



THE OHIO
WOMEN'S
PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK

VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018

OHIO GENERAL ELECTION



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The Ohio Women's Public Policy Network is a coalition unlike any other group in the state. Formed in 2015 and convened by Innovation Ohio Education Fund, we bring together more than 30 organizations to collaboratively advance policies that create economic security for women and strengthen Ohio families.

More information can be found online at www.womenspublicpolicynetwork.org.

Member organizations of the Women's Public Policy Network include the following:

ACLU of Ohio	National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Central Ohio Chapter	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio
ACTION OHIO	National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Chapter	Policy Matters Ohio
American Association of University Women of Ohio	Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence	ProgressOhio
Catholics for Choice	Ohio Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW)	Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (ROOTT)
Children's Defense Fund - Ohio	Ohio Domestic Violence Network	The Women's Fund of Central Ohio
Closing the Women's Wealth Gap	Ohio Federation of Teachers	The Women's Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation
Hadassah Columbus	Ohio NOW	UHCAN Ohio
Innovation Ohio Education Fund	Ohio Progressive Asian Women's Leadership	U.R.G.E
Jobs with Justice, Cleveland Chapter	Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice	YWCA Columbus
Juvenile Justice Coalition	Ohio Urban Resources Systems (O.U.R.S.)	YWCA Dayton
NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio		YWCA Greater Cincinnati

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September 12, 2018

Dear Candidate,

**Re: The Ohio Women's Public Policy Network 2018 General Election Voter Guide Questionnaire,
Deadline: Monday, October 8**

The Women's Public Policy Network brings together more than 30 key advocacy organizations to speak with one collective voice and ensure that public policy reflects the true needs of Ohio women and their families.

Our coalition partners have worked in coordination to create, publish, and distribute the following Women's Public Policy Network 2018 State General Election Voter Guide Questionnaire. We respectfully ask that you participate in this critically important civic engagement project, which aims to inform voters of your priorities on three main issue areas affecting women and their families:

- 1) Promoting economic security
- 2) Ensuring fairness and opportunity in the workplace
- 3) Improving women's health and wellbeing

Our Voter Guide was created to serve as a non-partisan, educational tool for voters to understand where candidates for the 2018 general elections stand on issues impacting Ohio's women and families. This project is intended to be a voter education guide, and it is not an endorsement of any candidate or political party. As a non-partisan organization, we neither support nor oppose candidates or political parties.

Your responses to our three questions will be published on our online Voter Guide, along with the answers from all other candidates for state executive office, state house, and state senate who respond. **The information will be made available on our website following the 5:00 pm deadline on Monday, October 8, online at www.womenspublicpolicynetwork.org/voter-guide.** Coalition partners within the Women's Public Policy Network will also distribute the Voter Guide to their own members, networks, and partners.

Further instructions and guidelines for completing the questionnaire are provided in the Project Narrative and Instructions sheet included in this packet. Should you have any questions or concerns while completing the questionnaire, please contact our **Managing Director Erin Ryan at (440) 382-2900 or wppnvoterguide@gmail.com**.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this Voter Guide, which aims to keep Ohio voters informed on where candidates stand on issues affecting women and their families.

Sincerely,

The Ohio Women's Public Policy Network

PROJECT NARRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONS

DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

Questions or concerns? Contact Erin Ryan at (440) 382-2900 or wppnvoterguide@gmail.com

To participate in the Women's Public Policy Network 2018 General Election Voter Guide, please complete the attached questionnaire and submission form. The fillable forms allow for answers to be completed directly in the PDF document. Please use the following instructions to ensure that the forms are done completely and correctly.

QUESTION OVERVIEW: The Voter Guide includes **three open-ended questions** crafted by our member organizations. The questions are related to the three main issue focus areas of our policy agenda:

- 1) *Promoting economic security for women*
- 2) *Ensuring fairness and opportunity in the workplace*
- 3) *Improving women's health and wellbeing*

WORD LIMIT: Answers should be kept to a **250-word maximum according to Microsoft Word** for each response. To ensure fairness among all candidates, **we will not print any additional text that exceeds the 250-word limit as defined by Microsoft Word per question.** Any text beyond this strict word limit will be left out of the Voter Guides, even if you are mid-sentence, and will be indicated in the published Voter Guides by three dots at the end of the paragraph. We will print the exact responses that are submitted to us and will not correct any typos or other errors in your final submission.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Completed Voter Guides should be returned by email or mail by the **October 8, 2018 deadline. The forms are fillable, allowing for responses to be made directly into the PDF documents.** We will publish all received questionnaires on this date to our online Voter Guide page of the website. If you do not return your questionnaire by this time, we will indicate that no responses were received.

QUESTION USAGE: The submitted questionnaires will be published as the Women's Public Policy Network 2018 State General Election Voter Guide, which will be made available on our website at **www.womenspublicpolicynetwork.org/voter-guide.**

SUBMISSION FORMS: Along with your responses to the three questions of our Voter Guide, we ask that you send us a completed Voter Guide Submission Information Form and headshot sent as a JPEG as a part of your submission. Responses may be submitted electronically by email or by mail.

Please return the following questionnaire by 5:00 PM on Monday, October 8

Return by email to:

Erin Ryan at wppnvoterguide@gmail.com

Use subject line 'WPPN Voter Guide Submission_[Candidate Name]'

Return by mail to:

The Ohio Women's Public Policy Network

c/o Erin Ryan

35 E. Gay Street, Suite 403

Columbus, OH 43215

VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMISSION INFORMATION FORM

Please return your answers to the questionnaire along with this submission form by the **Monday, October 8, 2018 deadline**. The form below indicates that you are granting the Women's Public Policy Network permission to print your responses as written up to the **250-word limit according to Microsoft word**. Along with these documents, **please send your headshot as a separate JPEG file** to be published with your responses. The completed questionnaires will be published and available on our website at www.womenspublicpolicynetwork.org/voter-guide

Candidate Name: _____

Office: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Website: _____

(Electronic) Signature or Statement: _____ **Date:** _____

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