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## Republicans Sweep Statewide Offices, Retake House

In one election, Ohio voters swept Democrats out of office and swept Republicans back in, giving the GOP control of all of the statewide offices, both houses of the General Assembly and, more importantly, the Apportionment Board.

On a night reminiscent to 1994, 1998, and 2002, voters handed wins to John Kasich, Rob Portman, Mike DeWine, Dave Yost, Jon Husted, and Josh Mandel, as well as three Republican Supreme Court candidates.

Leading the way was Kasich, who rode a platform of creating jobs and reducing state government to victory.

On the legislative side, Republicans added to their already overwhelming majority in the Senate, now controlling that body by a margin of 23 to 10 and easily retook the Ohio House, erasing gains that Democrats had eked out in the lower chamber in three previous elections. Republicans, at this point, hold 58 seats in the lower chamber to the Democrats' 39 with two seats yet to be decided.

It was a celebratory atmosphere at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus Tuesday night as winners talked about overturning federal health care laws, reducing debt and government spending, and shrinking the overall government.

"I know Republicans are feeling pretty good tonight," Gov.-elect Kasich told the crowd. "Winning is not the issue. It's remembering what we promised." He added that it is willing to be able to put their political necks on the line and be able to do what is best for Ohio. "I need you to stay with me."

In a somber gathering for Democrats, Gov. Ted Strickland repeated his campaign speech of "I believe in Ohio." He said it would be his last campaign, and that he was humbled to be the governor of the state.

Strickland becomes the first Ohio governor not re-elected since Republican James Rhodes unseated Democratic Gov. John J. Gilligan in 1974.

## Kasich Rides Jobs Platform to Victory, Says Ohioans Rejected Fear

Gov.-elect John Kasich preached a message of hope and putting Ohioans back to work as he reveled in his victory at the Ohio Republican Party celebration in Columbus.

"Guess what? I'm going to be governor of Ohio!" he told cheering supporters after he took the stage around 1 a.m. Before he took the stage, however, he gave a live television interview to his former employer, Fox News.

Kasich, a former congressman and managing director of Lehman Brothers, told supporters that much fear was spread about his campaign in the last two months, but added that Ohioans rejected the doomsayers. "Hope triumphs over fear and it happened here tonight," he said.

He said that Republicans ascended because they stayed true to what they believed. He said they don't owe anything to anybody "and we are going to turn the page on American politics."

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Kasich said that as he traveled the state, he looked into people's eyes and saw that they hadn't given up.

An excited Kasich stopped at one point, took off his glasses and threw his prepared speech away, telling supporters that he didn't need it anymore.

Kasich was introduced by his running mate, Mary Taylor, who opened her comments by declaring "Ohio is open for business!"

He was congratulated by the Republican Governors Association, who noted that it spent more than \$11 million in television, radio, Internet ads and direct mail against Gov. Ted Strickland, using phrases such as "Strickland didn't get the jobs done" and "Time's up Ted."

"John Kasich has won an outstanding victory, by representing Republican values against the values of Ted Strickland and the Obama administration." said RGA chairman Haley Barbour in a statement. "The Democrats threw everything they had at John Kasich, but couldn't beat him. The president saw Ohio as his firewall and key to his re-election, so Kasich's victory is important not just for Ohioans who need jobs, but for Americans looking for a new direction in Washington."

Meanwhile, up High St. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Strickland delivered his concession speech during the wee hours of Wednesday morning.

"Across America tonight, it's clear that many, many good people have also lost, including some in Ohio. Thank you for your service, thank you for fighting for what is right and thank you for giving hope to the thousands of Ohioans who will have better health care, higher wages and better schools because of the risks you took," he said. "This was a campaign built by the people of Ohio for the people of Ohio. I have never forgotten that I work for you, not Wall Street, not for the wealthy and not for the narrow special interests."

Early results showed Strickland with a lead, but as the evening continued, Kasich gained on Strickland, closing the gap and finally moving past him. Late night totals gave Kasich 49.3 percent of the vote to Strickland's 46.7 percent.

During his concession speech, Strickland listed all he had fought for during his term and in large part succeeded in achieving. He said, "And one thing I will continue to do is to fight against the voices that only seem to want to tear our state down."

Before concluding his concession speech, he left supporters by taking a moment to quote Woody Guthrie:

*"I hate a song that makes you think that you are not any good. I hate a song that makes you think that you are just born to lose. Bound to lose. No good to nobody. No good for nothing. Because you are too old or too young or too fat or too slim too ugly or too this or too that. Songs that run you down or poke fun at you on account of your bad luck or hard traveling. I am out to fight those songs to my very last breath of air and my last drop of blood. I am out to sing songs that will prove to you that this is your world and that if it has hit you pretty hard and knocked you for a dozen loops, no matter what color, what size you are, how you are built, I am out to sing the songs that make you take pride in yourself and in your work."*

"And that is what, in some way or another, I'm going to keep doing. I'm going to fight for this state as long as there is breath in my body," Strickland said.

Before leaving the podium, the governor also said that this was his last campaign.

"I have seen a lot and lived through a lot in nearly 70 years, but I have never given up hope in the will, the wisdom and the goodness of people. I have never stopped believing in Ohio, and I never will," he concluded.

Gov. Jack Markell, chair of the Democratic Governors Association, who came out to campaign with Strickland in the final days of the campaign said in a statement regarding the Ohio gubernatorial election: "In an extremely challenging environment and in a state hard hit by the national recession, Gov. Ted Strickland's campaign was unable to overcome the

anti-incumbent wave sweeping the nation tonight. Gov. Strickland ran a tremendous campaign, but more importantly, he provided steady leadership through the state's tough times. Ohio is in a stronger position today because of the great work of Gov. Strickland over the last four years."

## **GOP Sweeps Races for Statewide Executive Office**

The election for statewide executive offices appeared to be a mixed bag going into Tuesday's ballot, but as with other state and national races, Republicans ran the tables for Ohio attorney general, auditor, treasurer and secretary of state.

The GOP will have control of the apportionment board four to one to draw legislative districts for the next 10 years, and will also control the General Assembly as it redraws congressional lines.

A recent *Columbus Dispatch* mail-in poll gave Richard Cordray a sizeable lead over Mike DeWine on Sunday, but the Democrat failed by a narrow margin of 48 percent to 46 percent, with 99 percent of precincts reporting.

Like many of his colleagues, the deflated incumbent offered few words in concession except to commend a "strong campaign" by his opponent and to thank his supporters at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom in Columbus. "My debt to you is large, and I look forward to spending more time with my family."

Kevin Boyce, appointed to the treasurer's office after his predecessor Cordray took over as AG in 2008, was more buoyant in defeat. He attributed the loss to several factors, including the economy.

"The treasurer's office is a low-key race," he said. "We had two short years in the worst economy since the Great Depression. We just didn't have enough time to get it done."

Josh Mandel won the office with nearly 54.9 percent of the vote to Boyce's 40.2 percent.

Jon Husted, the former speaker of the Ohio House and current state senator easily coasted to victory, becoming the first to deliver a victory speech of the statewide offices. He told supporters that it was the longest interview process he has ever had.

"As the next secretary of state, I will promise you a couple of things," he said. "When we run the 2012 campaign, I promise it will be run with honor and integrity."

He said they will roll out the red carpet for state businesses.

Democrat secretary of state candidate Maryellen O'Shaughnessy vowed not to block Republican policies in the same way she implied the opposition had worked to hamstring Democrats.

"There is a place in our political discourse for loyal opposition. We will not be the party of no."

Speaking to supporters in Cincinnati, David Pepper blamed his defeat for state auditor at least partly on voters elsewhere in the state. "We kept hoping for some better numbers up north, but they never came."

Pepper lost to Republican David Yost, having garnered 44.5 percent of the vote to Yost's 50.5 percent.

## **Portman Wins U.S. Senate Seat as Fisher Concedes Early**

Voting stopped across Ohio at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evening, Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner officially announced. Just seconds later, CNN called the U.S. Senate race for Republican candidate Rob Portman. By evening's end, he had received 57.2 percent of the vote, defeating Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher who received 39 percent of the vote.

In front of supporters chanting "Go Rob Go," Portman delivered his victory speech saying that "hope and common sense triumphed" in the election.

"Our state tonight is one of the first to deliver this message," Portman said. "I'm sure there will be other states that will send the same message deep into the night."

Portman said he will vote to repeal President Barack Obama's health care reform and questioned if the executive branch was going to change course. Portman added that he will work with Republicans and Democrats, including Ohio's senior senator, Sen. Sherrod Brown.

The first of the Democratic statewide candidates to concede, Fisher said there is only one way to run an election - "to spend completely and leave nothing on the table."

He said he was disappointed but not disillusioned. Fisher's family was with him during his concession speech and he quoted his father who said, "Some people are rather superior, and others have plenty of class. But the one who is worthwhile, is the one who can smile when he gets a big kick in the ass."

Fisher said he called Portman about 10 minutes before he took the stage in front of his Democratic supporters. He said the wind was in his face and the loss had something to do with the political climate, however the wind in the face of a candidate is nothing compared to that of Ohioans and that was who he, the governor and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown have been fighting for, he added.

## Republicans take Five Seats in Congressional Races

Republicans won five Ohio Congressional seats from Democratic incumbents. This means Republicans will hold 13 of Ohio's 18 congressional seats in the next Congress.

After nearly winning in 2008, Steve Stivers (R-Columbus) won the District 15 seat over Mary Jo Kilroy (D-Columbus) by 54.6 percent of the vote or 116,290 votes to Kilroy's 40.7 percent or 86,815 votes.

During his victory speech, Stivers told supporters what a difference two years makes and said that he was proud to go to Washington, D.C. to "fire [U.S. House Speaker] Nancy Pelosi." Kilroy won in 2008 after a recount negated Stivers' 321-vote advantage. Kilroy's concession speech highlighted the work of the Democratic-run administration and U.S. House in the past 20 months, mentioning specifically health care reform and Wall Street reform. She also made note of efforts that have been stalled by Republican counterparts and that still must be reconciled including climate legislation.

State Sen. Bob Gibbs (R-Lakeville) defeated incumbent Rep. Zack Space by a 53.9 percent (105,728) to 40.4 percent (79,261 votes) margin to win the District 18 seat.

Gibbs said during his victory speech that he would work to cut the deficit, repeal health care reform and make America strong again.

Small business owner Jim Renacci (R-Wadsworth) won the District 16 seat held by John Bocchieri (D-Alliance) by a 52.1 percent (112,902 votes) to 41.1 percent (89,008 votes) margin.

National speculation on this swing district saw Bocchieri's seat as one of the most vulnerable in the Ohio congressional races.

In conceding the election, Bocchieri said, "I'm respectful of our Democratic process and the people have spoken. I regret I did not win the election tonight, but I'm proud of the accomplishments we won over the last two years in Congress. Tonight I go home to a new baby girl who I believe will grow up in an America that believes our best days are ahead.

"I wish Congressman-Elect Renacci well in his first term, and hope we can fill the partisan divide with good ideas and compromise."

In the race for the District 6 seat, Bill Johnson (R-Poland) won against Rep. Charlie Wilson (D-St. Clairsville) by a 50.2 percent (101,580 votes) 45 percent (91,039 votes) margin.

After losing in 2008, Steve Chabot (R-Cincinnati) defeated Steve Driehaus (D-Cincinnati) for the District 1 seat by a 52.4 percent (101,691 votes) to 45 percent (87,394 votes) margin.

Reports in mid-October indicated that Driehaus had been the first casualty of Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee financing, as they withdrew funding to concentrate their efforts on districts they felt the Democrats could win or retain.

## D's Blanked Again in High Court Races

The Democratic drought continued in the race for Ohio Supreme Court Tuesday as both party candidates went down by a large margin to incumbent Republican Justices Maureen O'Connor and Judith Ann Lanzinger.

Democrats had an incumbent of their own in Chief Justice Eric Brown, but the Strickland appointee had yet to test the seat after taking over for the late Chief Justice Tom Moyer this year.

With 96 percent of precincts reporting as of midnight Tuesday, O'Connor was pummeling Brown 68 percent to 32 percent. Lanzinger's win was more modest - a 14 point victory over Judge Mary Jane Trapp of the 11th District Court of Appeals.

On its face, Brown's concession speech offered his opponent the usual bromides, though under the circumstances, his comments could be interpreted several ways.

"I look forward to working with her in the coming months," the chief said, a period that could run through the end of his current term; through O'Connor's existing term, should the governor reappoint him to her seat; or well into the future, should he take her place and survive election.

The answer to that question could depend on how the magnitude of Brown's loss is interpreted, and whether he would be likely to fare well later against a strong Republican candidate.

In defeat, Brown reiterated his basic campaign theme, which avoided some of the harsher rhetoric of some of his Democratic colleagues in recent Supreme Court elections.

"We all share the common goal of a judiciary that is fair and impartial," he said, citing the range of litigants and demographic groups that come before the court, "... where all people will be treated fairly in the eyes of the law."

The result for Brown and Trapp is a virtual repeat of the previous two Supreme Court elections, as Democrats continue to struggle against the deeper pockets of GOP candidates - and their benefactors. Even in a banner year like 2008, Democrats appear to have suffered more from the lack of party affiliation on judicial ballots than their Republican counterparts.

## Republicans Retake House, Add to Senate Majority

It took Democrats 14 years to retake the Ohio House. They lost it after two. In one night, Republicans undid the gains that Democrats had made in three previous elections and will give Gov.-elect John Kasich the majorities he needs to move his agenda.

According to unofficial results, House Republicans will pick up 12 seats after knocking off 10 incumbents and winning two open districts, including one that had been represented by Democratic legend Vern Riffe. They also could take two more as two races are headed to recounts.

Rep. William Batchelder (R-Medina), the likely speaker for the Ohio House in the 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, announced the win to a cheering crowd in Columbus, saying, "I am honored to announce to you that the House of Representatives in the state of Ohio is safe again in Republican hands."

Batchelder said that two years ago he felt it would be hard to recruit candidates with the big win of President Barack Obama and the popularity of Gov. Ted Strickland. "But what a difference two years makes."

He told Republican supporters that they will be impressed with the caliber of people who will be coming to the Statehouse, singling out Terry Johnson in the 89<sup>th</sup> District.

Earlier in the evening, House Speaker Armond Budish (D-Beachwood) conceded the chamber to Batchelder and pledged to work with him.

"The national recession created a tremendous amount of pressure on families and small businesses, which no doubt had an effect on the outcome of this election. While we are disappointed at the outcome, we know there is a tremendous amount of work ahead to continue improving our economy and securing Ohio's economic future. Republicans and Democrats must put this hard fought campaign behind us and come together to continue addressing the challenges ahead," Budish said in a statement.

On the Senate side, Republicans added to an already large majority, knocking off two Democratic incumbents - Sue Morano (D-Lorain) and Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton). Democrats had hoped to compete in districts where President Barack Obama performed well in 2008, but the money advantage of the Republican Senate Caucus and an anti-Democrat year proved to be too much.

But the Senate membership is not yet set as there will be three open seats once Sens. Jon Husted (R-Kettering), Bob Gibbs (R-Lakeville) and Tim Grendell (R-Chesterland) all move on to other positions. And that doesn't even begin the speculation over which senators might move to positions in a Kasich administration.

The following is a look at selected House and Senate races:

## Ohio House

### 1<sup>st</sup> House District: Linda Bolon v. Craig Newbold

Rep. Linda Bolon (D-Columbiana) swept into the formerly Republican district in 2006, using her popularity as a Columbiana County officeholder to get 55 percent of the vote. In 2008, she increased that to 64 percent.

But as the race went on, Republicans became more confident in Craig Newbold, a businessman who founded the Newlife Technical Institute.

Adding to their optimism was Republican presidential nominee John McCain, who won the district in 2008 with 52 percent.

Newbold went on to defeat Bolon on Tuesday 52 percent to 47 percent.

### 16<sup>th</sup> House District: Jennifer Brady v. Nan Baker

Rep. Nan Baker (R-Westlake) kept her seat against Jennifer Brady (D-Westlake) in a repeat of the 2008 race.

Baker, a small business owner, won one of the few GOP pickups in 2008 by gaining 50.9 percent of the vote to Brady's 49 percent.

Brady, who won in 2006 after becoming a replacement candidate on the ballot late in the campaign, said on her website that job creation was her top priority and that Northeast Ohio has been denied state dollars and resources needed to create jobs.

**17<sup>th</sup> House District: Kelli Perk v. Marline Anielski**

Marline Anielski (R-Walton Hills) was able to keep her district Republican against Kelli Perk (D-Broadview Heights).

Anielski, the mayor of Walton Hills, ran because Rep. Josh Mandel (R-Lyndhurst) was running for state treasurer.

Perk, an assistant Cuyahoga County prosecutor, lost by a 54 percent to 39 percent margin.

**18<sup>th</sup> House District: Matt Patten v. Michael Dovilla**

Rep. Matt Patten (D-Strongsville) lost his seat against Michael Dovilla (R-Berea).

Patten, a labor management field coordinator, won in 2008 by getting 50.8 percent of the votes.

Dovilla, a small business owner and government relations consultant, had tried to connect his opponent to the scandals in Cuyahoga County government, releasing statements demanding that Patten give contributions he had received from indicted county leaders to charity.

**19<sup>th</sup> House District: Marian Harris v. Anne Gonzales**

Rep. Marian Harris (D-Columbus) lost her seat to Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville).

Harris, a consultant, won in 2008 gaining 48.1 percent of the vote.

Gonzales is the mayor of Westerville.

**20<sup>th</sup> House District: Nancy Garland v. Matt Carle**

Rep. Nancy Garland (D-New Albany) kept her seat against opponent Matt Carle (R-New Albany).

Garland won in 2008 gaining 51.3 percent of the vote.

Carle is the director of development and community relations for the Ohio College Access Network.

**21<sup>st</sup> House District: David Robinson v. Mike Duffey**

Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) kept the seat currently held by Rep. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) in Republican hands in his race against David Robinson (D-Worthington).

Duffey, a Worthington City councilman, had interned with Gov.-elect John Kasich.

**22<sup>nd</sup> House District: John Carney v. Angel Rhodes**

Rep. John Carney (D-Columbus) kept his seat against Angel Rhodes (R-Dublin).

Carney, an attorney, won in 2008 by gaining 56.5 percent of the vote.

Rhodes, an educator, ran for Franklin County commissioner in 2008, losing to incumbent Paula Brooks.

**28<sup>th</sup> House District: Connie Pillich v. Mike Wilson**

The race between Rep. Connie Pillich (D-Cincinnati) and Mike Wilson (R-Cincinnati) is too close to call.

Pillich, an attorney, won in 2008 with 54.8 percent of the vote. Wilson is the founder of the Cincinnati Tea Party.

**31<sup>st</sup> House District: Denise Driehaus v. Mike Robison**

On a day that saw her brother lose a bid to keep his congressional seat, Rep. Denise Driehaus (D-Cincinnati) kept her seat against Mike Robison (R-Cincinnati).

Driehaus, a business owner, won in 2008 with 68.5 percent of the vote.

Robison is the chief human resource officer for the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts.

**36<sup>th</sup> House District - Carl Fisher v. Mike Henne**

Mike Henne (R-Clayton) defeated Carl Fisher (D-Huber Heights) to keep the district seat Republican.

The district was a target of the Democrats despite its Republican leanings. John McCain received 59 percent of the vote in the district in 2008, as did Rep. Seth Morgan (R-Huber Heights), who was unsuccessful at capturing the Republican nomination for state auditor.

The Democrats hoped name recognition would put them over the top, with Carl Fisher, a long-time Huber Heights school board member. Fisher's brother, Ron Fisher, is also the mayor of Huber Heights.

**41st House District - Brian Williams v. Lynn Slaby**

Lynn Slaby (R-Copley) defeated incumbent Brian Williams (D-Akron).

Republicans had never given up on trying to regain this seat after Brian Williams, a former Akron City Schools superintendent, defeated incumbent Marilyn Slaby. But Williams had previously managed to fend off strong challenger after strong challenger, defeating Randy Cole by just over 8 percent in 2008, as Republicans have repeatedly targeted this race since 2004.

This year, Williams faced his toughest challenge in Slaby, a retired judge, former prosecutor, and husband of the candidate whom Williams ousted to take the seat in 2004. While Williams had the incumbency, Republicans bet on Slaby's name recognition. It proved to be the right bet.

**42nd House District - Mike Moran v. Kristina Daley Roegner**

Kristina Daley Roegner (R-Hudson) defeated incumbent Mike Moran (D-Hudson). Occupying one of the first seats mentioned by both sides when talking about the battle for the House, freshman Moran (D-Hudson) faced a fierce challenger in Roegner.

A Hudson city council member, Roegner is a small business owner and lives in one of the more Republican areas of the district, which Republicans hoped would cut into one of Moran's strengths in the previous election, where he was able to appeal to a cross section of voters.

**43<sup>rd</sup> House District - Stephen Dyer v. Todd McKenney**

As the seat's former holder, Mary Taylor, was swept into the lieutenant governor's office, the Democrat who took her seat after she vacated it to become state auditor was swept out by Tuesday's Republican wave.

Unofficial results showed Stephen Dyer (D-Uniontown) losing to attorney Todd McKenney, 55 percent to 45 percent.

**46th House District - Harry Barlos v. Barbara Sears**

Democrats thought they could snatch the seat with a candidate who had high name recognition in the district - Harry Barlos, the former mayor of Maumee, Lucas County commissioner and Lucas County clerk of courts. Democrats said he had a proven record and they thought he could unseat an incumbent who was essentially a freshman (Sears was appointed to replace Rep. Mark Wagoner in the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.)

It wasn't enough, as voters gave Sears 56 percent of the vote.

**50th House District - Todd Bosley v. Todd Snitchler**

Todd Snitchler (R-Uniontown) defeated Todd Bosley (D-Louisville). Democrats pushed hard for this seat when it was open in 2008. The political index showed it was winnable then, only leaning slightly Republican in a Democratic tide year.

But Todd Snitchler (R-Uniontown) won by more than 11 percent.

Though the district's index is more Republican this year, Democrats dumped money into the race in support of Todd Bosley, a business owner and Stark County commissioner. They said that his strong resume and name identification would overcome the freshman.

The district became a centerpiece for negative campaigning in the 2010 cycle, thanks to a mailer that depicted Snitchler as "a rat in the Statehouse."

#### **63rd House District - Mark Schneider v. Ron Young**

Ron Young (R-Leroy) defeated incumbent Mark Schneider (D-Mentor).

Young (R-Mentor), a former state legislator, succeeded in returning to his former seat, which he was forced to vacate in 2004 due to term limits. Young held the seat for four consecutive terms but the seat has since bounced between the parties. Schneider defeated Republican Rep. Carol Ann Schindel in 2008 to give the seat back to Democrats.

#### **80th House District - Dennis Murray v. Jeff Krabill**

Rep. Dennis Murray (D-Sandusky) held off a strong challenge from Jeff Krabill.

Elected in November 2008 to the 80<sup>th</sup> District seat, succeeding Rep. Chris Redfern (D-Catawba Island), who was term-limited, Murray (D-Sandusky), said he was tired of being the observer and wanted to make a difference.

Murray, an attorney with Murray & Murray in Sandusky who specializes in commercial litigation, took his first elected office three years ago, when he won a seat on the Sandusky City Commission. He was serving as commission president and ex-officio mayor (the positions overlap) when he was elected to the House.

#### **81st House District - Ben Nutter v. Rex Damschroder**

Rex Damschroder (R-Fremont) defeated Ben Nutter (D-Tiffin).

Damschroder (R-Fremont), a former state representative and son of a former state legislator, had hoped to return to the Legislature from the 81<sup>st</sup> House District by defeating Seneca County Commissioner Ben Nutter. He succeeded.

#### **89th House District - Ron Hadsell v. Terry Johnson**

Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) defeated Ron Hadsell (D-Portsmouth).

The 89<sup>th</sup> House seat is historically known in Ohio for being represented by long-time Democratic Speaker of the House Vern Riffe. Democrats have controlled the seat since the speaker's departure from the chamber. It's considered a home district of Strickland, who picked up 72 percent of the vote in 2006. The current occupant, Rep. Todd Book (D-McDermott), who is term-limited, was unopposed in 2008.

Johnson, the Scioto County coroner, physician, and veteran was one of the first candidates listed by caucus leadership when they talked about their slate this year.

Democrats said they had faith in Ron Hadsell, a businessman who defeated Scioto County Commissioner Mike Crabtree in a bruising Democratic primary. They said Hadsell was a proven job creator and had an outsider resume in an anti-incumbent year.

But he also ran in a bruising primary, and his primary opponent openly endorsed Johnson.

#### **91<sup>st</sup> House District: Dan Dodd v. Bill Hayes**

The third time is the charm for Bill Hayes, who knocked off Rep. Dan Dodd (D-Hebron) after losing to him in 2006 and 2008.

Dodd won in 2008 by gaining 58.6 percent of the vote to Hayes' 41.4 percent. This time, Hayes received nearly 47 percent, while Dodd got 42 percent.

#### **92<sup>nd</sup> House District: Debbie Phillips v. Mike Hunter**

Rep. Debbie Phillips (D-Athens) retained her seat against Mike Hunter (R-Athens).

Phillips, from Athens, won in 2008 by a 50.4 percent to 49.5 percent margin after a wave of absentee and provisional ballots expanded her lead from 170 votes to over 500 votes.

Hunter is a retired Ohio State Highway Patrol commander from Athens.

**93<sup>rd</sup> House District: Linda Secrest v. Andy Thompson**

Linda Secrest (D-Cambridge) was unable to hold a Democratic seat against Andy Thompson (R-Marietta).

Secrest, who is the executive director of the Alcohol and Drug Services center for Guernsey County and the wife of Controlling Board President Joe Secrest, was given the party's nomination after Rep. Jennifer Garrison (D-Marietta) decided to not run for re-election.

Thompson is the publisher of Bird Watcher's Digest.

**96<sup>th</sup> House District: Joshua O'Farrell v. Allen Landis**

Joshua O'Farrell (D-New Philadelphia) lost his seat against Allen Landis (R-Dover).

O'Farrell replaced Rep. Allan Sayre (D-Dover) after he resigned in June to become deputy Tuscarawas County auditor. O'Farrell is the son of Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Judge Edward O'Farrell.

Landis is a retired sales administration manager for Greer Steel Company.

**Ohio Senate**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District: Mark Pfeifer v. Kevin Bacon**

Rep. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus) kept this district Republican against Mark Pfeifer (D-Reynoldsburg). It is currently held by Sen. David Goodman (R-New Albany) who was not eligible to run due to term-limits.

Bacon is currently serving his second term representing the 21<sup>st</sup> House District in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Pfeifer is a funeral director from Reynoldsburg.

**5<sup>th</sup> Senate District: Fred Strahorn v. Bill Beagle**

Sen. Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) lost his seat against Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City).

Strahorn was picked by Democrats in 2009 to fill the vacant seat left by Sen. Tom Roberts (D-Dayton), who resigned to accept an appointment to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

Beagle is a finance manager from Tipp City.

**13<sup>th</sup> Senate District: Sue Morano v. Gayle Manning**

Sen. Sue Morano (D-Lorain) lost her seat against Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville).

Morano, a legislator and registered nurse, won in 2006 gaining 63.4 percent of the vote.

Manning is a retired teacher.

**27<sup>th</sup> Senate District: Frank Comunale v. Frank LaRose**

Frank LaRose (R-Fairlawn) won the race for the 27<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District seat against Frank Comunale (D-Akron).

Comunale is a Summit County councilman and lost by 57 percent to 43 percent.

## **Cain Maintains Hold on State Board of Education Seat**

With the governor behind the evidence-based model of school reform headed out of office, the State Board of Education, that has largely supported the K-12 funding changes, has the potential to remain on course with the reelection of Deborah Cain, currently board president. She was beating her opponent by a 3-2 margin late Tuesday.

Stark County businessman Greg Butler could not unseat Cain in District 8, while Dayton Board of Education President Jeffrey Mims beat Mark Haverkos, husband to the District 3 incumbent, 58 percent to 42 percent.

District 2 saw a partly unexpected result, with Libertarian Kathleen McGervey apparently tapping populist sentiment on her way to beating *The Blade*-endorsed candidate, former Toledo firefighter and city safety director Joe Walter, who currently holds the office of state representative. He trailed McGervey 40 percent to 35 percent late Tuesday. Pam Haynam was third with 24 percent.

The State Board election saw an even larger field in District 4. Avowed Republican Debe Terhar, a former Montessori teacher, edged art teacher Pat Bruns 34 percent to 32 percent in the otherwise nonpartisan race, followed by Mary Schlueter with 23 percent and John Spohn with 11 percent.



## 2010 Winners

This list was compiled using information from the secretary of state.  
It is tentative pending certification from county boards of election.

\* Denotes term-limited incumbent.

**X** Denotes Winner **TCTC** Denotes Too Close to Call

Ohio House			
Dist	Incumbent	Democrat	Republican
1	L. Bolon	Linda Bolon	<b>X</b> Craig Newbold
2	Kris Jordan	Richard Bird	<b>X</b> Andrew Brenner
3	R. Amstutz		<b>X</b> Ron Amstutz
4	M. Huffman	Connie Miller	<b>X</b> Matt Huffman
5	G. Stebelton		<b>X</b> Gerald Stebelton
6	R. Gardner	Jackie Brown	<b>X</b> Randy Gardner
7	K. Yuko	<b>X</b> Kenny Yuko	Tony Hocevar
8	A. Budish	<b>X</b> Armond Budish	Jerry Powell
9	B. Boyd	<b>X</b> Barbara Boyd	Charles Perkel
10	R. Belcher	<b>X</b> Bill Patmon	
11	S. Williams	<b>X</b> Sandra Williams	Roz McAllister
12	* M. DeBose	<b>X</b> John Barnes Jr.	
13	* M. Skindell	<b>X</b> Nickie Antonio	
14	M. Foley	<b>X</b> Mike Foley	Kevin Burke
15	T. DeGeeter	<b>X</b> Tim DeGeeter	
16	N. Baker	Jennifer Brady	<b>X</b> Nan Baker
17	J. Mandel	Kelli Perk	<b>X</b> Marlene Anielski David Macko (Libertarian)
18	M. Patten	Matt Patten	<b>X</b> Mike Dovilla
19	M. Harris	Marian Harris	<b>X</b> Anne Gonzales Mike Johnston (Libertarian)
20	N. Garland	<b>X</b> Nancy Garland Jacquelyn K. Thompson (Write-in)	Matt Carle Lawrence Binsky (Libertarian)
21	K. Bacon	David Robinson	<b>X</b> Mike Duffey
22	J. Carney	<b>X</b> John Carney Corey J. Ansel (Green)	Angel Rhodes Mark M. Noble (Libertarian)
23	C. Grossman	Steven Harp	<b>X</b> Cheryl Grossman Casey D. Borders (Libertarian)
24	T. Celeste	<b>X</b> Ted Celeste	Nathan Larger
25	* D. Stewart	<b>X</b> Michael Stinziano	
26	T. Heard	<b>X</b> Tracy Heard	Joseph A. Healy
27	C. Weddington	<b>X</b> C. Weddington	Meagan Cyrus
28	C. Pillich	Connie Pillich <b>TCTC</b>	Mike Wilson Bryant Callaghan (Libertarian)
29	L. Blessing	Liz Ping	<b>X</b> Lou Blessing
30	R. Mecklenborg	Richard G. Luken	<b>X</b> Robert Mecklenborg
31	D. Driehaus	<b>X</b> Denise Driehaus	Mike Robison

32	D. Mallory	X Dale Mallory	Erik Nebergall Ryan Printy (Libertarian)
33	A. Reece	X Alicia Reece Curtis A. Wells (Independent)	Jim Stith Jillian Mack (Libertarian)
34	P. Stautberg	Max Kinman	X Peter Stautberg
35	R. Maag	Marcia Garrison	X Ron Maag
36	S. Morgan	Carl Fisher Jr. Cheryl K. Watson (Independent)	X Michael Henne
37	P. Lehner	Steven C. Byington	X Peggy Lehner
38	T. Blair	John R. Doll	X Terry Blair
39	C. Luckie	X Clayton Luckie	Harlene Holland (Independent)
40	R. Winburn	X Roland Winburn	David H. Wilson (Independent)
41	B. Williams	Brian G. Williams	X Lynn Slaby David S. Finley (Libertarian)
42	M. Moran	Mike Moran	X Kristina Daley Roegner
43	S. Dyer	Stephen Dyer	X Todd McKenney
44	V. Sykes	X Vernon Sykes	Josh Sines Kurtis Liston (Libertarian)
45	J. Otterman	X Zack Milkovich	Charles Lasher
46	B. Sears	Harry Barlos	X Barbara Sears
47	J. Walter	X Teresa Fedor	Rick Bush Joseph M. Pfeiffer (Libertarian)
48	* E. Brown	X Michael Ashford Schylar M. Meadows (Independent)	Carolyn Eyre
49	M. Szollosi	X Matt Szollosi	Jeff Wingate
50	T. Snitchler	Todd D. Bosley	X Todd Snitchler
51	* S. Oelslager	Andrew Haines	X Kirk Schuring
52	S. Slesnick	X Stephen Slesnick	Travis Secrest
53	T. Derickson	James Shew	X Timothy Derickson
54	C. Combs	Bruce Carter Arnold Engel (Independent)	X Courtney Combs
55	B. Coley	Suzi Rubin	X Bill Coley
56	* J. Koziura	X Dan Ramos	Henry S. Lewandowski Jr.
57	M. Lundy	X Matt Lundy	Rae Lynn Brady Joshua R. Robertson (Libertarian)
58	T. Boose	Gregory Davidson	X Terry Boose Bob Williams (Libertarian)
59	R. Gerberry	X Ron Gerberry	Michael Pestian Sr. Patrick Manning (Libertarian)
60	B. Hagan	X Bob Hagan	Daniel R. Thimons
61	M. Okey	X Mark Okey	Michael Foit
62	L. Fende	X Lorraine Fende	David Fiebig
63	M. Schneider	Mark Schnieder	X Ron Young
64	T. Letson	X Tom Letson	Albert J. Haberstroh Jr.
65	* S. Harwood	X Sean J. O'Brien Werner Lange (Independent)	Geno Capone
66	J. Uecker	Barry A. Cox (Libertarian)	X Joseph Uecker
67	P. Beck	Anne Howard	X Peter Beck Robert E. Walters (Libertarian)
68	* K. Chandler	X Kathleen Clyde Richard A. Duncan (Independent)	W. Roak Zeller Daniel Cartwright (Constitution)
69	W. Batchelder	Jack Schira	X William Batchelder

70	J. Martin	Michael Stewart Watters	X Jarrod Martin
71	J. Hottinger	Nathan W. McMann	X Jay Hottinger
72	R. McGregor	Gregory D. Krouse	X Ross McGregor
73	J. Goyal	X Jay Goyal	David D. Nietzsche
74	B. Goodwin	David Pilliod	X Bruce Goodwin
75	L. Wachtmann	Cletus Schindler	X Lynn Wachtmann
76	C. Hite	Jeff Detmer	X Cliff Hite
		Steven Gossard (Independent)	
77	J. Zehringer		X James Zehringer
78	J. Adams	Anthony Ehresmann	X John Adams
79	R. Adams	Howard Guy Payne	X Richard Adams
80	D. Murray	X Dennis E. Murray	Jeff Krabill
			Judy Kayden (Libertarian)
81	* J. Wagner	Benjamin E. Nutter	X Rex Damschroder
			Bill Hrabak (Constitution)
82	J. McClain		X Jeffrey McClain
83	D. Burke		X Dave Burke
84	R. Hackett	Aaron Kilbarger	X Robert Hackett
85	R. Pryor	Ray Pryor	X Bob Peterson
86	* D. Daniels	Bill Horne	X Cliff Rosenberger
			Jacob Dawson (Libertarian)
87	* C. Evans	Fred Deel	X John Carey
			Tim Sanders (Libertarian)
88	D. Bulp		X Danny Bulp
89	* T. Book	Ron Hadsell	X Terry Johnson
		Dennis Lambert (Green)	
90	M. Ruhl	John Ryerson	X Margaret Ruhl
91	D. Dodd	Dan Dodd	X Bill Hayes
			Chad Ricketts (Libertarian)
92	D. Phillips	X Debbie Phillips	Mike Hunter
		Ty Collinsworth (Green)	
93	J. Garrison	Linda Secrest	X Andy Thompson
94	T. Balderson		X Troy Balderson
95	* J. Domenick	X Lou Gentile	Mark T. Clark (Independent)
96	J. O'Farrell	Joshua E. O'Farrell	X Al Landis
97	D. Hall	Edward Powers	X Dave Hall
		Gary Aukerman (Independent)	
98	R. Hollington	Mary Briggs	X Tim Grendell
		Mark Saric (Independent)	Bob Cannon (Constitution)
99	D. Newcomb	Deborah Newcomb <b>TCTC</b>	Casey Kozlowski
		Tammy Roesch (Independent)	

**Ohio Senate**

Dist	Incumbent	Democrat	Republican
1	S. Buehrer	Erik Cranmer	X Steve Buehrer
3	* D. Goodman	Mark Pfeifer	X Kevin Bacon
			William Yarbrough (Libertarian)
5	F. Strahorn	Fred Strahorn	X Bill Beagle
7	S. Jones	Sam Pettinichi	X Shannon Jones
9	E. Kearney	X Eric Kearney	Deborah M. McKinney
			Jessica L. Mears (Libertarian)
11	* T. Fedor	X Edna Brown	Tom Waniewski
13	S. Morano	Sue Morano	X Gayle Manning

15	* R. Miller	X Charleta Tavares	Alicia Healey
17	* J. Carey	Justin Fallon	X David Daniels
19	* Bill Harris	Neil Patel	X Kris Jordan
21	S. Smith	X Shirley Smith	Burrell Jackson
23	D. Miller	X Mike Skindell	David Morris
25	N. Turner	X Nina Turner	
27	* K. Coughlin	Frank Comunale	X Frank LaRose
29	* K. Shuring	Richard Reinbold	X Scott Oelslager
31	T. Schaffer	Dennis A. Lupher	X Tim Schaffer
33	J. Schiavoni	X Joe Schiavoni	Matt Lewis
			John K. Fockler Jr. (Libertarian)
<b>Governor/Lt. Gov.</b>			
	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
	T. Strickland/ L. Fisher	Ted Strickland/Yvette McGee Brown Dennis S. Spisak/Anita Rios (Green)	X John Kasich/Mary Taylor Ken Matesz/Ann Leech (Libertarian)
<b>Auditor</b>			
	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
	M. Taylor	David Pepper	X Dave Yost L. Michael Howard (Libertarian)
<b>Attorney General</b>			
	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
	R. Cordray	Richard Cordray Robert M. Owens (Constitution)	X Mike DeWine Marc Allan Feldman (Libertarian)
<b>Secretary of State</b>			
	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
	J. Brunner	Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy	X Jon Husted Charles Earl (Libertarian)
<b>Treasurer</b>			
	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
	K. Boyce	Kevin Boyce	X Josh Mandel Matthew P. Cantrell (Libertarian)
<b>Supreme Court</b>			
	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
	T. Moyer	Eric Brown	X Maureen O'Connor
	J. Lanzinger	Mary Jane Trapp	X Judith Lanzinger
	P. Pfeiffer		X Paul Pfeifer
<b>Congress</b>			
	<b>Dist Incumbent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
1	S. Driehaus	Steve Driehaus Rich Stevenson ( Green)	X Steve Chabot Jim Berns (Libertarian)
2	J.Schmidt	Surya Yalamanchili Randy Lee Conover (Write-in)	X Jean Schmidt Marc Johnston (Libertarian)
3	M. Turner	Joe Roberts	X Michael Turner
4	J. Jordan	Doug Litt	X Jim Jordan Donald Charles Kissick (Libertarian)
5	B. Latta	Caleb Finkenbiner	X Bob Latta Brian L. Smith (Libertarian)
6	C. Wilson	Charlie Wilson Richard E. Cadle (Constitution)	X Bill Johnson Martin J. Elsass (Libertarian)
7	S. Austria	Bill Connor	X Steve Austria
		David Easton (Constitution)	John Anderson (Libertarian)

8	J. Boehner	Justin Coussoule	X John Boehner
		James J. Condit Jr. (Constitution)	David A. Harlow (Libertarian)
9	M. Kaptur	X Marcy Kaptur	Rich Iott
10	D. Kucinich	X Dennis Kucinich	Peter Corrigan
			Jeff Goggins (Libertarian)
11	M. Fudge	X Marcia Fudge	Thomas Pekarek
12	P. Tiberi	Paula Brooks	X Pat Tiberi
			Travis Irvine (Libertarian)
13	B. Sutton	X Betty Sutton	Tom Ganley
14	S. LaTourette	Bill O'Neill	X Steve LaTourette
			John M. Jelenic (Libertarian)
15	M.J. Kilroy	Mary Jo Kilroy	X Steve Stivers
		David B. Ryon (Constitution Party)	William J. Kammerer (Libertarian)
		Bill Buckel (Write-in)	
16	J. Bocchieri	John Bocchieri	X Jim Renacci
		Robert L. Ross (Write-in)	Jeffrey Blevins (Libertarian)
17	T. Ryan	X Tim Ryan	Jim Graham
		James A. Traficant Jr. (Independent)	
18	Z. Space	Zack Space	X Bob Gibbs
		Lindsey Sutton (Constitution)	Mark Pitrone (Write-in)
<b>U.S. Senate</b>			
	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
	G. Voinovich	Lee Fisher	X Rob Portman
		David H. LaBotz (Socialist)	Eric. W. Deaton (Constitution)
		Michael Pryce (Independent)	Arthur T. Sullivan (Write-in)
<b>State Board of Education</b>			
All candidates appear on ballot as non-partisan			
2	J. Bender	Pam Heynam	X Kathleen McGervey
		Joe Walter	
3	S. Haverkos	Mark Haverkos	X Jeffrey J. Mims
4	G.R. Schloemer	Pat Burns	Mary Welsh Schlueter
		John L. Spohn	X Debe Terhar
7	T. O'Brien	X Tammy O'Brien	
8	D. Cain	X Deborah L. Cain	Greg Butler