



TAKING BACK POWER: **ELECTIONS &** **ADVOCACY**

**160 WAYS TO CHANGE THE WORLD
WITHOUT LOSING YOUR SH*T**

LET'S CONNECT!



Introduce Yourself In the Chat

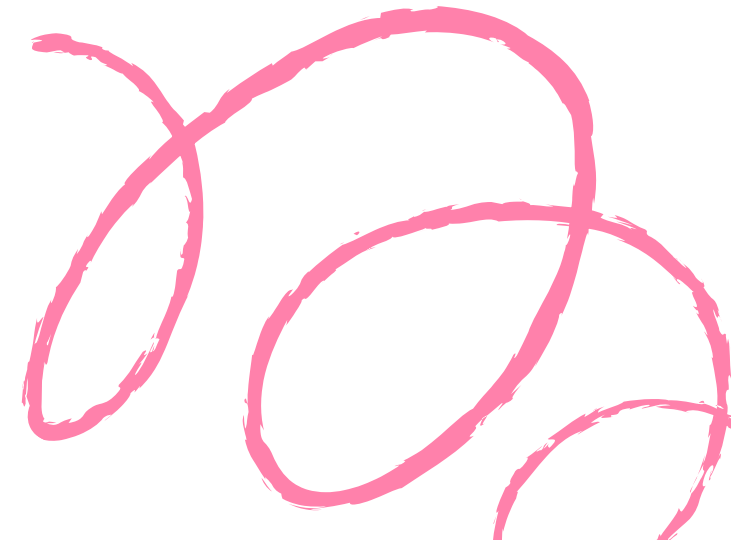
- Where in Ohio are you joining from?
- Are you in a TroubleNation group?

HOW WE DO IT

OUR MISSION

Red Wine and Blue Team Ohio provides an inviting and actionable pathway to political literacy and civic engagement about common-sense issues facing women.

We build community through approachable content, friend-to-friend organizing, and personal storytelling.





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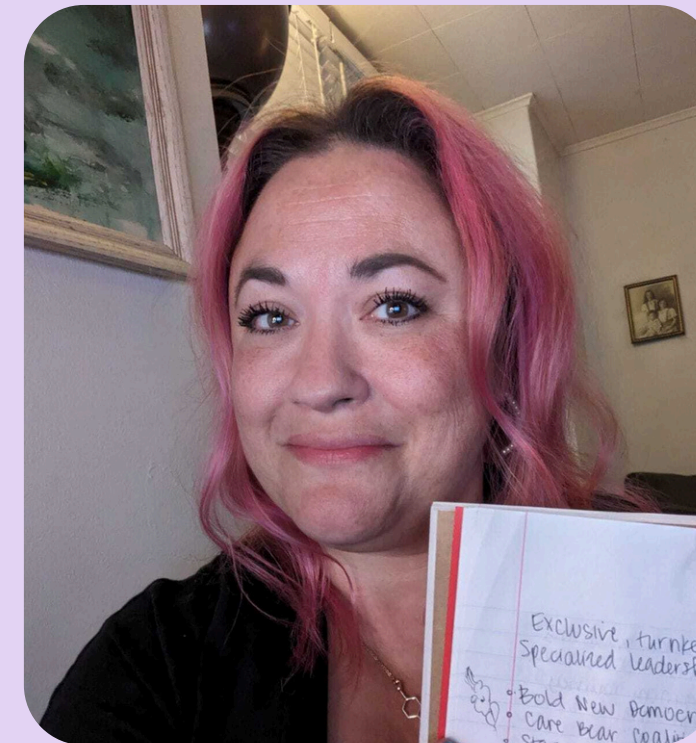
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RAPID RESPONSE STRATEGY



- Overwhelm is a strategy
- When they go low, we go local
- Concentrate on what we can control
- Spread the responsibility for following issues
- Lean on the expertise of partner organizations
- Create concrete actions
- Remember - We are the majority!



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WHAT IS THE GUIDE?

- A **toolkit** with detailed explanations and specific actions you and your group can take to be effective in countering extremism
- A **resource** with “how-to” links and a source of inspiration for effective actions not yet developed
- A **roadmap** for making a difference where you live by focusing efforts in four, important areas of organizing



GUIDE FOCUS AREAS

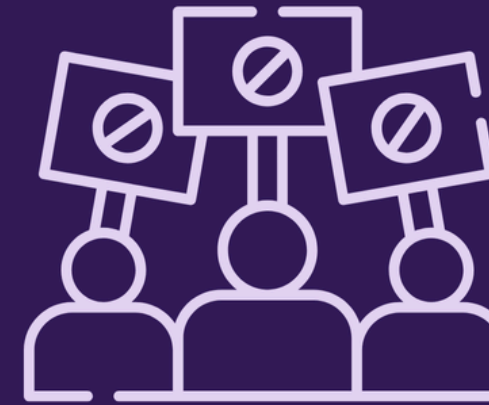
BUILDING YOUR COMMUNITY



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SHOWING UP: PROTESTS, BOYCOTTS, & BEYOND



CARING FOR EACH OTHER: MUTUAL AID & PROTECTION



THE SECRET TO EFFECTIVE MESSAGING



TAKING BACK POWER

- **Local elections are your most powerful way to make change for at least three reasons:**
 - School board members, municipal and county officers, and state legislators can pass laws and policies that help protect your community from bad federal actions.
 - You and your group can directly impact the outcome. Many local elections will be decided by hundreds of votes. Some will be decided by one vote.
 - Every time an extremist loses a local election, it sends a big message. There are over 100,000 school board and city council seats on the ballot in 2025.



TAKING BACK POWER

- ★ Learn about Voting Laws in Ohio
- ★ Learn About Successful Advocacy & Pressure Campaigns from the Past
- ★ Build Relationships with Legislators
- ★ Host a House Party for a Candidate
- ★ Run for Office!

WHEN THEY GO LOW,
WE GO
LOCAL



WHAT HAPPENED IN LAKOTA?



2013



2023

“You have agency. You don’t have to just watch it happen. You can contribute to your local politics.”

— **Anne Applebaum, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and authoritarianism expert**

WHY DO LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER?

Whatever happened to the tie results in Madison Local Schools' levy vote?



Bebe Hodges
Cincinnati Enquirer

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Did you wonder what happened to the [unusual tie vote](#) from Ohio's primary election in May?

The [Madison Local School District's](#) proposed tax levy, which early unofficial results showed voters were split 50-50 on, failed, according to [official election results](#) from the Butler County Board of Elections released on May 22.

Lost By
5 Votes



Avon Lake City Schools' bond issue officially passes following recount

The measure will raise \$88.1 million for construction of a new school for grades 5-8, as well as repairs to existing elementary school buildings.

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ELYRIA, Ohio — More than three weeks after Election Day, [the Avon Lake City School District's \\$88.1 million bond issue](#) has officially been approved.

Issue 16 passed at the ballot box on May 6, but by just 20 votes — a margin of only 0.28%.

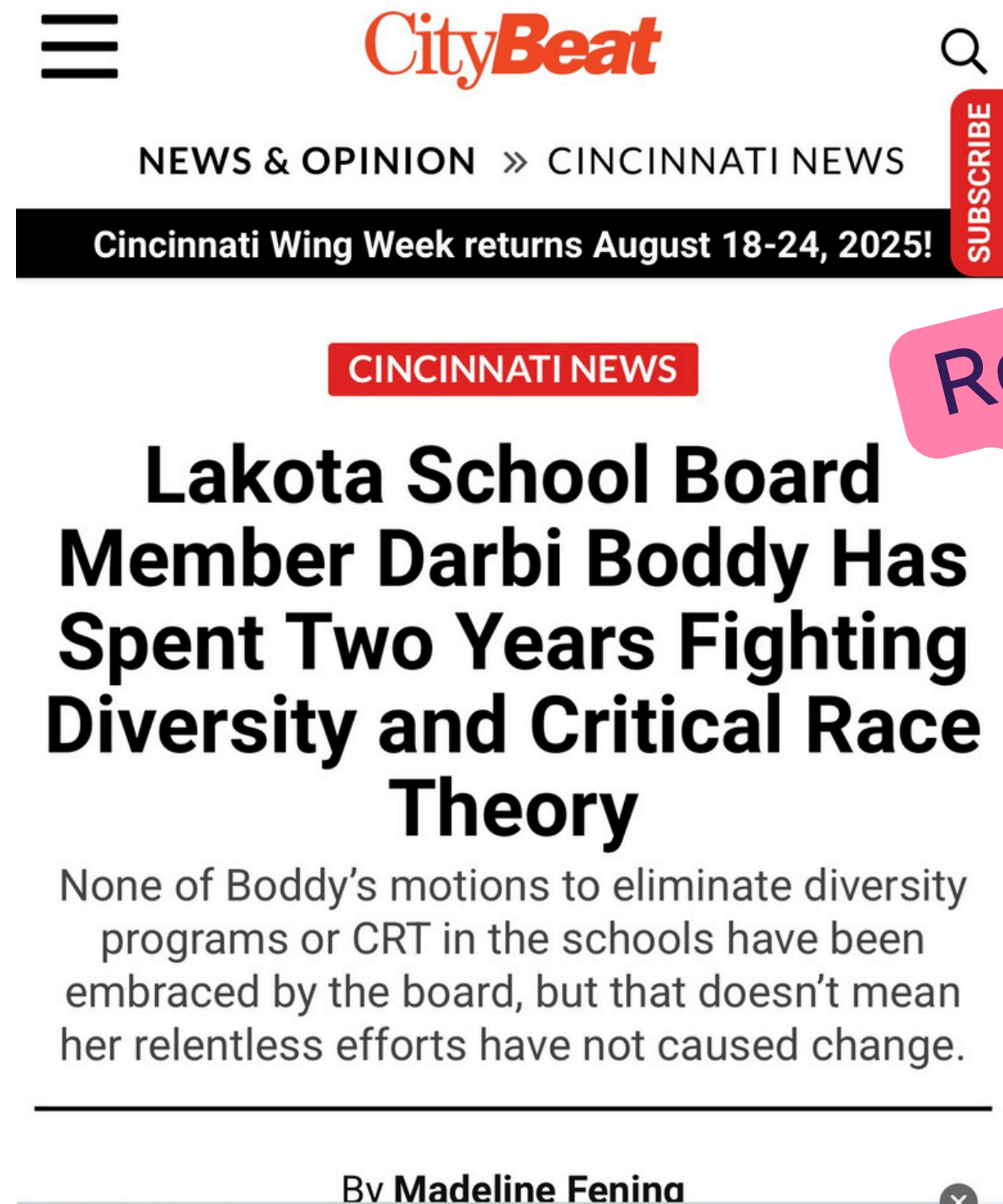
Under Ohio law, the result was subject to an automatic recount. According to the Lorain County Board of Elections, Issue 16 passed, 3,531 to 3,511.

Won By
20 Votes



WHY DO LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER?

Policy Changes



Reputational Damage



TAKE ACTION!

- Find out who is running in your area. Check for school board and city/township seats on the Board Of Elections website for your county.
- Are there any levies on your ballot? (School, Fire, Libraries, etc.)
- Are there candidates or issues you support? Reach out and volunteer!
- Use our Rally Together tool to contact friends, neighbors & relatives to remind them about these important local races.
- Familiarize yourself with dates & deadlines around voter registration, early voting, and absentee ballot requests.

TAKE ACTION!



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DID YOU KNOW? The Last day to Register to vote is October 6

Not all of our friends are aware of the upcoming elections, let alone how important this year's elections are. You can change that by being their trusted source of information.

Send this graphic to all your friends and family so they stay informed and engaged!

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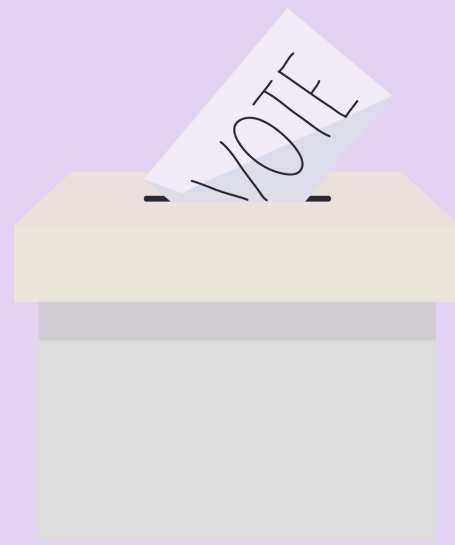


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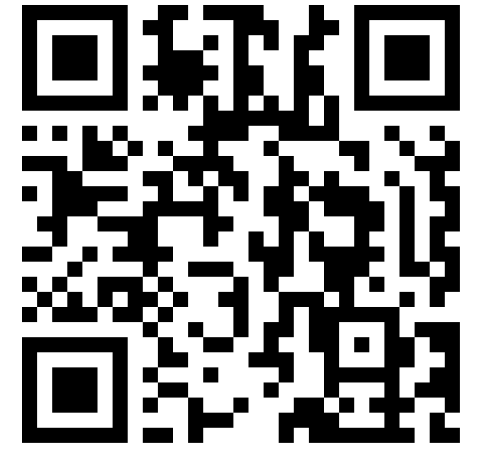


Voting in Ohio



- Rules have changed for absentee voting in recent years. Make sure you know how to drop off ballots for relatives or friends.
 - A disabled voter may select any person of their choosing to deliver their ballot, other than their employer or an officer in their union.
 - The person delivering the ballot for a family member or disabled voter must complete an attestation form at the county board of elections office
- There will be a voter purge on September 23, 2025. That list contains 352,389 voters eligible who will be removed from the rolls.
- There could be changes related to mail-in voting at the federal level in the future.
- Gerrymandering disenfranchises voters by limiting the voting power of people across many categories. (Political affiliation, race, socio-economic status, etc.)

Update on Maps



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Ohio

- Under the process approved in 2018, state lawmakers get the first crack at drawing a map. If lawmakers can approve a draft with 60% majorities in both chambers, and the governor signs it, that's the map. They've got until the end of September.
- If lawmakers can't get there, the Ohio Redistricting Commission gets the pen. There are seven members and to approve a map they need two members from both major parties to vote yes. Five of the commission's seven members are Republicans. They've got until the end of October.
- If the commission deadlocks, mapmaking returns to the legislature. But this time, they only need simple majority support to approve a map. They face additional criteria like an explicit prohibition on benefiting a party or candidate and limiting community splits. They have to finish their work by November 30.



Source: Ohio anti-gerrymandering coalition calls for fair maps ahead of Congressional redraw.

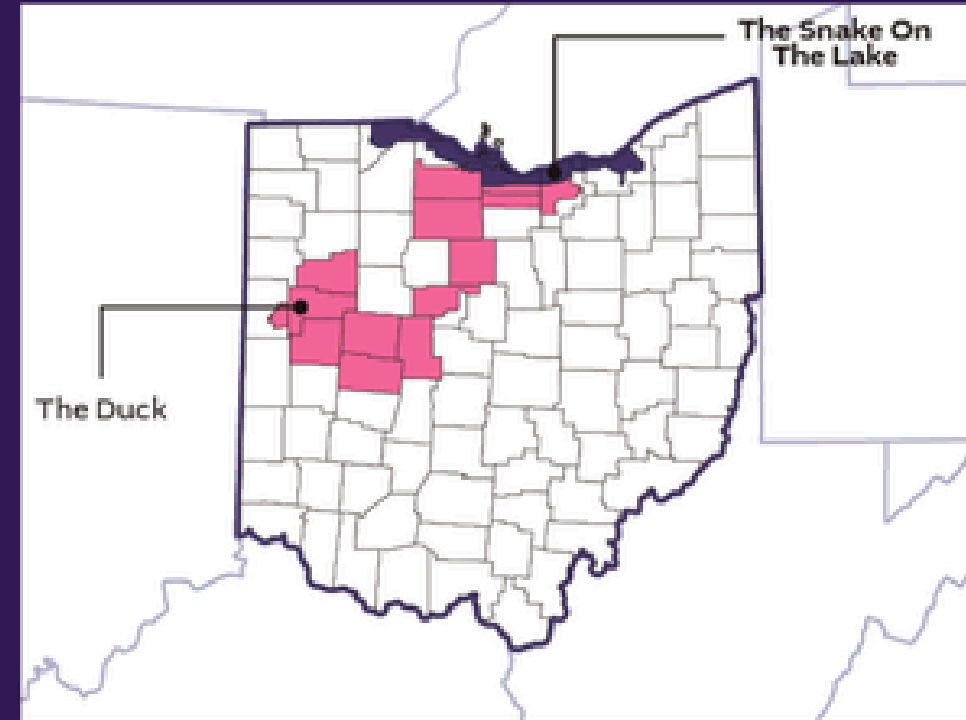
Author - Nick Evans. Published on News 5 Cleveland website.

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FAIR MAPS FOR OHIO: REDRAWING DISTRICTS, RECLAIMING DEMOCRACY



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RESOURCES & SUGGESTIONS

- We are partnering with several other organizations to launch a school board election toolkit. We'll officially be launching the toolkit during a virtual event on Thursday, 9/11 with additional events planned to explore the toolkit.
- Our Ohio Voter Guide will also be available soon. Check the app & the website.
- Check your Board of Elections website, and sites like Vote 411 to find out what will be on your ballot.
- Most importantly, talk to friends, family members, and neighbors about the importance of local races! Use Rally & share resources from the app.

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