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NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL, INC.



#STRONGERTOGETHER #NPHC90YEARS

WE, THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL™ (DIVINE 9®), HAVE MET AND AGREED TO MEET THIS CRITICAL MOMENT IN HISTORY WITH AN UNPRECEDENTED VOTER REGISTRATION, EDUCATION AND MOBILIZATION COORDINATED CAMPAIGN. THIS CAMPAIGN WILL ACTIVATE THE THOUSANDS OF CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS IN OUR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO ENSURE STRONG VOTER TURNOUT IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. THIS NONPARTISAN COORDINATED VOTER MOBILIZATION EFFORT BUILDS ON OUR SHARED LEGACIES OF SOCIAL ACTION AND SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. THE DIVINE 9™ STANDS IN UNITY TO GET OUT THE VOTE. WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER. #D9STRONGERTOGETHER

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BASILEUS CORNER



Brother Basileus Thomas Hill

Make a Difference!

This edition of MI News addresses topics of Voter Education for the upcoming 2024 General Elections. If you want to have a say in how you are governed, then you must vote for individuals and initiatives that agree with your expectations of how government should operate.

Questions? Please reach out to MI Voter Registration Education and Mobilization Chair Brother Sean Ruffin.



CAN'T ENDORSE POLITICAL CANDIDATES

GB 41 Brother David Marion spoke to the 7/31/24 session of Omega Prayer call and reported that as an entity organized for pleasure, recreation, and other similar purposes under section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity cannot act in the political arena to endorse candidates running for public office.

An option for providing financial support is to contribute to campaigns through the Omega Network for Action, which is organized [is a tax-exempt organization that operates to promote social welfare within a community](#) under section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Omega Network for Action founded by GB 41 Dr. David Marion may endorse candidates,



Dr. David Marion
41st Grand Basileus (GB)
Founder, Omega Network for Action

donate to candidates, advertise, and knock on doors. If you wish to donate to the Omega Network for Action, click the following icon.



CANNOT USE FRATERNITY SYMBOLS

Brothers may freely participate in political campaigns. However, when doing so, brothers may not wear paraphernalia or use the fraternity's symbols (anything identifiable to the fraternity) in support of candidates or issues.



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OHIO VOTER 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 next general election. (If you will be 18 on or before the general election, you may vote in the primary election to nominate candidates, but you cannot vote on issues or party central committees until you are 18)
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 prison or jail) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court; and
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violating the election laws.
7. You are eligible to vote in elections held in your voting precinct 30 days after you are duly registered to vote in this state. You may request an absentee ballot during that 30-day period.

OHIO VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

There are several types of valid photo identification.

1. Ohio driver's license.
2. State of Ohio ID card.
3. Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV;
4. A US passport;
5. A US passport card;
6. US military ID card;
7. Ohio National Guard ID card; or
8. US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

All photo pieces of identification must have the following:

1. An expiration date that has not passed.
2. A photograph of the voter.
3. The voter's name, which must substantially conform to the voter's name as it appears in the Poll List or in the Poll Book.

IDEAS FOR MOBILIZING VOTERS

1. Encourage people to vote *before election day*

11/5/2024. Early voting begins 11/5/2024.

2. Encourage people to go to County Boards of election.
3. Provide rides to County Boards of Election for Senior Citizens and people with mobility problems.
4. Help people complete applications to vote by mail. Mailed ballots must arrive at County Boards of Elections by 11/9/2024.
5. When you go to the polls to vote, take somebody with you.
6. Help 18-year-old high school students register to vote (and then VOTE). **The deadline to register for November Elections is 10/7/2024.**
7. Help people with mobility problems to vote by mail if they desire. Help them post their ballots or submit ballots at county boards of election

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OF INTEREST TO MU IOTA

Starting the day after the close of voter registration, registered voters may cast an early in-person ballot at their county board of elections. Early voting begins 10/7/2024.

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Delaware County Board of
Elections
2079 US Highway U.S. 23 North,
Delaware OH 43015

Fairfield County Board of
Elections
951 Liberty Drive
Lancaster OH 43130

Franklin County Board of
Elections
1700 Morse Road
Columbus OH 43229

IMPORTANT DATES

10/7/2024
Deadline for voter registration for
Nov. 5 general election (30 days
before general election)

10/8/2024
Early Voting Begins for
November 2024 General Election
10/29/2024
Applications for absentee ballots
to be mailed for Nov. 5 general
election must be received by
boards of elections by the close of
business (7 days before general
election)

11/5/2024
Voting for General Election
11/9/2024

Absentee ballots mailed on or
before Nov. 4 must arrive at
boards of elections by this day to
be counted.

AN ISSUE ON THE OHIO BALLOT

ISSUE ONE

Summary: Issue #1 on the
November 5th ballot is a
proposed citizen-driven
constitutional amendment, known
as the “Citizens Not Politicians”
amendment. It replaces Ohio’s
current redistricting process for
legislative districts starting in 2026.
Adoption requires a simple
majority of Ohio voters (50% +1).

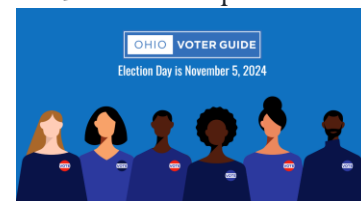
“YES” VOTE:

- Creates the 15-member Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission made up of Democratic, Republican, and Independent citizens who broadly represent the different geographic areas and demographics of the state.
- Bans current or former politicians, political party officials and lobbyists from sitting on the Commission.

- Requires fair and impartial districts by making it unconstitutional to draw voting districts that discriminate against or favor any political party or individual politician.
- Requires the commission to operate under an open and independent process.

“NO” VOTE:

- Keeps power to draw legislative districts exclusively with politicians
- Allows politicians to draw maps that benefit a particular party
- Allows map-drawers to draw districts to benefit an incumbent or candidate
- Keeps current transparency and public disclosure requirement



Credit: [Ohio Voter Guide](#)

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Various news
organizations have opined
on Issue One

CREDIT: https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2024/issue-1-yes-explanation_final.pdf

ISSUE 1: WHAT OHIOANS NEED TO KNOW

- **“The proposed constitutional amendment [Issue 1] would remove elected officials from drawing congressional and state legislative districts. Instead, a 15-member panel of five Republicans, five Democrats and five independents would craft the maps.”**
Cincinnati Enquirer, July 23, 2024
- **“Active lobbyists, political consultants and elected officials could not serve on the panel, which retired judges would help select.** The new Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission would need to follow certain rules, such as crafting maps that closely correspond to voters’ statewide partisan preference and preserving communities of interest.”
Cincinnati Enquirer, July 23, 2024
- **“The Ohio plan that’s on the ballot this November [Issue 1] comes the closest to being a silver bullet to getting fair districting.”**
National redistricting expert to Statehouse News Bureau, August 1, 2024
- **“Building on successful best practices from other states, [Issue 1] would ban gerrymandering, prohibit consideration of individual incumbents or candidates when drawing maps, and ensure an open and transparent redistricting process with extensive and meaningful public input.”**
Open letter signed by more than 80 Ohio business and civic letters, published by the Leadership Now Project, July 11, 2024
- **“The initiative [Issue 1] has broad bipartisan backing”**
The Center Square, July 24, 2024
- **Ohio’s current redistricting commission, made up entirely of politicians, “has passed maps that the Ohio Supreme Court judged to be unconstitutional seven times, including five times for state maps and twice for congressional maps.”**
Dayton Daily News, July 25, 2024
- **“Governor Mike DeWine admitted that the state’s current redistricting system ‘doesn’t work very well,’ and... he doesn’t think politicians like him should get to decide the maps.”**
News5 Cleveland, August 22, 2023

Submitted by Kevin Cain, Nadia Zaiem, Michael Ahern, Annette Tucker Sutherland and Michele Roberts, petitioners committee for Citizens Not Politicians

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VOTER RESOURCES



Are you sure you are registered to vote?

Double check the voter roll to see if you are.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Want to be reminded?
Receive notices saying when you need to vote.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Do you need to register to vote?

It should take about 2-minutes

[CLICK HERE](#)



Turning 18 by November 5, 2024?

Provide your phone number, and you will receive a text on your 18th birthday and help to get you registered to vote.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Can't or don't want to vote in-person?

Request an absentee ballot to vote by mail.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Candidates & Issues

Find out what you are being asked to vote for and who is running for offices on your Federal, State, and Local ballots.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Want to review issues that may be on the November 2024 ballot?

[CLICK HERE](#)

REMEMBER THIS ELECTION...

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ELECTION DAY | **NOVEMBER 5TH**



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4th District Successes & Best Practices

- Hold Registration Events beginning in June; Provide QR Codes for Registrations
- Share Current Events with Public at large through news clips, case verdicts, supreme court decisions & supreme court opinions
- Hosting Voter Precinct Locations and Election Dates & Times for Ohio and West Va
- Provide Election Links and Websites on 4th D Social Media Platforms & QR Codes
- Chapters required to provide at least 10 hrs of Phone Banking prior to November Election
- Provide transportation to polls for Sr. Brothers on Election Day
- Track Mail-In Ballot Submission for the 4th District
- Track number of Mobilization Efforts to The Polls on Election Day(s)
- Partner with NAACP & Delta Sigma Theta with GOTV Efforts



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OPPFI 2024 VREM Quick Facts & Best Practices For 2024 Elections

*If not us, then who?
Our Pathway through 2024*



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