Visiting Research Fellow, University of Reading, Reading England, August, 1987. Conducting interviews with community leaders on strategies for coping with fiscal stress.

Project Co-Director. "Fiscal Retrenchment and Urban Innovation in Ohio." Conducted mail surveys of Ohio city officials to discover their fiscal retrenchment strategies as a part of a national project. Analyzing Ohio data and assisting in national analysis.

Dissertation Research. "Determinants of Expenditure Priorities in American Cities, 1948-1978." A quantitative comparative analysis of expenditures in eleven cities over 31 years. Developed unique dependent variables for measuring expenditure priority change and analyzed determinants of change.

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 Early Warning, Lincoln, NE, 1988-1990.  
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## A Political Science Examination of Candidate Qualifications and Ballot Access

### Introduction

The discipline of Political Science is devoted to the scientific study of politics to better understand the various phenomenon of the political process. Scholars develop this understanding by conducting research projects that look at political activity and behavior, with work focusing on actual results of political activity, not on what should be or what follows any political ideology or platform. Drawing upon the work of political science scholars, this statement examines the nature of the elections process in the United States that produces the regulations that qualify citizens to become candidates and the impact of the regulations. It is not a legal interpretation of these regulations nor does it advocate for changes. Instead it is an analysis of the factors that give rise to ballot access regulations and the observed consequences.

### Important Characteristics of U.S. Elections

Each of numerous election structures around the world has its own operating characteristics and challenges. So, too, do the thousands of elections held every year in the United States. However, there are five characteristics of U.S. elections that influence the need to qualify candidates that appear on the ballot. First is the large number and types of elections that produce a complex and confusing elections system. Not only does this discourage voters from participating, it produces an administrative structure searching for rules and processes for an efficient voting system. Second is that the U.S. system is a *representative democracy* so the elections process needs to ensure that both voters and candidates are matched in the same districts. The third factor is the desire on one hand that every eligible voter and candidate has

easy access to the ballot while, at the same time, preventing any possible fraud or misuse of the electoral process.

The fourth factor is the “first past the post” and “winner take all” outcome of the vote. Unlike proportional representation and runoff election systems, most elections in the U.S. have a winner on the day of the election no matter the number of candidates. Finally, the elections process is closely intertwined with the two-party system of government. For a century and a half U.S. politics has been dominated by two major parties. While some changes in the electoral process, like party primaries and non-partisan elections, were instituted to reduce the influence of parties in elections, party leaders still play a major role in structuring the elections process. While the process gives third parties and independent candidates an opportunity to participate, they traditionally have had limited success in winning elections.<sup>1</sup>

#### Candidate Residency Requirements

Being a representative democracy structures the political process to be based upon geographic boundaries.<sup>2</sup> Elected officials represent the interests of citizens residing in specific geographic boundaries. Unlike other forms of governing, in the U.S. most elected officials and candidates for elected office are required to live in the same geographic boundaries as the citizens they represent. Election laws and regulations attempt to enforce this match. Voter registration and voting location assignments are based upon voter’s addresses. This not only makes voting convenient for voters (although this is less relevant with the decline in in-person voting) but serves as the main control mechanism against the fraud of multiple voting.

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<sup>1</sup> A discussion of the difficulties third parties (like Independent candidates can be found in: Rapoport, Ronald and Walter Stone, “Dynamic of Third Parties”. In John Green and Daniel Coffey. *State of the Parties* Fifth Edition.

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Likewise, candidates are usually required to reside within the same geographical boundaries where the voters electing the candidate reside. The rationale for this requirement is that public servants can best represent their constituents by being a part of their community. Residency requirements are designed to reinforce the purpose of residency requirements by eliminating those who are taking up residency only to gain political office. Many states and communities also have durational residency requirements for candidates ranging from a few weeks to a few years.<sup>3</sup> Those creating durational requirements see them serving the public interest by guaranteeing that a candidate not only lives within the boundaries but has shown his or her commitment to their community and has a greater understanding of the issues and concerns of the residents of the district.

Citizen's support for the concept of candidate residency can be seen in local political campaigns. Research indicates it is politically beneficial for a candidate to have a record of long ties to the community, especially in local elections. Campaign flyers for city council, mayor, county commissioners, etc. races are dominated by bullet points touting candidates' long history of being a part of the neighborhood and community.<sup>4</sup> Loyalty to one's community and having shared experiences with potential voters are very useful characteristics for candidates courting potential supporters. In contrast, candidates who are recent residents of a voting district can expect to have their ability to understand the community challenged. Charges of "carpetbagger" and "opportunist" will likely be logged against a candidate new to the district or

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<sup>3</sup> See: Leclercq, Frederic S. 1976. "Durational Residency Requirements For Public Office." *South Carolina Law Review*, 27:847-91.

<sup>4</sup> Observations from ongoing research project on local campaign literature. See: "Content and Change in Campaign Flyers." Paper presented at the 2014 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

with a questionable claim to residency.<sup>5</sup> This political reality demonstrates that, for voters, candidate residency is an important qualification on which to judge candidates.

### Party Identification

A vast majority of elections in the U.S. have been characterized as “first past the post” and “winner take all” systems.<sup>6</sup> This means that the winner of the election is the candidate receiving the most votes no matter how few votes she or he receives. Critics of this system point out that, as the number of candidates increase, the likelihood of a winner receiving a majority of votes decrease. A low percentage share of the vote decreases the legitimacy of winners, making post-election governing more difficult. Developing ballot access regulations is one way to reduce the number of “frivolous” candidates.

Another, and the most effective, process to reduce the number of candidates is the party primary.<sup>7</sup> The likely successful candidates are those who have been endorsed by the two major political parties so those wishing to hold political office seek out party endorsements. In addition to reducing the number of candidates, political primaries resolve intra-party disputes and personal conflicts allowing the party to unite behind a single candidate.

Shorter ballot lists and primaries also benefit voters, especially in local elections.<sup>8</sup> As much as we may hope citizens would spend time analyzing the credentials of every candidate for every office, most voters have no incentive and little interest in using their time for such

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<sup>5</sup> See: Jackson, Robert A. and Jason C. Sides. 2006. “Revisiting the Influence Of Campaign Tone On Turnout In Senate Elections.” *Political Analysis* 14:206-218.

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<sup>7</sup> For a general description of political primaries see: Maisel, L. Sandy. 1999. “State and Local Nominations.” Chapter 7 in *Parties and Elections in America*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield.

<sup>8</sup> The effects of long ballots is explored in: Wattenberg, Martin P., Ian Mcallister and Anthony Salvanto. 2000. “How Voting is Like Taking an Sat Test.” *American Politics Research* 28:234-250.

analysis.<sup>9</sup> This is especially true in “low information” elections like municipal elections where access to information about the candidates and issues is difficult to find. The decline in traditional media (newspapers and local television news) has only made getting information more difficult.<sup>10</sup> For example, the possibility of a news story on a Canton city election appearing on one of the major Cleveland television news outlets approaches zero.

Having little to no information about the candidate makes a ballot with numerous candidates confusing and frustrating for voters. Even a ballot with three or four candidates can be disconcerting to a voter wanting to make responsible decision. Studies of voting behavior have found that, without information, voters rely on cues to make their voting decisions.<sup>11</sup> In local elections, the two most used cues are party identification and name recognition. Without information about a candidate, party identification at least suggests the general ideological and policy preferences of the candidate. The value of party identification can be seen in the drop off in voting for non-partisan offices (usually judicial races) on a ballot with both partisan and non-partisan contests.

Name recognition is also an important cue as, without other information, the voter at least thinks he or she is voting for someone with experience.<sup>12</sup> Name recognition is cited as one reason for incumbent advantage in elections. It also is the basis for political parties and

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<sup>9</sup> For an explanation for voting with little information see: Finkel, Steven E. and Edward N. Muller. 1998. “Rational Choice and the Dynamics of Collective Political Action: Evaluating Alternative Models with Panel Data.” *American Political Science Review* 92:37-49.

<sup>10</sup> The problem of limited information in local elections is addressed in: Brooks, Stephen. 1997. “The Zero Factor: News Media In Local Election Campaigns.” *Ohio Speech Journal*, 35 (October 1997):30-47.

<sup>11</sup> Beck, Paul Allen, et al. 1992. “Patterns and Sources of Ticket Splitting in Subpresidential Voting” *American Political Science Review* 86:916-928.

<sup>12</sup> Kam, Cindy D. and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 2013. “Name Recognition and Candidate Support.” *American Journal of Political Science* 57:971-986.

candidates manipulating the electoral process by playing the “name game.” This is where a candidate with a name similar to a well-known political figure runs and gains an advantage by virtue of his or her name.

One result of the dominance of the two parties in elections is that most voters identify with the two major parties, although the percentage identifying as “independent” in opinion polls is on the increase.<sup>13</sup> Official designation of a voter’s party identification in Ohio is different than most states. In Ohio, voters do not declare their party identification but must take part in a partisan primary to be identified as a partisan voter. This need for action reduces the number of officially partisan voters in the state. The number of partisan Democrats and Republicans in Ohio is much larger than registration numbers would suggest, and the number of “true” Independents (non-affiliated) is inflated.

As party identification plays an important role in most citizens’ voting decisions, a candidate’s identification represents a statement about his or her ideological and policy preferences. Traditionally, candidates running as independents are less likely to have extensive involvement in politics. In addition, they are more likely to use their limited political activity to position themselves as an alternative to “politics as usual” and a “fresh face” with new and different approaches to policy. Much like party candidates, the “independent” label has its own identification reflecting this non-traditional stance.

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<sup>13</sup> Jones, Jeffrey M. 2014. “Record-High 42% of Americans Identify as Independents.” *Gallup- Politics*. <http://www.gallup.com/poll/166763/record-high-americans-identify-independents.aspx>.

While not a common phenomenon, political figures have changed their party identification status.<sup>14</sup> The most visible have been those who change their party affiliation after major policy and ideological disagreements or who have seen a shift in the party attraction of their constituents (or a new constituency from redistricting). These changes gain attention and allow the elected official to articulate his or her reasons for changing. Another type of change is from partisan identification to Independent. This may be done for the same ideological and policy reasons for changing parties combined with an unwillingness to embrace the other party. The other main reason for change is for electoral advantage. Candidates seeing they may not survive their party's primary may choose to run as an Independent. This may be coupled with conflicts with the party over ideology and policy.

For those interested in developing an efficient, understandable elections process that maintains voter confidence, the above reasons for switching could indicate a sincere willingness to shift one's political allegiance. However, a different reason to switch would be simply for electoral advantage. A variety of election policies have been instituted to address the potential of manipulation. Some invoke a waiting period after switching during which time the potential candidate is not allowed to participate in partisan activity. "Spoiler" laws, laws that prevent party primary losers running as Independents in the general election, are another mechanism to prevent candidates from manipulating the system. Some are direct bans on the practice while others are overlapping declarations of candidacy deadlines preventing candidates to file for both the primary and general election. The most troublesome switches, and difficult to

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<sup>14</sup> A rational choice description for changing parties can be found in: Aldrich, John H. 2011. *Why parties?: A Second Look*. Chicago : University of Chicago Press.

discern intent, are switches that take place at the last minute, usually just before a filing deadline. The short time does not give the candidate the ability to demonstrate his or her sincerity of motives.

In summary, the practice of candidates switching to Independent status poses three challenges to the electoral system, especially if it increases the number of Independent candidates with previous, recent party ties. First, the number of candidates participating in general elections will increase, creating more confusion for voters. More candidates will likely lower winning margins, reducing the legitimacy of the successful candidate. Second, with fewer participants in the primaries, the value of this long standing component of the electoral system will be reduced. With or without spoiler laws, newly converted Independents can take advantage of forgoing a primary that they calculate they will likely lose. The increasing use of political analytics, even in local campaigns, makes such calculations easier. Third, with a ballot filled with “true” Republicans, “true” Democrats, Independent-Democrats and Independent-Republicans, the meaning of “Democrat,” “Republican” and “Independent” lose meaning. Without a clear distinction among candidate partisan identities, participating in local, low-information elections become even more confusing and frustrating for voters.

### Conclusion

The development of elections regulations and their enforcement entails making tradeoffs. This statement, using research and the perspective of political science, has presented some of the issues in making the tradeoffs. It provides an overview of the historical development and the outcomes of some aspects of candidate ballot access policies. The focus was upon the challenges in creating regulations that result in an election system designed to

ensure integrity and efficiency while, at the same time, reducing barriers for voters to make informed choices.

For these issues, strict regulation and enforcement ensures only qualified candidate appear on the ballot. Also, by controlling the number of candidates, they increase voters' ability to easily distinguish between candidates. More open regulations and enforcement allow a greater number and a more diverse group of candidates. This can result in increased complexity of the ballot and potential outcomes. Open regulations and enforcement can also increase the potential for strategic political activities that may distort voter choice. The difficult decisions in creating a successful election process with integrity should address these tradeoffs.

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*In re: Bernabei Candidacy  
A Political Science Perspective*

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# The Importance of This Case:

## *The Partisan Disaffiliation Requirement*

- **The Issue:** If Bernabei is permitted to run as an independent despite not fulfilling his obligation to sever himself from the Democratic Party, this precedent could open the door to similar candidacies in the future.
- **The Harm:** In future elections with more than two candidates, voters may split their votes between two similar candidates, causing a disliked candidate to win.
  - This danger is especially great when an independent is running who has close ties to a major party.
  - Political elites may take advantage of this possibility by encouraging such candidates to run, thwarting the will of the people.
- **The Remedy:** The Ohio disaffiliation requirement discourages candidates who are affiliated with a major party from running and splitting votes, at least for a short time.

## **The Importance of This Case:**

### *The Residency Requirement*

- **The Importance:** A basic residency requirement drastically reduces the chances of political manipulation of the electoral process by discouraging “opportunist” candidates from running.

## A Case Study of Possible Vote Splitting: November 2010 County Commissioner Race

| Candidate                        | Number of Votes | Percent of Votes |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Thomas M. Bernabei<br>(Democrat) | 58,162          | 46.72 % ✓        |
| James N. Walters<br>(Republican) | 54,053          | 43.42 %          |
| Stephen Todd<br>(Independent)    | 12,285          | <u>9.87 %</u>    |

## The Coordination Problem

### ***Demanding Situation for Voters: A Hypothetical Example***

- Imagine a strongly Republican county, and two Republicans and one Democrat are all running for County Commissioner.
- In this imaginary County, there is no limit to the number of Republicans or Democrats who can run.
- All the Republican voters want a Republican to win, but some want Republican A to win and some want Republican B to win.
- When deciding how to vote, the first thing a Republican has to know is whether all the Republican votes put together will be at least twice the Democrat's votes. If that is the case, they can have their intraparty feud in the general *without* risking a Democratic win.

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- But that is hard to determine.
  - Who shows up to the polls, etc., is variable, some people switch their votes, etc.
- Suppose a Republican voter doesn't want to risk an intraparty fight in the general. All the voter wants is to have all the Republican voters lump all their votes on one candidate, the voter doesn't care which one.
  - But how are other Republicans going to vote? And are they going to go along with lumping all the votes on one candidate, or are they going to play favorites? If they are, maybe you will also...
  - It is very difficult to know which Republican candidate to line up behind.
- It may very well be that the Republican voters are not able to meet the demands of solving this co-ordination problem.
- Their votes are then split and a generally unpopular candidate wins – in this hypothetical case, the Democrat.
- The will of the people of the Republican County was thwarted.

## The Coordination Problem

### *Demanding Situation for Voters: A Hypothetical Example*

- Suppose further that Democrats were the ones to encourage Republican B to run for Commissioner against Republican A to strategically split the Republican vote of the Republican County.
- The Democrats secretly promise to give Republican B a job (or other favor) in return for running against Republican A.
- Republican B has a personal grudge against Republican A, and is easier to persuade to run as a result.
- Early polling shows that Republican B has a chance of winning, and Republican B aggressively campaigns as a result (with secret Democratic support).
- **The Outcome:** Due to the voter co-ordination problem, Republican A and Republican B split the Republican vote, and the Democrat wins the County Commissioner— which is not the will of the voters in the Republican County.

## *Hypothetical Example vs. The Real World*

- There are real world situations with a Republican, a Democrat, and an independent who has a long history as a Republican (or vice-versa) that are very similar to the previous hypothetical example.
- Local elections are generally low in voter turnout, and voters are more knowledgeable.
  - Voters therefore know more about candidate's base of support. E.g, friends and neighbors important in local politics.
- Co-partisans may believe that the independent-“stealth Republican” is viable, and so will not automatically vote against them.
  - Voters may perceive that party affiliation means less in local elections.
- Co-partisans may incorrectly believe that the Democrat is not viable, and therefore vote for the independent-“stealth Republican” if they prefer him over the other Republican.
- **“Stealth Candidates” are Strong:** Statistically, major party candidates who later become independent candidates do much better than other independent candidates.

# Major Party Candidates Who Later Become Independent Candidates Do Much Better Than Other Independent Candidates.

|  | Number of Elections with Such Candidates | Average Percentage of the Vote Received by Independent Candidate | Ohio: Number of Elections with Such Candidates | Ohio: Average Percentage of the Vote Received by Independent Candidate |
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| No Independent / Minor Party Candidate                                 | 109,582<br>87%                           |  | 2,469<br>89%                                   |  |
| Independent Candidate Never Ran As Major Party Candidate               | 14,721<br>12%                            | 9%   | 290<br>10%                                     | 7%   |
| Independent Candidate Previously Ran As Major Party Candidate and Lost | 560<br>.5%                               | 12%  | 13<br>.5%                                      | 14%  |
| Independent Candidate Previously Ran As Major Party Candidate and Won  | 480<br>.4%                               | 28%  | 1<br>.04%                                      | 52%  |
| Total Elections  | 125,343                                  |  | 2,773  |  |

Source: State Legislative Election Returns (SLERs) Database, 1967-2014, Klarner, et al., ICPSR34297-v1; <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/21549>

## Major Party Candidates Who Later Become Independent Candidates are More Likely to Deny Majorities.

|  | Major Party Winner, 50%+ of Vote | Major Party Winner, Minority of Vote | Non-Major Party Winner, Minority of Vote | Non-Major Party Winner, 50%+ of Vote |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| No Non-Major Party Candidate                       | 109,582<br>100%                  | 0<br>0%                              | 0<br>0%                                  | 0<br>0%                              |
| Never Ran As Major Party                           | 13,478<br>92%                    | 1,076<br>7%                          | 16<br>0%                                 | 151<br>1%                            |
| Ran as major party candidate in the past and lost. | 496<br>89%                       | 56<br>10%                            | 0<br>0%                                  | 8<br>1%                              |
| Ran as major party candidate in the past and won.  | 299<br>62%                       | 97<br>20%                            | 16<br>3%                                 | 68<br>14%                            |

Source: State Legislative Election Returns (SLERs) Database, 1967-2014, Klarner, et al., ICPSR34297-v1; <http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/21549>