



announced that David Carpenter and Julie Houston had been elected to their respective Vice Chair positions. Congratulations to all the new officers of the Delaware County Democratic Party, and a sincere thank you to those who ran.

A final motion was carried to elect the Central Committee to the Executive Committee and confer upon the Executive Committee all powers and authority of the Central Committee as prescribed in the DCDP Constitution and By-Laws. The next stage for the Delaware County Democratic Party was launched to a rousing ovation.

-DCDP CC staff

**Reminder:** Miss a newsletter? They are archived on our [website](#).



## LWV Ohio Joins Congressional District Lawsuit

The League of Women Voters of Ohio has announced participation in a lawsuit challenging the state's U.S. congressional districts as unconstitutional. The federal lawsuit, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union in the Southern District of Ohio, alleges the current map violates Ohioans' right to have their votes count and their voices heard.

"Ohio's current congressional map is clearly gerrymandered and unconstitutional," said LWV Ohio Executive Director Jen Miller in a May 23 news release. "Voters demonstrated their understanding of this issue and hunger for change at the ballot box on May 8. We look forward to seeing the benefits of Issue 1 during the creation of future maps, which starts in 2021. But the fact remains that the current map needs to be addressed now. This lawsuit could lead to fair maps for all Ohio voters in the 2020 election and create a strong framework for future map making under the Issue 1 process."

Drawn by the majority party in 2011 under Ohio's old redistricting process, the current map has reliably resulted in a 12-4 Republican-Democratic district split, regardless of overall vote totals. According to this complaint, Ohio's current congressional map violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution.

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## Rift in Republican Party

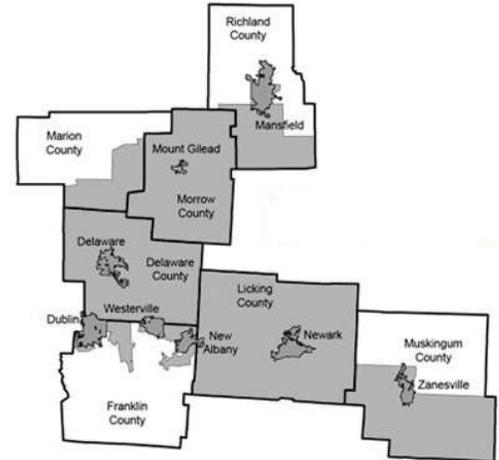
The May 8 primary revealed the rift in the Republican Party, with Troy Balderson at 29.2% and Melanie Leneghan at 28.2%. Endorsements also revealed a split. Former Representative Pat Tiberi supported Balderson and Rep. Jim Jordan supported Leneghan, among others. Both candidates claim an ultra-conservative banner.

According to a June 2 report in the Delaware Gazette, Leneghan sought a recount on the close election. The recount is complicated by the multiple counties in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The request for a recount relates only to the full congressional term nomination for the November 6 election. Leneghan filed a complaint in court against Secretary of State Jon Husted and the Muskingum and Franklin County Boards of Election questioning if proper procedures were used for an official recount that was supposed to take place on June 6.

The complaint says that the Muskingum County Board of Elections unsealed ballots two days before the scheduled recount and then counted them one day before without giving notice. Leneghan also claims that unverifiable, fraudulent votes were used in 16 precincts in Muskingum County. Leneghan claims in the documents that if those ineligible ballots are removed she would win the election by about 1,400 votes.

Some details may have changed, but the issue is still open as of this writing.

-10TV staff



# Light for Los Niños

Concern about the splitting of families that has been happening at our southern border prompted **Indivisible Westerville and Otterbein University Office of Social Justice & Activism** to hold a peaceful candlelight vigil, “Light for Los Niños,” to show community support for compassionate treatment of immigrant families.

A group of concerned citizens gathered at 8:00 p.m. in front of Westerville City Hall, 21 South State Street. The vigil lasted approximately two hours, with guitar music by Michael J Swift of Swift Sound Music & Entertainment. Short speeches were given by Jacki Kifuko, Refugee Organizer and CRIS (Community Refugee and Immigration Services) volunteer; Donna Alena Hrabcakova, a therapist who works at Kobacker Hospice at Ohio Health and provides art therapy with youth that are grieving a loved one that is gone; **James E. Prysock III**, Director of Social Justice & Activism at Otterbein University; **Lula Mohamed Abdull**, a Somali Parent Liaison for Westerville City Schools; **Jacqueline Kifuko**, a Refugee Organizer, Community Refugee and Immigration Services; and **Pamela D. Warrick, PhD**, Child Psychologist and one of our new Central Committee members.



Dr. Warrick has worked as a Child Psychologist for 30 years and is deeply disturbed by the actions of the US government toward immigrant families. The following is a synopsis of Dr. Warrick's remarks.

“An immense body of research has been compiled examining how separation from parents impacts a child’s health and development. All the findings lead to one unmistakable conclusion: Separating children from their parents is detrimental to their physical and mental health. Taking children away from their parents is harmful and the effect is catastrophic. The trauma they are experiencing will have long-lasting effects on their physical and mental health.

Children separated from their parents often experience toxic stress. Toxic stress occurs when the body experiences chronic stress and stress hormones remain elevated for extended periods of time. Toxic stress increases the risk for psychiatric and emotional problems later in life including anxiety, depression, substance abuse, eating disorders, PTSD, and suicide-related behaviors as well as learning problems, attention and behavioral problems and increased risk of school dropout. These children may have difficulty acquiring language or reaching developmental milestones, have more emotional outbursts, more physical aggression, have trouble developing trust and forming secure relationships. These children are also at risk for health problems well into adulthood including: heart, cancer, stroke, diabetes, suppressed immunity and impaired memory.

Parent-child separation can also result in the child feeling abandoned by their parent. This puts the child at risk for Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD), which impairs the child’s ability to develop secure and trusting relationships. When/if the parent-child reunification occurs, it is rarely a fairy tale ending. The child often loses trust in the parent and it can take a very long time to repair the damage. The longer it goes on and the harsher the conditions, the deeper the trauma is likely to be. **Our government must understand that these children are our responsibility. The focus now needs to shift to a solution: to develop meaningful, adequate interventions and treatments, and training workers in trauma-informed care, so that these migrant families can heal.”**

Pamela D. Warrick, PhD  
Psychologist

	<b>Myth #1 — College students from out of state have to register in their home state. — FALSE.</b>
	<b>Myth #2 — Ex-felons are not permitted to vote in Ohio. — FALSE.</b>
	<b>Myth #3 — You need a state-issued photo ID to vote in Ohio. — FALSE.</b>
	<b>Myth #4 — You have to have a reason or excuse to vote early. — FALSE.</b>
	<b>Myth #5 — You may have been removed from the Ohio voting rolls simply because you haven’t voted in a while. — TRUE.</b>
Click <a href="#">Here</a> for further explanations of each fact.	



## Supreme Court Rules on Ohio Voter Purge System

It may sound reasonable: If a citizen fails to vote in two consecutive elections or has not responded to notices from election officials, they are purged from the rolls. However, in a 2016 decision of the 6<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a three-judge panel ruled that Ohio’s system violates federal laws.

The decision was overruled by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 11. The 5-4 decision was written by Justice Samuel Alito, affirming that the court has “no authority to second-guess Congress or to decide whether” Ohio’s law “is the ideal method for keeping its voting rolls up to date.”

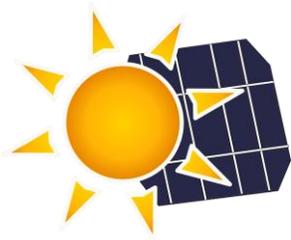
Opponents of the system which purges voters point out that the system is not fool proof. Many voters do not vote in off-year elections, so missing just one Presidential election could cause the purge to kick in. As an example, in the 2016 elections, the ACLU determined that roughly 7,500 people in Ohio showed up to vote only to discover that they had been purged.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty points out that, “The right to vote is not a ‘use-it or lose-it’ proposition. Rather, voting is a permanent guarantee that is essential to our democracy and fundamental to all the other rights we share as Americans.”

As reported in the *Columbus Dispatch*, “U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, blasted the court’s ruling. ‘Ohio should be working to make voting easier, not harder. Instead, today’s decision empowers Ohio to further strip away the right to vote for thousands of Ohioans, threatening the integrity of our state’s election process. This ruling further shows why we can’t afford to pack our federal courts with judges who have a track record of hostility towards Ohioans’ most basic right,’ he said in a statement.”

See the June 11 *Columbus Dispatch* for more details.

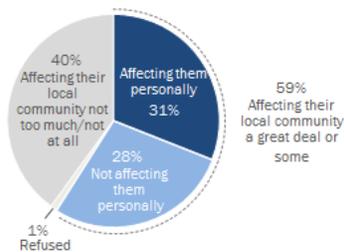
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## Survey Results on Climate Issues

### A majority of U.S. adults say climate change affects their local area; 31% say it affects them personally

% of U.S. adults who say the effects of global climate change are ...

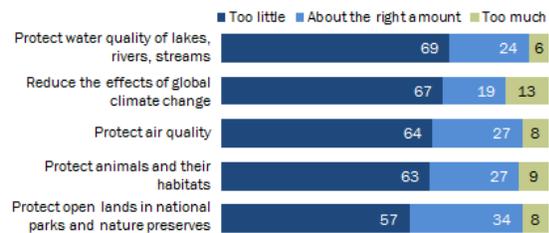


Source: Survey conducted March 27-April 9, 2018.  
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### Majorities of U.S. adults say federal government is not doing enough to protect environment in these ways

% of U.S. adults who say the federal government is doing \_\_\_ in each area

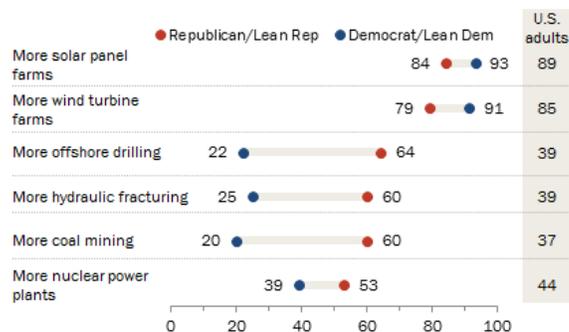


Note: Respondents who did not give an answer are not shown.  
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## Majorities of Republicans and Democrats support increased use of solar, wind power

% of U.S. adults who favor increasing the use of each energy source

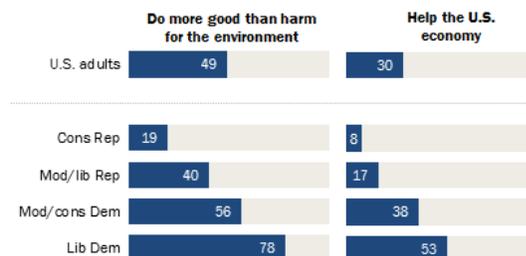


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## Views about the effects of climate policies vary widely by political orientation

% of U.S. adults who say policies aimed at reducing the effects of global climate change generally ...



Note: Republicans and Democrats include independents and others who "lean" toward the parties. Respondents who gave other responses or did not give an answer are not shown.  
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# Candidate Spotlight

## Aileen Wagner for County Commissioner



Delaware County's biggest challenges continue to stem from our rapid growth in the southern part of the county. We need expanded infrastructure to support our residential growth and to alleviate the congestion on our roads. Currently, Delaware County receives the lowest amount of per capita Ohio tax dollars. As Commissioner, I would work to lobby the state and federal governments for a greater share of tax dollars, especially for infrastructure improvements.

The county would also benefit from commercial growth and the addition of more jobs, especially in the central and northern parts of the county. Our families would also benefit greatly from reduced commute times.

As our population increases, we need to balance our growth with the more traditional character of the county. We need to preserve green spaces and support our waterways, our environment, and our agricultural heritage. This balance also needs to ensure that none of our residents are left behind the

success we are seeing.

Please check the DCDP website for the full slate of Democratic candidates and their online campaign pages:  
<https://www.ohiodeladems.org/2018-candidates>

-DCDP CC staff



## Central Committee Meeting News and Getting Involved

### Central Committee Meeting Notes

On June 28<sup>th</sup> a special session of the Central Committee was convened to cover Central Committee new business for the month of June and to lead an orientation session for new Central Committee members. Chairperson Peg Watkins conducted her first official Central Committee meeting by swearing in new, appointed and at-large committee members.

Chris Dalton, Field Director for [Danny O'Connor running for US 12<sup>th</sup> District](#), was invited to address the membership. Chris reinforced to members how critical it is that we continue to communicate our message about Danny O'Connor being the new leader Central Ohio needs to represent our people and communities in Congress. Local Delaware County candidates for office including Louise Valentine, Aileen Wagner, Kathleen Tate, and Indu Rajan were also given an opportunity to address the membership. Read more about our local candidates on the [DCDP website](#), and about Aileen in the Candidate Spotlight, below.

The meeting then switched to Central Committee Orientation mode. Brian Jaffe, representing the Communications Committee, introduced some of the key resources available to the Central Committee members. Most importantly: The new Central Committee Member Handbook and the Handbook Quick Reference Guide, both available on the [DCDP website](#) were shared. Chair, Peg Watkins reintroduced the “Three Be’s” which are the guiding principles for Central Committee members working with their precincts: Be Sociable, Be Informed, and Be Supportive—each of which is fully detailed in the [Handbook](#).

Attendees were then invited to join others in their regions for the breakout exercises. Each of the groups had two facilitators who led the discussions to identify the challenges and opportunities in their respective precincts and regions and then develop a personal action plan for their precinct. Each of the regions then had a representative present the key points and ideas discussed in their breakout sessions. A lot of great ideas and action items came out of the session--and with the goal of electing Danny O'Connor on August 7th, a lot of motivation to take action immediate action within our precincts!

-DCDP CC staff

**Reminder:** Central Committee meeting minutes are posted on the [website](#) each month.

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### Sign-up/Renew your Party Membership:

While the Party operates on volunteer support, we do have actual costs that are required to maintain day-to-day operations. Please go to our [DCDP Membership](#) area to sign-up for or renew your Party membership.

### 'Like' and Interact with us on Facebook:

Communicate with our active membership and get the most up-to-date information.

<https://facebook.com/ohiodeladems>

### Attend a Central Committee Meeting:

The county-wide Central Committee meets the third Thursday every month (except when notified differently), 7:30pm, and is open to the public. It is held at 12½ N. Sandusky St. Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Check the [website](#) for volunteer opportunities

## Central Committee Membership - Opportunity to Make a Difference

Any interested registered Democratic voter can always request an at-large seat on the Delaware County Democratic Party Central Committee. If you are interested in serving, contact the central office for more information: Phone: (740) 363-7500; email: [chair@ohiodeladems.org](mailto:chair@ohiodeladems.org). You can always get more information on our [website](#) on how to file for candidacy.



**Become Part of the Solution**

### Ohio Democratic Party/Delaware County Democratic Party-Sponsored Events:

#### **What: Coordinated Campaign Canvassing and Phone Bank**

**When:** Every Saturday, 3 shifts - 10, 1 and 4 (Canvass); 1:00pm Phone Bank

**Where:** Headquarters, 12-1/2 N Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio 43015 ([map](#))

Volunteer by calling 740-363-7500 or contact Sara Grace Spurgin at [sspurgin@ohiodems.org](mailto:sspurgin@ohiodems.org)

#### **What: 4th of July Orange Parade**

**When:** Wed, July 4, 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Where:** Departs Olentangy Orange High School at 10 am. Be there early, meet the Valentine Campaign and walk with the Coordinated Campaign. For more info about volunteering contact Sara Grace Spurgin at [sspurgin@ohiodems.org](mailto:sspurgin@ohiodems.org)

Wear a Valentine shirt, Danny O'Connor shirt or a Dem shirt - Dem shirts on sale in office for \$15. Sign up to participate in Parade on the [Valentine Facebook Page](#). Scroll way down and you will also find a shirt order page

#### **What: 4th of July Delaware Parade**

**When:** Wednesday, July 4, 3:00-5:00pm

**Where:** Delaware County Fair, 236 Pennsylvania Ave, Delaware, OH 43015, USA ([map](#)) at 3:00pm. Be there early, meet the Valentine Campaign and walk with the Coordinated Campaign. For more info about volunteering contact Sara Grace Spurgin at [sspurgin@ohiodems.org](mailto:sspurgin@ohiodems.org)

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#### **What: Delaware Coordinated Canvass with Louise and Danny**

**Who:** Join Louise Valentine, Danny O'Connor, Cory Hoffman, Aileen Wagner, and Indu Rajan for a united canvass in Delaware!

**When:** NOON on Saturday, July 7

**Where:** Delaware Dems HQ at 12½ N Sandusky Street, Delaware, 43015

#### **What: Voter Registration Ends for 12th Congressional District Special Election**

**When:** Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Board of Elections, 2079 US Highway 23 N, Delaware OH 43015

#### **What: Early Voting Begins for 12th Congressional District Special Election**

July 10th – July 13th..... Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

July 16th – July 27th..... Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

July 30th – August 3rd..... Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 4th.....8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 5th.....1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 6th..... 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Board of Elections, 2079 US Highway 23 N, Delaware, OH 43015

**What: Absentee ballot request forms must be received**

**When:** Saturday, August 4th, 12:00pm

**Where:** Board of Elections, 2079 US Highway 23 N, Delaware, OH 43015

**What: Special Election for 12th Congressional District**

**When:** Tuesday, August 7th, 6:00am - 7:00pm.

**Where:** Click [Here](#) for Your Specific Polling Location Address

**What: Central Committee Meeting**

**When:** Thursday, July 19, 7:30 – 9:00pm

**Where:** TBD, 12-1/2 N Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio 43015 ([map](#))

**What: Catch a Rising Star DCDP Fundraiser**

**Who:** Steve Dettelbach, candidate for Attorney General is our Featured Speaker

**When:** July 24, 2018 at 07:00 PM

**Where:** [Scioto Reserve Country Club](#) in Powell, OH

[Click here to buy tickets](#)

**What: Fundraising Committee Meeting**

**When:** Thursday, July 26, 7:00 – 8:00pm

**Where:** Headquarters, 12-1/2 N Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio 43015 ([map](#))

**What: Young Dems Meeting**

**When:** Wednesday, August 1, 7:00 – 8:00pm

**Where:** Headquarters, 12-1/2 N Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio 43015 ([map](#))

**Other Events:**

**What: Danny O'Connor Phone Bank**

**When:** M-Th, 4-8pm

**Where:** Headquarters, 12-1/2 N Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio 43015 ([map](#))

**What: Second Annual All OH12 Indivisible Potluck Picnic!**

**When:** Sunday, July 1, 4:00 - 7:00pm

**Where:** Delaware State Park, 5202 US-23 North, Delaware, Ohio 43015, Shelter House - follow the park signs to Shelter House

**What:** Potluck, Picnic, Barbecue. Come hang out and relax with Indivisible OH12 members from across Ohio's 12th Congressional District. Celebrate Issue 1, our Special Election, and another year of resisting and advocacy. Sign up [here](#) to let them know what you're bringing.

**What: Indivisible OH12 Weekly Gathering**

**When:** Every Thursday, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

**Where:** Bicentennial Park, 233 S Civic Center Dr, Columbus, OH 43215

**What:** Gather with other members of OH12 weekly as we protest, share ideas and inspiration. A short protest with signs will be followed by lunch. Each week they will post the location and topic at [Indivisible 12th Weekly Gathering](#)

**What: Sustainable Delaware Meeting**

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9:00 - 11:00am

**Where:** Delaware Library, 84 E. Winter St.

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