

The Ohio Society of CPAs 2016 Election Results

(Results are not yet official)

A night for the ages! Ignoring political pundits across the nation, frustrated American voters spoke volumes with their support of President-Elect Donald Trump and retained Republican control of both the U.S. House and Senate.

Here in Ohio, the Trump Effect had a noticeable impact on numerous down-ticket races, benefiting Republican candidates at all levels that The Ohio Society evaluated for endorsement.

All totaled, 111 of the 114 candidates OSCPA formally endorsed saw victory – a 97.4% OSCPA endorsement success rate. Specific highlights:

FEDERAL RACES

All Incumbents were successful.

OSCPA-backed **Senator Rob Portman** easily coasted to a victory over former Governor Ted Strickland (58%-37%) for his second term in the U.S. Senate. All 16 incumbents in the U.S. House of Representatives also saw easy wins, including all 14 that OSCPA endorsed.

U.S. House of Representatives District Results

***indicates endorsed candidate**

House District 1: Rep. Steve Chabot* won by 20 points, paving the way for another two-year term.

House District 2: Rep. Brad Wenstrup* of SW Ohio easily won his bid for another term by a 67-33% margin.

House District 3: Rep. Joyce Beatty* defeated her central Ohio opponent by over two-thirds of the vote.

House District 4: Rep. Jim Jordan* also won with over two-thirds of the vote for the NW Ohio district.

House District 5: Rep. Bob Latta* easily won reelection with a 71-29% margin for this NW Ohio seat.

House District 6: Rep. Bill Johnson* from SE Ohio coasted to another win, besting his opponent by almost 40 points.

House District 7: Rep. Bob Gibbs* won a three-way race with 64% of the vote, paving the way for another term in Washington.

House District 8: Rep. Warren Davidson*, newly elected to replace former Speaker John Boehner, easily won his first full term by a 69-27% vote.

House District 9: Rep. Marcy Kaptur will again represent this NW Ohio district, beating her opponent by almost 40 points.

House District 10: Rep. Mike Turner* from Dayton easily won a three-way race, beating his opponents with 64% of the vote.

House District 11: Rep. Marcia Fudge will again represent the Cleveland area next session, easily winning her race by over 60 points.

House District 12: Rep. Pat Tiberi* crushed his two opponents in this central Ohio race, winning 67% of the vote.

House District 13: Rep. Tim Ryan* will return to represent his NE Ohio constituents, running away with 67% of the vote in this two-way race.

House District 14: Rep. David Joyce* will again represent this NE Ohio district, winning his race by a 63-37% vote.

House District 15: Rep. Steve Stivers* easily won this two-way race by a 66-34% margin, earning two more years representing what is generally a central Ohio district.

House District 16: Rep. Jim Renacci, CPA* best his opponent by 65-35% and will return to Washington to continue his tax reform efforts.

STATEWIDE RACES

Control of the Ohio Supreme Court remains with a majority of fair and impartial jurists as all three OSCPA-backed Ohio Supreme Court candidates were victorious last night.

Judge Pat DeWine easily coasted to victory over Judge Cynthia Rice (57%-43%). In a much tighter race, **Judge Pat Fischer** appears to have squeaked by with a 50.3%-49.7% margin over Judge John O'Donnell – barely over the 0.5% margin requiring an automatic recount. This race is not yet finalized as there are still absentee votes and provisional ballots to count.

Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor was unopposed in her reelection bid for another six-year term.

STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

Republicans gained record-setting margins of control, with the Ohio House picking up one open seat for a 66-33 majority, and the Ohio Senate also gaining one seat for a 24-9 margin of Republican control. The lone incumbent to lose at the state level: Sen. Lou Gentile, the Democrat Assistant Minority Whip, was defeated by newcomer and former Navy Seal Frank Hoagland in this Appalachian district.

Of the 81 endorsed House candidates – many in tight races, only two candidates were not successful – both Republicans running in heavily Democratic open seats. Gentile was the lone upset backed by OSCPA.

Ohio House of Representatives District Results

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House District 1: Scott Wiggam* won two-thirds of the vote for this open seat, and will serve in his first term, replacing term-limited Rep. Ron Amstutz.

House District 2: Rep. Mark Romanchuk* easily won his bid for a third-term with a 70-30% margin.

House District 3: Newly appointed Rep. Theresa Gavarone* surprised many with her seemingly easy 18% margin of victory (59-41%), allowing her to serve in her first full term starting 2017.

House District 4: Rep. Bob Cupp* was unopposed and will return for his second term.

House District 5: Rep. Tim Ginter* easily won in his bid for a second term with a 71-29% margin.

House District 6: Rep. Marlene Anielski* coasted in what could have been a tough race, winning 61-38%.

House District 7: Current Sen. Tom Patton* was unopposed in his race to return to the Ohio House. He replaces Rep. Mike Dovilla.

House District 8: Rep. Kent Smith easily won reelection with 80% of the vote.

House District 9: Rep. Janine Boyd easily won her bid for a second term, winning 85-15%.

House District 10: Rep. Bill Patmon* was unopposed for his fourth and final term in the Ohio House.

House District 11: Rep. Stephanie Howse easily won by a margin of 86-14%.

House District 12: Rep. John Barnes* was unopposed and will return for his final House term.

House District 13: Rep. Nickie Antonio was unopposed and will return for her fourth term.

House District 14: Rep. Martin Sweeney* was unopposed and will begin his second term in 2017.

House District 15: Rep. Nick Celebrezze* was unopposed and will return for his third term.

House District 16: This valiantly fought race saw Republican **Dave Greenspan*** victorious, winning 56-44%.

House District 17: Republican **John Rush*** fought hard to win in this solid Democrat district, but lost to Democrat **Adam Miller** by 8 points in his effort to replace retiring Rep. Mike Curtin.

House District 18: Recently appointed **Rep. Kristin Boggs*** easily won in her bid for a full two-year term.

House District 19: Rep. Anne Gonzales* of Westerville easily bested her opponent, allowing her to serve for a fourth and final term.

House District 20: Rep. Heather Bishoff* held off her Republican challenger, winning by 7 points. She will serve in her fourth and final term.

House District 21: Rep. Mike Duffey* easily won a chance to serve in his fourth and final House term.

House District 22: Rep. David Leland* easily won in this heavily Democrat district and will return for his second term.

House District 23: Republican **Laura Lanese*** won by 16 points in what was expected to be a tighter race, allowing her to replace term-limited Rep. Cheryl Grossman.

House District 24: Current **Sen. Jim Hughes*** easily bested his Democrat opponent, allowing him to return to the House after eight years in the Senate.

House District 25: Democrat **Bernadine Kennedy Kent** easily won in this open seat to replace the departing Rep. Kevin Boyce, who successfully ran for Franklin County Commissioner.

House District 26: Rep. Hearcel Craig won by nearly 60% (79-21%) in his effort to serve a second term.

House District 27: Rep. Tom Brinkman* easily won over his Democrat opponent, returning for a second term.

House District 28: In what was expected to be a close race, **Rep. Jonathan Dever*** handily won his race for a second term.

House District 29: Rep. Bill Blessing* was unopposed and will return to the Ohio House for a third term.

House District 30: Current **Sen. Bill Seitz*** easily won his House election. He is wrapping up his eighth year in the Senate.

House District 31: Democrat **Brigid Kelly** easily bested OSCP-backed CPA and member **Mary Yeager***, who could not overcome the difficult odds in this heavily Democratic district. Kelly will replace Rep. Denise Driehaus, who was successful in her bid to be a Hamilton County Commissioner.

House District 32: Cathy Ingram* easily won in this safe Democrat open seat.

House District 33: Rep. Alicia Reece easily won in her bid for a fourth and final term.

House District 34: Rep. Emilia Sykes* easily won reelection to the House.

House District 35: Rep. Greta Johnson will return to the Ohio House for a second term, easily winning by a 62-38% margin.

House District 36: Rep. Anthony DeVitis* easily won by a 64-36% margin in what should have been a much tougher race.

House District 37: Rep. Kristina Daley Roegner* fought hard and succeeded in her bid for a final House term, winning by 14 points.

House District 38: Rep. Marilyn Slaby* won her bid for a third term in the House.

House District 39: Rep. Fred Strahorn* was unopposed and will return for his third term. Strahorn currently serves as the House Minority Leader.

House District 40: Rep. Mike Henne* easily bested his opponent, earning a fourth and final term in the House.

House District 41: Rep. Jim Butler* will return to the House for a third term, winning by 24 points.

House District 42: Rep. Niraj Antani* easily defeated his opponent, earning a second term.

House District 43: Rep. Jeff Rezabek* fought hard and won his chance for a second term in the House. Despite the difficult district make up, Rezabek won by 20 points.

House District 44: Rep. Mike Ashford easily bested his Republican opponent, winning a fourth and final term in the House.

House District 45: Rep. Teresa Fedor easily bested her opponent, earning a fourth and final term in the House.

House District 46: Rep. Mike Sheehy* won with 58% of the vote to serve a second term.

House District 47: Rep. Derek Merrin* easily won in this open seat, winning a first term representing this district.

House District 48: Rep Kirk Schuring* was unopposed in his bid for re-election and will serve in his fourth and final term.

House District 49: Canton City Councilman **Thomas West** won by 12 points for this open seat. West will replace Rep. Steve Slesnick, who is term limited.

House District 50: Rep. Christina Hagan* handily won reelection with 73% of the vote.

House District 51: Rep. Wes Retherford* easily defeated his opponent in this Republican stronghold district. Retherford's real battle was in the March 2016 primary.

House District 52: Rep. Margaret Conditt* was unopposed and will return for her third term.

House District 53: Candice Keller easily won in this heavily conservative district for her first term.

House District 54: Rep. Paul Zeltwanger* easily won a second term representing this Republican stronghold district.

House District 55: Rep. Nathan Manning* had a strong showing – 60% of the vote – in what was thought to be one of the toughest House races. He will return for a second term.

House District 56: Rep. Dan Ramos easily won, returning for his fourth and final term.

House District 57: Republican **Dick Stein*** easily won what was thought to be a tight race. The 24-point margin will see Stein enter the House for his first term in January. He is replacing term-limited Rep. Terry Boose.

House District 58: Rep. Michelle Lepore-Hagan won with 60% of the vote in a three-way race. She will serve in her second term.

House District 59: Rep. John Boccieri* easily won his race for a first full term. He was appointed last year.

House District 60: Rep. John Rogers* won by 10 points, enabling him to return for a third term.

House District 61: Long-time **Rep. Ron Young*** easily defeated his opponent and will serve in his fourth and final term.

House District 62: Scott Lipps* handily won his race for a first term in the Ohio House, taking 79% of the vote. He will replace term-limited Rep. Ron Maag.

House District 63: McDonald Mayor **Glenn Holmes** will replace Rep. Sean O'Brien with his easy victory. O'Brien will move over to the Ohio Senate.

House District 64: Rep. Michael O'Brien* won a hotly contested race by 10 points and will return for a second term.

House District 65: Rep. John Becker* easily bested his opponent in this conservative district and will begin his third term in January.

House District 66: Rep. Doug Green* smashed his opponent by almost 60 points, enabling him to return for a third term.

House District 67: Rep, Andy Brenner* rolled to an easy victory for his fourth and final term representing Delaware County.

House District 68: Rick Carfagna* easily won the chance to represent the eastern half of Delaware County and Knox County. He will replace term-limited Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl.

House District 69: Rep. Steve Hambley* secured a second term with his 69-31% victory.

House District 70: Darrell Kick won the chance to represent this open seat with his 72-28% victory. He will replace Rep. Dave Hall.

House District 71: Rep. Scott Ryan* easily bested his opponent in this Licking County district, enabling him to return for a second term in the House.

House District 72: Larry Householder* earned a seat in the Ohio House once again with his 72-28% victory. Householder previously served as Speaker of the House.

House District 73: Rep. Rick Perales* handily defeated his opponent to win a third term in the Ohio House.

House District 74: Appointed **Rep. Bill Dean** won his first full term to the Ohio House, taking the seat with a 67-33% margin of victory.

House District 75: Rep. Kathleen Clyde* hung on to a ten point win against Republican Jim Lutz 55-45%.

House District 76: Rep. Sarah LaTourette* easily defeated Democrat Terri McIntee 69-31%. A large margin of victory for this area of the state.

House District 77: Rep. Tim Schaffer* will have a second term in the Ohio House. He defeated Bradley Nicodemus 69-31%.

House District 78: Rep. Ron Hood* was unopposed in his bid for re-election.

House District 79: Rep. Kyle Koehler* easily won a second term in the House with a 20-point margin of victory.

House District 80: Rep. Steve Huffman* was unopposed and will return for his second term.

House District 81: Rep. Rob McColley* was unopposed and will return for his second term.

House District 82: Political newcomer **Craig Riedel*** was unopposed in the general election and will serve his first term, replacing Rep. Tony Burkley whom he defeated in the primary.

House District 83: Rep. Robert Sprague* won 75% of the vote in his bid for re-election, securing a third term.

House District 84: Outgoing **Senate President Keith Faber*** took 83% of the vote against Ed Huff in his bid to return to the Ohio House.

House District 85: Rep. Nino Vitale* was unopposed and will return for his second term.

House District 86: Rep. Dorothy Pelanda* defeated Scott Crider 71-29%.

House District 87: Wes Goodman* was unopposed in his bid to replace former Rep. Jeff McClain, who recently resigned to head up taxation efforts with a statewide business organization.

House District 88: Rep. Bill Reineke* was unopposed and will return for his second term.

House District 89: Rep. Steve Arndt* pulled out an amazing win – a 22 point margin of victory – in this Democrat-leaning Ottawa County district. He will be serving his first full term starting in January.

House District 90: Rep. Terry Johnson* was unopposed in his bid for re-election.

House District 91: Speaker Cliff Rosenberger* was unopposed and will return for his fourth term.

House District 92: Rep. Gary Scherer, CPA* was unopposed in his bid for re-election.

House District 93: Rep. Ryan Smith* was unopposed in his bid for re-election.

House District 94: Jay Edwards, a Republican candidate, defeated Democrat Sarah Grace by 16 points in an upset, taking the Republican majority to 66 members. The district covers traditionally Democrat Athens County, now represented by term-limited Rep. Debbie Phillips.

House District 95: Rep. Andy Thompson* easily defeated his Democrat opponent, allowing him to serve in his fourth and final House term.

House District 96: Rep. Jack Cera* was unopposed in his bid for re-election and will serve in his third term.

House District 97: Rep. Brian Hill* was unopposed in his bid for re-election and will begin his third term in January.

House District 98: Rep. Al Landis* wins in a landslide, 71-29%.

House District 99: Rep. John Patterson* was unopposed in his bid for re-election and will begin his third term in January.

Ohio Senate District Results

***indicates endorsed candidate**

Senate District 2: Incumbent **Sen. Randy Gardner*** easily won reelection (67-33%).

Senate District 4: Sen. Bill Coley* won 68-32% and will return for his second and final term.

Senate District 6: Sen. Peggy Lehner* easily won reelection to what was thought to be a competitive race early on, winning 68% of the vote.

Senate District 8: Rep. Lou Terhar* won this open seat 63-37% and will trade seats with term-limited Sen. Bill Seitz.

Senate District 10: Sen. Bob Hackett* coasted to victory for his first four-year term, winning 65-35%.

Senate District 12: Former House President Pro Tempore **Matt Huffman*** was unopposed and replaces outgoing Ohio Senate President Keith Faber. Both were impacted by term limits.

Senate District 14: Sen. Joe Uecker* cruised to his reelection victory, winning 72-28%.

Senate District 16: Current Rep. **Stephanie Kunze*** came out on top on this very tough central Ohio open seat race, benefiting from the top of the ticket with a surprising 59-41% margin. She trades seats with term-limited Sen. Jim Hughes.

Senate District 18: Sen. John Eklund* made what should have been a tough race based on district make up look easy with his 65-35% victory, returning him for a second term.

Senate District 20: Sen. Troy Balderson* was unopposed and will return for his second term.

Senate District 22: Sen. Larry Obhof*, widely expected to be the next Senate President, easily won by a 70-30% margin.

Senate District 24: Former State Rep. **Matt Dolan*** was successful in his bid to replace current but term-limited Sen. Tom Patton, who is moving to the House. Dolan's 58-42% margin was surprising in this very competitive district.

Senate District 26: Sen. **Dave Burke*** was unopposed and will return for his second term.

Senate District 28: Former State Rep. **Vernon Sykes*** will join the Senate for his first four-year term – winning by a 61-39% margin. His daughter, Emelia Sykes, is now serving in his former House seat.

Senate District 30: Sen. **Lou Gentile*** lost in a surprise upset to challenger Frank Hoagland, a former Navy Seal and small business owner. The 53-47% margin of loss will result in the Senate Democrats having the smallest caucus ever in Ohio.

Senate District 32: Current Rep. **Sean O'Brien** will move to the Senate after his 56-44% victory, replacing current Sen. Capri Cafaro.